



सत्यमेव जयते

Budget Speech

in respect of

Demand No. 58

By

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Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge

**Department of Paschimanchal Unnayan Affairs
Government of West Bengal**

**for the year
2014–2015**

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

On recommendation of the Governor, I beg to move that a total sum of Rs 274,49,36,000 (Rupees two hundred seventy four crore forty nine lakhs and thirty six thousand) only be granted for expenditure for the financial year 2014-2015 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 may be mentioned here clearly that the Department of Paschimanchal Unnayan Affairs is not the only Department looking after the development in the area spanning over 74 blocks. The concerned Government agencies/departments implement their usual plan schemes for development in the area. This Department is mandated to fill in the critical gap in the development of the area. Accordingly, it works on the Annual Action Plan Schemes of Paschimanchal Unnayan Parshad as prepared by the District Magistrates, Zilla Parishads and Panchayat Samities in consultation with concerned MLAs under the guidelines issued by this Department. This Department provides funds for implementing such developmental schemes to Panchayat Samity, Zilla Parishad, District Administration down to Block Level and other agencies through its nodal agency Paschimanchal Unnayan Parshad.

4. During the financial year 2013–2014 an amount of Rs 180,00,00,000 (Rupees one hundred eighty crore) only was the budget allocation under the major head “2575-Other Special Areas Programme” out of which an amount of Rs. 162 Crore was sanctioned in favour of the Chief Executive Officer, Paschimanchal Unnayan Parshad, Bankura for the schemes to be executed by PUP, Panchayat Samities, Zilla Parishads, different line Departments and concerned District Authorities.

5. The schemes undertaken during the year 2013 – 2014 in five (05) Paschimanchal Unnayan Parshad Districts were in the following sectors :

Name of Sector	Number of Projects District Wise				
	Paschim Medinipur	Purulia	Bankura	Burdwan	Birbhum
Irrigation, water and land conservation and agriculture	40	19	20	32	23
Education	27	09	06	08	01
Health	03	01	0	0	01
Construction of road, Bridge, Culverts	104	37	73	14	81
Drinking Water	313	25	343	444	32
Construction of AWW centers	0	183	181	200	119
Others	32	188	201	208	129

6. The land for construction of the office building by Paschimanchal Unnayan Parshad at Bankura had already been handed over to Paschimanchal Unnayan Parshad from the Land & Land Reforms Deptt. and the construction has already been completed. The land for field offices at Jhargram, Purulia, Suri, Durgapur, Medinipur, is being identified with the assistance of concerned department as well as the D.Ms of the concerned Districts. A Paschimanchal Unnayan Bhavan is being planned at Kolkata for which suitable piece of land has been sought from HIDCO/KMDA.

7. During the financial year 2014 – 2015, the Deptt. of Paschimanchal Unnayan Affairs will give special and focused

attention to formulate and implement the schemes under following sectors :

- (i) Fund for comprehensive development will be provided to Panchayat Samities and Zilla Parishads so that they can take up & implement schemes like 2013-14.
- (ii) Target for construction of Anganwadi Centers is 701.
- (iii) Restoration and development of Mask industries (Mukhos Shilpo) in Charida Village of Purulia District and Terracota industries/Dokra Shilpo in Bankura District :
- (iv) Development of Eco Park, Rural Park & Bio Park for employment generation.
- (v) Employment Scheme for self help group of SC/ST (Bamboo works, making of Sal Leaf Plate).
- (vi) Empowerment of Tribal women & girl students through vocational training & cycle distribution for mobility etc.
- (vii) Computerization of five area offices of Paschimanchal Unnyan Parshad.
- (viii) Construction of road, small bridge/culvert etc.
- (ix) Soil & Water conservation.
- (x) Development of health & educational infrastructures.

During the financial year 2014 – 2015 special emphasis will be given in the development of 74 model villages in five Districts i.e. one village in each block under PUP.

Standing committee on finance, Excise and Development and Planning (2013-14) West Bengal Legislative Assembly has acclaimed the activities & initiatives taken up by this Department.

With these words, Sir, I now move that the House be pleased to sanction the proposed expenditure of Rs. 274, 49, 36,000 (Rupees Two Hundred Seventy Four Crore Forty Nine Lakh Thirty Six 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 2014 – 2015.

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