



GOVERNMENT OF ORISSA

**ANNUAL ACTIVITIES REPORT
2007-2008**

PLANNING & CO-ORDINATION DEPARTMENT

REPORT ON DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES:2007-08

1.1 With the change in priorities and imperatives of development functions of the State, Planning & Co-ordination Department has emerged as one of the major nodal departments of Government. This Department plays a vital role in evolving effective and sustainable short term and long term strategies for overall development of the State. This Department prepares policy framework for development and is also responsible for co-ordinating the efforts of different Development Departments. Keeping in view the needs and aspirations of the people and within the broad framework of the long term development strategies and priorities envisaged for the State, the Department formulates Annual and Five Year Plans in accordance with the guidelines of the Planning Commission and as per the directions received from the Government.

1.2 The Department undertakes regular monitoring and review of the implementation of Plan Programmes and effects necessary adjustments in the Plans both in terms of physical content and resource allocation so as to ensure optimum realization of the Plan Objectives.

1.3 With a view to promoting decentralization in the planning process and ensuring regional development, Planning & Co-ordination Department oversees formulation of district level planning. Several initiatives have been taken to promote decentralization of planning process. The Western Orissa Development Council has been constituted to bring about accelerated development in Western Orissa. In addition, a Long Term Action Plan has been operationalised for development of areas comprising undivided districts of Koraput, Balangir and Kalahandi. The Department oversees the implementation and monitoring of this Action Plan. The State Government have launched a new initiative called “the Biju KBK Plan” for the 8 KBK districts under State Plan to fill up the critical gaps left uncovered under the Backward Regions Grant Funds (B.R.G.F) commencing during the 11th Five

Year Plan. Further, District Planning Committees (DPC) have been formed in all districts of the State. The State has created Poverty and Human Development Monitoring Agency to monitor poverty and human development indicators in Orissa.

1.4 The Department also monitors the employment situation in the State and formulates appropriate strategies to ensure employment generation and reduction in the level of unemployment. The main focus is on generation of self employment opportunities.

1.5 Through the Directorate of Economics and Statistics, the Department attends to collection, compilation and analysis of important data relating to development and other related matters.

1.6 The Department is also responsible for inter-departmental co-ordination. Periodic meetings of all Secretaries are conducted by the Department. This Department acts as a Nodal Department to undertake review of Development Programmes of all districts taken by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Orissa. The decisions taken in the district review meetings are communicated to the concerned Departments for appropriate follow up action and compliance. The compliance reports received from the Departments are placed before the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

1.7 The tour notes of Secretaries and Heads of the Departments and fortnightly confidential reports furnished by Collectors are reviewed regularly. Similarly, the district visit reports submitted by the Secretaries / Senior Officers after their visit to different districts in every month are also reviewed and follow up action taken.

1.8 The Department oversees the formulation and implementation of the policy framework to ensure collaboration between Government and the voluntary sectors.

2. Progress of 11th Five Year Plan (2007-12) and Annual Plan (2007-08):

2.1 The 11th Five Year Plan for the State has been drawn up in the light of Approach Paper approved by the NDC, which envisages inclusive growth to reduce regional, social and gender disparities. Having taken into account current strength of economy, the 11th Plan for the State aims at a sustainable average annual growth rate of 9%. Initially an overall outlay of Rs.27,000 crore was proposed for the 11th Plan for the State. However, in view of improved resource position a revised outlay of Rs.32,225 crore has been proposed to the Planning Commission for the same.

2.2 Total approved outlay for Annual Plan, 2007-08 has been fixed at Rs.5,105 crore. Expenditure against this up to the month of November, 2007 is Rs.2153.61 crore.

3. One-time Additional Central Assistance:

In the current Annual Plan 2007-08, Planning Commission have allocated Rs. 80.00 crore as one-time ACA. On the basis of proposals submitted by the State Government, Planning Commission have so far sanctioned projects worth of Rs.61.00 crore for 10 projects. The concerned Government Departments have been instructed to expedite execution of these projects to ensure full utilisation of funds by the close of the current financial year.

4. Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF):

NABARD has been providing soft loan for rural infrastructure development projects to the State Government under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund programme, initiated from 1995-96. This is being implemented in Tranches. So far, State has availed RIDF loan amounting to Rs. 2,759.14 crore under RIDF-I to XII for 72187 nos. of sanctioned projects. In Tranche-XII, 22,519 numbers of projects, worth of Rs. 1,435.90 crore were

recommended to NABARD for sanction with HPC approval. This included 20,000 numbers of shallow Tube Wells / Bore wells / Dug Wells and 1016 numbers of BKVY projects. Out of this NABARD sanctioned 16,635 projects with a loan component of Rs. 497.93 crore. RIDF-XIII has commenced from the 1st April 2007 for which State Government have recommended 37,562 number of projects with overall estimated cost of Rs.1,603.37 crore. So far no projects have been sanctioned under RIDF-XIII.

5. Directorate of Economics & Statistics

5.1 The Directorate of Economics & Statistics is an apex Statistical Organization of the State functioning under the administrative control of Planning & Co-ordination Department of Govt. of Orissa. It is engaged in various statistical studies and surveys inside the State. At present 27 District Statistical Offices and 3 Range Offices are functioning under the Directorate. Besides there is a training Institute named Regional Institute of Planning, Applied Economics and Statistics (RIPAE&S), which imparts in service training to the Statistical personnel working in different Departments of Government and public undertakings. A brief note indicating achievement of different schemes under D.E.&S for the year, 2007-08 and target of those schemes for the year, 2008-09 are given below :

1. Agricultural Statistics.

(a) Establishment of an Agency for Reporting on Agricultural Statistics (EARAS).

5.2 The Scheme is centrally sponsored scheme with 50% Central assistance. It is operating in the State of Orissa through Directorate of Economics and statistics, Since 1976-77. The objective of the scheme is to estimate the area, yield rate and production of Principal crop like Paddy at Block level and that of twelve important minor crops at district level. The estimates in respect of these 13 crops are used as official estimates by Government of Orissa as well as Govt. of India. The Land utilization survey in

10145 sample villages for crop season (Autumn, Winter) have been completed and the same will be conducted for Summer season. 7913 nos. of C.C. experiments in paddy and 8422 nos. of C.C. expts. on minor crops have been conducted for Autumn season 2007-08. The field work for Winter Season 2007-08 is under progress. Estimates of area, yield rate and production of programmed crops for 2007-08 Autumn season have been formulated and submitted to Govt. of India & State Govt. as well.

5.3 During 2007-08, the field work for Winter Season under the Scheme (EARAS) will continue up to Feb' 2008. About 55,000 nos. of crop cutting experiments on Paddy & Minor crops and 10,000 sample of land utilization survey have been planned to be conducted during 2008-09.

(b) Improvement of Crop Statistics (I.C.S)

5.4 This scheme entitled improvement of crop statistics has gained importance in our State which is being implemented since 1976-77. The main objective of the Scheme is to locate deficiencies in implementation of "EARAS" scheme, relating to collection of area and yield statistics through Joint effort of Central and State authorities. The schedules under ICS Scheme up to Autumn Season for the year, 2007-08 have been sent to NSSO (FOD), Faridabad, Govt. of India.

5.5 ICS work for winter season 2007-08 is under progress and ICS work for Rabi Season of the Agril. Year 2007-08 will be started from March'2008 and ICS work for Autumn Season 2008-09 will be started from 2008 July.

(c) Fruits and Vegetables Survey.

5.6 This is a 100% Centrally Assistance Plan Scheme taken up with a view to build up reliable estimates on area, yield rate and production of the

selected Fruits, Vegetables and Spice Crops namely Banana, Mango, Cauliflower, Cabbage, Onion, Tomato and Turmeric.

5.7 Estimation of area, yield rate and production of Fruits and Vegetables for the Agril. Year, 2006-07 have been sent to Govt. of India. Area enumeration and yield estimation survey of Autumn Season for the Agril. Year, 2007-08 has been completed.

5.8 The Scheme will continue during 2008-09. It is targeted to conduct 1800 nos. of Crop Cutting experiments on Fruits and 3480 nos. of Crop Cutting experiments on Vegetables during 2008-09 to build up estimates on area, yield rate and production of selected Fruits and Vegetables.

(d) Rationalization of Minor Irrigation Statistics.

5.9 The Scheme Rationalization of Minor Irrigation Statistics is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme which aims to feed the Ministry of Water Resources, Govt. of India about number of different Minor Irrigation Projects completed, Irrigation Potentials created and utilized on Quarterly and Annual basis.

5.10 Consolidated Quarterly Report for the scheme “Rationalization of Minor Irrigation Statistics” for the Quarter ending March’ 2007 & June’ 2007 have been sent to Govt. of India. During 2008-09 consolidated Quarterly Progress Report on development of Minor Irrigation for each Quarter will be sent to Govt. of India.

5.11 Further, the 4th Minor Irrigation Census has been launched in the State covering all the villages of the State to collect data on all the ground water surface water. The work is in progress. The field work will be completed in all the districts during 2008-09.

(e) **Agriculture Labour Wages.**

5.12 Agricultural Labour Wages and cost of certain items based on farm cultivation are being collected regularly from 89 centers of the State. After necessary scrutiny and compilation, consolidated monthly reports on Agricultural Labour Wages is being submitted to Govt. of India. Consolidated statement of Agricultural Labour Wages up to the month of Oct'07, in respect of 89 centers of the State has been prepared and sent to Govt. of India. The above work will continue during 2008-09.

2. Public Finance.

5.13 The aim of the Public Finance Scheme is to take-up comprehensive and scientific study and analysis of State Government Budget. The detailed analysis of an Economic- cum- purpose classification of Orissa Govt. Budget for the year 2005-06 A/c and 2006-07 RE has been completed and sent to CSO, New Delhi and a booklet on An Economic-cum-purpose classification of Orissa Govt. Budget for the year, 2003-04 A/C, 2004-05 RE and 2005-06 BE has been prepared and sent to OGP for necessary publication. During 2008-09 publication of the Booklet, "An Economic-cum-Purpose classification of of Orissa Govt. Budget for the year, 2004-05 A/C, 2005-06 RE & 2006-07 BE" will be done. The classification of Municipalities / NACs Budget for the year 2005-06 will be prepared.

3. State Income.

5.14 The main objective of this scheme is to prepare Revised/ Provisional/ Quick estimates of Net Domestic Products and per capita N.S.D.P. both at constant and current prices, every year to meet the need of Govt. & planners.

5.15 Comparable estimates of State Domestic product for the year, 2004-05 have been prepared & reconciled with C.S.O., Govt. of India. During

2008-09, Quick estimates of SDP for the year 2007-08 and comparable estimates of SDP for the year 2005-06 will be taken up.

4. Capital Formation.

5.16 The objective of the Scheme is to prepare estimates of Gross fixed capital formation in Orissa both at current and constant prices by Industrial Origin as well as public & Private Sector.

5.17 The estimates of Gross Fixed Capital Formation from the Public Sector at current Prices from the year, 1999-2000 to 2004-05 have been approved. Preparation of comparable estimates of State Domestic product in respect of construction sector both at current & constant Price from the year, 2004-05 to 2006-07 will be completed.

5. N.S.S. (National Sample Survey)

5.18 Directorate of Economics and Statistics has been associated with national Sample Survey on the matching sample basis since 1958-59 for conducting survey on Socio Economic Problems of National Importance.

5.19 Field Survey work in 127 samples of 63rd round and 260 samples of 64th round NSS (both rural and urban) have been completed during 2007-08. Field Survey of 65th round N.S.S. will be taken up during 2008-09.

6. Village Index Card Scheme (V.I.C.S).

5.20 The village Index Card Scheme keeps account of the Infrastructural facilities available in all the villages of the State.

5.21 Fifth round V.I.C.S. survey in respect of 49145 villages covering 6121 GPs have been completed. During 2008-09, 5th round VICS survey will be completed in the State and report will be published.

7. Price.

5.22 The price division collects whole-sale/retail Prices from Urban & Rural sectors for use in the preparation of price Index of the State. Quarterly bulletin on Price Statistics up to Quarter ending June'2007 has been published. Publication of Quarterly Bulletin on Price Statistics will be taken up during the year, 2008-09.

8. Adhoc Survey.

5.23 The Survey on Functioning of Regulated Market Committee in Orissa has been completed and compare work is under progress. During the year, 2008-09, the report will be prepared & published.

9. Economic Survey.

5.24 Economic Survey report for the year, 2007-08 is being prepared and will be submitted in the floor of Orissa Legislative Assembly during the Budget session 2008. As usual, Economic Survey report 2008-09 will be presented in the Budget Session of Assembly.

10. Urban Local Bodies.

5.25 Data on Socio, Economic aspects from 103 urban Local Bodies of the State have been collected for preparation of the "Municipal Statistical year Book". Collection of data has been completed for preparation of the Municipal Statistical year Book (9th Issue) containing data for the period 2002-03, 2003-04 & 2004-05. During 2008-09 Municipal Statistical year Book (9th Issue) will be prepared & published.

11. Labour & Manpower.

5.26 Annual return of the workmen's compensation Act, 1923 for the year 2006 has been prepared and sent to Labour Bureau, Simla, Govt. of India. The same work for the year 2007 will be continued during 2008-09.

12. Census of Employees.

5.27 The Directorate of Economics and Statistics is bringing a publication on census of employees in the Public Sector in Orissa at regular intervals since 1967 at the instances of the Govt. in P. & C. Deptt.. So far six such reports have already been published. The basic objective of this scheme is to assess the volume of the employment & related information in-respect of State Govt. Estts., Urban Local Bodies and Public Sector Undertakings. It generates information on number of persons working in the various Govt. & Quasi Govt. Estts. and also analyze the various aspects of the employees like Age, Sex, Educational Qualification, SC/ST, Nature of work etc.

5.28 All the work for publication of 7th Census of Employees in the private sector has been completed and will be published soon. The collection of data for 8th Issue of Census of employees in private sector will be taken up during 2008-09 and report will be published.

13. Growth of Employment Studies.

5.29 The basic objective of "Growth of Employment Studies" is to find out the investment- employment norms in order to achieve full employment in the State. During Plan periods various developmental programmes are being implemented in different sectors to bring about tangible results in the State.

5.30 During 2007-08, study on fixation of investment, employment norms on the scheme “ Employment Assurance” was taken up and draft report has been prepared.

14. Publication.

5.31 Collection of data on Area and Population, Agriculture, Industry and other Socio-Economic data from different sources and publication of the same is done in this division.

5.32 During 2007-08, District at a Glance, 2008, Statistical Outline of Orissa, 2007 and States Economy in figures, 2006 and District Statistical Handbook, 2005 (30 Districts) have been published. During 2008-09, Statistical Abstract of Orissa, 2008, District Statistical Hand Book, 2007 and State’s Economy in figures 2007 will be published.

15. Annual Survey of Industry (A.S.I).

5.33 The Annual Survey of Industries is being conducted annually in Orissa in collaboration with the N.S.S.O. Govt. of India, since 1960 under Statutory provision of collection of Statistics Act, 1953 and rules framed thereunder. The survey covers all the factories registered under Section 2m (i) and 2m (ii) of the factories Act, 1948, with the objective to collect Industrial Statistics on different parameters to assess the contribution of Registered Manufacturing sector to the State’s Income in shape of value added and to study the trend of Growth in different Industries for formulation of Industrial Policies.

5.34 The collection of data for A.S.I., 2005-06, in respect of 579 registered units has been completed. During 2008-09, the collection of data in respect of ASI 2006-07 along with the scrutiny & validation work will be taken up.

16. Regional Institute of Planning, Applied Economics and Statistics.(RIPAE&S).

5.35 The Regional Institute of Planning, Applied Economics and Statistics was set up by Govt. of Orissa, under the Administrative Control of Director, Economics and Statistics, Orissa, Bhubaneswar with a view to Imparting in-service training facilities to the Statistical personnel of various cadres working in different Departments, Heads of Depts., Sub-ordinate Offices and Public Sector undertakings.

5.36 During 2007-08, 49th batch of Higher Statistical Training Course, 65th batch of Basic Statistical Training Course and two Departmental Examinations of OS&ES Group “B” Officers have been conducted in RIPAE&S . Besides, Advance Computer training programme on MS Word / MS Excel and use of data entry software have already been started for the staff of DE&S in RIPAE&S. The same Training Programme will be continued during 2008-09.

17. Agricultural Census

5.37 The Agricultural Census is a central plan scheme and is being operated in the State at five years interval. The main objective of the scheme is to collect data on operational holdings including land utilization, live stock, agricultural machinery implements and uses of fertilizers etc..

5.38 During the year 2007-08, phase – I work on 8th Agricultural Census has been completed and Phase-II work is in progress. The phase-III work relating to use of inputs has been initiated in the State. During 2008-09, the result of Ph.-I and Ph.-II will be published and Ph.-III work will be completed.

18. Economic Census

5.39 5th Economic Census is a centrally sponsored scheme which has been conducted during 2005-06. The main objective of the scheme is to find out the number of entrepreneurial activities located in geographical boundary of Orissa. During the year 2007-08, Final tables have been received from Govt. of India and preliminaries for preparation of the Report of 5th Economic Census is under progress. Final report will be published during 2008-09.

6. SPECIAL PLAN FOR KBK DISTRICTS

A. Government of India would provide Special Central Assistance (SCA) @ Rs.130 crore per annum during 11th Five Year Plan for Special Plan for the KBK districts. The Annual Action Plan for the year 2007-08 under Special Plan for KBK districts has been approved by the Planning Commission, Government of India with an outlay of Rs.130.00 crore. The outlay has been allocated for taking up the schemes / programmes under Agriculture, Irrigation, Afforestation, Health, Welfare of ST/SC, Social Safety Net, Rural Connectivity, Technical Education, Housing and Self Employment sectors. Out of Rs.130 crore, Rs.73.25 crore has been utilized by end of December,2007.

B. BIJU KBK PLAN

The State Government have launched the Biju KBK Plan for the KBK districts with annual allocation of Rs.120 crore during the entire 11th Five Year Plan out of State Plan resources. During the year 2007-08, Rs.120 crore under Biju KBK Plan has been allocated to the KBK districts @ Rs.1.50 crore per Block. The funds will be spent primarily on schemes relating to **Bijli, Sadak and Pani**, i.e., village electrification including street lighting, construction of concrete roads within the village or any other form of connectivity, and creation of irrigation / drinking water source. District Plans of all the KBK districts under Biju KBK Plan 2007-08 have been formulated

and the approved schemes / projects are being implemented in the KBK districts.

C. BACKWARD DISTRICTS INITIATIVE (BDI)

With a view to accelerating development of identified backward areas as well as reducing regional imbalance, Planning Commission had included five districts namely Ganjam, Mayurbhanj, Gajapati, Keonjhar and Sundargarh districts of Orissa under “Backward Districts Initiatives (BDI)” of Rastriya Sam Vikas Yojana (RSVY) from the year 2003-04. As per the norms prescribed by the Planning Commission, each district will receive Special Central Assistance @ Rs.15 crore per year for a period of three years.

As against entitlement of Rs.225 crore, Government of India have released **Rs.180 crore** to all the above five districts under BDI of RSVY by end of December,2007 for implementation of approved Integrated District Perspective Plans. A sum of **Rs.45 crore** has been released in favour of Mayurbhanj district, **Rs.37.50 crore** each has been released in favour of Gajapati and Ganjam districts. **Rs.30 crore** each has been released in favour of Keonjhar and Sundergarh districts. Utilisation Certificates amounting **Rs.148.97 crore** have already been submitted to the Planning Commission, Government of India. Kandhamal district which is equally backward gets an ACA of **Rs. 10 crore** annually.

7. Manpower & Employment:

7.1 Manpower & Employment Cell is an integral part of the Planning Machinery of the State. The Cell mainly attends to collection, compilation and analysis of data relating to employment and unemployment position in the State.

Self-Employment Programme and Employment Mission:

7.2 The State Govt. have accorded very high priority on generation of self employment opportunities to solve the unemployment problem in the

State. Various innovative programmes along with ongoing Self Employment Programme (SEPs) are being implemented. During the year 2007-08, as against the target of 4.32 lakh, 2.21 lakh persons have been provided with self employment including associated wage employment by the end of November, 2007.

7.3 The State Employment policy, 2005 is being implemented under the guidance of the High Power Employment Mission. The Orissa State Employment Mission Society (OSEMS) has the flexibility to work in a "Mission Mode" and give focussed attention on Mission's objectives. During 2007-08 (upto December, 2007) 7092 unemployed youths are undergoing skill upgradation training in the informal sector through DTET under the aegis of Employment Mission in the first phase.

7.4 Till December, 2007 Atma Nizukti Paramarsha Melas have been organised in 267 Blocks of the State in which 50,956 candidates have participated. Special ANPMS are also organised at Block level for the differently abled persons. Commercial Banks of their own have assisted 1,01,975 unemployed persons till end of December, 2007 against a target of 1,30,000 persons and extended credit to the tune of Rs.870.63 crore.

7.5 State Employment Mission extends logistic and system support to the Army Recruiting Office for selection of youths in to Army and Paramilitary Forces. Free advance Machinist Training to 80 ITI passed candidates of KBK districts through Central Tool Room & Training Centre, Bhubaneswar and Rayagada has also being undertaken by the Mission during 2007-08. Basic computer training is being imparted to 24 visually challenged persons at Central Institute of Plastic Engineering & Technology (CIPET), Bhubaneswar through Mahila Vikash Samabaya Nigam. Training of 25 girls in House keeping and Home Nursing through Mahila Vikash Samabaya Nigam is continuing. Skill upgration training for 1000 weavers through Textile & Handloom Department is also continuing.

8. MLALAD FUND

On the model of the MPLADs launched by Government of India, the scheme of “MLALAD” has been introduced in the State in 1997-98. During the year, 1997-98 a sum of Rs.735.00 lakh has been allocated to the districts @ Rs.5.00 lakh per Constituency which was utilised for projects on the basis of the proposals given by the concerned MLAs in accordance with the rules and procedures issued in 1997. During 1998-99, Rs.1470.00 lakh @ Rs.10.00 lakh per Constituency, during the year 1999-2000, Rs.2205.00 lakh @ Rs.15.00 lakh, during 2000-01 Rs.3675.00 lakh @ Rs.25.00 lakh, during 2001-02 Rs.5880.00 lakh @ Rs.40.00 lakh and during 2002-03, Rs.7350.00 lakh @ Rs.50.00 lakh, during 2003-04, Rs.7350 lakh @ Rs.50.00 lakh, during 2004-05, Rs.7350 lakh @ Rs.50.00 lakh, during 2005-06, Rs.7350 lakh @ Rs.50.00 lakh, during 2006-07 Rs.110.25 lakh @ Rs.75.00 lakh and during 2007-08 Rs.110.25 lakh @ Rs.75.00 lakh per Constituency has been allocated. The Planning and Coordination Department is monitoring this scheme.

9. SPECIAL PROBLEM FUNDS

The scheme of “Special Problem Funds” has been introduced in the State during the year 1997-98. The scheme aims at taking up small and essential projects of local importance involving special nature of problems in absence of which the development process will remain incomplete. For the scheme, funds are being provided in the State Plan Budget of Planning & Coordination Department in form of Grant-in-aid each year. The amount provided under the scheme is being utilised in accordance with the Special Problem Fund Rules – 2003 for different projects in the State involving special nature of problems. During the year 2007-08, an allocation of Rs.500.00 lakh has been made for the programme.

10. Plan Information Cell

10.1 Plan Information Cell is one of the Technical Cells of the State Planning Machinery. Its primary responsibility is to attend to the data

requirement for the Plan formulation and related exercise undertaken in the Planning & Coordination Department. Apart from bringing out some regular booklets containing data compilation on different subjects, this cell meets the data requirements of many special occasions like conferences, workshops and review meetings. The important activities undertaken by plan information cell during 2007-08 are as follows :

10.2 The Cell has updated "Orissa at a Glance" the data base giving comparative picture of the State vis-a-vis the national average of important socio-economic parameters.

10.3 The Cell has updated the comparative data on special category States and Orissa in terms of some socio-economic indicators.

10.4 The Cell has prepared sector-wise database, using some key indicators to make them available in the LAN. The data are being scrutinized.

10.5 The Cell has collected / compiled / provided district-wise data relating to Agriculture, Horticulture, Irrigation facilities in the State from 2003-04 to 2005-06 and data on rainfall for the last years to the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Price, Government of India, New Delhi.

10.6 For the booklet on "Basic Plan Statistics", the data for financial aspect has been computerized and are under scrutiny and the data for physical part have been collected and are being computerised.

11. Evaluation Cell

11.1 Evaluation Cell, as an integral part of Planning Machinery, has been taking up evaluation of Plan Programmes and Activities of Government and simultaneously suggesting suitable measures for reorientation in the Plan Strategy so as to achieve plan objectives. Feedback through Evaluation results also helps Government in assessing the performance of programmes / schemes and chalking out future line of action. A draft evaluation policy and

procedures for empanelment of consultancy organisations for undertaking evaluation studies are under preparation.

11.2 Besides Evaluation Cell is overseeing the evaluation studies outsourced to various consultancy organisations which have been selected in a transparent and competitive manner.

12. Decentralised Planning

12.1 Pursuant to the 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendment, Government of Orissa is committed to “Decentralised Planning” in the State. The Orissa District Planning Committees (DPCs) Act, 1998 and the Orissa District Planning Committees Rules, 2000 have been enacted for realization of the envisaged decentralization of the Planning process at the district level. With due representation from Panchayati Raj Institutions and Urban Local Bodies, District Planning Committees (DPCs) have been constituted / reconstituted in all the 30 districts as per the provisions of aforesaid Act and Rules made thereunder . All Collectors and Member-Secretaries of the DPCs have been suitably instructed from time to time for convening DPC meetings regularly to prepare Annual as well as Five Year Draft District Development Plans observing due procedures, review progress of different plan programmes and discharge all other functions assigned to DPCs.

12.2 The State Government have also issued guidelines and formats to the Collectors to prepare district plans.

13. 20-Point Programme

13.1 The Twenty Point Programme which was launched in the country during 1975, has been last restructured by the Government of India during 2006 and is in operation in the country from April, 2007.

13.2 The State Government have been attaching considerable importance for successful implementation of 20-Point Programme which primarily aims at eradicating poverty, improving the quality of the life of the

poor, particularly of Children / Women / Scheduled Tribes / Scheduled Castes, reducing income inequalities and removing socio-economic disparities. The performance under 20-Point Programme is being regularly monitored and closely supervised by the State Government to achieve the desired results. Besides, the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India, has been assessing the annual / monthly performance under TPP of the State.

13.3 As per the assessment report released by the Ministry, our State has ranked 11th among States / UTs at All-India Level during the year 2006-07. The cumulative achievement of the State during April-August, 2007, under the items (i)“ICDS Blocks operational” (ii) “Anganwadis functional” (iii). “Area Covered under Plantation” (Public and Forest lands) (iv) “Electricity Supplied” has been rated as **Very Good** (90% and above).

14. Externally Aided Projects (EAP)

14.1 In order to supplement its own resources, the State Government seeks financial assistance from various External Agencies including International Donors. 29 (twenty nine) Externally Aided Projects (EAPs) are implemented / expected to be implemented in the State during the year 2007-2008 through different Departments. An outlay of Rs.720.93 crore has been made for implementation of these EAPs during Annual Plan 2006-07. Additional Central Assistance (ACA) of Rs.77.54 crore has been received from Government of India till 31.10.2007.

14.2 Focused and improved monitoring are being made for timely implementation of these projects and to sort out inter-departmental problems. Besides, new projects are also being appraised for placing the same for approval by the State Level Project Monitoring Committee (SLPMC) meeting and subsequent submission to Government of India for consideration.

15. Western Orissa Development Council (WODC)

15.1 With a view to accelerate the pace of Development in Western District of the State, the Western Orissa Development Council has been constituted. As per the provision of the WODC Act 2000, the State Government have been allocating funds to the tune of Rs.50.00 crores to WODC every year. During the year, 2007-08, an amount of Rs.30.00 crores has already been released to WODC and the second phase G.I.A. of Rs.20.00 crores will be released.

15.2 The jurisdiction of the Western Orissa Development Council extends over ten districts namely; Bargarh, Balangir, Boudh, Deogarh, Jharsuguda, Kalahandi, Nuapada, Sambalpur, Sonepur & Sundargarh and also Athamallick Sub-division of Angul district.

15.3 Different Infrastructure projects including roads & communication, minor irrigation, construction of check dams, installation of lift irrigation points, water supply schemes, sinking of tube-wells, grants to schools & colleges, rural electrification and assistance to urban local bodies for developmental works have been taken up by the Council.

15.4 During the period 2001-02 to 2006-07 the Council has approved 6165 nos. of projects of estimated cost Rs.341.59 crores and Rs.323.14 crores has been released to various executing agencies. During the year 2007-08 (up to 15.01.2008), the Council approved 642 nos. of new projects with estimated cost of Rs.40.26 crores and released Rs.14.18 crores to the executing agencies. Thus the Council has approved 6807 projects with project cost of Rs.381.86 crore out of which 5105 projects have been completed so far.

15.5 With the assistance of WODC during 2007-08 improvement of road length of about 205 KMs, and construction of 12 small Bridges & culverts have been achieved. In the irrigation sector new ayacut of about 4250 acres have been created by renovation of MIPs, Constn. Of Check Dams & installation of 45 new LIPs. In addition, 65 villages/hamlets have been

electrified, addl. Class rooms have been constructed for 150 nos. of schools & Colleges, 4 piped water supply projects have been completed. The construction work of the Medical College at Jaring in the District of Kalahandi is in progress.

15.6 A new programme in agriculture sector i.e. amelioration of acid soil by way of lime treatment was taken up in 41 Blocks in 7 Districts covering 13325 acres by which the productivity has increased by about 20% in the treated soil.

16. Regional Imbalance Enquiry Commission (R. I. E. C.)

The State Government have constituted a Commission under the Chairmanship of Justice S. K. Mohanty (Retd.) to look into all aspects of regional imbalance in the development of the State and to suggest suitable measures to address the existing regional disparities as well as to halt this trend in the development process. The Commission have been mandated to conduct a free and fair investigation into the existing regional imbalance and to assess its trend in terms of different socio-economic parameters like agriculture, infrastructure development, poverty, health care, literacy, IMR and other parameters.

17. State Planning Board

The Government have been pleased to constitute the State Planning Board vide the P & C Department Resolution No.19038 dt. 21.12.2006 and No.8418/P., dated 24.5.2007 consisting with 16 (sixteen) official, non-official members including Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Member Secretary to provide short-term and long-term policy guidelines for formulation of Five-year and Annual Plans at the State Level and District levels.

In the meantime, the 1st meeting of the State Planning Board has been held on 15.10.2007.
