



Budget Speech
by
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Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge
of
Paschimanchal Unnayan Affairs Department
Government of West Bengal

in respect of
Demand No. 58

for the year
2012 – 2013

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

On recommendation of the Governor, I beg to move that a total sum of **Rs.208,09,47,000/- (Rupees Two hundred eight crore nine lakh forty seven thousand) only** [including the sum of **Rs. 69,36,50,000/- (Rupees Sixty nine crore thirty six lakh fifty thousand) only** included in the Vote-on-Account budget] be granted for expenditure for the financial year 2012-2013 under Demand No.58 under the heads :-

- (i) 2575-Other Special Areas programme-02-Backward Areas-101-Area Development-SP-029-Paschimanchal Unnayan Parshad-31-Grants-in-aid-02-Other Grants;
- (ii) 2575-Other Special Areas programme-02-Backward Areas-789-Special component plan for SC-SP-013-Development of Paschimanchal Unnayan Parshad-31-Grants-in-aid-02-Other Grants;
- (iii) 2575-Other Special Areas programme-02-Backward Areas-796-Tribal areas Sub-plan-SP-013-Development of Paschimanchal Unnayan Parshad-31-Grants-in-aid-02-Other Grants;
- (iv) 2575-Other Special Areas programme-02-Backward Areas-101-Area Development-NP-Non-plan-017- Paschimanchal Unnayan Parshad-31-Grants-in-aid;
- (v) 2575-Other Special Areas programme-02-Backward Areas-101-Area Development-NP-Non-plan-016-Development of Jhargram Area;

(vi) 2052-Secretariat General Services-00-090-Secretariat-NP-Non-plan-026-Department of Paschimanchal Unnayan Affairs;

(vii) 4575-Capital outlay on other Special Areas programme-60-Others (RIDF).

2. Paschimanchal Unnayan Parshad was constituted in May, 2000 for effecting integrated development for about one crore people inhabited in the red laterite dry zone in the western part of the state comprising 74 blocks in the five districts namely Purulia, Bankura, Paschim Medinipur, Birbhum and Burdwan. The Paschimanchal Unnayan Parshad is now functioning under the administrative control of the Department of Paschimanchal Unnayan Affairs since December, 2006.

3. It is mentioned here clearly that the Department of Paschimanchal Unnayan Affairs is not the only Department who is in charge of development in the area of the aforesaid 74 blocks under Paschimanchal Unnayan Parshad. In fact all the concerned line Departments undertake their usual Plan schemes for development in the area. This Department is only in charge of filling up the critical gap in the development of the area. In doing so this Department works on the Annual Action Plan schemes of Paschimanchal Unnayan Parshad prepared by the District Magistrate, Zilla Parishad and Panchayat Samity as per guidelines issued by the Department of Paschimanchal Unnayan Affairs from time to time. This Department provides funds for implementing these schemes along with some emergency schemes forwarded directly by the Sabhapati Panchayat Samity, Sabhadhipati of Zilla Parishad or District Magistrate.

4. During the financial year 2011-2012 an amount of Rs.134,55,20,000/- (Rupees one hundred thirty-four crore fifty-

five lakh and twenty thousand) only was sanctioned for making expenditure in the plan schemes undertaken by the Paschimanchal Unnayan Parshad under the major head "2575 – Other Special Areas Programme" in favour of the Chief Executive Officer, Paschimanchal Unnayan Parshad, Bankura for making expenditure in the schemes undertaken by the Panchayat Samities, Zilla Parishad, different line Departments and concerned District Authorities.

5. The schemes undertaken during the year 2011 – 2012 were under the following sectors :-

- i) Minor Irrigation
- ii) Charging /Re-charging for ground water conservation
- iii) Construction of ICDS buildings
- iv) Construction & Repairing of Rural Roads and Culverts
- v) Drinking water
- vi) Construction of Boundary wall/Community Hall
- vii) Construction of Bituminous Road/Vented causeway/ Spillway-cum-Bridge
- viii) Construction of Flood Rescue Centre
- ix) Self Employment Programme through SHG
- x) Education/Electrification/Horticulture
- xi) Carp Hatchery etc.
- xii) Lac cultivation.

6. The land for construction of the office building by Paschimanchal Unnayan Parshad at Bankura had already been transferred from the Land & Land Reforms Deptt. to Paschimanchal Unnayan Parshad and the total construction of the aforesaid office building of PUP at Bankura is going to be

completed very soon. First floor has already been completed and the office of the Paschimanchal Unnayan Parshad, Bankura is functioning there.

7. During the financial year 2012 – 2013 , the Deptt. of Paschimanchal Unnayan Affairs will give special attention to make schemes under following sectors :-

- i) Employment Generation
- ii) Minor Irrigation
- iii) Agriculture
- iv) Supply of Drinking water
- v) Charging/Re-charging of ground water conservation
- vi) Conservation of land and proper use of water
- vii) Basic Education/Rural Health care
- viii) Construction of Rural Roads/ICDS Buildings
- ix) Construction of Small Bridges/Culverts
- x) Fisheries, Horticulture, Animal Resource Development etc.

During the financial year 2012 – 2013 special emphasis will be given in the area of **Jangal Mahal** where the most economically backward people live.

With these words, Sir, I now move that the House be pleased to sanction the proposed expenditure of **Rs.208,09,47,000/- (Rupees Two hundred eight crore nine lakh forty seven thousand) only** under the major heads "2575-Other Special Areas programme", "2052-Secretariat General Services" and "4575-Capital Outlay on Special Areas programme" under Demand No. 58 for the financial year 2012 – 2013.