



Educational Development in the NE and J&K

The Department of Elementary Education and Literacy is striving to increase its
expenditure in the NE Region.

In pursuance of the then Prime Minister's announcement of new initiatives for the North-Eastern States made at Guwahati in October 1996, a high-level Commission was appointed under the Chairmanship of Shri S. P. Shukla, Member, Planning Commission, to critically examine the backlog in respect of Basic Minimum Services (BMS) in the seven North-Eastern States and also to critically examine the gaps in main sectors of infrastructure development including education in the North-Eastern Region.

Towards operationalising the Shukla Commission recommendations, the Finance Minister in his Budget speech (1998-99) made an announcement regarding creation of a Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources for funding specific programmes in the North-Eastern States and Sikkim. It was decided that all Central Ministries/Departments should earmark 10 per cent of their budget for specific programmes of development in the North-Eastern Region. To the extent of shortfall in the utilisation of this provision by any Ministry/Department (except those specifically exempted) according to this norm, the amount would be transferred to a new reserve fund in the public account titled "Central Resource Pool for Development of North Eastern Region". An inter-ministerial committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of DoNER is administering this Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR).

Non-Lapsable Central Pool Of Resources

The empowered Committee administering the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) has so far, since its inception in 1998-99, approved proposals worth Rs. 462.72 crore for the development of educational infrastructure in the North-Eastern Region. Funds amounting to Rs. 386.34 crore have also been released as on December 31, 2004. Out of this Rs. 12.75 crore was released in 2004-05.

In the Central sector, these proposals mainly relate to infrastructural development of Central institutions like the five Central Universities in the North East, and include construction of staff quarters, academic

buildings, library buildings, administrative buildings and purchase of laboratory equipment, books, etc. Projects are in various stages of implementation.

The Empowered Committee administering the NLCPR had approved financial assistance to the extent of Rs. 173.95 crore for undertaking infrastructural development of Central universities in the N-E Region. Against this Rs. 58.10 crore only were released to various Central Universities in the N-E Region/IGNOU as additionality during 1999-2000 and 2002-03. Thereafter, Minister of DoNER issued revised guidelines governing NLCPR, according to which Central sector projects will be funded only for the first year from the NLCPR after which concerned Administrative Ministries/Departments are to complete the projects with their own budgetary resources. Accordingly, during 2003-04, a sum of Rs. 40.42 crore was made available out of the budget of the Department of Secondary and Higher Education to UGC as additionality for Assam University, Tejpur University, NEHU and JNU (for NER students' hostels). In February 2004, a requirement of Rs. 21.17 crore for Diphu Campus of Assam University was recommended by the UGC Expert Committee. The total further requirement under NLCPR to meet committed liabilities of the Central Universities in the N-E Region worked out to Rs. 70.09 crore. As the Ministry of DoNER expressed their inability to release any further funds from NLCPR for this purpose, this requirement was placed before Planning Commission for augmenting the Plan Outlay of the Department of Secondary and Higher Education for 2003-04 to the extent of Rs. 70.09 crore additionality so that ongoing project activities under NLCPR do not suffer any setback.

Though no funds have been allocated by Planning Commission specifically for meeting NLCPR committed liability, funds have been allocated by Planning Commission as additionality to meet requirement under the National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP) as well as for universities in the N-E Region. About Rs. 145.00 crore have been allocated for implementation of NCMP and Rs. 8.00 crore for universities in the North East. The matter regarding utilisation of additional

Proposed utilisation of funds allocated by Planning Commission in respect of the universities in the NE		
Tezpur University	Rs. 9.64 crs.	for meeting NLCPR liability
NEHU	Rs. 4.31 crs.	for meeting NLCPR liability
Assam University	Rs.10.00 crs.	for meeting NLCPR liability
IGNOU	Rs. 7.00 crs.	for meeting NLCPR liability
Diphu Campus of Assam University	Rs. 7.50 crs.	for setting up the campus in phases
Tura Campus of NEHU	Rs.10.00 crs.	for infrastructure development
Setting up of Faculty of Engineering in the 5 Central universities in the NE Region	Rs.25.00 crs. (Rs.5.00 crs. each)	
Establishment of Faculty of Management in the 3 Central universities of NEHU, Nagaland and Mizoram	Rs. 6.00 crs. (Rs. 2.00 crs. each)	
Setting up of Faculty of Engineering in 3 States viz. Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Tripura where there is no Central University	Rs. 15.00 crs. (Rs. 5.00 crs. each)	
Establishment of Faculty of Management in 3 States viz. Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Tripura where there is no Central University	Rs. 6.00 crs. (Rs. 2.00 crs. each)	

allocation was considered in the ministry and the University Grants Commission has been advised as to how exactly the additionality is to be utilised for Central universities and universities in the North-East.

Monitoring of Flow of Funds to the North-Eastern Region Under Different Schemes of Departments of Elementary Education and Literacy and Secondary and Higher Education

In pursuance of the Government's policy, the Department of Secondary and Higher Education has been able to incur the prescribed level of expenditure, i.e. 10 per cent of its budget for the N-E Region during the last five financial years under its various schemes and

through its institutions located in the N-E Region. During 2003-04, the expenditure incurred by the Department of Secondary and Higher Education was 15.25 per cent of the Revised Estimates.

The Department of Elementary Education and Literacy is also striving to increase its expenditure in the N-E Region. During the year 2003-04, the expenditure of the Department of Elementary Education and Literacy in N-E Region stands at 5.01 per cent of Revised Estimates.

HRM's Announcements for the North-East

The Minister of Human Resource Development (HRM) took a review meeting with the Chief Ministers and Education Ministers of the North Eastern States at

IGNOU has developed a six months training module in different languages for training of in-service teachers. In Sikkim, 1000 teachers have been trained and during 10th Plan Period all teachers are expected to be trained. 1000 teachers from Government of Arunachal Pradesh, 800 teachers from Government of Nagaland will be trained in the Certificate for Primary Education (CPE) programme starting from January, 2005 session.

Shillong on June 14-15, 2004. Some important announcements made by HRM on this occasion were:

Setting up a new IIM in the NER

A Committee comprising of Secretary (DoNER), Secretary (S&HE) and Director (IIM), Kolkata, has been set up by the Ministry of DoNER to decide on the location of the proposed IIM either at Guwahati or Shillong. Ed.CIL has been entrusted with the preparation of the Detailed Project Report for the proposed IIM in the NER and has constituted a Project Team for the same. The Project Team has submitted an interim report based on which the Committee will submit its location report.

Setting up a Group under chairmanship of HRM

A High-Level Group under the chairmanship of HRM and comprising of Chief Ministers and Education Ministers of the N-E States was set up on November 19, 2004, for considering specific issues relating to all sectors of education and women and child development in the North-Eastern States.

Setting up of a Faculty of Engineering and Management in select institutions in each State of the NER

One Central University in each State will be assisted to set up either an engineering or a management faculty

wherever these are not presently available. In States where Central Universities are not available, Central assistance will be provided to one of the universities in such States to set up a management school and an engineering faculty within the Plan period. UGC has been advised to utilise the additional funds allocated by Planning Commission for this purpose as indicated earlier.

Setting up of new FM Radio Stations for Education

IGNOU's FM Radio Station dedicated to education will start functioning at Guwahati soon. The transmitter has been received at site and instalment is in progress. A separate FM Station will also be set up at Shillong. Permission to operate transmitter at a lower tower height has been received from Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. A building has been identified for the Gyan Vani Studio and the State Public Works Department (PWD) has been requested to assess the building for fixation of rent. Transmitters are being procured.

Relaxation of Ban on recruitment of Teachers in Manipur

The issue regarding lifting the ban on recruitment for appointment to functional posts of teachers in Manipur is being pursued with the Ministry of Finance and PMO.

Teachers' Training Centres of IGNOU

Block Resource Centres set up under SSA and falling under the five Regional Centres of IGNOU in the N-E States are to be activated as Programme Study Centres for Teacher Training Programmes to be conducted by IGNOU. IGNOU has developed a six-month training module in different languages for training of in-service teachers. In Sikkim, 1,000 teachers have been trained and during the Tenth Plan Period, all teachers are expected to be trained. Also, 1,000 teachers from Arunachal Pradesh, 800 teachers from Nagaland will be trained in the Certificate for Primary Education (CPE) programme starting January 2005 session. The Government of Tripura is also in the process of finalising the list of untrained teachers to be deputed for training by IGNOU.

Withdrawal of the Draft Cabinet Note

The Draft Note for the Cabinet moved by the then Government seeking exemption from earmarking 10 per cent of Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) for the NER in respect of the MHRD was withdrawn and 10 per cent of the GBS from the Central Plan (except EAP) has been earmarked for the benefit of the N-E Region and Sikkim. A lumpsum provision of Rs. 212.42 crore in respect of the Department of Secondary and Higher Education and Rs. 541.65 crore in respect of the Department of Elementary Education and Literacy has accordingly been earmarked for the N-E Region and Sikkim by effecting a general reduction in the Plan Budget Estimates under various schemes of the two Departments.

Educational Development in Jammu and Kashmir

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and Department J&K Affairs have constituted a Standing Committee of Secretaries on development programmes for J&K under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary and a Working Group under the Chairmanship of Special Secretary J&K to effectively coordinate and accelerate the implementation of various development packages/schemes/programmes for J&K by various Union Ministries/Departments. The Department of Elementary Education and Literacy, and the Department of Secondary and Higher Education are members of this Standing Committee/Working Group. Four sub-groups under the Chairmanships of Special Secretary, J&K, were also set up to monitor the implementation of centrally-sponsored schemes in J&K. Both the Departments, i.e. Department of Elementary Education and Literacy, and the Department of Secondary and Higher Education, come under Sub-Group III.

Various packages have been announced for J&K from time to time. Follow-up action on these announcements is being regularly monitored as indicated below:

PM'S announcement on 19 April 2003

- A comprehensive plan to create one lakh

employment and self-employment opportunities in J&K in the next two years, i.e. by 2005.

- The Task Force set up for this purpose has set a target of 15,000 posts for third appointment of teachers in all primary schools under SSA for introducing English Language from the primary level. Against this target, the State Government has already appointed 8,099 additional third teachers. As the norms under SSA do not allow for this many teachers, the expenditure on this account has been included in the Reconstruction Plan announced by the Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh, on November 17-18, 2004, when he visited J&K.

Establishment of more professional institutions, Kendriya Vidyalayas and vocational training Centres for women

- Chief Minister, J&K had submitted a list of 35 Kendriya Vidyalayas to be opened in J&K. Of these, 10 Kendriya Vidyalayas were opened in 2003-04 and one in 2004-05.

Recommendations of the Broad based Committee set up to improve the functioning of educational institutions in the State of J&K.

- Recommendations made by this committee in the secondary/higher/technical education sectors include: establishment of 14 new colleges in J&K

As the University Grants Commission does not have a scheme for setting up new colleges, this has been included in the Reconstruction Plan announced recently by the Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh.

- Women's hostels to be set up in co-ed colleges.

UGC has agreed to sanction Rs. 25.00 lakh to the following seven identified colleges for construction of hostels:

1. Government Degree College, Kupwara
2. Government Degree College, Handwara
3. Government Degree College, Shoplan
4. Government Degree College, Tral
5. Government Degree College, Doda
6. Government Degree College, Kishtwar

7. Government Degree College for Women, Udhampur

- ❑ Strengthening of 2 reputed science colleges, which are more than 100 years old.
- ❑ Setting up of PG centres in the University of Jammu and the University of Kashmir.
- ❑ Introduction of vocational programmes in all colleges delivering UGC programmes. In the last 3 years, assistance of Rs. 103.00 lakh has been provided to the colleges of Jammu and Kashmir under the scheme of Vocational Education.
- ❑ Construction of new higher secondary and High schools and strengthening of infrastructure in existing schools. A proposal has been submitted to Planning Commission.
- ❑ Enhancing the number of seats for BE courses and for Polytechnics from 2005–2006.

Opening more Kendriya Vidyalayas in J&K.

- ❑ Additional grant over and above the normal requirement is required for this purpose. Savings are being located for the purpose.

Inclusion of NIT Srinagar under the Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP).

- ❑ Rs. 9.00 crore was released to NIT Srinagar for carrying out activities under TEQIP during 2003-04.

Announcements of 29.08.2003

- ❑ Rs. 20.00 crore each have been released to the University of Jammu and University of Kashmir as one-time special grant in pursuance of the packages announced on August 29, 2003. Another Rs. 10.00 crore is due to the University of Jammu.
- ❑ A one-time grant of Rs. 45 crore for construction of buildings of recently sanctioned 10 Kendriya Vidyalayas is to be made to the J&K Government. Additional plan allocation is being sought for this purpose.

Reconstruction Plan for J&K announced by Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh, during his visit to the State on 17 and 18 November, 2004

- ❑ Extending the total literacy campaign to the

remaining three districts of Kargil, Poonch and Doda, with an initial provision of Rs. 1 crore for start-up activities.

- ❑ Commitment to include the salary of over 8,000 third teachers appointed by the J&K Government in the Reconstruction Plan.

The State Government was advised to submit proposals within the budget estimate of Rs. 54 crore towards full salary support for over 8,000 teachers (till the end of the Tenth Plan period) for the State Government's initiative of teaching English in primary schools across the State.

The State Government has since taken up the matter with the Planning Commission.

- ❑ Rs. 49 crore for strengthening the 14 new degree colleges, including 2 women's colleges from the next academic session.

The locations of the 14 new degree colleges to be commenced from the next academic session are as follows:

1. Akhnoor, district Jammu (Jammu region)
2. R.S. Pura, district Jammu (Jammu region)
3. Samba, district Jammu (Jammu region)
4. Hiranagar, district Kathua (Jammu region)
5. Mahanpur – Billawar, district Kathua (Jammu region)
6. Kathua, district Kathua (Women's College) (Jammu region)
7. Thana Mandi, district Rajouri (Jammu region)
8. Mendhdar, district Poonch (Jammu region)
9. Budgam, district Budgam (Kashmir region)
10. Beerwah, district Budgam (Kashmir region)
11. Pattan, district Baramull (Kashmir)
12. Bandipore, district Baramulla (Kashmir region)
13. Sopore, district Baramulla (Women's college) (Kashmir region)
14. Dooru, district Anantnag (Kashmir region)

