

## CHAPTER IX: CONCLUSION

To ensure efficiency and effectiveness in delivery of key services like rural development, health, employment, etc. the Government of India has increasingly been entrusting responsibilities to the local government at the district, block and gram panchayats levels. These agencies were to be empowered to discharge the functions that are constitutionally assigned to them. Neither functions nor functionaries, as envisaged in the Constitution, have been transferred under the control of the panchayats. However, the Department claimed that the planning process was with participation at the gram panchayat level, but records in support of this claim were absent.

There are a multiplicity of programmes and schemes and an even larger number of implementing agencies, presenting challenging situation to the district administration to effectively monitor and supervise the developmental activities. While almost all developmental programmes are targeted at the same set of beneficiaries, the existence of a myriad programmes requires integrated focus, rather than their implementation in a standalone mode.

The monitoring mechanism is not functioning as envisaged with regard to execution of schemes. While plans have been formulated for providing integrated development of a sector/service, these could not be executed due to delay in release of funds and inadequate project management. The State Government will have to address these issues in order to accelerate the development of the district at the desired pace. Good governance, effective and efficient delivery mechanism and sustainable development buttress high level of performance and play a crucial role in the overall socio-economic development of the district by providing essential and quality public infrastructure and services.

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