



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
2013 – 2014

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

On recommendation of the Governor, I beg to move that a total sum of ₹ 227,69,44,000.00 (Rupees two twenty seven crore sixty nine lakh forty four thousand) only (including the sum of ₹ 75,89,82,000.00 (Rupees seventy five crore eighty nine lakh eighty two thousand) only already included in the Vote-on-Account budget), be granted for expenditure for the financial year 2013-2014 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 focused and integrated development for about one crore people residing 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, largely inhabited by tribals, scheduled castes and economically backward people. The Paschimanchal Unnayan Parshad is 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 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 machinery Paschimanchal Unnayan Parshad.

4. During the financial year 2012-2013 an amount of **Rs. 135,85,25,000/- (Rupees one hundred thirty-five crore eighty five lacs and twenty five thousand)** only was sanctioned for spending in the plan schemes accepted and approved 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 the

schemes to be executed by the Panchayat Samities, Zilla Parishads, different line Departments and concerned District Authorities.

5. The schemes undertaken during the year 2012 - 2013 in five (05) PUP districts were in the following sectors :-

Name of Sector	No. of Projects (District-wise)				
	Paschim Medinipur	Purulia	Bankura	Burdwan	Birbhum
Irrigation, Water & Land Conservation and Agriculture	55	06	39	305	99
Education	44	27	12	02	09
Health	02	06	03	Nil	10
Transport and Communication (Roads, Bridges, Culverts)	91	49	20	01	151
Drinking water	530	98	02	03	08
Others	10	03	10	64	78

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.

7. During the financial year 2013 - 2014, the Deptt. of Paschimanchal Unnayan Affairs will give special and focused attention to formulate and implement the schemes under following sectors :-

- i) Minor Irrigation
- ii) Improvement of Agriculture
- iii) Making provision of drinking water

- iv) Charging/Re-charging of ground water and conservation thereof
- v) Conservation of land and water
- vi) infrastructure development for schools and other educational institutions
- vii) Upgradation of health infrastructure
- viii) Construction of Rural Roads, small bridges/culverts
- ix) Construction of ICDS Buildings
- x) Development of Fisheries, Horticulture, Animal Resource Development, Lac cultivation and afforestation.
- xi) Self employment etc.

During the financial year 2013 - 2014 special emphasis will be given in the area of **Jangal Mahal** where the most economically backward people live.

Standing Committee on Finance, Excise and Development & Planning (2012 - 2013), West Bengal Legislative Assembly has praised the activities of this Deptt. for the year 2012-2013.

With these words, Sir, I now move that the House be pleased to sanction the proposed expenditure of ₹ 227,69,44,000.00 (Rupees two twenty seven crore sixty nine lakh forty four 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 2013 - 2014.

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