

CHAPTER – IX

GENERAL ECONOMICS SERVICES

9.1. SECRETARIAT ECONOMIC SERVICES

9.1.1 The Projected Outlay for the 12th Five Year Plan is Rs 60000.00 lakh. The Actual Expenditure during 2013-14 is Rs. 1564.59 lakh. The Budgeted Outlay for Annual Plan 2014-15 is Rs 7125.00 lakh and the Anticipated Expenditure for the year 2014-15 is Rs. 2567.00 lakh. **The Budgeted Outlay for the Annual Plan 2015-16 is Rs 10300.00 lakh.**

9.1.2. The Planning Organisation of the State is the major component of Secretariat Economic Services which is the machinery responsible for the formulation of the Five Year Plans, Annual Plans and all allied matters in the State. The Organization also functions as a liaison body between the Planning Commission and the State Government on all matters relating to Planning and Development for the State of Meghalaya.

A provision of **Rs.1000.00 lakh** has been earmarked during 2014-15 for Capacity Building - especially in respect of preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) of projects / proposals seeking assistance from foreign donors under Externally Aided Project (EAP) and other funding agencies/ programmes of the Govt. of India. Another provision of **Rs.1000.00 lakh** is earmarked for Studies/Consultancy Services in respect of gathering knowledge of the natural, human and infrastructural resources available in the State.

9.1.3. The State Planning Board which is an apex planning body in the State forms a part of Planning Organization at the Headquarter and is actively involved in Plan formulation and reviewing of the implementation of Plan Schemes. At the district level, there is District Planning and Development Council in all District Headquarters to formulate, monitor and review of developmental activities.

9.1.4. The Programme Implementation & Evaluation Department is primarily a monitoring Department responsible for reviewing and monitoring of Schemes and projects implemented by various Department Government. It is also to maintain liaison with the Government of India in respect of 20 Point Programme and MPLADS. The State Computer Cell under Programme Implementation was set up for performing nodal functions relating to computerization in all Departments. It is also meant for aiding effective monitoring of development programme and coordinating development of Software, development of Data Base, Linkages and Networking.

9.1.5. Under Planning Organization, the State Government has also set up the following Councils/ Commissions :-

- I Meghalaya Resource and Employment Generation Council :**
- II Meghalaya Economic Development Council:**
- III Regional Planning & Development Council :**
- IV Meghalaya Resource & Employment Council:**

9.2 SURVEY AND STATISTICS

9.2.1. The Directorate of Economics and Statistics is primarily engaged in the field of collection, tabulation, compilation, analysis, processing and interpretation of Statistical information pertaining to various sectors of the economy and disseminating of the same to user agencies. The Objective is to coordinate Statistical activities of all Departments of the state, monitoring and liaison with various agencies of Government and supplying statistical data to Planners, Administrators in the form of reports to cater the needs of effective Planning Processes and administration of the state.

9.2.2 In the 12th Five year Plan Period, the following ongoing schemes are being taken up by the Directorate:

State Plan :

- (i) National Sample Survey
- (ii) Data Rank & Electronic Data Processing (Crop Insurance Scheme)
- (iii) Modern Data Processing Unit
- (iv) Agricultural Statistics Division .

Central Sponsored Scheme:

- (i) India Statistical Strengthening Project (ISSP).
- (ii) Basic Statistics for Local Level Development.

Central Sector Scheme:

- (i) Urban Statistics for HR & Assessments(USHA).
- (ii) Sixth Economic Census.
- (iii) Grants in Aid under 13th Finance Commission.

9.2.3. The Projected Outlay for the 12th Five Year Plan (2012-2017) is Rs 1500.00 lakh. The Actual Expenditure during 2013-14 is Rs. 95.55 lakh. The Budgetted Outlay for Annual Plan 2014-15 is Rs 140.00 lakh and the Anticipated Expenditure for the year 2014-15 is Rs 80.00 lakh. **The Budgetted Outlay for the Annual Plan 2015-16 is Rs 140.00 lakh.**

9.3. VOLUNTARY ACTION FUND

9.3.1. The objectives of Voluntary Action Fund is to encourage and promote voluntary institutions for socio economic development, reducing dependence on Government, promotion of self-reliance and accelerated rural and tribal development through voluntary action. Eligible VAs/ NGOs are extended financial assistance for organising / conducting training programmes, workshops, seminars of public importance, etc., for motivating workers / beneficiaries. The District Level Empowered Committee screen and select viable schemes of VAs / NGOs for providing financial assistance and oversees the implementation of the scheme at the district level.

9.3.2 The Projected Outlay for the Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-17) is Rs.2500.00 lakh and the Actual Expenditure during Annual Plan 2013-14 is Rs. 500.00 lakh. The Budgetted Outlay for 2014-15 is Rs 500.00 lakh and the Anticipated expenditure is Rs.400.00lakh. **The Budgetted Outlay for 2015-16 is Rs. 500.00 lakh.**

9.4 INTEGRATED BASIN DEVELOPMENT & LIVELIHOOD PROMOTION PROGRAMME

9.4.1 The Integrated Basin Development and Livelihoods Promotion Programme (IBDLP) was launched by the Government of Meghalaya in April 2012 with the aim of facilitating the building of livelihoods in an enterprise mode for ecologically sustainable and economically inclusive development of the State. The programme seeks to leverage the natural resources of the state for building enterprises, engage with citizens in a partnership mode thus bringing about a paradigm shift in the relationship between the citizens and the state, utilize traditional and modern scientific knowledge for natural resource management and enterprise building, and provide whole chain interventions to make the products and produce of Meghalaya competitive in the market place.

9.4.2 The strategy of the programme is to orchestrate interventions for providing market access, value addition, financial inclusion, capacity building and skill up-gradation and Good Governance simultaneously to ensure success of every individual who is willing to be a 'partner' in this new development model. At the operational level this is happening through 9 Missions along with Mission Green and Mission Organic, 11 accompanying measures, Institutions such as the Meghalaya Institutes of Governance, of Entrepreneurship and Natural Resources and a number of partner support agencies including the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the World Bank. NGOs and organizations set up by the Government of India, working in a convergent mode.

9.4.3 Further, as part of the Integrated Basin Development & Livelihood Promotion Programme, the Enterprise Facilitation Centres (EFCs) have been set up at all the 39 Blocks to act as a first point of contact and as a single window public interface agency under at the grass root level. EFCs through the BDU (Basin Development Units) coordinate with different agencies to facilitate the inception and growth of enterprises. Through the centres, opportunities for enterprise promotion have been universalised. Over 60,000 have registered for next steps such as training, exposure visits, business development services and credit linkage, of which 5500 registered partners have been through at least one round of trainings or exposure visits. About 21500 partners and entrepreneurs trained under Aquaculture Mission alone.

9.4.4 The Government of India has recently signed an agreement with IFAD to fund a new project, namely, 'Meghalaya ; Livelihood & Access to Market Project (Megha: LAMP)' wherein the overall approach and strategy of the project is in alignment with the Integrated Basin Development & Livelihood Promotion Programme (IBDLP). The objective of the project is to adapt expanded and sustainable livelihood opportunities to the hill environment and to the

effects of climate change. The project has four components namely: natural resources and food security, livelihood support, knowledge services and project management. The project will cover the entire State through the Enterprise Facilitation Centres (EFCs), supporting around 47,400 enterprises. A total of 54 clusters for development of marketable products will be established in 18 blocks with about 75 villages in each block, making a total of 1350 villages with a total outreach of about 1.47 lakh households. Further, the project will also ensure the participation of women and poorer households in the villages.

9.4.5 The broad break-up for the different schemes under the Integrated Basin Development & Livelihood Promotion Programme are as indicated in the Table below:-

[₹ in lakh]

Sl. No.	Name of Programmes	12 th Five Year Plan Outlay	Actual Expenditure 2013-14	Budgeted Outlay 2014-15	Anticipated Expenditure 2014-15	Tentative Budgeted Outlay 2015-16
a)	Programme Management (including District Units)	10000.00	1000.00	2500.00	500.00	3000.00
b)	Meghalaya Livelihood and Access to Market Projects (MEGHA-LAMP)	0.00	0.00	1000.00	1000.00	1097.00
c)	Meghalaya Integrated Rural Development Programme (MIRDP)	75000.00	0.00			
d)	Enterprise Development/ Livelihood Missions.	300000.00	3000.00	12550.00	27783.00	10892.00
f)	Institute of Entrepreneurship	5000.00	100.00	1000.00	100.00	1000.00
g)	Institute of Governance	5000.00	100.00	500.00	100.00	700.00
h)	Institute of Natural Resources	5000.00				
i)	Trade promotion/Market Assess	7000.00	149.00	350.00	0.00	1200.00
j)	Financial Inclusion Initiative for the rural poor and SF/MF	17000.00	1500.00	2500.00	1000.00	2500.00
k)	Meghalaya State Employment Promotion Council	7000.00	450.00	1250.00	279.00	1250.00
l)	Cross Cutting Infrastructure For Missions.		1400.00	1700.00	0.00	1700.00
m)	Promotion of Green Economy					2300.00
n)	Eco system services including Community led eco-system Management Project					500.00
o)	Community Forest Project					500.00
p)	Climate Change Adaptation Programme -Indo German Environmental prog in Rural Areas					1000.00
	Total	431000.00	7699.00	23350.00	30762.00	27639

9.5 CIVIL SUPPLIES

9.5.1 The **Approved Outlay** for the **12th Five Year Plan (2012-17)** is **Rs 850.00 lakhs**. The actual expenditure of **Annual Plan 2013-14** was **Rs.105.11 lakhs** which includes **Rs.75.00 lakhs for Annapurna scheme**. The **Anticipated Expenditure** for the **Annual Plan 2014-15** is **Rs. 830.00 Lakhs, which includes SCA of Rs 700.00 lakh being the State Share for Sugar Subsidy for one quarter and Rs. 90.00 Lakhs** is earmarked for **Annapurna scheme** . The **Tentative Budgeted Outlay** for the **Annual Plan 2015-16** is **Rs.130.00 lakhs** which includes **Rs.90.00 Lakhs ACA for Annapurna Scheme**.

9.5.2 Activities taken up under the sector includes distribution of Essential Commodities through Vans/Fair Price Shops in the urban/rural areas and far - flung areas under the supervision/control of the Deputy Commissioners/ Sub-Divisional Officers, enumeration of urban households and implementation of National Food Security Act in the State for the purpose of issuing computerized Family Identity Card. Consumer Awareness Programme throughout the State are organized by the Deputy Commissioners/ Sub-Divisional Officers along with the Local Dorbars/ NGOs and Public Leaders to create awareness amongst the public consumer about the implementation and functioning of the Targetted Public Distribution System in the State, and for redressal of their grievances/ rights as stipulated in the Consumer Protection Act, 1986. The Annapurna – NSAP Scheme under ACA is implemented under which 10 Kgs. of Rice is provided free of cost per month to each indigent Old Age Person not covered under the National Old Age Pension Scheme.

Family Identity Card:- Under the targeted PDS, the families to be covered under National Food Security Act at present are classified as follows:-

National Food Security Act- 3,68,899 Nos

Antyodaya Anna Yajana(AAY)- 70,200 Nos.

The Department is planning to issue Family Identity Cards to all beneficiaries under National Food Security Act in the State by computerizing the process of issue of Family Identity Cards in order to exercise transparency in the implementation of PDS.

Centrally Sponsored Scheme :-

There are 3 (three) Schemes under CSS which are as follows:-.

- 1. Consumer Welfare Fund :-** The scheme aims at providing financial assistance to Voluntary Organisations and NGOs in order to intensify the **Consumer Awareness Campaign** in the State .
- 2. End to End Computerization :-** The scheme aims to address various challenges of the current system such as leakages and diversion of Foodgrains in TPDS.The sharing pattern under the scheme is 90:10 between the Centre and the State respectively .
- 3. Sugar Subsidy Scheme :-** With the abolition of levy, the current system of allocation of **Levy Sugar** from **Sugar Mills** to the State for meeting the requirement for PDS will no longer be in existence. The State Govt. needs to devise a transparent system for procurement of Sugar from the open market and made available for distribution of the same under Targetted Public Distribution System.

9.5.3 The Approved Outlay for the Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012 – 17) and Tentative Budgetted Outlay for the Annual Plan 2015-16 are shown in the Table below:

(Rs.in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of Schemes	12 th Plan (2012-17) Projected Outlay	Annual Plan (2013-14) Actual Expenditure	Annual Plan (2014-15)		Tentative Budgeted Outlay (2015-16)
				Budgeted Outlay	Anticipated Expenditure	
1.	Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs.	850.00	105.11	130.00	830.00	130.00

9.6. AUTONOMOUS DISTRICT COUNCILS

9.6.1. The projected Twelfth Plan (2012-2017) outlay for District Council Affairs Department is ` **2800.00 lakh** and the actual expenditure during 2013-14 is ` **113.06 lakh**. The Budgeted outlay for the Annual Plan 2014-15 is ` **550.00 lakh which** is anticipated to be utilized in full. The Tentative Budgeted Outlay for the Annual Plan 2015-16 is ` **550.00 lakh**

9.6.2. The District Councils are the Autonomous bodies constituted under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution of India to safeguard the rights, interest, land traditions and custom of the Tribal People within the respective Jurisdiction. They have been invested with certain powers not only for legislation and administration in respect of tribal interest, but, also with executive and judiciary powers. However, since the Autonomous District Councils have a narrow resource base, the State Government have been extending Grant-in-aid to them from time to time under the State Plan to enable them to take up rural development programmes in areas like approach roads, bridges, foot paths, drinking wells, Village markets, play grounds etc. Grant-in-aid is also given for the construction of the District Councils' administrative and functional buildings. The funds available each year is divided between the three Autonomous District Councils of Khasi Hills, Garo Hills and Jaintia Hills in the ratio of 9:8:3.

9.7. LEGAL METROLOGY.

9.7.1. The 12th Five Year Plan Approved Outlay (2012-17) is Rs.550.00 lakhs. The actual expenditure of Annual Plan 2013-14 was Rs. 56.90 lakhs. The Available Outlay for 2014-15 is Rs.50.00 lakhs and the Tentative Budgeted outlay for 2015-16 is Rs.80.00 Lakhs.

9.7.2 Activities to be taken up during 2014-15 under the sector includes construction of working Standard Laboratory, organizing of Consumer Awareness Programmes which are being organized throughout the State to create awareness among the general public including the traders in both urban and rural areas on the importance of maintaining uniformity and accuracy of all weights and measures by advertisement through the Media, Billboards and also by conducting seminars in all District Headquarters, development and maintenance of infrastructure and up-gradation of human resource in order to cope with the advancement of Science and Technology in the field of Metrology.

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(Rs. In lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of Schemes	12 th Plan (2012-17) Projected Outlay	Annual Plan (2013-14) Actual Expenditure	Annual Plan (2014-15)		Tentative Budgeted Outlay (2015-16)
				Budgeted/ Outlay	Anticipated Expenditure	
1.	Legal Metrology	550.00	56.90	80.00	50.00	80.00

9.8. TOURISM

9.8.1. Tourism is a multi faceted activity – an amalgamation of transport, accommodation, cuisine, entertainment and other related industries. Meghalaya has a high tourism potential blessed with picturesque landscapes, salubrious climate, sparkling waterfalls, rich traditional culture and warm and hospitable people.

9.8.2 The thrust areas of tourism in the State are its abundant natural beauty, traditional healing practices of local tribals, finest routes for trekking, myths and legends, rich culture and ancient customs and traditions.

9.8.3 During 2014-15, various schemes for promotion of Tourism in the State have been taken up under this sector. Some of the important schemes include Development of tourist spots, Provision of Wayside Amenities, Provision of financial assistance to different NGOs for holding of festivals in the State, Participation of the Department at the Travel and Tourist Marts at the national and international level, Publicity campaigns, Tourism Promotion Subsidy, Production of Documentary Film on Meghalaya, Projects under SPA,SCA,ACA,ACR, etc.

9.8.4. The Twelfth Plan (2012-17) Projected Outlay for Tourism sector is Rs.15000.00 lakh.The Actual Expenditure during 2013-14 is Rs2361.24. The Budgetted Outlay during 2014-15 is Rs2400.00 and the Anticipated Expenditure is Rs.13290.00 lakh which includes Rs. 7655.00 Lakh under under projects for SPA and Rs. 3846.00 Lakh under Central Assistance for CSS. The Budgetted Outlay for 2015-16 is Rs. 10700.00lakhs