

CHAPTER – XII

GENERAL SERVICES

12.1. JAILS

12.1.1 **Critical Review Of The Achievements Of The Ninth Plan:-** The approved outlay for the Ninth Plan in respect of the Jails sector is Rs.600 lakhs and the total anticipated expenditure is Rs.338.11 Lakhs. The Expenditure during the first four year of the Ninth Plan is Rs.228.11Lakhs and the Approved outlay during 2001-2002 being Rs.110.00 Lakhs. The main thrust during the Ninth Plan has been on the construction of new Jails at every District Headquarter including the on-going construction of a new Jail Complex for the East Khasi Hills District, Shillong as the existing one is century old and has outlived its life in all respects. Other Schemes include the completion of incomplete works for the existing Jails at Tura, Williamnagar and Jowai, Social Services Schemes in the existing 4(four) Jails, improvement and modernisation of Security System and strengthening and improvement of medical care in the District Jails.

12.1.2. **Outline and Objectives of the Tenth Plan :-**

The proposed Outlay for the Tenth Plan is 800.00 lakhs and the Outlay proposed for 2002 – 2003 is Rs. 120.00 lakhs. The main objective of the Tenth Plan in respect of the Jails sector is to complete the critical and on-going construction works and to further strengthen and upgrade the existing Security System of all the Jails in a phased manner . It is also proposed to construct New Jails initially at the District Headquarters only. The Social Services is proposed to be strengthened further by the creation of Craft Instructor, to impart vocational training for Jails Inmates and also to continue to create sufficient infrastructure to implement meaningfully the social services for correction and reformation of prison inmates . For strengthening of Jail Services more training facilities will be provided for the Jail Officers and Security Personnel and purchase of training equipments. Improvement and modernization of the Security System will also be continued. During the 10th Plan 2(two) posts of Operators for operation of the Close Circuit televisions are proposed to be created which will enable the Jail authorities to maintain sufficient and meaningful Security System. Strengthening and improvement of Medical Care in the existing Jails Hospitals will also be continued and it is proposed to create the posts of the Para-Medical Staff in all functional Jails of the State during the year 2002-03. Upgradation Schemes awarded under the Tenth and Eleventh Finance Commission which include repair & renovation works, improvement of medical facilities and other facilities for Jail inmates will also be continued within the guidelines of the Eleventh Finance Commission.

12.1.3 **New Schemes: –**

Two new schemes proposed for the Tenth Plan are - (i) Purchase of Wardens' Uniforms and (ii) Acquisition of Land for construction of a Central High Prisons at Shillong.

12.2 PRINTING AND STATIONERY

12.2.1. The Ninth Plan outlay for Printing and Stationery sector in Meghalaya is Rs. 300.00 lakhs. The expenditure during 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 were Rs. 39.86 Lakhs, Rs.33.95 Lakhs, Rs. 40.00 Lakhs and Rs.55.56 Lakhs respectively. The approved outlay for 2001-2002 is Rs. 70.00 lakhs and this is expected to be utilized in full. **The proposed outlay for the Tenth Plan is Rs.500.00 Lakhs and the proposed outlay for the Annual Plan 2002-2003 is Rs.80.00 Lakhs**, the break-up of which is indicated below:-

SINo.	Name of Press	Amount (Rs. In Lakhs)	
		Tenth Plan (2002-2007)	Annual Plan (2002-2003)
1.	Government Presses at Shillong & Tura	350.00	50.00
2.	Meghalaya Legislative Assembly Press	150.00	30.00
		500.00	80.00

12.2.2. **Ninth Plan Achievements :-** As recommended by the Technical Experts of the Government of India, modernization of Government Presses was taken up in a phased manner. Machineries and equipments were purchased for the Presses at Shillong and Tura. Besides these, 7 machineries and equipments were purchased and 7 technical posts were created for the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly Press. The Govt. Presses are entrusted with printing works like official gazettes, audit reports, pamphlets, brochures matters relating to the Legislative Assembly, forms etc. The Government Book Depot is also managed under this sector and is responsible for distribution of official gazettes and sale of various Government publications. The Stationery Wing is responsible for distribution and supply of stationery articles, papers, forms etc. to the State Government offices.

12.2.3. Programmes for the Tenth Plan 2002-2007 :-

During the Tenth Plan period, the following schemes will be taken up :-

(A) Government Presses at Shillong and Tura :-

1. Purchase of modern machineries/equipments for modernization of Government Presses at Shillong and Tura.
2. Creation of technical posts for Government Press at Shillong and Tura.
3. Maintenance of Central heating system etc.
4. Purchase of new vehicles as replacement of old ones.
5. Training of Officers/Staff in modern printing outside the State.

(B) Meghalaya Assembly Press:-

It is proposed to create 23 technical/clerical posts and purchase 7 machineries/equipments and one vehicle for the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly Press.

12.2.4. Annual Plan (2002-2003):

During the Annual Plan 2002-2003, the schemes noted below will be taken up :-

(A) Government Presses at Shillong and Tura:-

1. Purchase of High Speed Double Demy Offset Machine Scanner etc
2. Creation of technical posts and setting up of Stationery Store at Tura.
3. Purchase of one new vehicle as a replacement of old one.
4. Training of Officers/Staff in modern printing technology outside the State.

(B) Meghalaya Assembly Press:-

For the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly Press it is proposed to create 10 technical posts and to purchase of new machineries/equipments and spare parts for existing machineries.

12.3 PUBLIC WORKS (G.A.D. BUILDINGS)

12.3.1. The Plan outlay for Public Works (G.A.D. Buildings) during the Ninth Plan is Rs.3000.00 Lakhs. The expenditure during 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000 & 2000-01 was Rs. 303.83 lakhs, Rs. 245.74 Lakhs, Rs. 646.47 Lakhs and Rs. 579.83 Lakhs respectively. The approved outlay during 2001-02 is Rs. 400.00 Lakhs. which includes Rs. 60.00 Lakhs for fiscal works as awarded by the Eleventh Finance Commission and this is expected to be utilized in full. The schemes under this sector are implemented by GAD through the Public Works Department (Building Wing) and includes construction of Government Administrative Buildings and staff quarters in different parts of the State. **The proposed outlay for the sector for the Tenth Plan and Annual Plan, 2002-03 are Rs. 3000.00 Lakhs and Rs. 500.00 Lakhs respectively.**

12.4. MEGHALAYA ADMINISTRATIVE TRAINING INSTITUTE

12.4.1. The total outlay provided for the Ninth Five Year Plan 1997-2002 is Rs. 100.00 lakhs to meet the establishment and construction cost of the Meghalaya Administrative Training Institute of which Rs.34 37 lakhs is expected to be utilized. **The Tenth Plan proposed outlay for the Sector is Rs.100.00 lakhs and for 2002-2003 Rs. 20.00 lakhs is proposed.**

12.4.2. In 1991 an agreement was made with the State Cooperative Society, Shillong for building an integrated training facilities of the Meghalaya State Cooperative Society and the Meghalaya Administrative Training Institute by building a Men and Women Hostel as well as staffs quarters at Oxford Hills, Kench's Trace, Shillong. The construction of such Hostel facilities will mitigate the accommodation problem that was experienced while conducting training programmes of one week to two months duration of different categories of out-stationed employees and accommodation of Resource persons as well.

1. CONSTRUCTION:

(a) Non Residential buildings :

i) HOSTEL :- The original estimate for the construction of the Hostel building was 36.06 lakhs which was later revised to Rs. 52.77 lakhs. Till 1997 –98 the total amount sanctioned for the purpose was Rs. 42.00 lakhs which was drawn by P.W.(Building) Department, Meghalaya Shillong which will in turn be handed over to the Meghalaya Government Construction Corporation (MGCC), Shillong, being the constructing agency for executing the works. The construction works were held up since 1993 due to non-receipt and clearance of building permission from the authorities concerned and the fund provided for the purpose had to be surrendered. Constant efforts were being made by the Institute for obtaining the building permission and the same is being awaited. Until and unless the permission is granted no headway could be made in this regard. It is hoped that as soon as the permission is made available, the works could be taken up in earnest and probably the same could be completed within the Tenth Plan period. It was also understood from the MGCC that the revised estimate may have to be enhanced again due to cost escalation. In addition, as there may be other expenditures that would be involved, such as Electrification, Water connection, Annual repair and maintenance of the Hostel, it is considered necessary to propose allotment during the Tenth Five Year Plan period under the respective Head of Account as given in Annexure I.

ii) FENCING :- The estimated cost for the construction of Fencing around the hostel is Rs. 4,45,000/- which was sanctioned in 1993-94. 100% of the work executed by P.W (Building) Department was reported to have been completed expending Rs. 5.48 lakhs which is Rs. 1.03 lakhs above the estimated cost. The balance amount may perhaps be cleared during the Tenth Five Year Plan . Provision for the purpose is proposed as unforeseen expenditures under the respective Head of Account.

iii) APPROACH ROAD:- The estimated cost for the construction of Approach Road to the hostel building is Rs. 3,71,157/- and sanction for which was accorded in 1993-94. As per P.W.(Building) Department report 96% of the work was executed but has to be stopped due to land dispute. The total amount spent for this work was Rs. 3.65 lakhs. Provision for the remaining works including Annual Repairs ,etc. is also proposed as unforeseen expenditure.

b) Residential buildings :- During the Ninth Plan period it was also proposed that 5 units of Staff quarters and 2 units of Grade IV quarters will be constructed and initially an amount of Rs 2.00 lakhs was provided. In view of non-receipt of building permission of the hostel and settlement of the land free from all encumbrances, the works had to be postponed and fund was surrendered. It is thus proposed that the construction of the above 5 units of Staff quarters and 2 units of Grade IV quarters be taken up in the Tenth Plan period and accordingly provision of fund under the scheme is proposed which will also include Electrification, water connection, Annual repairs and other unforeseen expenditures.

12.5. FIRE PROTECTION

12.5.1. The approved Ninth Plan outlay of Fire Protection Services sector is Rs. 600.00 Lakhs. The actual expenditure during the first four years (1997-2001) is Rs. 458.36 Lakhs. The approved outlay for 2001-02 is Rs.100.00 lakhs and the anticipated expenditure for the year is also Rs. 100.00 Lakhs. Thus the total anticipated Ninth Plan expenditure is Rs.558.32 Lakhs. **The Tenth Plan proposed outlay for the sector is Rs. 800.00 Lakhs and the proposed outlay for the Annual Plan (2002-03) is Rs. 120.00 Lakhs.**

12.5.2. Fire Service Organisation is closely associated with the protection of lives and property of the people of the State. The fire fighting and protection measures need all round improvement to reap the fruits of socio-economic development and availability of a professionally equipped and highly trained personnel. Towards this end the following problem areas have been identified :-

- i) Strengthening of existing Fire Fighting set up by trained manpower.
- ii) Modernisation of Fire Fighting Equipments.
- iii) Development of Training facilities.
- iv) Improvement of housing facilities and more accommodation.
- v) Systematic arrangement of the water supply for the Fire Service.

12.5.3. Meghalaya Fire Service has expanded considerably and at present the State has five Fire Stations (i.e. at Shillong, Tura, Nongstoin, Jowai, and Williamnagar) and twenty nine Sub-Fire Stations including Nongpoh, Baghmara and important growth centers. However, the expansion is in a non-systematic way and due to inadequacy of funds, neither the minimum strength needed for a Fire Station nor any training facilities could be provided. At present, the State does not have its own Training Centre for imparting Professional Training to the Fire Service personnel. Out of total thirty four units functioning, only sixteen units are in Government buildings and the rest are functioning in rented houses. None of the buildings have proper facilities for storage / garaging of the costly equipments. Vehicles are exposed to the vagaries of nature. Due to the absence of residential facilities, Fire Service personnel are forced to live in rented houses which greatly affects the efficiency of the Fire Service. Their services are always required promptly and will have to be made for any emergency.

12.5.4. With the fast pace of industrialisation, it is necessary to modernize the fire fighting facilities to cope up with all kinds of emergency. At present, all other units are still depending only on Water Tender Pump, though the town of Tura, Jowai, and Shillong are having a large number of high-rise buildings have got only one Hydraulic Platform.

12.6. JUDICIARY BUILDINGS

12.6.1 In keeping with the policy of the Government of India, the standard of Judiciary is to be improved and infrastructural facilities built-up. Court buildings have to be constructed and residential accommodation for Judicial Officers provided.

12.6.2 **HIGH COURT :** In Meghalaya, there is a Permanent Bench of the Guwahati High Court at Shillong. It has a Judge strength of two. The Bench is temporarily using a building belonging to the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly. The State Government has now

finalized the site for construction of a High Court Building at Shillong and the work is expected to commence soon. Judges bungalows are provided by the State Government from its limited pool. Suitable bungalows for the Judge and also for the High Court Officers have to be constructed.

12.6.3 **DISTRICT COURT AT SHILLONG** : In a portion of the Shillong town where Judiciary has been separated from the Executive, accommodation for Judicial Officers has to be provided. At present, excepting one of them, the others are residing in their own houses or rented houses. The District Court buildings also need to be expanded.

12.6.4. The approved outlay for Judiciary Buildings during the Ninth Five Year Plan period is Rs. 300.00 Lakhs. No expenditure was incurred during the first four years of the period (i.e.1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000, and 2000-01). Since, the land required for the purpose has been finalized , the approved Annual Plan , 2001-02 outlay of Rs. 100.00 Lakhs for the sector is expected to be utilized in full. **The proposed outlay for Judiciary Buildings during the Tenth Plan (2002-07) is Rs. 1010.00 lakhs and the proposed outlay for the Annual Plan, 2002 -03 is Rs.200.00 Lakhs.**

12.6.5. During the Tenth Five Plan period, the following construction works are proposed to be taken up :-

- i) Construction of Shillong Bench of Guwahati High Court at Shillong including High Court Bar Association and fencing works.
- ii) Construction and creation of District Courts in the seven Districts of the State.

12.6.6 **FAST TRACK COURTS** : **The Eleventh Finance Commission has made certain award for the constitution of Fast Track Courts. Action is being taken to constitute these Courts and budgetary arrangement is being made.**

12.7. POLICE FUNCTIONAL & ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDINGS

12.7.1 Upto the end of the Ninth Plan period, a number of functional and administrative buildings had been implemented under the Police Housing sector and these have been reflected in the writ-up of Chapter 11.7(b). It is now proposed that the Police Functional and Administrative Buildings be taken up as a separate sector from the beginning of the Tenth Five Year Plan, i.e. from the year 2002-03. The target during the Tenth Plan is as indicated below :

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| i) | Administrative Buildings (Commanding Officer's Office of Bns., SP's Office, Police Reserves, Police Stations, Police Out Post, Police Check Post, Control Rooms, etc.) | = | 29 units |
| ii) | Extension of Administrative Buildings | = | 17 units |
| iii) | Security Walls | = | 10 units |

12.7.2. During 2002-03, it is proposed to take up the following works :

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| i) | Police Out Post and Police Check Post Buildings | = | 3 units |
| ii) | Security wall | = | 1 unit |
| iii) | Extension of existing Police Station, Police Out Post & Police Check Post Buildings | = | 2 units |
| iv) | District Control Room | = | 1 unit |

12.7.3. **The proposed outlay for Police Functional & Administrative Buildings for the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-07) is Rs. 500.00 Lakhs and the proposed outlay for Annual Plan 2002-03 is Rs. 100.00 Lakhs.**