

## CHAPTER – III

### SPECIAL AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

#### 3.1. BORDER AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

**3.1.1.** Meghalaya is bounded on the south and as well as on the west by Bangladesh. The length of the international boundary for the Meghalaya sector is about 423.00 Kms. On the other sides, the State is surrounded by Assam. The partition of country in the year 1947 has upset the economic condition of the people living therein due to the choking up of trade linkages which has brought about trade imbalances, population displacements etc to the citizens of India residing in the State of Meghalaya. In order to ameliorate the economic sufferings of the people in the Border Areas and to rejuvenate the erstwhile prosperous economy, special schemes were taken up, in these areas, in addition to the normal State Plan schemes. As a result of implementation of the special scheme, the economic condition of the people is gradually improving and there is more to be done so as to bring this area at par with the rest of the State. Accordingly the schemes were continued during the Tenth Plan and will be continued during the 11<sup>th</sup> Plan.

#### 3.1.2 Review of the Tenth Plan (2002-07):

The Tenth Plan approved outlay for this sector is Rs. 4470.00 lakhs of which Rs 3667.90 lakhs was expended during the first four years of the Plan period. The current year approved outlay is Rs 971.00 lakhs. However the anticipated expenditure will be around Rs 4632.90 lakhs thereby enhancing the physical achievement more than what has been targeted. The above amounts were utilized in the implementation of the schemes briefly described below:-

**(a). Border Areas Development Programme:-** The schemes taken up under this programme aimed at creation of infrastructure like provision of micro water supply, ropeways, link roads, food processing, footpaths, footbridges, rural electricity etc and as well as income-generating schemes in the field of dairy, fisheries, small scale industries, apiculture, tea plantation besides community-based schemes like construction of community halls, market stalls, parks, etc. The schemes under this programme are generally being implemented by the Local Committees of the concerned villages with technical support from the Department. Schemes which are highly technical in nature, are being executed by the concerned line Departments. The schemes fall under the **Special Central Assistance** are 100% funded by the GOI. During the first four years of the Tenth Plan, the cumulative expenditure was Rs 2899.00 lakhs. The anticipated expenditure for the Annual Plan 2006-07 will be around Rs 730.00 lakhs. Accordingly, the Tenth Plan expenditure will work out to Rs 3629.00 lakhs.

**(b). Award of Border Scholarship:-** During the first four years of the Tenth Plan, the cumulative expenditure was Rs 114.42 lakhs. The current outlay of Rs 42.00 lakhs is expected to be fully utilized. Thus bringing the Tenth Plan expenditure to about Rs 150.42 lakhs. The amount was spent for awarding scholarship to meritorious students securing 1<sup>st</sup> tenth position and 1<sup>st</sup> Division in Class IV and Class VII Scholarship Examination of the Meghalaya Board of School Education and at the Post Matric stage studying in the High

Schools and colleges within and outside the State will continue to be implemented by the Department. The actual physical achievement for the first four years has benefited 20869 numbers of students and more is expected during the terminal year (2006-07) of the Tenth Plan.

**(c). Road Programme:-** Road communications act like veins and arteries for the people living in the border areas in order to accelerate trade and other activities in their day-to-day transaction. Road schemes are taken up in these areas to cater to the felt-needs of the people in the State Government efforts to ease their communication hurdles. The Tenth Plan approved outlay for this scheme was Rs 182.00 lakhs. The cumulative expenditure for the first four years of the Tenth Plan was Rs 106.75 lakhs and the current year outlay of Rs 42.00 lakhs is expected to be fully utilized. Thus bringing the total expenditure of the Tenth Plan to about Rs 148.75 Lakhs. The physical achievement for construction of new roads and bridges for the first four years of the Tenth Plan is 64% and 68% respectively.

**(d). Grant Under Article 275 (1):-** Ministry of Tribal Affairs used to accord special financial assistance under Article 271 (1) as an alleviation programme to the people living in the border areas to undertake some sustainable developmental activities by the villagers. During the Tenth Plan period the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has released Rs 80.55 Lakhs. The amount was fully expended for (1) Tea Plantation at Mawlyngot and (2) Fruit Processing Unit at Wahkdait.

**(e). Border Areas Development (Directorate):** The Schemes taken up under this programme are construction of office buildings, quarters, approach roads etc at the respective offices of the Border Areas Development Officers are being implemented by the Directorate. The actual expenditure for the first four years of the Tenth Plan is Rs 162.23 lakhs and the current year outlay of Rs 129.00 lakhs is expected to be fully utilized. Thus bringing the total expenditure of the Tenth Plan to about Rs 291.23 Lakhs.

### **3.1.3 Proposed Outlay for the 11<sup>th</sup> Plan (2007-12) and Annual Plan (2007-08):-**

The proposed State Plan outlay for the development of Border Area under Special Area Programme during the 11<sup>th</sup> Plan is Rs 17900.00 lakhs which includes Rs 13400.00 lakhs under Border Area Development Programme, Rs 1500.00 lakhs under Article 275 (1) and Rs3000.00 Lakhs for other Border Area Development Programme. The outlay proposed for the Annual Plan 2007-08 is Rs 1700.00 lakhs which includes Rs 1000.00 lakhs under BADP, Rs 200.00 lakhs under Article 275 (1) and Rs 500.00 lakhs for other Border Area Development Programme. All the schemes/proposals implemented during the 10<sup>th</sup> Plan as stated in the foregoing paras will be continued during the 11<sup>th</sup> Plan.

The broad break-up of proposed outlay for the Eleventh Plan and Annual Plan 2007-08 is shown in the table below :-

(Rs in Lakhs)

Sl No	Name of Scheme	Tenth Plan Approved Outlay	Actual Expenditure from 2002-03 up to 2005-06	Annual Plan 2006-07		Proposed Outlay	
				Approved Outlay	Anticipated Expenditure	Eleventh Plan (2007-12)	Annual Plan (2007-08)
1	Border Areas Development Programme (BADP)	3629.00	2899.00	730.00	730.00	13400.00	1000.00
2	Grant Under Article 275 (1)	108.55	80.55	28.00	28.00	1500.00	200.00
3	Other Border Area Development Programmes	-	-	-	-	-	-
(i)	Award of Border Scholarship	252.00	114.42	42.00	42.00	210.00	42.00
(ii)	Road Programme	182.00	106.75	42.00	42.00	2300.00	376.00
(iii)	Direction & Administration including buildings	298.45	162.23	129.00	129.00	490.00	82.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4470.00</b>	<b>3362.95</b>	<b>971.00</b>	<b>971.00</b>	<b>17900.00</b>	<b>1700.00</b>