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PREFACE

1. This Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has been prepared for submission to the Governor under Article 151 of the Constitution of India.
2. This Report presents the results of the audit of the Departments of the Government of Tripura under Social, Economic, Revenue and General Sectors.
3. The cases mentioned in this Report are those which came to notice in the course of test audit during the year 2012-13 as well as those which came to notice in earlier years but could not be dealt with in the previous Reports. Matters relating to the period subsequent to 2012-13 have also been included, wherever necessary.
4. The audits have been conducted in conformity with the Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

Executive Summary

This Audit Report has been prepared in six chapters. Chapters I to V deal with Social, Economic, State Public Sector Undertakings, Revenue and General Sectors and Chapter VI deals with Follow up of Audit observations.

This Report contains 23 audit paragraphs (including 11 general paragraphs and one paragraph on Implementation of Information and Communication Technology in Schools) and four Performance Audits. According to the existing arrangements, copies of the draft paragraphs and draft performance audit were sent to the Secretary of the departments concerned with a request to furnish replies within six weeks. However, in respect of eight audit paragraphs included in the Report, no replies were received till the time of finalisation of the Report (January 2014). A synopsis of the important findings contained in the Report is presented below:

SOCIAL SECTOR

Implementation of Information and Communication Technology in Schools

The Information and Communication Technology scheme implemented at the cost of ₹ 21.90 crore (till March 2013) was plagued by inordinate delay leading to non-achievement of targets, non fulfilment of objectives, inadequate utilisation, lack of monitoring, non-follow up action on the report of NIT and also failed to ensure capacity building by arranging all-important training for the school teachers. As a result, the Education (School) Department had failed to continue the computer education programme after the agreement period. Thus, the objectives of computer education to students and training to teachers using information and computer technology did not yield the results as envisaged in the scheme.

(Paragraph 1.3)

Compliance Audit Paragraphs

Failure in planning by the Rural Development Department led to non-completion of nine staff quarters in Mungiakami RD Block even after five years from the scheduled date of completion and the expenditure of ₹ 61.69 lakh incurred on them had become wasteful. Moreover, further deterioration of the materials due to prolonged suspension of work would require additional cost for completing the work.

(Paragraph 1.4)

The actual procurement and plantations of saplings at a cost of ₹ 45.91 lakh under MGNREGA scheme in seven ADC villages in Jampui Hill RD Block was doubtful as there were no pre-plantation works, post-plantation works and supporting documentation.

(Paragraph 1.5)

ECONOMIC SECTOR

PERFORMANCE AUDIT

Performance Audit of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)

The implementation of RKVY in Tripura produced mixed results in terms of both achievements and failures. The Department did not prepare the overall State comprehensive agricultural plan in time. The District level agricultural plans were prepared without preparing the plan at Panchayat level planning units. Therefore, involvement of the Panchayats in planning process could not be ensured by the Department. There were considerable delays in release of funds at every level and the completion of the projects was delayed in many cases. No criteria for selection of beneficiaries under the scheme were prescribed. Though the beneficiaries interviewed during the course of audit accepted availing benefits of the projects, no mechanism was in place to assess the benefits actually accruing to the beneficiaries in terms of their economic well being. The nodal department as well as SLSC did not monitor and review the progress and implementation/achievement of the projects. The internal control mechanism was weak and the required records were not maintained. Data reliability was not ensured. No evaluation or impact assessment of RKVY was done by the State Government.

(Paragraph 2.3)

Performance Audit of Roads & Bridges Projects funded by Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) and North Eastern Council (NEC)

Government of India (GOI) created the Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) and North Eastern Council (NEC) with the aim of speeding up the execution of infrastructure projects in the North Eastern States by increasing the flow of budgetary financing for specific viable infrastructure projects in various sectors as well as to reduce the critical gaps in basic minimum services. A Performance Audit of Roads and Bridges projects funded from NLCPR and NEC during 2008-13 in the State revealed that projects were taken up without adequate planning and prioritisation. Consequently, out of 24 projects approved by the GOI during 2008-09 to 2012-13 and which were scheduled to be completed by March 2013, only nine projects (38 *per cent*) were completed in Roads and Bridges sector as of March 2013. The State had neither carried out gap analysis nor evaluated the extent of achievement of the objective of reducing the gap between the required and available infrastructure facilities in the State and its impact on the economy and social fabric of the State.

(Paragraph 2. 4)

Compliance Audit Paragraphs

Violation of provision of financial rules pertaining to handling of Government money and poor maintenance of Cash Book by the Executive Engineer, Agriculture Department Agartala led to suspected misappropriation of ₹ 12,23,061.

(Paragraph 2.5)

Faulty planning and arbitrary decision of the Government to abandon the work after completing upto plinth level for “Construction of Recreation Hall cum Library for Cultural Activities” at the Central Prison, Bishalgarh resulted in infructuous expenditure of ₹ 1.01 crore.

(Paragraph 2.6)

In violation of the contractual provisions under turnkey contract for construction of the Central Prison at Bishalgarh, payment was made by the Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) towards land/site development as an additional item, which fell well within the scope of work of turnkey contract. This rendered the expenditure of ₹ 1.56 crore extra, of which ₹ 84.40 lakh had already been paid to M/s Engineering Projects India Ltd.

(Paragraph 2.7)

Award of works for construction of bridges in violation of the decision of the Council of Ministers to the inexperienced and unqualified agencies at higher than the approved rates, coupled with inaction on the part of the Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings), not only resulted in unauthorised and irregular expenditure of ₹ 3.57 crore, but also rendered the expenditure of ₹ 7.93 crore incurred on six suspended works idle for 12 to 36 months which, in turn, resulted in failure in achieving the objective of speedy and smooth implementation of infrastructural development projects in the State.

(Paragraph 2.8)

Lack of adequate planning and timely decision on agreement-related issues by the Public Works Department (Water Resources) coupled with non-initiating timely action for rescinding the agreement and getting the remaining work executed by another contractor at the risk and cost of erring contractor resulted in unfruitful expenditure of ₹ 2.17 crore. The partially constructed canal also meant that the farmers were deprived of the intended benefits of the irrigation project.

(Paragraph 2.9)

ECONOMIC SECTOR (STATE PUBLIC SECTOR UNDERTAKINGS)

PERFORMANCE AUDIT

Working of Tripura Handloom and Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited

The Company had no vision or planned orientation in achieving its stated objectives. The system of forming MOUs between the Company and the Government was not effective as the annual targets fixed there under were not based on any scientific study. As per the unit-wise profitability worked out by Audit for 2012-13, excepting one emporium, all 43 emporia of the Company had incurred losses. Contrary to its laid down objectives, the Company had been operating two power loom units at the behest of the State Government, which had caused negative impact on its financial interests. All three major projects taken up by the Company during five years period had suffered time and cost overruns. Despite capital infusion of ₹ 27.93 crore by the State Government during 2008-09 to 2012-13, Company had been facing working capital crunch due to continuous operational losses. The merger of Tripura Apex Weaver's Co-operative Society (TAWCS) with the Company had also adversely affected its financial position. Internal control and monitoring system was almost non-existent in the Company. The Company did not make any effort to assess the impact of its activities in uplifting socio economic conditions of the weavers/artisans in the State.

The Company failed to achieve its stated objectives of serving the weavers and artisans of the State.

(Paragraph 3.2)

Compliance Audit Paragraphs

Failure of Tripura Industrial Development Corporation Limited to incorporate an appropriate clause in lease agreements for recovery of lease premium and rent at revised rates had resulted in loss of revenue of ₹ 62.20 lakh.

(Paragraph 3.3)

Due to improper investment of funds in absence of a scientific method for investment planning, the Tripura Industrial Development Corporation Limited suffered an avoidable interest loss of ₹ 22.98 lakh.

(Paragraph 3.4)

Failure of the State Government in providing the project land to Tripura Tourism Development Corporation Limited for the Government of India sponsored tourism project "Destination Development of Agartala" deprived the State of the intended benefits of the project.

(Paragraph 3.5)

REVENUE SECTOR

Compliance Audit Paragraph

Concealment of turnover by the dealers, incorrect application of rates and non submission of audited balance sheet which escaped notice of the assessing authorities resulted in short levy of Sales Tax/VAT of ₹ 60.30 lakh, leviable interest of ₹ 51.16 lakh, penalty of ₹ 38.12 lakh and Additional Sales Tax of ₹ 1.80 lakh.

(Paragraph 4.2)

GENERAL SECTOR

PERFORMANCE AUDIT

A performance audit of the Home (Police) Department revealed several deficiencies in their functioning. The Department did not have its own Police Manual. It had also not formulated any long-term or short term plan for prioritising the goals of the Department with reference to the objectives of policing. Budget estimates were not realistic. The incidence of IPC crime especially crime against women in the State increased during 2008-2012 while the conviction rate was low which is a matter of concern. Further, use of forensic science in crime investigation was not fully functional due to lack of skilled manpower. Average reaction and response time was unsatisfactory. Housing facilities for police personnel were not adequate. The Department also failed to benefit from the modernisation schemes due to their tardy implementation. The striking ability of the police force was compromised due to shortage of modern weapons, mobility deficiency, inadequate and ineffective communication equipment. It was also noticed that internal control, supervision and monitoring was inadequate.

(Paragraph 5.3)

CHAPTER I: SOCIAL SECTOR

1.1 Introduction

This Chapter of the Audit Report for the year ended 31 March 2013 deals with the findings on audit of the State Government units under Social Sector.

The names of the State Government departments and the total budget allocation and expenditure of the State Government under Social Sector during the year 2012-13 are given in the table below:

Table: 1.1.1

(₹ in crore)

Name of the Departments	Total Budget Allocation	Expenditure
Education (Higher) Department	152.83	113.11
Education (School) Department	992.92	871.93
Education (Social) Department	281.04	214.28
Education (Sports and Youth Programme) Department	43.96	42.98
Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department	55.61	50.62
Family Welfare and Preventive Medicine	211.36	94.03
Health Department	192.28	154.06
Labour Organisation	6.30	8.74
Panchayati Raj Department	181.36	172.12
Public Works (Drinking Water and Sanitation) Department	93.24	85.93
Relief and Rehabilitation Department	27.49	27.37
Rural Development Department	169.08	105.42
Tribal Welfare (Research) Department	2.40	1.58
Tribal Welfare Department	1,512.10	980.06
TRP and PGP Department	16.88	16.98
Urban Development Department	214.69	157.17
Welfare for SC and OBC Department	805.31	436.64
Welfare of Minorities Department	11.70	8.89
Total number of Departments = 18	4,970.55	3,541.91

Source: Appropriation Accounts – 2012-13.

Besides the above, the Central Government had transferred a sizeable amount of funds directly to the Implementing agencies under the Social Sector to different agencies in the State during the year 2012-13. The major transfers (₹ 5 crore and above) to the State Implementing Agencies for implementation of flagship programmes of the Central Government are detailed below:

Table: 1.1.2
Funds transferred to State Implementing Agencies during 2012-13
(₹ 5 crore and above)

(₹ in crore)

Name of the Department	Name of the Scheme/ Programme	Implementing Agency	Amount of funds transferred during the year
Education (School)	Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)	SSA Rajya Mission, Tripura	120.10
	Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA)	RMSA, Rajya Mission	70.18
Health	National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) Centrally Sponsored	State Health and Family Welfare Society, Tripura	42.05
Public Works (Drinking Water and Sanitation)	National Rural Drinking Water Programme	SWSM, Tripura	100.59
Rural Development	Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme	State Employment Guarantee Fund, Tripura	768.90
	Rural Housing – IAY	DRDAs	61.86
	Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)	Tripura Rural Roads Development Agency, Tripura	338.59
Total:			1,502.27

Source: ‘Central Plan Scheme Monitoring System’ portal in Controller General of Accounts’ website

1.2 Planning and conduct of Audit

Audit process starts with the assessment of risks faced by various departments of Government based on expenditure incurred, criticality/complexity of activities, level of delegated financial powers, assessment of overall internal controls, etc.

The audits were conducted during 2012-13 involving test-check of an expenditure of ₹ 1,763.40 crore (including expenditure pertaining to previous years audited during the year) of the State Government under Social Sector. This Sector contains one paragraph on ‘Implementation of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Schools’ of the Education (School) Department and two Compliance Audit Paragraphs.

After completion of audit of each unit, Inspection Reports containing audit findings are issued to the heads of the departments. The departments are requested to furnish replies to the audit findings within one month of receipt of the Inspection Reports. Whenever replies are received, audit findings are either settled or further action for compliance is advised. The important audit observations arising out of those Inspection Reports are processed for inclusion in the Audit Reports, which are submitted to the Governor of the State under Article 151 of the Constitution of India for being laid in the State Legislature.

The major observations detected in audit during the year 2012-13 are as detailed in the succeeding paragraphs:

EDUCATION (SCHOOL) DEPARTMENT

1.3 Implementation of Information and Communication Technology in Schools

1.3.1 Introduction

In December 2004 the Government of India (GOI), Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) launched a scheme “Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Schools” to provide opportunities to secondary stage students to build their capacity on ICT skills and make them learn through computer aided learning process.

The objectives of the scheme, *inter alia*, included:

- Establishment of an enabling environment to promote the usage of ICT especially in higher secondary and secondary Government schools in rural areas. Critical factors of such an enabling environment include widespread availability of access devices, connectivity to the Internet and promotion of ICT literacy.
- Ensuring the availability of quality content on-line and through access devices both in the private sector and by State Institutes of Education Technology.
- Enrichment of existing curriculum and pedagogy by employing ICT tools for teaching and learning.
- Enabling the students to acquire skills needed for the digital world for higher studies and gainful employment.
- Promoting the use of ICT tools in distance education including the employment of audio-visual medium and satellite-based devices.

Based on the computer education plan sent (November 2006) by the State Government, MHRD approved (March 2007) 200 schools under the scheme during 2006-07 which was revised (November 2007) to 400 schools to be covered during 2007-12. MHRD further approved coverage of another 282 schools in November 2010.

The State Government implemented the scheme in 400 high and higher secondary schools for providing computer aided learning¹ (CAL) to the students of classes VI to VIII and computer education to the students of classes IX to XII under Build, Own, Operate and Transfer (BOOT) model by engaging private agencies through open tender who would also be responsible for supply, installation, commissioning and maintenance of the computer hardware², software³ and connected accessories including furniture in computer rooms. The State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) under Education (School) Department was the nodal agency to implement and monitor the scheme.

¹ Imparting education with the help of multimedia based education software covering the hard spots of four subjects (English, Science, Mathematics and Social Science) identified by the SCERT.

² Ten computers, ten UPS, one printer, etc.

³ Operating and application software, multimedia based educational software for CAL, etc.

A study on the implementation of the scheme was conducted (July/August 2012 and June/August 2013) by examining the records in the office of the Director, SCERT and physical verification/survey in fifty schools in two districts⁴ selected by simple random method for the period 2007-08 to 2012-13 and the findings of audit are discussed in the succeeding paragraphs.

1.3.1.1 Deficiencies in planning leading to delay in implementation

MHRD had approved (November 2007) the implementation of the scheme in 400 schools under BOOT model for the period 2007-12 whereas the Department spread out the implementation in different phases by engaging private agencies through open tender from December 2007 to August 2012, thereby extending the period up to March 2018 as tabulated below:

Table 1.3.1: Engagement of private agencies and coverage of schools in different phases

Phase	Month/year	No. of schools covered	Phase-wise total no. of schools	No. of agencies/rate per school (₹ in lakh)	Validity of agreement
1 st phase	December 2007	150	150	Four/ 8.50	March 2013
2 nd phase	September 2009	160	200	Three/8.04	March 2015
	November 2009	13			
	December 2009	27			
3 rd phase	May 2012	25	50	One/ 8.04	March 2018
	August 2012	25			

Thus, there had been inordinate delay in implementation of the scheme, *i.e.*, two years delay in respect of 200 schools and five years delay in respect of 50 schools, leading to non- achievement of the target set for the scheme period of 2007-12.

It was further noticed that the Department had not started (August 2013) implementation of the scheme in 282 schools approved in November 2010 for the period 2010-15 though the GOI released the 1st instalment of central share of ₹ 4.96 crore to the State Government as early as March 2011.

The Department also did not take adequate steps to provide required facilities like internet, scanner, web camera, modem to the students as envisaged in the scheme guidelines indicating planning failure as detailed in **paragraph 1.3.1.3**.

The Department stated (August 2013) that the delay in implementation of scheme period 2007-12 was due to the selection of agencies by open tender in two phases but did not spell out the actual reasons for delay and implementation in phased manner spreading over five years.

1.3.1.2 Financial Management

As per the financing pattern under the scheme, the project cost (₹ 6.70 lakh per school) and the recurring cost (₹ 1.34 lakh per school per annum) was to be shared on 90:10 basis between the GOI and the State Government. The project cost of

⁴ West Tripura and Dhalai

₹ 24.12 crore was to be released by the GOI in instalments - ₹ 8.12 crore @ ₹ 2.03 lakh per school during 2007-08 and ₹ 4 crore every year for four years during 2008-12 @ ₹ 1 lakh per school. GOI released ₹ 22.23 crore as project cost and ₹ 5.01 crore as recurring cost till March 2013.

Audit observed the following deficiencies in the financial management of the scheme:

- The Department failed to implement the schemes in time (150 schools in December 2007, 200 school in September –December 2009 and 50 schools in May-August 2012 against the target of 400 schools by March 2012). Therefore, the GOI did not release its share of project cost during the years 2008-09 and 2009-10 (₹ 8 crore) which was partly (₹ 4.50 crore) released in 2010-11 and balance (₹ 3.50 crore) in 2011-12.
- As per the scheme guidelines, the GOI fund commitment was up to the year 2011-12 only, whereas due to delay on the part of the Department, the funding had got delayed beyond the commitment period and ₹ 1.89 crore was still due from the GOI on account of project cost.
- The Department claimed recurring grant of ₹ 7.84 crore from GoI for the period 2008-09 to 2010-11 only in August 2011 of which ₹ 3.63 crore was accepted by GOI. No reasons for short acceptance of the claim by the GOI were found on records. The Department also did not pursue the matter with the GOI thereby depriving the State of a substantial amount of ₹ 4.21 crore under the scheme.

On this being pointed out by audit, the Department admitted (August 2013) the delay in submitting claims for recurring grant stating that initially the SCERT was not aware about recurring grant. They further agreed that communication would be made with the MHRD for the balance amount of ₹ 4.21 crore.

- GOI had provided/committed financial assistance of ₹ 53.60 crore under the scheme for 400 schools at the rate of ₹ 13.40 lakh per school on account of capital and recurring expenditure for five years whereas the Department placed the work orders with private agencies at ₹ 8.50 lakh per school for 150 schools and ₹ 8.04 lakh for 250 schools resulting into likely savings of ₹ 20.75 crore⁵. This aspect was neither intimated to the MHRD nor was its impact/utilisation assessed by the Department.

The Department stated (August 2013) that the State Government had decided to enhance the monthly remuneration of the computer faculties engaged by the agencies by ₹ 2000 per faculty per month with effect from 1 April 2012 and this would consequently exhaust the savings before the end of the scheme in 2018. But the fact

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GOI assistance		₹ 53.60 crore
Less actual/committed expenditure		
i) 150×₹ 8.50 lakh	₹ 12.75 crore	
ii) 250×₹ 8.04 lakh	₹ 20.10 crore	₹ 32.85 crore
Savings		₹ 20.75 crore

remained that the huge savings would be exhausted only to the extent of ₹ 4.80 crore⁶ by enhancement of remuneration of the faculties. Moreover, the Department did not spell out the reasons for not providing the facilities like scanner, web camera, modem in 1st phase as envisaged in the scheme guidelines.

The Director, SCERT further stated (October 2013) that the Department would take initiative to assess impact of likely savings and after assessment this aspect would be intimated to the MHRD.

- The 1st instalment of GOI share of ₹ 4.96 crore against 282 schools approved in November 2010 received in March 2011 was lying idle for over two years (July 2013) as the Department had not started implementation of the scheme in those schools (July 2013). Despite request made (July 2013) by Audit, the Director, SCERT did not furnish the reasons for non-implementation of the scheme in 282 schools.

1.3.1.3 Availability of the required equipment and facilities

The Department entered into agreements with the private agencies to provide computer hardware consisting of 10 computers, 10 UPSs, one printer and necessary furniture & fixtures for each school. As per the scheme guidelines, the computer system was required to be inclusive of facilities like scanner, web camera, modem, etc. It was, however, observed that these facilities were not included in the scope of private agencies except the inclusion of modems for 250 schools of the second and the third phase.

Further, though the agreements with the private agencies provided for the topics on internet basics, browsing on the internet, creating e-mail account etc, the Department did not take the required action to provide internet connections as discussed below:

- The Project Management and Evaluation Group of the MHRD repeatedly informed (November 2007, November 2008 and November 2010) the State Government that the Ministry of Telecommunication had assured to provide broadband connections on priority to all high schools and also instructed the State to take up the matter with the Department of Telecom (DoT) and BSNL units located in the State. The State Government did not take up the issue of providing broadband connectivity with the DoT and the local BSNL authority. The Director, SCERT informed (January 2013) the MHRD that the internet connection was not provided in the 400 schools and asked the private agencies to provide internet connection through BSNL.
- The terms and conditions of bid documents in 2nd phase of implementation in 200 schools, *inter alia*, provided that the bidder must arrange a telephone

⁶ 150 schools from April 2012 to March 2013=150 x2x12x₹ 2000=₹ 0.72 crore

200 schools from April 2012 to March 2015=200 x2x36x₹ 2000=₹ 2.88 crore

50 schools from April 2013 to March 2018=50 x2x60x₹ 2000=₹ 1.20 crore

Total=₹ 4.80 crore

connection with internet connection on all the machines by using suitable software and 100 hours internet connection per annum for five years must be obtained for exclusive use of the students. They were also required to maintain a log book regarding the time of usage by the students. But, the above terms and conditions of bid documents were not incorporated in the agreements (September-December 2009) meant for 200 schools. However, on this being pointed out in audit (July 2012) the said provision had been incorporated in the agreements of 25 schools (August 2012) out of 50 schools where the scheme was being implemented in the 3rd phase.

Thus, the Department did not take up the issue of internet connectivity in all seriousness and vested the responsibility solely with the implementing agencies in disregard to the instructions of the MHRD. Besides, the Department also extended undue benefits to the agencies by not incorporating all the provision contained in the bid documents into the agreements. As the component-wise (both in respect of cost of equipment to be supplied and services to be rendered by the agencies) break-up of rate was not mentioned in the agreements, the SCERT had no scope to recover any proportionate amount from the agencies for not providing the internet connectivity to the schools.

The Department stated (August 2013) that the issue of providing internet connectivity would be taken up with the DoT and BSNL authorities. The fact, however, remained that implementation of the scheme in 150 schools had already been completed without providing internet facilities to the students.

Audit further observed following deficiencies in the procurement/utilisation of equipment/facilities:

➤ ***Testing of the equipment supplied by the agencies not done***

As per provision of the agreements, all the items of equipment were to be tested by the Electronic Testing and Development Centre (ETDC) under the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, Government of India.

Audit observed that the Director, SCERT requested ETDC to test the equipment only in August 2012 *i.e.* at the end of the agreement period for 150 schools which was also not carried out till August 2013. The agreement did not provide any restriction on payments pending required testing of the equipment.

The Department stated (August 2013) that the ETDC would be again requested to start the testing work.

➤ ***Maintenance of the hardware during the agreement period***

As per the agreements, the agencies were required to maintain the hardware in working condition and for this purpose the downtime of the computers and other accessories were to be recorded in the log book. The logbooks were to be submitted to the Heads of the institution at the end of every week for countersignature.

Audit observed that log books were not properly maintained and countersigned by the Heads of the institution. During physical verification by Audit, 90 computer systems of 17 schools were found non-functional. On this being pointed out, the Headmasters (HMs) informed that the systems were non-functional for different spells between April 2011 and March 2013 (**Appendix 1.1**).

The Department stated (August 2013) that the HMs would be instructed to maintain and countersign the logbooks and to keep records properly.

➤ ***Inadmissible payments on false certificates and non-levy of liquidated damage***

As per provision of the agreements, 10 *per cent* of the contract value was to be paid to the agencies within 30 days after the signing of the agreement and another 15 *per cent* on completion of installation and commissioning of equipment in the schools. The balance amount was to be paid in ten instalments @ 7.5 *per cent* of contract value for each school on receipt of six- monthly certificate of satisfactory performance from the school Headmasters.

As stated in the preceding paragraph, operational data regarding downtime of the computer accessories were not properly recorded by the agencies as prescribed in the agreement. But the HMs kept on issuing satisfactory performance reports without any mention of downtime of computers and payment was released on the basis of those certificates despite non-functioning of the computers. This resulted in inadmissible payment of ₹ 19.85 lakh to the agencies (**Appendix 1.1**).

On the other hand, the HMs of six test-checked schools intimated the SCERT about non-functioning of 21 computers in different spells but the SCERT did not levy the liquidated damages which was to be levied @ ₹ 400 per computer per week on the defaulting agencies.

The Department stated (August 2013) that the HMs would be instructed to take necessary measures about the observations raised by Audit and necessary deductions would be made at the time of release of final payments to the agencies.

1.3.1.4 Utilisation of ICT for school students

As per the agreement, the faculties appointed by the agencies were responsible for providing computer education to the school students from Class IX to XII as per the prescribed syllabus.

Audit survey however, revealed (July-August 2013) that the computer faculties did not cover the prescribed syllabus and confined only to computer basics *viz.* MS-Word and Excel thereby depriving the students from necessary computer education as envisaged in the scheme.

Further as stated in **paragraph 1.3.1.3**, no provision was made for internet connections in the schools and as such, lack of internet facility resulted in non-achievement of the main objective of providing online content, widespread availability of access devices and internet connectivity to the students as envisaged in the scheme guidelines.

The Department stated (August 2013) that the school authorities would be instructed to cover the entire computer syllabus as provided in the agreements.

1.3.1.5 Assessment of the students

The scope of the rate contract given in the bid documents, *inter alia*, provided for testing and certification in computer education for the students at the end of every academic year from an independent agency approved by the State Government.

But, it was noticed that the above terms and conditions of the bid documents were not incorporated in the agreements executed with the agencies.

In the absence of such clause in the agreements, the impact of computer education and the level of learning/skills acquired by the students which was one of the stated objectives of the scheme remained un-assessed.

On this being pointed out by Audit in July 2012, the Director, SCERT stated (August 2012) that the above conditions would be included by suitable modifications of the existing agreements. But no step was taken by the SCERT in this regard till July 2013.

The Department stated (August 2013) that the agencies would be requested to assess the students.

1.3.1.6 Utilisation of ICT for school teachers

As per the agreement the agencies were to provide five days' training to five subject teachers including HMs in each school for use of Multimedia Based Educational Software and basic computer education.

It was noticed in audit that the Director, SCERT neither arranged any training to the teachers nor had any information/ records relating to teachers' training provided by the agencies.

During physical verification by Audit, HMs of 11 out of 50 test-checked schools informed (July-August 2012 and July-August 2013) that teachers of those schools were given training by the agencies but no records showing details of nomination, curriculum of the training, training module etc. could be provided to Audit.

Thus, teachers in the schools were untrained in the usage of ICT tools in teaching the students and the schools remained solely dependent on the computer faculties of the agencies having serious implication as discussed in **paragraph 1.3.1.7** below.

Further, the agreement also provided that the computer faculties would assist the subject teachers in imparting computer aided learning (CAL) to the students of classes VI to VIII with the help of multimedia based education software.

A survey conducted (July-August 2013) by Audit among the students in the presence of HMs revealed that the CAL was provided only by the computer faculties without

any involvement of subject teachers (except in five schools⁷, where neither the subject teachers nor the computer faculties provided CAL to the students).

The fact of non-involvement of subject teachers was confirmed by the students and the headmasters. Thus, the subject teachers could not be equipped with the required knowledge for taking up computer teaching in the future.

1.3.1.7 Discontinuance of ICT education after agreement period

As per the scheme guidelines, the computer education in the selected schools was to be taken over by the trained teachers at the end of the project. The Department also reported (January 2013) to MHRD that the trained teachers could take over the computer lab at the end of the project period.

It was however, noticed in audit (July 2013) that the computer education in 150 schools covered in the first phase had been discontinued after expiry of the validity of the agreement with the agencies on 31 March 2013. The Department had not taken any steps to continue the computer education in the schools and thus, the capital investment on computer hardware and infrastructure remained un-utilised besides deprivation of envisaged benefits to the targeted students. Moreover, the GOI was wrongly informed about the continuation of ICT education at the end of the project.

The Director, SCERT also admitted (July 2013) the fact stating that the Department had acute shortage of computer trained teachers and the computer education had also not been included in the curriculum of the schools. As such, the Department was not in a position to continue the scheme or any other computer education programme. This was the most serious lapse in the entire process of implementation of the scheme which in effect had nullified whatever little achievements were made under the scheme and the very purpose of the scheme had been defeated.

The Department stated (August 2013) that it would take necessary steps so that the trained teachers would take over the charge of computer lab for imparting computer education but did not specify the time frame and any concrete plan in this regard. The Director, SCERT further confirmed (October 2013) that the Department had not formulated any policy/programme/syllabus to restart computer education programme. Thus, due to non-inclusion of computer education in the curriculum and absence of syllabus of the computer education the issue of imparting computer education to the students of secondary and higher secondary stages by trained teachers had remained uncertain in the schools. Consequently, the commitment made to the GOI regarding taking over of computer lab at the end of project period remained un-fulfilled and also the main objective of the scheme *i.e.* the promotion of ICT literacy among the students of secondary and higher secondary Government schools remained unachieved.

⁷ Arabinda Vidyamandir High School, Jampuijala Girls' High School, Kulai Colony High School, North Kamrangatali H.S. School, Poangbari High School.

1.3.1.8 Monitoring and supervision

As per instructions of the Principal Secretary (School Education), the Director, SCERT constituted (March 2012) a State Level Monitoring Committee (SLMC) for effective monitoring and supervision of the implementation of the scheme.

It was noticed in audit that the SLMC was constituted as late as March 2012, *i.e.*, when the 5-year scheme period of 2007-12 almost came to an end. Even after that, the Committee was non-functional and had held no meeting/visit to monitor the implementation of the scheme in the schools till July 2013.

The Department stated (August 2013) that the SLMC would be made functional.

Audit observed other irregularities/deficiencies in monitoring as under:

➤ *Quarterly Progress Reports not sent to MHRD*

Guidelines of the scheme provided for submission of quarterly progress reports (QPRs) by the State Government to the MHRD. It was noticed in audit that the progress reports were sent to the MHRD only on five occasions since 2007-08 in November 2009, February 2010, September 2010, October 2011 and January 2013.

The Department stated (August 2013) that the QPRs would henceforth be sent to the MHRD on regular basis.

➤ *Non-compliance of Departmental instructions*

The Principal Secretary (School Education) to the Government of Tripura instructed (November 2011) the officers posted in the Directorate of School Education to inspect the schools while they were on official tour in the field and also to get the schools inspected by the four inspection teams constituted with the senior officers of the Department. He further directed the DSE to evaluate the performance on the basis of reports submitted by the officers of the Directorate and the visiting inspection teams constituted in this regard. The copies of the inspection reports should also be forwarded to the Director, SCERT.

The DSE did not furnish the inspection reports though called for (June 2013) and the Director, SCERT informed (July 2013) that no inspection report had been received from the DSE.

1.3.1.9 Evaluation of the scheme

The guidelines of the scheme provided that the Department would explore the possibility of getting the scheme evaluated through an independent agency. While sanctioning computer education plan for 400 schools, the MHRD directed that the programme was required to be consolidated and monitored through independent agencies like Indian Institutes of Information Technology, Indian Institutes of Technology, Indian Institutes of Management and Engineering Colleges etc.

Audit observed that on the request of the SCERT (May 2010 and January 2011), the National Institute of Technology, Agartala, conducted an evaluation study and submitted (February 2012) the evaluation report for only 37 schools (11 *per cent* of

350 schools) wherein shortcomings like deficiency in teacher training, non-supply of modem, non-working of computers and other accessories were reported.

It was noticed in audit that the Department did not take any follow up action on the above issues till July 2013.

The Department stated (August 2013) that the evaluation reports submitted by the NIT would be examined and effective corrective action would be taken thereon.

1.3.1.10 Conclusion

The ICT scheme implemented at the cost of ₹ 21.90 crore (till March 2013) was plagued by inordinate delay leading to non-achievement of targets, non-fulfilment of objectives, inadequate utilisation of ICT for school teachers, lack of monitoring, non-follow up action on the report of NIT and above all failure to ensure capacity building by arranging all-important training for the school teachers and as a result, the Department had failed to continue the computer education programme after the agreement period. Thus, the achievement of objectives of computer education to students and training to teachers using information and computer technology did not yield the results as envisaged in the scheme.

1.3.1.11 Recommendations

The Government may consider implementation of the following recommendations:

- formulate a clearly defined action plan for computer training to teachers and inclusion of computer education in the syllabus to ensure continuation of the computer education in all the schools in the future;
- An effective system may be devised for evaluation of the computer skills acquired by the students; and
- strengthen the monitoring mechanism through the State Level Committee as well as field inspections by the departmental officers.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

1.4 Wasteful expenditure

Failure in planning by the Department led to non-completion of nine staff quarters in Mungiakami RD Block even after five years from the scheduled date of completion and the expenditure of ₹ 61.69 lakh incurred on them had become wasteful. Moreover, further deterioration of the materials due to prolonged suspension of work would require additional cost for completing the work.

Under the State Plan for major works in 2008-09, the Rural Development Department placed (July 2008) ₹ 30 lakh with the District Magistrate & Collector, West Tripura for construction of nine⁸ staff quarters during 2008-09 under Mungiakami RD Block against the tentative requirement (May 2008) of funds of ₹ 79 lakh. The District Magistrate & Collector in turn placed (August 2008) the amount with the Block Development Officer (BDO), Mungiakami RD Block. Subsequently, the Department placed ₹ 35 lakh⁹ under State Plan for maintenance and minor works during 2009-10.

Scrutiny (March 2013) of records of the BDO revealed that the works were taken up departmentally through three implementing officers (IOs)¹⁰. As per the work order issued (September 2008) to the IOs the revised estimated cost of nine staff quarters was ₹ 93.22 lakh¹¹ and the works were to be completed within 90 days *i.e.* by December 2008. No Measurement Book (MB) relating to the works was maintained and as such the actual date(s) of commencement of the works and their chronological progress were not available. However, it was seen that out of advance of ₹ 63.01 lakh given to the IOs during August 2008 to March 2010, ₹ 61.69 lakh¹² was spent on the works upto March 2010. But none of the works was completed even after a lapse of more than five years from the scheduled date of completion and all the works remained suspended midway¹³ for want of funds.

Scrutiny further revealed that due to slow progress of the works, the estimated cost of the quarters was being revised from time to time from ₹ 93.22 lakh in August 2008 to ₹ 1.10 crore in August 2011 as detailed below:

⁸ Four Type-II (one double storied); four Type III (one double storied) and one Type IV (one single storied)

⁹ ₹ 30 lakh in February 2010 and ₹ 5 lakh in March 2010.

¹⁰ Two Junior Engineers (JEs) and one Village Secretary (VS)

¹¹ Type-II: ₹ 26.27 lakh; Type III: ₹ 56.01 lakh and Type IV: ₹ 10.94 lakh

¹² Type II: ₹ 13.74 lakh; Type III: ₹ 37.43 lakh and Type IV: ₹ 10.52 lakh

¹³ Type II: after casting of first floor and raising brick wall upto window level; Type III: after completion of roof casting of 2nd floor; and Type IV: leaving the finishing works, such as fitting & fixing of doors and windows, electrification, water connection, toilet, etc.

Table 1.4.1

(₹ in lakh)

Estimated cost	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Total
Estimated cost (August 2008)	26.27	56.01	10.94	93.22
Revised Estimated cost in February 2009	26.27	60.06	10.94	97.27
Revised Estimated cost in June 2009	27.04	60.06	10.94	98.04
Revised Estimated cost in January 2011	27.04	60.06	16.11	103.21
Revised Estimated cost in August 2011	27.04	66.40	16.11	109.55

The BDO requested (November 2011) the DM & Collector, West Tripura for placing funds of ₹ 44.56 lakh to complete the works but no funds were placed till September 2013.

During a joint inspection (September 2013) of the construction site, it was noticed that miscreants had cut down and taken off the iron rods from Type II and Type III quarters and some portions of the buildings were in dilapidated condition and bushes had grown up inside the buildings.

Thus, failure in planning by the Department led to non-completion of nine staff quarters even after five years from the scheduled date of completion and the expenditure of ₹ 61.69 lakh incurred on them had become wasteful. Moreover, further deterioration of the materials due to prolonged suspension of work would require additional cost for completing the work.

The matter was reported to the Government in October 2013; reply had not been received (January 2014).

1.5 Doubtful execution of works

The actual procurement and plantations of saplings at a cost of ₹ 45.91 lakh under MGNREGA scheme in seven ADC villages in Jampui Hill RD Block was doubtful as there were no pre-plantation works, post-plantation works and supporting documentation.

Para (iv) of Schedule 1 of MGNREGA guidelines permits work on individual land for providing irrigation facility to land owned by households belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes or to land of beneficiaries of land reforms or that of the beneficiaries under the Indira Awaas Yojana of the Government of India. This was amended (March 2007) to include horticulture plantation, irrigation and land development. MGNREGA thus, provides an opportunity for the above households to take up *inter alia* horticulture plantation on their land to enhance agricultural productivity and generate steady income.

After approval of the works of individual households and inclusion in the Annual Action Plan, the concerned Junior Engineer/Technical Assistant with the help of concerned department would carry out the required survey and would prepare project with design and estimates. Before planting, certain preliminary works like collection of soil sample and testing, earth work for excavation of pits, ditch-cum-bund and compost pits, pit filling with mixture of soil, manure, fertilizer were to be undertaken. Besides, administrative/financial/technical sanction would be issued by the competent

authority as prescribed by the State Government and procurement of materials would be done by Project Implementing Agency (PIA) following the financial norms and utmost care should be taken for ensuring transparency in procurement of materials. As per MGNREGA scheme guidelines, the planting materials shall be procured from the Government nurseries and nurseries raised under MGNREGA in the month of June-July. In such cases where these are not available with them, the line department can procure as per their financial rules.

Test-check of records (January 2013) of the Block Development Officer (BDO), Jampui Hill RD Block revealed that work orders were issued (August 2009) to seven Rural Programme Secretaries (RPSs) for execution of plantation¹⁴ works during 2009-10 at seven villages under the Autonomous District Council. The planting materials (except rubber stump) were procured at a cost of ₹ 45.91 lakh from different private agencies and individuals during 2009-10.

Scrutiny revealed that the decision for execution of the works and procurement of planting materials was taken by the Chairman of the Block Advisory Committee and the Block Development Officer on 22 August 2009 whereas the supply orders were issued¹⁵ to different private agencies before the date of the decision. The planting materials were shown as procured from different private agencies/individuals which was in contravention of the guidelines. Moreover, no tenders/quotations were invited for procurement of the saplings from the agencies/individuals. The materials procured from individuals (without any supply orders) were received by the Chairman, Vice-chairman and Members etc. of the Village Committees. No stock and issue register was found to be maintained and hence actual quantity of materials received and issued to the beneficiaries could not be ascertained. No expenditure was incurred on labour wages and on earth works for excavation of pits, pit filling with mixture of soil, manure, fertilizer, etc. No action was also found to have been taken by the Block authorities after distribution of the planting materials for inter culture operations *viz.* hoeing & weeding, watering and application of fertilizer & pesticides and no expenditure was incurred for the purpose.

Thus, the actual procurement and plantations at a cost of ₹ 45.91 lakh remained doubtful as there were no pre-plantation works, post-plantation works and supporting documentation.

The BDO stated (July 2013) that the planting materials (saplings) were distributed to the beneficiaries but remained silent on other issues. The reply was not tenable as the date(s) of distribution and details of land of the beneficiaries (Dag No., Khatian No., Plot No. etc.) were not indicated. Moreover, mere distribution of saplings was in contravention with the MGNREGA guidelines.

The matter was reported to the Government in September 2013; reply had not been received (January 2014).

¹⁴ Plantation of Areca nut, Orange, Sweta Chandan, Musambi, Elachi-lemon, Coffee, and Rubber stump

¹⁵ On 27 July 2009, 28 July 2009, 30 July 2009, 7 August 2009 and 10 August 2009

CHAPTER II: ECONOMIC SECTOR

2.1 Introduction

This Chapter of the Audit Report for the year ended 31 March 2013 deals with the findings on audit of the State Government units under Economic Sector.

The names of the State Government departments and the total budget allocation and expenditure of the State Government under Economic Sector during the year 2012-13 are given in the table below:

Table 2.1.1

(₹ in crore)

Name of the Departments	Total Budget Allocation	Expenditure
Agriculture Department	296.95	143.93
Animal Resource Development Department	61.50	51.41
Co-operation Department	18.69	15.54
Fisheries Department	28.02	23.92
Forest Department	73.65	69.35
Horticulture Department	29.29	27.95
Industries and Commerce (Handloom, Handicrafts and Sericulture) Department	33.22	20.12
Industries and Commerce Department	38.06	38.29
Information, Cultural Affairs and Tourism Department	25.81	22.50
Information Technology Department	3.13	3.85
Power Department	136.13	89.68
Public Works (Roads and Buildings) Department	520.96	466.07
Public Works (Water Resource) Department	196.12	109.44
Science Technology and Environment Department	5.35	5.06
Total number of Departments = 14	1,466.88	1,087.11

Source: Appropriation Accounts – 2012-13.

Besides the above, the Central Government had transferred a sizeable amount of funds directly to the Implementing agencies under the Economic Sector to different agencies in the State during the year 2012-13. The major transfers (₹ 5 crore and above) for implementation of flagship programmes of the Central Government are detailed below:

Table 2.1.2

(₹ in crore)

Name of the Department	Name of the Scheme/ Programme	Implementing Agency	Amount of funds transferred during the year
Agriculture	Integrated Water Shed Mangement Programme (IWMP)	State Level Nodal Agency Department of Agriculture, Tripura	25.25
Total:			25.25

Source: 'Central Plan Scheme Monitoring System' portal in Controller General of Accounts' website

2.2 Planning and conduct of Audit

Audit process starts with the assessment of risks faced by various departments of Government based on expenditure incurred, criticality/complexity of activities, level of delegated financial powers, assessment of overall internal controls, etc.

The audits were conducted during 2012-13 involving test-check of an expenditure of ₹ 444.93 crore (including expenditure pertaining to the previous years audited during the year) of the State Government under Economic Sector. This Sector contains two Performance Audits on “Rashtriya Krishi Vikash Yojana (RKVY)” and “Roads and Bridges Projects funded by NLCPR and NEC” and five Compliance Audit paragraphs.

After completion of audit of each unit, Inspection Reports containing audit findings are issued to the heads of the departments. The departments are requested to furnish replies to the audit findings within one month of receipt of the Inspection Reports. Whenever replies are received, audit findings are either settled or further action for compliance is advised. The important audit observations arising out of those Inspection Reports are processed for inclusion in the Audit Reports, which are submitted to the Governor of the State under Article 151 of the Constitution of India for being laid in the State Legislature.

The major observations detected in audit during the year 2012-13 are as detailed in the succeeding paragraphs:

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

2.3 Performance Audit Report on “Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)”

The Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) was launched by Government of India (GOI) as a State Plan Scheme during the year 2007-08 with the objective, inter alia, of stimulating agriculture and allied sectors so that the State could achieve four per cent growth during the XIth plan period. The scheme is fully funded by the GOI and being implemented in the State by Agriculture Department (nodal department) and other departments like Horticulture and Soil Conservation, Animal Resources Development Department, etc. The Performance Audit of the scheme for the period from 2007-08 to 2012-13 was conducted in the nodal department as well as the implementing departments. The audit focus was on assessing the achievements of intended objectives of the projects taken up under the scheme. The Performance Audit of RKVY brought out the following main points

Highlights:

The Department did not prepare Comprehensive State Agricultural Plan in time. The District Agricultural Plans were prepared during 2008-09. However, the bottom-up approach was not followed as Panchayat level Agricultural Planning Units were not involved in planning.

(Paragraph 2.3.9.1)

There was short release of 18.85 crore by the GOI against total allocation of funds approved by it. There was delay in release of funds at all levels from the State Government to the nodal department and the implementing agencies.

{Paragraphs 2.3.9.2(i) and 2.3.9.2(ii)}

There were deficiencies in the implementation of the projects like delayed execution, non-utilisation of completed projects, diversion of assets for other purposes, etc. Six out of 28 projects were completed with delays ranging from 22 to 51 months. Effective steps were not taken to ensure the timely completion and utilisation of the projects.

(Paragraph 2.3.10)

No criteria were prescribed or adopted while selecting the beneficiaries for the projects. In the absence of any laid down criteria, audit could not ascertain whether the selection of beneficiaries were transparent. There was no mechanism to assess the benefit in terms of economic development of the targeted beneficiaries and no impact assessment was done.

(Paragraphs 2.3.10.1 to 2.3.10.7)

Monitoring and Internal control mechanism was weak. Neither the nodal department nor the State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) constituted for project sanctioning, monitoring and evaluation ever reviewed or monitored the progress and implementation of the projects. The SLSC did not meet regularly and whenever it met, that was only for approval of the project proposals.

(Paragraphs 2.3.12.1 and 2.3.12.2)

2.3.1 Introduction

The Planning Commission in its approach paper to the XIth Five Year Plan expressed concern for the Agriculture sector which had witnessed a sharp decline in growth after the mid-1990s despite the fact that the potential for the growth of agriculture was high. A major cause behind the slow growth in agriculture was the consistent decrease in investments in the sector by the State Governments. Concerned by the slow growth in the Agriculture and allied sectors, the National Development Council (NDC), in its meeting (May 2007) resolved that a Special Additional Central Assistance Scheme, namely, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) be launched with the aim of achieving 4 *per cent* annual growth in the agricultural sector during the XIth Plan period, by ensuring holistic development of Agriculture and allied sectors. Accordingly, the RKVY was launched as a State Plan Scheme during 2007-08.

2.3.2 Objectives of the Scheme

The main objectives of the scheme are:

- To incentivise States so as to increase public investment in agriculture and allied sectors;
- To provide flexibility and autonomy to States in the process of planning and executing Agriculture and allied sector schemes;
- To ensure preparation of Agriculture Plans for districts and States based on agro-climatic conditions, availability of technology and natural resources;
- To achieve the goal of reducing yield gaps in important crops through focussed interventions;
- To maximise returns to farmers in Agriculture and allied sectors;
- To ensure that local needs/crops/priorities are better reflected in agricultural plans of States; and
- To bring about quantifiable changes in production and productivity of various components of Agriculture and allied sectors by addressing them in a holistic manner.

2.3.3 Organisational set up

The State Agriculture Department was the nodal department for the implementation of the scheme. Further, a State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) was constituted (November 2007) for sanctioning of the projects at the State level and for reviewing and monitoring the implementation of the scheme and to ensure that the projects were implemented in accordance with the guidelines laid down by the Central Government. After the projects were approved by the SLSC, the implementing departments

(Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries and Animal Resources Development Department), Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council (TTAADC) and Krishi Vikas Kendra (KVK) implemented them through their district level and sub-divisional level officers.

2.3.4 Financing Pattern

As per RKVY guidelines, each State will become eligible to receive RKVY funds, if the base line¹ share of Agriculture and allied sectors in its total State Plan (excluding RKVY funds) expenditure is maintained and District Agriculture Plans and State Agriculture Plans have been formulated.

Funds under the Scheme are provided to States as 100 *per cent* grant by Central Government. RKVY funds are available to the States in two distinct streams². Under RKVY, 75 *per cent* funds are released under Stream-I for 17 specific components (**Appendix 2.1**) highlighted by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC) and the balance 25 *per cent* funds under Stream-II for existing schemes of the State Governments. Depending upon the State's needs, a State may choose to use its entire allocated RKVY funds under the Stream-I only. However, the reverse is not permissible if a State cannot choose to lower its Stream-I allocation below 75 *per cent*.

2.3.5 Audit Objectives

The main objectives of this performance audit were to assess whether:

- Planning process of the implementation of scheme was effective and according to the RKVY guidelines;
- Financial management ensured adequate and timely availability of funds and their effective and economic utilisation;
- Projects were implemented according to the regulatory structure in place and the intended objectives of the projects were achieved and nodal department effectively coordinated with various departments and implementing agencies for implementing various projects;
- Internal control mechanisms were put in place to ensure efficient and effective monitoring and control over implementation; monitoring mechanism at each level was adequate; and
- The objectives of maximising returns to the farmers in Agriculture and allied sectors were achieved and the State could achieve four *per cent* growth in the Agricultural sector during the XIth Plan period.

2.3.6 Audit Criteria

The following sources of audit criteria were adopted for the Performance Audit:

¹ Base line would be a moving average and the average of the previous three years expenditure would be taken into account for determining the eligibility under the RKVY after excluding the funds already received.

² Stream-I and Stream-II

- Guidelines for Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) of Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture.
- Comprehensive State Agricultural Plan.
- Guidelines for projects under implementation.
- Instructions/guidelines issued at State/District level for implementation of RKVY.
- State general financial and accounts rules.

2.3.7 Scope of Audit

The performance audit was carried out between May and September 2013 covering the period from 2007-08 to 2012-13 and involved scrutiny of records and other evidence in the offices of the State Agriculture (Nodal) Department including directorates of Animal Resources Development Department (ARDD), Fisheries Department, Horticulture & Soil Conservation Department, Executive Engineer (Mechanical), Agriculture Department and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council (TTAADC) at State level, 16 offices³ at district level, 26 offices⁴ at sub divisional level. Eight sectors detailed below were selected by using Simple Random Sampling. The SLSC approved 148 projects covering 17 sectors (**Appendix 2.1**), of which 12 projects were dropped and 136 projects were taken-up for implementation under Stream-I during 2007-13. Out of 136 projects, 28 projects covering eight sectors as detailed in Table No. 2.3.1 below were selected for test-check by using Probability Proportional to Size With Replacement (PPSWR) method and 4 randomly selected projects of Stream-II were covered in the Performance Audit.

Table No. 2.3.1

(₹ in crore)

Name of Sector	Total Projects		Projects selected	
	Nos.	Project cost	Nos.	Project cost
Stream-I				
Animal Husbandry	32	29.30	6	11.38
Horticulture	28	21.13	6	7.54
Micro Irrigation	6	14.40	2	9.07
Marketing	6	12.47	2	8.06
Fisheries	23	8.67	5	3.38
Agriculture Mechanisations	6	7.48	2	5.12
Crop Development	17	87.43	4	69.31
Non-Farming Activity	1	0.16	1	0.16
Sub Total	119	181.04	28	114.02
Stream-II	36	37.05	4	17.13

³ Dy. Director of Agriculture of Dhalai, North, South and West districts, Dy. Director of ARDD of Dhalai, North, South, and West districts, Dy. Director of Horticulture, West, Executive Engineer (Agriculture) of North, South and West districts and ZDO, Dhalai, North, South and West., KVK, BC Manu.

⁴ Agriculture Department: Supdt. of Agriculture, Bishalgarh, Melaghar, Matabari, Rajnagar, Amarpur, Salema, Kadamtala, Panisagar and Kumarghat;
H&SC Department: Supdt. of H&SC, Bishalgarh, Sonamura, Udaipur, Manu, and Kumarghat;
Fisheries Department: Supdt. of Fisheries, Sadar, Santirbazar, Amarpur, Kailashahar and Dharmanagar
ARDD: AD(BL), Bishalgarh, Sonamura, Belonia, Sabroom, Salema and Kumarghat

2.3.8 Audit Methodology

The Entry conference was held with the Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Department in May 2013 wherein the audit objectives, audit criteria and methodology were discussed.

Joint physical Verification of projects at 51 locations pertaining to 32 selected projects and joint survey including interview of 415 beneficiaries of the projects were also carried out in audit for doing an impact assessment of the Scheme.

The audit findings and recommendations were discussed in the exit conference held with the Principal Secretary, Agriculture Department on 31 December 2013. The audit findings are mentioned in the succeeding paragraphs:

2.3.9 Audit findings

2.3.9.1 Planning Process

Audit Objective 1: Whether planning process of the implementation of scheme was effective and according to the RKVY guidelines

(i) District Agricultural Plans and Comprehensive State Agriculture Plan

The bottom-up approach was not followed as the draft proposals of District Agricultural Plans (DAPs) were not prepared at Panchayat level Agriculture Planning Units as envisaged in the guidelines. Rather, the DAPs were prepared by the District Planning Committee constituted in each district.

The DAC, GOI engaged (January 2008) National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD) for effective monitoring and evaluation of RKVY. As seen from the RKVY website, the NIRD scrutinised the Comprehensive State Agriculture Plan (C-SAP) of the States and pointed out deficiencies noticed in the XIth Five-Year Plan's C-SAP and made recommendations in their evaluation study reports so that the states could improve their next State Agriculture Plan by incorporating the recommendations suggested by the NIRD. However, in respect of Tripura, the preparation of C-SAP was delayed and sent to the DAC in February 2011 as reported by the nodal department. The evaluation report of NIRD in respect of C-SAP of Tripura was not available either with the Nodal Department or in the RKVY website.

Hence, due to non-preparation of C-SAP in time and non-availability of NIRD evaluation report the State Government was deprived of any opportunity to carry out improvements in the planning process of the C-SAP for XIIth Five Year Plan.

The Government while agreeing with the audit observations assured (December 2013) to comply with the requirement during preparation of DAPs for XIIth Five Year Plan.

2.3.9.2 Financial management

Audit Objective 2: Whether financial management ensured adequate and timely availability of funds and their effective and economic utilisation

(i) Receipts of grants and expenditure incurred

The details of funds released by DAC, GOI and expenditure incurred by the State Government during the years from 2007-08 to 2012-13 under RKVY are given in the table below:

Table No. 2.3.2

(₹ in crore)

Year	Funds allotted	Project cost of Stream-I	Funds released by DAC, GOI				Expenditure incurred				
			Stream- I	Stream -II	Sub scheme	Total	Stream-I	Stream -II	Sub scheme	Total	Balance
2007-08	4.69	4.40	2.84	1.32	0	4.16	0	0.20	0	0.20	3.96
2008-09	34.02	28.69	12.25	3.83	0	16.08	15.37	3.83	0	19.20	0.84
2009-10	31.28	31.64	23.46	7.82	0	31.28	14.80	0	0	14.80	17.32
2010-11	116.86	111.37	87.26	29.22	0	116.48	63.08	29.22	0	92.30	41.50
2011-12	25.63	18.51	18.51	3.62	3.50	25.63	57.96	3.62	3.50	65.08	2.05
2012-13	56.43	43.58	32.47	10.82	13.14	56.43	39.60	0.18	6.57	46.35	12.13
Total	268.91	238.19	176.79	56.63	16.64	250.06	190.81	37.05	10.07	237.93	12.13

Note: Total expenditure incurred was as per reconciliation done by the Agriculture (Nodal) department with Accountant General (Accounts &Entitlement), Tripura

The DAC, GOI released ₹ 250.06 crore during 2007-13 against allocation of ₹ 268.91 crore. Out of ₹ 250.06, ₹ 176.79 crore was under Stream-I against approved project cost of ₹ 238.19 crore, and ₹ 56.63 crore was under Stream-II and ₹ 16.64 crore was under Sub scheme. Thus, there was a difference of ₹ 61.40 crore between approved project cost and funds received under Stream-I. Out of ₹ 56.63 crore received under Stream-II, ₹ 19.58 crore was utilised for implementation of projects under Stream-I which was allowed under scheme guidelines and balance of ₹ 37.05 crore was utilised for Stream-II projects. During 2007-13, ₹ 237.93 crore was utilised by the State Government leaving unspent balance of ₹ 12.13 crore.

(ii) Delay in receipt of funds at various levels

There had been significant delays in release of funds by the State Finance and nodal department. Six to nine months delay had been made by the State Finance Department on 6 occasions. In the case of Stream-II funds for the year 2008-09, the State Finance Department released in August 2010 against funds released by the DAC in June 2008. Further, on four occasions, 6 to 10 months delay had been made by the nodal department to release funds to Implementing departments. The details of funds received from GOI and subsequent releases made by the State Finance and nodal department are given in **Appendix 2.2**.

While accepting the facts the Government (December 2013) stated that such delays would be avoided in future.

(iii) Submission of Utilisation Certificates

Year wise funds received, Utilisation Certificates submitted to DAC and amount lying with DDOs are given in the table below:

Table No. 2.3.3*(₹ in crore)*

Year	Funds released by GOI	Funds released by State nodal department to DDOs	UC submitted to GOI	Date of submission of UC to GOI	Unspent amount lying with DDOs (June 2013)
2007-08	4.16	0.20	4.16	24-11-10	
2008-09	16.08	19.20	16.08	24-11-10	
2009-10	31.28	14.80	31.28	21-09-11	
2010-11	116.48	92.30	116.48	20-01-12	2.02
2011-12	25.63	65.08	25.63	07-11-12	1.96
2012-13	56.43	48.60	20.44	15-03-13	
Total	250.06	240.18	214.07		3.98
2013-14			33.22	18-9-13	

The above table shows that:

- Submission of UCs by the nodal department to the GOI had been regularly delayed.
- Though the nodal department submitted UCs for the entire funds received during 2007-12, an amount of ₹ 3.98 crore had been lying unspent (July 2013) with 5 (five) DDOs as detailed in **Appendix 2.3** against funds drawn during the years 2010-11 and 2011-12.

Thus, the Utilisation Certificates sent to the GOI for the years 2010-11 and 2011-12 were incorrect.

The Government stated (December 2013) that UCs were submitted to GoI for entire funds of previous year to get release of funds for the succeeding year.

(iv) Unadjusted amount with Implementing Officers

Scrutiny of records revealed that unadjusted amount of ₹ 0.61 crore was lying with 34 implementing officers since 2010-11 and 2011-12 as detailed in **Appendix 2.4**. But no action had been taken by the implementing departments against the IOs for non-submission of the adjustment vouchers.

The Government stated (December 2013) that immediate steps would be taken to obtain the adjustments from the implementing officers.

2.3.10 Implementation of Projects

Audit Objective 3: Whether projects were implemented according to the regulatory structure in place and the intended objectives of the projects were achieved and nodal department effectively coordinated with various departments and implementing agencies for implementing various projects.

2.3.10.1 Animal Husbandry

For Animal Husbandry sector 36 projects under Stream-I were sanctioned by SLSC during the period from 2007-08 to 2012-13. 32 projects were taken up and 4 projects got dropped due to short release of funds by the GOI. The projects were implemented by four agencies: ARDD-20, TTAADC-7, Tripura Cooperative Milk Production Union Ltd.(TCMPUL)-3, Krishi Vigyan Kendra-2. As of June 2013, out of 32 projects (approved project cost ₹ 30.18 crore), 23 projects were completed at a cost of ₹ 19.81 crore while 9 projects were on going. Six projects were selected for detailed audit scrutiny. Audit findings in respect of four of these projects are detailed in **Appendix 2.5**.

It could be seen from the Appendix that in three out of the six selected projects there were delays in execution of the projects. Besides, the selection of beneficiaries under the projects was also not transparent and bias could not be ruled out.

Joint physical verification of 50 units (beneficiaries) implemented by eight offices⁵ of four districts revealed that in five cases the beneficiaries had no pigs, in two cases only one pig and in three cases two pigs as against distribution of five pigs to each beneficiary. About 10 *per cent* (out of 50) of the verified units were found closed.

Further, Joint physical verification of 40 units (beneficiaries) implemented by eight offices⁶ of four districts further revealed that in two cases the beneficiaries had no goat, in two cases only two goats were found against the total allocation of one male and five female goats provided to each unit. About 5 *per cent* (out of 40) of the verified units were found closed.

2.3.10.2 Horticulture

For Horticulture sector, the SLCC sanctioned 30 projects during the period 2007-08 to 2012-13. Out of 30 projects, 28 projects had been taken up and two projects had been dropped due to short release of funds by the GOI. The projects were to be implemented by Horticulture Department (21), TTAADC (6) and KVK (1). As of June 2013, out of 28 projects (approved project cost ₹ 21.13 crore), 26 projects had been completed at a cost of ₹ 19.33 crore while two other projects were in progress. Besides, the selection of beneficiaries under the projects was also not transparent and

⁵ Dy. Director of ARDD (North and Dhalai), Asstt. Director of ARDD (Bishalgarh, Sonamura, Belonia, Sabroom, Salema and Kumarghat),

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bias could not be ruled out. Audit findings in respect of five selected projects are detailed in the **Appendix 2.6**.

It was noticed from the Appendix that out of total five projects, there was delay in completion of one project for over two years and in respect of four projects no study was carried out to assess the impact of the scheme, particularly the assessment of the increase in productivity/yield and income enhancement of the targeted beneficiaries was done. Therefore, the achievement of the objectives of the project remained un-assessed.

However, during joint physical verification involving 145 beneficiaries, all the beneficiaries stated that they had been benefited from the projects.

2.3.10.3 Micro Irrigation

Under Agriculture (Micro irrigation) sector, 7 projects had been sanctioned by SLSC during the period from 2007-08 to 2012-13. Out of 7 projects, one had been dropped due to short release of funds by the DAC, GOI. Three projects had been implemented by the Agriculture Department through their Engineering Wing and three projects were undertaken by the TTAADC. The projects were mainly for installation of Mini Deep Tube Wells (MDTWs) at the farmers' land to provide irrigation facilities to the farmers. As of June 2013, out of 6 projects (approved project cost ₹ 14.40 crore), 5 projects had been completed at a cost of ₹ 6.93 crore while one project was in progress (utilisation ₹ 6.51 crore against project cost of ₹ 7.47 crore).

The project 'Installation of 80 Small bore tube well with submersible pump' had been completed in August 2011 and the funds released by the nodal department had been fully utilised. During physical verification of projects involving 10 beneficiaries, it was noticed that the MDTWs were working and the beneficiaries also reported that they were getting irrigation facilities from them.

2.3.10.4 Marketing and post harvest management

With the objective of providing better marketing facilities to the farmers, Agriculture Department, Government of Tripura had proposed seven projects at an estimated cost of ₹ 17.47 crore. All the projects were approved by the SLSC and DAC, GOI. However, one project (estimated cost ₹ 5 crore) proposed during 2008-09 had been dropped due to short receipt of funds from DAC, GOI. Two projects Infrastructure Development in Agricultural Markets and Development of village markets were selected for test-check. Under one project development of one Wholesale Assembling Market and 5 Primary Rural Markets were taken up during the period from 2007-08 to 2012-13 at an estimated cost of ₹ 3.39 crore. Out of six markets, five were completed while one was in progress (June 2013).

Further, development of 5 village markets proposed at an estimated cost of ₹ 4.67 crores were completed with delays ranging from 10 to 24 months. Except Killa and Barpathari other markets were either not used or partially used.

The observations relating to deficiencies in implementation of marketing and post harvest management are detailed in **Appendix 2.7**. It can be seen from the Appendix that there were delays in construction of wholesale and rural markets and even where the construction of the markets had been completed, they had not been put to use.

During joint physical verification of Construction of Wholesale Assembling market at Bishramganj, it was noticed that none of the items like Covered Market shed, Wholesale and Retail Shop, Veterinary Dispensary etc., though completed and in usable condition had not been put to use. As a result, the targeted beneficiaries were deprived of getting those facilities.

The construction works of five primary rural markets had been completed at a cost of ₹ 1.09 crore. Though all the markets were completed only three (Moharchhara, Bairagi bazaar and Debdaru) had been put to use. Out of the remaining two markets, one market at Durga Chowmuhani had been completed recently (August 2013), but another one at Anandabazar was lying unutilised since September 2012. No action had been taken by the implementing department to put the markets to use. As a result, the targeted beneficiaries were deprived of getting the facilities.

Scrutiny of records and physical visit revealed that the rural market at Killa was completed in time and was put to use. Four other markets were completed with delays ranging from 10 to 21 months. The market at Ambassa completed in June 2013 and Barpathari completed in March 2013 was put to use, K.K.Nagar completed in March 2012 had been partially used mainly due to absence of power supply connection and Noagaon completed in December 2012 was not used till the date of Audit (June 2013).

In the exit conference, the Principal Secretary assured that steps would be taken to put the markets to use at the earliest.

2.3.10.5 Agriculture Mechanisation sector

With the objective of providing better marketing facilities to the farmers, Agriculture Department, Government of Tripura had proposed six projects under Agriculture Mechanisation sector at an estimated cost of ₹ 7.48 crore for providing subsidy on procurement of power tiller, power sprayer, paddy transplanter, etc. All the projects were approved by the SLSC and DAC, GOI and their implementation had been completed.

It was noticed that there were two projects namely 'Increasing Cropping Intensity by mechanisation through Power Tiller' and 'Productivity increase through subsidy on Power Sprayers'. The subsidy on Power Sprayers had been diverted for grant of subsidy on Power Tillers due to non-availability of demand for Power Sprayers. Besides, the possibility of arbitrariness and bias in recommending the beneficiaries by the PRI bodies for granting Power Tiller Subsidy could not be ruled out. Further, due to the implementation of the project without prescribing any targeted beneficiaries, impact of the implementation of project particularly in socio-economic development of beneficiaries could not be evaluated.

2.3.10.6 Crop Development

Under Crop Development sector, 18 projects had been sanctioned by SLSC during the period from 2007-08 to 2012-13. Out of 18 projects, 17 projects had been taken up and one project had been dropped due to short release of funds by the GOI. Out of 17 projects (approved project cost of ₹ 87.43 crore), 15 projects had been completed at a cost of ₹ 81.01 crore while two projects were in progress.

It was noticed that in respect of two projects viz., ‘Popularising cultivation of Paddy through System of Rice Intensification (SRI)’ and ‘Providing support for improved method of Jhum cultivation’, the impact of implementation of the projects had not been evaluated and documented. Hence, the same could not be ascertained and verified in audit.

During physical verification of projects involving 40 beneficiaries (farmers), the beneficiaries stated that they were benefited from the projects but no data regarding increase in production/productivity was available.

In the exit conference, the Principal Secretary stated that the production of rice had generally increased in the State. However, the impact of implementation would henceforth be evaluated and documented systematically.

2.3.10.7 Fisheries

Under Fisheries sector 23 projects had been sanctioned by SLSC during the period from 2007-08 to 2012-13. Out of 23 projects, 17 projects had been taken up by the Fisheries Department, 5 by TTAADC and 1 by KVK. As of June 2013, out of 23 projects (approved project cost ₹ 8.67 crore), 19 projects had been completed at a cost of ₹ 7.71 crore while 4 were in progress. The details of five projects are shown in **Appendix 2.8**.

It could be seen from the Appendix that there were delays in implementation of the projects due to which the intended beneficiaries were deprived of the benefits of the projects. Besides, due to implementation of the projects without prescribing any targeted beneficiaries/measurable parameters, the impact of the implementation of the projects could not be evaluated.

Further, though the project ‘Hi-tech Fish culture through use of Aerator’ was to be implemented during 2012-13, no Aerator had been supplied by the firm till June 2013 and therefore, the intended beneficiaries were deprived of getting Aerator at subsidised rate.

2.3.11 Stream-II

The DAC, GOI released ₹ 56.63 crore under Stream-II during the period 2007-13 but due to short release of funds under Stream-I, ₹ 19.58 crore had been diverted to Stream-I to mitigate the short release of funds under Stream-I.

It was noticed in audit that construction of cold storage at Ambassa which was scheduled to be completed in June 2011 had not been completed till September 2013

due to delay in approval of drawing and design and further due to slow progress of works. Moreover, no action had been taken by the implementing department against the contractor for non-completion of the project till September 2013.

2.3.12 Monitoring and supervision

Audit Objective 4: Whether internal control mechanisms were put in place to ensure efficient and effective monitoring and control over implementation; monitoring mechanism at each level was adequate.

2.3.12.1 Monitoring and evaluation by Nodal Department

Scrutiny of the records of the Agriculture Department revealed that while allocating the funds to Implementing Agencies, project specific allotment were not being made by the nodal department. The project wise compilation of physical and financial progress reports received from time to time from the district/sub-divisional level offices had not been done either by the nodal department or the implementing department. Further, scrutiny revealed that the monthly progress reports of physical and financial status were also not being submitted regularly by the implementing department/agencies to nodal department. The nodal department had neither undertaken any evaluation studies nor engaged any third party for evaluation of the implementation of the projects.

Audit noticed following further shortcomings in monitoring/control:

- (i). The nodal department was to ensure that project wise accounts were maintained by the implementing department/organisation but the same were not maintained by the Animal Resources Development, Horticulture and Fisheries Departments and even by the Agriculture Department itself for its own projects. However on being called for in audit, a statement of physical and financial status of the projects had been furnished by them.
- (ii). The details of assets created at District/State level under RKVY as required to be maintained by the nodal/implementing departments were not being done by Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries and Animal Resources Development departments.
- (iii). As per the amended RKVY guidelines (July 2008), a Committee was to be constituted under the chairmanship of the Agriculture Production Commissioner to review the implementation of RKVY on a monthly basis and submit reports to the SLSC. In Tripura, there was no Agriculture Production Commissioner. However, a Committee was constituted after a lapse of over three years in August 2011 under the Chairmanship of Joint Director (Planning), Directorate of Agriculture. The Committee had to meet at least once a month to look after the implementation of projects and report to the Principal Secretary (Agriculture). But the Committee did not hold any meeting to review the RKVY projects and consequently did not report to the Principal Secretary (Agriculture).

2.3.12.2 Monitoring and evaluation by SLSC

As per RKVY guidelines, the SLSC was to meet at least once in a quarter. In Tripura, the SLSC was constituted in November 2007 and only 9 meetings were held by the SLSC against 21 meetings during the period from 2007-08 to 2012-13. Further, review of the minutes of meetings made available to Audit revealed that the meetings took place mainly for approval of the projects proposed by the nodal department and no monitoring/reviewing of the implementation of the project/scheme's objectives was done. The physical and financial achievements of the projects were not monitored by the SLSC and no evaluation study had been initiated by the SLSC.

2.3.12.3 Submission of quarterly physical and financial reports to Ministry

The quarterly physical and financial progress reports as required to be submitted to the DAC, GOI had not been done by the nodal department except sending of UCs. Only project wise physical and financial progress was being uploaded by the nodal department in GOI's RKVY website.

2.3.12.4. Implementation of Web-based management information system

As per the guidelines, the State Government had to establish effective IT based Management system. But the Government of Tripura did not establish any IT based MIS for RKVY. However, the State's data had been regularly uploaded by the RKVY Cell created by the nodal department in RKVY website of DAC, GOI.

Though regular data entry was done in RKVY, GOI's website, the actual expenditure and completion of projects shown in the website did not match with the documents furnished to audit. Projects on 'Infrastructure Development in Agricultural Markets' (Project code: TR/RKVY-MRKT/2009/076) was shown as completed and expenditure incurred for ₹ 3.39 crore in RKVY website though the project was not completed and unspent amount of ₹ 0.20 crore was lying with the implementing officer till June 2013. Similarly, in the case of project on 'Development of Demonstration Unit on Piggery' (Project code: TR/RKVY-ANHB/2010/049) ₹ 5.21 crore was shown as expenditure incurred in RKVY website but only ₹ 5.15 crore was spent by the implementing department for implementation of the project and ₹ 0.06 crore was lying with implementing officers. Further, during verification of RKVY website data with the actual records (June 2013), it was seen that there were discrepancies between the number and value of projects uploaded in the website and the projects actually sanctioned/implemented. However, on being pointed out by Audit, all the discrepancies had been rectified by the nodal department as re-verified by Audit in November 2013.

2.3.12.5 Internal Audit

Internal Audit of implementation of RKVY had been conducted by the Directorate of Audit, Finance Department, Government of Tripura during August-December 2011 for the period from 2007-08 to 2010-11 only in respect of West Tripura District. The

Internal Audit Reports submitted (April 2012) to the nodal department had been circulated (June 2013) after a lapse of 15 months to the concerned officers for taking corrective action which had not been done (September 2013) by 23 out of 30 offices covered in audit. But no effective steps had been taken by the nodal department to get the deficiencies rectified as pointed out in the Internal Audit Report.

Thus, the internal audit was rendered ineffective first, due to non-covering of all the implementing offices and later not taking corrective action on internal audit reports.

2.3.13 Impact

Audit Objective 5: Whether the objectives of maximising returns to the farmers in Agriculture and allied sectors were achieved and the State could achieve four *per cent* growth in the agricultural sector during the XIth Plan period.

2.3.13.1 Impact evaluation of RKVY

No evaluation was carried out by the nodal department either itself or by engaging any third party as done in many other States to assess the impact of RKVY and to find out as to what extent the objectives of the scheme had been achieved in the State. As per the agreement with DAC, NIRD was required to design and plan to carry out external concurrent monitoring for verification of physical and financial progress as well as concurrent evaluation in the middle of XIth Plan period and at the end of XIth Plan period (two evaluations in 5 years). No records of any such concurrent monitoring and evaluation by NIRD were found in the nodal department.

The Government stated (December 2013) that the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore had been engaged for evaluation studies of RKVY projects implemented during XIth Five Year Plan.

2.3.14 Conclusion

The implementation of RKVY in Tripura produced mixed results with both the achievements and failures in equal measures. The Department did not prepare the overall State comprehensive agricultural plan in time. The District level agricultural plans were prepared without preparing the plan at Panchayat level planning units. Therefore, involvement of the Panchayats in planning process could not be ensured by the Department. There were considerable delays in release of funds at every level and the completion of the projects was delayed in many cases. No criteria for selection of beneficiaries under the scheme were prescribed. Though the beneficiaries interviewed in audit accepted availing benefits of the projects, no mechanism was in place to assess the benefits actually accruing to the beneficiaries in terms of their economic well being. The nodal department as well as SLSC did not monitor and review the progress and implementation/ achievement of the projects. The internal control mechanism was weak and the required records were not maintained. Data reliability

was not ensured. No evaluation or impact assessment of RKVY was done by the State Government.

2.3.15 Recommendations

The Department/State Government may consider implementing the following recommendations:

- DAPs as well as SAP should be prepared following bottom-up approach with the active involvement of Panchayats and taking required professional assistance/support/consultation from the Standing consultant, *i.e.* NIRD;
- The Implementing Departments/Officers should be made accountable for undue delays in completion of the projects;
- Criteria should be prescribed for selection of beneficiaries and effective system should be developed to assess the outcome of projects;
- Nodal department and SLSC should closely monitor the implementation of schemes through periodical progress reports and field inspections as well;
- Evaluation should be carried out on priority to assess the achievements of RKVY during 2007-13 and use the inputs for future planning.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (ROADS AND BUILDINGS)

2.4 Performance Audit of Roads & Bridges Projects funded through Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) and North Eastern Council (NEC)

Government of India (GOI) created the Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) and North Eastern Council (NEC) with the aim of speeding up the execution of infrastructure projects in the North Eastern States by increasing the flow of budgetary financing for specific viable infrastructure projects in various sectors and to reduce the critical gaps in basic minimum services. A Performance Audit of Roads and Bridges projects funded through NLCPR and NEC during 2008-13 in the State revealed that projects were taken up without adequate planning and prioritisation. Consequently, out of 24 projects approved by the GOI during 2008-09 to 2012-13 and which were scheduled to be completed by March 2013, only nine projects (38 per cent) were completed in Roads and Bridges sector as of March 2013. The State had neither carried out gap analysis nor evaluated the extent of achievement of the objective of reducing the gap between the required and available infrastructure facilities in the State and its impact on the economy and social fabric of the State.

Highlights:

Project proposals were formulated without carrying out gap analysis of infrastructure requirements and also without adopting District Infrastructure Index method.

(Paragraphs 2.4.7.1 and 2.4.7.3)

Tendering process was not transparent and competitive. The works were awarded to ineligible and inexperienced contractors at unduly high rates, As a result, the Department incurred an extra expenditure of ₹ 23.13 crore besides commitment of extra expenditure of ₹ 42.53 crore.

{Paragraphs 2.4.8.5(A)(ii), 2.4.8.5(A)(iii) and 2.4.8.5(B)(i)}

There were delays in release and utilisation of funds at all levels ranging upto 30 months. Further, there was short release of State share as well as diversion of funds.

(Paragraphs 2.4.9.1, 2.4.9.2 and 2.4.9.3)

Execution of projects suffered due to frequent revisions in DPRs/Technical specifications, slow progress of execution, contractor's lackadaisical approach and lack of monitoring by the divisions.

{Paragraphs 2.4.8.2, 2.4.8.3, 2.4.10.4(v) and 2.4.10.4(ix)}

As of September 2013 there were 15 incomplete projects which had not been completed within the scheduled date. Only 9 out of 24 projects due for completion were actually completed with a time overrun ranging from 15 to 23 months.

(Paragraph 2.4.10.2)

Contractors were given undue benefits in the form of payment of mobilisation advance, non-recovery of interest, non-provision for deposit of security deposit/earnest money, payment against wrong claims, irregular issue of materials and doubtful execution, etc. causing financial loss of ₹14.10 crore.

{Paragraphs 2.4.10.4(i), 2.4.10.4(ii), 2.4.10.4(iii) and 2.4.10.4(viii)}

Prescribed monitoring mechanism was not adequately followed. No evaluation or impact study was conducted to assess the impact of the projects in the State.

(Paragraphs 2.4.11.2 and 2.4.11.3)

2.4.1 Introduction

The North Eastern part of India has essentially depended on central funding for development works. All the States in the North Eastern Region (NER) are Special Category States whose Development Plans are substantially financed by the centre. The North Eastern Council (NEC) constituted in 1971 by an Act of Parliament is the nodal agency for the economic and social development of NER which consists of eight States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura. The Government of India further created a Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) in the Union Budget from the year 1998-99 in the Public Account titled “Central Resource Pool for development of NER” for funding specific programmes for economic and social upliftment of North Eastern States. The funds were meant mainly for ensuring speedy development of Roads and Bridges in NER and also to support development of the physical and social infrastructures.

The NLCPR and NEC schemes are funded and monitored by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region at the Centre.

For the State of Tripura, the Government of India sanctioned 26 projects under NLCPR (estimated cost ₹ 122.69 crore) and 1 project (estimated cost ₹ 195 crore) under NEC during 2008-13. Out of 26 projects, the project proposals of 23 projects were sent during 2004-05 by the Government of Tripura. The approved NLCPR projects mainly consisted of replacement of existing Semi-permanent type bridges with Reinforced Cement Concrete bridges (23) and improvement/widening of roads (3).

2.4.2 Organisational Set-up

The organisational set-up for implementation of Roads and Bridges projects in Tripura under NLCPR and NEC scheme of Government of India (GOI) is given below:

The Planning and Co-ordination Department of Government of Tripura was the Nodal Department. The Project implementation was done through State Public Works Department (PWD). The PWD has its Divisions throughout the State and the different works were executed by those Divisions under the overall supervision and control of Chief Engineer (Roads & Buildings).

2.4.3 Audit Objectives

The objectives of the Performance Audit were to assess whether:

- There was a critical assessment of needs in each of the infrastructural areas and that the individual projects were planned appropriately;
- The mechanism in place for approval and commencement of the projects was strictly adhered to and appropriate checks applied at each stage, prior to and post approval and in the tendering process;
- Adequate funds were released in a timely manner and utilised for specific purpose;
- Projects were executed efficiently and economically to achieve the intended objectives; and
- There was a mechanism for adequate and effective monitoring and evaluation of projects.

2.4.4 Audit Criteria

The audit findings have been benchmarked against the following sources of criteria:

- Guidelines of the GOI for NLCPR funded schemes
- Detailed Project Reports
- Conditions and norms for release of funds

- CPWD/Tripura Public Works Manual
- Prescribed monitoring mechanism

2.4.5 Scope of Audit

The Performance Audit was conducted between May and September 2013 and covered the implementation of 'Roads and Bridges' projects under NLCPR and NEC during 2008-09 to 2012-13. Out of total 26 projects sanctioned under NLCPR, 15 projects were selected for detailed examination by Audit based on Probability Proportional to Size without Replacement (PPSWOR) method. The approved cost of 15 projects was ₹ 47.09 crore (Bridge: ₹ 36.41 crore, Road: ₹ 10.68 crore) against which ₹ 37.53 crore was released (GOI: ₹ 35.18 crore and Government of Tripura ₹ 2.35 crore) during the period covered by audit. For NEC projects, one project sanctioned by GOI during 2010 and three other projects sanctioned prior to 2008-09 but executed during 2008-2013 were selected by Audit.

2.4.6 Audit methodology

The Performance Audit commenced with an entry conference with the Secretary, Planning and Coordination and State PWD officials on 23 May 2013 wherein the audit objectives, criteria, scope and methodology were discussed. Audit was conducted through examination of records of Planning and Coordination Department, Chief Engineer PWD (R&B) and nine executing Divisions⁷ and through issue of questionnaires and audit memos, joint field verification taking photographs of project sites. An exit conference was held with the Additional Chief Secretary, Public Works Department, Government of Tripura on 24 January 2014 to discuss the audit findings and recommendations. The replies furnished by the Government on 22 January 2014 have also been suitably incorporated in the Report.

Audit findings

2.4.7 Planning Process

Audit Objective 1: Whether there was a critical assessment of needs in each of the infrastructural areas and that the individual projects were planned appropriately.

2.4.7.1 Preparation and Submission of Annual Priority List and Concept Paper

In terms of the NLCPR guidelines, the State Government was to prepare a Perspective Plan after a thorough analysis of gaps in infrastructure under various sectors. The projects submitted to the GOI for consideration under NLCPR were to be picked up strictly from the perspective plan and according to the priority assigned therein. This was to be in consonance with the overall planning process within the State covering annual plans and five year plans. Along with Priority list, the 'concept paper' for each project providing detailed analysis of the existing facilities in the sector and full

⁷Bishalgarh, Sonamura, Amarpur, Kamalpur, Khowai, Manu, Kanchanpur, Mohanpur and Jirania

justification for retention of the particular project and cost benefit analysis of the project as per generic structures was also to be prepared and submitted to GOI. Each project proposal or concept paper was to be accompanied by a socio-economic feasibility report and a Detailed Project Report (DPR).

Scrutiny of records revealed that the State Government had neither prepared any Perspective Plan nor carried out gap analysis for infrastructural development of the State. Annual Priority list was submitted by the nodal department during 2008-09 to 2012-13 to the GOI on the basis of project proposals received from the State Public Works Department and was in accordance with the policy decision of the State Government. No criteria or considerations were made available to Audit for assigning the priority ranking of the projects.

It was also noticed that the concept papers submitted with priority list by the State Government were not as per generic structure and did not provide detailed justification for favourable consideration of the projects under NLCPR. Thus, planning process as prescribed by the GOI was not adhered to by the State Government.

In reply, the Government while stating that the priority of projects was finalised on the basis of infrastructural gap, necessity, importance, target beneficiaries etc., did not comment on the audit observation regarding not adhering to GOI guidelines.

2.4.7.2 Delay in submission of annual priority list

The State Government through its Nodal Department was required to submit annual priority list for the next financial year to the GOI by 30 November (earlier 31 December) starting from 2009. From the annual priority list so submitted by the State Government, the GOI retains/approves the projects. Further, the State Government was required to prepare Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) within two months for the projects retained by the GOI. The year-wise details of the project proposals submitted by the Nodal Department, projects retained by GOI and the DPRs submitted by the Department were as below:

Table: 2.4.1

Annual Priority list submitted			Projects Proposed	Projects retained by GOI	Date of retention of the project	Date of submission of DPR	Delay in submission of DPR	Date of approval of projects by GOI
Scheduled Date	Actual Date	Delays						
Dec' 2007	27.5.2008	5 months	04	03	08.08.08 08.08.08 20.02.09	24.11.09, 24.2. 09 04.06. 09	13 months 4 months 1 ½ months	25.9.2012 25.9.2012 Not yet approved
Dec' 2008	9.3.2010	16 months	01	Nil	Nil	Nil	--	
Nov' 2009	9.3.2010	4 months	03	02	01.11.10 11.1.11	20.04.2011 01.06.2011	3 ½ months 2 ½ months	Not yet approved
Nov' 2010	NIL	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Nov' 2011	NIL	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Total:			8	5				2

The Department could not submit its annual priority list within the prescribed time frame. The delay in submission ranged between 4 and 16 months. Further, no project proposals of roads and bridges were submitted by the Department for the last two years *i.e.* 2011-12 and 2012-13 but the reasons for the same were not available on record. The submission of DPRs of the retained projects was also delayed by 1.5 to 13 months resulting in further delay in approval of the projects. During 2008-09 to 2012-13, GOI approved only two projects out of the eight submitted by the Department.

In reply, the Government stated that two-month time was not sufficient for preparation of DPR. The reply is not tenable as the time frame was fixed by the GOI.

2.4.7.3 Non- adoption of District Infrastructure Index

The NEC prescribed the method for identification of the districts/projects based on seven indicators *viz.*, transport facility, energy and irrigation facility, banking facility, communication infrastructure, educational institutions and health facilities named as District Infrastructure Index (DII). However, no such analysis based on the prescribed indicators was conducted by the State Government while submitting the project proposals to the NEC. Thus, priority and ranking of the project proposals by the State Government was not based on those indicators.

In reply, the Government agreed to consider DII parameters in future.

2.4.8 Approval and award of works

Audit Objective 2: Whether the mechanism in place for approval and commencement of the projects was strictly adhered to and appropriate checks applied at each stage, prior to and post approval and in the tendering process.

2.4.8.1 Deficient Detailed Project Reports

After retention of project under NLCPR by the GOI, the State Government was required to submit detailed project report (DPR) within two months which were delayed as mentioned above in **Paragraph 2.4.7.2**. As prescribed by GOI, the DPRs were to include socio-economic feasibility report and technical and economic viability clearly laying down year-wise phasing of input, project monitoring indicators, quarterly and year-wise physical output to be achieved, CPM and PERT chart, project implementation schedule and all regulatory and statutory clearances.

Scrutiny revealed that none of the DPRs of 15 projects examined by Audit had included the prescribed generic details like, CPM and PERT chart, year-wise phasing of input, project monitoring indicators, quarterly and year-wise physical output to be achieved, project implementation schedule and all regulatory and statutory clearance etc.

Though the NEC did not prescribe any specific guidelines for preparation of DPRs, the planning and monitoring mechanism as prescribed by NLCPR was equally vital for NEC projects also. Audit observed that none of the DPRs of four selected projects of NEC contained those details.

Thus, non-adoption of prescribed generic structure of DPR and frequent change of technical specification by the State Government resulted in revision of DPRs and delayed implementation of the projects which showed poor project monitoring mechanism as discussed in subsequent paragraphs.

In reply, the Government while agreeing with the audit observation stated that the progress of individual project had been monitored on the basis of the detailed work programme submitted by the contractor(s). The fact, however, remained that the monitoring mechanism was not effective as almost all projects had been badly delayed.

2.4.8.2 Revision of Detailed Project Reports

Audit scrutiny revealed that DPRs of 8 out of 15 projects of NLCPR were revised technically leading to increase in the estimated cost by ₹ 6.43 crore (**Appendix 2.9**). The main reasons which caused the revision of DPRs were non-updating of Tripura Schedule of Rate (TSR) by State PWD and change in drawing & designs, non-providing safe bearing capacity, not incorporating detailed specification for construction of approach roads, etc. The DPRs were prepared based on TSR 2002 with indexation percentage by the Department, which were not accepted by the GOI. Subsequently, the TSR 2002 was updated to TSR 2008 which resulted in revision of estimated cost.

2.4.8.3 Deviations from the approved Detailed Project Reports

The Ministry stipulated the utilisation of funds sanctioned for the purpose indicated in the administrative and financial approval and also directed the State not to divert the funds from the approved projects.

Audit however, observed that the Department changed the technical specifications of approved DPRs -reducing the span of four bridges and changing the type of one bridge from RCC T shape to Box culvert without obtaining approval of GOI. This change resulted in total savings in approved DPR cost by ₹ 3.76 crore (**Appendix 2.10**).

The State Government however, received the funds of ₹ 3.76 crore from the GoI but diverted the funds for other purposes without seeking/obtaining the approval of GoI.

2.4.8.4 Additional liability due to deviations from the Detailed Project Reports

Scrutiny of four NEC projects selected for audit revealed that the Department while executing the work had revised the DPR specification approved by the GOI for three projects which resulted in upward cost revision. The revised DPRs submitted were subsequently approved by GOI as follows:

Table: 2.4.2

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Approved cost	Revised DPR cost	Revised Cost approved by GOI	State liability	Approved carriage width (metres)	Carriage width (metres) executed
1	Improvement of Agartala Mohanpur-Chebri Road (including 12 bridges)	56.23	120	99.10	Not mentioned by NEC	5.50	7.00 (upto 25 Km)
2	Dharmanagar-Tilthai- Damcherra Road (including 13 RCC bridges)	66.25	97.70	81.67	15.47	5.50	7.00 (upto 19 Km)
3	Balance work of Manu-Chawmanu Gobindobari road (15.3 km)	9.56	14.88	11.59	3.29		
Total:		122.48		180.77			

The project-wise details of deviation in specifications and revision of cost were as under:

(a). Improvement of Agartala- Mohanpur- Chebri Road (including 12 bridges): The original approved DPR was for ₹ 56.23 crore having carriage width of 5.50 metres for widening of 54 Km road. The work was awarded at 94 *per cent* over the estimated cost. During execution, the Department revised the scope of work of widening of the road from 5.50 metres to 7 metres for almost 28 Km. However, neither detailed justification for change of specification was found on record nor mentioned in the revised DPR. All of these factors resulted in extra cost and revision of DPR to ₹ 120 crore. The Revised DPR was again submitted to GOI for approval. The GOI approved ₹ 99.10 crore only. Thus, additional financial burden was to be borne by the State. The work had been completed but the actual total extra cost borne by the State would be known after the final bill is settled.

(b). Dharmanagar- Tilthai- Damcherra Road (including 13 RCC bridges): The original approved DPR was for ₹ 66.25 crore having carriage width of 5.50 metres for widening of 60 Km. While executing the work, the Department decided to increase the carriage width to 7 metres which resulted in increase in the DPR cost to ₹ 97.70 crore. The carriage width was increased by the Department on the ground of anticipated increase in volume of the traffic. However, audit observed that detailed justification was not mentioned in the revised DPR in this regard. The revised DPR was submitted to GOI for its approval. The GOI approved ₹ 81.67 crore with the direction that balance ₹ 15.47 crore were to be borne by the State. Thus, by changing the specifications at the later stage, the State was burdened with extra cost.

(c). Balance work of Manu-Chawmanu-Gobindobari road (15.3 Km): The Department, while executing the project carried out the special repair work for a stretch of 0-22 Km at an estimated cost of ₹ 1.70 crore. The revised DPR cost of ₹ 14.88 crore was submitted to NEC in April 2009. Initially, DPR was prepared

without conducting any detailed survey resulting in huge deviation of work. Out of revised DPR cost of ₹ 14.88 crore, NEC approved ₹ 11.59 crore only leaving the balance of ₹ 3.29 crore to be borne by the State Government due to lapses on their part.

2.4.8.5 Irregularities in tendering process

Scrutiny of tender documents of 19 selected projects revealed that the award of works to contractors was made in different manner as given below:

Table: 2.4.3

Name of the scheme	Type of tender invited	No of works awarded to the contractor
NLCPR(15 projects)	Open tender	05
	Cost Plus contract	10 ⁸
Total:		15
NEC(4 projects)	Open tender	01
	Cost Plus contract	01
	Restricted tender	02
Total:		4

Audit scrutiny of tendering process and award of works revealed wide range of deficiencies and irregularities, viz., deviation from approved process, violations of codal provisions, disobeying the instructions and prescribed procedures which are discussed in the succeeding paragraphs.

(A) Cost Plus Contract

The Department put up a proposal (May 2008) before the State Council of Ministers stating that local contractors were overloaded and not capable to take up any more projects for implementation and were also not equipped with modern machinery and technology which were very much essential for speedy implementation of the projects with improved quality. Therefore, the Department may be allowed to award works to the PSUs/Private Sector Agencies at 'Cost plus basis' (limited upto 10 *per cent* of the estimated cost) after invitation of Expression of Interest (EOI) and evaluation of experience, technical and financial capabilities. The proposal of the Department was approved by the Council of Ministers in June 2008.

The irregularities/deficiencies noticed under cost plus contract are given below:

(i) Non-compliance of two-bid system

The CPWD manual provided that the works for which technical specification is finalised and defined clearly in NIT the tenderers should be required to submit the bids in two envelopes *i.e.* Envelope 1: documents related to eligibility criteria and Envelope 2: financial bid.

The GOI while approving the DPRs had also prescribed that the State Government was to ensure that tenders were called on competitive basis by giving wide publicity

⁸² works withdrawn under Cost Plus and subsequently awarded through open tender

in print media. Since the Department had already conducted all the activities of survey and finalised the technical specifications before getting the DPR approved from the GOI the Department was to invite open tender for seeking competitive rates for award of the work for execution. However, contrary to these provisions and instructions the Department obtained the approval of Council of Minister for seeking Expression of Interest instead of following two-bid envelope system. Moreover, while inviting Expression of Interest from the private agencies, activities like Preliminary Survey, Preparation of preliminary drawing, detailed survey, soil investigation, preparation of DPR etc. were also included in the scope of work. Since these activities had already been done by the Department, their inclusion in scope of work resulted in duplication of above activities. Thus, invitation of the EOI for the activities already performed by the Department was irregular and resulted in duplication of work.

(ii) Award of work to ineligible and inexperienced contractors

The Department invited Expression of Interest in July 2008 from private sector agencies for execution of the approved projects on Cost plus Basis method. In response, 10 agencies submitted the EOI. Audit scrutiny revealed that none of the bidders except one had fulfilled the eligibility criteria and also did not possess required working experience. Thus, only one bidder was technically qualified to be considered for further processing. However, by diluting the requirement of prescribed work experience, the Department selected six bidders for inviting the financial bid. All the shortlisted bidders submitted their financial bid.

Scrutiny revealed that the contractors to whom the works were awarded were not qualified and competent in the respective field of work as per terms and conditions of EOI since they did not have past experience of construction of similar bridge and road works that ultimately resulted in either cancellation of contract, suspension of work or delayed execution. It was evident from the fact that two works were withdrawn from the contractors for non-execution, one work was suspended by the contractor and eight works were delayed substantially. Out of total nine selected works awarded under Cost Plus basis, only two were completed till September 2013. Thus, the State had suffered due to award of works to ineligible and inexperienced contractors as discussed in succeeding paragraphs.

(iii) Award of work at exorbitant rates

The Council of Ministers had approved (June 2008) the award of work at the maximum of 10 *per cent* above the estimated cost.

Scrutiny of records revealed that based on the financial bids submitted by the six short-listed bidders as discussed above in sub-paragraph (ii), the Department awarded (between January 2009 and June 2010) nine works at 42 to 51.50 *per cent* above for bridges and 29 *per cent* above for roads over the estimated cost at current SOR 2008 which was much higher than the limit of 10 *per cent* above the estimated cost set by the Council of ministers as detailed below:

Table: 2.4.4

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of the project	To whom work awarded	Estimated cost at SOR 2008	Awarded cost plus percentage	Awarded value	Total Value of work done	Actual extra expenditure incurred on work done	Status
NLCPR Projects								
01	Construction of RCC bridge over Baradupatacherra at Ch.2.80 Km	Energy Development Project Ltd	3.84	46.50%	5.63	2.01	0.50	In progress
02	Construction of RCC bridge over Burima river near Golaghati Market on Bishalgarh-Golaghati-Takarjala road	Simplex Projects Ltd.	2.54	48%	3.76	3.56	0.91	Completed
03	Construction of RCC bridge over Ghoramaracherra	GPT Infraprojects Ltd.	2.16	42%	3.07	3.01	0.68	In progress
04	Cons. of RCC bridge over UjanMachmaracherra at Ch.9.00 Km on Kanchanpur-Jalabassa road (ODR)	Energy Development Pvt. Td.	3.55	46.50%	5.20	1.14	0.28	In progress
05	Const of RCC bridge over Lohar on Berimura-Taltala Road	Simplex projects Ltd.	1.93	48%	2.86	1.74	0.45	Work suspended
06	Construction of RCC bridge over river Surmacherra at Ch.30.10 KM on Mohanpur-Simna Road	Simplex projects Ltd.	1.03	48%	1.52	1.33	0.34	Completed
07	Construction of RCC bridge near causeway at Krishnapur over Balucherra at Ch.6.05 Km on Maharani-Talashikhar road	GPT Infraprojects Ltd.	2.29	51.5%	3.46	3.29	0.90	In progress
08	Improvement of road Mailak-Gamukabari via Burbaria (7.50 Km) including 1 RCC bridge	GPT Infraprojects Ltd.	Road - 6.56 Bridge- 2.29	Road-29%, bridge- 51.50%	Road = 8.46 Bridge = 3.47	Road = 5.47 Bridge= 3.27	Road = 0.81 Bridge= 0.89	In progress
NEC Projects								
09	Construction & Improvement of Bishalgarh – Boxanagar – Sonamura – Belonia Road including 7 bridges	1. Ramky Infrastructure Ltd. 2. Coal Mines Associated Traders	Road = 148.94 Bridge = 14.77	Road = 29% Bridge = 48%	Road = 192.13 Bridge = 21.86	Ramky = 55.34 and Coal Mines = 42.09 including Bridge work = 3.12 and Extra item= 4.72	Road = 69.44 x (29-10)% = 13.19 Bridge work = 2.11 x (48-10)= ₹ 0.80	In progress
Total :			189.90⁹		251.42¹⁰	122.25¹¹	19.75	

⁹ DPR cost for road work = ₹ 155.50 crore and bridge work = ₹34.40 crore¹⁰ Awarded cost for road work = ₹ 200.59 crore and bridge work = ₹ 50.83 crore¹¹ Tender were accepted in between December 2008 to June 2010

Further, it was also noticed in audit that the Executive Engineer, Planning Division-I had also recorded that the rates quoted by the lowest bidders were abnormally high in comparison with prevalent market rates.

Thus, by accepting the tenders at higher rates in violation of the approval of Council of Ministers, the Department committed extra expenditure of ₹ 42.53 crore (₹ 251.42 crore- ₹ 208.89¹² crore) and had already incurred extra expenditure of ₹ 19.75 crore on the works executed till September 2013. In fact, the Department subsequently awarded road/bridge works at much lower rates as discussed in sub-paragraph (vi) below.

In reply, the Government stated that the tenders were approved by the Works Advisory Board (WAB) headed by the Chief Secretary.

The reply was not tenable as the Council of Ministers had prescribed the upper limit of 10 *per cent* above the estimated cost.

In the Exit Conference, the Additional Chief Secretary also agreed that the Council of Ministers should have been kept informed.

(iv) Sub-contracting of work

The Department had obtained the approval of Council of Ministers for not following the open tender system on the ground of overloading and incapability of the local contractors. However, audit scrutiny revealed that the Contractors to whom the works were awarded under this pretext had sub-contracted their work to the local contractors with the full knowledge of the Department. It was noticed that 62 *per cent* of the work “Improvement/Upgradation of Bishalgarh–Boxanagar–Sonamura–Belonia Road” awarded (December 2008) under Cost plus basis to M/s Ramky Infrastructure Ltd. from Sonamura to Belonia (45.50 Km) under NEC scheme was sub-contracted (28.50 Km) to four local contractors as documented in the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2011 between Principal Secretary (PWD) and the Contractor.

In reply, the Government stated that there was no sub-contracting. The fact however, remained that the matter of sub-contracting was clearly mentioned in the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2011 between Principal Secretary (PWD) and the Contractor.

(v) Non-achievement of the objectives of speedy development

The Department had avoided open tender system on the ground of speedy implementation of infrastructure projects which did not materialise. The work “Improvement/Upgradation of Bishalgarh–Boxanagar–Sonamura–Belonia Road” awarded to M/s. Ramky Infrastructure Ltd. was scheduled to be completed by December 2012. However, as of May 2013; only 11.5 Km. road had got completed (25 *per cent*) out of total 45.50 Km (43-87.50 Km). Further, another contractor “Coal Mines Associated Traders Ltd.” which was awarded construction of 42 Km road (0 to

¹² Awarded cost as per Council of Minister = Estimated cost of ₹ 189.90 crore + 10 *per cent* (₹ 18.99 crore) = ₹ 208.89 crore.

42 Km) had completed only one Km as of May 2013 against the scheduled date of completion of the whole work in December 2012. The work was delayed due to slow progress of work by the contractors. Similarly, the NLCPR projects for construction of bridges were also delayed and only two bridges out of eight awarded on cost plus basis had been completed. The reason for slow progress was mainly due to award of work to the inexperienced agencies as mentioned in sub-paragraph (ii). Besides, there was improper work plan and monitoring lapses on the part of the Department.

As of September 2013 the overall status of completion of 15 NLCPR projects selected for detailed audit was as under:

Table: 2.4.5

Completed and put to use	Completed before GOI approval	Cancelled/suspended	In-progress	Delay
3	2	1	9	7 to 23 months

In reply, the Government stated that delay was due to prolonged monsoon in the State. The reply was not tenable as all constraints were to be taken into consideration while finalising the work schedule in the DPR.

(vi) Cancelled works awarded to local contractors at much lower rates

Two works, namely “Construction of RCC bridge over river Dhanai at Ch. 6.60 Km on Champaknagar- Mandai Road and construction of RCC bridge over river Surmacherra at Ch. 34.53 Km on Mohanpur–Simna road” awarded to M/s Simplex Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. (March 2009) under Cost plus basis @ 48 *per cent* above the SOR 2008 were cancelled due to non-commencement of work even after lapse of two years from the date of work order. The same work was re-tendered under ‘open tender’ system and awarded (July 2012) to the lowest bidder (local) at 32.78 *per cent* and 34.15 *per cent* over SOR 2008 that too after a lapse of three years of original award of work. Further, a similar work of construction of bridge was awarded through open tender in October 2010 (after one and a-half year of award of work @ 48 *per cent* above rates) at 18.63 *per cent* above the estimated cost based on the same SOR 2008. Thus, the much lower rates than 48 *per cent* even after a period of three years of award of work received through open tender confirmed some serious lapse in acceptance of 48 *per cent* higher rates under Cost plus basis method by the Department.

(B) Restricted Tender

CPWD Manual provided that the restricted tender of any value may be called for in certain circumstances. The manual further provides that variation up to 10 *per cent* above the justified rate might be allowed while accepting the tender after placing the reasons on record. Tenders above this limit should not be accepted.

The details of irregularities noticed under ‘restricted tender’ are given below:-

(i) Award of work under 'Restricted tender'

Scrutiny of records of NEC works revealed that two works were awarded on the basis of 'Restricted tender.' For the work- "Construction of 12 RCC bridges on Mohanpur–Chebri Road" with estimated cost of ₹ 17.26 crore based on TSR 2002- the NIT was issued (11 July 2007) to seven agencies (4 companies and 3 individuals) for the financial bid. The basis of selection of those seven agencies could not be made available to Audit. In response, only two agencies submitted the financial bid and the work was awarded to lower of the two at ₹ 33.54 crore which was as high as 94.35 *per cent* over the estimated cost. Total upto date value of work done was ₹ 33.34 crore including extra item of ₹ 7.61 crore and escalation of ₹ 0.82 crore. Therefore, total value of work done against agreement items was ₹ 24.91 crore.

It was noticed that justified rates worked out in September 2007 by the Executive Engineer, Planning Division-I was 58 *per cent* above the estimated cost based on TSR 2002. Therefore, if 10 *per cent* variation was applied as per Manualised provision, the accepted tender value would not be beyond 67.82 *per cent* (57.82 *per cent* + 10 *per cent* variation) i.e. 68 *per cent* above the estimated cost. However, the Department awarded on 18 December 2007 the above works at 94.35 *per cent* above the estimated cost. Records also disclosed that rates accepted by the Department for other RCC bridge works between May 2006 and April 2007 varied from 44.99 *per cent* to 63.60 *per cent* above the estimated cost based on TSR 2002 which also indicated that the higher rates accepted for the above work was not justified.

Thus, due to acceptance of tender at much higher rate in violation of the manualised provision the Department incurred extra expenditure of ₹ 3.38¹³ crore.

2.4.9 Fund management**Audit Objective 3: Whether adequate funds were released in timely manner and utilised for specific purpose.**

The funding pattern for NLCPR/NEC projects in Tripura was 90:10 by GOI and Government of Tripura (GOT) respectively. The total funds released by the GOI as well as the State Finance Department during the period 2008-09 to 2012-13 were as under:

Table: 2.4.6*(₹ in crore)*

Year	Amounts released by GOI to State Government		Release of funds by State Government	
	NLCPR	NEC	NLCPR	NEC
2008-09	Nil	32	Nil	36.37
2009-10	19.42	44.20	4.73	21.00
2010-11	14.08	30.12	22.37	61.71
2011-12	6.47	39.00	15.59	46.91
2012-13	29.22	30.00	19.58	30.00
Total	69.19	175.32	62.27	195.99

¹³ Total value of work done against Agreement item = ₹ 24.91 crore

Value of work done without contractor's profit as per estimated cost = ₹12.81 crore

Extra expenditure = ₹ 12.81 x (94.35 – 68)% = ₹ 3.38 crore

2.4.9.1 Delay in release and utilisation of funds

As per GOI guidelines prescribed for NLCPR projects, the State was to release the funds to executing agencies within 15 days from the date of receipt of funds from GOI. Scrutiny of records of test-checked projects revealed that there were delays in release of funds by the State Finance Department¹⁴ to the Chief Engineer and further delay ranging from 25 days to 895 days from Chief Engineer to executing Divisions in 24 cases out of 27 as detailed in **Appendix 2.11**.

Further, in terms of the guidelines funds released by the Government of India were to be utilised within 12 months. Audit found that there were delays in utilisation of funds by the State and the delay ranged upto 31 months (**Appendix 2.12**) from the permissible period. Moreover, the funds were not utilised in time and utilisation certificates were pending. The position of pending Utilisation Certificates (UCs) under NLCPR as of March 2013 was as under:

Table: 2.4.7

(₹ in crore)

Total NLCPR projects	Total Approved cost	Amount released	Amount spent & UC submitted	Amount of UC pending
26 ¹⁵	122.68	50.64 ¹⁶	42.81	7.83

In reply, the Government stated that delay in release of funds was necessitated by the delayed commencement/slow progress of the works.

2.4.9.2 Short release of State share

As per financing pattern prescribed by the GOI, the State was to bear 10 *per cent* of the approved project cost. For the 19 projects (NLCPR: 15 and NEC: 4) selected for detailed audit, the GOI released ₹ 210.50 crore for the period 2008-09 to 2012-13. The State contributed only ₹ 18.04 crore as against its share of ₹ 21.05 crore. Hence, there was a short release of ₹ 3.01 crore by the State as detailed below:-

Table: 2.4.8

(₹ in crore)

Year	Release of Central share		Contribution due from State (10%)		Actual amount contributed by the State		Short release of State share	
	NLCPR	NEC	NLCPR	NEC	NLCPR	NEC	NLCPR	NEC
2008-09	Nil	32.00	Nil	3.20	Nil	Nil	Nil	-3.2
2009-10	13.66	44.20	1.37	4.42	Nil	6.72	-1.36	+2.3
2010-11	10.97	30.12	1.09	3.00	Nil	Nil	-1.09	-3.00
2011-12	2.67	39.00	0.27	3.90	2.16	5.06	+1.89	+1.16
2012-13	7.88	30.00	0.79	3.00	0.19	3.91	-0.6	+0.91
Total:	35.18	175.32	3.52	17.52	2.35	15.69	(-) 1.16	(-) 1.85

¹⁴Time taken in release of funds by State Finance Department : min 10 days to max 518 days

Time taken in release of funds by Chief Engineer : min 2 days to 850 days

¹⁵2 new projects sanctioned in Sept 2012 at cost of ₹ 53 crore of which ₹ 19.08 crore was released in 2012-13

¹⁶Total fund released during 2008-09 to 2012-13 = ₹ 69.19 crore

Fund released ₹ 19.08 crore in respect of two new projects for which utilisation date not yet over ₹ 69.72 – ₹ 19.08 = ₹ 50.64 crore

In reply, the Government assured to make up the short-fall in the release of State share.

2.4.9.3 Expenditure incurred on inadmissible items

In terms of scheme guidelines, the NLCPR and NEC funds were not to be used for land acquisition. Audit however, observed that ₹ 37.25 lakh and ₹ 9.26 lakh were incurred towards land acquisition by the Mohanpur Division and Kanchanpur Division in May 2007 and October 2012 respectively in violation of the prescribed guidelines. Further, Kanchanpur Division diverted an amount of ₹ 99 lakh from the NEC funds for Maintenance and Improvement of a Road not related to any NEC project.

Thus, the diversion of funds provided for NEC project without approval from GOI was not only unauthorised but also reduced the availability of funds for implementation of NEC projects.

In reply, the Government assured (January 2014) to take corrective action by adjusting the amount from the State Plan.

2.4.10 Project execution

Audit Objective 4: Whether projects were executed efficiently and economically to achieve intended objectives.

2.4.10.1 Status of pre-2008-09 projects

The status of completion of projects sanctioned prior to April 2008 under NLCPR and NEC was as under:

Status of Projects sanctioned prior to April 2008

Table: 2.4.9

Scheme	Total No. of projects sanctioned	Total approved cost (₹ in crore)	Projects due for completion as of March 2008	Projects completed as of March 2008	Projects completed after March 2008	Projects in progress
NLCPR	03	36.40	03	01	2	---
NEC	08	196.09	06	01	4	1
Total:	11	232.49	09	02	6	1

The above table shows that only two out of a total of nine projects due for completion were completed by March 2008 reflecting poor progress of work. One project was still in progress even after a lapse of 6 years from the scheduled date of completion.

In reply, the Government stated that the remaining project was likely to be completed by March 2014.

2.4.10.2 Status of projects sanctioned during 2008-13

The status of projects (August 2013) approved during 2008-09 to 2012-13 was as under:

Table: 2.4.10

Scheme	No. of projects approved	No. of projects due for completion as of March 2013	No. of projects completed till August 2013	Achievement (In per cent)
NLCPR	26 ¹⁷	24	09	38
NEC	1	--	In progress	----

As of September 2013 there were 15 incomplete projects which had not been completed within the scheduled date. Only 9 out of 24 projects due for completion were actually completed with a time overrun ranging from 15 to 23 months. The State Government failed to complete the projects timely which ultimately deprived the State from obtaining further funding from the GoI. The reasons for failure to complete the projects in time were not monitored and analysed by the Department. However, it was seen in audit that the delays occurred due to preparation of DPRs without proper survey, frequent change in designs, award of work to ineligible and inexperienced contractors causing suspension or surrender of works as well as re-tendering, poor control and monitoring.

2.4.10.3 Projects completed with time overrun

The status of 15 selected projects (August 2013) were as under:

Table: 2.4.11

Name of the scheme	No of projects completed	Projects completed on time	Projects completed with time overrun
NLCPR	05*	01	02 (14 months)
NEC	Nil	Nil	Nil

* 2 projects were completed before submission/ approval of the DPRs by GOI.

From the above table, it could be seen that only one project was completed on time and two were completed with time overrun of 14 months and remaining projects were in progress with substantial time overrun as compared to the scheduled date of completion.

In reply, Government agreed that most of the projects were delayed but mentioned the reasons like non-responsive tenders, prolonged rainy season, non-availability of materials, labour problems etc. The fact, however, remained that projects were required to be completed as per the schedule fixed after considering all relevant factors.

2.4.10.4 Project wise Observations

Out of 19 selected projects, joint physical verification of nine projects (3 NEC projects sanctioned prior to 2008 but implemented during 2008-13, 1 NEC and 5 NLCPR projects sanctioned and implemented during the period 2008-13) was conducted by Audit. The shortcomings and irregularities noticed in the implementation of the nine reviewed projects are discussed in succeeding paragraphs:

¹⁷ Out of 26 projects, proposals for 24 projects were sent by the State Government in 2004-05 and proposals for the remaining two projects were sent in 2008-09

(i) Project– 1**Improvement/Upgradation of Dharmanagar-Tilthai-Damcherra-Khedacherra Road (60 Km)**

The NEC approved the project for ₹ 66.25 crore in September 2006 for widening of 60 Km Road and construction of 13 bridges. The Department awarded the contract through restricted tender method to M/s. Coalmines Associated Traders in December, 2007 at ₹ 89.65 crore with stipulation to complete in three years from the date of signing of the agreement. However, the Department rescinded the contract in April 2013 after completion of 60 *per cent* (value of work ₹ 53.24 crore) work by the contractor due to slow progress of work by the contractor on account of inadequate deployment of labour and also suspension of work for long time without assigning any reason.

(a) Status of construction of 13 bridges

The contractor did not commence the work at all for 10 bridges till the rescission of contract in April 2013 *i.e.* for about six years. Technical specification for one bridge was changed from RCC T-shape to Box-culvert which was completed. Work for two bridges had commenced (28 December 2007) and remained incomplete till September 2013. The Department had paid ₹ 5.41 crore against the value of work done. However, the expenditure incurred had been unfruitful without achieving the objective of the project due to non-completion of work. The status of the two bridges is shown in the photographs (taken on 8 August 2013) below:

**A. RCC Bridge at Rowa****B. RCC Bridge at Deocherra****(b) Non-completion of work resulting in damage of partially executed items**

Scrutiny of records revealed that out of 60 Km length of roads, only 16.40 Km road was completed in all respects and for the remaining road, partial work was done for which 90 *per cent* payment was also made to the contractor.

During joint physical verification of the incomplete road, it was found that the partial work done upto top layer (WBM level without BM and pre-mix carpeting) was damaged and the loss assessed by Audit was ₹ 1.67 crore as detailed in

Appendix 2.13. The status of the damaged roads on different chainages is shown in the photographs (taken on 20 August 2013) below:



Ch at 12.32 Km



Ch at 23.65 Km



Ch at 36.2 Km



Ch at 21.15 Km

(c). Undue benefit of ₹ 1.02 crore to the contractor

As per the agreement, the items of Granular Sub Base (GSB) work were to be executed with the bricks aggregates chargeable @ ₹ 1650 per cum. The contractor requested the Department that because of heavy shortage of bricks, he might be permitted to continue his work with stone aggregates till the shortage of bricks is over at no extra cost to the Department which was agreed by the Department.

The contractor executed a total quantity of 14365.610 cum with stone aggregates and charged at the rate of ₹ 2359.50 per cum in breach of the approval given by the Department. In contravention of terms, the Department also paid the higher rate and incurred unwarranted and unjustified extra expenditure of ₹ 1.02 crore {(₹ 2359.50- ₹ 1650) x 14365.610}.

(d). Excess payment of ₹ 84.69 lakh on extra consumption of material

As per items of work in the agreement, 1.43 cum bricks was required for execution of one cum GSB and Water Bound Macadam (WBM) work. Audit scrutiny revealed that the contractor consumed 11446.058 cum and 10676.078 cum for GSB and WBM respectively against the specified requirement of 9283.65 cum and 7952.97 cum

resulting in excess consumption of 4885.51¹⁸ cum valued at ₹ 84.69 lakh which was paid incorrectly by the Department (**Appendix 2.14**).

(e). Payment against wrong claims for felling of trees- ₹ 50.22 lakh

Scrutiny of records revealed that the contractor was paid ₹ 50.22 lakh for felling of 1953 trees of various girths during execution of the above work. The details are as under:

Table : 2.4.12

Girth	Bill of Quantity (in Nos.)	Actual Quantity charged (in Nos.)	Rate (in ₹)	Amount paid (₹)
0-60 cm	122	1099	1000	1099000
60-120 cm	65	196	3000	588000
Upto 240 cm	14	649	5000	3245000
Beyond 240 cm	2	9	10000	90000
Total:	203	1953		50,22,000

The above table shows that against the bill of quantity of 203, the contractor claimed and the Department paid for the felling of 1953 trees. The reasons for such heavy deviations in the quantity were found not on record. The records of handing over of felled trees by the contractor to the Forest Department were also not made available to Audit. Further, cross check by Audit with the DFO, Kanchanpur revealed that no trees were felled by the contractor. Rather felling of trees was done by the Forest Department for which the EE, Kanchanpur paid them ₹ 12.20 lakh. Therefore, the payment of ₹ 50.22 lakh to the contractor against felling of trees was not correct.

(f). Non-recovery of material cost-₹ 32.62 lakh

As per agreement, the contractor was to arrange for Tor Steel and other materials required for the work. Scrutiny of records of the EE, Kanchanpur Division revealed that in June 2009, the Division sent a proposal to the CE for issue of Tor Steel to the contractor which was rejected by the CE. It was however seen that the Division had already issued Tor Steel (60.857 MT) valuing ₹ 32.62 lakh to the contractor in May 2009. The Division had not recovered the amount from the contractor as of August 2013. Since the contract was rescinded, the chances of recovery of the amount were remote and thus, the Division by violating the contractual terms caused loss of ₹ 32.62 lakh to the State.

(g). Non imposition of penalty for slow progress of work

Para 12.1 and 12.2 of General Terms and conditions of contract provide that if a contractor fails to maintain the required progress in terms of agreed time and progress chart or to complete the work, he shall be liable to be penalised by liquidated damages

¹⁸ For GSB : (volume consumed) 11446.058 cum – (estimated volume) 9283.65 cum = 2162.408 cum
For WBM : (volume consumed) 10676.078 cum – (estimated volume) 7952.97 cum = 2723.108 cum
Total excess volume consumed for GSB and WBM: 2162.408 cum + 2723.108 cum = 4885.516 cum

@ one half *per cent* of the contract price per week of delay. The aggregate of such damages shall not exceed 10 *per cent* of the total contract price. The agreement was signed in January 2008 with stipulation to complete the work by January 2011.

Scrutiny of records revealed that work commenced in December 2008 (delay of 11 months) and the value of work done upto April 2013 was only ₹ 53.24 crore (60 *per cent*) as against the total contract value of ₹ 89.65 crore. Therefore, the contractor was liable to be charged the liquidated damages of maximum amount (10 *per cent* of contract value) of ₹ 8.97 crore. However, the Department had not levied any such damages and the contract was rescinded. Thus, the Department failed to penalise and recover the penalty of ₹ 8.97 crore from the contractor.

(h) Interest-free Mobilisation advance and failure of its recovery and interest

Para 32.5 of CPWD Works Manual 2007 provides that in case of tender value of ₹ 2.00 crore and above, mobilisation advance may be given limited to 10 *per cent* of tendered amount at 10 *per cent* simple interest on specific request from the contractor. The mobilisation advance shall be released only after obtaining a bank Guarantee bond from a schedule bank for the amount of advance to be released and valid for the contract period.

Scrutiny of Records revealed that the Department had paid interest-free mobilisation advance of ₹ 8.90 crore (10 *per cent* of contract value) to the contractor in April 2008. The Department could recover only ₹ 6.41 crore from the RA bills paid to the contractor. Since the contract was rescinded, balance amount of ₹ 2.49 crore remained unrecovered. The Department also suffered loss of interest of ₹ 2.79 crore on the mobilisation advance paid in contravention of the Manualised Provisions. The bank guarantee of ₹ 4.48 crore submitted by the contractor had also expired in December 2012. Details of payment, recovery and interest calculations are given in **Appendix 2.15**.

In reply, the Government agreed to investigate the issues of overpayments/undue benefit to the contractor and take corrective action. As regards, non-imposition of penalty for slow progress of work, the Government considered the rescission of contract as a major penalty which was not tenable as per the terms and conditions of the contract. No reply was furnished for payment of interest-free advance to the contractor.

(ii) Project- 2

Improvement/Upgradation of Agartala – Mohanpur – Chebri Road including 12 RCC bridges

GOI approved (November 2005) the project of Improvement/Upgradation of Agartala –Mohanpur- Chebri Road (54 Km) including 12 RCC Bridges under NEC at an estimated cost of ₹ 56.23 crore. The work was divided into two parts viz. road work and bridges construction work and awarded to the same contractor. The work awarded for construction of road was 45 *per cent* higher and bridge 94 *per cent* above the estimated cost.

(a) Undue benefit to the contractor led to loss of ₹ 40.29 lakh

The bridge construction work had one item under Super structure and Sub structure namely “Steel reinforcement for RCC work including bending, cranking, and binding with 20 gm lying wire and position, etc. completed as directed (deformed bars)”. The total agreed bill of quantity for those items was 17121 quintal @ ₹ 45,000/- per MT. The rate was inclusive of material and labour charges. The actual quantity executed by the contractor was 12,449 quintal and ₹ 5.60 crore was paid to the contractor at the agreed rate.

Scrutiny of records revealed that the Agreement provided that only 20 mm dia and above tor steel would be supplied by the Department and ₹ 32,819 per MT was to be recovered from the contractor for the steel supplied. However due to price hike of the steel, the Department issued 496.792 MT below 20 mm dia tor steel (8 mm dia to 16 mm dia) to the contractor as per Government order for which recovery @ ₹ 33,951/- per MT was fixed. The contractor consumed 469.08 MT of below 20 mm dia tor steel and the Department was required to pay only the labour charges as the material was supplied by the Department. The labour charges arrived at by Audit was ₹ 2370 per MT. Therefore, it resulted in over-payment to the contractor of ₹ 40.66¹⁹ lakh and thereby unwarranted loss was incurred by the State.

In reply, the Government agreed that material was issued to the contractor but no specific reason for non-recovery of the cost was stated.

(b) Extra expenditure of ₹ 1.11 crore

Both the work of road and bridge construction of the same project was awarded to one contractor at different rates as mentioned above. Audit scrutiny revealed that the items charged as extra items under the bridge construction work by the contractor and paid by the Department were actually to be classified under the road construction work. Therefore, the contractor got over paid by ₹ 1.11 crore as the agreed rates were different for bridge and road construction work as mentioned above and detailed in **Appendix 2.16**.

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Agreement Item no.6 s& 15	Rate as per TSR 2002	₹ 2535 per quintal
-do-	Contractor offered rate	₹ 4500 per quintal
	Overall % of the TSR 2002	78% above
Labour charges at the time dropping of tender		₹ 133 per quintal
Add: Contractor's profit @ 78% above the TSR 2002 in respect of labour charge for the item No. 6 and 15		₹ 104 per quintal
Total labour charge per quintal		₹ 237 per quintal

Cost of steel = ₹ (4500 – 237) per quintal = ₹ 4262/- per quintal = ₹ 42620 per MT

Material supplied till 14th RA = 496.793 MT

Material consumed till 14th RA = 469.08 MT

Recovery fixed for supply of below 20 mm dia = ₹ 33,951/- including VAT

Difference in recovery for cost of departmental materials supplied = ₹ (42620 – 33,951) MT = ₹ 8,669/- per MT

Undue benefit given to the contractor = 469.08 MT x ₹ 8,669/- = ₹ 40,66,455

In reply, the Government agreed that the items shown in the **Appendix 2.16** were related to the road works but had to be executed under RCC bridge since the approach road and the bridge proper were reciprocal from technical point of view.

The reply was not tenable as the road and bridge work were awarded to the same contractor and the necessary work was to be executed under the 'Road' work only.

(c) Doubtful execution of work of ₹ 0.95 crore

(i) In the bill of quantity of the revised DPR, the area of Water Bound Macadam (WBM) for the work was 3,56,294 sqm and correspondingly, the Dense Bituminous Macadam (DBM) area was also to be same. The DBM was to be laid upon the WBM only. However, audit scrutiny revealed that as per the final bill of the contractor, the quantity executed for WBM was 3,73,758 sqm. but the quantity claimed and paid for the DBM area was 3,85,758 sqm which was practically inexplicable. Therefore, the payment made for extra area of 12,012 sqm for DBM amounting to ₹ 0.44 crore was doubtful.

(ii) Further, the pre-mix carpeting is laid over the DBM and therefore, the quantity for pre-mix work would also be same. However for pre-mix work, the actual quantity paid for was 4,10,733 sqm. Therefore, it resulted in doubtful expenditure of ₹ 0.51 crore.

The details of quantity as per DPR, executed quantity and calculation of overpayment of ₹ 0.95 crore are given in **Appendix 2.17**.

In reply, the Government agreed to adjust the amount of overpayment at the time of final settlement.

(iii) Project - 3

Improvement/Upgradation of Bishalgarh- Boxanagar- Sonamura – Belonia Road

The project for improvement/widening of road for 87.50 Km including 7 RCC bridges on the road for ₹ 195 crore was approved by the GOI in June 2010 under NEC. Audit scrutiny revealed that the Department had already completed the tendering process between May and December 2008 and made agreements with two contractors (January 2009)- M/s Ramky Infrastructure Ltd and M/s Coal mines (I) Ltd - with stipulation to complete the work within 2 years (December 2012) from the date of approval of DPR (December 2010) by the Department. Thus, the Department had finalised and entered into agreement much before the approval of the GOI to the project. The work commenced in December 2010 and was in progress (September 2013).

(a) Interest free mobilisation advance- Loss of Interest ₹ 1.82 crore

Scrutiny of records revealed that interest free mobilisation advances amounting to ₹ 10.73 crore (Ramky Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd.: ₹ 5.78 crore and Coal Mines Associated Traders: ₹ 4.95 crore) was paid to the two contractors during January - March 2011 of which ₹ 5.30 crore was only recovered till March 2013 as shown in **Appendix 2.18**.

Thus, the Department allowed interest free mobilisation advance to the contractors in violation of Manualised provision and caused a loss of interest of ₹ 1.82 crore till March 2013.

In reply, the Government stated that there was no provision in the contract for charging interest. The reply is not tenable as the contract itself was entered in violation of the Codal Provisions.

(b) Short-deduction of Security Deposit in violation of manualised provision

As per provisions of CPWD Works Manual, security deposit for the defect liability period was to be deducted @ 5 per cent from the RA Bills paid to the Contractor. The Department agreed in the contract to deduct the security deposit @ 5 per cent but mentioned it as “subject to maximum of ₹ 25 lakh only”.

Scrutiny of records revealed that the Department while making payment to the contractors for the work executed till May 2013 had deducted security deposit as under:

Table: 2.4.13

(₹ in crore)

Name of Contractor	Total Payment made till date	Security Deposit to be deducted (5%)	Security deposit deducted till date	Short Deduction
Coal Mines Associated Traders	41.96	2.09	0.25	1.84
Ramky Infrastructure Ltd.	55.34	2.76	0.37	2.39
Total:	97.30	4.85	0.62	4.23

Thus, due to short deduction of security deposit of ₹ 4.23 crore from the contractors, the Department had allowed undue advantage to the contractors as well as caused insecurity to the Government in case of detection of defects, if any, or breach of terms and conditions of the agreement by the contractor.

In reply, the Government stated that there was no provision in the contract for charging five per cent security deposit. The reply is not tenable as the contract itself was entered in violation of the Codal Provisions.

(c) Deviation from approved specification

The DPR submitted by the Department to the GOI had projected the road thickness of 375 mm (GSB: 150 mm, WBM Grade III: 100 mm, WBM Grade II: 75 mm and DBM: 50 mm). While conveying approval, NEC prescribed that DBM should not be laid directly on WBM. Instead, it should be laid on Wet Mix Macadam (WMM) in view of commercial and international importance of the road.

Scrutiny of records revealed that contrary to the directions of the GOI, the contractors constructed the road of 350 mm thickness (GSB: 125 mm, WBM: 75 mm, WMM: 100 mm and DBM: 50 mm) and the Department had allowed the use of WBM instead of WMM with reduced thickness indicating compromise with quality.

In reply, the Government stated that work was being executed as per the DPR maintaining thickness of 350 mm with WBM. The reply was not tenable since the technical specifications approved by GOI had provided for 375 mm with WMM.

(d) Time overrun

The work was scheduled to be completed by December 2012. As of May 2013, only 15 *per cent* road was completed in all respects and none of the bridges were completed. Though the contractors failed to adhere to the time schedule, the Department did not penalise the contractors and take any concrete action to get the work done in time.

(iv) Project-4**Construction of RCC bridge over Dhuraicherra at Ch. 0.90 km on Kamalpur – Bilascherra Road (ODR)**

The Department submitted the DPR to the GOI in August 2006 for construction of the bridge. Scrutiny of records of the EE, Kamalpur Division revealed that the bridge was already constructed and completed in April 2006. The GOI approved the project in February 2010 and released the funds of ₹ 2.62 crore. Since the bridge was already constructed, the Department without any information to the GOI diverted all the funds to different purposes and submitted the bridge completion and utilisation certificate to the GOI in April 2013. Thus, the Department not only submitted the DPR to the GOI for the work already existed but also misreported utilisation and completion of the project to the GOI.

(v) Project- 5**Construction of RCC bridge over Lohar on Berimura – Taltala Road**

The GOI sanctioned construction of RCC bridge under NLCPR funds for ₹ 2.29 crore in March 2010 over Lohar on Berimura – Taltala Road. The Department had already awarded the work to M/s Simplex Project Ltd. in July 2009 under cost plus contract method. The Department allowed 24 months for completion of work (February 2012) to be reckoned from the date of approval of DPR (March 2010) by the GOI.



The contractor commenced the work in August 2010 *i.e.* after a lapse of one year from the date of issue of work order (July 2009) and suspended it in March 2012 after execution of work of ₹ 1.73 crore (60 *per cent*) against the contract value of ₹ 2.85 crore.

The minutes of meeting held in June 2012 revealed that the Government had directed the Department to cancel the contract at the risk and cost of the contractor. However, the Department had not finalised the process till July 2013. Thus, the work had remained suspended for more than one and a half year and the expenditure incurred remained unfruitful.

(vi) Project -6

Construction of RCC bridge over local stream at Ch. 4.40 Km on Jogendranagar to Jamapajala Road

Government of India approved (September 2009) RCC bridge over local stream at Ch. 4.40 Km on Jogendranagar to Jamapajala Road at a cost of ₹ 1.84 crore. The agreement was entered into with the contractor in October 2010. The work commenced in October 2010 and was completed in November 2012 at a total cost of ₹ 3.01 crore.

The contract included supply and erection of Bailey bridge of 90 feet for ₹ 80.66 lakh. Audit scrutiny revealed that the Department had procured one Bailey bridge of 120 feet span from M/s Bridge & Roof (I) Pvt. Ltd., Howrah in April 2010. The Bailey bridge could have been utilised while constructing the above RCC bridge. Therefore, the provision of one more Bailey bridge at the cost of ₹ 80.66 lakh in the contract was unwarranted and it resulted in avoidable expenditure as the Bailey bridge procured in 2010 was lying unutilised as of June 2013.

(vii) Project - 7

Construction of Manu- Chamanu- Gobindabari Road/Portion Ch. 43.46Km to Ch. 58.78 Km (15.30 Km)

With the approval obtained from NEC, the above work was awarded (June 2005) to a contractor at a tendered value of ₹ 3.47 crore with stipulation to complete the work within 6 months. The work commenced in February 2006 and was suspended by the contractor in April 2009. The Department did not take any action and it was closed only in July 2013 after four years of abandonment of work by the contractor. Total value of work done by the contractor till June 2009 was ₹ 5.12 crore including deviations of ₹ 1.90 crore. The contractor was paid ₹ 4.83 crore. The contractor performed the formation of road which had not been carpeted till August 2013. Since formation was lying uncarpeted for last 4-5 years, the work done by the contractor had become unfruitful and subject to deterioration in the work done and paid for by the Department. Thus, it did not achieve the objective of the connectivity of the remote tribal area and also resulted in financial loss to the State.

In reply, the Government stated that work re-awarded to another contractor was in progress.

(viii) Project - 8**Construction of RCC bridge over Barduptacherra at Ch. 2.8 Km and Ujan Machmaracherra at Chainage 9.00 Km****Undue benefit given to the contractor-₹ 10.50 lakh**

The scope of work under cost plus contract included DPR preparation and related activities such as the preliminary survey, preparation of preliminary drawings(s), detailed survey and sub-soil investigation, preparation of detailed drawing along with structural drawings etc.

The above work was awarded on 30 June 2010 to M/s Energy Development Company Ltd., Kolkata at 46.50 *per cent* above the SOR 2008. The preparation of DPR and related activities were to be carried out by the Energy Development Company Ltd. However, it was got done from STUP Consultants and for the purpose, the Department was to deduct ₹ 10.50 lakh from the amount to be paid to M/s. Energy Development Company Ltd. which was not done causing undue benefit to the contractor. The Department in a similar other case had deducted the amount for performing such activities from Coal Mines Associated Traders.

In reply, the Government agreed with the audit observation and assured to recover the excess payment.

(ix) Project - 9**Construction of RCC bridge over Dhanai at Ch. 6.60 Km Champaknagar – Mandai Road**

The GOI approved (February 2010) the project of RCC T-shape bridge over river Dhanai at Ch. 6.60 Km on Champaknagar – Mandai Road (ODR) for ₹ 3.21 crore with stipulation to complete the work within 36 months from the date of sanction of the project.

Scrutiny of records revealed that above work was initially awarded (July 2009) on cost plus basis to M/s. Simplex Ltd. The contractor did not start work till June 2011. Thus, after lapse of more than two years, the Department withdrew the work from the contractor (June 2011). Since the earnest money had



Box Cell Culvert at Dhumticherra

not been obtained for the cost plus basis contract, the Department could not take any penal action against the contractor.

After that, the Government decided (July 2011) that instead of T-shaped RCC bridge, two RCC box cell culverts (3x7 metres) would be constructed on the same road against the existing work and the administrative and technical sanction of detailed

estimate of ₹ 1.54 crore was accorded. Such change in the scope of work was not reported to GOI. The work was awarded (June 2012) at ₹ 2.03 crore (32 *per cent* higher than estimated cost) with stipulated completion time of nine months (March 2013). Though, the work commenced in July 2012, it was incomplete (September 2013) and the value of work done was ₹ 0.65 crore (32 *per cent*). The payment made to contractor was ₹ 0.60 crore. However, the EE, Jirania Division submitted utilisation certificate for ₹ 1.16 crore to the CE, PWD (R&B) in January 2013.

Thus, by changing the type of bridge, the Department had either compromised with the quality/strength of bridge or it had made an incorrect assessment of the type of bridge required on the road while sending the proposal to GOI. Further, the completion of work was also not monitored as it was incomplete despite lapse of six months from the scheduled date of completion.

In reply, though the Government stated that the quality/strength of bridge was not compromised due to change, no reason was furnished for changing the specifications approved by the GOI.

2.4.11 Monitoring and evaluation

Audit Objective 5: Whether there was a mechanism for adequate and effective monitoring and evaluation of projects.

2.4.11.1 Quality control mechanism

As per NEC guidelines for maintaining quality and specifications, a third level quality control was to be done by the State by engaging consultants. For this purpose, one *per cent* of the estimated cost of each work was to be earmarked to meet the expenditure for conducting various tests under NEC Projects.

Scrutiny of records revealed that neither any earmarked funds were created for quality monitoring nor was any consultant appointed by the State Government to ensure the quality control of the works. The checks for quality control were conducted by the respective implementing Divisions in respect of the NEC projects without involving any independent agency.

In reply, the Government stated that an MOU had since been signed with CSIR-NEIST Laboratory, Jorhat for upgradation of State Quality Testing Laboratory of PWD.

2.4.11.2 Monitoring by the State Government

NLCPR guidelines prescribed the following measures for monitoring and evaluation of various projects sanctioned under NLCPR scheme:

- submission of Quarterly Progress Report (QPR) by the States by the third week from the end of the quarter; and
- holding of quarterly meetings by the Chief Secretary to review the progress of implementation of the ongoing projects.

Audit examination revealed that those measures were not adequately followed by the State Government:

- The submission of QPRs in case of selected projects was not properly documented. As such audit could not assess the irregularity in submission of QPRs.
- The quarterly meetings to review the progress of implementation of the ongoing projects under NLCPR by the Chief Secretary were not held regularly. Against the required 20 meetings, only 10 were held during 2008-09 to 2012-13.

2.4.11.3 Impact evaluation

NLCPR projects mainly consisted of replacement of SPT bridges. Nine out of 24 sanctioned and due to be completed during 2008-13 were completed till September 2013. Under NEC scheme, one road of 54 Km including 13 RCC bridges were completed. The importance of those projects was due to the fact that they had been undertaken with the objective of improving inter/intra State connectivity and increased volume of traffic signifying socio-economic development of the State and the region. However, the Government had not designed any system/undertaken any study to evaluate the impact of those projects. The Government had also not created any separate maintenance funds for those projects.

In reply, the Government agreed to consider engaging an agency for evaluation/ impact study of those projects.

2.4.12 Conclusion

Government of India had created NLCPR and NEC for the speedy infrastructure development of NER. The success of the projects funded through the NLCPR and NEC essentially depended on efficient planning, effective implementation of project activities and regular monitoring. There were inadequacies in all these key aspects as has been brought out in this report.

The nodal department did not assess the infrastructure gap and prepare the overall perspective plan with the required concept papers. The PWD prepared the projects on an *ad-hoc* manner which were endorsed by the nodal department to the GOI. The priority ranking was also assigned arbitrarily. The State did not submit any project proposal for the last three years.

The process for awarding works as adopted by the Department was not transparent and it was largely based on assumptions with regard to technical and financial capability of local contractors and in violation of codal provisions as well as the principles of financial propriety. The works were awarded to ineligible and inexperienced contractors at unduly high rates, at times without ensuring competitive rates which caused extra cost to the State exchequer. The DPRs were revised frequently, technical specifications changed and diversions made in the approved projects.

Execution of projects under NLCPR and NEC was also not satisfactory given that only 9 out of a total 24 projects sanctioned during 2008-13 and due for completion by March 2013 had actually been completed by August 2013. There was delay due to slow progress of works by the contractors and the contractors' lackadaisical approach. The monitoring of the execution of work was very poor and the Department did not take required measures to ensure the timely execution of works by the contractors. The Department did not collect earnest money or adequate security deposit in violation of codal provisions, rather it extended interest-free mobilisation advance to the full extent permissible and in the cases of abandonment of work by the contractors, even the recovery of mobilisation advance was doubtful.

Thus, the Department had not been able to avail full benefits of the NLCPR and NEC funds depriving the State of the improved infrastructure.

2.4.13 Recommendations

- State Government should conduct gap analysis of Basic Minimum Service and infrastructure gap required for socio-economic development of the State and prioritise the work in accordance with importance.
- Tendering process should be made transparent, competitive and fully compliant with the codal provisions.
- Revised timelines may be drawn up for completion of projects which are overdue and holding the contractors as well as implementing Divisions accountable for any slippage.
- The State Government should strengthen controls as well as the inspection and monitoring mechanism at all levels for effective implementation of the projects and ensure quality in work execution.
- Impact studies/evaluation should be undertaken especially with reference to achievement of outcomes.

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

2.5 Suspected misappropriation

Violation of provision of financial rules pertaining to handling of Government money and poor maintenance of Cash Book led to suspected misappropriation of ₹ 12,23,061.

Rule 77-A of the Central Treasury Rule (CTR) (Volume-I) states that all Government Officers who receive Government dues and handle cash and perform the functions of Drawing and Disbursing Officer (DDO) should observe that all monetary transactions are entered in the Cash Book as soon as they occur and attested as a token of check; the Cash Book is closed regularly after verifying the total at the end of each month; cash balance in the Cash Book is verified and a certificate recorded to satisfy that money paid into treasury/bank are actually credited through checking of treasury/bank receipts. Rule 3 and GOI decision below Rule 6 of General Financial Rules also requires strict enforcement of financial rules/orders while managing public money.

Further, cheques issued by the DDO which are encashable in his capacity as DDO (self-cheque) alone need to be entered in the Cash Book. The DDO who signs the endorsement on the reverse of the self-cheque is responsible to ensure that the item is entered promptly on the receipt side of the Cash Book. He should insist that the self-cheque is submitted to him for signature along with the Cash Book with the relevant entry. If this is not possible, he should ensure recording in a separate register and watch the entry in the Cash Book when it is put up for signature.

Scrutiny of records (March-April 2013) of the Executive Engineer, Agriculture Department, Agartala for the period from December 2010 to February 2013 revealed that the above financial rules/orders regarding handling of Government moneys were not followed by the DDO (Executive Engineer). Transactions were not recorded in the Cash Book regularly and the Cash Book was not closed on daily basis. Entries in the Cash Book were made intermittently combining transactions of a number of days together. Self-cheques issued and drawn by the DDO were also not entered in the Cash Book which led to suspected misappropriation of Government money as detailed below:

- The DDO (Executive Engineer) withdrew ₹ 12,23,061 by issuing self-cheques (60 nos.) between 27 December 2010 and 23 February 2013 from Bank accounts. But none of the aforesaid drawals had either been reflected in the receipt side of the Cash Book or in the payment side as a mark of disbursement till date of audit (April 2013). As a result, the entire amount of ₹ 12,23,061 so withdrawn from bank remained outside the Government account.
- In response to an audit query, the DDO furnished (9 April 2013) a bunch of cash memos (pertaining to the period November 2011 to March 2013) amounting to ₹ 6,68,648, mostly obtained from local petrol pumps against purchase of oil and lubricants. However, he failed to justify the genuineness of those cash memos as

the relevant sanction orders, bills against such purchases, evidence of payments and their stock and disposal records could not be made available to audit. Besides, whereabouts of the balance amount of ₹ 5,54,413²⁰ could neither be produced nor be explained. Hence, the entire amount of ₹ 12,23,061 is suspected to have been misappropriated.

Thus, violation of provision of financial rules pertaining to handling of Government money and improper maintenance of Cash Book led to suspected misappropriation of ₹ 12,23,061.

The matter was reported to the Government in September 2013; reply had not been received (January 2014).

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (ROADS AND BUILDINGS)

2.6 Infuctious expenditure

Faulty planning and arbitrary decision of the Government to abandon the work after completing up to plinth level for “Construction of Recreation Hall cum Library for Cultural Activities” at the Central Prison, Bishalgarh resulted in infructuos expenditure of ₹ 1.01 crore.

The Home (Jail) Department accorded (December 2007) administrative approval for ₹ 62.55 crore and expenditure sanction of ₹ 15.00 crore for construction of 1000 intake capacity Model Central Prison at Bishalgarh. The work was awarded (October 2007) on turnkey basis to the lowest tenderer, M/s Engineering Projects India Ltd (EPIL), Kolkata²¹, with the approval (October 2007) of the Work Advisory Board at the negotiated value of ₹ 62.55 crore with the stipulation to complete the work within two years.

One of the components of the Central Prison was construction of “Recreation Hall cum Library for Cultural Activities”, covering 600 square metre (sqm) areas²². The work of the component commenced in May 2009 and was completed up to the plinth level (including raising RCC columns up to a reasonable height). Against the value of work done, EPIL was paid (March 2010) ₹ 1.01 crore (from 8th to 24th RA bills) and thereafter the work remained suspended.

Scrutiny (March - April 2013) of records of the Executive Engineer, PWD, Bishalgarh Division (R&B) revealed that in a review meeting²³ held in September 2010 at the Prison Complex it was decided not to take up the construction of the Recreation Hall and to convert one prisoner complex into recreation hall.

²⁰ ₹ 12,23,061 - ₹ 6,68,648

²¹ A Government of India Enterprise

²² At the rate of ₹ 21,000 per sqm, valuing ₹ 1.26 crore

²³ Chaired by Hon'ble Minister, Public Works Department in presence of Hon'ble Minister, Home (Jail) Department; Commissioner & Secretary, Home (Jail) Department; CE, PWD (R&B), IG Prisons and others

It was further seen that the CE, PWD (R&B) during his visit to the work site in October 2011 opined that discarding the work at that stage was not justified and decided to execute the work up to ground floor since it was relevant and essential. But no further work after the plinth level was taken up and subsequently in January 2012, the CE, PWD (R&B) had dropped the idea for construction of the building up to the ground floor.

Thus, due to indecisiveness on the part of the Department and arbitrary decision to abandon the work of Recreation Hall cum Library for Cultural Activities after completing up to plinth level and subsequently eliminating the work from the scope of the project resulted in infructuous expenditure of ₹ 1.01 crore.

The Government stated (December 2013) that the work of the Recreation Hall cum Library for Cultural Activities had been temporarily suspended due to funds constraints of the Home (Jail) Department and would be taken up at any time as soon as all other components are completed and funds position of the said Department is slightly improved.

The reply was not acceptable as funds for construction of the Central Prison was provided from Modernisation Scheme and TFC grants. Further, there was no decision to take up the abandoned work, revisiting the decision of the review meeting held in September 2010.

2.7 Extra expenditure

In violation of the contractual provisions under turnkey contract for construction of the Central Prison at Bishalgarh, payment by the Department towards land/site development as an additional item, which fell well within the scope of work of turnkey contract. This rendered the expenditure of ₹ 1.56 crore extra, of which ₹ 84.40 lakh had already been paid to M/s Engineering Projects India Ltd.

With the approval (October 2007) of the Works Advisory Board (WAB), the work “Planning, designing, detailed engineering and execution of Central Prison at Bishalgarh²⁴” was awarded on turnkey basis to the lowest tenderer²⁵, M/s Engineering Projects India Ltd (EPIL), Kolkata²⁶ at the negotiated value of ₹ 62.55 crore with the stipulation to complete the work within 24 months. The work commenced in November 2008 and was in progress (June 2013). Against the value of work done (₹ 55.92 crore) EPIL was paid (July 2013) ₹ 53.83 crore (upto 61st RA bill). The said amount included additional item of work of ₹ 84.40 lakh²⁷ towards land/site development.

²⁴ Administrative approval for ₹ 62.55 crore and expenditure sanction of ₹ 15.00 crore was accorded by Home (Jail) Department for construction of 1000 intake capacity Model Central Prison at Bishalgarh in December 2007

²⁵ Out of two received (from six short listed firms)

²⁶ A Government of India Enterprise

²⁷ Against the value of work done for ₹ 1.56 crore

Scrutiny (March-April 2013) of records of the Executive Engineer (EE), Bishalgarh Division PWD (R&B) revealed the following:

Section 7 of the Draft NIT of the said work provided *inter alia* that (i) the bidders were to study the data supplied to them for site selection, visit the site, study the physical parameters, etc. and if required get clarification on any issue regarding the same before submitting their offers; and (ii) upon submission of their offers all the bidders would be considered to have gone through the above mentioned process of drawing study, site visit and allied formalities. Even if they had not done the same physically no excuse whatsoever in this regard was to be entertained at any stage of processing the offers, evaluation of bids or contract implementation.

Further, while submitting the technical bid, which formed part of agreement, EPIL had declared that any modification, if required according to Jail Code/site condition would be done by it without any extra cost to the client.

Despite the above, in December 2009 (*i.e.* after almost one year of commencement of the work) EPIL informed the EE that in order to bring the entire site to required formation for construction of various buildings, structures, perimeter walls, roads etc. it had executed heavy quantities of clearance of jungles, clearance of top organic soil, earth cutting/filling, compaction and carriage, retaining slopes with sand bags etc., which were mandatory for the project. EPIL added that the huge amount involved in the above activities were not covered under the contractual provision and hence it requested to consider for amendment of those items (as additional work of land/site development) for reimbursement of the same.

The EE had rejected the issue of re-imbursement towards the cost of land/site development twice (January and February 2010), informing EPIL *inter alia* that any activity already found/to be found further as mandatory for land development for construction of any structure within the scope of the work also fall well within the scope of contract according to its terms and conditions.

It was however, seen that against land/site development works (as additional item) the EE had paid EPIL (at provisional rates subject to approval of higher authority) ₹ 62.58 lakh in February 2012 (44th RA bill) and ₹ 3.54 lakh in June 2012 (45th RA bill), which was beyond the terms of the turnkey contract. It was further observed that as per decision of the Chief Engineer, PWD (R&B), the EE asked EPIL (July 2012) to take up all the additional works for which payment would be made on the basis of TSR 2008 adding 40 *per cent* cost enhancement charge.

Thereafter EPIL was paid ₹ 11.01 lakh in August 2012 (50th RA bill) and ₹ 7.27 lakh in July 2013 (61st RA bill). Against total value of work done for ₹ 1.56 crore (upto 9th RA bill) as additional item towards area development by cutting/ transportation/filling of earth EPIL was paid ₹ 84.40 lakh²⁸ (upto 61st RA bill) for which no justification was available. As per the terms and conditions, the required quantity of excavated

²⁸ ₹ 62.58 lakh + ₹ 3.54 lakh + ₹ 11.01 lakh + ₹ 7.27 lakh

earth would be stacked in the nearby area for back filling the same after casting of the structure was completed and the surplus excavated earth would be loaded manually/mechanically into tippers and disposed in the designated places.

Thus, in violation of the contractual provisions under turnkey contract for construction of various buildings, structures, perimeter walls, etc. of the Central Prison at Bishalgarh, payment by the Department towards land/site development as additional item, which fell well within the scope of work of turnkey contract rendered the expenditure of ₹ 1.56 crore extra of which ₹ 84.40 lakh had already been paid to M/s Engineering Projects India Ltd.

The EE stated (July 2013) that the bidders provided sealed rates and amount for different items of work and their respective quantities along with item specification under various work groups (1 to 4²⁹). But site development and landscaping were not included in the price bid and the accepted rates were plinth area rates. He further stated that the work of site development was mandatory but was not included in the scope of the agency and the work was therefore carried out as extra item and payment had been made on provisional rates approved by the competent authority.

The reply was not acceptable since land/site development for construction of any structure is mandatory which fell well within the scope of work of the turnkey contract. Execution of such a basic work as “extra item” was not only unrealistic but also unreasonable.

The Government stated (December 2013) that the landscape selected for the project was a undulated/uneven one where all the different units were set in different elevation. But the unoccupied/uncovered area of the entire complex was required to be placed at a comfortable level with respect to the plinth height of the different buildings which was beyond the provision of the agreement of turnkey project.

The reply was also not acceptable since the aspect of the undulated/uneven landscape was a known fact and in the Draft NIT the bidders were specifically asked to study the data supplied to them for site selection, visit the site, study the physical parameters, etc. before submitting their offers which indicated that area development was an integral part of the turnkey project. Thereby rendering an expenditure of ₹ 1.56 crore extra.

²⁹ (1) Work Group-1: Survey, Soil testing and Design & Engineering; (2) Work Group-2: Civil Works; (3) Work Group-3: Public Health Works; and (4) Work Group-4: Electrical Works

2.8 Idle and extra expenditure

Award of works for construction of bridges in violation of the decision of the Council of Ministers to the inexperienced and unqualified agencies at higher than the approved rates, coupled with inaction on the part of the Department, not only resulted in unauthorised and irregular expenditure of ₹ 3.57 crore, but also rendered the expenditure of ₹ 7.93 crore incurred on six suspended works idle for 12 to 36 months which, in turn, resulted in failure in achieving the objective of speedy and smooth implementation of infrastructural development projects in the State.

Based on the decision of the Cabinet (June 2008) on a proposal of the Public Works Department to award infrastructure development projects to Central and State Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs)/Private sector Construction agencies (Agencies) at cost plus basis (limited upto 10 *per cent* of the estimated cost based on the current State Schedule of Rates), the Department invited (July 2008) Expression of Interest (EOI) from PSUs and agencies with a view to short-listing on the basis, *inter alia*, of evaluation of their technical and financial capabilities, and then asking the short-listed bidders for offering financial bids for a few specific packages of works and awarding the works/packages to the lowest bidder on cost plus percentage basis.

Scrutiny of records (March-April 2013) of the Executive Engineer, PWD (R&B), Bishalgarh Division and information/documents collected from the Chief Engineer, PWD (R&B) revealed that though the Department invited EOI separately from the PSUs and the agencies on the same date (30 July 2008) with the same opening date (21 August 2008), the financial bids from PSUs and agencies were invited and opened on different dates (11 and 22 September 2008; 24 September and 17 October 2008). Thus, the rates of PSUs were already known to all much before the bids of agencies were opened and hence, the risk of influencing their financial bids could not be ruled out. This was also reflected from the fact that the lowest offer of the PSU for Bridge projects was 49 *per cent* above cost, whereas the same stood at cost plus 48 *per cent* for the agencies. It was seen that two Kolkata based agencies-Ramky Infrastructure Ltd. and Coal Mines Associated Traders ('A' and 'B') were awarded (January 2009) with the work for Bridge Project Package No.-1 (comprising 12 bridges) - six bridge projects each at 48 *per cent* above the estimated cost. The action of the Department was clearly in violation of the Cabinet approval that allowed the Department to award the works at cost plus percentage to be limited upto 10 *per cent* of the estimated cost.

While according approval to the rates of 48 *per cent* above the estimated cost, the Chief Secretary had also observed (December 2008) that Council of Ministers be briefed accordingly by the Principal Secretary (PWD). However, when the Principal Secretary, PWD was asked (August 2012) as to how the works were awarded at the rates much higher than the rates approved by the Cabinet and whether the approval of

the Cabinet was taken before issuing work orders, the Chief Engineer not only stated (October 2012) that the works were in no way to be treated as 'cost plus', but also rejected the very basis of 10 *per cent* over TSR 2008 stating that the same was unreasonable. The reply of the Chief Engineer was contradictory to the proposal submitted by the Department and approved by the Cabinet, and further confirmed that the decision of the Cabinet was purposely given a go away in the entire process. This not only resulted in extra expenditure of ₹ 3.57 crore (**Appendix 2.19**), but also in the expenditure being unauthorised and irregular.

Further, as per the approval of the Cabinet the works were to be awarded to the well reputed agencies to be short listed after evaluation of their technical and financial capabilities, experience in the respective fields, etc. The proposal submitted by the Department also emphasised that the new system was required for smooth and speedy implementation of the projects with improved quality and finishing which the local contractors were not capable of. Audit scrutiny, however, revealed that of the nine agencies that had responded to the EOI, only one had previous experience in similar nature of works and met the criteria fixed for short listing in the EOI. The Department, despite noting that most of the agencies were not eligible as per their requirement, short listed six (including five unqualified) of them for inviting financial bids diluting their EOI requirements. Four agencies (who were to be disqualified) submitted their financial bids and two of them were awarded with the works. Thus, evidently, here again the decision of the Cabinet was violated and the works were awarded to those who were inexperienced, ineligible and technically unqualified.

It was, however, observed in audit that the same Division had awarded three similar RCC bridges to a local contractor in October 2010 (2 Nos.) and September 2011 (1 No), i.e. even 1-2 years later at much lower rates varying from below 7.13 *per cent* to over 18.63 *per cent* on the estimated cost based on same Schedule of Rates as were used for the above mentioned works (**Appendix 2.20**).

Audit scrutiny of the execution of the 12 bridge projects revealed that the work orders were issued to the two selected agencies for six bridges each in February 2009 with the direction to start the works 'at once' to be completed by February 2011. As against this stipulation, the agencies could neither commence the work in time (**Appendix 2.21**) (only nine works were commenced between March 2009 and March 2010 while three works were withdrawn from the scope of 'B' in July 2010) nor maintained the required progress of the works to complete them within the stipulated period. None of the nine works had been completed even after the time overrun of 28 months till July 2013. Not only this, seven of those nine works were actually found to have been suspended by the agencies midway between July 2010 and July 2012 against which payment of ₹ 9.07 crore (**Appendix 2.21**) had already been made to them and only two works – one under each agency- were in progress with 56 *per cent* and 64 *per cent* completion.

The Department did not take any action to get those works completed except withdrawing one of the seven suspended works from 'A' and awarding the balance

portion to a local contractor in November 2012 which was in progress. In March 2013, 'A' requested the EE, Bishalgarh Division to withdraw the four suspended works from them on 'as is where is' basis without levying any liquidated damages. The matter was intimated by the EE to the SE, PWD (R&B) in April 2013 for further decision which was still awaited (July 2013). Thus, work on six bridges remained suspended for the last 12 to 36 months and expenditure of ₹ 7.93 crore (**Appendix 2.21**) incurred on them remained idle.

Thus, awarding the works of construction of bridges in violation of the approval of the Council of Ministers to the inexperienced and unqualified agencies at higher than the approved rates coupled with inaction on the part of the Department not only resulted in unauthorised and irregular expenditure of ₹ 3.57 crore but also rendered the expenditure of ₹ 7.93 crore incurred on six suspended works idle for 12 to 36 months which in turn resulted in failure in achieving the objective of speedy and smooth implementation of infrastructural development projects in the State.

The Government stated (December 2013) that the agencies were selected through EOI with a set of pre-requisite stringent criteria. The reply was not acceptable since records indicated that the Department shortlisted the agencies diluting their EOI requirements.

As regards not adhering to the Council of Ministers' approval of cost plus percentage limited to 10, it was stated that Works Advisory Board (the highest body in the State to decide the tender) approved the negotiated rates. The reply was not acceptable as the decision of the Council of Ministers cannot be overruled by the WAB.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (WATER RESOURCES)

2.9 Unfruitful expenditure

Lack of adequate planning and timely decision on agreement related issues by the Public Works Department (Water Resources) coupled with non-initiating timely action for rescinding the agreement and getting the remaining work executed by another contractor at the risk and cost of erring contractor resulted in unfruitful expenditure of ₹ 2.17 crore. The partially constructed canal also meant that the farmers were deprived of the intended benefits of the irrigation project.

The Executive Engineer (EE), Water Resource Division No. VI, Kailashahar executed (October 2005) an agreement for ₹ 8.32 crore against the estimated cost of ₹ 6.82 crore for construction of Left bank Manu Canal (Main Canal) from ch 20,030 m to ch 21,700 m under Manu Irrigation Project with a stipulation that the work was to be completed by November 2006. Subsequently (November 2007), the completion time was extended to March 2010 by a supplementary agreement.

Scrutiny (February-March 2010 and August 2013) of records of the Division revealed that the contractor suspended the work on this project in April 2008 citing dispute over/non-settlement of various long pending issues like release of security deposit, approval/payment of extra item for dewatering from tunnel and cut and cover, excess excavation due to modification of approved drawing, mechanical transportation of huge quantity of earth for disposal and back filling, price escalation etc. It was observed that these issues, some of which could have been taken care of at the planning/DPR stage were left pending for long (May 2006/August 2007/November 2007) by the Division/Department without taking timely decision to resolve them. Even after the contractor indicated his intention to suspend the work in April 2008, the EE did not take any concrete action except occasionally making correspondence with the contractor either refuting his statements or requesting him to resume the work. The EE requested the contractor to recommence the work as late as November 2010 i.e, even after the expiry of revised completion period (March 2010).

Though the work was stopped by the contractor in April 2008, the Department did not initiate any action for three years (April 2011) against the contractor by imposing penalty as per the provisions of the agreement or rescinding the work invoking clause 3(i) (ii) (iii) and clause 3 (a) (b) and (c) of the agreement and getting the remaining work executed at the risk and cost of the contractor by any other agency. Meanwhile, the contractor was paid (November 2009) ₹ 2.17 crore (upto 4th RA bill prepared in July 2008) against the total value of work done for ₹ 2.20 crore. It was only after the contractor sought for arbitration in January 2011 (which was in hearing stage as of August 2013), that the EE exercising the powers of Engineer-in-Charge rescinded (May 2011) the contract on the ground of contractor's failure to complete the work by the extended date of completion. The EE rescinded (May 2011) the agreement but no action was taken to get the remaining work executed at the risk and cost of the erring contractor even though more than 28 months have since elapsed (August 2013).

Thus, lack of adequate planning and timely decision on agreement-related issues by the Department coupled with non-initiating timely action for rescinding the agreement and getting the remaining work executed by another contractor at the risk and cost of erring contractor resulted in unfruitful expenditure of ₹ 2.17 crore. The partially constructed canal also meant that the farmers were deprived of the intended benefits of the irrigation project.

The matter was reported to the Government in September 2013; reply had not been received (January 2014).

CHAPTER III: ECONOMIC SECTOR (STATE PUBLIC SECTOR UNDERTAKINGS)

3.1 Overview of State Public Sector Undertakings

Introduction

The State Public Sector Undertakings (SPSUs) consist of State Government Companies and Statutory Corporations. The SPSUs are established to carry out activities of commercial nature while keeping in view the welfare of people. The working SPSUs registered a turnover of ₹ 466.52 crore as per their latest finalised accounts as of September 2013. This turnover was equal to 1.96 *per cent* of State Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of ₹ 23,854.70 crore¹ for 2012-13. Thus, the SPSUs occupy an insignificant place in the State economy. Major activities of Tripura SPSUs are concentrated in Power and Manufacturing sectors. The SPSUs incurred a loss of ₹ 98.74 crore in aggregate as per their latest finalised accounts as of September 2013. They had employed 7112² employees as of 31 March 2013. The SPSUs do not include Departmental Undertakings (DUs), which carry out commercial operations but are a part of Government departments.

3.1.2 As on 31 March 2013, there were 14 SPSUs as per the details given below. None of the companies were listed on the stock exchange.

Table No. 3.1.1

Type of SPSUs	Working SPSUs	Non-working SPSUs ³	Total
Government Companies ⁴	12	1	13
Statutory Corporations	1	-	1
Total:	13	1	14

Audit Mandate

3.1.3 Audit of Government companies is governed by Section 619 of the Companies Act, 1956. According to Section 617, a Government company is one in which not less than 51 *per cent* of the paid up capital is held by Government(s). A Government company includes a subsidiary of a Government company. Further, a company in which not less than 51 *per cent* of the paid up capital is held in any combination by Government(s), Government companies and Corporations controlled by Government(s) is treated as if it were a Government company (deemed Government company) as per Section 619-B of the Companies Act.

¹ Advanced estimates of State GDP for 2012-13 as furnished by Directorate of Economic and Statistics, Government of Tripura.

² As per the details provided by SPSUs, except one non-working SPSU and one newly incorporated company.

³ Non-working SPSUs are those which have ceased to carry on their operations.

⁴ Includes one 619-B company namely Tripura Natural Gas Company Limited.

3.1.4 The accounts of State Government companies (as defined in Section 617 of the Companies Act, 1956) are audited by Statutory Auditors, who are appointed by CAG as per the provisions of Section 619(2) of the Companies Act, 1956. These accounts are also subject to supplementary audit conducted by CAG as per the provisions of Section 619 of the Companies Act, 1956.

3.1.5 Audit of Statutory corporations is governed by their respective legislations. CAG is the sole auditor of the only Statutory Corporation in the State viz. Tripura Road Transport Corporation.

Investment in SPSUs

3.1.6 As on 31 March 2013, the investment (capital and long-term loans) in 14 SPSUs (including one 619 B company) was ₹ 902.93 crore as per details given below.

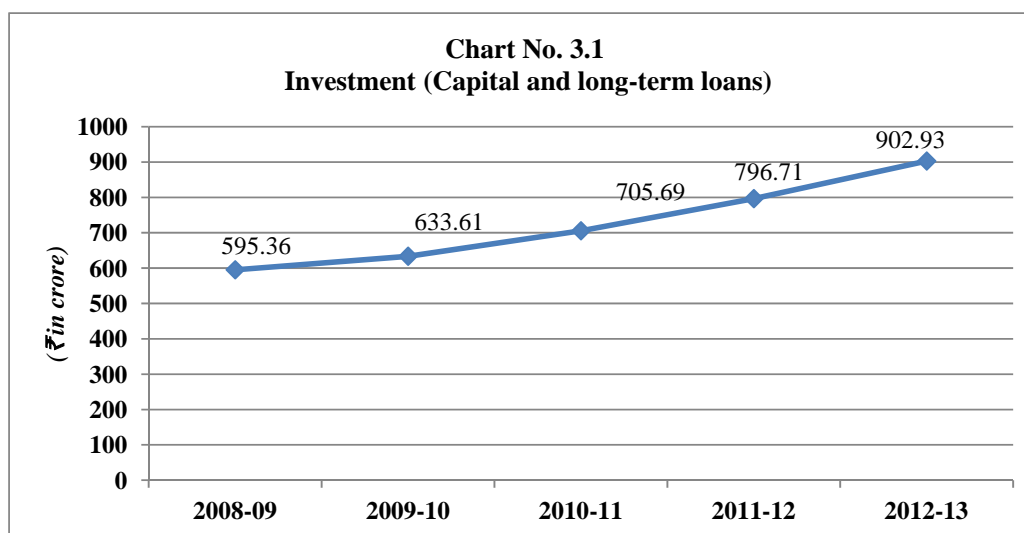
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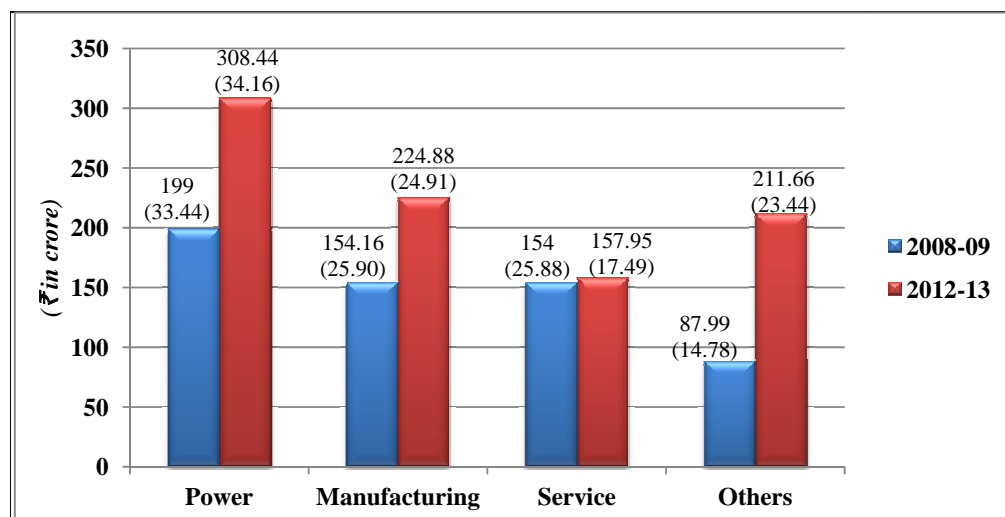
Type of SPSUs	Government Companies			Statutory Corporations			Grand Total
	Capital	Long Term Loans	Total	Capital	Long Term Loans	Total	
Working SPSUs	469.19	275.95	745.14	157.50	0.25	157.75	902.89
Non-working SPSUs	0.04	-	0.04	-	-	-	0.04
Total:	469.23	275.95	745.18	157.50	0.25	157.75	902.93

A summarised position of Government investment in SPSUs is detailed in **Appendix 3.1**.

3.1.7 As on 31 March 2013, of the total investment in SPSUs, 99.99 per cent was in working SPSUs and the remaining 0.01 per cent in one non-working SPSU. This total investment consisted of 69.41 per cent towards capital and 30.59 per cent in long-term loans. The investment had grown by 51.66 per cent from ₹ 595.36 crore in 2008-09 to ₹ 902.93 crore in 2012-13 as shown in the graph below.



3.1.8 The total investment in various important sectors and percentage thereof at the end of 31 March 2009 and 31 March 2013 are indicated below in the bar chart.



(Figures in brackets show the percentage of total investment)

As compared to the investment in 2008-09, investments in 2012-13 has increased in all the sectors by ₹ 109.44 crore (power), ₹ 70.72 crore (Manufacturing), ₹ 3.95 crore (Service) and ₹ 123.67 crore (Others). The increase in Power Sector was due to investment (₹ 109.44 crore) in the form of loans to Tripura State Electricity Corporation Limited while the increase in Manufacturing Sector was due to equity contribution (₹ 59.32 crore) in Tripura Jute Mills Limited during the period.

Budgetary outgo, grants/subsidies, guarantees and loans

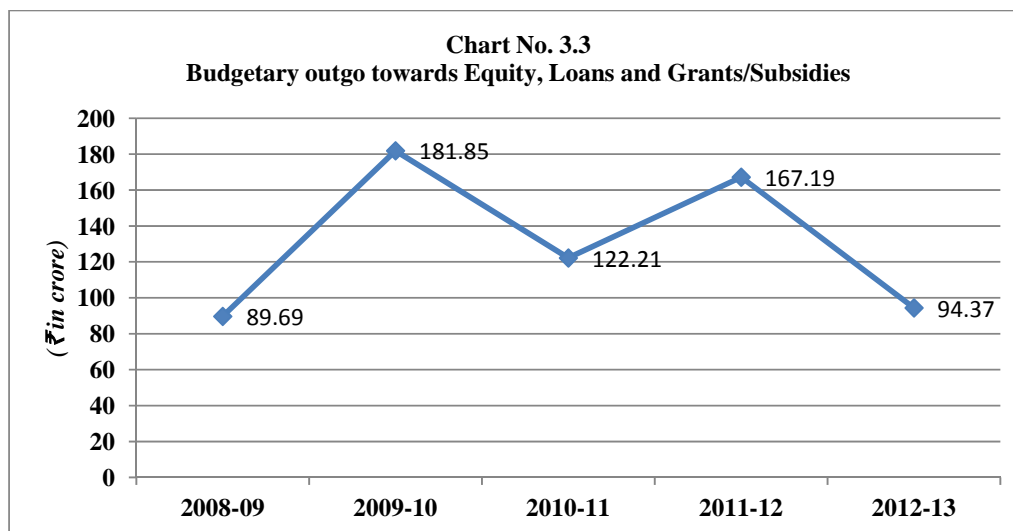
3.1.9 The details regarding budgetary outgo towards equity, loans, grants/subsidies, guarantees issued, loans written off, loans converted into equity and interest waived in respect of SPSUs are given in **Appendix 3.2**. The summarised details are given below for three years ended 2012-13.

Table No. 3.1.3

Sl. No.	Particulars	2010-11		2011-12		2012-13	
		No. of SPSUs	Amount	No. of SPSUs	Amount	No. of SPSUs	Amount
1.	Equity Capital outgo from budget	3	13.27	6	27.29	6	30.94
2.	Loans given from budget	--	--	2	75.85	--	--
3.	Grants/Subsidy received	5	108.94	6	64.05	4	63.43
4.	Total Outgo (1+2+3) ⁵	7	122.21	10	167.19	9	94.37
5.	Guarantee Commitment	--	--	--	--	--	--

⁵ Actual number of SPSUs, which received equity, loans, grants/subsidies from the State Government.

3.1.10 The details regarding budgetary outgo towards equity, loans and grants/subsidies for the past five years are given in a graph below:



It may be observed that the budgeting outgo to the SPSUs in the form of equity, loans, grants/subsidies, etc. had shown a mixed trend during 2008-09 to 2012-13. The budgetary outgo to SPSUs was lowest in five years during 2008-09 (₹ 89.69 crore) and was at the peak at ₹ 181.85 crore during 2009-10. The budgetary outgo to SPSUs during 2012-13 was, however, at ₹ 94.37 crore. The major beneficiaries of budgetary outgo during 2012-13 were Tripura State Electricity Corporation Limited (subsidy of ₹ 40.00 crore), Tripura Jute Mills Limited (equity of ₹ 18.67 crore) and Tripura Road Transport Corporation (grant and subsidy of ₹ 14.80 crore).

Reconciliation with Finance Accounts

3.1.11 The figures in respect of equity and loans outstanding as per records of SPSUs should agree with that of the figures appearing in the Finance Accounts of the State. In case the figures do not agree, the concerned SPSUs and the Finance Department should carry out reconciliation of differences. The position in this regard as on 31 March 2013 is stated below.

Table No. 3.1.4

(₹ in crore)

Outstanding in respect of	Amount as per Finance Accounts	Amount as per records of SPSUs	Difference
	(2012-13)		
Equity	981.95	616.41	365.54
Loans	43.50 ⁶	203.77	160.27

⁶ Represents State Government loans to Tripura State Electricity Corporation Limited for Power Projects. Separate details for loans to other SPSUs were not available in the Finance Accounts of the State

Audit observed that the differences in equity figures existed in respect of 11 SPSUs. It was further observed that during 2011-12, the differences in the figures of Equity and Loans were to the tune of ₹ 286.36 crore and ₹ 160.27 crore respectively. Thus, the unreconciled differences in case of State Government investment in the Equity of SPSUs had increased by ₹ 79.18 crore during 2012-13. The issue was also taken up (April 2013) with the Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Tripura and the heads of the concerned SPSUs for early reconciliation of long pending differences. No significant progress was, however, noticed in this direction. The Government and the SPSUs should take concrete steps to reconcile the differences in a time-bound manner.

Performance of SPSUs

3.1.12 The financial results of SPSUs, financial position and working results of the only working Statutory Corporation are detailed in **Appendices 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5** respectively. A ratio of SPSU turnover to State GDP shows the extent of SPSU activities in the State economy. The following table provides the details of working SPSU turnover and State GDP for the period 2008-09 to 2012-13.

Table No. 3.1.5

(₹ in crore)

Particulars	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Turnover ⁷	260.69	288.48	331.33	419.52	466.52
State GDP ⁸	13,572.64	15,402.70	17,867.73	20,981.74 (P)	23,854.70 (A)
Percentage of Turnover to State GDP	1.92	1.87	1.85	2.00	1.96

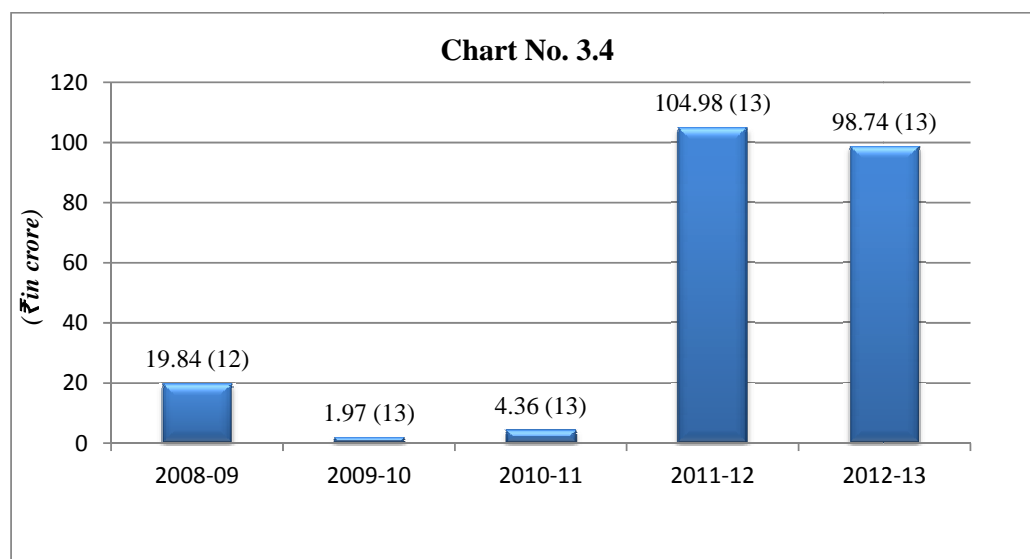
It may be noticed from the table that the turnover of the working SPSUs and the State GDP had shown consistent growth during the years from 2008-09 to 2012-13. The percentage of turnover to the State GDP during 2012-13 had marginally declined compared to 2011-12 as the increase in the turnover during the year was not commensurate with the growth in the State GDP.

3.1.13 Overall losses⁹ incurred by working SPSUs during 2008-09 to 2012-13 based on their latest finalised accounts as of September of the respective year are given below in a bar chart:

⁷ Turnover as per the latest finalised accounts of SPSUs as of September of respective year.

⁸ GSDP figures furnished by Directorate of Economic & Statistic, Government of Tripura; (P) Provisional, (A) Advance Estimate.

⁹ Arrived at before making the below the line adjustments like income tax penalty, refund of income tax, etc.



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From the above it can be seen that the working SPSUs incurred losses in all the five years during 2008-09 to 2012-13. Significant losses during 2011-12 (₹ 104.98 crore) and 2012-13 (₹ 98.74 crore) were mainly due to heavy losses incurred by the power sector SPSU namely, Tripura State Electricity Corporation Limited. During the year 2012-13, out of 13 working SPSUs, four SPSUs earned profit of ₹ 40.56 crore and eight SPSUs incurred loss of ₹ 139.30 crore. One working SPSU (*viz.* Tripura Urban Transport Company Limited), however, had not finalised its first accounts. The major contributor to profit was Tripura Forest Development & Plantation Corporation Limited (₹ 24.53 crore). Heavy losses were incurred by Tripura State Electricity Corporation Limited (₹ 95.79 crore), Tripura Handloom and Handicrafts Corporation Limited (₹ 16.22 crore), Tripura Jute Mills Limited (₹ 14.78 crore) and Tripura Road Transport Corporation (₹ 10.00 crore).

3.1.14 The losses of SPSUs are mainly attributable to deficiencies in planning, implementation of project, running their operations, financial management and monitoring. During the year 2012-13, three SPSUs namely Tripura Handloom and Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited, Tripura Industrial Development Corporation Limited and Tripura Tourism Development Corporation Limited were selected for detailed audit. The details of revenue, cost, net profit of these SPSUs as per their latest finalised accounts as of September 2013 and the money value of audit objections included in this Report are summarised below.

Table No. 3.1.6

(₹ in crore)

Name of the Company	Revenue	Cost	Net Profit/ Net Loss (-)	Money value of audit objections	
				Excess cost incurred	Revenue forgone
Tripura Handloom and Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited (latest finalised accounts- 2012-13)	3.24	19.46	-16.22	2.49	--
Tripura Industrial Development Corporation Limited (latest finalised accounts- 2011-12)	4.81	1.64	3.17	--	0.85
Total:	8.05	21.10	-13.05	2.49	0.85

3.1.15 The above losses pointed out are based on test-check of records of SPSUs. The actual losses would be much more. The above table shows that with better management, the losses can be eliminated. The SPSUs can discharge their role efficiently only if they are financially self-reliant. The above situation points towards a need for improving professionalism and accountability in the functioning of SPSUs.

3.1.16 Some other key parameters pertaining to SPSUs based on their latest finalised accounts are given below.

Table No. 3.1.7

(₹ in crore)

Particulars	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Return on total Capital Employed (<i>per cent</i>)	Negative	0.59	0.50	Negative	Negative
Debt	98.29	108.37	128.28	203.77	276.20
Turnover ¹⁰	260.69	288.48	331.33	419.52	466.52
Debt/ Turnover Ratio	0.38:1	0.38:1	0.39:1	0.49:1	0.59:1
Interest Payments ¹⁰	5.89	7.27	9.37	9.37	10.33
Accumulated losses ¹⁰	243.74	303.21	320.31	348.01	348.03

3.1.17 From the table above, it may be noticed that there had been significant increase in the overall debts of the SPSUs during past five years from ₹ 98.29 crore (2008-09) to ₹ 276.20 crore (2012-13) mainly on account of overall increase of ₹ 185.19 crore in the borrowings of Tripura State Electricity Corporation Limited (₹ 109.44 crore) and Tripura Industrial Development Corporation Limited (₹ 75.75 crore). As a result, the Debt-Turnover ratio as well as the interest payments had shown increasing trend after 2008-09. During the last five years, except during 2009-10 and 2010-11, the return on total capital employed had been negative due to high losses incurred by the SPSUs.

3.1.18 The State Government had not formulated any dividend policy regarding payment of minimum dividend by the SPSUs. As per their latest finalised accounts as on 30 September 2013, four SPSUs earned an aggregate profit of ₹ 40.56 crore. None of these SPSUs had, however, paid any dividend during the year 2012-13.

¹⁰ Turnover of working SPSUs and interest as well as accumulated losses as per the latest finalised accounts as of September 2013.

Arrears in finalisation of accounts

3.1.19 The accounts of the companies for every financial year are required to be finalised within six months from the end of the relevant financial year under Sections 166, 210, 230, 619 and 619-B of the Companies Act, 1956. Similarly, in case of Statutory corporations, their accounts are finalised, audited and presented to the Legislature as per the provisions of their respective Acts.

The table below provides the details of progress made by working SPSUs in finalisation of accounts as of September 2013:

Table No. 3.1.8

Sl. No.	Particulars	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
1.	Number of working SPSUs	12	13	13	13	13
2.	Number of accounts finalised during the year	24	38	27	22	19 ¹¹
3.	Number of accounts in arrears	74	49	35	26	20
4.	Average arrears per SPSU (3/1)	6.17	3.77	2.69	2.00	1.54
5.	Number of Working SPSUs with arrears in accounts	12	13	13	13	10
6.	Extent of arrears	2 to 15 years	1 to 9 years	1 to 10 years	1 to 6 years	1 to 3 years

3.1.20 From the table, it may be seen that there had been a significant improvement in the position of arrears of accounts of the SPSUs after 2008-09. The average number of arrears per SPSU had reduced from 6.17 accounts (2008-09) to 1.54 accounts (2012-13). It may, however, be observed that only 3 out of 13 working SPSUs had up to date accounts and the accounts of remaining 10 working SPSUs still had arrears of accounts for periods ranging from one to three years as on 30 September 2013. Thus, concrete steps should be taken by the SPSUs for preparation of accounts as per the statutory requirements with special focus on clearance of arrears in a time bound manner.

3.1.21 The State Government had invested ₹ 236.08 crore (equity: ₹ 26.63 crore and grants: ₹ 209.45 crore) in eight SPSUs during the years for which accounts have not been finalised as detailed in **Appendix 3.6**. Delay in finalisation of accounts by these SPSUs may result in risk of fraud and leakage of public money apart from violation of the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956.

3.1.22 The administrative departments have the responsibility to oversee the activities of these entities and to ensure that the accounts are finalised and adopted by these SPSUs within the prescribed period. Though the concerned administrative departments and officials of the Government were informed of the arrears in finalisation of accounts by Audit, including taking up the matter demi-officially by the Accountant General with the Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department,

¹¹ Including one year account (2012-13) of one SPSU (Tripura Handloom and Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited) finalised in December 2013.

Government of Tripura (September 2013), remedial measures were taken belatedly. As a result the net worth of these SPSUs could not be assessed in audit.

3.1.23 In view of above state of affairs, it is recommended that the Government should monitor and ensure timely finalisation of accounts in conformity with the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956.

Winding up of non-working SPSUs

3.1.24 There was one non-working SPSU (*viz.* Tripura State Bank Limited) as on 31 March 2013, which had been non-functional since 1971. The said SPSU was in the process of liquidation under Section 560 of the Companies Act, 1956. The non-working SPSU is required to be wound up expeditiously since its existence is not going to serve any purpose. The Company, however, continues to await liquidation for more than four decades. The Government may expedite the process of winding up of the non-working SPSU.

Accounts Comments and Internal Audit

3.1.25 Ten working companies had forwarded 16 audited accounts to AG during the year 2012-13 (up to September 2013). Out of these 16 accounts, 8 accounts of 7 companies were selected for supplementary audit. The audit reports of statutory auditors appointed by CAG and the supplementary audit of CAG indicate that the quality of maintenance of accounts needs to be improved substantially. The details of aggregate money value of comments of statutory auditors and CAG based on the accounts audited during the period from 2009-10 to 2012-13 (till September 2013) are given below:

Table No. 3.1.9

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Particulars	2009-10		2010-11		2011-12		2012-13	
		No. of accounts	Amount	No. of accounts	Amount	No. of accounts	Amount	No. of accounts	Amount
1.	Decrease in profit	9	11.94	5	2.64	1	3.00	3	12.80
2.	Increase in loss	9	8.79	12	14.99	9	23.32	6	14.10
3.	Non-disclosure of material facts	4	3.91	0	0	6	36.83	3	0.61
4.	Errors of classification	11	34.41	0	0	4	13.31	0	0

3.1.26 During the year, the statutory auditors had given qualified certificates on all the audited accounts received up to September 2013. The audit comments were based mainly on the non-compliance by the companies with the Accounting Standards namely AS-1 (Disclosure of Accounting Policies), AS-2 (Valuation of Inventories), AS-4 (Contingencies & events occurring after the Balance Sheet date), AS-15 (Employee Benefits) and AS-22 (Accounting for Taxes on Income).

3.1.27 Some of the important comments in respect of accounts of Companies audited during the year 2012-13 (up to September 2013) are stated below:

Tripura Industrial Development Corporation Limited (2011-12)

- 1) The one-time non-refundable lease premium of ₹ 2.96 crore received by the company during the year 2011-12 against the properties leased out for a period of 30 to 35 years should have been treated in the nature of 'operating lease' and recognised on a straight line basis over the lease term as per para 40 of AS-19. This has resulted in overstatement of 'profit for the year' by ₹ 2.92 crore with corresponding understatement of 'Reserve & Surplus-Capital Reserve' to the same extent.
- 2) Incorrect accounting of interest earned against project funds pertaining to Government of Tripura as the Company's own income, has resulted in overstatement of 'profit for the year' by ₹ 1.19 crore and understatement of 'Other Long-Term Liabilities' to the same extent.

Tripura Forest Development and Plantation Corporation Limited (2011-12)

- 1) Non-provisioning towards actuarial valuation of liability as assessed by LIC of India in respect of Group Gratuity Scheme and Group Leave Encashment Schemes for the employees as on 31 March, 2012 has resulted in overstatement of profit for the year by ₹ 5.11 crore with corresponding understatement of Other Current Liabilities to the same extent.
- 2) Incorrect capitalisation of cost of construction of Head Office building (₹ 4.16 crore) prior to its actual completion led to excess charging of depreciation amounting to ₹ 28.36 lakh resulting in understatement of accumulated Profit to the same extent.

3.1.28 Similarly, the only working Statutory Corporation in the State (*viz.* Tripura Road Transport Corporation) for which CAG is the sole auditor, had forwarded its one year accounts (2009-10) to AG during the year 2012-13. The audit of the accounts forwarded by the corporation was completed. The results of the sole audit indicate that the quality of maintenance of accounts needs to be improved substantially.

3.1.29 Some of the important comments in respect of accounts of the Statutory Corporation are stated below.

Tripura Road Transport Corporation (2009-10)

- 1) The 'Current Liabilities' and the 'Net Deficit' of the Corporation for the year 2009-10 were understated by ₹ 1.98 crore due to non-provision for the liability against pay revision arrears of the employees for the period from January 2009 to March 2010.
- 2) The 'Current Assets (Third Party Advance)' of the Corporation included ₹ 49.90 lakh, being the advances pertaining to various suppliers and contractors up to the year 2002-03 without having complete party wise details. Since the chances of recovery/adjustment of the advance were remote, necessary provision should have been made in the accounts. This had resulted in overstatement of

Current Assets by ₹ 49.90 lakh with corresponding understatement of 'accumulated deficit' to the same extent.

3.1.30 The Statutory Auditors (Chartered Accountants) are required to furnish a detailed report upon various aspects including internal control/internal audit systems in the companies audited in accordance with the directions issued by the CAG to them under Section 619(3)(a) of the Companies Act, 1956 and to identify areas which needed improvement. An illustrative resume of major comments made by the Statutory Auditors on possible improvement in the internal audit/internal control system in respect of seven companies¹² for the year 2012-13 are given below.

Table No. 3.1.11

Sl. No.	Nature of comments made by Statutory Auditors	Number of companies where recommendations were made	Reference to serial number of the companies as per Appendix 3.2
1.	Non maintenance of proper fixed asset register	7	A2, A3, A4, A7, A8, A11, A12.
2.	No/inadequate internal audit system	6	A2, A4, A7, A8, A11, A12.
3.	Non maintenance of cost record	3	A2, A7, A11.

Status of placement of Separate Audit Reports

3.1.31 Separate Audit Reports (SARs) issued by the CAG on the accounts of Tripura Road Transport Corporation were placed in the Legislature by the Government up to 2008-09. The SAR for the year 2009-10 was issued in September 2013 which was yet to be placed in the State Assembly. The Government should ensure prompt placement of SARs in the Legislature.

Disinvestment, Privatisation and Restructuring of SPSUs

3.1.32 No disinvestment, privatisation or restructuring of SPSU occurred during 2012-13.

¹² Serial number A-2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12 in **Appendix – 3.2**

INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT

(Tripura Handloom and Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited)

3.2 Performance audit of the working of Tripura Handloom and Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited

Handloom industry in the State of Tripura plays a dominant role in the economic development of the rural people by providing gainful employment. The State is also known for the rich diversity of its handicraft products. As per the latest Economic Review of Tripura (2011-12), there are about 1.19 lakh weavers in the State out of which 17,637 are organised under clusters. Tripura Handloom and Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited (Company) was incorporated (September 1974) primarily for promotion and strengthening of this sector on a commercial footing by supplying raw materials, marketing the finished products and running of production centres. At present, however, the activities of the Company are confined mainly to marketing of finished products procured from weavers and artisans. The performance of the Company in achieving its laid down objectives was evaluated during the present audit that mainly focused on the financial and operational management covering the period of five years from 2008-09 to 2012-13. A review of the functioning of the Company brought out the following main points:

Highlights:

The Company did not have any long term or short term plan for achievement of its objectives. The sales targets set in the Memorandums of Understanding by the Government for the years 2008-09 to 2012-13 were neither achieved nor monitored.

(Paragraphs 3.2.6.1 and 3.2.6.2)

As per the profitability statement prepared by Audit for the year 2012-13, 42 out of 43 emporia operated by the Company incurred losses.

{Paragraph 3.2.7.1(ii)}

Accumulation of inventory and debtors due to their poor management resulted in severe strain on working capital.

(Paragraphs 3.2.7.6 and 3.2.9.4)

Contrary to its laid down objectives, the Company had been operating two power loom units at the behest of the State Government, which had caused negative impact on its financial interests

(Paragraphs 3.2.7.8)

Undue delay in execution of Urban Haat Project resulted in cost escalation of ₹ 2.49 crore along with non-attainment of its objectives.

(Paragraph 3.2.8.2)

The Company had incurred operational losses during all the five years from 2008-09 to 2012-13 aggregating ₹ 33.77 crore. Despite capital infusion of ₹ 27.93 crore by the State Government during 2008-13, the entire paid up capital of the Company was wiped off by the losses and the net worth of the Company had become negative.

(Paragraphs 3.2.9.1 and 3.2.9.3)

Monitoring activities and the internal control system of the Company were found to be deficient.

(Paragraphs 3.2.10.1 and 3.2.10.2)

3.2.1 Introduction

Handloom industry in the State of Tripura plays a dominant role in the economic development of the rural people by providing gainful employment. The State is also known for the rich diversity of its handicraft products. As per the latest Economic Review of Tripura (2011-12), there are about 1.19 lakh weavers in the State out of which 17,637 are organised under clusters. Tripura Handloom and Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited (Company) was incorporated (September 1974) with a view to organise the Handloom and Handicraft Industries of the State on a commercial footing, expand their market and create employment as well as improve the standards of living of the handloom and handicrafts artisans of the State. The Company operates under the administrative control of Department of Handloom, Handicrafts and Sericulture, Government of Tripura. During the year 2011-12, the Company could serve total 19321 weavers (viz. 16 *per cent* of total weavers in the State) in terms of procurement of finished products from them for selling in the market.

The main objectives of the Company are to:

- procure and supply raw materials or any other item required for handloom and handicrafts industry;
- purchase or receive the finished handloom and handicrafts products of the weavers/artisans for selling the same in the market;
- establish and run production units for handloom and handicrafts items by employing weavers and artisans;
- set up/assist in setting up common facilities for the weavers/artisans and also arrange training for skill and design development for improving products quality; and
- establish and operate depots within and outside the State, for exhibition and sale of handloom and handicrafts products of the weavers/artisans.

At present, the Company has been trading mainly in the Handloom/Handicraft items being procured from clusters of weavers/artisans within the State. The Company had 43 sales outlets named as emporia under the brand name “Purbasha” spread across four States viz., Tripura (33), Assam (3), West Bengal (6), and New Delhi (1) for selling its products. Besides, the Company had two Power loom Units (at Indranagar

and Badharghat), one Common Facility Centre and two Central Procurement Stores. As on 31 March 2013, the Company employed 384 employees.

The Company is wholly owned by Government of Tripura. Management of the Company vests with the Board of Directors (Board) comprising eleven members appointed by the State Government. The Board is headed by the Chairman and the day-to-day operations are carried out by the Managing Director, who is the Chief Executive of the Company.

3.2.2 Scope of Audit

The working of the Company was last reviewed and included in the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, Government of Tripura for the year ended 31 March 1998. The Report was considered by the Committee on Public Undertakings (COPU) in January 2001. The recommendations of COPU on the Report were included in the 37th Report of the COPU, which was placed before the Legislature on 10 September 2007. Action Taken Notes (ATNs) on the Report of the COPU were submitted to the Legislature on 8 March 2010. The status of compliance by the Company on the recommendations of COPU has been appropriately included in the present audit report¹³.

The present audit reviews the performance of the Company covering the period 2008-09 to 2012-13. This audit involved scrutiny of Company's records pertaining to planning, operational efficiency, implementation of schemes, financial management and inventory control etc. For this purpose Audit examined records at the Head Office as well as the records maintained by both the Central Procurement Stores and Power loom units¹⁴ of the Company. Besides, out of 33 emporia of the Company located in Tripura, 8 emporia¹⁵ were selected for audit using the method of Simple Random Sampling without Replacement.

3.2.3 Audit Objectives

The objectives of the performance audit were to ascertain whether:

- planning was adequate and effective for achieving Company's objectives of promoting the handloom and handicraft activities in the state;
- operational activities including procurement of handloom and handicrafts, running of emporia, marketing and manpower management were done in an economic and effective manner;
- the Schemes/Projects funded by the State/Central Government had been implemented in economic, effective and efficient manner;
- financial management was efficient and effective;
- an effective monitoring and internal control system was in place ; and
- system existed for assessing the impact of Company's activities in uplifting socio-economic conditions of weavers/artisans in the State.

¹³ Paragraph 3.2.7.2

¹⁴ Located at Indranagar and Badarghat

¹⁵ H.O. complex, Sakuntala Road, Udaipur, Ranir Bazar, Jirania, Kaman Chowmuhani, Bishramganj and Melagarh (Last five were previously TAWCS emporia)

3.2.4 Audit Criteria

The audit criteria for assessing the achievement of the audit objectives were derived from the following sources:

- Records relating to the targets set by State Government for Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) entered with the Company;
- Directives/instructions/guidelines etc. issued by the State Government/Board from time to time;
- Policies/Rules and Regulations of the Company with regard to manpower, discount, purchases, unit-wise targets. etc; and
- Terms/conditions as well as the prescribed guidelines for various Central/State Government Schemes.

3.2.5 Audit Methodology

The Audit held (July 2013) entry conference with the Company Management wherein the scope, objectives, criteria of audit and audit sample-size were discussed. Audit examined relevant records based on which preliminary observations were issued to the Management and their replies, wherever received, were considered while drawing the audit conclusions. After receipt of Management's reply on the draft report which was endorsed by the Government, an exit conference was held (December 2013) with the Secretary, Industries and Commerce Department, Government of Tripura (Secretary) and their responses were considered appropriately while finalising this Report.

The audit findings are discussed in the subsequent paragraphs.

Audit findings

Audit objective 1: Whether planning was adequate and effective for achieving Company's objectives of promoting the handloom and handicraft activities in the state

3.2.6 Planning

3.2.6.1 Non preparation of perspective and annual plan

For achieving the objectives and ensuring the viability of State PSUs, the State Government desired (November 2009) to have a perspective plan of the Company. Audit observed that the Company did not prepare any such perspective plan. Further, the Company did not have even annual plans resulting in directionless operations of the Company. In the exit conference, the Secretary assured that the Company would prepare a perspective plan.

3.2.6.2 Memorandum of Understanding with State Government

The Company entered into Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with the State Government on annual basis fixing annual targets of the Company with regard to

Turnover, Salaries, Wages and Other expenses. The status of sales targets and its achievement was as under:

Table No.3.2.1

Year	MOU sales target (₹ in crore)	Actual sales (₹ in crore)	Achievement (in percentage)	Shortfall (₹ in crore)	Shortfall (in percentage)
2008-09	4.30	2.96	68.84	1.34	31.16
2009-10	3.50	3.23	92.29	0.27	7.71
2010-11	4.00	3.75	93.75	0.25	6.25
2011-12	4.50	2.68	59.56	1.82	40.44
2012-13	3.40	2.61	76.76	0.79	23.24

It may be seen from above that MOU sales targets were not achieved in any of the five years. As per the MOU entered into during 2008-09, the sales targets for next four years from 2009-10 to 2012-13 were fixed at ₹ 4.65 crore, ₹ 5.30 crore, ₹ 6.10 crore, ₹ 7.00 crore respectively based on the sales projections made for the respective years. It was, however, observed that the annual sales targets for the respective years were fixed at significantly lower side than the projections made during 2008-09 based on previous years' sales performance. The fixation of sales targets at lower values than the projections made in 2008-09 was indicative of the inadequacy of Company's efforts towards marketing and sales promotion. It further reflected that the annual targets were merely based on the previous years' sales without any study or evaluation of the potentials of the Company and its product.

Though the MOU provided for monitoring of Company's performance on quarterly basis, in practice, however, there was no such monitoring done by the Government. The sales targets provided under MOU were not bifurcated for Government and private sales as the Government sales was merely a captive sales¹⁶. Therefore, the Company's actual performance with reference to private sales in the competitive environment could not be judged or monitored by the Government.

In reply, the Government, while accepting the audit findings stated that main reason for non achievement of MOU targets was the inability of the Company to procure demandable items due to shortage of working capital. It was, however, observed that working capital position could have been improved by better management of inventory and sundry debtors as discussed under **paragraph 3.2.7.6 and 3.2.9.4 infra**.

3.2.6.3 Promotion of handloom and handicraft activities

The Company was formed (September 1974) with the prime objectives of promoting of handloom and handicrafts activities in the State by organising the Handloom and Handicrafts Industries on commercial footing, expanding their market as well as improving the standards of living of the handloom and handicrafts artisans of the State. A review of the Company's records for five years revealed that the Company

¹⁶ Represents sales to various Government Departments/Undertakings based on the mandatory directions issued by the State Government to such Departments/undertakings

did not plan specifically anything with reference to its primary objective of promoting the handloom and handicraft activities in the State.

Audit objective 2: Whether operational activities including procurement of handloom and handicrafts, running of emporia, marketing and manpower management were done in an economic and effective manner

3.2.7 Operational Performance

3.2.7.1 Performance of emporia

(i) Sales Performance

The emporia-wise and year-wise sales performance of the Company in Handloom and Handicraft products *vis-a-vis* the MOU targets for five years from 2008-09 to 2012-13 have been given in the **Appendix-3.7**.

Scrutiny of records revealed that although the Company had fixed the annual sales targets for the emporia over the years, no proper criteria, analysis or basis of such fixation of targets was seen on records by Audit. Analysis of the data compiled in the Appendix further shows that the achievement by the emporia against the annual sales targets was very poor. It was observed that 64 *per cent* of the total turnover of the emporia sales during 2008-09 to 2012-13 belonged to only three units i.e., H.O. Complex (37 *per cent*), New Delhi (18 *per cent*), Dhakuria (9 *per cent*). Further, 70 *per cent* of the handicraft sales during the said period was contributed by only two units i.e. H.O. Complex, Agartala, and New Delhi Emporium. It showed that excepting these two emporia, all the remaining emporia did not make any significant contribution in achieving the sales targets. The Company, however, failed to take any concrete remedial steps to improve the sales performance of these emporia.

(ii) Profitability

The Company did not analyse unit-wise profitability of various emporia. Consequently, meaningful review of performance of emporia did not exist. Unit wise profitability statement for the year 2012-13 as prepared by Audit and summarised under **Appendix-3.8** revealed the following:

- Out of total 43 emporia of the Company, only one emporium (viz. New Delhi emporium) earned profits and all the remaining 42 emporia (98 *per cent*) had incurred losses during the year. These losses have been arrived at without apportioning the Head Office overheads;
- Only two¹⁷ of these forty three units were able to generate adequate contribution to meet their salary expenditure.

¹⁷ 1. H.O. Complex, Agartala and 2. New Delhi

- Margin on sales generated by six¹⁸ out of forty three units was not adequate to meet even their operational expenditure like electricity charges.

In view of the poor operational performance of the emporia, the Company needed to take concrete steps for making these emporia viable. To address the situation, the Company may require to take appropriate action to reduce its operational expenditure and also to improve the sales performance of the emporia through better marketing and improvement in quality of products.

In reply, the Government stated that efforts like closing down of emporia, withdrawal of excess staff, etc had been taken to minimise the losses. In the exit conference, the Secretary also agreed on the need to review the feasibility and viability of continuing the operations of these emporia.

3.2.7.2 Procurement of handloom and handicraft items

The Company mainly procures the items from the Clusters (Weavers' Societies) and individual artisans. The Company's annual procurement plans were based on the assessment of the capacity and readiness of various clusters, review of previous years' sales performance and availability of working capital. Scrutiny of records, however, revealed that the Company prepared the annual procurement plans only up to 2010-11 and no such plan was prepared in subsequent years. The details of the procurement targets fixed by the Company under the annual procurement plans for three years ended 2010-11 *vis-a-vis* the actual procurements made there against are as under:

Table No.3.2.2

(₹ in crore)

Year	Handloom		Handicraft	
	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement
2008-09	1.70	1.60	1.03	0.57
2009-10	2.00	1.23	1.21	0.85
2010-11	1.50	0.86	1.05	0.82

It may be seen from above that there was no consistency in procurement targets fixed over the years. The Company, however, could not achieve the procurement targets during any of the three years. It may also be observed that despite significant shortfall in the procurement targets during 2008-09, the procurement targets relating to Handloom and Handicrafts material for 2009-10 were enhanced. The above position is indicative of the fact that the procurement targets were fixed on *ad hoc* basis without any scientific study.

In reply, the Government stated that the major reason for the shortfall was the acute working capital crisis faced by the Company.

In this context, it may be stated that the shortfall against procurement targets was also discussed by COPU in its 37th Report on the Performance Audit conducted on the working of the Company for the period 1993-97. In the Action Taken Notes, the

¹⁸ 1. Bishramganj, 2. Melagarh, 3. Ranirbazar, 4. Super Market, Dharmanagar, 5. Maniktala (Annex) and 6. New Delhi

Company had submitted that shortage of working capital was a major hindrance in achieving the purchase targets. It was, however, observed that no effective course of action was planned by the Government/Management so far so as to improve the liquidity position of the Company and overcome the working capital constraints.

3.2.7.3 Payment to weavers and artisans

The activities of the Company at present are confined mainly to marketing of finished products procured from weavers and artisans. The Company procured the finished products from the Clusters (weavers' societies) and individual artisans only on credit basis. Scrutiny of records revealed that there were inordinate delays in making payments to the suppliers of the products against the supplies made by them. The details of dues outstanding for payment to suppliers (artisans and weavers) during the five years from 2008-09 to 2012-13 have been summarised as under:

Table No.3.2.3

(₹ in lakh)

Year	Handicrafts	Handloom
2008-09	25.95	32.42
2009-10	27.90	32.00
2010-11	46.12	27.34
2011-12	0.63	05.10
2012-13	7.34	03.49

It was observed that the dues payable to suppliers in respect of Handicrafts increased continuously up to 2010-11. The dues payable against supplies of Handloom items were also significant upto 2010-11. The substantial decline in dues, thereafter, was because of clearance of previous dues of artisans by the Company out of the one-time assistance of ₹ 1.20 crore provided (September 2011) by the Government for the purpose. Scrutiny of records revealed that while providing the said assistance, the Government had specifically directed (September 2011) that all future purchases should be made by the Company only on cash basis. Contrary to the said directions, however, the Company continued to make procurements on credit basis. As a result, the outstanding dues of the suppliers kept on accumulating again during 2011-12 and 2012-13.

While accepting the audit observations, the Government stated that all procurements are now being made as per the availability of funds and the outstanding bills of the weavers were being cleared.

3.2.7.4 Pricing

The Company did not have a documented policy for pricing of its products. As a matter of practice, the product prices were fixed on mark up basis by adding the overhead margin varying from 40 per cent to 50 per cent on the purchase cost. Prices were revised only on the basis of increase in wages and cost of materials. The system of conducting market survey, making comparative analysis of competitors' prices, etc.

for fixation of selling price on scientific basis did not exist and hence, competitiveness of product prices could not be analysed.

Since the Company had a liberal discount system of allowing the discount at flat rate of 20 *per cent* on marked-up price (as discussed under **paragraph 3.2.7.5** *infra*), the effective mark-up was reduced to 20 *per cent*¹⁹ on cost price only. However, considering the fact that average overhead to sales ratio of the Company during 2008-09 to 2012-13 stood at 216 *per cent*²⁰, the effective mark-up price of 20 *per cent* on cost price was highly inadequate to generate any meaningful contribution.

The Government in its reply stated that pricing of products was done in such a manner that the sale price should be competitive as per existing market prices. Necessary documents in support of the reply regarding evaluation of competitive prices were, however, not furnished to Audit.

3.2.7.5 Discount policy

As part of its promotional efforts, the Company had been offering discount sales throughout the year for different spells varying from 7 days (June) to 30 days (February-March) in a month. A review of discount sales period in last three years showed that actual average discount period was 160 days as against total 265 working days (60 *per cent*) in a year. Scrutiny of records further revealed that the discount rate was fixed at flat rate of 20 *per cent* on marked-up price and the annual calendar for discount was conveyed in advance to all the sales counters during the first month of the financial year. Announcement of discount rate and schedule of discount period in advance at the beginning of each year had detrimental effects on the normal sales of the Company during regular working days when discount was not available.

An analysis of sales at Head Office complex emporium, which contributed 58 *per cent* of total emporia turnover of the Company within the State revealed the following trends:

Table No.3.2.4

(₹ in lakh)

Year (1)	Net Discount Sales (2)	Normal Sales (3)	Total discount Offered (4)	Total Sales ²¹ (2)+(3)=(5)	Percentage of Normal Sales to Total Sales (3)/(5)x100=(6)	Average percentage of Normal Sales to Total Sales (7)
2010-11	33.06	14.90	8.26	47.96	31.07	30.62
2011-12	34.30	15.28	8.57	49.58	30.82	
2012-13	36.83	15.77	9.21	52.60	29.98	

A significant observation could be made from above that the average ratio of normal sales to total sales during 2010-11 to 2012-13 was only 30.62 *per cent* and the balance 69.38 *per cent* of the average total sales was discount sales only. It reflected that the

¹⁹ Assuming per product cost at ₹ 100 and selling price at ₹ 150 (with markup of 50 *per cent* on purchase cost), the net selling price per product (after allowing flat discount of 20 *per cent*) would be ₹ 120 only.

²⁰ Sales comprise of sales to Government and sales (others); Overheads comprise of general and selling and distribution expenditure (**Appendix-3.11**).

²¹ Excluding sale of 'Fabric Plus' on commission basis

Company was mainly dependent on the discount sales for which effective mark up was only 20 *per cent* on cost price as against the overhead of 216 *per cent* to sales price. It confirmed that the Company never considered the issue of profitability in the sales of products, which may not be in the financial interests of the Company.

Thus, the discount offered by the Company on regular basis rather than as promotional measure did not yield the desired results and it has adversely affected the viability and profitability of the Company. The Company needs to adopt an appropriate and balanced discount policy so that while providing the products to the society at reasonable price, the operational costs involved are also adequately recouped, which is essential for viability of the Company.

In reply, the Government assured that the existing discount policy would be reviewed.

3.2.7.6 Inventory Management

Effective management of inventory is important for any organisation which stocks and sells goods as this involves a direct impact on its working capital. Inventory turnover ratio²² is an indicator of the effectiveness in management of inventory by the organisation. A low inventory turnover ratio implies poor sales and therefore points to excess inventory, which may consequently cause blockage of working capital due to overstocking situation. Thus, the low ratio impacts adversely on the profitability and liquidity position of the organisation. On the other hand, a high inventory turnover ratio indicates stock out situation, which may cause negative impact on sales performance of the organisation. The inventory turnover ratio of the Company for the five years period was as under:

Table No.3.2.5

(₹ in crore)

Particulars	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Opening Inventory	1.96	2.06	1.94	2.34	2.62
Closing Inventory	2.06	1.94	2.34	2.62	2.23
Average Inventory held	2.01	2.00	2.14	2.48	2.43
Sales	2.95	3.23	3.75	2.68	2.61
Inventory turnover ratio	1.47	1.62	1.75	1.08	1.07

It may be noticed that the inventory turnover ratio of the Company was very low. It increased during 2009-10 and 2010-11 but showed a decreasing trend thereafter, which was indicative of accumulation of stock. The main reason of such decreasing trend was significant fall in the sales after 2010-11 from ₹ 3.75 crore (2010-11) to ₹ 2.61 crore (2012-13) as indicated under **paragraph 3.2.9.1** *infra*.

Audit further observed that:

- There was no system in place for periodical age-wise analysis of inventory and the inventory level management tools were not applied to maintain the optimum level of stock.

²² Sales/Average Inventory

- There was no independent annual physical verification of stock at the emporia as it was being carried out by the respective emporia staff only.
- The determination of damaged stock was not done on regular basis. The damaged stock was not marked with indelible ink so as to avoid the possibility of getting it mixed with the good stock and selling the good stock as damaged stock.

In the exit conference, the Secretary agreed with the observation and emphasised on the need for improved inventory management.

3.2.7.7 Manpower management

As on 31 March 2013, the Company had total manpower strength of 384 employees. Manpower strength and the percentage of salary expenditure as a part of total administrative expenditure were as under:

Table No.3.2.6

Year	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
No. of employees	298	285	406	388	384
Percentage of salary to total Administrative Expenditure	87.43	83.30	89.35	95.71	92.97

- As mentioned earlier, the massive increase in manpower strength during 2010-11 was due to merger of Tripura Apex Weavers' Cooperative Society Limited with the Company.
- Despite surplus staff in the Company, 138 No. of Daily Rated Workers/Casual Labourers/Contingent Workers included in the above total number of employees were regularised from December 2012 resulting in increased salary commitment of ₹ 72 lakh per annum²³.
- Business generated per employee by three emporia was ₹ 5000 or less per annum²⁴ in 2012-13 (**Appendix-3.9**);
- Major portion (51 *per cent*) of the staff belonged to unskilled (Group D) category. Hence, the productivity of surplus labour was low;
- Key Department like Accounts Wing was not manned by specialist officers causing adverse impact on the quality of maintenance of accounts and other records; and
- Human Resource Development practices like training was absent though the staff relating to Sales and Marketing Department was regularly dealing with general public. This could adversely affect the repute and reliability of the Company in the general public and stakeholders.

Since the Company was not able to generate any surplus as explained above, the Government had been providing financial assistance in the form of Share Capital contribution for meeting the salary expenditure of the Company resulting in an avoidable burden on the public exchequer.

²³ Based on projections made by the Company

²⁴ Ambassa - ₹ 5000, Ranirbazar - ₹ 3000 and Bishramganj - ₹ 1000

In reply, the Government stated that several steps were initiated for withdrawal of surplus staff from the Company so as to minimise its salary burden. However, necessary documents in support of the reply and the results thereof was not furnished.

3.2.7.8 Operation of Power loom Units

The activities relating to the production and marketing of Power loom products did not form part of the Company's objectives as per its Memorandum of Association. The State Government had also categorically instructed (April 2008) that the Company should not in any way be involved in marketing of Power loom fabrics since it was against its founding objectives of promoting and strengthening the handloom and handicraft sector in the State. It was, however, observed that contrary to the above directions, the Government transferred (July 2009/June 2012) two power loom units to the Company, which were previously run by the Industries Department, for production of grey silk sarees and silk fabrics with the following directions:

- Printing on the grey silk sarees would be done at the Company's silk printing unit at Indranagar;
- Marketing of the finished products was to be done partly by the Company and partly by a weavers' society, namely Muhuripur Tant Silpa Samavaya Samithi Ltd (MTSSS);

During the four year period from 2009-10 to 2012-13, these units produced 4347 Grey silk sarees at a total cost of production of ₹ 55.37 lakh. It was, however, observed that the downward linkage in the production chain could not be achieved due to non-commissioning of Silk Printing Unit as discussed under *paragraph 3.2.8.3*. As the Grey silk sarees without printing were not marketable, the Company decided to get these sarees printed at MTSSS and also outside the state. The details of production and dispatch of these sarees for printing under these two arrangements in each of the five years is given in **Appendix-3.10**. In this connection, following observations are made:

- During the period from August 2009 to September 2012, total 1867 grey silk sarees involving cost of production of ₹ 19.53 lakh (average cost of production ₹ 1046/- per saree) were issued to MTSSS for printing. It was, however, observed that the above arrangement with MTSSS was not formalised with definite terms and conditions on all important issues.
- Out of the above stock dispatched to MTSSS, the Company purchased back 714 sarees after printing at the price charged by MTSSS ranging between ₹ 4000 to ₹ 1250 per saree valued at total amount of ₹ 14.45 lakh. The remaining stock of 1153 sarees (cost of production ₹ 12.26 lakh) dispatched during the period 2011-12 to 2012-13 had not been returned by the MTSSS so far. The reasons of non-return of 1153 sarees were neither found on the record nor furnished to Audit though called for. Since there were no clear terms and conditions, the possibility of complete loss of the said stock could not be ruled out.
- In April 2012, 560 sarees (cost of production ₹ 6.90 lakh) were dispatched to the Company's Branch Office at Kolkata for printing through private parties. It

was, however, observed that out of the said stock, only 75 sarees valued ₹ 0.92 lakh were received (January 2013) back by the Company after printing and balance stock of 485 sarees (cost of production ₹ 5.16 lakh) was pending to be received by the Company even after one and a half years of its despatch.

Thus, the operations of the power loom units at the behest of the State Government were contrary to its own directions as well as to the laid down objectives of the Company. The Company is also likely to sustain losses in the operations of these units in absence of an effective system for monitoring and follow up of the saree stock issued to private parties for printing.

While confirming the facts, the Government did not offer any specific reply with regard to entrustment of the power loom operations to the Company contrary to its own directions. Reply of the Government was also silent on supplying the silk saree stock to MTSSS for printing without any terms and conditions as well as non-recovery of the saree stock lying with MTSSS. As regards non-receipt of Sarees from Kolkata after printing, the Government stated that the matter was under reconciliation.

Audit objective 3: Whether the Schemes/Projects funded by the State/Central Government had been implemented in economic, effective and efficient manner

3.2.8 Implementation of Projects

Development of Head Office Complex, Urban Haat and Silk Printing Unit were the three major projects undertaken by the Company during the period of five years covered in the Audit. During 2008-09 to 2012-13, the Company received an amount of ₹ 10.31 crore from the Government of India/State Government towards implementation of these projects in addition to ₹ 0.75 crore received prior to 2008-09. As against the available funds aggregating ₹ 11.07 crore, the Company utilised an amount of ₹ 3.68 crore (33.24 per cent), the details of which are given below:

Table No.3.2.7

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of the Project/Scheme	Opening balance as on 1/4/2008	Total receipt	Total fund available	Total expenditure incurred	Closing balance of funds as on 31/03/2013
1.	Development of Purbasha Head Office Complex	Nil	8.71	8.71	1.92	6.79
2.	Urban Haat	0.49	1.37	1.86	1.46	0.40
3.	Silk Printing Unit	0.26	0.24	0.50	0.30	0.20

The Audit observations on implementation of the above schemes by the Company are discussed in succeeding paragraphs:

3.2.8.1 Development of Head Office Complex

The Draft Project Report (DPR) for development of 1st phase of Head Office Complex of the Company with facilities for showrooms and godowns was approved by the Government of Tripura in June 2009. Subsequently, an estimate amounting to ₹ 14.28 crore for the work was also approved (April 2010).

Scrutiny of records revealed that the DPR for the project was prepared by a Delhi based consultancy firm 'Shristhi' (Consultants), which was appointed by the Company without inviting open tenders. The work scope of the Consultants also include preparation of cost estimates, tender documents, etc. for the project as well as rendering necessary assistance in awarding and monitoring of the work to a contractor for execution of project work. The Consultants were entitled for a consultancy fee of ₹ 55.25 lakh at the rate of 6.5 *per cent* of estimate cost of work (₹ 8.50 crore).

Tenders were invited by the Company for execution of the project stipulating certain prequalification criteria. It was observed that the invitation of the tenders was restricted to the local newspapers only. As a result, the Company received only two offers against the tender and the work was awarded (September 2010) to the lowest bidder (Contractor) ignoring the fact that the bidder did not meet the pre-qualification criteria of having successfully executed the prescribed quantum of work. The work was scheduled for completion by June 2012. Scrutiny of records revealed that execution of the work was delayed on many occasions due to deviation from design, poor quality of execution and use of unspecified materials. As admitted by the Contractor, the work of the project was complicated and was of exotic nature. The state of affairs as stated above was indicative of the fact that while selecting the Contractor, the Company/Consultant failed to properly evaluate the technical competence and capability of the bidders taking cognizance of the prequalification criteria. As a result, execution of the project suffered due to unforeseen delays and the project was still pending for completion (December 2013).

In reply, the Government stated that the Contractor was selected by considering both technical and financial bids. The reply is not tenable as the conditions of technical bid regarding successful completion of prescribed value of work by the bidder were not strictly followed at the time of selection of the work contractor. In fact, in view of nature and volume of work involved, the Company should have given wider publicity to the work Tender rather than restricting it to the local newspapers only.

3.2.8.2 Urban Haat

With a view to provide direct marketing facilities to crafts persons/weavers in various States throughout the country, the Government of India formulated the Urban Haat Scheme as part of the Ninth Five Year Plan (1998-2002). Urban Haat was to include Craft shops, Food courts, Exhibition Hall, Children's play area, Lily Pond and an Amphitheatre. As per the scheme, the Haats were to be self sustainable based on the potential of the income from stall/exhibition hall rentals from artisans, entry ticket sale and food courts.

The Urban Haat Project in Tripura was approved (January 2002) by GOI at an estimated cost of ₹ 1.35 crore (to be funded in the ratio of 70:30 by Central and State Governments). Due to delays in taking up the project, the cost estimates for the project escalated to ₹ 2.85 crore. Taking a note of significant increase in the cost estimates, the State Government decided (January 2005) to keep the project in abeyance.

In March 2006, a revised project proposal and estimates were placed before the Government. This revised project estimates were confined only to the essential elements of project so as to keep the cost within the original project cost (₹ 1.35 crore) sanctioned by the Government. Tenders were invited (April 2007) and work was awarded to the lowest bidder at an estimated cost of ₹ 1.13 crore with stipulation to complete the work by July 2008. It was, however, observed that the contractor could complete the first phase of the Urban Haat project after a delay of two and half years from the scheduled date in January 2011.

As per the CPWD Manual, the Company was required to maintain the Hindrance Register detailing the stage-wise reasons for delays in execution of the project. No such Register or other records were, however, maintained by the Company. As a result, the Audit could not analyse the stage-wise reasons responsible for delay in execution of the project. It was, however, observed that the following reasons directly contributed to the delay in execution:

- Pre-project formalities like soil testing, clearing of site, etc. were not completed in advance before handing over the site to the contractor, resulting in delay of almost five months in commencement of project work.
- Based on the proposal of the Company to complete the left out components of the project under first phase, the State Government approved the second phase of the project at estimated cost of ₹ 2.49 crore. Even though it was evident that the available funds were not sufficient to complete the entire project, the proposal for the second phase was placed before the State Government only in May 2008 and techno feasibility report submitted only in June 2010. Even after release of first installment of funds by GOI in September 2011, actual work at site for the second phase of the project was commenced only after 13 months in October 2012.

Audit observed that many of the Urban Haat projects which commenced simultaneously elsewhere in the country had been successfully completed²⁵ while the project relating to the Tripura State was still pending for completion as shown in the following photographs.

²⁵Eg. Urban Haats at Bhubneswar, Ahmedabad, Uchana (Haryana), Jammu, Tirupati, Gohar Mahal (M.P), Jodhpur, Agra, Srinagar, Raipur, Bhuj, Mysore, Dimapur, Konark and Pitampura (Delhi).



Urban Haat Navi Mumbai taken up in 2003 was commissioned in 2008



Present state of Urban Haat, Agartala

Thus, undue delay in execution of Urban Haat Project due to above-mentioned reasons resulted in escalation of ₹ 2.49 crore in the project cost besides unproductive investment of funds along with the related social costs.

The Government in its reply stated that escalation in project cost was due to revised project proposal. Reply is not tenable since revised project proposal itself was necessitated due to non completion of all the elements of the Urban Haat Project in entirety.

Thus, both the prestigious and important projects for the State being executed by the Company were delayed due to various reasons even though adequate funds had been made available by Central and State Governments.

3.2.8.3 Silk Printing Unit

The Company received (February 2005) a fund of ₹ 21.61 lakh from the Government under Additional Central Assistance for installation of a Silk printing unit for printing and dyeing of silk fabrics. It was, however, observed that significant portion of the funds amounting to ₹ 20 lakh was diverted (March-April 2005) by the Company towards payment of dues to weavers and artisans without any intimation/approval of the Government. When the Government insisted (April 2007) for submission of utilisation certificate of the fund, the Company intimated (June 2007) about the diversion with request for additional fund of ₹ 20.00 lakh for execution of the work. Government sanctioned (December 2007) an additional fund of ₹ 26.50 lakh based on a revised project proposal for installation of the Unit.

Audit scrutiny revealed that for execution of the project a committee headed by the Managing Director was constituted (July 2007) with the responsibility for purchase of machineries and equipment to be installed in the Silk Printing Unit. During the period up to January 2009, the Company spent ₹ 28.52 lakh for procurement of machineries, building construction, effluent treatment plant, fee payment to consultant etc. The Company faced technical difficulties in installation and commissioning of the machines and other equipment so procured. As a result, the unit was still pending for commissioning (October 2013).

Thus, the Company failed to install and commission the Silk Printing Unit for last eight years despite spending ₹ 28.52 lakh, which may lead to obsolescence of the machineries and equipment, besides forcing the Company to outsource the printing work at additional costs.

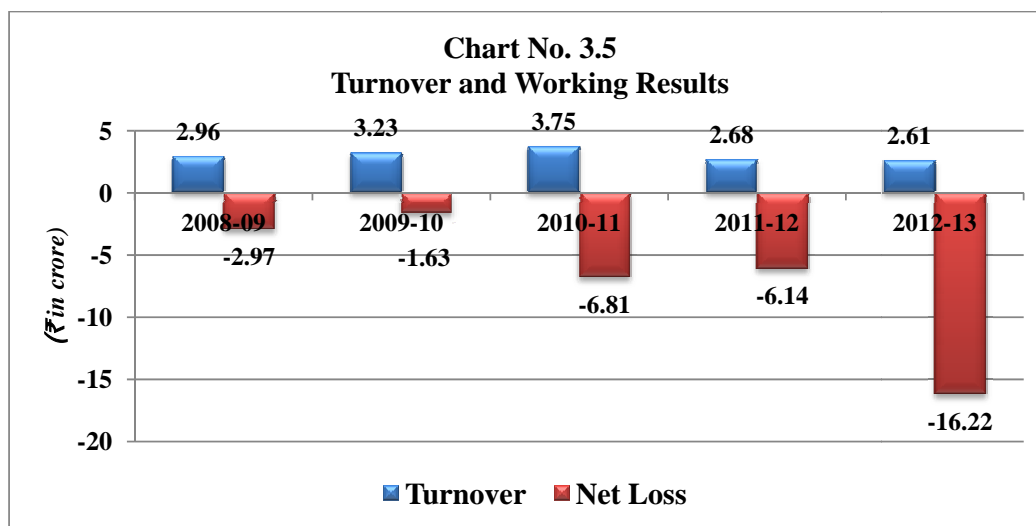
In reply, the Government stated that the commissioning of Silk Printing Unit was expected to be completed within a month or two.

Audit objective 4: Whether financial management was efficient and effective

3.2.9 Finance Management

3.2.9.1 Working Results

An overview of the operational results of the Company during the period from 2008-09 to 2012-13 are given in **Appendix-3.11**. The turnover *vis-a-vis* the working results of the Company for the period of five years are depicted in the following chart:



From the chart above, it may be noticed that although the turnover of the Company increased from ₹ 2.96 crore in 2008-09 to ₹ 3.75 crore in 2010-11, there was considerable increase in operational losses from ₹ 2.97 crore (2008-09) to ₹ 6.81 crore (2010-11) mainly because of substantial increase (₹ 3.35 crore) in the administrative expenditure of the Company from ₹ 3.85 crore (2008-09) to ₹ 7.20 crore (2010-11). After 2010-11, the operational losses of the Company increased by more than 138 *per cent* (₹ 9.41 crore) to ₹ 16.22 crore during 2012-13 primarily due to merger of Tripura Apex Weavers' Cooperative Society Limited (TAWCS) with the Company during 2010-11 and consequent increase in administrative expenditure without corresponding increase in turnover as discussed in succeeding paragraphs.

3.2.9.2 Merger of Tripura Apex Weavers' Cooperative Society

The TAWCS was engaged in sale of handloom products through own showrooms. In view of the decision taken by the Government, the Board of Directors of the Company approved (7 July 2007) the proposal for merger of both the organisations in anticipation that the merger would create synergy and hasten the development of the sector. The merger which was effective from 20 May 2010 had, however, caused an additional salary commitment for the Company to the tune of ₹ 2.01 crore per year in respect of 131 employees of TAWCS added on the pay roll of the Company. At the time of merger, TAWCS had a paid up Share Capital of ₹ 15.66 crore and an insignificant net worth of ₹ 0.38 crore after taking into account the accumulated losses of ₹ 15.28 crore.

Audit analysis of the financial implications of the merger on the performance of the Company revealed that during the next three years after the merger (from May 2010 to March 2013), the Company had to bear additional salary expenditure of ₹ 6.06 crore²⁶ against the employees of erstwhile TAWCS. As against this, the additional net margin generated against the turnover of 24 TAWCS emporia was only ₹ 0.13 crore (2.15 per cent). The significant disproportion in the benefits accrued *vis-à-vis* the expenditure committed in post merger scenario indicated that the merger was carried out without conducting a proper business study and without preparing an action plan so as to make the merger mutually advantageous. As a result, the merger of TAWCS with the Company proved to be a burden for the Company adding to its operational losses and worsening its financial position.

In reply, the Government stated that the intended goals of the merger could not be achieved due to shortage of working capital.

The reply is indicative of the fact that while taking decision for merger of TAWCS with the Company, all relevant factors having direct bearing on the financial interests of the Company were not taken into account. Further, the analysis carried out by Audit indicated that the major reason for shortage of working capital was poor management of inventory and debtors as mentioned under **paragraphs 3.2.7.6 and 3.2.9.4**. Thus, failure on part of the Company in improving the inventory and debtors management system was also responsible for deterioration in the working capital position of the Company to some extent.

3.2.9.3 Financial Position

The details of the financial position of the Company as per its certified accounts for the years from 2008-09 to 2012-13 are given below:

²⁶ Represents actual salary expenditure incurred by the Company during the period against the employees of TAWCS added on Company's rolls.

Table No.3.2.8

(₹ in crore)

Particulars	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
A. Liabilities					
a) Paid-up capital (including Share suspense ²⁷)	26.80	30.67	53.14	59.88	67.34
(b) Reserves and surplus	(27.50)	(26.21)	(52.78)	(61.28) ²⁸	(77.50)
(c) Long-term borrowings	5.87	4.34	4.38	4.27	4.27
(d) Other long-term liabilities	Nil	Nil	Nil	9.16	9.23
(e) Trade dues, current liabilities and provisions	7.41	7.65	10.41	9.14	17.16
Total A	12.58	16.45	15.15	21.17	20.50
B. Assets					
(a) Gross lock	2.56	2.56	2.85	2.89	2.91
(b) Depreciation	1.87	1.93	1.99	2.05	2.11
(c) Net fixed assets	0.69	0.63	0.86	0.84	0.80
(d) Capital work-in-progress	Nil	Nil	Nil	1.16	1.16
(e) Current Assets, loans and advances	11.89	15.82	14.29	19.17	18.54
Total B	12.58	16.45	15.15	21.17	20.50
C. Capital employed ²⁹	5.17	8.80	4.74	2.87	(5.89)
Net Worth	(0.70)	4.46	0.36	(1.40)	(10.16)

Scrutiny of records revealed that during five years' period from 2008-09 to 2012-13, the State Government had made total equity contribution of ₹ 27.93 crore³⁰ in the Company. It may, however, be observed that despite said capital infusion by the State Government, the entire paid up capital of the Company was wiped off by the losses and the net worth of the Company had become negative. It was further observed that there was no capital expenditure of the Company against the equity contribution made by the State Government and the entire capital addition was being utilised for meeting day to day revenue expenditure only. As a result, the Company continued to be sick over the years.

3.2.9.4 Debtors management

The Company sells goods on credit only to Government Departments and related agencies. The status of the debtors over the years has been as under:

Table No.3.2.9

(₹ in crore)

Year	Opening Balance	Credit Sales	Collection	Closing Balance
2008-09	4.08	1.59	1.42	4.25
2009-10	4.25	1.78	0.78	5.25
2010-11	5.25	2.13	1.26	6.12
2011-12	6.12	1.05	0.62	6.55
2012-13	6.55	1.45	1.24	6.76
Total		8.00	5.32	

²⁷ Share suspense represents the amount received from the State Government towards share capital pending allotment.

²⁸ As per the revised format of Schedule-VI of the Companies Act, 1956 (effective from 2011-12) accumulated loss had to be disclosed under Reserves & Surplus

²⁹ Capital employed represents "Share-holders' funds plus Long-term Borrowings"

³⁰ Paid-up capital as on 31 March 2013 (₹ 67.34 crore) minus Paid-up capital as on 1 April 2008 (₹ 23.75 crore) minus Paid-up capital of TAWCS (₹ 15.66 crore) = Capital infusion during 2008-13 (₹ 27.93 crore)

It may be seen that the closing balance of sundry debtors had been increasing year after year and the recoveries from debtors were not even sufficient to match the credit sales of that year itself.

Scrutiny of records revealed that as per the certified accounts of the Company as on 31 March 2012-13, 33 *per cent* of the total receivables were due only from the Directorate of Panchayat. As on 31 March 2013, the Company had total receivables of ₹ 6.76 crore against 285 parties. It was observed that the accounts of 159 out of these 285 parties involving receivables of ₹ 1.05 crore were dormant during all the five years under reference. It was further observed that there was no system of obtaining the confirmation of outstanding balances from the debtors on year to year basis. The Company also did not conduct age-wise analysis of receivables and review of their realisability so as to make appropriate provisions against doubtful debts. Thus, the efforts made by the Company for monitoring and follow up of receivables outstanding against sundry debtors were inadequate and had adversely affected the liquidity position of the Company. As a result, the Company faced shortage of working capital in meeting the requirements of its day-to-day operations.

In the exit conference, the Secretary appreciated the audit observation and agreed for taking necessary corrective steps.

Audit objective 5: Whether an effective monitoring and internal control system was in place

3.2.10 Monitoring

3.2.10.1 Corporate Governance

A good and effective corporate governance provides the framework for attaining the objectives of an organisation. It encompasses every sphere of management from action plans and internal controls to performance measurement of the organisation.

The Board of Directors of the Company comprised of eleven members including a full time Managing Director who was the Chief Executive of the Company. Official members of Industries and Finance Departments were the representatives of these Departments in the Board. In this connection, following deficiencies were observed in the functioning of the Board which had adverse impact on the monitoring activities of the Company through better corporate governance:

- i) The Company did not have a full time MD during the period of five years covered by Audit. In absence of a full time MD, the Director, Handloom, Handicrafts and Sericulture performed the duties of Chief Executive of the Company.
- ii) As against total number of 22 meetings of the Board held during 2008-13, Secretary, Industries & Commerce (HHS) attended only one meeting while representative of Finance Department attended the meetings only on five occasions.

- iii) The Board, in its 121st Meeting (November 2007) decided that development activities taken up by the Company for weavers and artisans should be stated in detail in future meetings. This issue, however, never appeared again in the Board meeting.
- iv) The Board never discussed and reviewed the Company's poor performance and reasons thereof. It also never considered the steps to be taken to improve the financial status of the Company.

3.2.10.2 Internal Control

Internal control systems of an organisation ensure achievement of organisational objectives, effective utilisation of resources, safeguarding of assets and availability of reliable information to the management and other stakeholders. Audit noticed the following deficiencies in internal control:

- There was no system of internal audit;
- Budgetary control system was absent;
- There were no operational or financial manuals;
- Bank reconciliations were not carried out periodically;
- Emporia staff was not rotated periodically;
- Surprise verification of cash in the emporia was not conducted and the monthly statements sent by the emporia were not being reconciled with Head Office records;
- Management Information System was absent;
- There was no system of cross verification of data generated by various Departments; and
- Accounts wing of the Company was weak and was entirely dependent on external agencies for compilation of transactions.

The Government agreed with the audit observations and assured to take the necessary corrective action.

Audit objective 6: Whether system existed for assessing the impact of Company's activities in uplifting socio-economic conditions of weavers/artisans in the State

3.2.11 Impact assessment

The Company was established to improve the socio-economic conditions of the artisans and weavers by undertaking a variety of activities having direct and indirect impact in their sphere of activity. For this purpose, the Company implemented various projects and undertook commercial activities using Government assistance. The Company was, however, not prompt in making payment of dues of the artisans and weavers against the cost of finished products procured from them for selling in the market mainly on account of working capital crisis as discussed under **paragraph 3.2.7.3** *supra*. Inordinate delays by the Company in clearing the dues of the weavers/artisans had adversely affected the economic conditions of these weavers/artisans, which was not in lines with its laid down objectives. It was the duty

of the Company to analyse the impact of its operations on its beneficiaries. It was, however, observed that the Company did not even have basic data regarding its beneficiary community, not to mention the impact it had on their operations. Consequently, it remained in the dark regarding the role it was performing in the Handloom and Handicraft sector of the State.

3.2.12 Conclusion

The Company was formed with the prime objective of promoting and strengthening the Handloom and Handicraft sectors in the State by supplying raw materials to weavers and artisans, marketing the finished products and running of production centres. The present activities of the Company are, however, confined mainly to marketing of finished products procured from weavers and artisans.

The Company had no vision or planned orientation in achieving the stated objectives. The system of forming MOUs between the Company and the Government was not effective as the annual targets of turnover and operational expenses of the Company fixed there under were not based on any scientific study.

The Company did not have a documented pricing policy. The liberal discount system followed by the Company on regular basis had adverse impact on its viability and profitability. As per the unit-wise profitability worked out by Audit for 2012-13, excepting one emporium, all 43 emporia of the Company had incurred losses. Contrary to its laid down objectives, the Company had been operating two power loom units at the behest of the State Government, which had caused negative impact on its financial interests.

All three major projects taken up by the Company during five years period had suffered time and cost overruns mainly due to reasons like, improper selection of work contractor, non-completion of pre-project formalities in time, technical difficulties in installation of machines, etc. As a result, intended objectives of the projects could not be achieved.

Despite capital infusion of ₹ 27.93 crore by the State Government during 2008-09 to 2012-13, Company had been facing working capital crunch due to continuous operational losses. The merger of Tripura Apex Weaver's Co-operative Society (TAWCS) with the Company had also adversely affected its financial position as there was significant disproportion between the benefits accrued vis-à-vis addition in the committed expenditure towards manpower cost of the Company in post merger scenario.

Internal control and monitoring system was almost non-existent in the Company.

The Company did not make any effort to assess the impact of its activities in uplifting socio economic conditions of the weavers/artisans in the State.

3.2.13 Recommendations

The Government/Company may consider the following recommendations:

- The Government should ensure that the Company develops a long term Perspective Plan fixing feasible annual targets/goals on scientific basis in lines with its laid down objectives. ;
- To make the operations of the emporia viable, the Company needs to review its discount policy so that the discount is offered as a promotional measure rather than allowing the same on routine basis. The Government needs to take decision on continuing with the operations of Company's power loom units duly considering it's laid down objectives.
- The commissioning of on-going projects be expedited so as to achieve the intended objectives.
- The working capital position of the Company needs to be improved through close monitoring and effective management of its major components like debtors and inventory using modern managerial tools.
- The Company needs to improve Corporate Governance and overhaul its internal control/management information system in order to ensure effective monitoring and control of its operations.

In the Exit Conference, the Secretary accepted the audit recommendations and assured necessary corrective actions

INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT (Tripura Industrial Development Corporation Limited)

3.3 Loss of revenue

Failure of the Company to incorporate an appropriate clause in lease agreements for recovery of lease premium and rent at revised rates had resulted in loss of revenue of ₹ 62.20 lakh

The Tripura Industrial Development Corporation Limited (Company) allotted land/sheds to the industrial units located at Bodhjungle Growth Centre on lease basis for 30 years. The Company had been charging one-time non-refundable lease premium of ₹ 1 lakh per acre of land/per shed and monthly lease of ₹ 4,000 per acre (of land) and ₹ 5,000 per shed in respect of land and sheds respectively as per the rates fixed in 1998.

Considering the present market value of the locality, it was proposed in the meeting (15 September 2006) of the Board of Directors (BOD) to enhance the one-time non-refundable lease premium to ₹ 5 lakh for per acre of land and ₹ 2 lakh per shed with monthly lease rent of ₹ 5000 per acre of land and ₹ 6000 per shed respectively. BOD deferred (September 2006) the decision on the proposed increase till the next meeting and directed that provisional allotment of land and shed be continued after adding a new clause in the lease agreement that new allottees shall pay premium and rent at the rate enhanced by the Board. Based on the decision taken in a subsequent meeting (September 2008) of BOD, the rates were finally enhanced with effect from October 2008. As per the revised rates, the land premium per acre was fixed at ₹ 2.50 lakh and premium per shed fixed at ₹ 5 lakh while monthly rent for land and shed were revised to ₹ 6000 per acre and ₹ 7000 per shed respectively.

Scrutiny of records (January 2013) revealed that during September 2006 to October 2008, the Company had allotted 24.05 acres of land to six industrial units. It was, however, observed that as per the directions (September 2006) of the BOD, the Company had incorporated a clause in these lease agreements to charge lease premium and lease rent as per the revised rates after final decision of the Company in this regard. But the Company could not realise the enhanced one-time lease premium as well as the revised monthly lease rent from these allottees (effective from October 2008) as these lease agreements contained contradictory provisions for increase in lease rent only after expiry of 5/10 years³¹ of the lease period. This had resulted in avoidable loss of revenue of ₹ 62.20 lakh towards lease premium and rent upto December 2013 (**Appendix 3.12**).

In reply, the Company accepted (April 2013) the fact that enhanced rates could not be implemented due to the insertion of a refraining clause in the agreements.

³¹ 5 years in respect of 3 units (M/s Agartala Rubber Industry, M/s Brite Rubber Processor (P) Ltd and M/s Rotomec) and 10 years in respect of 3 units (M/s Agartala Food Processing (P) Ltd, M/s Dharampal Premchand Ltd and M/s Bengal Breweries (P) Ltd)

Thus, failure of the Company to incorporate an appropriate clause in lease agreements for recovery of premium and rent at revised rates as per the directions of the Board of Directors had resulted in loss of revenue of ₹ 62.20 lakh.

The Director, Industries and Commerce Department, while endorsing the reply of the Company, stated (August 2013) that the number of new lessees during 2008-09 to 2012-13 (60) *vis-a-vis* the number of units closed during the same period (24) gives the dismal picture of demands for land and sheds for industrial purpose, and in a situation where there was no demand for land and sheds the Management could not implement the Board's decision in order to attract more investors in industrial sector.

The reply regarding low demand during 2008-12 is not relevant and appears to be an afterthought as the audit observation pertained to the allotments made during September 2006 to October 2008. Further, Management's decision to incorporate the contradictory clause in the lease agreements without the approval of the BOD was irregular.

The matter was reported (July 2013) to the Government; their replies had not been received (January 2014).

3.4 Loss due to injudicious investments

Due to improper investment of funds in absence of a scientific method for investment planning, the Company suffered an avoidable interest loss of ₹ 22.98 lakh.

The Tripura Industrial Development Corporation Limited (Company) acts as an implementing agency for execution of various industrial infrastructure development projects in Tripura. The Company receives funds from the Government of India/ Government of Tripura from time to time against the sanctioned projects. The project funds as well as the Company's own funds generated out of lease premium/rent are invested by the Company in various Fixed Deposits (FDs) with banks. Thus, the Company needs to invest the surplus funds in FDs in such a manner so that the returns on these investments are maximised. For the purpose, the Company should analyse the interest rates of FDs offered by various banks duly taking into account other relevant factors (*viz.* safety of invested funds, liquidity options, etc.) before arriving at final decision.

During the review (January 2013) of funds invested by the Company in FDs during 2006-07 to 2012-13, it was revealed that in 46 cases, FDs were made with different banks on the same/nearer date(s) at varying rates of interest, without cross-verifying the available higher rates of interest. The Company could have earned an additional income of ₹ 22.98 lakh (**Appendix 3.13**) in these cases by investing in FDs with the banks offering higher rates of interest on the particular date.

In reply to the observation raised at initial stage, the Company stated (April 2013) that it had maintained separate savings bank accounts for various projects and had preferred to place the funds in term deposits with the same bank based on experience

that there occurs delay in transfer of funds from one bank to another if the deposits were made with another bank. It was further stated that it would take initiative to avail best interest rates for optimising the interest earning on the basis of the observation made by the Audit.

The plea of operational convenience cited in the reply was not convincing in the present scenario of internet banking and also considering the fact that operations of all the savings accounts were within Agartala city only. The Company, therefore should have invested the funds in the FDs only with the banks offering the highest rate of return.

Thus, due to improper investment of funds in absence of a scientific method for investment planning, the Company had suffered an avoidable loss of revenue of ₹ 22.98 lakh.

The matter was reported (July 2013) to the Government; their replies had not been received (January 2014).

INFORMATION, CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND TOURISM DEPARTMENT (Tripura Tourism Development Corporation Limited)

3.5 Non-implementation of tourism project

Failure of the State Government in providing the project land for the Government of India sponsored tourism project “Destination Development of Agartala” deprived the State of the intended benefits of the project.

Government of India (GOI) sanctioned (March 2007) ₹ 3.19 crore and released (April 2008) ₹ 2.55 crore (80 *per cent* of the sanctioned amount) to the Information, Cultural Affairs and Tourism (ICAT) Department for the project “Destination Development of Agartala” with the stipulation to commission the project within a maximum period of 30 months (upto September 2010) from the date of issue of sanction. The project was intended mainly to promote the destination to local and intra-regional tourists by providing improved accommodation facilities, way side amenities, recreational activities and up-gradation and enhancement of existing facilities. The project consisted of two components *viz.* (i) Tourist Facilitation Centre at Kunjaban and (ii) Memorial Park at Kunjaban. As per the Detailed Project Report (DPR) prepared in October 2007, the proposed site for the Tourist Facilitation Centre was in the proximity of Circuit House at Kunjaban. The site for the Memorial Park was to be a lush green area of 6 acres proposed on a hillock overlooking the central area of Agartala Town at Kunjaban.

Scrutiny (May 2013) of records revealed that while forwarding the DPR to GOI, the State Government/Department had given an undertaking that the required land for the project was readily available with it. It was, however, observed that while the proposed site for Tourist Facilitation Centre was in the possession of the Department, the land required for the Memorial Park was pending for acquisition by the State

Government. Accordingly, the Department requested (October 2008) the DM & Collector, West Tripura District to allot six acres of land at the southern side of State Guest House and State Tourism Lodge to implement the project but no land could be found for allotment in that area. In June 2009, the Department transferred the project funds amounting to ₹ 2.55 crore as released by GOI to the Tripura Tourism Development Corporation Limited (Company) for implementation of the project. Subsequently, the Company also requested (April 2010) the DM & Collector to allot at least one acre of land in the vicinity of Kunjaban for setting up of the Memorial park. But no land could be acquired for the purpose.

Ultimately, GOI asked (September 2012) the Department to refund the money immediately, following which the funds of ₹ 2.55 crore had to be refunded by the Company to GOI due to non-implementation of the project. This indicated that the proposals for the project were made to GOI for sanction of funds without due regard to availability of land. Consequently, the objective of the project remained unachieved due to lack of timely action on the part of the State Government.

It was observed that the Company earned an interest of ₹ 32.35 lakh on the project funds, which remained un-utilised for 38 months in its Saving Bank Account. Out of the interest income so earned, ₹ 7.50 lakh was irregularly utilised by the Company for another project and balance of ₹ 24.85 lakh was still lying in the Saving Bank Account of the Company.

Thus, failure on part of the State Government in providing a suitable site for the Government of India sponsored tourism project deprived the State of the intended benefits of the project.

In reply, the Government stated (December 2013) that as it had been very late to start the work, it was directed (February 2011) by the GOI to drop the project.

The reply confirms the fact of surrendering the project funds to GOI due to the failure of the Department in providing suitable site for the project.

CHAPTER IV: REVENUE SECTOR

4.1 GENERAL

4.1.1 Trend of revenue receipts

The tax and non-tax revenue raised by the Government of Tripura during the year 2012-13, the State's share of net proceeds of divisible Union taxes and duties assigned to the State and grants-in-aid received from the Government of India during the year and the corresponding figures for the preceding four years are mentioned below:

Table No. 4.1.1

(₹ in crore)

		2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
I.	Revenue raised by the State Government					
	• Tax revenue	442.50	527.01	622.34	858.02	1004.65
	• Non-tax revenue	149.04	125.40	131.79	214.22	178.75
	Total:	591.54	652.41	754.13	1072.24	1183.40
	Percentage of increase over previous year	21.69	10.29	15.59	42.18	10.37
II.	Receipts from the Government of India					
	• State's share of net proceeds of divisible Union taxes	686.52	706.34	1122.36	1307.56	1493.18
	• Grants-in-aid	2798.72	3042.60	3292.11	4097.10	4373.72
	Total:	3485.24	3748.94	4414.47	5404.66	5866.90
III.	Total receipts of State Government (I+II)	4076.78	4401.35	5168.60	6476.90	7050.30
IV.	Percentage of I to III	15	15	15	17	17

Thus, growth of revenue during 2012-13 over previous year was at 10.37 *per cent* against 42.18 *per cent* in the year 2011-12. Further, during the year 2012-13, the revenue raised by the State Government (₹ 1,183.40 crore) was 17 *per cent* of the total revenue receipts (₹ 7,050.30 crore). The percentage of own receipts to total receipts during the current year was same (17 *per cent*) as compared to the previous year. The balance 83 *per cent* of receipts during 2012-13 was from the Government of India.

4.1.1 (a) Tax Revenue: The following table presents the details of tax revenue raised during the period 2008-09 to 2012-13:

Table No. 4.1.2

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Head of revenue	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	Percentage of increase (+) or decrease (-) in 2012-13 over 2011-12
1.	Sales Tax/VAT	314.79	374.93	444.93	666.32	763.07	(+) 15
2.	State Excise	48.28	61.09	85.85	94.68	114.00	(+) 20
3.	Other Taxes on Income and Expenditure	25.97	29.16	29.22	30.27	32.16	(+) 6
4.	Stamps and Registration Fees	17.03	18.15	24.23	30.73	36.71	(+) 19

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Head of revenue	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	Percentage of increase (+) or decrease (-) in 2012-13 over 2011-12
5.	Taxes on Vehicles	29.82	37.14	21.92	25.18	30.73	(+) 22
6.	Other Taxes and Duties on Commodities and Services	0.84	0.95	0.91	1.42	1.36	(-) 4
7.	Land Revenue	5.55	5.55	15.25	9.33	26.44	(+) 183
8.	Taxes on Agricultural Income	0.18	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.10	(+) 150
9.	Taxes and Duties on Electricity	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.05	0.05	Nil
10.	Others	0.02	0.01	Nil	Nil	0.03	Nil
Total		442.50	527.01	622.34	858.02	1004.65	(+) 17

The Finance (Excise & Taxation) Department furnished the following reasons for increase in revenue in 2012-13 as compared to 2011-12:

Sales Tax:- The increase in collection of Sales Tax/VAT (15 *per cent*) was due to minimisation of evasion of tax, efficient tax collection and intensive checking, regular monitoring at Churaibari Checkpost and revision of VAT rates.

State Excise:- The increase in collection of State Excise (20 *per cent*) was due to higher consumption of 'Liquor' as compared to the previous year and hike in licence fees.

4.1.1 (b) Non-Tax Revenue: The following table presents the details of the non-tax revenue raised during the period 2008-09 to 2012-13.

Table No. 4.1.3

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Head of revenue	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	Percentage of increase (+)/ decrease (-) in 2012-13 over 2011-12
1.	Forestry and Wildlife	5.57	6.29	7.64	6.98	6.56	(-) 6
2.	Education, Sports, Art and Culture	1.55	1.50	1.27	2.06	0.68	(-) 67
3.	Crop Husbandry	1.70	1.52	1.85	1.93	1.97	(+) 2
4.	Other Administrative Services	2.33	11.76	3.91	5.45	5.36	(-) 2
5.	Miscellaneous General Services	22.28	22.29	11.29	11.60	0.80	(-) 93
6.	Water Supply and Sanitation	1.23	1.13	1.21	1.26	1.68	(+) 33
7.	Police	19.86	16.88	24.73	37.33	28.48	(-) 24
8.	Interest Receipts	62.93	27.88	23.24	50.66	67.88	(+) 34
9.	Stationery and Printing	1.75	1.26	1.51	1.40	1.28	(-) 9
10.	Animal Husbandry	1.56	1.45	1.57	1.32	1.49	(+) 13
11.	Industries	9.38	11.87	30.63	39.80	41.20	(+) 4
12.	Public Works	6.17	7.71	7.83	7.84	5.56	(-) 29
13.	Village and Small Industries	0.02	1.46	0.04	0.01	0.03	(+) 200
14.	Fisheries	1.89	0.68	0.55	0.67	0.60	(-) 10
15.	Other Rural Development Programmes	0.03	0.03	0.08	0.04	0.03	(-) 25
16.	Housing	1.13	1.34	1.35	1.73	1.71	(-) 1
17.	Minor Irrigation	0.71	0.06	0.08	0.08	0.16	(+) 100
18.	Medical and Public Health	4.52	4.87	4.06	5.14	6.95	(+) 35
19.	Co-operation	0.05	0.07	0.05	3.69	0.07	(-) 98
20.	Others	4.38	5.35	8.90	35.23	6.26	(-) 82
Total		149.04	125.40	131.79	214.22	178.75	(-) 17

The General Administration (Stationery and Printing) Department stated that the decrease in collection of Stationery and Printing (nine *per cent*) was due to lesser collection than previous year.

The reasons for variations in respect of other Heads are awaited from the concerned departments (January 2014).

4.1.2 Variation between the budget estimates and actuals

The variations between the budget estimates and actuals of revenue receipts under the principal heads of Tax and Non-Tax revenue for the year 2012-13 are mentioned in the following table:

Table No. 4.1.4

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Head of Revenue Receipt	Budget estimates	Actuals	Variation increase (+) decrease (-)	Percentage of variation over Budget Estimate
Tax Revenue					
1.	Sales Tax/VAT	670.00	763.07	(+) 93.07	(+) 13.89
2.	State Excise	100.00	114.00	(+) 14.00	(+) 14.00
3.	Other Taxes on Income and Expenditure ¹	32.00	32.16	(+) 0.16	(+) 0.50
4.	Stamps and Registration Fees	30.00	36.71	(+) 6.71	(+) 22.37
5.	Taxes on Vehicles	40.00	30.73	(-) 9.27	(-) 23.18
6.	Other Taxes and Duties on Commodities and Services	1.37	1.36	(-) 0.01	(-) 0.73
7.	Land Revenue	20.00	26.44	(+) 6.44	(+) 32.20
8.	Taxes on Agricultural Income	0.01	0.10	(+) 0.09	(+) 900.00
9.	Taxes and Duties on Electricity	0.03	0.05	(+) 0.02	(+) 66.67
Non-Tax Revenue					
10.	Forestry and Wildlife	1.20	6.56	(+) 5.36	(+) 446.67
11.	Education, Sports, Art and Culture	2.00	0.68	(-) 1.32	(-) 66.00
12.	Crop Husbandry	2.70	1.97	(-) 0.73	(-) 27.04
13.	Other Administrative Services	22.35	5.36	(-) 16.99	(-) 76.02
14.	Miscellaneous General Services	11.93	0.80	(-) 11.13	(-) 93.29
15.	Water Supply and Sanitation	2.15	1.68	(-) 0.47	(-) 21.86
16.	Police	20.00	28.48	(+) 8.48	(+) 42.40
17.	Interest Receipts	30.00	67.88	(+) 37.88	(+) 126.27
18.	Stationery and Printing	1.75	1.28	(-) 0.47	(-) 26.86
19.	Animal Husbandry	2.15	1.49	(-) 0.66	(-) 30.70
20.	Industries	35.00	41.20	(+) 6.20	(+) 17.71
21.	Public Works	15.00	5.56	(-) 9.44	(-) 62.94
22.	Village and Small Industries	0.10	0.03	(-) 0.07	(-) 70.00
23.	Fisheries	2.86	0.60	(-) 2.26	(-) 79.02
24.	Other Rural Development Programmes	0.11	0.03	(-) 0.08	(-) 72.73
25.	Housing	2.15	1.71	(-) 0.44	(-) 20.47
26.	Minor Irrigation	2.15	0.16	(-) 1.99	(-) 92.56
27.	Medical and Public Health	8.00	6.95	(-) 1.05	(-) 13.13
28.	Co-operation	0.21	0.07	(-) 0.14	(-) 66.67
29.	Others	16.53	6.26	(-) 10.27	(-) 62.13

Source: Annual Financial Statement and Finance Account for the year 2012-13.

¹ Includes Taxes on Profession, Trades, Calling and Employment.

The Finance (Excise & Taxation) Department furnished the following reasons for increase in actuals over the Budget Estimates:

Sales Tax:- The increase in collection of Sales Tax/VAT (13.89 *per cent*) was due to increase of rate of VAT, minimisation of evasion of tax, efficient tax collection due to intensive checking, regular monitoring at Churaibari Checkpost and introduction of e-Services also.

State Excise:- The increase in collection of State Excise (14 *per cent*) was on account of increased consumption of liquor than the projections made in the budget and hike in licence fees.

4.1.3 Cost of collection

The gross collection of major revenue receipts, expenditure incurred on collection and the percentage of such expenditure to gross collection during the period 2010-11 to 2012-13 along with the relevant all India average percentage of expenditure on collection to gross collections for 2011-12 are mentioned in the following table:

Table No. 4.1.5

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Head of revenue	Year	Gross Collection	Expenditure on collection	Percentage of expenditure on collection to gross collection	All India average percentage for the year 2011-12
1.	Sales Tax/ VAT	2010-11	444.93	5.74	1.29	0.83
		2011-12	666.32	7.84	1.18	
		2012-13	763.07	8.94	1.17	
2.	State Excise	2010-11	85.85	1.44	1.68	2.98
		2011-12	94.68	1.41	1.49	
		2012-13	114.00	1.35	1.18	
3.	Taxes on Vehicles	2010-11	21.92	1.55	7.07	2.96
		2011-12	25.18	1.37	5.44	
		2012-13	30.73	1.43	4.65	
4.	Stamp Duty and Registration Fees	2010-11	24.23	1.32	5.45	1.89
		2011-12	30.73	1.91	6.22	
		2012-13	36.71	2.08	5.67	

Source: Finance Accounts 2012-13.

The cost of collection in respect of Sales Tax/VAT, Taxes on Vehicles and Stamp Duty & Registration Fees were higher than the All India average during the year 2012-13 which needs to be looked into by the concerned Departments. The cost of collection in respect of State Excise during the year 2012-13 showed an encouraging trend as it was lower than the All India average.

4.1.4 Analysis of arrears of revenue

The arrears of revenue as on 31 March 2013 in respect of the principal Heads of Revenue as reported by the Departments was ₹ 34.31 crore of which ₹ 5.22 crore (15 *per cent*) was outstanding for more than five years as per details mentioned in the following table.

Table No. 4.1.6

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Head of revenue	Amount outstanding as on 31 March 2013	Amount outstanding for more than five years
1.	Taxes/VAT on Sales, Trades etc.	33.53	4.59
2.	Taxes on Vehicles	0.78	0.63
Total:		34.31	5.22

Source: State Departments.

4.1.5 Arrears in assessment

The details of Taxes on Agricultural income assessment cases pending at the beginning of the year 2012-13, cases which became due for assessment during the year, cases disposed during the year and number of cases pending at the end of the year 2012-13 as furnished by the Additional Commissioner of Taxes are mentioned below:

Table No. 4.1.7

Head of revenue	Opening balance as on 31 March 2012	New cases due for assessment during 2012-13	Total assessment due	Cases disposed of during 2012-13	Balance at the end of the year 2012-13	Percentage of disposals to the total assessments 5 to 4
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Taxes on Agricultural Income	504	10	514	Nil	514	Nil

The arrear in assessment increased from 504 to 514 cases with the addition of another 10 cases which became due for assessment during the year 2012-13 and no cases have been disposed of during the year. Steps may be taken for timely and periodical assessment of cases.

4.1.6 Evasion of Tax

The details of cases of evasion of tax detected, cases finalised and demands for additional tax raised in 2012-13, as reported by the Departments concerned are mentioned in the following table:

Table No. 4.1.8

Name of tax/duty	Cases pending as on 31 March 2012	Cases detected during 2012-13	Total	Number of cases in which assessments/investigation completed and additional demand including penalty etc., raised during the year 2012-13		Number of pending cases as on 31 March 2013
				No. of cases	(₹ in lakh)	
Sales Tax/VAT	727	1273	2000	1139	210.22	861

Source: State Department.

727 cases of evasion of tax were outstanding as on 31 March 2012. 1,273 cases of evasion of tax had been detected and reported during 2012-13 taking the total of pending cases to 2,000. Of these pending cases, in 1,139 number (56.95 per cent) of

cases assessments/investigation were completed and additional demand including penalty etc., amounting to ₹ 2.10 crore was raised during the year 2012-13. Consequently, 861 cases were pending as on 31 March 2013.

4.1.7 Refunds

The information on refunds in case of Sales Tax/VAT during 2012-13 is mentioned in the following table:

Table No. 4.1.9

(₹ in lakh)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Sales Tax/VAT	
		No. of cases	Amount
1.	Claims outstanding at the beginning of the year	04	1.24
2.	Claims received during the year	Nil	Nil
3.	Refunds made during the year	Nil	Nil
4.	Balance outstanding at the end of the year	04	1.24

No claim for refund of Sales Tax/VAT was received during the year. The outstanding balance at the end of the year was four cases involving ₹ 1.24 lakh.

4.1.8 Response of the Departments/Government towards audit

Transactions and maintenance of important accounts and other records of the departments are test-checked and Inspection Report containing audit findings is issued to the Head of the Office so audited for comments and/or compliance. Audit findings of serious nature are processed into draft paragraphs and forwarded to the Administrative Head of the concerned Department through demi-official letter drawing their attention to the audit findings with a request to furnish their response within six weeks. The response of the departments/Government towards audit is discussed in succeeding paragraphs.

4.1.8 (a) Failure of senior officials to enforce accountability and protect the interest of the State Government

The Accountant General (Audit), Tripura (AG) conducts periodical inspection of the Government departments to test-check the transactions and verify the maintenance of important accounts and other records as prescribed in the rules and procedures. These inspections are followed up with the Inspection Reports (IRs) incorporating irregularities detected during the inspection and not settled on the spot, which are issued to the Heads of the Offices inspected with copies to the next higher authorities for taking prompt corrective action. The Heads of the Offices/Government are required to promptly comply with the observations contained in the IRs, rectify the defects and omissions and report compliance through initial reply to the AG within one month from the date of issue of the IRs. Serious financial irregularities are reported to the Heads of the Departments and the Government.

Inspection Reports issued upto June 2013 disclosed that 582 paragraphs involving ₹ 135.37 crore relating to 212 IRs remained outstanding as mentioned in the following table along with the corresponding figures for the preceding two years.

Table No. 4.1.10

	June 2011	June 2012	June 2013
Number of outstanding IRs	208	215	212
Number of outstanding audit observations	539	559	582
Amount involved (₹ in crore)	100.12	115.96	135.37

The Department-wise details of the IRs and audit observations outstanding as on 30 June 2013 and the amounts involved are mentioned in the following table:

Table No. 4.1.11

Sl. No.	Name of Department	Nature of Receipts	No. of Outstanding IRs	No. of Outstanding Audit Observations	Money Value involved (₹ in crore)
1.	Finance	Taxes/VAT on Sales, Trade, etc	77	242	15.64
		Professional Tax	07	08	0.13
		Agricultural Income Tax	Nil	Nil	Nil
		Amusement Tax	03	09	0.23
		Luxury Tax	Nil	Nil	Nil
2.	Forest	Forest Receipts	25	80	6.02
3.	Industries and Commerce	Mines and Minerals	Nil	Nil	Nil
4.	Revenue	Land Revenue	36	52	1.01
		Stamp Duty and Registration Fees	20	34	1.06
5.	Excise	State Excise	17	58	9.64
6.	Transport	Taxes on Vehicles/Taxes on Goods and Passengers	27	99	101.64
Total:			212	582	135.37

Even the first replies required to be received from the Heads of Offices within one month from the date of issue of the IRs were not received for 147 IRs issued upto June 2013. This large pendency of the IRs due to non-receipt of the replies is indicative of the fact that the Heads of Offices and Heads of the Departments failed to initiate action to rectify the defects, omissions and irregularities pointed out by us in the IRs.

It is recommended that the Government takes suitable steps to install an effective procedure for prompt and appropriate response to audit observations as well as takes action against officials/officers who fail to send replies to the IRs/paragraphs as per the prescribed time schedules and also fail to take action to recover loss/outstanding demand in a time bound manner.

4.1.8 (b) Departmental Audit Committee Meeting

In order to expedite settlement of the outstanding audit observations contained in the IRs, Departmental Audit Committees are constituted by the Government. These committees are chaired by the Secretaries of the concerned administrative Department and attended by the concerned officers of the State Government and officers of the Accountant General (AG). The audit committees need to meet regularly in order to expedite clearance of the outstanding audit observations.

Seven Audit Committee Meetings (ACMs) were held during the year 2012-13. In these ACMs, 105 paras of 43 IRs were discussed out of which 51 paras of 13 IRs were settled.

The Government may ensure holding of frequent meetings of these Committees for ensuing effective action on the audit observations leading to their settlement.

4.1.8 (c) Response of the Departments to the draft audit paragraphs

One draft paragraph proposed for inclusion in the Audit Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March 2013 was forwarded (September 2013) to the Secretary of the Department through demi-official letter.

The administrative Secretary did not furnish replies in respect of the draft paragraph till date (January 2014).

4.1.8 (d) Follow up on Audit Reports – summarised position

As per recommendations made by the High Powered Committee (HPC) which were also accepted by the State Government in October 1993, *suo moto* explanatory notes on corrective/remedial measures taken on all paragraphs included in Audit Reports are required to be submitted by the Departments duly vetted by the Accountant General to PAC within three months from the date of placing of Audit Reports in the Legislature.

However, as of September 2013, *suo moto* explanatory notes pertaining to 8 paragraphs/reviews for the Audit reports for the years 2001-02 to 2010-11 were not received within the stipulated period of three months either from the Departments or through the Tripura Legislative Assembly Secretariat.

4.1.8 (e) Compliance with the earlier Audit Reports

In the Audit Reports 2007-08 to 2011-12 cases of under-assessments, evasion, non/short levy of taxes/penalty, loss of revenue, failure to raise demands etc. involving ₹ 101.26 crore were reported. Audit Report wise details of cases accepted and recovered are given in the following table:

Table No. 4.1.12

(₹ in crore)

Year of Audit Report	Total money value	Accepted money value	Recovery made
2007-08	17.74	17.74	0.14
2008-09	68.43	7.95	0.66
2009-10	1.78	1.16	0.42
2010-11	5.43	3.35	0.36
2011-12	7.88	7.83	0.02
Total	101.26	38.03	1.60

As of March 2013, the Departments concerned have accepted audit observations of ₹ 38.03 crore and recovered ₹ 1.60 crore which was 4.21 *per cent* of the accepted money value. Steps may be taken to improve the rate of recovery of under-assessments, evasion, non/short levy of taxes/penalty, loss of revenue, failure to raise demands etc., as pointed out in the Audit Reports.

4.1.9 Analysis of the mechanism for dealing with the issues raised by Audit

In order to analyse the system of addressing the issues highlighted in the Inspection Reports/Audit Reports by the departments/Government, the action taken on the paragraphs and Performance Audits included in the Audit Reports of the last five years in respect of one Department is evaluated and included in each Audit Report.

The succeeding **Paragraphs 4.1.9 (a) to 4.1.9 (b)** discuss the performance of Taxation Department in dealing with the cases detected in the course of local audit conducted during the last five years and also the cases included in the Audit Reports for the years 2008-09 to 2012-13.

4.1.9 (a) Position of Inspection Reports

The summarised position of Inspection Reports issued during the last five years, paragraphs included in these Reports and their status as on 30 June 2013 in respect of Sales Tax, State Excise are given in the following table:

Table No. 4.1.13

(₹ in crore)

Year	Opening balance			Addition during the year			Clearance during the year			Closing balance during the year		
	IRs	Paras	Money Value	IRs	Paras	Money Value	IRs	Paras	Money Value	IRs	Paras	Money Value
2008-09	33	101	4.42	06	18	1.73	Nil	04	0.18	39	115	5.97
2009-10	39	115	5.97	04	12	0.36	03	11	0.16	40	116	6.17
2010-11	40	116	6.17	19	78	7.85	Nil	22	1.63	59	172	12.39
2011-12	59	172	12.39	12	48	5.36	Nil	03	0.06	71	217	17.69
2012-13	71	217	17.69	12	51	4.17	Nil	01	0.07	83	267	21.79

We reminded the Department periodically to furnish replies to the outstanding audit observations.

4.1.9 (b) Assurances given by the Department/Government on the issues highlighted in the Audit Reports

4.1.9 (b) (i) Recovery of accepted cases

The position of paragraphs included in the Audit Reports of the last five years and those accepted by the Department and the amount recovered are mentioned in the following table:

Table No. 4.1.14

Year of Audit Report	No. of paragraphs included	Money value of the paragraphs (₹ in crore)	No. of paragraphs accepted	Money value of accepted paragraphs (₹ in crore)	Amount recovered during the year (₹ in crore)	Status of recovery of accepted cases (₹ in crore)
2007-08	1	0.34	1	0.34	Nil	0.14
2008-09	3 ²	6.76	3	6.76	0.00*	0.11
2009-10	3	1.74	2	1.16	Nil	0.42
2010-11	3 ³	3.12	3	3.12	0.05	0.36
2011-12	1	0.87	1	0.87	0.02	0.02
Total	11	12.83	10	12.25	0.07	1.05

*Negligible figure amounting to ₹ 3,280

² Including one Review

³ Including one Review

From the above table it is seen that for the period from 2007-08 to 2011-12, 11 paragraphs involving ₹ 12.83 crore featured in the Audit Reports, of which 10 paragraphs involving ₹ 12.25 crore had been accepted by the State Government. Of the accepted amount, ₹ 1.05 crore had been recovered till date.

The Departments need to evolve a strong mechanism to monitor and ensure recovery of accepted cases.

4.1.9 (b) (ii) Action taken on the recommendations accepted by the departments/ Government

The draft Performance Audits (PAs) conducted by the AG are forwarded to the concerned departments/Government for their information with a request to furnish their replies. These PAs are also discussed in an Exit Conference and the Department's/Government's views are included while finalising the PAs for the Audit Reports.

During the period from 2002-03 to 2011-12, two Performance Audits in respect of Finance (Excise and Taxation) Department were featured in the Audit Report– 2008-09 and 2010-11. Details of the Performance Audits are given below:

Table No. 4.1.15

Year of Audit Report	Name of the review	No. of recommendations	Details of the recommendations accepted
2008-09	Review on 'Transition from Sales Tax to Value Added Tax'	Nine	Yet to be discussed in PAC.
2010-11	Review on 'Cross Verification of declaration forms used in Inter-State Trade'	Five	-do-

4.1.10 Results of audit

4.1.10 (a) Position of local audit conducted during the year

Test-check of the records of 20 units of Sales Tax, Excise, Registration, Agricultural Tax, Professional Tax, Land Revenue, Forest, Motor Vehicles and other Departments conducted during the year 2012-13 revealed underassessment/short levy/loss of revenue/non-realisation of outstanding revenue aggregating ₹ 3.92 crore in 51 cases. Of these the Departments recovered ₹ 0.07 crore in one case.

4.1.10 (b) This Report

This Report contains one paragraph having financial effect of ₹ 1.51 crore. The replies of the paragraph have not been received (January 2014). The Audit findings are discussed in succeeding paragraphs.

FINANCE (EXCISE & TAXATION) DEPARTMENT (SALES TAX / VALUE ADDED TAX)

4.2 Short-levy of tax

Concealment of turnover by the dealers, incorrect application of rates and non submission of audited balance sheet which escaped notice of the assessing authorities resulted in short levy of Sales Tax/VAT of ₹ 60.30 lakh, leviable interest of ₹ 51.16 lakh, penalty of ₹ 38.12 lakh and Additional Sales Tax of ₹ 1.80 lakh.

(A) According to Section 25(3) of the Tripura Value Added Tax Act, 2004 read with Section 13 of the Tripura Sales Tax Act, 1976, if the Commissioner in the course of any proceedings is satisfied that any dealer has concealed particulars of his turnover, he may direct that such dealer shall pay by way of penalty, in addition to the tax and interest as prescribed, a sum not exceeding one and a half times of the tax due but not less than 10 *per cent* of that amount. Moreover, the Tripura Additional Sales Tax Act, 1990 provides that the tax payable under the Tripura Sales Tax (TST) Act, 1976 shall be increased in the case of dealers whose taxable turnover for a year exceeds ₹ 10 lakh by an additional rate of tax of 0.50 *per cent* of the taxable turnover.

On test-check (May 2012 to April 2013) of permit registers, form-XXVI, C-form utilisation statements, assessment records, trading accounts, etc. of five Superintendent of Taxes⁴ it was noticed that during the period from 2004-05 to 2011-12 in 47 cases relating to 21 dealers, there was concealment of taxable turnover of ₹ 5.29 crore. The Assessing Officers, while completing the assessments between 2005-06 to 2012-13 accepted the turnover disclosed by the dealers and completed the assessment accordingly. Though the documents based on which cross verification was carried out by Audit were also accessible to the concerned Assessing Officers, yet the same were not co-related by them while completing the assessments. This resulted in non-detection of concealment of the turnover leading to short levy of tax/additional tax of ₹ 61.46 lakh on which interest of ₹ 50.46 lakh and minimum penalty of ₹ 36.45 lakh was leviable as shown in **Appendix 4.1(A)**.

(B) Section 31 of Tripura Value Added Tax Act, 2004, provides that where the Commissioner is not satisfied with the correctness of any return filed under section 24, or bonafides of any claim of exemption, deduction, concession, input tax credit or genuineness of any declaration, evidence furnished by a registered dealer in support thereof, the Commissioner may serve on such dealer a notice to produce the books of account and all evidences on which the dealer relies in support of his returns including tax invoice. The Commissioner shall, after giving reasonable opportunity of being heard, direct the dealer to pay, in addition to the tax and interest payable by him, a

⁴ (1) Superintendent of Taxes, Charge-I, Agartala; (2) Superintendent of Taxes, Charge-IV, Agartala; (3) Superintendent of Taxes, Charge-VI, Agartala; (4) Superintendent of Taxes, Charge-VII, Agartala and (5) Superintendent of Taxes, Udaipur.

penalty not exceeding one and a half times the tax due (but it shall not be less than 10 *per cent* of that amount).

During test-check of records (May 2012 to April 2013) of two Superintendents of Taxes⁵ it was noticed that two dealers M/s Ramthakur Enterprise and M/s Bengal Sanitary Stores in their returns for 2005-06 paid tax at four *per cent* on turnover of ₹ 7.55 lakh. However, scrutiny of the returns revealed that the dealers dealt in cosmetics, plastic goods, bags, electronic toys, jewelery, yarn, sanitary goods, pipes, pipe fittings, etc. which were taxable at 12.5 *per cent*. The Assessing Officers failed to detect the wrong application of tax resulting in short levy of tax of ₹ 0.64 lakh, on which interest of ₹ 0.70 lakh and penalty of ₹ 0.05 lakh was additionally leviable as shown in **Appendix 4.1(B)**.

(C) Section 53 of Tripura Value Added Tax Act, 2004 provides that where in any particular year, the gross turnover of a dealer exceeds ₹ 40 lakh or such other amount as the Commissioner, may by notification in the official Gazette specify, then such dealer shall get his accounts audited by an accountant within six month from the end of that year. In case of non-compliance of the above the Commissioner shall, after giving the dealer a reasonable opportunity of being heard impose on him in addition to any tax payable, a sum by way of penalty equal to 0.1 *per cent* of the turnover as he may determine to the best of his judgement in his case in respect of the said period.

During test-check of records (May 2012 to April 2013) of two Superintendents of Taxes⁶ it was noticed that in 11 cases relating to two dealers⁷, the dealers did not submit the audited accounts along with the returns for the periods between 2005-06 and 2011-12. However, the Assessing Officers failed to detect non-submission of the returns and consequently did not levy applicable penalty. This resulted in irregular acceptance of returns without statutory documents coupled with non-levy of penalty of ₹ 1.62 lakh as shown in **Appendix 4.1(C)**.

Thus due to concealment of turnover by the dealers, incorrect application of rates and non submission of audited balance sheet which escaped notice of the assessing authorities resulted in short levy of Sales Tax/VAT of ₹ 60.30 lakh, leviable interest of ₹ 51.16 lakh, penalty of ₹ 38.12 lakh and Additional Sales Tax of ₹ 1.80 lakh.

The matters were reported to the Government in September 2013; reply had not been received (January 2014).

⁵ Superintendent of Taxes, Charge-I & IV, Agartala

⁶ Superintendent of Taxes, Charge-IV, Agartala and Udaipur

⁷ M/s Victor & Company and M/s Dutta Brothers

CHAPTER V: GENERAL SECTOR

5.1 Introduction

This Chapter of the Audit Report for the year ended 31 March 2013 deals with the findings on audit of the State Government units under General Sector.

The names of the State Government departments and the total budget allocation and expenditure of the State Government under General Sector during the year 2012-13 are given in the table below:

Table 5.1.1

(₹ in crore)

Name of the Departments	Total Budget Allocation	Expenditure
Chief Minister Secretariat	0.62	0.62
Civil Defence Department	0.65	0.41
Department of Parliamentary Affairs	11.77	10.20
Election Department	19.79	17.17
Employment	3.22	2.75
Factories and Boilers Organisation	1.38	1.26
Finance Department	2220.02	1557.09
Fire Service Organisation	52.25	39.46
General Administration (P & T) TPSC Department	3.62	2.73
General Administration (Political) Department	2.13	1.87
General Administration (AR) Department	2.21	1.90
General Administration, Printing and Stationery	10.02	8.75
General Administration (SA) Department	44.63	37.39
Governors Secretariat	2.64	2.46
High Court	7.45	6.88
Home (FSL, PAC and Prosecution Cell)	8.14	7.47
Home (Jail) Department	26.97	19.89
Home (Police) Department	719.70	646.68
Institutional Finance Department	1.94	1.81
Law Department	58.08	34.27
Planning and Coordination Department	163.24	7.09
Statistical Department	5.99	4.21
Treasuries	5.82	4.47
Total number of Departments = 23	3,372.28	2,416.83

Source: Appropriation Accounts – 2012-13.

Besides the above, the Central Government had transferred a sizeable amount of funds directly to the Implementing agencies under the General Sector to different agencies in the State during the year 2012-13. There was no major transfer (₹ 5 crore and above) under this Sector during 2012-13.

5.2 Planning and conduct of Audit

Audit process starts with the assessment of risks faced by various departments of Government based on expenditure incurred, criticality/complexity of activities, level of delegated financial powers, assessment of overall internal controls, etc.

The audits were conducted during 2012-13 involving test-check of an expenditure of ₹ 506.09 crore (including expenditure pertaining to the previous years audited during the year) of the State Government under General Sector. This Sector contains one Performance Audit on Home (Police) Department.

After completion of audit of each unit, Inspection Reports containing audit findings are issued to the heads of the departments. The departments are requested to furnish replies to the audit findings within one month of receipt of the Inspection Reports. Whenever replies are received, audit findings are either settled or further action for compliance is advised. The important audit observations arising out of those Inspection Reports are processed for inclusion in the Audit Reports, which are submitted to the Governor of the State under Article 151 of the Constitution of India for being laid in the State Legislature.

The major observations detected in audit during the year 2012-13 are as detailed in the succeeding paragraph:

HOME (POLICE) DEPARTMENT

5.3 Audit of Home (Police) Department

The audit of Home (Police) Department was carried out to examine efficiency and effectiveness in its functioning, identifying systematic issues that need to be addressed at various levels. The audit focuses on the crime management in the State, besides other aspects of the functioning of the Department, viz. financial management, human resource management, internal control and monitoring, etc. A Performance Audit on the functioning of the Department brought out the following main points:

Highlights:

The Department neither prepared any five-year Strategic Plan nor Annual Plans for prioritising the goals of the Department with reference to the objectives of policing.

(Paragraph 5.3.6)

The incidence of IPC crime in the State including crime against women showed increasing trend whereas investigation and conviction rate was low which is a matter of concern. Deployment of police personnel in the police stations was skewed and not commensurate with the incidence of crimes in the areas falling under them. Use of forensic science in crime investigation was not satisfactory.

{Paragraphs 5.3.8.1, 5.3.8.2, 5.3.8.5, 5.3.8.7(i) and 5.3.8.8}

There were large scale vacancies in the police force ranging between 13 and 52 per cent in different cadres. The representation of women police was only 7 per cent. Training facilities were inadequate and underutilised.

{Paragraphs 5.3.9.1, 5.3.9.3 and 5.3.9.5(i)}

Priority was not given to construction of quarters and police stations buildings. The satisfaction level in respect of accommodation was merely 32 and 26 per cent in the case of upper and lower subordinates respectively.

(Paragraph 5.3.10.2)

The striking ability of the police force was compromised due to shortage of 26 to 74 per cent main strike weapons and 55 per cent vehicles.

(Paragraphs 5.3.10.3 and 5.3.10.4)

The Department failed to benefit from modernisation schemes like POLNET, CIPA and CCTNS despite incurring ₹ 3.36 crore due to their tardy implementation. The Department did not even ensure timely procurement and installation/utilisation of modern communication and surveillance equipment and accessories which led to unfruitful expenditure of ₹ 4.29 crore.

(Paragraphs 5.3.10.5 and 5.3.10.7)

Weak Internal controls led to serious shortcomings in the proper functioning and achievement of objectives of the Department.

(Paragraph 5.3.11)

5.3.1 Introduction

Tripura Police is responsible for maintaining public peace, protecting life and property of the citizens and preventing and detecting crimes all over the State of Tripura, presently divided into eight districts¹.

As on 1 January 2013, Tripura Police had 23757 police personnel (10501 civil police and 13256 armed police) including 776 women police, supported by 1183 Home Guards and Auxiliary force to serve approximately 36.72 lakh people residing in the State spread over an area of 10,491 square kilometers. There were on an average 286 civil police personnel per lakh population. There were 34 IPS officers in the State of which 18 were on deputation to the Central Government.

Tripura Police had adopted Police Regulations of Bengal, 1943 mutatis mutandis and Tripura Police Act came into force in 2007.

“Police” and “law and order” are State subject. It is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to modernise and adequately equip their police forces for meeting the challenges of law and order and internal security. Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has been supplementing their efforts and resources from time to time by way of funding under the plan Modernisation of State Police Forces (MOPF). The continuance of the MOPF Scheme was approved up to 2016-17.

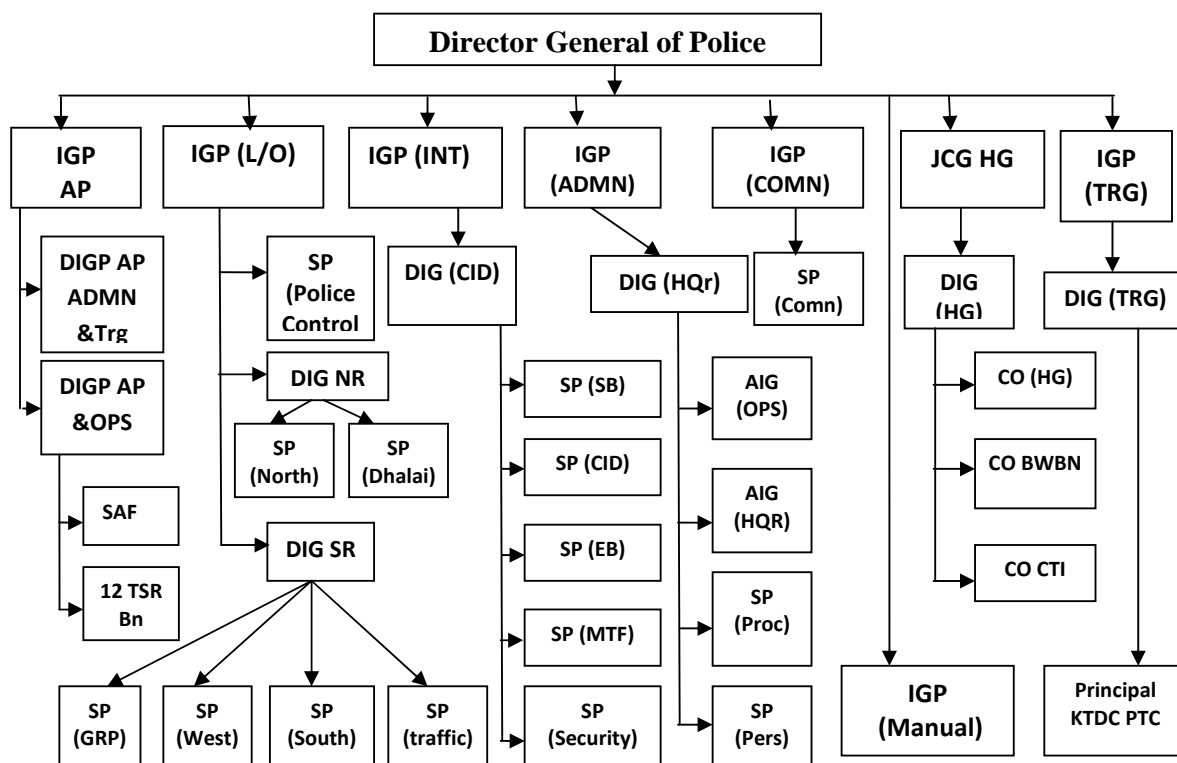
A Performance Audit on ‘Modernisation of State Police Force’ was featured in the Audit Report– 2007-08 which was discussed (21 March 2012) by the Public Accounts Committee in its 110th Report wherein it was recommended that Department should take necessary steps to achieve the target in time. However, audit findings are discussed in the succeeding paragraphs.

5.3.2 Organisational set up

The Secretary to the Government of Tripura, Home Department is the administrative head and the Director General of Police (DGP) is the overall in-charge. Different wings are headed by the Inspectors General of Police (IGP). The State is divided into eight Police Districts comprising 27 Police sub-divisions, 66 Police Stations (PSs) and 37 Police Outposts (OPs).

The Department had one Director General of Police, eight Inspectors General of Police, eight Deputy Inspectors General and Superintendents/Commandants of various units. There were 12 Battalions of Tripura State Rifles of which nine were India Reserve Battalions. The organisational set up of the Department is given below:

¹ West Tripura, Sepahijala, Khowai, Dhalai, North Tripura, Unokoti, Gumti and South Tripura.



5.3.3 Audit Objectives

The main objectives of the audit were to assess whether:

- planning was adequate and effective to ensure the achievement of the Department's objective of prevention and detection of crime and maintenance of law and order;
- utilisation of funds was efficient, economic and effective;
- the Department was adequately prepared for operation management and the cases of crime were disposed off timely and effectively with efficient, economic and effective utilisation of its resources;
- manpower was adequate, trained and deployed optimally;
- procurement, installation and utilisation of equipment under Modernisation/ State plan was done economically, efficiently and effectively to achieve the objectives; and
- internal control mechanism was in place and effective.

5.3.4 Audit Criteria

The following sources of audit criteria were used to evaluate the performance of the Department for the audit:

- Tripura Police Act, 2007;
- Police Manual and Police Men Charter of duties;
- Norms prescribed by Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D);

- Recommendations of the National Police Commission, Administrative Reforms Commission and Padmanabiah Committee;
- Supreme Court judgments;
- Guidelines of MOPF;
- Budget Manual, 1998, Central Treasury Rules (CTR), General Financial Rules (GFR), 2005, Delegation of Financial Power Rules, Tripura, 2011, and
- Government notifications/instructions.

5.3.5 Scope and Methodology of Audit

The performance audit of the Department covering the period 2008-09 to 2012-13 was conducted (April-September 2013) by test-check of the records maintained in the State Police Headquarters, two out of four district Headquarters, Superintendent of Police (Procurement), Superintendent of Police (Communication), Superintendent of Police (CID), Superintendent of Police (Traffic), three police training institutes² and Director (FSL). Besides, the records of five out of 12 TSR Battalion Headquarters, eight out of 38 PSs of the selected districts and four out of six outposts (OPs) of the selected PSs were also test-checked after selection through the Simple Random Sampling Without Replacement method (**Appendix 5.1**).

An entry conference was held (23 May 2013) with the Secretary to the Government of Tripura, Home (Police) Department during which the audit objectives, criteria, scope of audit and methodology were discussed. Audit conclusions in the report were drawn after scrutiny of original records, analysis of the available data and Department's responses to questionnaires and audit memoranda. The audit findings, conclusions and recommendations were discussed with the Chief Secretary to the Government of Tripura who is heading Home Department and Director General of Police in an exit conference held on 8 January 2014 and the Department's views have been taken into consideration while finalising the audit report.

Audit findings

Audit Objective 1: Whether planning was adequate and effective to ensure the achievement of the Department's objective of prevention and detection of crime and maintenance of law and order

5.3.6 Planning

Model Police Manual, prepared by the BPR&D provided for drawing up a five year Strategic Plan, in consultation with the State Police Board, duly identifying the objectives of policing as well as an Annual Policing Plan prioritising the goals for the year. Tripura Police Act, 2007 stipulated setting up of State Police Board (SPB) to formulate broad policy guidelines for promoting efficient, effective, responsive and accountable policing; to identify performance indicators; and review and evaluate the

² (1) KTD Singh Police Training Academy, Narsingharh (2) A. Ch. Ramarao TSR Training Centre at TSR 2nd Battalion, RK Nagar and (3) CIAT School at Kachucharra at TSR 3rd Battalion

performance of the Police service against the Annual Plan and performance indicators.

5.3.6.1 Non-preparation of Strategic and Annual Plan

Audit scrutiny revealed that the Department had neither prepared any five year Strategic Plan nor an Annual Plan for prioritising the goals of the Department with reference to the objectives of policing. As such there was no scope for evaluation of the performance of police force by the Department.

In the exit conference, the Chief Secretary assured that the Department would prepare five year strategic plan.

Audit Objective 2: Whether utilisation of funds was efficient, economic and effective

5.3.7 Financial Management

5.3.7.1 Budgetary allocation and expenditure

The year-wise budgetary allocation of funds and expenditure incurred by the Department during 2008-09 to 2012-13, were as under:

Table 5.3.1: Year wise allocation of funds and expenditure incurred during 2008-09 to 2012-13

(₹ in crore)

Year	Budget provision		Funds received		Expenditure		Excess (+) Savings(-) (Plan)	Excess (+) Savings(-) (Non-Plan)
	Plan	Non Plan (Non salary)	Plan	Non Plan (Non salary)	Plan	Non Plan (Non salary)		
2008-09	4.00	93.40	4.00	91.98	3.39	81.90	(-) 0.61 (15)	(-) 10.08 (11)
2009-10	5.00	87.26	5.00	86.10	5.00	85.80	0.00 (0)	(-) 0.30 (0)
2010-11	0.00	54.23	0.00	53.24	0	53.78	0.00 (0)	(+) 0.54 (1)
2011-12	28.49	75.74	28.53	75.94	28.53	70.53	0.00 (0)	(-) 5.41(7)
2012-13	35.42	88.64	17.53	87.19	16.09	71.45	(-) 1.44 (8)	(-) 15.74 (18)
Total	72.91	399.27	55.06	394.45	53.01	363.46	(-) 2.05 (4)	(-) 30.99 (8)

Sources: Information furnished by the department

It was noticed that during 2008-09 to 2012-13, Department short received ₹ 22.67 crore (₹ 17.85 crore under Plan and ₹ 4.82 crore under Non-Plan). Reason for short receipt was not found on record. Further, during the period under review there was savings of ₹ 33.04 crore. It was also evident that Plan savings declined from 15 per cent to zero in 2009-10 and continued to be so upto 2011-12 but thereafter again increased to eight per cent in 2012-13, Savings under Non-Plan decreased from 11 per cent to zero in 2009-10 and again increased in 2011-12 and 2012-13 by seven per cent and 18 per cent respectively which reflected upon the quality of budgeting.

Thus, short receipt of funds of ₹ 22.67 crore coupled with failure of the Department to spend ₹ 33.04 crore adversely affected the fulfillment/achievement of objectives especially in respect of procurement, communication equipment and construction works as discussed under **Paragraph 5.3.10**.

(i) Non-surrender of savings

Rule 56 of GFR, 2005 stipulates that the departments incurring expenditure are required to surrender the appropriations or portion thereof to the Finance Department as and when the savings are anticipated.

Audit observed that savings of ₹ 26.90 crore which occurred in four to 10 items during 2008-13 were not surrendered by the Department, as detailed below.

Table 5.3.2: Savings occurred against object heads during 2008-09 to 2012-13

(₹ in crore)

Year	Proposed by the Deptt for RE	Approved revised budget allocation	Expenditure	Savings	No of items having savings	Range of savings (per cent)
2008-09	45.91	54.35	43.61	10.74	10	2 to 56
2009-10	39.81	45.07	35.56	9.51	5	1 to 54
2010-11	35.09	35.20	33.22	1.98	4	2 to 38
2011-12	43.80	45.71	44.80	0.91	5	1 to 7
2012-13	19.27	27.48	23.72	3.76	4	2 to 42
Total	183.88	207.81	180.91	26.90		

Source: Budget books, information collected from AG (A&E) and departmental records

It was noticed that Department could not spend even the proposed amount against rent, rates and taxes, minor works, hiring charge of vehicles. Thus, the demand raised for those items during 2008-13 proved to be inflated during the years (**Appendix 5.2**).

In the exit conference, the Chief Secretary stated that short utilisation of funds was due to poor response from the tenderers. He further added that the matter was taken up with the GOI also and unspent funds of a year under MOPF had been revalidated in the subsequent year. No supporting records were, however, produced to audit.

(ii) Rush of expenditure

According to Rule 56 of the GFR, 2005, rush of expenditure in the closing month of the financial year should be avoided. Audit observed that during 2008-09 to 2012-13, selected DDOs spent 28 per cent to 89 per cent of the total annual non salary expenditure in the month of March every year (**Appendix 5.3**).

(iii) Retention of funds

Scrutiny of 16 test-checked units revealed that contrary to the provisions of CTR, 15 units kept ₹ 15.95 crore in the bank at the end of the March 2013 (**Appendix 5.4**).

(iv) Non-reconciliation with Bank

Scrutiny of Cash Books and Bank Statements for the month of March each year during 2008-13 of 16 DDOs revealed that there were huge differences in balances between Cash Book and Bank Statement in case of 13 DDOs but the DDOs did not prepare Bank Reconciliation Statement during those years. There was a total difference of ₹ 8.93 crore between Cash Book balance and Bank Statement at the end of March 2013. Unit wise details are shown in **Appendix 5.4**.

In view of non-reconciliation with the bank for a long period possibility of misappropriation of funds could not be ruled out.

The Government stated (December 2013) that instructions would be issued to the DDOs to conduct reconciliation with Banks at regular intervals.

(v) Non-submission of DCC Bills

Sub-rules 11 (ii) and 14 of Rule 27 of the Delegation of Financial power Rules, Tripura, 2011 provides that drawal of the amount in AC bills should be adjusted by submission of DCC bills to the Controlling Officer within 60 days from the date of drawal of the amount.

Scrutiny revealed that there were 32 AC bills involving ₹ 15.82 crore, drawn during 2009-10 to 2012-13, which were over due for submission of DCC bills. The year wise position was as under:

Table 5.3.3: Year wise status of pending AC Bills

(₹ in crore)

Year	Total no. of AC bills during the year	Amount drawn	No. of AC Bills pending as of June 2013	Amount of pending AC bills
2009-10	29	13.20	4	0.47
2010-11	11	6.61	3	1.00
2011-12	16	11.06	9	9.88
2012-13	20	4.51	16	4.47
Total	76	35.38	32	15.82
Source: Information furnished by PHQ				

Non-adjustment of AC Bills for long periods was indicative of lack of financial discipline and fraught with the risk of fraud/misappropriation.

The Government stated (December 2013) that efforts would be made to settle the pending AC bills by the end of 2013-14.

(vi) Non-recovery of deployment charges

Under the provisions of Police Regulation of Bengal, 1943 as adopted by the Government of Tripura, police personnel are deployed in different Government and Non-Government institutions on chargeable basis. Rule 9 of the GFR, 2005 further provides that receipts and dues of the Government should be correctly and promptly assessed, collected and duly credited to the Government account.

Test-check of the records of the DGP, Agartala and returns submitted by the subordinate offices revealed that the police deployment charges amounting to ₹ 31.07 crore were unrecovered from various Government Departments, PSUs, Banks and Central Public sector Undertakings (**Appendix 5.5**).

It was also noticed that the field offices submitted claims to the organisations every month for the current charges but reminders for collection of the arrears were not regular. Further, Police Headquarter convened one meeting with the defaulter organisations in May 2010 and thereafter no initiative was taken by the Department at the highest level for collection of the charges overdue for recovery even for almost 10 years. Thus, due to lack of follow up action and lack of seriousness at the level of higher management, deployment charges of ₹ 31.07 crore remained unrealised till September 2013.

The above deficiencies indicated weak monitoring and financial management in the Department.

The Government stated (December 2013) that efforts were underway for recovery of outstanding deployment charges.

5.3.7.2 Modernisation of Police Force

The main objective of the scheme was to meet the identified deficiencies in various aspects of police administration, worked out in 2000 by the BPR&D. The scheme, fully funded by the GOI during 2008-12 and on 90:10 basis from 2012-13, aimed at construction of safe PSs, outposts, improving housing, providing modern weaponry, improving mobility, communication, security, forensic science equipment and training facilities, etc.

(i) Short receipt of funds from GOI

The approval and release of funds by the GOI during 2008-09 to 2012-13 are as under:

Table 5.3.4: Approval and release of funds by the GOI under MOPF

(₹ in crore)

Year	Plan approved by GOI	Share of GOI	Released by GOI	Short release of funds
2008-09	24.00	24.00	19.24	4.76
2009-10	27.76	27.76	22.92	4.84
2010-11	21.85	21.85	21.85	Nil
2011-12	21.85	21.85	16.22	5.63
2012-13	23.99	21.59	3.55	18.04
Total	119.45	117.05	83.78	33.27

Source: Departmental records

Scrutiny revealed that GOI short released ₹ 33.27 crore out of which ₹ 18.04 crore pertained to 2012-13. In 2012-13, GOI released ₹ 3.55 crore against which State Government released its matching contribution of ₹ 44.00 lakh. Out of ₹ 33.27 crore, ₹ 5.63 crore was due to non-utilisation of funds by the Department upto 2009-10. Records relating to short release of ₹ 27.64 crore was not made available to audit. Thus, due to short receipt of funds particularly during 2012-13 Department could not modernise communication equipment, equipment for district police/TSR/HG, security wing etc to that extent.

The Government stated (December 2013) that the MHA though approved the plan, did not release the entire approved funds.

(ii) Incorrect reporting of expenditure

During test-check of records it was noticed that seven items with a total cost of ₹ 2.20 crore, approved under MOPF during 2009-13 (**Appendix 5.6**) were reported as procured and amount spent by the Department, though no such expenditure was made. Thus, expenditure of ₹ 2.20 crore was incorrectly reported to MHA.

The Government stated (December 2013) that efforts were on to procure the above mentioned items.

(iii) Diversion of funds

The scheme guidelines stipulate that funds released for a particular item should not be diverted by the State Government for any other item without obtaining specific sanction to that effect from MHA.

Scrutiny of records and information made available to audit revealed that the Department had diverted ₹ 4.42 crore (**Table 5.3.5 below**) of which MHA approved (13 December 2011) diversion of ₹ 2.55 crore only. Thus, diversion of ₹ 1.87 crore was irregular.

Table 5.3.5: Diversion of funds from one head to another head

(₹ in crore)

2008-09 to 2012-13	Communication equipment	Traffic and Police Control Unit	Equipment for SB	FSL Equipment
Approved as per Annual Plan	10.85	0.25	4.03	1.39
Fund released by MHA	7.12	0.25	4.00	0.70
Actual expenditure incurred	5.57	0.18	1.29	0.62
Diverted to other Head	1.56	0.07	2.71	0.08
Diversion (in per cent)	22	28	68	11

Source: Departmental records

Example of few items of irregular diversions were:

- ₹ 40.90 lakh out of ₹ 45.00 lakh approved for procurement of 6 Mega Ray Search Light (December 2011) was diverted (February 2013) for installation of Video Conferencing facilities which was also not started till August 2013 due to non-availability of any response from the BSNL regarding 'Leased Line Circuits including 2 MB lease line modems'.
- ₹ 50.00 lakh approved for procurement of one Remote Controlled Improvised Explosive Device Jammer for VVIP security was diverted for procurement of other items.

In the exit conference, the Chief Secretary assured to get the matter examined by the Department.

Audit Objective 3: Whether the Department was adequately prepared for operation management and the cases of crime were disposed off timely and effectively with efficient, economic and effective utilisation of its resources.

5.3.8 Operations management

The main function of the Police Department is prevention and detection of crime and maintenance of law and order. A well managed police force will be able to contain crime, detect the crimes in time, respond quickly to any situation and prosecute criminals expeditiously. The Department had not framed any Manual of its own for

regulating its activities. It had adopted Police Regulations of Bengal, 1943 without any modification.

5.3.8.1 Crime rate

Various crimes that were being registered and investigated by the Home (Police) Department were broadly grouped under the 'Indian Penal Code (IPC)' or under the 'Special and Local Laws (SLL)'. The incidences of IPC crimes in the State during 2008 to 2012 were as under.

Table 5.3.6: Incidences of IPC crimes in the State during 2008 to 2012

Year	West Tripura	Dhalai	North Tripura	South Tripura	GRP	Total	Percentage of increase	Rate of incidence ³ of crime
2008	2420	417	993	1506	0	5336	-	158
2009	2561	420	1016	1489	0	5486	2	160
2010	2600	541	970	1688	6	5805	5	166
2011	2709	437	871	1775	11	5803	(-) 1	162
2012	2804	443	1086	1921	10	6264	9	176

Source: Information furnished by the Department

It was observed that the rate of incidence of crime gradually increased from 158 in 2008 to 176 in 2012 with South Tripura District showing the highest increase (28 *per cent*) against 17 *per cent* increase in the State as a whole. In 2012, rate of incidence of total IPC crimes in South Tripura District (219) was much higher than the State average (171). Increase in the crime rate was more serious when viewed in the background of the fact that the availability of average number of police personnel in terms of per one lakh population per 100 square km and per PS was almost double than the National average.

The Government accepted (December 2013) the audit observation.

5.3.8.2 Crime against Women and its prevention

(i) Crime rate

Rate of incidences of crimes against women in the State and contribution to the total incidences of crimes in the State during 2008 to 2012 were as under.

Table 5.3.7: Incidences of crimes against women

Year	Total IPC crime	Incidence of crime against women in the State		
		Total incidence against women	Rate of incidence in the State	Share to the total IPC Crimes (In <i>per cent</i>)
2008	5336	1416	40	27
2009	5486	1517	43	28
2010	5805	1678	46	29
2011	5803	1358	37	23
2012	6264	1559	42	25

Source: Information furnished by the Department and NCRB statistic

³ Incidence of crime per one lakh population

Analysis of rate of incidence of major IPC crimes against women in the sampled districts are depicted below.

Table 5.3.8: Nature of rate of incidence of major IPC crime against women occurred in 2012.

Particulars	2012				
	State	West Tripura	Dhalai	South Tripura	North Tripura
Rape	6	5	9	6	8
Abduction	4	4	3	4	4
Dowry Death	1	1	1	1	1
Molestation	9	8	8	9	11
Cruelty by Husband	23	21	15	28.24	28

Source: Information furnished by the Department and NCRB statistics

Audit analysis revealed that overall rate of incidence of crime against women vis-à-vis share of crimes against women to the total IPC crimes was higher in South and North Tripura districts as compared to the State as a whole.

The Government accepted (December 2013) the audit observation.

(ii) Prevention of crime against women

The Government of India has been issuing advisories regularly to the State Governments about the measures for protection of women and prevention and reduction of incidence of crimes against women. The second Administrative Reforms Commission in its 5th report in 2012, *inter alia*, recommended that-

1. All training programme should include a module on gender and human rights,
2. Representation of women in police at all levels should be increased to 33 *per cent*.

In compliance, Department stated (September 2012) that help desk was set up in all PSs, help line had been set up in all district SP offices. Besides, Police control room phone number and PS phone numbers were functioning as help line numbers. Briefing of staff from constable to Inspector was done regularly by the superior officers and a topic on gender sensitisation had been included in the training curriculum of Constable and Sub-Inspectors.

During scrutiny, it was noticed that neither short term/long term strategy had been formulated by the Department nor any funds earmarked for prevention of crime against women. During 2008-13, only 264 personnel were trained on prevention of crime against women. Representation of women police personnel in the civil police force was only 7 *per cent* as of January 2013. No lady police officers were posted in 42 of 66 PSs (64 *per cent*), though women constables were posted in all PSs. Although help lines were stated to be set up in district headquarters, number of complaints lodged over telephone and addressed by police were not found on record.

Further, test-check of eight PSs and four OPs revealed as follows:

- No lady police personnel were posted in any OPs.
- No help line was created in any of the test-checked PSs and OPs.

- Help desk was created only in four out of eight test-checked PSs. No help desk was created in the OPs.

The Government stated (December 2013) that outposts were extension of police stations and hence no women were posted and they did not register any cases. All the police stations had working telephones and the numbers were displayed outside the PS.

But the fact remained that no lady police officers were posted in 42 of 66 PSs (64 *per cent*), though one or two women constables were posted in 37 PSs and in the rest 29 PSs average number of women constable was five. Moreover, number of complaints lodged over telephone and addressed by police were not found on record.

In the exit conference, the Chief Secretary stated that the Department had been working on the augmentation of the strength of women police as well as mobilisation of the community support. The Director General of Police further added that posting of women constables would be rationalised to ensure at least three women personnel at each Police Station. The status of women posting would further improve after the process of recruitment of Women Constables and Sub-Inspectors was completed.

(iii) Eve-teasing

Hon'ble Supreme Court directed⁴ to depute plain clothed female police officers in busy places like bus stands, markets, cinema halls, parks, etc., installation of CCTV in strategic positions, establishment of women-help line for controlling menace of eve-teasing etc.

In compliance, the Department stated (June 2013) that all the PSs were asked to depute their available women staff in busy places, help desks were set up and installation of CCTV was in progress.

But the fact remained that total women constables were only 668 and out of 66 PSs, 37 PSs were having (August 2013) one or two women constables only and in the rest 29 PSs average number of women constable was five, being maximum 23 constables in the Agartala Women PS. So, with that available manpower it was difficult for the PSs to run Help Desk and cover all the busy places. Further, MHA approved (December 2010) ₹ 50 lakh for procurement of CCTV in 2010-11 but Department had not procured CCTV till date although utilisation certificate was furnished to MHA.

As a result, due to non-availability of sufficient manpower and non-installation of CCTV in the strategic positions, prevention of crime against women was compromised.

The Government stated (December 2013) that process of procurement of CCTV was under progress.

⁴ Judgement (30 Nov 2012) in Civil Appeal No. 8513 of 2012, arising out of SLP(C) No. 31592 of 2008 in the case of the Deputy Inspector General of Police & Anr. – versus S. Samuthiram.

5.3.8.3 Violent Crimes⁵

Violent crimes affect the life and safety of the people. Such crimes induce a sense of insecurity and fear in the community. The frequency and the magnitude of such crimes also affect the public peace. Incidences of Violent crimes in the State during 2008 to 2012 were as under:

Table 5.3.9: Incidence of violent crimes in the State

Year	Total incidence	Rate of incidence (per 1 lakh population)	As percentage of total IPC crimes
2008	931	26	17
2009	858	24	16
2010	895	25	15
2011	921	25	16
2012	864	24	14

Source: Information furnished by the Department and NCRB Statistics

It was observed that during 2008 to 2012 violent crimes to the total IPC crimes decreased over the years. Further, analysis of incidence of crimes in 2012 revealed that rate of incidence of murder (3), attempt to commit murder (2), kidnapping and abduction (4), robbery (2), hurt (41) and theft (15) were alarming although the rate of incidence of few serious crimes like dacoity (0), preparation and assembly for dacoity (0), rioting (3), cheating (3), counterfeiting (0) etc. were low.

The Government accepted (December 2013) the audit findings.

5.3.8.4 Registration of complaints and response thereof

Test-check of records of eight PSs⁶ revealed that overall registration of complaints showed decreasing trend upto 2011 and thereafter increased by 27 per cent in 2012 compared to 2011.

(i) Registration of FIR

Police Men Charter of duties towards public stipulates registration of FIR on any information revealing commission of a cognizable offence without any delay.

Audit scrutinised 120 cases - 15 cases each from selected eight PSs- on this yardstick. During scrutiny only Khatian register and FIR book were produced. Police docket and case diaries were stated to be submitted along with the charge sheet to the Court. On the basis of information noted in the Khatian register and FIR register, it was noticed that out of 120 cases, 27 cases were registered within six hours of the crime, 82 cases within a month whereas registration of 11 cases took 34 to 562 days. Thus, there was undue delay in registering of FIRs by the selected PSs.

⁵ The components of crimes such as murder, attempt to commit murder, culpable homicide not amounting to murder, rape, kidnapping & abduction, dacoity, preparation & assembly of dacoity, robbery, riots, arson and dowry death have been grouped as violent crimes.

⁶ East Agartala PS, East Agartala Women PS, Champahour PS, Melagarh PS, Bishramganj PS, Kachucharra PS, Dhumacharra PS and Gandacharra PS

(ii) Response time

Police Men Charter of duties also stipulates that PSs should attend to any complaint, etc. immediately with the available resources.

It was however, found that average reaction time⁷ and response time⁸ in 87 of 120 test-checked cases (73 *per cent*) was as high as 164 minutes and 201 minutes while police reached the crime site before lodging of complaints in 17 cases. In 16 cases, timings were not recorded. This indicates the lack of readiness of the police to combat the crimes.

The Government accepted (December 2013) the audit findings.

5.3.8.5 Investigation of Crime Cases

The status of investigation of IPC cases and disposal thereof by police during 2008-12 was as under:

Table 5.3.10: Disposal of crime cases (Year wise performance)

Year	Total No. of cases for investigation including carry over cases	No of cases in which investigation completed				Charge sheeting rate {5*100/(4+5)}	Disposal rate
		Charge found false	Final report true submitted ⁹	Charge sheet submitted	Total no. of cases disposed of		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
2008	6448	22	939	4515	5476	83	85
2009	6666	0	860	4648	5508	84	83
2010	7141	42	995	4558	5595	82	78
2011	7497	0	1172	5307	6479	82	86
2012	7489	23	1149	5159	6331	82	85
Total	35241	87	5115	24187	29389		

Source: Departmental records

It was observed that there were 35,241 cases for investigation during 2008- 2012 including the pending cases from previous years of which investigation was completed in 29,389 cases accounting for 83 *per cent* against national average of 94 *per cent*.

(i) Time taken in investigation

Regulation 261 of the Police Regulation of Bengal, 1943, adopted by the Tripura Police stipulated that the investigation of even the most difficult cases should rarely be necessary to prolong beyond 15 days.

Test-check of 120 cases in sampled 8 PSs revealed that time taken for investigation was ranging from 1 to 1154 days, though no reason for delay was recorded.

The Government stated (December 2013) that the stipulations for crime investigation as contained in the CrPC 1973 were being adhered to and the same was monitored. The investigations were regularly monitored by senior police officers.

⁷ Duration between time of reporting of crime and time of movement of police.

⁸ Duration between time of reporting of crime and time of reaching the place of occurrence of crime by police.

⁹ Cases in which after completion of investigation charge sheet is not required to submit.

But the fact remained that even after monitoring by the senior police officers, in 23 *per cent* cases time taken for investigation was ranging from 184 days to 1154 days. This reflected adversely on the quality of monitoring also.

In the exit conference, the Director General of Police stated that generally investigations are completed within three months, However, in case of heinous crimes or where the criminals are absconding, it might have taken more time. Further, he assured to review all the cases as pointed out by audit.

(ii) Separation of Investigation from Law and Order

Tripura Police Act, 2007 provides for separation of the investigation of crimes from law and order and other police functions. Padmanabhiah Committee on Police Reforms and Supreme Court¹⁰ reiterated the necessity of separation of investigation from maintenance of law and order to ensure superior investigation, better expertise and improved rapport with the people.

State Government identified (August 2007) nine PSs where law and order was separated from investigation. During scrutiny of records in the sampled eight PSs including East Agartala PS where law and order was separated from investigation, it was noticed that all Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors, Assistant Sub-Inspectors posted in the PSs were investigating cases along with the maintenance of law and order. One investigating officer (IO) investigated on an average 15 cases, maximum being 53 cases in a year. In Melagarh PS, out of 223 cases in 2012, six IOs investigated 201 cases (90 *per cent*) and rest five IOs investigated only 22 cases (10 *per cent*). Reason for unequal distribution of cases was not found on record.

Further test-check of 120 cases in sampled 8 PSs revealed that in 91 cases investigation was completed within 180 days, in 28 cases (23 *per cent*) police took 181 to 1154 days and one case was under investigation for 270 days as of September 2013.

Thus, due to non-separation of investigation from law and order coupled with uneven distribution of cases, timely investigation was not ensured.

The Government stated (December 2013) that further separation was not considered due to less number of cases and manpower constraints.

(iii) Arrest

A total of 40,337 persons were arrested by the police under various IPC and SLL crimes during 2008-2012. Details of incidence of crimes, arrests made and number of persons charge sheeted during 2008-2012 are shown below:

¹⁰ Judgment dated 22 September 2006 in the case of Prakash Singh and others vs. Union of India.

Table 5.3.11: Comparison of crime rate and arrest rate

Year	No. of crimes	Arrested during the year	No of persons released before trial	No of persons charge sheeted	Persons under investigation at the end of the year
2008	5581	6227	1705	4999	648
2009	5694	9277	2087	6032	1806
2010	5983	7031	1218	5808	1811
2011	5951	10481	1760	7641	2888
2012	6471	7591	984	7768	1727
Total	29680	40607	7754	26440	

Source: Information furnished by the Department and NCRB statistics

It was observed that out of 40,607 persons arrested during 2008-12, 7,754 persons (19 *per cent*) were released before trial. Further, details/status of 1727 persons kept under custody for non-completion of investigation was not made available to audit.

5.3.8.6 Conviction rate

During 2008-2012, a total of 28,694 IPC crimes were recorded in the State of which conviction took place in 2118 cases (7 *per cent*) which was much lower than the national average (77 *per cent*) as shown below:

Table 5.3.12 : Conviction rate in the State during 2008 to 2012

Year	Total IPC cases	Actual conviction
2008	5336	253 (5)
2009	5486	266 (5)
2010	5805	274 (5)
2011	5803	401 (7)
2012	6264	923 (15)
Total	28694	2117 (7)

Source: Departmental information

In order to corroborate the figures reported by the Department, a detailed analysis of conviction rate in 8 PSs was undertaken. During scrutiny only Champahour PS provided information about conviction wherein it was noticed that out of 163 cases recorded during 2008 to 2012, conviction took place only in 8 cases representing 5 per cent conviction.

The Government accepted (December 2013) the audit findings.

5.3.8.7 Prevention of Crime

A well-planned crime prevention strategy not only prevents crime and victimisation but also promotes confidence of safety in the community and contributes to the sustainable development of the country. Effective and responsible crime prevention enhances the quality of life of all citizens.

The activities of the Police Department are discussed below:

(i) Presence of Police

The presence of police has a deterrent effect on the criminals and instils the confidence among the people. The status of the presence of police (1 January 2013) in the selected districts of the State was as under:

Table 5.3.13: Deployment of police personnel in the selected districts

Particulars	West Tripura	Dhalai	State	National
Population (In lakh)	17.70	3.78	36.72	12133.70
Area (In Sq. Km)	3099	2533	10491	3172167
No. of PSs	25	13	66	15015
No. of PS per 1 lakh population	1.41	3.44	1.80	1.24
No. of PS per Sq. Km	0.008	0.005	0.006	0.005
Deployment of police personnel	2844	971	10501	1674755
Average no. of police personnel per PS	113	74	159	112
No. of policemen per 1 lakh population	161	257	286	138
No. of policemen per 100 sq. Km area	92	38	100	53

Source: Departmental records

Audit observed that presence of police in the State in terms of population, area and PSs was almost 200 *per cent* of the National average. However, cognizable crimes particularly crimes against women was increasing over the years. This indicated that police forces were not used efficiently and intelligently.

The Government stated (December 2013) that the police effectiveness was to be judged by charge sheet percentage and not by the means of registration.

Reply was not tenable to audit as crimes against women were sharply increasing despite the fact that number of PSs and the constable present therein were substantively higher than the national average. Further number of police men per one lakh population in the State was almost double of national average.

(ii) Identification of Hot Spots

The areas with high unemployment rate, low average income or high poverty rate, greater proportion of migrant population, spaces that are lonely, poorly lit or isolated are hot spots for criminals and police has to intensify its efforts in those areas to check the criminal activities.

It was noticed that no hotspot was identified in Dhalai district. West Tripura district identified ten hotspots¹¹. However, steps taken for deployment of additional resources including patrolling in such spots were not found on record.

The Government agreed (December 2013) with the audit observation.

(iii) Review of history-sheeters

A register of history-sheeters was to be maintained in each PS and required to be reviewed by the Higher Officers quarterly. In addition, the outposts were required to check their presence in their homes, which was recorded in the fly sheets.

¹¹ Karepara, Subarampara, Twikarma, Baskarcharra and Jumbari under Mungiakami PS of Khowai. Kamalasagar, N C Sagar, Durgapur, Kalamchoura and Dhanpur under Sepahijala.

During scrutiny of records maintained by the selected Districts it was noticed that there were 50 history sheeters of whom eight were reported to be missing. Initiatives taken by the police to find out the missing history sheeters were not made available to audit.

The Government stated (December 2013) that the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and System (CCTNS) would provide one time solution for review and updation of history sheeters.

(iv) Recovery of unlicensed arms

Scrutiny revealed that no assessment was made regarding use of unlicensed arms in the State despite the fact that 82 unlicensed arms were seized and recovered in the selected districts during 2008-13, recovery being the highest in Dhalai district. Further, 27 cases of killings by fire arms were reported during 2008-13 which constituted four *per cent* of the murders in the State. Eighty *per cent* of the firearms used in those murders were unlicensed. This indicated that use of unlicensed firearms was a matter of concern in the State.

The Government agreed (December 2013) with the audit findings and stated that country-made arms were normally used in the tribal areas and unlicensed arms were used by the extremists.

(v) Community Policing

‘Prayaas’, a community policing programme of Tripura Police was launched throughout the State in January 2010. It was quite heartening to note that beat committees were formed in all the PSs and 4769 meetings were convened to spread awareness about crimes including gender equality and crime against women etc. In addition, 934 awareness campaigns were also organised in Schools and Colleges. However, this programme would serve better if impact study/evaluation was also made.

The Government stated (December 2013) that the initiative under ‘Prayas’ would be strengthened.

5.3.8.8 Use of Science and technology in investigations

Forensic science¹² is a branch of science that deals with crime, criminals and law. Use of forensic science in crime investigation not only facilitates just and speedy results but also reinforces the faith in the police Department that the right person was brought to book.

Following deficiencies were observed in this area:

- State Forensic Science Laboratory (SFSL) at Agartala was suffering from acute shortage of staff, with the overall shortage of 56 *per cent* across all cadres.

¹² Forensic science (often known as forensics) is the application of a broad spectrum of sciences and technologies to investigate situations after the fact, and to establish what occurred based on collected evidence.

- Udaipur District mobile FSL set up at an expenditure of ₹ 45.04 lakh in July 2010 was not made functional till December 2013 even after a lapse of three years.
- Kailasahar District FSL started functioning from September 2009 but could not examine (till July 2013) any case although 46 samples had been collected by it, because the equipment valued ₹ 13.28 lakh was provided only in March 2013.
- Only 2168 forensic samples of 28694 IPC crimes (8 *per cent*) were received by the SFSL.
- 45 *per cent* PSs in the test-checked districts did not have Forensic Kits.
- Basic equipment required to collect bare forensic evidence i.e., fingerprints and photographs etc. was unavailable in two out of selected eight PSs.
- In 120 test-checked cases, none of the PS ever collected any sample from the scene of crime for forensic examination.
- Time taken for examination of sample in the SFSL ranged between 37 and 51 days. In a few cases, the time taken was even one year. Delay in examination of samples contributed to the delay in investigation and was fraught with the risk of deterioration, which could affect the test results.
- Investigating authority took unreasonably high time ranging from 21 days to 49 days in collection of the report from FSL, maximum time taken in one case was 462 days in 2010.

The Government stated (December 2013) that due to shortage of manpower two divisions and District mobile FSL could not be made functional and delayed the examination/disposal of crime case exhibits. In few cases there were delay in collection of reports due to non-availability of standards and procedural defects.

- Against 28694 IPC crimes during 2008-12, fingerprints were taken only in 18 cases. An automated finger print identification system was procured (August 2010) at the cost of ₹ 22.61 lakh. However, examination of only 18 cases reflected underutilisation of the system. In 120 test-checked cases at eight PSs, no finger prints were taken from the scene of crime.

The Government stated (December 2013) that two fingerprint experts had been working since August 2010 in the finger print cell, Crime Investigation Department (CID) and they visit the scene of crime on the strength of requisition of District Police in which finger prints are available at the scene of crime. .

But the fact remained that in 120 test-checked cases at eight PSs, no finger prints were taken from the scene of crime.

- Despite having a strength of 14 dogs in the Police Dog Squad under SP (CID), dogs were utilised only in 235 cases (less than one *per cent* of total crime cases) for investigation which reflected gross underutilisation of the dog squad.

Contribution of low use of forensic science in the low conviction rate (seven *per cent*) in the State could not be ruled out.

In the exit conference, the Chief Secretary and the Director General of Police agreed with the need for optimal utilisation of Forensic Science to improve the conviction rate.

Audit Objective 4: Whether manpower was adequate, trained and deployed optimally.

5.3.9 Human Resource Management

5.3.9.1 Large scale vacancies

Status of manpower vis-à-vis sanctioned strength as on 01 January 2013 is depicted below:

(i) Civil Police

Table 5.3.14: Sanctioned strength vis-à-vis men-in-position in civil police as on 01 January 2013

Category	Sanctioned Strength	Men in position	Shortage (In percent)
Dy SP to DG	213	103	110 (52)
ASI to Inspector	1588	1387	201 (13)
Head constable and Constable	11024	9011	2013 (18)
Total	12825	10501	2324 (18)

As is evident, the vacancy was 18 *per cent* in lower subordinate level and 13 *per cent* in upper subordinate level. But, 52 *per cent* vacancy in supervisory level was very alarming as the quality of supervision of the subordinate staff level was adversely affected.

(ii) Armed Police

Table 5.3.15: Sanctioned strength vis-à-vis men-in-position in Armed police as on 01 January 2013

Category	Sanctioned Strength	Men in Position	Shortage (In Percent)
Dy. SP to DG	126	47	79 (63)
ASI to Inspector	552	497	55 (10)
Head constable and Constable	13836	12712	1124 (9)
Total	14514	13256	1258 (9)

The vacancy was nine *per cent* in lower subordinate level and 10 *per cent* in upper subordinate level. But, 63 *per cent* vacancy in supervisory level was very alarming as the quality of supervision of the subordinate staff level was adversely affected.

The Government stated (December 2013) that steps had been taken to fill up the vacant posts.

5.3.9.2 Teeth to tail ratio

The Padmanabhaiah Committee recommended that the staff structure should be rationalised so that the teeth-to-tail ratio – upper subordinates to lower subordinates-should be 1:7 and finally brought down to 1:4.

The average of teeth-to-tail ratio in Tripura was 1:6 in civil police and 1:26 in armed police. It was also noticed that in case of armed police at the planning level itself the

teeth to tail ratio with reference to sanctioned strength was 1:25 i.e., 552/13836. Therefore, the Department needs to review its staffing structure to comply with Padmanabhaiah Committee recommendations so that the quality of supervision of the subordinate staff level was not adversely affected.

5.3.9.3 Representation of women in the police force

There were only 776 (7 *per cent*) women police in the total police force of 10,501 which was significantly low having adverse impact on prevention of crime against women as already discussed in **paragraphs 5.3.8.2** above.

The Government stated (December 2013) that the efforts had been taken for recruitment of 300 women constables and 30 women Sub-Inspectors.

5.3.9.4 Distribution of manpower to Police Stations

In order to find the extent of skewness in distribution of constables, deployment of manpower in eight PSs was reviewed. The details are as under:

Table 5.3.16: Distribution of constables in Police Stations

Police Stations	Average no of crimes in a year during 2008-12	Sanctioned Strength of constables	Men in Position	Sanctioned strength per crime	Men in position per crime	Deployment of manpower as %age of sanctioned strength
Kachucharra PS	23	24	19	1.04	0.83	79
Dhumacharra PS	7	40	18	5.71	2.57	45
Gandacharra PS	34	55	32	1.62	0.94	58
Champahour PS	33	50	16	1.52	0.48	32
Melagarh PS	178	24	26	0.13	0.15	108
Bishramganj PS	70	38	22	0.54	0.31	58
East Agartala PS	256	N. A.	47	-	0.18	-
Agartala women PS	143	40	19	0.28	0.13	48

Source: Information furnished by PS

Analysis of above data revealed as follows:

- The notified sanctioned strength was not based on the crime rate. Sanctioned strength per crime was highest (5.71) in Dhumacharra PS and lowest (0.13) in Melagarh PS.
- Deployment of manpower in the PSs was not equitable as the deployment of manpower to sanctioned strength varied from 32 per cent to 108 per cent. Further, the deployment of manpower was also not proportionate to the average crime rate per annum.
- During 2008-12, average number of crimes in Melagarh PS was 178, where there were only 26 constables. Similarly, while the average crime at Dhumacharra and Gandacharra were seven and 34, there were 18 and 32 constables. The inconsistency in deployment of constables indicates that deployment was not based on the occurrence of crime or actual requirement.

The Government stated (December 2013) that the sanctioned strength was made on the basis of the crime scenario and on the extremist activities in the State.

Reply was not tenable to audit as the deployment of manpower was not proportionate to the sanctioned strength and average crime rate per annum.

In the exit conference, the Director General of Police stated that recruitment and deployment of police personnel was a continuous process and it would be further reviewed and rationalised.

5.3.9.5 Training

The three training schools provided training to 15,567 police personnel during 2009-13. Audit scrutiny of records revealed the following shortcomings:

(i) Inadequate training infrastructure

The institutes were suffering from shortage of Instructors (ranging from 33 to 69 *per cent*), class room furniture and training aids.

The Government stated (December 2013) that proposals for improving infrastructure was being taken through various Central Schemes like MOPF and Finance Commission.

(ii) Non-working Small Arms Training Simulators

None of the three Small Arms Training Simulators-vital for practice on a variety of small arms including 9mm pistols, revolvers, 303 rifles, INSAS 5.56 mm, 7.62mm rifles, AK-47s, carbines and Light Machine Guns- installed at the cost of ₹ 87.30 lakh¹³, was found (August-September 2013) in working condition as summarised below:

Table 5.3.17 : Status of three Simulators

(₹ in lakh)

Name of the Institute	Date of installation	Cost	Status
TSR 2 nd Bn	27-08-2002	43.61	Non- functional after 15-3-2012
TSR 3 rd Bn	17-11-2006	20.99	Non functional from early 2008
PTA, Narsingarh	22-09-2009	22.70	Non-functional since 15-06-2010
Total		87.30	

Source: Departmental records

The machines were non-functional due to not entering into AMCs with the supplier and lack of any concrete action for their repair and maintenance.

The Government stated (December 2013) that AMCs with the suppliers would be undertaken shortly to make the training simulators functional.

(iii) Inadequate firing range

The training institutes had outdoor firing range of 22 mtr, 91 mtr and 273 mtr. only against the required firing range¹⁴ of 300 to 1000 mtr for 303 Rifle, AK-47 Rifle, SLR

¹³ PTA: ₹ 22.70 lakh; Ch. Ramarao Training Centre at TSR 2nd Bn: ₹ 43.61 lakh; CIAT school at Kachucharra at TSR 3rd Bn: ₹ 20.99 lakh

¹⁴ Table showing Effective firing range of various weapons

Weapons	Effective range
7.62 LMG, & 303 LMG	1000 mtr
5.56 INSAS LMG	700 mtr
51 mm Mortar	500 mtr
303 Rifle, AK-47 Rifle, SLR and 7.62 mm BA rifle	300 mtr

Source: Information furnished by the training institutes

and 7.62 mm BA rifle, 7.62 LMG, 303 LMG & 5.56 INSAS LMG, thereby limiting the training capability and accuracy of shooting of the aforesaid modern weapons below maximum range.

The Government stated (December 2013) that efforts would be made for allotment of sufficient land for construction of firing range.

Audit Objective 5: Whether procurement, installation and utilisation of equipment under Modernisation/State plan was done economically, efficiently and effectively to achieve the objectives.

5.3.10 Adequacy and allocation of resources

The operational efficiency and effectiveness of police force largely depends on the availability and proper allocation/utilisation of its resources, viz, buildings, vehicles, weapons, surveillance and communication equipment and security equipment. The deficiencies noticed in these areas are discussed in the succeeding paragraphs:

5.3.10.1 Office Buildings

Police Station Buildings

- It was noticed that construction of 15 PS Buildings were in progress and there had been huge delays for instance Birganj PS and Kanchanpur PS already delayed by 33 months and 44 months respectively from the scheduled date of completion. Delays in execution of works were attributed to delay in finalisation of work site, Administrative approval & approval of design and drawing by the Police Department and fund constraints etc.
- The Department had placed ₹ 143.96 lakh with PWD (R&B) on 04-02-2009 for construction of PS buildings at Belonia, Sonamura and Kadamtala. However, site was not finalised in Belonia till date and in Sonamura and Kadamtala site was finalised after four years and the works were re-assigned to Rural Development Department and funds (₹ 80.00 lakh) placed in December 2012. Construction of PS building at Mungiakami was commenced by PWD (R&B) on 05 January 2010 and completed on 22 May 2012 at a total expenditure of ₹ 79.58 lakh. After completion of the building, Executive Engineer, Police Engineering Cell visited (7 June 2012) the PS building and noticed that the building was not constructed as per design and drawing. There was no indication about the monitoring of the Police Department during execution of the PS building. As a result, even after completion of the building for more than a year, Police Department did not take it over from the PWD (R&B) and make it operational till August 2013.

Construction of well-secured police station (PS) buildings was one of the thrust areas of the MOPF. Thus, due to delay in execution of works the Department could not provide better working environment for the police personnel.

The Government accepted (December 2013) the audit observation and stated that Department depend upon PWD (R&B), RD Department and Tripura Housing and Construction Board for major construction works. But the fact remained that the Department had inadequate monitoring over the construction works, as cited above.

In the exit conference, the Chief Secretary and Director General of Police appreciated the audit finding and assured to take necessary corrective action.

Out Posts

Construction of two outpost buildings at Debbaru and Champaknagar could not be started due to non-availability of site although ₹ 1.00 crore (@ ₹ 50.00 lakh) were approved in 2008-09 under MOPF.

The Government stated (December 2013) that Champaknagar OP had now been shifted to its own accommodation by constructing five pre-fabricated huts and Debbaru OP had been included under MOPF scheme 2012-13.

Women Help Desks

Construction of two women help desks at Kakraban and Raishyabari PS were not started even after eight months from the date of placement of funds (@ ₹ 10.80 lakh each) with the executing agencies. Reason for non-commencement of works was not found on record.

SDPO Office Building

Department placed ₹ 1.20 crore with THCB in July 2012 for construction of Office-cum-residence building of SDPO in Sonamura, Bishalgarh, Jirania and Longtarai Valley. But works could not be commenced till date as the design and drawing of the buildings were approved by the Department only in August 2013 and THCB was requested to prepare estimates for the works.

The Government stated (December 2013) that the size of the buildings had been reduced by the agency due to price escalation which was being sorted out.

5.3.10.2 Residential Buildings

BPR&D was of the view (March 2000) that the performance of the police was better in States where accommodation was available in large numbers. The National Police Commission (NPC) also recommended 100 *per cent* accommodation for all police personnel. As per the recommendation of the review committee on Police Reforms and Response of State Governments, circulated by MHA in May 2006, the State was asked to achieve 80 *per cent* satisfaction level as early as possible.

Scrutiny revealed as follows:

- Department had not assessed the housing requirement for police personnel and as such no requirement regarding housing was incorporated in the MOPF plans during 2008-09 to 2012-13.
- As on 1 January 2013 Tripura Police had 4121 family quarters for constable to Group Officers. Percentage of satisfaction of family accommodation was 32

per cent for the upper subordinates (Inspector, SI and ASI) and 26 *per cent* for lower subordinates (Head constables, constables).

The Government stated (December 2013) that a proposal had been made to the 14th Finance Commission for sanction of funds for construction of 1194 quarters to achieve satisfaction level upto 40 per cent.

- Out of 4121 family quarters, 484 quarters (12 *per cent*) were damaged. However due to scarcity of quarters, 34 damaged Type-I qtr and 38 damaged Type-II qtrs were allotted to the TSR 1st Bn. and TSR 2nd Bn jawans. Hence, possibility of accidents causing injury/death could not be ruled out.
- Administrative lapse of the Home Department in taking timely and proper follow up action resulted in suspension of construction works of 49 family quarters (Type-I: 9 ;Type-II: 34 ;Type-III:6) in three TSR Bn headquarters¹⁵ for a long period. The exact dates since when the work was suspended were not available on record.



Construction of 9 Type-I quarters in TSR 2nd Bns remained suspended since long.

- Police Department placed ₹ 3.41 crore in three installments between March 2008 and March 2009 to the RD Department for construction of 48 Type-III quarters at AD Nagar. The work of four three-storied blocks (6 quarters each) consisting 24 quarters was commenced in November 2008 and completed in July 2010. However, those quarters were taken over by the Police Department on 28 September 2012, after a lapse of 26 months from completion. Reasons for delay in taking over was not found on record.

¹⁵ TSR 1st Bn (Type-II:6; Type-III:2), TSR 2nd Bn (Type-I:9), TSR 6th Bn(Type-II:28; Type-III:4)

- During execution of works, Chief Secretary and Director General of Police, Tripura visited the site and finalised construction of three four-storied blocks (8 quarters each) in place of three storied blocks. Accordingly, design was modified for four-storied blocks and estimate was prepared (10 November 2009) for 8 quarters of a block of four storied building for an amount of ₹ 69.33 lakh. The work commenced on 26 October 2010 but was suspended (May 2011) after completion of civil work leaving pipeline & sanitation, painting and internal electrical work incomplete due to shortage of funds (₹ 14.04 lakh).



Type-III four storied building constructed at AD Nagar, Agartala

- Department had placed ₹ 3.41 crore to the RD Department through the DM & Collector (West) for the said work but RD Department's records showed only ₹ 2.90 crore. As a result, whereabouts of ₹ 51 lakh was not known to the Department and the work was suspended which reflects upon poor monitoring by the Department.
- Scrutiny of records of SP (Procurement) revealed that out of 84 Type-III quarters (including 24 new quarters) available in AD Nagar, only 69 quarters were allotted and 13 quarters remained vacant till August 2013 due to non-availability of eligible applicants. Thus, it was evident that before construction of Type-III quarters in AD Nagar, Police Department did not assess the requirement. As a result, at least two blocks of three storied buildings constructed at an expenditure of ₹ 1.12 crore had been lying idle for the last three years.

The Government stated (December 2013) that SP (procurement) had taken necessary steps for allotment as per norms. But the fact remained that there were no eligible applicants for allotment of the quarters.

5.3.10.3 Vehicles

Mobility is vital for efficient and effective performance of a police force. Increased mobility reduces response time and enhances operational efficiency. Requirement of vehicle to bring down the 'mobility deficiency' to 'Nil' was not assessed by the Department. However, BPR&D assessed (March 2000) the requirement of one heavy, one medium, five light vehicles and five motor cycles for smooth movement of a fleet of 100 police personnel. The position of vehicles in Tripura vis-à-vis BPR&D norms as of August 2013 was as under:

Table 5.3.18 : Availability of vehicles

Type of vehicle	Requirement as per BPR&D norms	Availability	Off road due to condemnation and ageing	Actually on road	Allocated to CMT pool	Actually used for police duty	Shortage as of Aug 2013
Heavy	238	228	32	196	08	188	50
Medium	238	217	28	189	10	179	59
Light	1190	827	79	748	181	567	623
Motor Cycle	1190	400	18	382	34	348	842
Total	2856	1672	157	1515	233	1282	1574

Note: Out of 175 Heavy vehicles there were 14 cranes and out of 547 light vehicles there were 46 water tankers, 43 Ambulance, 1 riot control vehicle & 1 water canon

Source: Departmental records

It was noticed (August 2013) that:

- There was a shortage of 1574 (55 *per cent*) vehicles as compared to BPR&D norms.
- Out of 157 vehicles kept off road, 22 vehicles were off road for six months due to non-availability of tyres. For example, ambulance available in TSR 3rd Battalion was out of road due to non-availability of tyre w.e.f. January 2013 to August 2013.



Ambulance available with the TSR 3rd Bn was off road from January 2013 due to non-availability of tyres

- As per BPR&D norms, to meet the requirement of police force at the cutting edge level, 2 light vehicles and 3 motor cycles were to be provided to each PS and 2 motor cycles to each police OPs. In the test-checked districts, all but two PSs were equipped with at least two light/medium vehicles. However, out of 23 vehicles allotted to eight test-checked PSs, 10 vehicles were more than 10 years old (43 *per cent*) and often remained out of order. Further, seven OPs¹⁶ were not provided with any Motorcycles; rather they were provided with one light vehicle.
- During preparation of Annual Plan for MOPF, Department justified that two vehicles per camp was required for ensuring quick movement of force in militancy infested areas. Scrutiny of records in sampled five TSR Battalions revealed that out of 80 camps, 46 camps (58 *per cent*) did not have any vehicle and 33 camps were having one vehicle each. As a result, due to restriction on movement of forces high response time could not be ruled out.
- 447 vehicles and 378 motor cycles were included in the MOPF (2008-13) of which only 344 vehicles and 236 motor cycles were procured till June 2013.

¹⁶ Patni, Bamutia, SNT OP, Old Agartala, Jumpuijalla, Taibandal and BJB OP

However, no basis showing assessment of requirement of vehicles was available with the Department. Though there were shortage of vehicles in the field, 85 (30 *per cent*) of 286 light vehicles procured during 2008-13 under MOPF scheme were kept in the central pool and attached with the dignitaries.

Thus, due to shortage of vehicles coupled with diversion of 85 vehicles, the objective of providing vehicles to all PSs and TSR camps was not achieved which naturally restricted movement of the police forces and also led to high response time and reaction time. Besides, 17 PSs regularly hired light vehicles for their operational duties and ₹ 26.96 lakh were paid as hiring charges of vehicles during 2012-13 which was avoidable.

The Government stated (December 2013) that no case of delay due to non availability of vehicle in PSs had been reported.

5.3.10.4 Weaponry

The Department has weapons in the form of INSAAS Rifle, Self Loading Rifle (SLR), AK 47, 9 mm Carbine, LMG, SMG, Rifle 303, Glock Pistol and allied ammunition. Test-check of records revealed as follows:

- Department was holding 23,069 main strike weapons against authorisation of 40,334 weapons. Thus, there was shortage of 17,265 nos ranging from six per cent to 83 per cent in different categories. Thus, shortage of strike weapons could lead to under-performance and casualties in anti insurgency operations, especially in remote hilly areas.
- Department was having more than 70 years old 7535 “303 Rifles” of which 6040 were in use. But, there was no plan to phase out those old weapons.
- Department procured (15 May 2008) 12 nos Gun M/C 7.62 mm MAG from Small Arms Factory, Kanpur at a total cost of ₹ 54.52 lakh. But, no ammunitions were procured, resulting in the guns lying idle.

The Government stated (December 2013) that the Tripura Police was a better equipped force in terms of arms and ammunition. Further, there was sufficient ammunition of 7.62 mm caliber in the stock for utilisation of 7.62 mm MAG. But the fact remained that test-checked TSR Battalions could not utilise the 7.62 mm MAGs due to non-availability of link belt (Amn belt) & ammunition

5.3.10.5 Surveillance and Communication System

(i) Wireless sets

Tripura police had 2303 functional handheld sets and 2394 functional Mobilophone sets against requirement of 3723 and 3435 respectively.

BPR&D norms provide that two secondary batteries were required for each mobilophone set and two dry fit batteries for each handheld set. Further, life of a secondary battery and rechargeable dry fit battery were 18 months and one year

respectively, can be extended upto five years with decreasing output in normal conditions¹⁷. Scrutiny revealed as follows:

Mobilophone Sets

Mobilophone sets are used in all police Communication Stations, PSs, Police vehicles, TSR camps etc. for the purpose of transmission and reception of registered radiogram and verbal conversation among the senior police officers.

For operation of those mobilophone sets Tripura police had (August 2013) 822 batteries of which only 379 batteries were procured during 2008 to 2013. As a result, with the available 379 batteries, Department could utilise only 189 sets against available 2394 such sets.

Handheld Sets

Handheld Sets are used by the police patrol party, police operational party, traffic police for the purpose of transmission and reception of verbal instructions relating to law and order and traffic control.

Department procured only 2620 batteries during March 2008 to November 2010 for operation of HH sets with which only 1310 sets could be utilised.

During 2008-09 to 2012-13, 170 digital Mobilophone sets (₹ 0.67 crore), 270 digital HH sets (₹ 0.98 crore) were procured out of which, 133 sets (Mobilophone: 42: HH: 91) were lying in the central store.

Thus, non-availability of efficient batteries with full output adversely affected the operation of VHF-HF sets and wireless sets purchased at a cost of ₹ 1.65 crore during 2008-13 and failed to augment the communication network of Police Force. Further, shortage of communication equipment coupled with acute shortage of batteries might result in lack of coordination between different units of Police Department and could lead to poor response at the time of requirement.

The Government stated (December 2013) that efforts were on for procuring spare batteries.

(ii) Idle Self Supporting Tower

It was noticed that one 150 feet self supporting tower was installed at the TSR 8th Battalion Hqr, Lalcharra in October 2005. The tower was installed about 200 mtr away from the signal centre and for this reason the tower could not be made operational till August 2013.

Thus, due to lack of assessment and inefficient planning, the tower could not be utilised even after 8 years from the time of construction and thus the entire expenditure of ₹ 17.80 lakh became wasteful and failed to achieve the desired objectives.

¹⁷ "Normal" in this case means the battery goes through full charge cycles, isn't subjected to extreme temperatures, is attached to a reliable and consistent charging system and isn't providing power for a ton of accessories.

The Government stated (December 2013) that efforts would be taken for operationalisation of the communication tower.

(iii) Global Positioning System

The Global Positioning System (GPS), a satellite navigation system helps to accurately track the vehicle's movements/whereabouts.

With a view to equip the Tripura Police with it, the Department procured 68 GPS at a cost of ₹ 18.77 lakh during 2008-13 under MOPF scheme. Scrutiny of records in the sampled units¹⁸ revealed that 28 GPS were issued out of which 16 were lying in their store. Thus, the intended purpose of effective policing was defeated.

The Government stated (December 2013) that efforts would be made for utilisation of all GPS sets.

(iv) Geo Spatial System

Geo Application System (3-Dimensional Terrain Module) helps in identification and movement of extremists and also generation of maps to assist and guide the Counter Insurgency Operations Party.

As per instruction of the MHA, Police Department procured the System from the Mission for Geo Spatial Application under Department of Science and Technology, Government of India at a total cost of ₹ 47.67 lakh and installed in five district police headquarters¹⁹ during March to August 2012.

During scrutiny it was noticed that at the time of installation, Mission provided MPT images of 2004-05 although it assured to supply latest images. Due to installation of old images, the system did not generate the desired output and the Department could not derive any functional benefits which led to infructuous expenditure of ₹ 47.67 lakh.

(v) Police Communication Network

POLNET, a satellite based police communication network intended to connect all the PS in the country through Multi Access Radio Telephone was installed in all the four district headquarters and 34 PSs during September 2004 to August 2006 at a cost of ₹ 77.38 lakh.

Scrutiny of records revealed that the whole project became non-functional from April 2008 as the warranty period of the network expired in March 2008. Thereafter, no AMC was made with the supplier as the State Government was not ready to bear the expenditure of the AMC, despite instructions (18 September 2008) issued by MHA and recommendations (August 2009) made by the technical committee of the Department. As a result, the objective of improved communication among the State police force had remained frustrated for last five years and the expenditure of ₹ 77.38 lakh became unfruitful.

¹⁸ SP (Dhalai), PTA, TSR 2nd Bn, TSR 3rd Bn, TSR 5th Bn, TSR 7th Bn and TSR 8th Bn

¹⁹ Agartala, Ambassa, Dharmanagar, Udaipur and Kailasahar

The Government stated (December 2013) that as all the sets were not functional and effective, AMC was not made.

(vi) Common Integrated Police Application project

The CIPA software was designed and developed to maintain the details pertaining to all the activities of the PSs relating to crime and criminals. The system provides information to the higher levels as and when required and also generates various statutory reports for the smooth functioning of the PS.

CIPA project was implemented by the National Informatics Centre, New Delhi in two stages in 21 PSs at a total expenditure of ₹ 33.27 lakh. Scrutiny of records revealed that 69 per cent client system, 52 per cent duplex printer, 52 per cent MFP and 95 per cent UPS were not functioning. Status of equipment as of July 2013 is summarised below:

Table 5.3.19 : Status of hardware of CIPA project

Equipment	Functioning	Non-functioning	Total
Client System	28	62 (69%)	90
Duplex Printer	10	11 (52%)	21
MFP	10	11 (52%)	21
Ups	01	20 (95%)	21

Source: Departmental records

Further, no initiative was taken by the Department to make this system functional. Thus, due to non-functioning of the 62 client system (out of 90) benefit of the project could not be obtained despite incurring an amount of ₹ 33.27 lakh.

The Government stated (December 2013) that CIPA had been amalgamated with CCTNS project. But the fact remained that without making the system functional, amalgamation with the CCTNS could not be done.

(vii) Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems

CCTNS Scheme had been approved by the Cabinet Committee on economic affairs on 19 June 2009 as a 100 per cent Centrally Sponsored Scheme to modernise the police force giving top priority on enhancing outcomes in the areas of Crime Investigation and Criminals Detection, in information gathering, its dissemination among various police organisations and units across the country and enhancing Citizen Services.

As per information made available by the Department, MoU was made on 25 January 2010 between Government of Tripura and MHA for implementation of the scheme. Of ₹ 3.57 crore released by MHA, ₹ 2.27 crore was spent by the Department as of December 2012. The Department also selected System Integrator and other Implementing agencies for implementation of the scheme.

During audit, progress of implementation of the scheme against the target date fixed for completion of the project could not be checked as SP (CID), nodal officer did not produce any records in connection with implementation of the project.

In the exit conference, the Chief Secretary intimated that CCTNS had been launched on 3 January 2014. He further assured that relevant records would be provided to audit. Consequent to the Chief Secretary's direction, though the Department furnished information/records relating to appointment of System Integrator and other implementing agencies, other records relating to tender, implementation-data digitisation, deployment of hardware, network commissioning, CAS customisation and payments, etc. were not made available to audit.

5.3.10.6 Security equipment

Security equipment like bullet-proof (BP) jackets, helmets, patkas²⁰ etc. were essential for the safety of the police force involved in anti-insurgency operations. Each person was to have one set of the above mentioned security gadgets. Scrutiny of five test-checked TSR Battalions revealed that against the posted strength of 5461 jawans and officers, there were only 1540 BP jackets (28 *per cent*), 69 BP helmets (1 *per cent*) and 2641 BP patkas (41 *per cent*). Shortage of the security gadgets left the combat forces vulnerable to injury/death.

5.3.10.7 Procurement of Equipment

(i) Digital Communication equipment

For procurement of Digital Communication Equipment under MOPF -100 Digital radio VHF Handheld Sets, 100 Digital Radio Mobilophones and 3 Digital VHF repeaters with accessories- tender was invited in July 2010. In response, three tenders were received in which M/s Vertel Infotel Pvt. Limited, New Delhi stood lowest at the quoted price of ₹ 63.43 lakh. The Department however, could not finalise the tender and validity of the rate offered by the bidders expired on 21 August 2011. Second call invited in December 2011 resulted in two tenders which were declared (February 2012) informal by the technical committee due to non-compliance with technical specifications.

In March 2012 without inviting any tender, the Department collected rate from Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Limited, a Government of India enterprise and issued two supply orders in July 2012 for procurement of 270 Digital radio VHF Handheld Sets, 170 Digital Radio Mobilophone and 9 Digital VHF repeaters at the cost of ₹ 1.71 crore.

During scrutiny it was noticed that those equipment were not proprietary items and the supplier imported the equipment from Japan and supplied to Tripura police. Thus, procurement was not only in contravention of GFR but also resulted in extra expenditure of ₹ 48.03 lakh²¹ due to non finalisation of the initial tender in July 2010. Further, the Department also increased the ordered quantity by 2 to 3 times as compared to the planned quantity without assigning any justification.

²⁰ A security gadget to protect head.

²¹ Based on the lowest quoted rate of M/S Vertel Infotel Pvt. Limited cost of 270 Digital radio VHF Handheld Sets, 170 Digital Radio Mobilophones and nine Digital VHF repeaters would be ₹ 1.23 crore. Therefore there was extra expenditure of ₹ 48 lakh

The Government stated (December 2013) that procurement of the items had been made as per approval of the Supply Advisory Board without mentioning the reason for non-finalisation of tenders in July 2010.

(ii) Fiber Optical Surveillance Set

In view of bomb explosion in the Agartala town in 2008, it was proposed (October 2008) to strengthen the bomb disposal squad of security wing in terms of manpower, vehicle and quality equipment. At that time in addition to Agartala, Bomb Squads were functioning in Kailasahar, Ambassa and Udaipur. It was also decided to place Bomb Detection and Disposal Solution (BDDS) units at Santirbazar and Teliamura. In consultation with the Expert of Bomb Disposal Unit of NSG, New Delhi, requirement of seven Fiber Optical Surveillance Set (FOSS)-two for Hqr (Agartala) and one each for five units²² - was assessed.

During scrutiny of records it was noticed that the Department procured (September 2010) nine sets at a total cost of ₹ 1.82 crore and allotted to SP (Security) on 22 September 2010. Reason for procurement of two excess sets was not found on record. Moreover out of nine sets, three were issued to BDDS units of Kailasahar, Ambassa and Udaipur and remaining six were lying in the store of the BDDS Hqr. at Agartala.

Thus, due to procurement of nine sets against requirement of seven sets and non-commissioning of BDDS unit at Santirbazar and Teliamura, four sets were lying idle and unutilised resulting in blockade of funds and unfruitful expenditure amounting to ₹ 80.92 lakh.

Further scrutiny revealed that in three BDDS units at Kailasahar, Ambassa and Udaipur, three FOSS (₹ 60.62 lakh) and other bomb disposal equipment (₹ 2.18 crore) were stored at different places viz., SP (DIB) offices, district stores, police hospitals etc. The police hospital building at Kailasahar was very old and damaged. As a result, the electronic equipment could be damaged due to such storage. Reasons for storage of equipment at different places without proper care instead of storage in BD units were not found on record. Moreover, at the time of need it might be difficult to gather all the equipment from different places and use immediately to diffuse any explosive. Thus, very objective of procurement of such equipment might be defeated.

The Government stated (December 2013) that efforts were being made for utilisation of all the BDDS equipment.

(iii) Bullet proof Jacket covers

For procurement of Jacket covers, Department invited (September 2011) quotation from two firms only. In response the lowest rate quoted (November 2011) by MB Rubber Pvt. Ltd. was ₹ 795.00 per BP Jacket cover. Subsequently, Department decided (February 2012) to procure BP Jackets with same specifications procured earlier for TSR Bns. in 2004 from PEC Limited, New Delhi. Accordingly, SP

²² Kailashahar, Ambassa, Udaipur, Santirbazar and Teliamura.

(Procurement) procured (July 2012) 399 BP Jackets from PEC Ltd, New Delhi @ ₹ 2251.19 per Jacket.

Scrutiny revealed that specifications offered by both the firms were same. However, rate offered by MB Rubber Ltd was much lower- almost one-third- than the rates of PEC Ltd. No recorded reason/justification was found for non-procurement of Jackets from MB rubber Ltd. Thus, the unjustified procurement giving undue preference to PEC Limited resulted in extra expenditure of ₹ 5.81 lakh.

The Government stated (December 2013) that the rates were approved by the Higher Purchase Committee without replying as to why lower rate offered by M/s MB Rubber Limited was not accepted.

Audit Objective 6: Whether internal control mechanism was in place and effective.

5.3.11 Internal Control and Monitoring

5.3.11.1 Non-preparation of Manual

Tripura Police do not have a manual of its own. It followed Police Regulation of Bengal (PRB), 1943 mutatis mutandis. In the Organogram, there is a post of IGP (Manual) but initiatives if any, taken by the Department for preparation of Manual was not found on record. Moreover, compilation of departmental orders and instructions, issued from time to time was also not found on record.

In the exit conference, the Chief Secretary and the Director General of Police assured to start preparation of own Manual of Tripura Police.

5.3.11.2 Lack of documentation and non-production of records

The maintenance and upkeep of records by the Department was unsatisfactory. Important documents like records relating to details of complaints lodged and addressed over helpline, records relating to details of persons kept under custody for non-completion of investigation, status of IO wise investigation made by the East Agartala PS, and other office records i.e. Asset register, Work progress register, Agency wise details of placement of funds and utilisation there against etc. in respect of construction works were not maintained. Further, records relating to setting up and functioning of State Police Board, physical progress of CCTNS, etc were not furnished to audit though called for.

In the exit conference, the Director General of Police assured to look into the matter and take necessary action.

5.3.11.3 Lack of monitoring over construction works

During 2008-13, the Department placed ₹ 24.38 crore with the Police Engineering cell, Rural development Department, PWD (R&B) and Housing Board for execution of 86 works. But after placement of funds the Department never asked for submission of utilisation certificates and periodical returns showing physical and financial

achievements. Thus, due to lack of monitoring, works remained incomplete due to shortage of funds in some cases while in some cases funds were lying idle for number of years with the executing agencies without commencement of works.

Moreover, the Department did not maintain inventory register or any record of major and minor works indicating the name of the executing agencies, funds placed from time to time, name of works, expenditure incurred and present status of works. This indicated lack of adequate monitoring by the Department over the construction works.

The Government stated (December 2013) that records were being maintained. But the fact remained that records were not produced to audit though requisitioned by Audit.

In the exit conference, the Chief Secretary and the Director General of Police assured to take action for better monitoring.

5.3.11.4 Response to Audit

The State Finance Department issued instructions in July 1993 to watch over the receipt and disposal of Audit Notes/Inspection Reports issued by the Accountant General (Audit) which *inter alia* provides that (i) a register of audit para disposal should be maintained by each office and (ii) reply to Audit Notes is to be furnished within one month from the date of their receipt. No such register was maintained by the Department. The position of outstanding Inspection reports and paragraphs issued by the Accountant General (Audit), Tripura to the Department for the last five years is detailed in the table below:

Table 5.3.20: Status of outstanding Inspection Reports

Year	Issued		Settled		Outstanding		1 st reply not received
	IR	Paras	IR	Paras	IR	Paras	
2008-09	8	22	3	14	5	8	Nil
2009-10	15	37	7	11	8	26	01
2010-11	11	44	3	28	8	16	02
2011-12	14	63	3	13	11	50	05
2012-13	6	36	0	0	6	36	06
Total	54	202	16	66	38	136	14

The Government stated (December 2013) that efforts would be taken for early settlement of paras.

5.3.12 Conclusion

The performance audit of the Home (Police) Department revealed several deficiencies in their functioning. The Department did not have its own Police Manual. It had also not formulated any long-term or short term plan for prioritising the goals of the Department with reference to the objectives of policing. Budget estimates were not realistic. The incidence of IPC crime especially crime against women in the State increased during 2008-2012 while the conviction rate was low which is a matter of concern. Further, use of forensic science in crime investigation was not fully functional due to lack of skilled manpower. Average reaction and response time was unsatisfactory. Housing facilities for police personnel were not adequate. The Department also failed to benefit from the modernisation schemes due to their tardy

implementation. The striking ability of the police force was compromised due to shortage of modern weapons, mobility deficiency, inadequate and ineffective communication equipment. It was also noticed that internal control, supervision and monitoring was inadequate.

5.3.13 Recommendations

The Department may consider implementing the following recommendations:

- prepare its own Manual and formulate a long term strategic plan identifying the annual goals to be achieved in crime management with special emphasis to curb crime against women;
- rationalise the deployment of its police force;
- initiate steps to increase the representation of women police personnel, especially lady police officers;
- prioritise the construction of residential and office buildings and ensure their completion within specific timeliness;
- ensure efficient and effective utilisation of its resources including communication and surveillance equipment so as to achieve a lower crime rate and a higher conviction rate;
- strengthen the internal control and monitoring mechanism.

CHAPTER – VI

FOLLOW UP OF AUDIT OBSERVATIONS

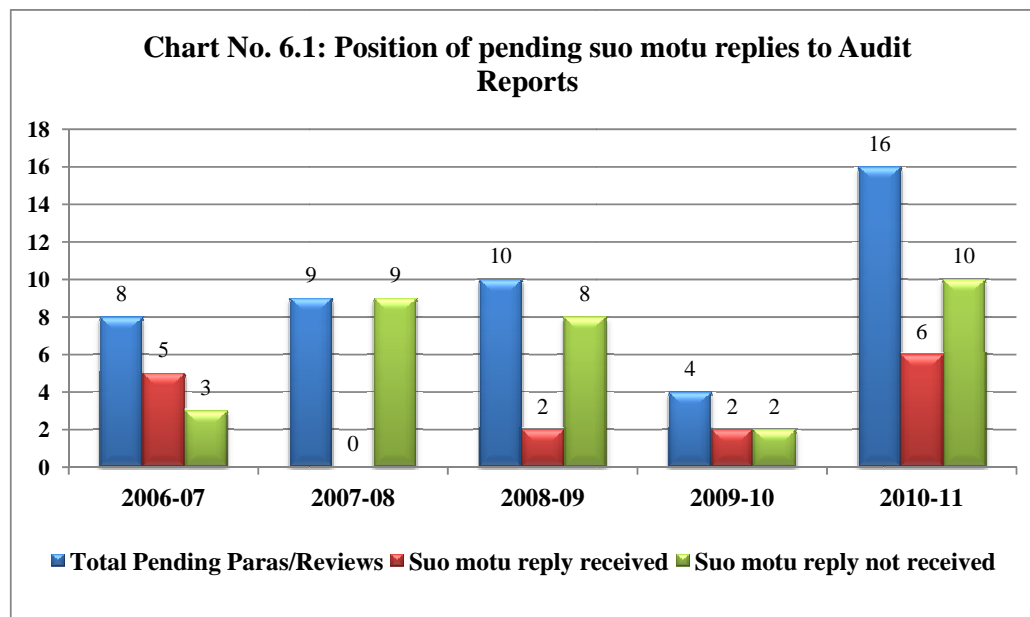
6.1 Follow up action on earlier Audit Reports

6.1.1 Non-submission of explanatory notes

Serious irregularities noticed in audit are included in the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Audit Reports) and presented to the State Legislature. According to the instructions issued by the Finance Department, Government of Tripura in July 1993 the Administrative departments were required to furnish explanatory notes on the paragraphs/Performance Audits included in the Audit Reports within three months of their presentation to the Legislature.

(a) Public Accounts Committee (PAC):

As of November 2013, 13 Departments did not submit explanatory notes on 31 paragraphs and 11 Performance Audits included in the Audit Reports from the years 2001-02 to 2010-11. The Audit Report for the year 2011-12 was not due¹ for discussion. The position of *suo motu* replies during the last five years is shown in the chart below:



¹ Placed in the State Assembly on 27 September 2013.

Chart 6.1 represents the position of *suo motu* replies received/not received pertaining to pending paras/Performance Audits of Audit Reports for the period from 2006-07 to 2010-11. The Department largely responsible for non-submission of explanatory notes was Public Works (Roads & Buildings)², Revenue and Transport Departments.

(b) Committee on Public Undertakings (COPU):

As of November 2013, two Departments did not submit explanatory notes on two paragraphs (Forest Department) and one Performance Audit (Power Department) included in the Audit Reports for the year 2010-11.

6.1.2 Response of the departments to the recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC)/Committee on Public Undertakings (COPU)

Finance Department, Government of Tripura issued (July 1993) instructions to all departments to submit Action Taken Notes (ATN) on various suggestions, observations and recommendations made by PAC/COPU for their consideration within six months of presentation of the PAC/COPU Reports to the Legislature. The PAC/COPU Reports/Recommendations are the principal medium by which the Legislature enforces financial accountability of the Executive to the Legislature and it is appropriate that they elicit timely response from the departments in the form of Action Taken Notes (ATNs).

(a) Public Accounts Committee (PAC)

As of November 2013, out of 51 recommendations of the PAC made between 2000-01 and 2009-10, 38 ATNs were submitted of which 33 ATNs had been discussed by the PAC. The concerned administrative departments had not submitted ATNs for 13 recommendations, five of which were due from the Health and Family Welfare Department and three from Public Works (Drinking Water and Sanitation) Department.

(b) Committee on Public Undertakings (COPU)

As of November 2013, ATNs on six recommendations of the COPU made between 2007-08 and 2009-10 were awaited from the concerned administrative departments of which five pertained to Power Department.

6.2 Monitoring

The following Committees had been formed at the Government level to monitor the follow up action on Audit Reports and PAC/COPU recommendations.

² 12 Paragraphs and 1 Performance Audit.

Departmental Monitoring Committee

Departmental Monitoring Committees (DMCs) had been formed (April 2002) by all departments of the Government under the Chairmanship of the Departmental Secretaries to monitor the follow up action on Audit Reports and PAC/COPU recommendations. The DMCs were to hold monthly meetings and send Progress Reports on the issue every month to the Finance Department.

The details of DMC meetings held during 2012-13 were awaited (January 2014) from the Finance Department, though called for (November 2013).

Apex Committee

An Apex Committee had been formed (April 2002) at the State level under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary to monitor the follow up action on Audit Reports and PAC/COPU recommendations.

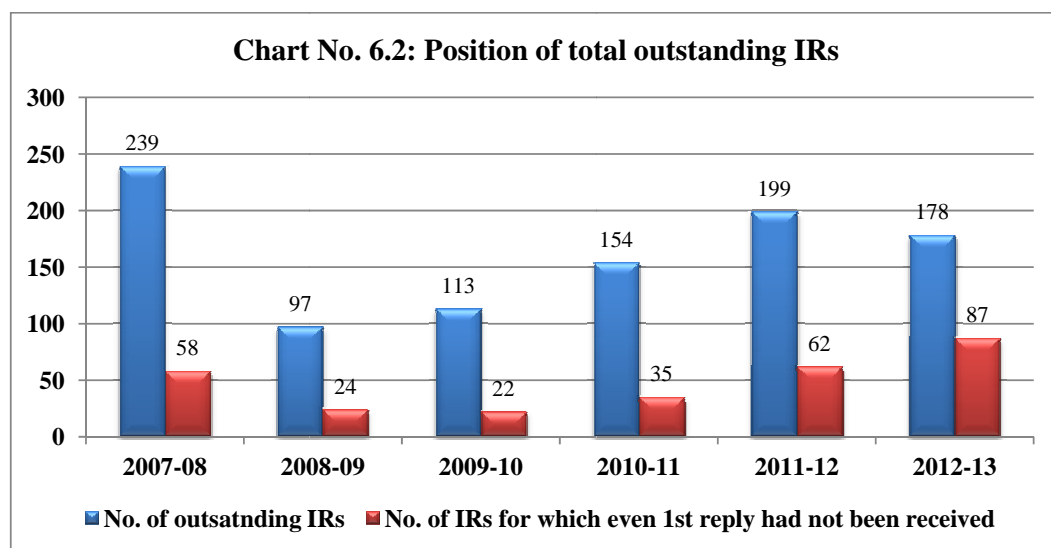
The details of Apex Committee meetings held during 2012-13 were awaited (January 2014) from the Finance Department though called for (November 2013).

6.3 Outstanding Inspection Reports

First reply for 288 out of 980 Inspection Reports issued upto 2012-13 were not furnished within the stipulated period by the concerned Departments.

Audit observations on financial irregularities and deficiencies in maintenance of initial accounts noticed during local audit and not settled on the spot are communicated to the audited entities and to the higher authorities through Inspection Reports (IRs). The more serious irregularities are reported to the Government. The Government had prescribed that the first reply to the IRs should be furnished within one month from the date of receipt.

Analysis of the position of outstanding Inspection Reports showed that 4,062 paragraphs included in 980 IRs issued upto 2012-13 were pending settlement as of November 2013. Of these, even the first reply had not been received in respect of 288 IRs in spite of repeated reminders. The year-wise break-up of the outstanding IRs and the position of response thereto is given in the chart below:



As a result, the following important irregularities commented upon in those IRs had not been addressed as of November 2013.

Table No. 6.3.1

Nature of irregularities	Number of cases	Amount involved (₹ in crore)
Excess/Irregular/Avoidable/Unfruitful/ Wasteful/Unauthorised/Idle expenditure	326	176.97
Blocking of funds	276	319.56
Non-recovery of excess payments/ overpayments	276	77.14
Under Assessment	20	1.91
Others	1,706	1,270.91
Total:	2,604	1,846.49

6.3.1 Departmental Audit Committee Meetings

Eight Audit Committee Meetings were held during 2012-13 wherein 80 IRs and 272 paragraphs were discussed out of which 22 IRs and 139 paragraphs were settled.

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Appendix 1.1

Statement showing the calculation of inadmissible payment made/due to the agencies

(Reference: Paragraph No. 1.3.1.3)

Sl. No.	Name of the School	Number of non-functioning computers	Period of non- functioning	Phase No/Agency	No. of defaulting Half yearly periods and rate	Inadmissible payment (in ₹)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1.	Baralutma Class XII School, Dhalai	04	March 2012 to March 2013	2 nd / Educomp Solutions Ltd.	3 @ ₹ 60,300 ¹	1,80,900
2.	Choudhurybari Girls HS School, West Tripura	04	March 2012	2 nd / Aces Infotech Pvt. Ltd.	1 @ ₹ 60,300	60,300
3.	Dr. B .R. Ambedkar High School, West Tripura	10	March 2012	1 st / Educomp Solutions Ltd.	1 @ ₹ 63,750 ²	63,750
4.	Durlav Narayan HS School, West Tripura	04	August 2011 to March 2013	1 st / Educomp Solutions Ltd.	4 @ ₹ 63,750	2,55,000
5.	Harerkhola High School, Dhalai	05	August 2011 to March 2012	2 nd / Educomp Solutions Ltd.	2 @ ₹ 60,300	1,20,600
6.	Jampuijala High School, West Tripura	10	December 2012 to March 2013	2 nd / Aces Infotech Pvt. Ltd.	1 @ ₹ 60,300	60,300
7.	Jagatpur High School, West Tripura	06	October 2012 to March 2013	1 st / NIIT Ltd.	1 @ ₹ 63,750	63,750
8.	Kamalpur English Medium School, Dhalai	04	March 2012	1 st / NIIT Ltd.	1 @ ₹ 63,750	63,750
9.	Kulubari High School, West Tripura	07	July 2011 to March 2012	2 nd / Everonn Education Ltd.	2 @ ₹ 60,300	1,20,600

¹ 7.5 per cent of ₹ 8.04 lakh² 7.5 per cent of ₹ 8.50 lakh

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Statement showing the calculation of inadmissible payment made/due to the agencies

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Sl. No.	Name of the School	Number of non-functioning computers	Period of non- functioning	Phase No/Agency	No. of defaulting Half yearly periods and rate	Inadmissible payment (in ₹)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
10.	Kulai Colony High School, Dhalai	08	January 2013 to March 2013	1 st / NIIT Ltd.	1 @ ₹ 63,750	63,750
11.	Mohanpur Girls' High School, West Tripura	06	June 2011 to March 2013	1 st / NIIT Ltd.	4 @ ₹ 63,750	2,55,000
12.	Nalchar High School, West Tripura	07	April 2011 to March 2012	2 nd / Aces Infotech Pvt. Ltd.	2 @ ₹ 60,300	1,20,600
13.	Narsinghar H.S. School, West Tripura	07	January 2012 to March 2013	1 st / NIIT Ltd.	3 @ ₹ 63,750	1,91,250
14.	North Kamrangatali HS School, West Tripura	02	October 2012 to March 2013	1 st / NIIT Ltd.	1 @ ₹ 63,750	63,750
15.	Rangamatia H.S. School, West Tripura	01	September 2012 to March 2013	2 nd / Everonn	2 @ ₹ 60,300	1,20,600
16.	Taibandal HS School, West Tripura	04	June 2011 to March 2012	2 nd / Aces Infotech Pvt. Ltd.	2 @ ₹ 60,300	1,20,600
17.	West Noabadi High School, West Tripura	01	January 2012 to March 2012	2 nd / Aces Infotech Pvt. Ltd.	1 @ ₹ 60,300	60,300
Total:		90				19,84,800

Appendix 2.1

Statement showing the sector-wise number of projects sanctioned, taken up for implementation and dropped.

(Reference: Paragraph No. 2.3.4 & 2.3.7)

Name of Sector	Total No. of projects	Present status of projects taken up		Dropped
		Completed	On going	
Animal Husbandry	36	23	9	4
Horticulture	30	26	2	2
Fisheries	23	19	4	0
Crop Development	18	15	2	1
Marketing	7	4	2	1
Micro Irrigation	7	5	1	1
Non Farming	2	1	0	1
Agricultural Mechanisation	6	6	0	0
Extension	2	1	0	1
Organic farming/Bio fertilizer	5	5	0	0
Fertilizer and inn	3	3	0	0
Innovative Programme/ Training	3	3	0	0
Natural resources management	2	1	0	1
Agricultural research	1	1	0	0
Integrated pest management	1	1	0	0
Dairy farming	1	1	0	0
Seed	1	1	0	0
Total:	148	116	20	12

Appendix 2.2

Statement showing the delay release of funds by the Finance Department and Nodal Department

{Reference: Paragraph No. 2.3.9.2(ii)}

(₹ in crore)

Year/ Stream	GOI to State		State Finance to Nodal Department		Nodal Department to IOs		Delay (Finance Department to Nodal)	Delay (Nodal to IOs)
	Date	Amount	Date	Amount	Date	Amount	(in Months)	
2007-08								
Stream-I	12/02/2008	2.84	21/08/2008	2.84	16/02/2009	2.84	6.37	5.97
Stream-II	10/01/2008	1.12	21/08/2008	1.12	16/02/2009	1.12	7.47	5.97
	11/01/2008	0.20	21/08/2008	0.20	16/02/2009	0.20	7.43	5.97
2008-09								
Stream-I	12/09/2008	12.25	07/01/2009	12.25	07/02/2009	12.25	3.90	1.03
Stream-II	26/06/2008	3.83	15/05/2010	3.83	02/08/2010	3.83	22.93	2.63
2009-10								
Stream-I	01/12/2009	11.56	03/02/2010	11.56	24/02/2010	11.56	2.13	0.70
	15/01/2010	11.90	01/04/2010	11.90	13/04/2010	6.92	2.53	0.40
			01/04/2010		24/05/2010	4.98		1.77
Stream-II	15/06/2009	3.08	27/10/2009	3.08	29/12/2009	3.08	4.47	2.10
	09/09/2009	4.74	01/04/2010	4.74	13/04/2010	4.74	6.80	0.40
2010-11								
Stream-I	26/05/2010	43.82	07/08/2010	21.91	01/10/2010	21.91	2.43	1.83
	26/05/2010		01/01/2011	13.50	31/01/2011	13.50	7.33	1.00
	26/05/2010		14/02/2011	8.41	15/03/2011	8.41	8.80	0.97
	01/03/2011	43.44	13/04/2011	43.44	21/06/2011	43.44	1.43	2.30
Stream-II	30/04/2010	29.22	04/02/2011	29.22	15/03/2011	10.50	9.33	1.30
			04/02/2011		13/06/2011	0.10		4.30
			04/02/2011		18/07/2011	9.61		5.47
			04/02/2011		19/12/2011	9.01		10.60
2011-12								
Stream-I	20/06/2011	5.44	05/08/2011	5.44	13/09/2011	5.44	1.53	1.30
	10/02/2012	5.43	09/03/2012	5.43	14/03/2012	5.43	0.93	0.17
	28/03/2012	7.64	12/06/2012	7.64	06/07/2012	7.56	2.53	0.80
Stream-II	28/04/2011	1.81	25/07/2011	1.81	02/09/2011	1.13	2.93	1.30
			25/07/2011		10/02/2012	0.03		6.67
			25/07/2011		14/03/2012	0.09		7.77
			25/07/2011		18/06/2012	0.56		10.97
	10/02/2012	1.81	05/06/2012	1.81	18/06/2012	1.81	3.87	0.43
Sub-schemes	20/06/2011	1.75	20/08/2011	1.75	16/09/2011	1.75	2.03	0.90
	10/02/2012	1.75	09/03/2012	1.75	14/03/2012	1.75	0.93	0.17
2012-13								
Stream-I	23/07/2012	6.79	11/10/2012	6.79	20/11/2012	6.79	2.67	1.33
	27/09/2012	9.45	07/11/2012	9.45	04/01/2013	9.45	1.37	1.93
	31/12/2012	16.23	16/02/2013	12.92	02/03/2013	12.92	1.57	0.47
Stream-II	18/06/2012	5.41	01/09/2012	10.82	24/09/2012	10.64	2.90	0.77
	06/07/2012	5.41	01/09/2012		14/03/2013	0.18	1.90	6.47
Sub-schemes	21/12/2012	6.57	19/01/2013	6.57	02/02/2013	6.57	0.97	0.47
	21/03/2012	6.57						

Appendix 2.3

Statement showing the details of unspent amount lying with the DDOs

{Reference: Paragraph No. 2.3.9.2(iii)}

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of DDOs	Amount drawn	Date of drawal	Purpose	Amount lying unspent	Present Status of work
1	EE (Agri.), North	1.90	2010-11	For Construction of Cold storage at Ambassa (Additional fund under Stream-II	1.82	Ongoing
2	EE (Mech.) West Tripura,	0.15	2010-11	Installation of plant and machinery in Cool chamber at Wholesale assembling market, Bishramganj under Stream-I	0.15	Ongoing
3	-Do-	0.05	2010-11	Installation of plant and machinery at Fruit processing centre, Bishramganj under Stream-I	0.05	Ongoing
4	-Do-	0.68	March 2012	Setting up of Modern Rice Mill under Stream-II	0.68	Not yet started
5	EE (Agri.), West Tripura,	0.42	March 2012	-Do-	0.42	Not yet started
6	-Do-	0.06	March 2012	Development works of Sonamura Market under Stream-II	0.06	Ongoing
7	Dy. Director of Agriculture (West)		March 2012	Procurement of Hybrid Paddy seeds, Maize seeds and Zink sulphate under Stream-I	0.22	Ongoing
8	Supdt. of Veterinary Hospital, Ambassa	0.58	March 2012	Production of day old layer chicks (satellite hatchery) under Stream-I	0.58	Ongoing
Total:					3.98	

Appendix 2.4

Statement showing the unadjusted amount lying with the Implementing Officers

{Reference: Paragraph No. 2.3.9.2(iv)}

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of office	Advanced during the year	No. of IOs advanced	Amount advanced	Amount adjusted	Amount lying un-adjusted
1	Deputy Director of ARDD, Dhalai	2011-12	10	0.69	0.46	0.23
2	Deputy Director of ARDD, North	2011-12	6	0.10	0	0.10
3	Deputy Director of ARDD, West	2010-11	1	0.05	0	0.05
		2011-12	17	0.23	0	0.23

Appendix 2.5

Statement showing the observations relating to the selected projects pertaining to Animal Husbandry under RKVY

(Reference: Paragraph No. 2.3.10.1)

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Objective of the project	Project period	Amount (₹ in crore)	Number of beneficiaries targeted	Observations relating to the Project
1	Establishment of poultry Breeding Farm at Khumlung	Supply of chicks at a minimum profit to the small scale farmers and to increase profitability of the farmers	2009-10	1.50	Not specified	Due to delay in release of funds by the nodal department and further delay in inviting and finalisation of tender as well as due to delay in execution of works by the contractors the project for the period 2009-10 as sanctioned by SLSC got commissioned only in May 2012 after a delay of 24 months by depriving the targeted beneficiaries of getting the benefits of the project.
2	Development of Demonstration Unit on Piggery'	Educating the pig farmers on better scientific method and increasing the productivity,	2009-10 to 2011-12	6.21	679	<p>All the units were established as projected and sanctioned by the SLSC.</p> <p>Scrutiny revealed that no criteria had been prescribed by the Department/ Government for selection of beneficiaries. The beneficiaries had been selected by the PRI bodies from the list of BPL/SC/ST. However, the basis of the selection of beneficiaries was not on record. Thus, the selection of beneficiaries under the scheme was not transparent and bias could not be ruled out.</p> <p>Further, joint physical verification of 50 units (beneficiaries) implemented by eight offices¹ of four districts revealed that in five cases the beneficiaries had no pigs, in two cases only one pig and in three cases two pigs as against distribution of five pigs to each beneficiary. About 10 <i>per cent</i> (out of 50) of the verified units were found closed.</p>

¹ Dy. Director of ARDD (North and Dhalai), Asstt. Director of ARDD (Bishalgarh, Sonamura, Belonia, Sabroom, Salema and Kumarghat),

Appendix 2.5 (Contd..)

Statement showing the observations relating to the selected projects pertaining to Animal Husbandry under RKVY

(Reference: Paragraph No. 2.3.10.1)

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Objective of the project	Project period	Amount (₹ in crore)	Number of beneficiaries targeted	Observations relating to the Project
3	Development of Demonstration Unit on Goatery	Providing education on better scientific method of functioning of goat husbandry and increasing the productivity and income level of the farmers	2008-09	1.50	500	<p>Due to delay in release of funds by the nodal department and further delay in revalidation of lapsed funds, the project was completed in September 2013 after a delay of 53 months. The nodal department never pursued or monitored the progress of work with the implementing department and thereby, the project was not executed in timely manner and the funds allocated remained idle for about 3-4 years.</p> <p>Scrutiny of the records of eight offices of four districts revealed that no criteria had been prescribed by the Department/Government for selection of beneficiaries. The beneficiaries had been selected by the PRI bodies from the list of BPL/SC/ST. However, the basis of the selection of beneficiaries was not on record. Thus, the selection of beneficiaries under the scheme was not transparent and bias could not be ruled out.</p> <p>Joint physical verification of 40 units (beneficiaries) implemented by eight offices² of four districts further revealed that in two cases the beneficiaries had no goat, in two cases only two goats were found against the total allocation of one male and five female goats provided to each unit. About 5 <i>per cent</i> (out of 40) of the verified units were found closed.</p>

² Dy. Director of ARDD (North and Dhalai), Asstt. Director of ARDD (Bishalgarh, Sonamura, Belonia, Sabroom, Salema and Kumarghat),

Appendix 2.5 (Concl.)

Statement showing the observations relating to the selected projects pertaining to Animal Husbandry under RKVY

(Reference: Paragraph No. 2.3.10.1)

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Objective of the project	Project period	Amount (₹ in crore)	Number of beneficiaries targeted	Observations relating to the Project
4	Establishment of "Satellite Hatchery" for Production of Day Old layer Chicks at Amabassa	Increasing of egg and meat production in the State.	2011-12	0.77	Not specified	The ARDD spent ₹ 0.13 crore for procurement of a 10 KV Diesel generator set, Hatchers, Setters etc. and deposited ₹ 0.06 crore for renovation of old building (site for placing the hatchery) with the Rural Development (RD) Department. Due to delay in execution of renovation works of the building by the RD Department, the project had not been implemented till June 2013. However, it was noticed that though the renovation of building was not completed, the balance amount of ₹ 0.58 crore was placed (September 2012) as working capital with the Superintendent of Veterinary Hospitals, Ambassa for implementation of the project.

Appendix 2.6

Statement showing the observations relating to the selected projects pertaining to Horticulture under RKVY

(Reference: Paragraph No. 2.3.10.2)

Sl. No.	Name of the Projects	Object of the project	Project period	Amount (₹ in crore)	Number of beneficiaries targeted	Observations relating to the Project
1	'Development of Government Orchards'	To rejuvenate the existing four Government orchards under West Tripura District and also ensuring production of healthy planting material for different perennial fruit crops.	2009-10	0.56	Not specified	Under this project, the construction of shed for putting seedlings, labour shed and irrigation facility had been taken up at different Government Orchards under West Tripura District and construction of Farmer Training Centre at Badharghat Government Orchards. Due to site problem and further slow progress of works by the contractor, the Training Centre which was scheduled to be completed by April 2011 had not been completed as of June 2013. Thus, the project which was to be implemented during 2010-11 had remained incomplete for last three years and the stated objectives of rejuvenating the orchards and training to farmers etc. could not be achieved.
2	Enhancing Production of Off season and Other Root and Tuber Vegetables	To increase the additional area under Root and Tuber vegetables under Off season vegetables and also to increase yield through improved method of cultivation practices and high economic returns to the growers	2010-11	1.25	Increase production of 15500 MT vegetables from additional areas of 1180 hectares	Scrutiny of the records of the Director of Horticulture & Soil Conservation and nine offices ³ of four districts revealed that the funds were released by the nodal department during 2010-11 directly to the Superintendent of Agriculture/Horticulture & Soil Conservation for implementation of the project. The implementation of the project was started in May 2010 and completed in February 2011 and the implementation of 609 hectares had been achieved by providing assistance to 2955 beneficiaries. Out of 2955 beneficiaries, the percentage of SC and ST beneficiaries was 22 and 32 respectively and in terms of gender male 83 <i>per cent</i> and female 17 <i>per cent</i> . During physical verification of projects involving 40 beneficiaries, all the beneficiaries stated that they were benefited from the project. But no study had been conducted to assess the production of vegetables actually increased by implementation of the project.

³ Supdt. of H&SC, Bishalgahr, Sonamura, Udaipur, Manu and Kumarghat, Supdt. of Agriculture, Amarpur, Salema, Panisagar and Kadamtala

Appendix 2.6 (Concl'd.)

Statement showing the observations relating to the selected projects pertaining to Horticulture under RKVY

(Reference: Paragraph No. 2.3.10.2)

Sl. No.	Name of the Projects	Object of the project	Project period	Amount (₹ in crore)	Number of beneficiaries targeted	Observations relating to the Project
3	Block plantation of pineapple through staggered planting & chemical induction	To increase the productivity and production period of pineapple by induction of chemical in a staggered manner	2009-10 and 2011-12	5.02	1000 hectares with expected outcome of productivity of 25 MT per hectare.	During 2009-10 the project had been implemented in 500 hectares involving 1280 beneficiaries through staggered planting and during 2011-12 the chemical induction of flowering had been implemented in 1000 hectares involving 1503 beneficiaries. No study on the outcome of implementation of the project was done. During joint physical verification of projects implemented by eight offices of four districts involving 40 beneficiaries, all the beneficiaries stated that they had been benefited from the projects.
4	Demonstration on Improved Method of Cultivation of less fiber Ginger	Increase productivity of ginger from 5.06 MT per hectare to 10 MT per hectare by introduction of fibreless high yield varieties of ginger, bringing more areas and introduction of new techniques and practices	2010-11	0.45	100 ha	The implementation of project had been started in Feb 2011 and completed in March 2011 by providing assistance to 474 beneficiaries which was 20 per cent of SC and 47 per cent of ST and in terms of gender, the female beneficiaries were 9 per cent. But no impact study had been conducted to assess whether the production of ginger actually increased leading to economic upliftment of the targeted beneficiaries by implementation of the project. During joint physical verification of projects implemented by eight offices of four districts involving 40 beneficiaries, all the beneficiaries stated that they had been benefited from the projects.
5	Introduction of Colocasia in Forest Areas as Intercrop	Increase additional production of Colocasia and annual income of the farmers by providing financial assistance and training.	2012-13	0.26	100 hectares through 1000 beneficiaries	The implementation of the project had been started in January 2013 and completed in August 2013 by providing assistance to 955 beneficiaries, 24 per cent of which was SC and 74 per cent ST and in terms of gender, the female beneficiaries were 15 per cent. But, no study to assess the impact of the scheme, particularly the assessment of the increase in productivity/yield per hectare and income enhancement of the targeted beneficiaries was done. Therefore, the achievement of the objectives of the project remained un-assessed. During joint physical verification of projects implemented by eight offices of four districts involving 25 beneficiaries, all the beneficiaries stated that they had been benefited from the projects.

Appendix 2.7

Statement showing the observations relating to the selected projects pertaining to Development of
Agricultural Market under RKVY
(Reference: Paragraph 2.3.10.4)

Name of the Project	Name of the market	Project amount (₹ in crore)	Status of completion	Observations relating to the Project
Infrastructure Development in Agricultural Markets	Wholesale Assembling market at Bisramganj	2.30	Ongoing	<p>Due to delay in execution of works the Wholesale Assembling market at Bishramgani had not been completed and ₹ 2.10 crore was spent till June 2013.</p> <p>It was noticed that though most of the work had been completed, the work order for the sub-head 'construction of multi-purpose cool chamber', was initially issued in March 2011 to execute the works departmentally by a Junior Engineer but subsequently the work was awarded to a contractor in July 2011 with stipulation to complete the work within three months (November 2011). The work had not been completed till June 2013 despite lapse of 24 months against the stipulated three months. But reasons for delay in execution of work was not found on record. No hindrance register had been maintained for recording the reasons. Moreover, no action had also been taken against the contractor for not completing the work within the stipulated period. Rather the Department issued letters (23-3-2012 and 22-6-2012) to the contractor from time to time allowing of time extension, simply stating that the progress of work was not up to the mark or suspension of the work till date etc.</p> <p>During joint physical verification of Construction of Wholesale Assembling market at Bishramganj, it was noticed that none of the items like Covered Market shed, Wholesale and Retail Shop, Veterinary Dispensary etc., which had been completed and were in usable condition had been put to use. Further, it was observed that assets created for Market office and Fruit processing centre (₹ 16.00 lakh) had been diverted for creation of State PWD office. As a result, the targeted beneficiaries were deprived of getting these facilities.</p>
	5 Primary Rural Market at Bairagi Bazar and Moharchara (West Tripura), Debdaru (South Tripura) Anandabazar (North Tripura) and Durga Chowmuhani (Dhalai district)	1.09	completed	<p>The construction works of all five primary rural markets had been completed at a cost of ₹ 1.09 crore. Though all the markets were completed only three (Moharchhara, Bairagi bazaar and Debdaru) had been put to use. Out of the remaining two markets, one market at Durga Chowmuhani had been completed recently (August 2013), but another one at Anandabazar was lying unutilised since September 2012. No action had been taken by the implementing department to put the markets to use. As a result, the targeted beneficiaries were deprived of getting the facilities.</p>

Appendix 2.7 (Concl.)

**Statement showing the observations relating to the selected projects pertaining to Development of
Agricultural Market under RKVY**
(Reference: Paragraph 2.3.10.4)

Name of the Project	Name of the market	Project amount (₹ in crore)	Status of completion	Observations relating to the Project
Development of Village markets	5 Rural Markets at K.K.Nagar (West Tripura); Killa and Barpathari (South Tripura); Noagoan (North Tripura); and Ambassa (Dhalai)	4.67	Completed	Scrutiny of records and physical visit revealed that the rural market at Killa was completed in time and was put to use. Due to delay in handing over of site, rainy season as well as due to delay in execution of works, all other four markets were completed with delays ranging from 10 to 21 months. The market at Ambassa was completed in June 2013. Barpathari completed in March 2013 was put to use, K.K.Nagar completed in March 2012 had been partially used mainly due to absence of power supply connection and Noagaon completed in December 2012 was not used till the date of audit (June 2013).

Appendix 2.8

Statement showing the observations relating to the selected projects pertaining to Fisheries under RKVY

(Reference: Paragraph No. 2.3.10.7)

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Object of the project	Project period	Amount (₹ in crore)	Number of beneficiaries targeted	Observations relating to the Project
1	Construction of Fish Farmers' Training Centre at Lembucherra	To improve productivity by providing advanced training to the fish farmers	2008-09	0.38 Revised to 0.62	Not specific	The work was started in November 2010 and completed in October 2012 at a cost of ₹ 0.62 crore (including cost of ₹ 0.07 crore for additional items) as against the original estimated cost of ₹ 0.38 crore. Due to delay in execution of works by the Rural Development Department, an extra expenditure of ₹ 0.17 crore had been incurred by the implementing department besides delay of about three years in execution of the project by the RD Department.
2	Development of Research Lab at Kumarghat	To assist the fish farmers in improving the productivity by providing scientific inputs.	2008-09	0.40	Not specific	The works had been executed through a contractor by inviting open tender. The tender was invited in October 2009 and the work was awarded to the lowest tenderer in December 2009 for ₹ 0.24 crore with a stipulation to complete the work by June 2010. However, the works had been completed in April 2012 at a cost of ₹ 0.24 crore. It was observed that there was a delay of 21 months in execution of the project. No action had been taken against the contractor for non-completion of works within the stipulated period.
3	Establishment of eco-hatchery	For quality singhi and kaoi fish seed production in South Tripura	2012-13	0.23	Not specific	The funds were placed with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Birchandra Manu in October 2012. But the implementation had not been started till June 2013. The Coordinator of KVK replied (December 2013) that training had been provided to the selected beneficiaries and tender had been finalised for execution of civil construction works for implementation of the project and expected to be completed by March 2014.

Appendix 2.8 (Concl.)

Statement showing the observations relating to the selected projects pertaining to Fisheries under RKVY

(Reference: Paragraph No. 2.3.10.7)

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Object of the project	Project period	Amount (₹ in crore)	Number of beneficiaries targeted	Observations relating to the Project
4	Development of special aqua village	To popularise semi-intensive fish culture technology for sustainable production and livelihood security of rural farmers	2012-13	1.00	80 hectares	<p>Neither any criteria had been prescribed by the Department for selection of beneficiaries nor any measurable parameters for ensuring the upliftment of the livelihood of rural fishermen was prescribed.</p> <p>The project had been completed in August 2013. The number of beneficiaries (fisherman) facilitated by the implementation of the project was 748 fishermen which included 25 per cent SC, 38 per cent ST and in terms of gender, 6 per cent female beneficiaries.</p> <p>During joint physical verification of projects involving 25 beneficiaries, the beneficiaries stated that they had been benefited from the project. But due to the implementation of project without prescribing any targeted beneficiaries/measurable parameters, the impact of the implementation of the project could not be evaluated.</p>
5	Hi-tech Fish culture through use of Aerator	Encourage Hi-tech Fish culture through use of Aerator among the 2nd & 3rd category farmers	2012-13	0.21	To provide 60 Aerators to the beneficiaries at a subsidised rate of ₹ 5000 each	<p>The funds were placed by the nodal department in September 2012. The tender was invited in November 2012 and work order was issued to the 1st lowest tenderer in January 2013 at a tendered value of ₹ 0.21 crore for supply of 60 Nos. of Aerator with a stipulation to complete the supply within six months (i.e. by July 2013).</p> <p>Though the project was to be implemented during 2012-13 due to delay in inviting and finalisation of tender and further allowing of six months time (up to July 2013) to the suppliers, no Aerator had been supplied by the firm till June 2013. The result was that the project had not been completed till date and intended beneficiaries were deprived of getting Aerator at subsidised rate.</p>

Appendix 2.9

Statement showing details of cost escalation due to revision of DPR

(Reference: Paragraph No 2.4.8.2)

(in ₹)

Name of the Project	Item	Initial DPR cost	Revised DPR cost	Difference
RCC Bridge over Lohar on Berimura- Taltala Road	Super Structure	4611899	5543033	931134
	Sub-structure	8579241	12218327	3639086
	Approach Road	1735709	4722802	2987093
Total		14926849	22484162	7557313
RCC Bridge over local stream on Bishalgarh-Takerjala Road near Golaghati Market	Super Structure	6267451	7946835	1679384
	Sub-structure	12995119	18939773	5944654
	Approach Road	2877826	7740327	4862501
Total		22140396	34626935	12486539
RCC Bridge over Ujanmachmarracherra at Ch. 9.00 Km on Kanchanpur to Jalebassa Road	Sub-structure	11961202	20289005	8327803
	Super Structure	4695933	4846711	150778
	Approach Road	1884642	4963333	3078691
Total		18541777	30099049	11557272
RCC Bridge over Laxmicherra at Ch.12.01 Km on Khowai to Udna Road	Sub-structure	8098540	12319039	4220499
	Super Structure	3092722	4149355	1056633
	Approach Road	2226626	4678186	2451560
Total		13417888	21146580	7728692
RCC bridge over local stream at Ch. 4.4 Km on Jampaijala to Jogendranagar Road	Sub-structure	2772338	3550035	777697
	Super Structure	7680921	9919457	2238536
	Approach Road	2342978	4577960	2234982
Total		10023899	18047452	5251215
RCC bridge over Balucherra on Maharani - Tulashikahr road	Sub-structure	6450071	9477787	3027716
	Super Structure	2772338	3550035	777697
	Approach Road	2126498	4437232	2310734
Total		4898836	17465054	6116147
RCC Bridge over SURMACHERRA at Ch 30.10 KM on Mohanpur-Simna Road	Sub-structure	5897595	9021441	3123846
	Super Structure	2276202	3503161	1226959
	Approach Road	1822239	3850261	2028022
Total		4098441	16374863	6378827
RCC Bridge over SURMACHERRA at Ch 34.53 KM on Mohanpur-Simna Road	Sub-structure	8591330	12222819	3631489
	Super Structure	4611899	5543033	931134
	Approach Road	1538733	4169086	2630353
Total		6150632	21934938	7192976
				6,42,68,981

Appendix 2.10

Statement showing change in specification for construction of RCC bridge under NLCPR

(Reference: Paragraph No 2.4.8.3)

(₹ in crore)

	Name of the Project	Admin Approval GoI	Type	Approved Span	Span Execution	Type Executed	Estimated Cost	Tender Value	Work done	Amt paid	Excess / Saving	Diff of tender value and Admin Approval	Status
1 a)	1 Nos. RCC Bridges over SURMACHERRA at Ch 30.10 KM and	1.67	T - Beam	25.24 Mtr (1 X 25)	24 Mtr (3 X 8)	Box cell culvert	1.03	1.52	1.34	1.34	-0.33	-0.15	Completed
b)	SURMACHERRA at Ch. 34.53 KM on Mohanpur- Simna Road	2.23	T - Beam	50 Mtr (2 X 25)	33 Mtr (1 X 33)	T - Beam	1.67	2.25	1.23	1.28	-1	0.02	In Progress
2	RCC Bridge over LOHAR on Berimura- Taltala Road (Mohanpur)	2.29	T - Beam	48 Mtr (2 X 24)	42 Mtr (14 X 3)	T - Beam	1.67	2.85	1.74	1.64	-0.55	0.56	In Progress
3	RCC Bridge over BURIMA near GOLAGHATI Market on Bishalgarh- Takarjala Road	3.53	T - Beam	72 Mtr(3 X 24)	65 Mtr (4 X 16)	T - Beam	2.54	3.76	3.56	3.2	0.03	0.23	Completed
4	RCC Bridge ove Ghoramaracherra	3.11	T - Beam	58.88 Mtr (2 X 29.44)	40 Mtr (2 X 20)	T - Beam	2.16	3.06	3.02	2.82	-0.09	-0.05	In Progress
Total		12.83					9.07	13.44	10.89	10.28	-1.94	0.61	

Appendix 2.11

Statement showing details of fund released by GOI, State Finance Department as well as CE

(Reference: Paragraph No 2.4.9.1)

Sl. No.	Name of the bridge	Release by GOI to Finance Department		Release by Finance Department(FD) to Chief Engineer(CE)		Total time taken by FD	Release of fund by CE to Executing Agency		Time taken by CE	Total time taken from the date of release of GOI (in days) including permissible 15 days
1	2	3		4		5	6		7	8 (5+7)
		Amount	Date	Amount	Date		Amount	Date		Amount
1	2 Nos. RCC Bridges over SURMACHERRA at Ch 30.10 KM and Ch. 34.53 KM on Mohanpur- Simna Road	123.08	17.08.2009	123.08	28.04.2010	240	123.08	04.10.10	150	390
		159.05	18.03.2013	159.05	Nil		159.05	Nil		
2.	RCC Bridge over river DHANAI at Ch.6.60 KM on Champaknagar-Mandai Road	115.68	23.02.2010	115.68	28.04.2010	60	115.68	03.09.2012	850	910
3	RCC Bridge over DHURAICHERRA at Ch. 0.90 KM on Kamalpur- Bilascherra Road	107.02	23.02.2010	107.02	28.04.2010	60	107.02	24.10.2011	540	600
		155.3	22.03.2011	155.3	18.04.2011	25	155.3	27.05.2011	40	65
4	RCC Bridge at KRISHNAPUR Ch. 6.05 on Maharani-Tulashikhar Road (Amarpur)	64.13	09.03.2010	64.13	28.04.2010	50	64.13	29.12.2010	240	290
		64.13	29.09.2011	32.065	15.11.2011	45	32.065	25.11.2011	9	54
				32.065	09.03.2012	159	32.065	12.03.2012	3	162
		28.92	27.12.2012	28.92	19.02.2013	54	28.92	27.02.2013	373	427
5	RCC Bridge over LOHAR on Berimura- Taltala Road (Mohanpur)	82.56	11.03.2010	82.56	28.04.2010	47	82.56	04.10.2010	155	202
		82.56	15.03.2011	82.56	18.04.2011	34	82.56	05.05.2011	17	51
6	RCC Bridge over Baraduptacherra at Ch. 2.80 KM	139.54	10.06.2010	139.54	20.02.2011	250	139.54	24.10.2011	242	492
		133.07	11.03.2013	133.07	Nil		133.07	Nil		
7	RCC Bridge over BURIMA near GOLAGHATI Market on Bishalgarh- Takarjala Road	127.14	08.02.2010	127.14	20.02.2011	372	127.14	09.03.2011	17	389
		127.14	24.05.2011	127.14	02.08.2011	69	127.14	12.08.2011	11	80

Appendix 2.11 (Concl.)

Statement showing details of fund released by GoI, State Finance department as well as CE

(Reference: Paragraph No 2.4.9.1)

Sl. No.	Name of the bridge	Release by GOI to Finance Department		Release by Finance Department(FD) to Chief Engineer(CE)		Total time taken by FD (in days)	Release of fund by CE to Executing Agency		Time taken by CE (in days)	Total time taken from the date of release of GOI (in days)
1	2	3		4		5	6		7	8 (5+7)
		Amount	Date	Amount	Date		Amount	Date		Amount
8	RCC Bridge over Ujan MACHMARACHERRA at Ch. 9.00 KM (Kanchanpur)	110.52	10.06.2010	110.52	20.02.2011	250	110.52	24.10.2011	242	492
9	RCC Bridge over GHORAMARACHERRA at JIRANIA on NH-44 (Bishalgarh)	111.89	10.06.2010	111.89	20.02.2011	250	111.89	24.10.2011	242	492
		107.52	5.12.2012	107.52	28.01.2013	53	107.52	01.02.2013	03	56
10	RCC Bridge at LAXMICHERRA at Ch. 12.01 KM (Khowai)	77.65	29.03.2010	77.65	20.02.2011	322	77.65	09.03.2011	17	339
		112.66	18.03.2011	112.66	18.04.2011	30	112.66	06.05.2011	17	47
11	Improvement of MAILAK-GOMUKABARI via Burbaria 7.50 KM	384.5	24.12.2010	384.5	20.02.2011	57	384.5	04.03.2012	11	68
		384.5	19.05.2011	384.5	02.08.2011	73	384.5	12.08.2011	09	82
		173.4	29.06.2012	173.4	08.08.2012	38	173.4	22.08.2012	13	51
12	RCC Bridge over KAKRICHERRA at Ch. 4.50 KM on THALAIBARI-MICROSA (Sonamura)	75.52	29.09.2009	75.52	09.12.2009	70	75.52	26.03.2011	168	238
		75.52	29.09.2011	37.76	15.11.2011	45	37.76	25.11.2011	09	54
				37.76	09.03.2012	160	37.76	12.03.2012	02	162
		34.06	17.01.2013	34.06	Nil		34.06	Nil		
13	RCC Bridge over local stream at Ch. 4.40 KM and Ch. 7.50 KM on JOGENDRANAGAR-JAMPUIJALA Road (Bishalgarh)	158.37	30.09.2009	158.37	24.03.2011	533	158.37	26.03.2011	02	535
		152.15	11.02.2013	63.86	20.03.2013	36	63.86	25.03.2013	04	40

Appendix 2.12

Statement showing the details of delay in submission of Utilisation Certificates

(Reference: Paragraph No 2.4.9.1)

Name of Project	Approved Cost & date of approval (₹ in lakh)	Amount of Installment		Due date for submission of UC	Date of Submission of UC by Implementing Agency	Date of submission of UC by CE to Planning Deptt.	Delay in submission of UC
		Amount (₹ in lakh)	Date				
Construction of RCC bridge over Baradupatacherra at Ch.2.80 Km on Kanchanpur-Jalabassa Road(ODR)	387.62	139.54	10.06.2010	09.06.2011	12.07.2012	28.09.2012	13 months
		133.07	11.03.2013	10.03.2014	-	-	
Construction of RCC bridge over Burima river near Golaghati Market on Bishalgarh-Golaghati-Takarjala Road	353.19	127.14	08.02.2010	07.02.2011		02.03.2013	9 months
		127.14	24.05.2011	23.05.2012			
Construction of RCC bridge over river Dhanai at Ch.6.60 Km on Champaknagar-Mandai Road	321.34	115.68	23.02.2010	22.02.2011	16.02.2013		23 months
Construction of RCC bridge over Ghoramaracherra on NH-44 at Jirania Tripura Engineering College-Chalkbasta Road	310.82	111.89	10.06.2010	09.06.2011	05.04.2012	02.03.2013	10 months
		107.52	05.12.2012	04.12.2013	24.05.2013		
Construction of RCC bridge over Ujan Machmaracherra at Ch.9.00 Km on Kanchanpur-Jalabassa Road (ODR)	307.01	110.52	10.06.2010	09.06.2011	09.04.2013	02.03.2013	22 months
Construction of RCC bridge over Dhuraicherra at Ch.0.90 KM on Kamalpur-Bilascherra Road	297.30	107.02	23.02.2010	22.02.2011	05.04.2012		13 months
		155.30	22.03.2011	21.03.2012	17.10.2011	16.08.2011	Nil
Construction of RCC bridge over local steam at Ch. 4.40 km & Ch.7.50 km on Jogendranagar to Jampaijala Road	439.92	158.37	30.09.2009	29.09.2010		19.06.2012	15 months
		152.15	11.02.2013	10.02.2014	-	-	-
Construction of RCC bridge over Lohar on Berimura-Taltala Road	229.33	82.56	11.03.2010	10.03.2011	16.04.2013		25 months
		82.56	15.03.2011	14.03.2012	16.04.2013	02.04.2013	13 months
Improvement of Mailak-Gamokhabari Road via Burburia (7.50 KM)	1068.05	384.50	24.12.2010	23.12.2011	08.03.2011		Nil
		384.50	19.05.2011	18.05.2011	03.04.2012	13.03.2012	10 months
		173.40	29.06.2012	28.06.2013	04.04.2013		Nil
Construction of RCC bridge over river Surmacherra at Ch. 30.10 KM & Ch.34.53 KM on Mohanpur-Simna Road	390.75	123.08	24.08.2009	23.08.2010	16.04.2013	24.01.2013	31 months
		159.05	18.03.2013	17.03.2014	-	-	-

Appendix 2.12 (Concl'd.)

Statement showing the details of delay in submission of Utilisation Certificates

(Reference: Paragraph No 2.4.9.1)

Name of Project	Approved Cost & date of approval (₹ in lakh)	Amount of Installment (in Lakh)		Due date for submission of UC	Date of Submission of UC by Implementing Agency	Date of submission of UC by CE to Planning Deptt.	Delay in submission of UC
		Amount (₹ in lakh)	Date				
Construction of RCC bridge over Kakricherra on Thalibari-Microsa Road	209.77	75.52	30.09.2009	29.09.2010	20.06.2011		6 months
		75.52	29.09.2011	28.09.2012		29.11.2012	2 months
		34.06	17.01.2013	16.01.2014	-	-	-
Construction of RCC bridge at Krishnapur Ch. 6.05 KM on Maharani – Tulasikhar Road (Amarpur)	178.14	64.13	11.03.2010	10.03.2011	08.04.2011		1 month
		64.13	29.09.2011	28.09.2012	03.04.2012	13.03.2012	Nil
		28.92	27.12.2012	26.12.2013	04.04.2013		Nil
Construction of RCC bridge over Laxmicherra at Ch. 12.01 KM on Khowai to Udna Road	215.69	77.65	29.03.2010	28.03.2011	07.04.2011		Nil
		112.66	18.03.2011	17.03.2012	05.03.2012	02.09.2011	Nil

Appendix 2.13

Statement showing details of calculation of damaged quantity of outer layer of road of
Dharmanagar-Tilthai-Damcherra-Khedacherra road
{Reference: Paragraph No 2.4.10.4(i)(b), Project – 1}

New Alignment				Extension							
GSB + WBM(I)				GSB + WBM(I)				WBM II			
Chainage from	Chainage to	Difference	Length in mtr	Chainage from	Chainage to	Difference	Length in mtr	Chainage from	Chainage to	Difference	Length in mtr
22.2	22.3	0.1	100	19.435	19.5	0.065	65	25.55	25.68	0.13	130
22.45	22.58	0.13	130	21.3	22.2	0.9	900	32.82	33	0.18	180
24.6	24.72	0.12	120	22.3	22.45	0.15	150	33.24	33.36	0.12	120
50.43	50.66	0.23	230	22.58	24.6	2.02	2020	34.65	34.72	0.07	70
52.37	52.62	0.25	250	24.72	25.55	0.83	830	35.28	35.42	0.14	140
52.9	53.01	0.11	110	25.68	27.58	1.9	1900	37.63	37.94	0.31	310
Total			940	27.6	29.25	1.65	1650	48.61	48.76	0.15	150
				29.31	30.2	0.89	890	Total			1100
				30.29	30.4	0.11	110				
				32	32.82	0.82	820				
				33	33.24	0.24	240				
				33.36	34.65	1.29	1290				
				34.72	35.28	0.56	560				
				35.42	37.63	2.21	2210				
				37.94	38.4	0.46	460				
				50.94	51.86	0.92	920				
				Total			15015				

Appendix 2.13 (Concl.)

**Statement showing details of calculation of damaged quantity of outer layer of road of
Dharmanagar-Tilthai-Damcherra-Khedacherra road**
{Reference: Paragraph No 2.4.10.4(i)(b), Project-I}

Volume of WBM-I damaged in New Alignment = 940 mtr (length) X 7.5mtr (width) X 0.10mtr (thickness) = 705 cum						
WBM I						
Agreement item	Collection Ratio ⁴ as per estimate	Total laying done (cum)	Total collection/laying (cum)	Rate (in ₹)	Cost (in ₹)	Total cost (in ₹)
Collection of bricks	1.43	705	1008.15	1800	1814670	
Laying			705	300	211500	2026170
Volume of WBM-I damaged in Extension = 15015 mtr (length) X 3 mtr (width) X 0.10 mtr (thickness) = 4504.5 cum say 4505 cum						
Collection of bricks	1.43	4505	6442.15	1800	11595870	
Laying			4505	300	1351500	12947370
Volume of WBM-II damaged in Extension = 1100mtr (length) X 5.5 mtr (width) X 0.10mtr (thickness) = 605 cum						
Collection of bricks	1.43	605	865.15	1800	1557270	
Laying			605	300	181500	1738770
Total cost of damaged quantity						16712310

⁴ Volume of brick required for execution of 1 cum GSB/WBM work

Appendix 2.14

Statement showing excess collection of material in violation of estimated quantity

{Reference: Paragraph No 2.4.10.4(i)(d), Project-1}

For GSB

As per estimate	
For 23098.65 cum GSB required	= 33031.070 cum 63 mm Jhama bricks
1 cum GSB required	= 33031.070/23098.65 = 1.43 cum 63 mm Jhama bricks

Total GSB done with Jhama bricks aggregate = 6492.062 cum

Total collection required = 6492.062 x 1.43 = 9283.65 cum

Excess collection of Jhama bricks for GSB preparation = (11446.058 – 9283.65) cum
= 2162.408 cum

Excess expenditure incurred = 2162.408 x ₹ 1650 = ₹ 3567973.2

For WBM

As per estimate	
For 41596.500 cum WBM required	59358.206 of 50 mm Jhama bricks
For 1 cum WBM required	= 59358.206/41596.500 = 1.43 cum

Total WBM done with Jhama bricks aggregate = 5561.523 cum

Total collection required = 5561.523 x 1.43 = 7952.97789

Excess collection of Jhama bricks for WBM preparation = (10676.078 – 7952.97789) cum
= 2723.10011 cum

Extra expenditure incurred = 2723.10011 x ₹ 1800 = ₹ 4901580.2

Total extra expenditure incurred = ₹ 3567973.20 + ₹ 4901580.20 = ₹ 8469553.40

Appendix 2.15

Statement showing loss of interest against mobilisation advance

{Reference: Paragraph No. 2.4.10.4 (i) (h), Project-1}

(in ₹)

Date of advance given	Period	Amount of advance	Date of recovery	Amount recovered	Balance amount available	Period in days	Rate of interest (per cent)	Amount in interest
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
18-04-08	18-04-2008 to 11-05-2008	60000000	0	0	60000000	24	10	394521
12-05-08	12-05-2008 to 20-10-2009	29000000	0	0	89000000	527	10	12850137
	21-10-2009 to 04-04-2010	89000000	21-10-09	8600000	80400000	185	10	4075068
	05-04-2010 to 09-05-2010	80400000	05-04-10	28000000	52400000	35	10	502466
	10-05-2010 to 29-07-2010	52400000	07-05-10	10000000	42400000	81	10	940932
	30-07-2010 to 27-12-2010	42400000	30-07-10	2767500	39632500	151	10	1639591
	28-12-2010 to 24-03-2011	39632500	28-12-10	5700000	33932500	87	10	808802
	25-03-2010 to 12-09-2011	33932500	25-03-11	2163000	31769500	172	10	1497083
	13-09-1011 to 20-03-2012	31769500	13-09-11	1205000	30564500	190	10	1591029
	21-03-2012 to 31-03-2013	30564500	21-03-12	5631900	24932600	376	10	2568399
	01-04-2013 to 31-08-2013	24932600	0	0	24932600	153	10	1045120
								27913148

Appendix 2.16

Extra expenditure of ₹ 1.11 crore due to execution of agreement item through another agreement as an extra item

{Reference: Paragraph No 2.4.10.4 (ii) (b), Project-2}

Item No. with reference to Extra item	Description of Item	Unit	Agreement Rate (in ₹)	Rate for extra item	Difference (₹)	Total quantity executed	Total extra amount (₹)
AI-7 Ex- 2	Preparation of sub-grade excavating earth to an average of 22.5 cm depth, dressing to camber& consolidating with road roller including making good the un-dulation etc. and disposal of all kinds of soil (excluding rock)	Sqm	18	1000	982	38275.81	3,75,868
AI-9 Ex- 3	Collection & stacking of jhama brick aggregate of 63mm nominal size at site of work	Cum	1308	1650	342	16201.557	55,40,932
AI-10 Ex- 4	Laying granular sub-base in uniform layer with brick aggregate including screening, sorting, spreading to template and consolidation with power road roller min. 8 Tonne to 10 Tonne complete as per direction of the Engineer-in-charge	Cum	145	170	25	9256.8816	2,31,422
AI-12 Ex- 5	Laying wearing course with brick aggregate including screening, sorting, spreading to template and consolidation with power road roller min. 8 Tonne complete including spreading and consolidation of blinding materials (payment to be made for quantity of brick aggregate excluding binding materials)	Cum	175	190	15	6921.8914	1,03,828
AI-13 Ex- 6	Collection & stacking of stone aggregate of 20mm nominal size at site of work	Cum	2625	3000	375	3934.52	14,75,445
AI-14 Ex- 7	Laying dense bituminous mecadam of any thickness with picked jhama/ stone aggregate and 64 Kg of hot cut back bitumen including tack coat of approved quality per cum of brick/ stone aggregate including the cost of preparation of base for laying the bitumenous concrete and tack coat but excluding the cost of brick/stone aggregate (payment to be made only for finished thickness)	Cum	2550	3394 (1250 + Bitumen 2144)	3952.768	844	33,36,136
Total:							1,10,63,631

Appendix 2.17

Statement showing details of Doubtful execution of work

{Reference: Paragraph No 2.4.10.4 (ii) (c), Project-2}

(1) Doubtful execution of DBM work valued ₹ 0.44 crore	
As per Bill quantity	
(i) GSB (63mm) done against Agreement Item -10	273173.003 sqm
(ii) GSB (63mm) done against Extra Item-(EI) 4	52004.98 sqm
Total GSB Area (i) + (ii)	3,25,178 sqm
WBM (63mm) done against AI-12	(49450.317- 2924.805) cum= 46525.512 cum
(iii) Since thickness of WBM is 0.143 m hence area covered: 46525.512 cum/ 0.143	325353.2308 Sqm
(iv) WBM (63mm) done against EI-5	48404.77 Sqm
Total WBM (63mm) Area (iii) + (iv)	3,73758.008 sqm
(v) DBM done against AI-14	330331.3 sqm
(vi) DBM done against EI-7	55438.89 sqm
Total DBM Area (v) + (vi)	3,85,770.2 sqm
Hence, DBM area shown excess than WBM	(385770.165- 373758.0008) sqm= 12012.164 sqm
Thus, DBM quantity shown excess than WBM	(12012.1642 X 0.0713) cum= 856.46731 cum
(a) Cost of DBM shown in excess	(856.46731 X ₹ 2550 per cum) = ₹ 2183991.60
(b) Cost of Collection & stacking of stone aggregate of 20mm for DBM work shown in excess	(856.46731 X ₹ 2625 per cum)= ₹ 2248226.70
Hence, total excess cost shown in DBM work= (a+b)	₹ 4432218.3
(2) Excess cost shown in Premix surfacing and Sand seal coating	
Premix surfacing against AI-15	351987.902 Sqm @ ₹ 170 per sqm
Premix surfacing against EI-8	58745.155 Sqm @ ₹ 127 + ₹ 4.11 (for bitumen) = ₹ 131 per sqm
Total Premix surfacing done	410733.057 Sqm
Sand seal coating against AI-16	351987.897 Sqm @ ₹ 21 Per sqm
Sand seal coating against EI-9	57920.155 Sqm @ ₹ 7 + ₹ 1.46(for bitumen)= ₹ 8.46 per sqm
Total Sand seal coating done	409908.052 Sqm
Total WBM (63mm) area covered	373758.0008 Sqm
DBM to be laid on WBM; Premix surfacing and Sand seal coating to be done on DBM. Hence,	
(a) Premix surfacing excess shown	410733.057 - 373758.0008) sqm= 36975.0562 sqm @ ₹ 131= ₹ 4843732
(b) Sand seal coating excess shown	(409908.052 - 373758.0008) sqm= 36150.0512 sqm @ ₹ 8.46= ₹ 305829
Total excess cost shown in Premix surfacing and Sand seal coating = (a+b)	₹ (4843732 + 305829)= ₹ 5149561
Grand Total (1) + (2)	₹ 4432218.3+₹ 5149561 = ₹ 9581779.3 (say ₹ 0.95 crore)

Appendix 2.18

Statement showing loss of interest against mobilisation advance

{Reference: Paragraph No 2.4.10.4(iii)(a), Project-3}

(in ₹)

(I) M/s Ramky Infrastructure Ltd.								
Date of advance given	Period	Amount of advance	Date of recovery	Amount recovered	Balance amount available	Period in days	Rate of interest (per cent)	Amount of interest
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
31-01-2011	31-01-2011 to 15-03-2011	28892500	0	0	28892500	44	10	348293
16-03-2011	16-03-2011 to 05-05-2011	28892500	0	0	57785000	51	10	807407
	06-05-2011 to 07-08-2011	57785000	06-05-2011	1453125	56331875	94	10	1450739
	08-08-2011 to 14-10-2011	56331875	08-08-2011	421875	55910000	68	10	1041611
	15-10-2011 to 19-12-2011	55910000	15-10-2011	281250	55628750	66	10	1005890
	20-12-2011 to 16-01-2012	55628750	20-12-2011	4062500	51566250	27	10	381449
	17-01-2012 to 29-01-2012	51566250	0	0	51566250	13	10	183661
	30-01-2012 to 06-08-2012	51566250	30-01-2012	187500	51378750	190	10	2674510
	07-08-2012 to 15-10-2012	51378750	07-08-2012	9342823	42035927	70	10	806168
	16-10-2012 to 23-12-2012	42035927	16-10-2012	3470302	38565625	69	10	729049
	24-12-2012 to 23-01-2013	38565625	24-01-2013	5794121	24932600	31	10	211756
	24-01-2013 to 24-03-2013	24932600	25-03-2013	3200720	21731880	60	10	357236
	25-03-2013 to 31-03-2013	21731880			21731880	7		41678
							Total	10039447
(II) M/s Coal Mines Ltd.								
11-02-2011	11-02-2011 to 03-03-2011	24765000	0	0	24765000	21	10	142484
06-03-2011	04-03-2011 to 25-07-2011	24765000	0	0	49530000	144	10	1954060
	26-07-2011 to 03-11-2011	49530000	26-07-2011	2881250	46648750	101	10	1290828
	04-11-2011 to 24-11-2011	46648750	04-11-2011	3250000	43398750	21	10	249691
	25-11-2011 to 30-12-2011	43398750	25-11-2011	219177	43179573	36	10	425881
	31-12-2011 to 11-03-2012	43179573	20-12-2011	1560456	41619117	72	10	820980
	12-03-2012 to 11-07-2012	41619117	12-03-2012	3447163	38171954	122	10	1275884
	12-07-2012 to 10-09-2012	38171954	12-07-2012	3159600	35012354	61	10	585138
	11-09-2012 to 11-10-2012	35012354	11-09-2012	2354674	32657680	31	10	277367
	12-10-2012 to 08-11-2012	32657680	12-10-2012	915042	31742638	28	10	243505
	09-11-2012 to 18-11-2012	31742638	09-11-2012	2185825	24932600	10	10	68308
	19-11-2012 to 28-02-2013	24932600	10-11-2012	710585	24222015	102	10	676889
	01-03-2013 to 21-03-2013	24222015	21-03-2013	2415044	21806971	21	10	125465
	22-03-2013 to 30-03-2013	21806871	30-03-2013	1700000	20106971	9	10	49579
	31-03-2013	20106971			20106971	1	10	5509
							Total	8191569

(I+II) = ₹ 10039447 + ₹ 8191569 = ₹ 1,82,31,016

Appendix 2.19

Statement showing the extra expenditure incurred by the Department in awarding works to the private sector construction agencies

(Reference: Paragraph No 2.8)

Sl. No.	Name of the bridge	Tender Value as per DPR (₹ in lakh)	Expenditure incurred on the basis of work order			Expenditure on the basis of cost plus			Difference (6-19) i.e. extra expenditure incurred (₹)
			Execution as per estimate based on SOR 2008 (₹)	48% above on the DPR (₹)	Total (4 + 5) (₹)	Execution as per estimate based on SOR 2008 (₹)	10% above on the DPR (₹)	Total (8+ 9) (₹)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
M/s Ramky Infrastructure Ltd.									
1.	Const. of RCC bridge on the road from South Anandanagar to Takarjala at Ch.16.00 KM to 17 KM	226.16	1,13,44,702	54,45,457	1,67,90,159	1,13,44,702	11,34,470	1,24,79,172	43,10,987
2.	Const. of RCC bridge on the road from Bishalgarh Golaghati road (Near Gandhi Home) to Nabasantiganj	330.86	97,36,330	46,73,438	1,44,09,768	97,36,330	9,73,633	1,07,09,963	36,99,805
3.	Const. of RCC bridge on the road from South Anandanagar to Jarulbachai via Kanterjala at Ch.2.80 KM	393.72	85,30,043	40,94,421	1,26,24,464	85,30,043	8,53,004	93,83,047	32,41,417
4.	Const. of RCC bridge on the road from Rabindrasadan to Anandanagar at Ch.0.45 KM	180.35	1,10,06,910	52,83,317	1,46,98,794	1,10,06,910	11,00,691	1,21,07,601	25,91,193
5.	Const. of RCC bridge on the road from Jarulbachai to Gabordi at Ch.2.00 KM	219.01	83,28,823	39,97,835	1,23,26,658	83,28,823	8,32,882	91,61,705	31,64,953
6.	Const. of RCC bridge on the road from Rabindranagar to Shyamaprasad at Ch.0.15 KM	167.51	81,15,122	38,95,259	1,20,10,381	81,15,122	8,11,512	89,26,634	30,83,747
M/s Coal Mines Associated Traders Ltd.									
7.	Const. of RCC bridge over Bangeswar river on the road from Dukli to Medda Chowmuhan at Ch.0.75 KM	293.11	1,88,11,368	90,29,457	2,78,40,825	1,88,11,368	18,81,137	2,06,92,505	71,48,320
8.	Const. of RCC of RCC bridge over river Sinai on the road from Kanchanmala market to Purba Champamura at Ch.0.20 KM	514.15	1,14,60,546	55,01,062	1,69,61,608	1,14,60,546	11,46,055	1,26,06,601	43,55,007
9.	Const. of RCC bridge over river Sinai on the road from Sekerkote Mandir to Pandavpur at Ch.1.20 KM"	376.03	65,79,489	31,58,155	97,37,644	65,79,489	6,57,949	72,37,438	25,00,206
Total:		2700.90	9,39,13,333	4,50,78,401	13,89,91,734	9,39,13,333	93,91,333	10,33,04,666	3,56,87,068

Appendix 2.20

Statement showing the details of works awarded to local contractor

(Reference: Paragraph No 2.8)

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Estimated cost	Tendered Value	Tender percentage	Time for completion	Date of award of work	Present Status (Total value of work done)
1.	Construction of RCC bridge over Nagicherra at Molohnagar to Anandanagar road at Ch.2 KM under Bishalgarh Division	2.69	3.20	18.632% above the estimated cost	18 months	13/10/2010	Completed on 29/11/2012 (₹ 3.01 crore)
2.	Construction of RCC bridge over river Sinai on the road from Ishanchandranagar to Fultali (L-3.50 KM) at Ch.0.40 KM under Bishalgarh Division	5.52	5.12	7.13% below the estimated cost	36 months	13/10/2010	Total value of work done (₹ 3.77 crore upto March 2013) Financial achievement: 74%
3.	Construction of RCC bridge over Bangeshwar on the road Molohnagar to South Anandanagar at Ch.7.00KM under Bishalgarh Division	3.01	3.48	15.71% above the estimated cost	24 months	13/09/2011	Total value of work done (Rs.2.33 crore upto March 2013) Financial achievement: 67%

Appendix 2.21

Statement showing the detailed position of nine bridges awarded to private sector construction agencies

(Reference: Paragraph No 2.8)

Sl. No.	Name of the bridge	Date of commencement	Date of last measurement	Tender Value as per DPR (₹ in lakh)	Expenditure incurred and paid to the agencies				Present Status (Period of remaining idle upto July 2013)
					Execution as per estimate based on SOR 2008 (₹)	48% above on the DPR (₹)	Total (6 + 7) \ (₹)	Total amount paid to the agency (₹ in lakh)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
M/s Ramky Infrastructure Ltd.									
1.	Const. of RCC bridge on the road from South Anandanagar to Takarjala at Ch.16.00 KM to 17 KM	25-08-09	July 2012	226.16	1,13,44,702	54,45,457	1,67,90,159	161.42	Work suspended by the agency from July 2012 (12 months)
2.	Const. of RCC bridge on the road from Bishalgarh Golaghati road (Near Gandhi Home) to Nabasantiganj	25-03-10	July 2012	330.86	97,36,330	46,73,438	1,44,09,768	140.21	Work suspended by the agency from July 2012 (12 months)
3.	Const. of RCC bridge on the road from South Anandanagar to Jarulbachai via Kanterjala at Ch.2.80 KM	07-12-09	18-7-10	393.72	85,30,043	40,94,421	1,26,24,464	117.38	Work suspended by the agency from July 2010 (36 months)
4.	Const. of RCC bridge on the road from Rabindrasadan to Anandanagar at Ch.0.45 KM	04-03-09	27-02-12	180.35	1,10,06,910	52,83,317	1,46,98,794	110.21	Work suspended by the agency from February 2012 (17 months)
5.	Const. of RCC bridge on the road from Jarulbachai to Gabordi at Ch.2.00 KM	12-02-10	23-02-12	219.01	83,28,823	39,97,835	1,23,26,658	123.27	Work is in progress
6.	Const. of RCC bridge on the road from Rabindranagar to Shyamaprasad at Ch.0.15 KM	04-03-09	06-03-12	167.51	81,15,122	38,95,259	1,20,10,381	113.11	Withdrawn and balance work awarded to local contractor in November 2012
Coal Mines Associated Traders Ltd.									
7.	Const. of RCC bridge over Bangeswar river on the road from Dukli to Medda Chowmuhani at Ch.0.75 KM	30-12-09	10-03-13	293.11	1,88,11,368	90,29,457	2,78,40,825	238.67	Work is in progress
8.	Const. of RCC of RCC bridge over river Sinai on the road from Kanchanmala market to Purba Champamura at Ch.0.20 KM	30-12-09	04-10-10	514.15	1,14,60,546	55,01,062	1,69,61,608	166.79	Work suspended by the agency from October 2010 (34 months)
9.	Const. of RCC bridge over river Sinai on the road from Sekerkote Mandir to Pandavpur at Ch.1.20 KM	30-12-09	24-11-11	376.03	65,79,489	31,58,155	97,37,644	97.38	Work suspended by the agency from November 2011 (20 months)
Total expenditure incurred on seven suspended works (Sl. No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 9)								906.50	
Total expenditure incurred on six suspended works (Sl. No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 8 and 9)								793.39	

Appendix 3.1

Statement showing particulars of up-to-date capital, loans outstanding and manpower as on 31 March 2013 in respect of Government Companies and Statutory Corporation

(Reference: Paragraph No 3.1.6)

(Figures in Column 5(a) to 6(d) are ₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Sector and Name of the Company ^s	Name of the Department	Month and Year of incorporation	Paid-up capital				Loans outstanding at the close of 2012-13				Debt-equity ratio for 2012-13 (Previous year)	Man Power (No. of employees) (as on 31-03-13)
				State Govt.	Central Govt.	Others	Total	State Govt.	Central Govt.	Others	Total		
1	2	3	4	5(a)	5(b)	5(c)	5(d)	6(a)	6(b)	6(c)	6(d)	7	8
AGRICULTURE AND ALLIED													
1	Tripura Forest Development & Plantation Corporation Limited	Forest	26.03.76	8.90	0.30	0.00	9.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	216
2	Tripura Horticulture Corporation Limited	Agriculture	07.04.87	2.84	0.00	0.00	2.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	90
3	Tripura Tea Development Corporation Limited	Industries and Commerce	11.08.80	30.19	0.00	0.00	30.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	719
Sector wise total				41.93	0.30	0.00	42.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1025
FINANCE													
4	Tripura Handloom and Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited	Industries and Commerce	05.09.74	66.52	0.78	0.04	67.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	384
5	Tripura Industrial Development Corporation	Industries and Commerce	28.03.74	16.16	0.00	1.64	17.80	75.75	0.00	0.00	75.75	4.26:1 (4.26:1)	41

Appendix 3.1 (contd..)

Statement showing particulars of up-to-date capital, loans outstanding and manpower as on 31 March 2013 in respect of Government Companies and Statutory Corporation

(Reference: Paragraph No 3.1.6)

(Figures in Column 5(a) to 6(d) are ₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Sector and Name of the Company ^s	Name of the Department	Month and Year of incorporation	Paid-up capital				Loans outstanding at the close of 2012-13				Debt-equity ratio for 2012-13 (Previous year)	Man Power (No. of employees) (as on 31-03-13)
				State Govt.	Central Govt.	Others	Total	State Govt.	Central Govt.	Others	Total		
1	2	3	4	5(a)	5(b)	5(c)	5(d)	6(a)	6(b)	6(c)	6(d)	7	8
6	Tripura Rehabilitation Plantation Corporation Limited	Tribal Welfare (TRP & PTG)	03.02.83	4.58	0.00	0.00	4.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	212
Sector wise total				87.26	0.78	1.68	89.72	75.75	0.00	0.00	75.75	0.84:1 (0.92:1)	637
MANUFACTURING													
7	Tripura Jute Mills Limited	Industries and Commerce	10.10.74	180.39	0.00	0.00	180.39	1.05	0.00	0.00	1.05	0.01:1 (0.01:1)	1073
8	Tripura Small Industries Corporation Limited	Industries and Commerce	30.04.65	43.44	0.00	0.00	43.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	209
Sector wise total				223.83	0.00	0.00	223.83	1.05	0.00	0.00	1.05	0.01:1 (0.01:1)	1282
POWER													
9	Tripura State Electricity Corporation Limited	Power	09.06.04	109.29	0.00	0.00	109.29	126.72	0.00	72.43	199.15	1.82:1 (1.16:1)	3579
Sector wise total				109.29	0.00	0.00	109.29	126.72	0.00	72.43	199.15	1.82:1 (1.16:1)	3579

Appendix 3.1 (contd..)

Statement showing particulars of up-to-date capital, loans outstanding and manpower as on 31 March 2013 in respect of Government Companies and Statutory Corporation

(Reference: Paragraph No 3.1.6)

(Figures in Column 5(a) to 6(d) are ₹in crore)

Sl. No.	Sector and Name of the Company \$	Name of the Department	Month and Year of incorporation	Paid-up capital				Loans outstanding at the close of 2012-13				Debt-equity ratio for 2012-13 (Previous year)	Man Power (No. of employees) (as on 31-03-13)
				State Govt.	Central Govt.	Others	Total	State Govt.	Central Govt.	Others	Total		
1	2	3	4	5(a)	5(b)	5(c)	5(d)	6(a)	6(b)	6(c)	6(d)	7	8
SERVICES													
10	Tripura Urban Transport Company Limited	Transport	03.01.10	Newly incorporated company. First accounts yet to be finalised.									
11	Tripura Tourism Development Corporation Limited	Information, Cultural Affairs & Tourism	03.06.09	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	95
Sector wise total				0.20	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	95
MISCELLANEOUS													
12	Tripura Natural Gas Company Limited	Industries and Commerce	10.07.90	0.00	0.00	3.92	3.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17
Sector wise total				0.00	0.00	3.92	3.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17
Total A (All sector wise working Government companies)				462.51	1.08	5.60	469.19	203.52	0.00	72.43	275.95	0.59:1 (0.47:1)	6635
B. Working Statutory Corporations													
SERVICES													
1	Tripura Road Transport Corporation	Transport	23.10.69	153.86	3.64	0.00	157.50	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.25	Negligible	477
Sector wise total				153.86	3.64	0.00	157.50	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.25	Negligible	477

Appendix 3.1 (concl.)

Statement showing particulars of up-to-date capital, loans outstanding and manpower as on 31 March 2013 in respect of Government Companies and Statutory Corporation

(Reference: Paragraph No 3.1.6)

(Figures in Column 5(a) to 6(d) are ₹in crore)

Sl. No.	Sector and Name of the Company ^s	Name of the Department	Month and Year of incorporation	Paid-up capital				Loans outstanding at the close of 2012-13				Debt-equity ratio for 2012-13 (Previous year)	Man Power (No. of employees) (as on 31-03-13)
				State Govt.	Central Govt.	Others	Total	State Govt.	Central Govt.	Others	Total		
1	2	3	4	5(a)	5(b)	5(c)	5(d)	6(a)	6(b)	6(c)	6(d)	7	8
Total B (All sector wise working Statutory corporations)				153.86	3.64	0.00	157.50	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.25	Negligible	477
Grand Total (A+B)				616.37	4.72	5.60	626.69	203.77	0.00	72.43	276.20	0.44:1 (0.34:1)	7112
C. Non-working Government companies													
FINANCE													
1	Tripura State Bank Limited	Finance	Not available	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0
Sector wise total				0.04	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total C (All sector wise non-working Government companies)				0.04	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grand Total (A+B+C)				616.41	4.72	5.60	626.73	203.77	0.00	72.43	276.20	0.44:1 (0.34:1)	7112

Notes:

1. All figures are provisional and as given by the companies and corporations except in respect of SPSUs at SI No.A-4, A-11 and A-12, which have finalised their accounts for 2012-13
2. SI.No.12 of Part-A is 619-B Company.
3. Loans outstanding at the close of 2012-13 represent long term loans only.
4. Paid-up-capital includes share application money.

Appendix 3.2

Statement showing grants and subsidy received/receivable, guarantees received, waiver of dues, loans written off and loans converted into equity during the year and guarantee commitment at the end of March 2013

(Reference: Paragraph No 3.1.9)

(Figures in column 3(a) to 6(d) are ₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Sector & Name of the Company	Equity/ loans received out of budget during the year		Grants and subsidy received during the year				Guarantees received during the year and commitment at the end of the year		Waiver of dues during the year			
		Equity	Loans	Central Government	State Government	Others	Total	Received	Commitment	Loans repayment written off	Loans converted into equity	Interest/ penal interest waived	Total
1	2	3(a)	3(b)	4(a)	4(b)	4(c)	4(d)	5(a)	5(b)	6(a)	6(b)	6(c)	6(d)
A. Working Government Companies													
AGRICULTURE & ALLIED													
1	Tripura Forest Development & Plantation Corporation Limited	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Tripura Horticulture Corporation Limited	0.76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Tripura Tea Development Corporation Limited	2.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sector wise total		2.76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FINANCING													
4	Tripura Handloom Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited	7.46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Appendix 3.2 (contd..)

Statement showing grants and subsidy received/receivable, guarantees received, waiver of dues, loans written off and loans converted into equity during the year and guarantee commitment at the end of March 2013

(Reference: Paragraph No 3.1.9)

(Figures in column 3(a) to 6(d) are ₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Sector & Name of the Company	Equity/ loans received out of budget during the year		Grants and subsidy received during the year				Guarantees received during the year and commitment at the end of the year		Waiver of dues during the year			
		Equity	Loans	Central Government	State Government	Others	Total	Received	Commitment	Loans repayment written off	Loans converted into equity	Interest/ penal interest waived	Total
1	2	3(a)	3(b)	4(a)	4(b)	4(c)	4(d)	5(a)	5(b)	6(a)	6(b)	6(c)	6(d)
5	Tripura Industrial Development Corporation Limited	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Tripura Rehabilitation Plantation Corporation Limited	0	0	0.96	6.82	0	7.78	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sector wise total		7.46	0	0.96	6.82	0	7.78	0	0	0	0	0	0
MANUFACTURING													
7	Tripura Jute Mills Limited	18.67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Tripura Small Industries Corporation Limited	2.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sector wise total		20.67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Appendix 3.2 (contd..)

Statement showing grants and subsidy received/receivable, guarantees received, waiver of dues, loans written off and loans converted into equity during the year and guarantee commitment at the end of March 2013

(Reference: Paragraph No 3.1.9)

(Figures in column 3(a) to 6(d) are ₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Sector & Name of the Company	Equity/ loans received out of budget during the year		Grants and subsidy received during the year				Guarantees received during the year and commitment at the end of the year		Waiver of dues during the year			
		Equity	Loans	Central Government	State Government	Others	Total	Received	Commitment	Loans repayment written off	Loans converted into equity	Interest/ penal interest waived	Total
1	2	3(a)	3(b)	4(a)	4(b)	4(c)	4(d)	5(a)	5(b)	6(a)	6(b)	6(c)	6(d)
POWER													
9	Tripura State Electricity Corporation Limited	0	0	55.43	40	0	95.43	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sector wise total		0	0	55.43	40	0	95.43	0	0	0	0	0	0
SERVICES													
10	Tripura Urban Transport Company Limited	Newly incorporated Company											
11	Tripura Tourism Development Corporation Limited	0	0	12.83	1.81	0	14.64	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sector wise total		0	0	12.83	1.81	0	14.64	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS													
12	Tripura Natural Gas Corporation Limited	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sector wise total		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Appendix 3.2 (concl.)

Statement showing grants and subsidy received/receivable, guarantees received, waiver of dues, loans written off and loans converted into equity during the year and guarantee commitment at the end of March 2013

(Reference: Paragraph No 3.1.9)

(Figures in column 3(a) to 6(d) are ₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Sector & Name of the Company	Equity/ loans received out of budget during the year		Grants and subsidy received during the year				Guarantees received during the year and commitment at the end of the year		Waiver of dues during the year			
		Equity	Loans	Central Government	State Government	Others	Total	Received	Commitment	Loans repayment written off	Loans converted into equity	Interest/ penal interest waived	Total
1	2	3(a)	3(b)	4(a)	4(b)	4(c)	4(d)	5(a)	5(b)	6(a)	6(b)	6(c)	6(d)
	Total A (All sector wise working Government companies)	30.89	0	69.22	48.63	0	117.85	0	0	0	0	0	0
B. Working Statutory corporation													
SERVICES													
1	Tripura Road Transport Corporation	0.05	0	0	14.80	0	14.80	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sector wise total	0.05	0	0	14.80	0	14.80	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total B (All sector wise working Statutory Corporation)	0.05	0	0	14.8	0	14.80	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Grand Total (A+B)	30.94	0	69.22	63.43	0	132.65	0	0	0	0	0	0
C. Non working Government companies													
FINANCING													
1	Tripura State Bank Limited	Non functional for about 42 years. In the process of liquidation under Section 560 of Companies Act 1956.											
	Sector wise total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total C (All sector wise non working Government company)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Grand Total (A+B+C)	30.94	0	69.22	63.43	0	132.65	0	0	0	0	0	0

NOTE: Figures are as given by the SPSUs.

Appendix 3.3

Summarised financial results of Government Companies and Statutory Corporation for the latest year for which accounts were finalised

(Reference: Paragraph No 3.1.12)

(Figures in column 5(a) to 11 are ₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Sector & Name of the Company	Period of Accounts	Year in which finalised	Net Profit (+)/ Loss (-)				Turnover	Impact of Accounts Comments *	Paid up Capital @	Accumulated Profit (+)/ Loss (-)	Capital Employed #	Return on capital employed \$	Percent-age return on capital employed
				Net Profit/ Loss before Interest & Depreciation	Interest	Depreciation	Net Profit/ Loss							
1	2	3	4	5(a)	5(b)	5(c)	5(d)	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A. Working Government Companies														
AGRICULTURE & ALLIED														
1	Tripura Forest Development & Plantation Corporation Limited	2011-12	2013-14	25.53	0.00	1.00	24.53	41.31	-3.79	9.20	118.98	128.27	24.53	19.12
2	Tripura Horticulture Corporation Limited	2009-10	2013-14	-0.07	0.00	0.01	-0.08	7.35	0.00	1.68	-1.48	0.20	-0.08	--
3	Tripura Tea Development Corporation Limited	2011-12	2013-14	-0.54	0.00	0.22	-0.76	4.55	-0.37	28.19	-13.34	14.85	-0.76	--
Sector-wise total				24.92	0.00	1.23	23.69	53.21	-4.16	39.07	104.16	143.32	23.69	16.53
FINANCING														
4	Tripura Handloom Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited	2012-13	2013-14	-16.16	0.00	0.06	-16.22	2.61	-3.82	67.34	-77.50	-5.89	-16.22	--
5	Tripura Industrial Development Corporation Limited	2011-12	2013-14	7.32	0.38	3.77	3.17	11.18	-4.40	17.80	3.57	97.27	3.55	3.65
6	Tripura Rehabilitation Plantation Corporation Limited	2010-11	2013-14	8.18	0.00	0.04	8.14	29.89	-1.80	4.58	16.82	21.47	8.14	37.91
Sector-wise total				-0.66	0.38	3.87	-4.91	43.68	-10.02	89.72	-57.11	112.85	-4.53	--

Appendix 3.3 (contd..)

Summarised financial results of Government Companies and Statutory Corporation for the latest year for which accounts were finalised

(Reference: Paragraph No 3.1.12)

(Figures in column 5(a) to 11 are ₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Sector & Name of the Company	Period of Accounts	Year in which finalised	Net Profit (+)/ Loss (-)				Turnover	Impact of Accounts Comments *	Paid up Capital @	Accumulated Profit (+)/ Loss (-)	Capital Employed #	Return on capital employed §	Percentage return on capital employed
				Net Profit/ Loss before Interest & Depreciation	Interest	Depreciation	Net Profit/ Loss							
1	2	3	4	5(a)	5(b)	5(c)	5(d)	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
MANUFACTURING														
7	Tripura Jute Mills Limited	2011-12	2012-13	-12.94	0.00	1.84	-14.78	6.78	0.00	161.72	-162.31	0.45	-14.78	--
8	Tripura Small Industries Corporation Limited	2010-11	2013-14	-1.19	0.00	0.33	-1.52	22.38	-2.15	38.95	-22.99	16.17	-1.52	--
Sector-wise total				-14.13	0.00	2.17	-16.30	29.16	-2.15	200.67	-185.30	16.62	-16.30	--
POWER														
9	Tripura State Electricity Corporation Limited	2010-11	2012-13	-53.54	0.00	42.25	-95.79	305.94	-0.61	109.29	16.34	284.29	-95.79	--
Sector-wise total				-53.54	0.00	42.25	-95.79	305.94	-0.61	109.29	16.34	284.29	-95.79	--
SERVICES														
10	Tripura Urban Transport Company Limited	First accounts yet to be received.												
11	Tripura Tourism Development Corporation Limited	2012-13	2013-14	0.93	0.00	1.08	-0.15	1.83	0.00	0.20	-0.83	1.03	-0.15	--
Sector-wise total				0.93	0.00	1.08	-0.15	1.83	0.00	0.20	-0.83	1.03	-0.15	--
MISCELLANEOUS														
12	Tripura Natural Gas Company Limited	2012-13	2013-14	7.72	0.00	3.00	4.72	28.60	0.00	3.92	19.06	37.02	4.72	12.75
Sector-wise total				7.72	0.00	3.00	4.72	28.60	0.00	3.92	19.06	37.02	4.72	12.75
Total A (All sector-wise working Government Companies)				-34.76	0.38	53.60	-88.74	462.42	-16.94	442.87	-103.68	595.13	-88.36	--

Appendix 3.3 (concl.)

Summarised financial results of Government Companies and Statutory Corporation for the latest year for which accounts were finalised

(Reference: Paragraph No 3.1.12)

(Figures in column 5(a) to 11 are ₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Sector & Name of the Company	Period of Accounts	Year in which finalised	Net Profit (+)/ Loss (-)				Turnover	Impact of Accounts Comments *	Paid up Capital @	Accumulated Profit (+)/ Loss (-)	Capital Employed #	Return on capital employed §	Percent-age return on capital employed
				Net Profit/ Loss before Interest & Depreciation	Interest	Depreciation	Net Profit/ Loss							
1	2	3	4	5(a)	5(b)	5(c)	5(d)	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
B. Working Statutory Corporation														
SERVICES														
1	Tripura Road Transport Corporation	2009-10	2013-14	0.61	9.95	0.66	-10.00	4.10	-1.60	156.70	-244.35	-87.41	-0.05	--
Sector-wise total				0.61	9.95	0.66	-10.00	4.10	-1.60	156.70	-244.35	-87.41	-0.05	--
Total B (All sector-wise working Statutory Corporation)				0.61	9.95	0.66	-10.00	4.10	-1.60	156.70	-244.35	-87.41	-0.05	--
Grand Total (A+B)				-34.15	10.33	54.26	-98.74	466.52	-18.54	599.57	-348.03	507.72	-88.41	--
C. Non-working Government Companies														
FINANCING														
1	Tripura State Bank Limited	Non functional and in the process of liquidation.												
Sector-wise total				--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total C (All sector-wise non-working Government Company)				--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Grand Total (A+B+C)				-34.15	10.33	54.26	-98.74	466.52	-18.54	599.57	-348.03	507.72	-88.41	--

@ Paid up capital includes share suspense/application money.

*Impact of accounts comments include the net impact of comments of Statutory Auditors and CAG and is denoted by (+) in case of increase in profit/ decrease in losses and (-) in case of decrease in profit/increase in losses.

Capital employed is calculated as a summation of shareholders fund and long term borrowings.

§ Return on capital employed has been worked out by adding profit and interest charged to profit and loss account.

Appendix 3.4

Statement showing financial position of Statutory Corporation (Tripura Road Transport Corporation)

(Reference: Paragraph No 3.1.12)

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Particulars	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
A.	Liabilities			
1.	Capital (including capital loan and equity)	142.70	155.70	156.70
2.	Borrowings from Government	0.25	0.25	0.25
3.	Funds (excluding depreciation & gratuity funds)	0.05	0.05	0.05
4.	Trade dues, other current liabilities and provisions (including gratuity fund)	84.22	93.13	106.62
	Total (A)	227.22	249.13	263.62
B.	Assets			
1.	Gross Block of fixed assets	13.43	14.16	14.89
	Less : Depreciation Reserve	<u>10.54</u>	<u>11.26</u>	<u>12.12</u>
	Net Block	2.89	2.90	2.77
2.	Current Assets, Loans and Advances	9.22	11.88	16.50
3.	Accumulated loss	215.11	234.35	244.35
	Total (B)	227.22	249.13	263.62
	Capital employed	-72.16	-78.40	-87.40

Capital employed represents aggregate of 'Shareholders' Fund' and 'Long Term Borrowings'.

Appendix 3.5

Statement showing working results of Statutory Corporation (Tripura Road Transport Corporation)

(Reference: Paragraph No 3.1.12)

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Particulars	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
1.	Operating:			
	(a) Revenue	3.68	4.22	4.10
	(b) Expenditure	21.96	23.28	24.87
	(c) Surplus/(-)Deficit	(-) 18.28	(-) 19.06	(-) 20.77
2.	Non-operating:			
	(a) Revenue	0.69	0.18	11.20
	(b) Expenditure	0.33	0.36	0.43
	(c) Surplus/(-)Deficit	0.36	(-) 0.18	10.77
3.	Total:			
	(a) Revenue	4.37	4.40	15.30
	(b) Expenditure	22.29	23.64	25.30
	(c) Net Profit/(-)Loss	(-) 17.92	(-) 19.24	(-)10.00
4.	Interest on Capital and Loans	8.61	9.37	9.95
5.	Total return on capital employed	(-) 9.31	(-) 9.87	(-)0.05

Appendix 3.6

Statement showing investment made by State Government in SPSUs whose accounts are in arrears

(Reference: Paragraph No 3.1.21)

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of SPSU	Year upto which accounts finalised*	Paid capital as per latest finalised accounts	Investment made by State Government during the years for which accounts are in arrears					No. of accounts in arrear*
				Year	Equity	Loans	Grants	Others	
				1	2	3	4	5(a)	
A. Working Government Companies									
1	Tripura Forest Development & Plantation Corporation Limited	2011-12	9.20	2012-13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1
2	Tripura Horticulture Corporation Limited	2009-10	1.68	2010-11	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	3
				2011-12	0.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	
				2012-13	0.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Tripura Tea Development Corporation Limited	2011-12	28.19	2012-13	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1
4	Tripura Rehabilitation Plantation Corporation Limited	2010-11	4.58	2011-12	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.00	2
				2012-13	0.00	0.00	6.82	0.00	
5	Tripura Jute Mills Limited	2011-12	161.72	2012-13	18.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	1
6	Tripura Small Industries Corporation Limited	2010-11	38.95	2011-12	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2
				2012-13	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7	Tripura State Electricity Corporation Limited	2010-11	109.29	2011-12	0.00	0.00	64.15	0.00	2
				2012-13	0.00	0.00	95.43	0.00	
TOTAL (A): Government Companies					33.29	0	166.9	0	12
B. Working Statutory Corporation									
1	Tripura Road Transport Corporation	2009-10	156.70	2010-11	0.60	0.00	14.50	0.00	3
				2011-12	0.15	0.00	13.25	0.00	
				2012-13	0.05	0.00	14.80	0.00	
TOTAL (B): Statutory Corporation					0.80	0.00	42.55	0.00	3
Grand total (A + B)					26.63	0.00	209.45	0.00	15

* As on 30 September 2013.

Appendix 3.7
Emporium-wise sales performance against target
{Reference: Paragraph No 3.2.7.1(i)}

(₹ in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of Purbasha	2008-09						2009-10					
		Handloom			Handicraft			Handloom			Handicraft		
		Target	Achievement	Percentage of achievement	Target	Achievement	Percentage of achievement	Target	Achievement	Percentage of achievement	Target	Achievement	Percentage of achievement
1	H.O. Complex	20.00	20.82	104.10	33.00	28.76	87.15	26.00	20.69	79.58	36.00	33.63	93.42
2	2nd Counter		0.58						0.58				
3	G.B. Bazar	4.00	1.92	48.00	1.00	0.34	34.00	4.00	1.74	43.50	1.00	0.17	17.00
4	Sukantala road	2.00	2.38	119.00	2.00	2.02	1.01	2.5	2.90	116.00	2.00	1.95	97.50
5	Udaipur	3.00	2.39	79.67		0.09		3.50	2.61	74.57		0.05	
6	Matabari	1.25	0.45	36.00				1.00	0.65	65.00			
7	Santirbazar	3.50	1.82	52.00				3.50	2.13	60.86			
8	Belonia	3.00	2.05	68.33	0.50	0.38	76.00	3.50	5.02	143.43	0.50	0.72	144.00
9	Kamalpur	2.50	2.03	81.20				3.00	2.10	70.00			
10	Halahali	1.00	1.02	102.00				1.00	1.04	104.00			
11	Salema	1.00	0.44	44.00				1.00	0.86	86.00			
12	Kanchanpur	2.50	2.32	92.80				3.00	2.39	79.67			
13	Panisagar	3.00	2.34	78.00				3.50	3.31	94.57			
14	Super market, Dmn.	1.25	0.56	44.80				1.00	0.57	57.00			
15	Kalibari Rd. Dmn.	2.50	2.67	106.80	0.50	0.40	80.00	3.00	2.02	67.33	0.50	0.28	56.00
16	Badarpur	3.50	2.82	80.57				4.00	2.93	73.25			
17	Silchar	4.50	4.56	101.33	2.00	-		5.00	3.67	73.40	2.00	1.45	72.50
18	Dhakuria	1.50	0.33	22.00	20.00	11.85	59.25	1.00	0.55	55.00	20.00	17.26	86.30
19	Maniktala	1.00	0.67	67.00	2.50	2.52	100.8	1.00	0.26	26.00	3.00	1.27	42.33
20	Chowringee	0.50	0.15	30.00	2.00	2.01	100.5	0.50	0.16	32.00	3.00	3.07	102.33
21	Behala	1.00	0.65	65.00	1.00	0.62	62.00	1.00	0.49	49.00	2.00	1.12	56.00
22	Salt lake City	1.50	0.32	21.33	3.00	0.94	31.33	1.50	0.41	27.33	3.00	0.81	27.00
23	New Market							-	0.07				
24	New Delhi	5.00	3.90	78.00	30.00	24.55	81.83	5.00	2.67	53.40	30.00	30.81	102.70
25	Shilpagram	0.50	0.36	72.00	2.50	3.54	141.60	0.50	0.40	80.00	3.00	1.77	59.00
26	Durgachowmuhanani	0.50	0.77	154.00		0		1.00	0.50	50.00	0.20	0.03	15.00
Total		70.00	58.32	83.31	100.00	78.02	78.02	80.00	60.72	78.35	106.20	94.39	88.88

Appendix 3.7 (Contd...)
Emporium-wise sales performance against target
{Reference: Paragraph No 3.2.7.1(i)}

(₹ in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of Purbasha	2010-11						2011-12					
		Handloom			Handicraft			Handloom			Handicraft		
		Target	Achievement	Percentage of achievement	Target	Achievement	Percentage of achievement	Target	Achievement	Percentage of achievement	Target	Achievement	Percentage of achievement
1	H.O. Complex	26.00	23.67	91.04	36.00	33.13	92.03	26.00	27.79	106.88	36.00	32.06	89.06
2	G.B. Bazar	2.50	1.76	70.4	0.50	0.12	24.00	2.50	1.35	54.00	0.50	0.09	18.00
3	Sukantala road	3.00	3.87	129.00	2.00	2.57	128.50	4.00	1.52	38.00	2.50	1.33	53.20
4	Udaipur	3.50	1.88	53.71	**	0.03		2.50	1.52	60.80	**	0.05	
5	Matabari	1.00	0.45	45.00				1.00	0.39	39.00			
6	Santirbazar	3.00	1.67	55.67				2.50	0.28	11.20			
7	Belonia	4.00	2.16	54.00	0.50	0.87	174.00	3.50	1.51	43.14	0.50	0.85	170.00
8	Kamalpur	3.00	1.44	48.00				2.50	0.76	30.4			
9	Halahali	1.00	0.78	78.00				1.00		-			
10	Salema	1.00	0.58	58.00				1.00	0.75	75.00			
11	Kanchanpur	3.00	2.04	68.00				3.00	1.57	52.33			
12	Panisagar	3.50	2.46	70.29				3.50	1.69	48.29			
13	Super market, Dmn.	1.00	0.82	82.00	**	0.19		1.00	0.04	4.00			
14	Kalibari Rd. Dmn.	3.00	1.66	55.33	0.50	0.28	56.00	2.50	1.08	43.20	0.50	0.22	44.00
15	Badarpur	4.00	2.84	71.00				3.50	2.43	69.43			
16	Silchar	5.00	3.32	66.40	1.50	2.40	160.00	4.50	2.70	60.00	3.00	1.56	52.00
17	Dhakuria	1.00	0.45	45.00	20.00	11.75	58.75	1.00	0.09	9.00	18.00	13.27	73.72
18	Maniktala	1.00	0.32	32.00	2.00	1.15	57.50	1.00	0.08	8.00	2.00	1.32	66.00
19	Chowringee	0.50	0.32	64.00	3.50	2.11	60.29	0.50	0.13	26.00	3.50	1.75	50.00
20	Behala	0.75	0.41	54.67	2.00	0.55	27.50	0.50	0.33	66.00	2.00	0.46	23.00
21	Salt lake City	0.75	0.07	9.33	2.00	0.18	9.00						
22	New Market	-	-		-	-			-		2.00	-	-
23	New Delhi	3.00	1.65	55.00	32.00	30.26	94.56	3.00	1.56	52.00	32.00	22.49	70.28
24	Shilpagram, Guwahati	0.50	0.50	100.00	2.50	2.59	103.60	0.50	0.42	84.00	3.50	2.17	62.00
25	Durgachowmuhan	1.00	0.62	62.00		0		1.00	0.36	36.00	**	0.38	
26	Ambassa								0.22				

Appendix 3.7 (Contd...)
Emporium-wise sales performance against target
{Reference: Paragraph No 3.2.7.1(i)}

(₹ in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of Purbasha	2010-11						2011-12					
		Handloom			Handicraft			Handloom			Handicraft		
		Target	Achievement	Percentage of achievement	Target	Achievement	Percentage of achievement	Target	Achievement	Percentage of achievement	Target	Achievement	Percentage of achievement
27	Indranagar Annex		0.19					0.50	0.52	104.00			
28	Kaman Chowmuhani		3.82					6.00	3.11	51.83			
29	Lenin Sarani		2.78					4.50	2.50	55.56	**	0.02	
30	Durga Chowmuhani Annex		1.00					1.50	0.72	48.00			
31	Mohanpur		0.77					1.00	0.44	44.00			
32	H/L Marketing complex		2.74					3.50	0.76	21.71			
33	Sonamura(Melagarh)		0.74					1.00	0.53	53.00			
34	Bishramganj		0.10					0.50	0.15	30.00			
35	Sabroom		1.69					2.00	0.45	22.50			
36	Manu Bazar		1.57					2.00	1.22	61.00			
37	Nutan Bazar		0.23					1.00	0.27	27.00			
38	Udaipur annex		0.78					1.50		-			
39	Kumarghat		0.35					1.00	0.10	10.00			
40	Manughat		0.84					1.50	0.99	66.00			
41	Kailashahar		1.45					2.50	1.25	50.00			
42	Teliamura		1.13					2.00	1.83	91.50			
43	Khowai		1.60					2.50	0.84	33.60			
44	Mandai		0.45					1.50	0.84	56.00			
45	Jirania		2.42					3.00	1.11	37.00			
46	Ranirbazar		0.41					1.00	0.75	75.00			
47	Gariahat		0.45		**	0.02		0.50	0.44	88.00	**	0.03	
48	Maniktala Annex		0.89		**	0.19		1.09	0.41	37.61	**	0.69	
49	Amarpur		0.69										
50	Kalyanpur		0.31					0.50		-			
Total		*	83.14		105.00	88.39	84.18	114.09	67.80	59.43	106	78.74	74.28

*No targets for sale of handloom products were fixed for emporia at Sl. No. 26 to 50 for the year 2010-11, ** No targets for sale of handicraft products were fixed for emporia for the years 2010-11 and 2011-12

Appendix 3.7 (Concl.d.)
Emporium-wise sales performance against target
{Reference: Paragraph No 3.2.7.1(i)}

(₹ in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of Purbasha	2012-13					
		Handloom			Handicraft		
		Target	Achievement	Percentage of achievement	Target	Achievement	Percentage of achievement
1	H.O. Complex	26.00	28.21	108.50	36.00	34.18	94.94
2	Sukantala road	4.00	1.76	44.00	2.00	0.57	28.50
3	Udaipur	2.50	1.71	68.40			
4	Matabari	1.00	0.72	72.00			
5	Santirbazar	1.00	0.78	78.00			
6	Belonia	3.50	3.00	85.71	0.50	0.78	156.00
7	Kamalpur	2.50	1.03	41.20			
8	Salema	1.00	0.59	59.00			
9	Kanchanpur	2.50	1.61	64.40			
10	Panisagar	3.50	2.39	68.29			
11	Super market, Dmn.	1.00	0.22	22.00			
12	Kalibari Rd. Dmn.	2.50	1.39	55.60	0.50	0.39	78.00
13	Badarpur	3.50	2.57	73.43			
14	Silchar	4.50	2.72	60.44	2.00	1.36	68.00
15	Dhakuria	1.00	0.24	24.00	18.00	10.33	57.39
16	Maniktala	1.00	0.16	16.00	2.00	0.85	42.50
17	Chowringee	0.50	0.15	30.00	2.50	0.85	34.00
18	Behala	0.50	0.41	82.00	1.00	1.33	133.00
19	New Delhi	3.00	2.92	97.33	32.00	21.36	66.75
20	Shilpagram, Guwahati	0.50	0.32	64.00	3.00	1.66	55.33
21	Durgachowmuhan	1.00	0.41	41.00			
22	Ambassa	1.00	0.20	20.00			
23	Indranagar Annex	0.75	2.35	313.33			
24	Kaman Chowmuhan	4.50	5.38	119.56			
25	Lenin Sarani	3.50	4.43	126.57			
26	Durga Chowmuhan Annex	1.25	2.29	183.20			
27	Mohanpur	1.00	0.81	81.00			
28	H/L Marketing complex						
29	Melagarh	1.00	0.30	30.00			
30	Bishramganj	0.50	0.04	8.00			
31	Sabroom	1.00	1.63	163.00			
32	Manu Bazar	1.75	1.03	58.86			
33	Nutan Bazar	0.50	0.32	64.00			
34	Kumarghat	0.50	0.22	44.00			
35	Manughat	1.50	0.87	58.00			
36	Kailashahar	2.00	2.40	120.00			
37	Teliamura	2.50	2.21	88.40			
38	Khowai	1.50	1.57	104.67			
39	Mandai	1.25	0.72	57.60			
40	Jirania	2.00	1.68	84.00			
41	Ranirbazar	1.50	0.10	6.67			
42	Gariahat	1.00	0.57	57.00			
43	Maniktala Annex	1.50	0.75	50.00			
Total		98.50	83.18	84.45	99.50	73.66	74.03

Appendix 3.8
Emporium-wise profitability statement for the year 2012-13
{Reference: Paragraph No 3.2.7.1(ii)}

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of Emporium	Open- ing stock	Stock received during the year	Operating expenses	Salary expenditu re of emporium	Total Expendit ure	Sales	Serv- ice Char- ges	Bank Intere st	Closing stock	Total Income	Net profit / (-) loss	Margin on sales (Approx)	Excess/(-) Shortage of margin over operating expenses	Excess/(-) Shortage of margin over salary expenditure
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	Sum of (3) to (6)=(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	Sum of (8) to (11)=(12)	(12) - (7) = (13)	33 per cent of (8) = (14)	(14) - (5) = (15)	(14) - (6) = (16)
1	Bishramganj	0.61		0.05	5.05	5.71	0.04	-	-	0.53	0.57	-5.14	0.01	-0.04	-5.04
2	Melagarh	1.15	0.32	0.17	4.75	6.39	0.30	-	-	0.98	1.28	-5.11	0.10	-0.07	-4.65
3	Manu Bazar	2.78	0.79	0.09	4.93	8.59	1.03	-	0.01	2.54	3.58	-5.01	0.34	0.25	-4.59
4	Sabroom	2.46	1.68	0.30	2.12	6.56	1.63	-	0.02	1.76	3.41	-3.15	0.54	0.24	-1.58
5	Ranir Bazar	0.76	0.03	0.41	4.72	5.92	0.10	-	0.01	0.85	0.96	-4.96	0.03	-0.38	-4.69
6	Jirania	1.97	1.09	0.30	7.86	11.22	1.68	-	0.05	1.08	2.81	-8.41	0.56	0.26	-7.30
7	Khowai	2.41	1.17	0.35	5.54	9.47	1.57	-	0.03	2.01	3.61	-5.86	0.52	0.17	-5.02
8	Manughat	2.47	0.50	0.09	3.86	6.92	0.87	-	-	2.09	2.96	-3.96	0.29	0.20	-3.57
9	Kailashahar	0.99	2.09	0.29	4.50	7.87	2.40	-	0.01	0.38	2.79	-5.08	0.80	0.51	-3.70
10	Lenin Sarani, Agt.	2.23	6.07	0.05	10.07	18.42	4.43	-	-	2.40	6.83	-11.59	1.48	1.43	-8.59
11	Kaman Chowmuhan	2.97	7.81	0.11	7.09	17.98	5.38	-	-	3.16	8.54	-9.44	1.79	1.68	-5.30
12	Shilpgram	4.66	1.60	0.12	9.55	15.93	1.98	-	-	4.27	6.25	-9.68	0.66	0.54	-8.89
13	Club Rd., Silchar	9.89	3.30	0.94	15.57	29.70	4.08	-	-	9.03	13.11	-16.59	1.36	0.42	-14.21
14	Super Market, Dharmanagar	0.53	0.23	0.19	5.32	6.27	0.22	-	-	0.54	0.76	-5.51	0.07	-0.12	-5.25
15	Kalibari Road, Dharmanagar	2.37	1.16	0.03	5.41	8.97	1.78	-	-	1.74	3.52	-5.45	0.59	0.56	-4.82
16	Kanchanpur	1.55	2.27	0.37	6.51	10.70	1.61	-	-	2.15	3.76	-6.94	0.54	0.17	-5.97
17	Kamalpur, Dhalai	3.79	1.14	0.31	4.80	10.04	1.03	-	-	2.42	3.45	-6.59	0.34	0.03	-4.46

Appendix 3.8 (Contd...)
Emporium-wise profitability statement for the year 2012-13
{Reference: Paragraph No 3.2.7.1(ii)}

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of Emporium	Open- ing stock	Stock received during the year	Operating expenses	Salary expendi- ture of emporia	Total Expendi- ture	Sales	Service Charges	Bank Inter- est	Closing stock	Total Income	Net profit / (-) loss	Margin on sales (Approx)	Excess/(-) Shortage of margin over operating expenses	Excess/(-) Shortage of margin over salary expenditure
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	Sum of (3) to (6)=(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	Sum of (8) to (11)=(12)	(12) - (7) = (13)	33 per cent of (8) = (14)	(14) - (5) = (15)	(14) - (6) = (16)
18	Ambassa, Dhalai	1.65	-	0.05	7.35	9.05	0.20	-	-	1.40	1.60	-7.45	0.07	0.02	-7.28
19	Belonia	3.75	5.86	0.77	8.90	19.28	3.78	0.02	-	4.94	8.74	-10.54	1.26	0.49	-7.64
20	Matabari, Gumati	0.79	2.37	0.10	8.80	12.06	0.72	-	-	1.65	2.37	-9.69	0.24	0.14	-8.56
21	Udaipur	1.38	2.34	0.31	6.74	10.77	1.71	-	-	1.98	3.69	-7.08	0.57	0.26	-6.17
22	Durga Chowmuhani	1.08	0.80	0.12	4.64	6.64	0.41	-	-	1.44	1.85	-4.79	0.14	0.02	-4.50
23	Sukantala Road	3.44	2.97	0.10	6.97	13.48	2.33	-	-	3.66	5.99	-7.49	0.78	0.68	-6.19
24	Natun Bazar	1.29	-	0.02	3.90	5.21	0.32	-	-	0.71	1.03	-4.18	0.11	0.09	-3.79
25	H.O. Complex. Agt.	15.69	69.63	0.46	17.62	103.40	62.39	-	1.01	19.40	82.80	-20.60	20.79	20.33	3.17
26	Mohanpur	1.22	0.25	0.14	4.49	6.10	0.81	-	-	0.65	1.46	-4.64	0.27	0.13	-4.22
27	Mandai	1.73	0.12	0.07	3.08	5.00	0.72	-	0.03	1.13	1.88	-3.12	0.24	0.17	-2.84
28	Teliamura	2.14	2.35	0.36	4.95	9.80	2.21	-	-	2.27	4.48	-5.32	0.74	0.38	-4.21
29	Kumarghat	0.77	0.22	0.05	4.55	5.59	0.22	-	-	0.43	0.65	-4.94	0.07	0.02	-4.48
30	Indranagar Annex	1.15	3.17	0.01	3.68	8.01	2.35	-	-	1.97	4.32	-3.69	0.78	0.77	-2.90
31	Durga Chowmuhani (Annex)	0.91	4.58	0.05	7.71	13.25	2.29	-	-	3.13	5.42	-7.83	0.76	0.71	-6.95
32	Badarpur	4.89	2.05	0.57	9.89	17.40	2.57	-	-	4.28	6.85	-10.55	0.86	0.29	-9.03
33	Panisagar	2.21	1.68	0.31	4.46	8.66	2.39	-	-	1.48	3.87	-4.79	0.80	0.49	-3.66

Appendix 3.8 (Concl.d.)
Emporium-wise profitability statement for the year 2012-13
{Reference: Paragraph No 3.2.7.1(ii)}

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of Emporium	Open- ing stock	Stock received during the year	Operat ing expenses	Salary expendi- ture of emporia	Total Expend- iture	Sales	Service Charges	Bank Inte- rest	Closing stock	Total Income	Net profit / (-) loss	Margin on sales (Ap prox)	Excess/(-) Shortage of margin over operating expenses	Excess/(-) Shortage of margin over salary expenditure
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	Sum of (3) to (6)=(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	Sum of (8) to (11)=(12)	(12) - (7) = (13)	33 per cent of (8) = (14)	(14) - (5) = (15)	(14) - (6) = (16)
34	Salema	0.76	0.36	0.17	5.24	6.53	0.59	-	-	0.52	1.11	-5.42	0.20	0.03	-5.04
35	Santirbazar	0.79	1.50	0.05	4.06	6.40	0.78	-	-	1.31	2.09	-4.31	0.26	0.21	-3.80
36	New Market Kol	0.18	-	-		0.18		-	-	0.18	0.18	-	-	-	-
37	Dhakuria Kol	12.23	10.28	0.77	5.43	28.71	10.57	-	-	9.79	20.36	-8.35	3.52	2.75	-1.91
38	Chowringhee Kol	1.72	1.45	0.20	5.47	8.84	1.00	-	-	2.16	3.16	-5.68	0.33	0.13	-5.14
39	Behala -Kol	1.92	1.65	0.30	4.78	8.65	1.74	-	-	1.84	3.58	-5.07	0.58	0.28	-4.20
40	Gariahat(Annex)-Kol	1.67	0.28	0.18	2.69	4.82	0.57	-	-	1.28	1.85	-2.97	0.19	0.01	-2.50
41	Manik Tala -Kol	1.49	1.15	0.17	4.41	7.22	1.01	-	-	1.52	2.53	-4.69	0.34	0.17	-4.07
42	Maniktala , Annex	1.62	1.04	0.27	5.98	8.91	0.75	-	-	2.02	2.77	-6.14	0.25	-0.02	-5.73
43	New Delhi	39.16	29.67	17.27	4.70	90.80	24.28	28.38	-	44.13	96.79	5.99	8.09	-9.18	3.39
Grand total		149.22	177.02	27.04	258.14	611.42	156.84	28.40	1.17	153.20	339.61	-271.81	52.27	25.23	-205.87

Appendix 3.9

Details of emporium-wise turnover per employee during the period 2008-09 to 2012-13

(Reference: Paragraph No 3.2.7.7)

(₹ in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of Emporia/ Office	2008-09				2009-10				2010-11				2011-12				2012-13			
		Salary expenditure	No. of employees (No.)	Turnover ¹	Turnover per employee	Salary expenditure	No. of employees (No.)	Turnover	Turnover per employee	Salary expenditure	No. of employees (No.)	Turnover	Turnover per employee	Salary expenditure	No. of employees (No.)	Turnover	Turnover per employee	Salary expenditure	No. of employees (No.)	Turnover	Turnover per employee
1	Purbasha Head Office Complex	10.11	10	49.58	4.96	13.74	10	54.32	5.43	15.79	10.00	56.80	5.68	16.22	11	59.85	5.44	17.62	10	62.39	6.24
2	2nd Counter	5.87	6	0.58	0.10	5.76	4	0.58	0.15	3.08	4.00										
3	GB Agartala	4.34	5	2.26	0.45	6.91	6	1.91	0.32	7.03	5.00	1.88	0.38	5.49	4	1.44	0.36				
4	Sakuntala Road	3.72	6	4.40	0.73	5.07	6	4.85	0.81	6.39	5.00	6.44	1.29	6.13	5	2.85	0.57	6.97	4	2.33	0.58
5	Udaipur	3.13	7	2.48	0.35	4.11	7	2.66	0.38	5.19	7.00	1.91	0.27	8.60	9	1.57	0.17	6.74	7	1.71	0.24
6	Matabari	3.28	5	0.45	0.09	3.93	5	0.65	0.13	4.60	5.00	0.45	0.09	4.85	5	0.39	0.08	8.80	6	0.72	0.12
7	Santirbazar	2.06	2	1.82	0.91	2.89	2	2.13	1.07	3.68	3.00	1.67	0.56	3.88	2	0.28	0.14	4.06	2	0.78	0.39
8	Belonia	4.76	8	2.43	0.30	6.31	8	5.74	0.72	8.08	8.00	3.03	0.38	7.76	7	2.36	0.34	8.90	8	3.78	0.47
9	Kamalpur	2.23	3	2.03	0.68	2.66	3	2.10	0.70	4.19	3.00	1.44	0.48	4.17	3	0.76	0.25	4.80	3	1.03	0.34
10	Halahali	3.40	3	1.02	0.34	4.98	3	1.04	0.35	3.77	3.00	0.78	0.26								
11	Salema	2.33	3	0.44	0.15	3.21	3	0.86	0.29	4.10	3.00	0.58	0.19	4.13	3	0.75	0.25	5.24	4	0.59	0.15
12	Kanchanpur	4.76	5	2.32	0.46	6.18	4	2.39	0.60	6.32	4.00	2.04	0.51	6.26	4	1.57	0.39	6.51	3	1.61	0.54
13	Panisagar	3.61	4	2.34	0.14	4.21	3	3.31	1.10	3.95	3.00	2.46	0.82	4.24	3	1.69	0.56	4.46	3	2.39	0.80
14	Office tilla/Super Market, DMN	2.56	3	0.56	0.19	4.11	3	0.57	0.19	6.11	3.00	1.01	0.34	6.09	3	0.04	0.01	5.32	2	0.22	0.11

¹ Turnover of all the emporia for the years 2008-09 to 2012-13 has been taken at the gross sales value.

Appendix 3.9 (Contd...)

Details of emporium-wise turnover per employee during the period 2008-09 to 2012-13

(Reference: Paragraph No 3.2.7.7)

(₹ in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of Emporia/ Office	2008-09				2009-10				2010-11				2011-12				2012-13			
		Salary expenditure	No. of employees (No.)	Turnover	Turnover per employee	Salary expenditure	No. of employees (No.)	Turnover	Turnover per employee	Salary expenditure	No. of employees (No.)	Turnover	Turnover per employee	Salary expenditure	No. of employees (No.)	Turnover	Turnover per employee	Salary expenditure	No. of employees (No.)	Turnover	Turnover per employee
15	Kalibari road, DMN	3.23	4	3.07	0.77	4.45	4	2.30	0.58	4.48	3.00	1.94	0.65	4.10	3	1.30	0.43	5.41	4	1.78	0.45
16	Badarpur	4.82	4	2.82	0.71	7.00	5	2.93	0.59	8.57	4.00	2.84	0.71	8.51	4	2.43	0.61	9.89	4	2.57	0.64
17	Silchar	8.03	7	4.56	0.65	11.83	7	5.12	0.73	14.19	7.00	5.72	0.82	14.42	7	4.26	0.61	15.57	7	4.08	0.58
18	Dhakuria	3.61	3	12.18	4.06	3.89	2	17.81	8.91	2.88	2.00	12.20	6.10	4.80	3	13.36	4.45	5.43	3	10.57	2.11
19	Maniktala	1.20	1	3.19	3.19	1.98	2	1.53	0.77	3.87	2.00	1.47	0.74	3.95	2	1.40	0.70	4.41	2	1.01	0.51
20	Chowringee	1.64	2	2.16	1.08	2.70	2	3.23	1.62	4.13	2.00	2.43	1.22	6.31	2	1.88	0.94	5.47	2	1.00	0.50
21	Behala	1.80	2	1.27	0.64	2.54	2	1.61	0.81	3.27	2.00	0.96	0.48	3.39	2	0.79	0.40	4.78	2	1.74	0.87
22	Salt Lake City	2.50	2	1.26	0.63	3.52	2	1.22	0.61	3.72	2.00	0.25	0.13								
23	New Market, Kolkata	0.04	1	-	-	0.59	1	0.07	0.07	0.71	1.00			0.56	1	-	-				
24	New Delhi	6.61	4	28.45	7.11	5.08	2	33.48	16.74	4.32	2.00	31.91	15.96	4.21	2	24.05	8.02	4.70	2	24.28	8.09
25	Shilpgram, Guwahati	2.25	2	3.90	1.95	3.33	2	2.17	1.09	8.14	4.00	3.09	0.77	8.60	4	2.59	0.65	9.55	4	1.98	0.50
26	Durgachowmuhani	3.55	7	0.77	0.11	4.76	6	0.53	0.09	5.11	5.00	0.62	0.12	4.40	4	0.74	0.19	4.64	3	0.41	0.14
27	Ambassa									2.41	3.00			6.04	3	0.22	0.07	7.35	4	0.20	0.05
28	Indranagar									3.08	2.00	0.19	0.10	3.30	2	0.52	0.26	3.68	2	2.35	1.18
29	Kaman Chowmuhani									8.68	6.00	3.82	0.64	9.26	6	3.11	0.52	7.09	3	5.38	1.79
30	Lenin Sarani									8.04	7.00	2.78	0.40	8.54	7	2.52	0.36	10.07	7	4.43	0.63

Appendix 3.9 (Concl'd.)

Details of emporium-wise turnover per employee during the period 2008-09 to 2012-13

(Reference: Paragraph No 3.2.7.7)

(₹ in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of Emporia/ Office	2008-09				2009-10				2010-11				2011-12				2012-13			
		Sal- ary expe nditu re	No. of empl oyees (No.)	Turno ver	Turn over per empl oyee	Sal- ary expe nditu re	No. of empl oyees (No.)	Turno ver	Turno ver per emplo yee	Salary expend iture	No. of empl oyees (No.)	Turno ver	Turn over per empl oyee	Salary expend iture	No. of empl oyees (No.)	Turn- over	Turn- over per employ -yee	Salary expend iture	No. of empl oyees (No.)	Turno ver	Turno ver per emplo yee
31	Durgachowmuhan Annex									6.65	4.00	1.00	0.25	6.97	4	0.72	0.18	7.71	3	2.29	0.76
32	Mohanpur Sidai									4.10	2.00	0.77	0.39	4.42	2	0.44	0.22	4.49	2	0.81	0.41
33	H/L Marketing									6.22	4.00	2.74	0.69	6.61	4	0.76	0.19				
34	Melagarh									3.31	2.00	0.74	0.37	3.58	2	0.53	0.27	4.75	2	0.3	0.15
35	Bishramganj									4.97	3.00	0.10	0.03	5.24	3	0.15	0.05	5.05	3	0.04	0.01
36	Sabroom									2.05	3.00	1.69	0.56	2.08	3	0.45	0.15	2.12	3	1.63	0.82
37	Manubazar									4.09	2.00	1.57	0.79	4.42	2	1.22	0.61	4.93	2	1.03	0.52
38	Nutan Bazar									3.20	2.00	0.23	0.12	3.50	2	0.27	0.14	3.90	2	0.32	0.16
39	Udaipur Annex									3.03	2.00	0.78	0.39								
40	Kumarghat									3.69	2.00	0.35	0.18	4.05	2	0.10	0.05	4.55	2	0.22	0.11
41	Manughat									3.25	2.00	0.84	0.42	3.37	2	0.99	0.50	3.86	2	0.87	0.29
42	Kailashahar									3.32	4.00	1.45	0.36	3.60	4	1.25	0.31	4.50	4	2.4	0.60
43	Teliamura									3.57	3.00	1.13	0.38	3.91	3	1.83	0.61	4.95	4	2.21	0.55
44	Khowai									3.69	4.00	1.60	0.40	4.05	4	0.84	0.21	5.54	4	1.57	0.52
45	Mandai									2.50	2.00	0.45	0.23	2.66	2	0.84	0.42	3.08	3	0.72	0.24
46	Jirania									3.48	2.00	2.42	1.21	3.63	2	1.11	0.56	7.86	5	1.68	0.34
47	Ranirbazar									1.49	2.00	0.41	0.21	4.14	2	0.75	0.38	4.72	3	0.1	0.03
48	Gariahat									2.19	2.00	0.47	0.24	2.30	2	0.47	0.24	2.69	2	0.57	0.29
49	Maniktala annex									4.76	4.00	1.08	0.27	5.00	4	1.10	0.28	5.98	4	0.75	0.19
50	Amarpur									0.84	1.00	0.69	0.69								
51	Kalyanpur									0.82		0.31	0.31								
Total:		95.44	109	136.34	1.25	125.74	104	155.11	1.49	239.10	173.00	171.54	0.99	241.74	160	146.54	0.92	258.14	151	156.84	1.04

Appendix 3.10
Statement on production and distribution of silk sarees
(Reference: Paragraph No 3.2.7.8)

Year	Name of Unit Year	Opening balance		Production		Distribution			Closing Balance		Shortage
		No. of sarees	Value	No. of sarees	Cost of production (₹)	No. of sarees	Value (₹)	Details of dispatch	No. of sarees	Value	
2009-10	Indranagar	0	0	76	61,274	75	60,446	Muhuripur TSSS Ltd.(MTSSS)	1	828	
2010-11	-Do-	1	828	924	8,44,791	795	7,22,573	MTSSS	117	1,19,466	9 nos. valued ₹ 8,937
						4	3,580	Printing unit			
2011-12	-Do-	117	1,19,466	1,046	13,66,733	497	5,52,531	MTSSS	563	8,12,081	
						56	64,577	Printing unit			
						27	32,610	Central store			
						20	24400	Individual			
2012-13	-Do-	563	8,12,081	873	11,79,673	250	2,99,476	MTSSS	530	8,09,081	
						553	6,84,615	Central store			
						148	1,92,482	Individual			
						5	6,100	Printing unit			
2012-13	Badharghat	530	8,09,081	1,428	20,84,500	250	3,17,500	MTSSS	1,189	17,97,581	
						519	7,78,500	Central store			
Total:				4,347	55,36,971	3,199	37,39,390				

Appendix 3.11
Operational performance of the Company during the period from
2008-09 to 2012-13

(Reference: Paragraph No 3.2.9.1)

(₹ in crore)

Particulars	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
A. Income					
(a) Sales to Government	1.60	1.78	2.13	1.05	1.45
(b) Sales (Others)	1.36	1.45	1.62	1.63	1.16
(c) Other income	0.23	2.11	0.36	1.42	0.63
Total income (A)	3.19	5.34	4.11	4.10	3.24
B. Expenditure					
(a) Material consumption	1.94	2.10	3.31	2.51	3.21
(b) Administrative expenses	3.85	4.30	7.20	7.22	8.41
(c) Selling and distribution expenses	0.31	0.52	0.35	0.45	0.06
(d) Depreciation	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.06
(e) Prior period adjustments					7.72
Total expenditure (B)	6.16	6.97	10.92	10.24	19.46
C. Net Loss (A)- (B)	2.97	1.63	6.81	6.14	16.22

Appendix 3.12

Statement showing details of avoidable loss of revenue towards lease rent and premium from October 2008 to December 2013

(Reference: Paragraph No 3.3)

Sl. No.	Name of lessee	Date of allotment	No. of acres	Existing monthly rate of lease rent paid per acre (₹)	Revised monthly lease rent payable per acre (₹)	Old monthly rent paid (₹)	Revised monthly rent payable (₹)	Loss of revenue per month (₹)	Period up to which rate cannot be revised (in years)	Effective month of revised rates	Period up to which old rates will continue as per lease agreements	No. of months revised rate could not be enforced from October 2008 to December 2013	Avoidable Loss of revenue towards lease rent (₹)	Lease Premium paid at old rate @ Rs.1 lakh per acre (₹)	Lease premium at revised rate of Rs.2.5 lakh per acre not recovered (₹)	Loss of revenue towards lease premium (₹)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)= (4) X (5)	(8)= (4) X (6)	(9)= (8)- (7)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)= (12)-(11)	(14)= (9) X (13)	(15)= (4) X 1 lakh	(16)= (4) X 2.5 lakh	(17)= (16)- (15)
1	M/s Agartala Rubber Industry	30/6/2007	2	4000	6000	8000	12000	4000	5	Oct-08	Jun-12	44	176000	200000	500000	300000
2	M/s Brite Rubber Processor (P) Ltd	13/7/2007	4	4000	6000	16000	24000	8000	5	Oct-08	Jul-12	45	360000	400000	1000000	600000
3	M/s Agartala Food Processing (P) Ltd	24/9/2007	3.5	4000	6000	14000	21000	7000	10	Oct-08	Sep-17	63	441000	350000	875000	525000
4	M/s Dharampal Premchand Ltd	10/1/2007	8.55	4000	6000	34200	51300	17100	10	Oct-08	Jan-17	63	1077300	855000	2137500	1282500
5	M/s Bengal Breweries (P) Ltd	24/7/2008 (cancelled in Sept 2010)	5	4000	6000	20000	30000	10000	10	Oct-08	Sep-10	23	230000	500000	1250000	750000
		9/2/2012 (Relotted)	5	4000	6000	20000	30000	10000	10	Feb-12	Jul-18	23	230000			
6	M/s Rotomec	1/11/2007	1	4000	6000	4000	6000	2000	5	Oct-08	Nov-12	49	98000	100000	250000	150000
Total:			24.05										2612300			3607500

Total Loss of revenue (Rent +Premium)= ₹ 62,19,800 rounded off to ₹ 62.20 lakh

Appendix 3.13

Statement showing avoidable loss of income due to Fixed Deposits made on the same dates/nearer date at varied interest rates
(Reference: Paragraph No 3.4)

Sl. No	Fund	FD No.	Date of Investment	Period of Investment	Name of Bank	Rate of interest (%)	Amount (₹)	Maturity value (₹)	Actual Yield- quarterly compounded (%)	Possible yield (%)	Basis of possible yield	Difference in yield (%)	Loss of interest due to difference in yield (₹)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14) = (8) × (13)
1	ASIDE	806437	30/03/2006	1 year	United Bank of India	6.25	5000000	5319901	6.40	7.71	FD No.294642 dated 29/03/2006 of ASIDE fund with Tripura Gramin Bank for ₹ 50 lakh for one year with rate of interest as 7.5% and maturity value of ₹ 5385679	1.31	65,500.00
2	ASIDE	844040	29/03/2006	1 year	Central Bank of India	6.00	5000000	5306818	6.14	7.71	-Do-	1.57	78,500.00
3	ASIDE	437690	30/03/2006	1 year	UCO Bank	6.25	1000000	1063980	6.40	7.71	FD No.294643 dated 29/03/2006 of ASIDE fund with Tripura Gramin Bank for ₹ 10 lakh for one year with rate of interest as 7.5% and maturity value of ₹ 1077136	1.31	13,100.00
4	ASIDE	801763	31/03/2006	1 Year	United Bank of India	6.25	2500000	2659950	6.40	7.71	-Do-	1.31	32,750.00
5	ASIDE	801764	31/03/2006	1 year	United Bank of India	6.25	2500000	2659950	6.40	7.71	-Do-	1.31	32,750.00
6	ASIDE	535907	31/03/2006	6 months	Central Bank of India	5.75	5000000	5144783			FD No.294642 dated 29/03/2006 of ASIDE fund with Tripura Gramin Bank for ₹ 50 lakh for one year with rate of interest as 7.5% and maturity value of ₹ 5385679	1.70	85,000.00
		536192	01/10/2006	6 months (renewal)	Central Bank of India	6.00	5144783	5300284	6.01	7.71			

Appendix 3.13 (contd...)

Statement showing avoidable loss of income due to Fixed Deposits made on the same dates/nearer date at varied interest rates
(Reference: Paragraph No 3.4)

Sl. No	Fund	FD No.	Date of Investment	Period of Investment	Name of Bank	Rate of interest (%)	Amount (₹)	Maturity value (₹)	Actual Yield- quarterly compounded (%)	Possible yield (%)	Basis of possible yield	Difference in yield (%)	Loss of interest due to difference in yield (₹)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14) = (8) × (13)
7	ASIDE	535906	31/03/2006	6 months	Central Bank of India	5.75	5000000	5144783			FD No.294642 dated 29/03/2006 of ASIDE fund with Tripura Gramin Bank for ₹ 50 lakh for one year with rate of interest as 7.5% and maturity value of ₹ 5385679	1.70	85,000.00
		536193	01/10/2006	6 months (renewal)	Central Bank of India	6.00	5144783	5300284	6.01	7.71			
8	ASIDE	630862	29/03/2006	1 year	UCO Bank	6.50	5000000	5333008	6.66	7.71	-Do-	1.05	52,500.00
9	ASIDE	630889	31/03/2006	6 months	UCO Bank	7.15	5000000	5178750			-Do-	0.84	42,000.00
		48861	30/09/2006	6 months (renewal)	UCO Bank	6.50	5178750	5343634	6.87	7.71			
10	ASIDE	154308	30/03/2006	1 year	SBI	7.00	10000000	10718590	7.19	7.71	-Do-	0.52	52,000.00
11	ASIDE	50407	12/01/2007	1 year	UCO Bank	8.00	5010000	5422985	8.24	8.51	FD no.154870 dated 12/01/2007 of ASISE fund with SBI for ₹50 lakh for one year @ 8.25% with maturity value of ₹5425483	0.27	13,527.00

Appendix 3.13 (contd...)

Statement showing avoidable loss of income due to Fixed Deposits made on the same dates/ nearer date at varied interest rates
(Reference: Paragraph No 3.4)

Sl. No	Fund	FD No.	Date of Investment	Period of Investment	Name of Bank	Rate of interest (%)	Amount (₹)	Maturity value (₹)	Actual Yield- quarterly compounded (%)	Possible yield (%)	Basis of possible yield	Difference in yield (%)	Loss of interest due to difference in yield (₹)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14) = (8) × (13)
12	ASIDE	365733	16/05/2007	400 days	Union Bank	9.00	10000000	11022473	10.22	10.38	FD No.157106000002172 dated 26/05/2007 (start date 19/05/2007) with IDBI for ₹1,00,10,000 @ 10% for one year with maturity value as ₹1,10,49,167	0.16	16,000.00
13	ASIDE	598025	15/05/2007	1 year	Canara Bank	8.50	10000000	10877480	8.77	10.38	-Do-	1.61	1,61,000.00
14	ASIDE	598026	15/05/2007	1 year	Canara Bank	8.50	10000000	10877480	8.77	10.38	-Do-	1.61	1,61,000.00
15	ASIDE	154870	12/01/2008	1 year	SBI	8.30	5449544	5915970	8.56	9.31	FD No.050407 dated 12/01/2008 of ASIDE fund with UCO Bank for ₹54,22,985 @ 9% for one year with maturity value as ₹59,27,774	0.75	40,871.58
16	ASIDE	642097	29/07/2008	1 year	UCO Bank	9.60	10000000	10995116	9.95	10.38	FD No.3942504 dated 28/07/2008 of ASIDE fund with IDBI for ₹1,01,00,000 @ 10% for one year with maturity value as ₹1,11,48,510	0.43	43,000.00
17	ASIDE	643088	19/01/2009	1 year	Canara Bank	7.50	23932468	25778520	7.71	8.77	FD No.144950 dated 19/01/2009 of ASIDE fund with SBI for ₹59,15,970 @ 8.5% for one year with maturity value as ₹64,35,084	1.06	2,53,684.16
18	ASIDE	616643	22/09/2009	1 year	United Bank of India	6.75	6000000	6415367	6.92	7.19	FD No.643560 dated 22/09/2009 of ASIDE fund with Canara Bank for ₹70 lakh @ 7% for one year with maturity value as ₹75,03,013	0.27	16,200.00

Appendix 3.13 (contd...)

Statement showing avoidable loss of income due to Fixed Deposits made on the same dates/ nearer date at varied interest rates
(Reference: Paragraph No 3.4)

Sl. No	Fund	FD No.	Date of Investment	Period of Investment	Name of Bank	Rate of interest (%)	Amount (₹)	Maturity value (₹)	Actual Yield- quarterly compounded (%)	Possible yield (%)	Basis of possible yield	Difference in yield (%)	Loss of interest due to difference in yield (₹)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14) = (8) × (13)
19	ASIDE	616631	23/09/2009	1 year	United Bank of India	6.75	8000000	8553823	6.92	7.19	-Do-	0.27	21,600.00
20	Rubber Park	643205	20/03/2009	1 year	Canara Bank	8.25	5000000	5425438	8.51	8.77	FD No.297527 dated 20/03/2009 of Rubber Park fund with United Bank of India @ 8.50% for one year with maturity value as ₹54,38,739.81	0.26	13,000.00
21	Rubber Park	145202	19/03/2009	1 year	SBI	8.10	10000000	10834938	8.35	8.77	-Do-	0.42	42,000.00
22	TIDC	806878	16/01/2007	1 year	United Bank of India	8.25	5000000	5425438	8.51	9.04	FD No.344753 dated 16/01/2007 of TIDC fund for ₹ 25 lakh with UCO Bank @ 8.75% for one year with maturity value as ₹ 2726033	0.53	26,500.00
23	TIDC	711785	16/01/2007	1 year	Allahabad Bank	8	2500000	2706080	8.24	9.04	-Do-	0.80	20,000.00
24	TIDC	152869	22/04/2008	1 year	Bank of Baroda	8.50	1170479	1273186	8.77	9.31	FD No.750583 dated 22/04/2008 of TIDC fund for ₹ 1234174 with UCO Bank @ 9% for one year with maturity value as ₹1349055	0.54	6,320.59
25	TIDC	38120	25/08/2010	1 year	Union Bank	6.75	7572651	8096890	6.92	7.45	FD No.RTCMC 3102324 dated 25/08/2010 of TIDC fund for ₹5274066 lakh with IDBI Bank @ 7.25% for one year with maturity value as ₹ 5666958	0.53	40,135.05
26	TIDC	842578 5	25/08/2010	1 year	Union Bank	6.75	1570081	1678774	6.92	7.45	-Do-	0.53	8,321.43

Appendix 3.13 (contd...)

Statement showing avoidable loss of income due to Fixed Deposits made on the same dates/ nearer date at varied interest rates
(Reference: Paragraph No 3.4)

Sl. No	Fund	FD No.	Date of Investment	Period of Investment	Name of Bank	Rate of interest (%)	Amount (₹)	Maturity value (₹)	Actual Yield- quarterly compounded (%)	Possible yield (%)	Basis of possible yield	Difference in yield (%)	Loss of interest due to difference in yield (₹)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14) = (8) × (13)
27	TIDC	646300	22/04/2011	1 year	UCO Bank	8.50	1537471	1672381	8.77	9.31	FD No.152869 dated 22/04/2011 of TIDC fund for ₹ 1410871 with Bank of Baroda @ 9% for one year with maturity value as ₹1542200	0.54	8,302.34
28	TIDC	152869	22/04/2012	1 year	Bank of Baroda	9.25	1528990	1675404	9.58	9.84	FD No.646300 dated 22/04/2012 of TIDC fund for ₹ 1672381 with UCO Bank @ 9.50% for one year with maturity value as ₹ 1837007	0.26	3,975.37
29	Dukli Grant	366641	19/10/2010	1 year	Tripura Gramin Bank	7.75	7503013	8101615	7.98	8.24	FD No.59777 dated 19/10/2010 of Dukli fund for ₹ 7532000 with Tripura State Co-operative Bank @ 8% for one year with maturity value as ₹ 8152879	0.26	19,507.83
30	Dukli Grant	366640	19/10/2010	1 year	Tripura Gramin Bank	7.75	9646731	10416362	7.98	8.24	-Do-	0.26	25,081.50
31	Dukli Grant	366639	19/10/2010	1 year	Tripura Gramin Bank	7.75	9646731	10416362	7.98	8.24	-Do-	0.26	25,081.50
32	Dukli Grant	366641	19/10/2011	1 year	Tripura Gramin Bank	9.25	8101615	8877412	9.58	9.84	FD No.59777 dated 19/10/2011 of Dukli fund for ₹ 8152879 with Tripura State Co-operative Bank @ 9.50% for one year with maturity value as ₹ 8955434	0.26	21,064.20
33	Dukli Grant	366640	19/10/2011	1 year	Tripura Gramin Bank	9.25	10416362	11413816	9.58	9.84	-Do-	0.26	27,082.54

Appendix 3.13 (contd...)

Statement showing avoidable loss of income due to Fixed Deposits made on the same dates/ nearer date at varied interest rates
(Reference: Paragraph No 3.4)

Sl. No	Fund	FD No.	Date of Investment	Period of Investment	Name of Bank	Rate of interest (%)	Amount (₹)	Maturity value (₹)	Actual Yield- quarterly compounded (%)	Possible yield (%)	Basis of possible yield	Difference in yield (%)	Loss of interest due to difference in yield (₹)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14) = (8) × (13)
34	Dukli Grant	902604	19/10/2011	1 year	IOB	9.25	14431550	15813492	9.58	9.84	-Do-	0.26	37,522.03
35	Dukli Grant	902605	19/10/2011	1 year	IOB	9.25	14431550	15813492	9.58	9.84	-Do-	0.26	37,522.03
36	Dukli Grant	319975 01615	20/10/2011	1 year	SBI	9.25	8553275	9372322	9.58	9.84	-Do-	0.26	22,238.52
37	Dukli Grant	271984	19/10/2012	1 year	IOB	9.25	15813492	17327766	9.58	10.11	FD No.366641 dated 19/10/2012 of Dukli fund for ₹ 8818773 with Tripura Gramin Bank @ 9.75% for one year with maturity value as ₹ 9710556	0.53	83,811.51
38	Dukli Grant	271985	19/10/2012	1 year	IOB	9.25	15813492	17327766	9.58	10.11	-Do-	0.53	83,811.51
39	Dukli Grant	309269 58561	19/10/2012	1 year	SBI	8.50	5996792	6522998	8.77	10.11	-Do-	1.34	80,357.01
40	Dukli Grant	309269 58979	19/10/2012	1 year	SBI	8.50	5996792	6522998	8.77	10.11	-Do-	1.34	80,357.01
41	Dukli Grant	59779	19/10/2012	1 year	Tripura State Co-operative Bank	9.30	11410944	12509749	9.63	10.11	-Do-	0.48	54,772.53
42	Dukli Grant	59780	19/10/2012	1 year	Do-	9.30	11410944	12509749	9.63	10.11	-Do-	0.48	54,772.53
43	Dukli Grant	59781	19/10/2012	1 year	Do-	9.30	11410944	12509749	9.63	10.11	-Do-	0.48	54,772.53

Appendix 3.13 (concl.)

Statement showing avoidable loss of income due to Fixed Deposits made on the same dates/ nearer date at varied interest rates
(Reference: Paragraph No 3.4)

Sl. No	Fund	FD No.	Date of Investment	Period of Investment	Name of Bank	Rate of interest (%)	Amount (₹)	Maturity value (₹)	Actual Yield- quarterly compounded (%)	Possible yield (%)	Basis of possible yield	Difference in yield (%)	Loss of interest due to difference in yield (₹)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14) = (8) × (13)
44	Dukli Grant	59783	19/10/2012	1 year	Do-	9.30	11410944	12509749	9.63	10.11	-Do-	0.48	54,772.53
45	Dukli Grant	59785	19/10/2012	1 year	Do-	9.30	11410944	12509749	9.63	10.11	-Do-	0.48	54,772.53
46	Dukli Grant	874210	19/04/2011	1 year	Union Bank	8	5786621	6263625	8.24	9.04	FD No.876552 dated 19/04/2011 of Rubber Park fund for ₹ 5713462 with Canara Bank @ 8.75% for one year with maturity value as ₹ 6230035	0.80	46,292.97
TOTAL:													22,98,130.33

Appendix-4.1(A)

Statement showing short levy of Sales Tax/VAT, interest, penalty and Additional Sales Tax due to concealment of turnover by the dealers

(Reference: Paragraph No. 4.2)

(₹ in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the dealer	No. of assessment cases	Period of assessment	Date of assessment	Amount of Concealment of turnover ¹	Short levy				Total	Remarks
						Sales Tax/ VAT	Interest	Penalty	Addl. Sales Tax		
1. Superintendent of Taxes, Charge-I, Agartala											
1.	Tripura Industrial Corporation	1	2009-10	30.08.12	8.71 (1.75 @4% & 6.96 @12.5%)	0.94	0.41	--		1.35	AA stated that the case will be reviewed as per provision of the TVAT Act and action will be taken accordingly
2.	Sova Glass Aluminum Centre	2	2006-07	28.06.12	8.84 (4%)	0.35	0.14	0.03	--	0.52	-do-
		3	2007-08								
		4	2010-11								
3.	Joy & Co.	5	2005-06	30.03.12	9.54 (4%)	0.38	0.41	--	--	0.79	-do-
4.	Matri Homeo Drugs	6	2006-07	20.07.12	11.00 (4%)	0.44	0.25	--	--	0.69	-do-
		7	2007-08								
		8	2008-09								
		9	2009-10								
		10	2010-11								
5.	Brahamaput ra Valley Fertilizer Corporation	11	2005-06	May 2012	4.06 (4%)	0.16	0.15	--	--	0.31	-do-
6.	Pawan Auto Spare	12	2006-07	29.03.12	2.52	0.31	0.24	--	--	0.55	-do-
		13	2008-09								
2. Superintendent of Taxes, Charge-IV, Agartala											
7.	Berjer Paints India Ltd	14	2005-06	20.03.12	192.25	24.03	21.70	11.14	--	56.87	AA stated that the case would be reviewed as per provision of the TVAT Act and action would be taken accordingly
		15	2007-08								
		16	2008-09								
		17	2009-10								

¹ Taxable @ 12.5 per cent in VAT regime

Appendix-4.1(A) (Contd.)

Statement showing short levy of Sales Tax/VAT, interest, penalty and Additional Sales Tax due to concealment of turnover by the dealers

(Reference: Paragraph No. 4.2)

(₹ in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the dealer	No. of assessment cases	Period of assessment	Date of assessment	Amount of Concealment of turnover ²	Short levy				Total	Remarks
						Sales Tax/ VAT	Interest	Penalty	Addl. Sales Tax		
8.	Laxmi Enterprise	18	2004-05	30.06.07	50.78 ³	4.06	7.11	2.44	1.80 ⁴	15.41	-do-
9.	Sree Maa Laxmi Agency	19	2006-07	15.11.12	54.42	6.80	6.40	0.68	--	13.88	-do-
		20	2007-08								
		21	2008-09								
10.	Kamakhya Enterprise	22	2004-05	26.02.12	0.35 ⁵	0.04	--	0.01	--	0.05	-do-
		23	2005-06		3.27 (0.03 @4% & 3.24 @12.5%)	0.41	0.43	0.04	--	0.88	-do-
3. Superintendent of Taxes, Charge-VI, Agartala											
11	Samin Chowdhury	24	2008-09	11.02.13	12.99	1.62	2.09	5.96	--	9.67	AA stated that the case would be reviewed as per provision of the TVAT Act and action would be taken accordingly.
		25	2009-10								
		26	2010-11								
12	Anwar Hossain	27	2007-08	14.01.11	22.97	2.87	1.46	0.29	--	4.62	-do-
		28	2008-09								
		29	2009-10								
		30	2010-11								
13	Milan Miah	31	2009-10	29.01.13	36.50	4.56	1.51	6.84	--	12.91	-do-
		32	2010-11								
14	Narayan Das	33	2009-10	23.12.12	27.03(24.36 @12.5% & 2.67 @13.5%)	3.41	1.50	5.11	--	10.02	-do-
		34	2011-12								

² Taxable @ 12.5 per cent in VAT regime

³ Taxable @8 per cent in Sales Tax regime

⁴ Additional Sales Tax of ` 1.80 lakh (0.5 per cent on TOR) levied in Sales Tax regime

⁵ Taxable @12 per cent in Sales Tax regime

Appendix-4.1(A) (Concl'd.)

Statement showing short levy of Sales Tax/VAT, interest, penalty and Additional Sales Tax due to concealment of turnover by the dealers

(Reference: Paragraph No. 4.2)

(₹ in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the dealer	No. of assessment cases	Period of assessment	Date of assessment	Amount of Concealment of turnover ⁶	Short levy				Total	Remarks
						Sales Tax/ VAT	Interest	Penalty	Addl. Sales Tax		
15	Firoj Khan	35	2008-09	29.01.13	16.58(15.90 @12.5% & 0.68 @13.5%)	2.08	1.39	3.12	--	6.59	-
		36	2009-10								
		37	2010-11								
		38	2011-12								
16	Joy Ram Udyog	39	2005-06	31.03.11	33.10(5.78 @4% & 27.32 @12.5%)	3.65	3.23	0.36	--	7.24	-
4. Superintendent of Taxes, Charge-VII, Agartala											
17	Priya Motors Pvt. Ltd.	40	2006-07	17.01.11	13.66	1.71	0.65	--	--	2.36	Since AA has no power for making re-assessment of the dealer, the case is being taken up for review by the Revisional authority.
18	S.P. Agency	41	2005-06	30.05.11	3.35	0.42	0.39	--	--	0.81	-do-
19	K.D. Industries	42	2005-06	29.01.11	7.30	0.90	0.53	0.06	--	1.49	-do-
		43	2007-08								
		44	2008-09	24.09.11							
		45	2009-10								
5. Superintendent of Taxes, Udaipur											
20	Dutta Brothers	46	2005-06	NA	8.19 (4%)	0.33	0.35	0.28		0.96	AA stated that the case would be reviewed as per provision of the TVAT Act and action would be taken accordingly
21	Chandra Tara Stores	47	2008-09	28.11.12	2.06(0.84 @4% & 1.22 @12.5%)	0.19	0.12	0.09	--	0.40	-do-
Total:					529.47	59.66	50.46	36.45	1.80	148.37	

⁶ Taxable @ 12.5 per cent in VAT regime

Appendix-4.1(B)

Statement showing short levy of Sales Tax/VAT, interest and penalty due to incorrect application of taxable rates
(Reference: Paragraph No. 4.2)

(₹ in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the dealer	No. of assess-ment cases	Period of assess-ment	Date of assess-ment	Amount on which incorrect application of taxable rates was made ⁷	Short levy			Total	Remarks
						Sales Tax/ VAT	Interest	Penalty		
1. Superintendent of Taxes, Charge-I, Agartala										
1	Ramthakur Enterprise	1	2005-06	31.01.12	2.10	0.18	0.19	--	0.37	AA stated that the case will be reviewed as per provision of the TVAT Act and action will be taken accordingly
2. Superintendent of Taxes, Charge-IV, Agartala										
2	Bengal Sanitary Stores	2	2005-06	25.04.12	5.45	0.46	0.51	0.05	1.02	-do-
Total					7.55	0.64	0.70	0.05	1.39	

⁷ Tax deposited @4 per cent instead of 12.5 per cent i.e. 8.5 per cent short deposited by the dealer

Appendix 4.1(C)

Statement showing non levy of penalty due to non submission of audited balance sheet

(Reference: Paragraph No.4.2)

(₹ in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the dealer	No. of assessment cases	Period of assessment	Date of assessment	Penalty	Total	Remarks
1. Superintendent of Taxes, Charge-IV, Agartala							
1	Victor & Company	1	2007-08	31.01.13	0.97	0.97	AA stated that the case would be reviewed as per provision of the TVAT Act and action would be taken accordingly
		2	2008-09				
		3	2009-10				
		4	2010-11				
2 Superintendent of Taxes, Udaipur							
2	Dutta Brothers	5	2005-06	NA	0.65	0.65	-do-
		6	2006-07	23.03.13			
		7	2007-08				
		8	2008-09				
		9	2009-10				
		10	2010-11				
		11	2011-12				
Total					1.62	1.62	

Appendix 5.1

Units Selected by Using Random Table (Page No. 23)

(Reference: Paragraph No. 5.3.5)

Automatic Selections Being Single Unit/Controlling Unit:

Sl. No.	Name of the Selected Units
1.	Office of the DGP (PHQ)
2.	Office of the SP, Procurement
3.	Office of the SP, Communication
4.	Office of the SP, CID
5.	Office of the SP, Traffic
6.	Office of the Principal, KTD Singh Police Training Academy, Narsingarh
7.	Office of the Director, FSL, Narsingarh
8.	Commanding Officer, TSR 2 nd BN (Training), Gakulnagar
9.	Centre for Insurgency and Jungle Warfare(CIJW), under TSR 3 rd Bn, Kachucherra, Dhalai

Selection of Districts:

Sl. No.	Name of the District
1.	Dhalai
2.	West Tripura

Selection of District Units:

Sl. No.	Name of the Selected Units
1.	Office of the SP, West Tripura District <i>{Bifurcated into three offices viz., SP (West), SP (Sepahijala) and SP (Khowai) w.e.f. January 2012}</i>
2.	Office of the SP, Dhalai District

Selection of Police Station under West Tripura District:

Sl. No.	Name of the Police Stations
1st STRATA: Women Station	
1.	Women Agartala Police Station
2nd STRATA: Capital Police Station	
1.	East Agartala PS
3rd STRATA: Police Station outside Capital	
1.	Bishramganj PS
2.	Melaghar PS
3.	Champahour PS

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Units Selected by Using Random Table (Page No. 23)

(Reference: Paragraph No. 5.3.5)

Selection of Out Post under selected Police Stations of West Tripura District

Sl. No.	Name of the Police Station	Name of the Out Post
1.	East Agartala PS	1 Khayerpur OP 2 Abhoynagar OP
2.	Bishramganj PS	Amarendranagar OP
3.	Melaghar PS	Taibandal OP
4.	Champahour PS	No Out Post

Selection of Police Station under Dhalai District:

Sl. No.	Name of the Police Stations
1.	Dhumacherra PS
2.	Gandacherra PS
3.	Kachucherra PS

**** No Out Post under Dhalai District**

Selection of TSR Bn:

Sl. No.	Name of the selected TSR BN
1.	Commandant 5 th BN TSR, Daluma, Amarpur
2.	Commandant 7 th BN TSR, Jumpuijala
3.	Commandant 8 th BN TSR, Lalcherra, Dhalai

Appendix 5.2

Details of savings against revised budget estimates during 2008-09 to 2012-13

{Reference: Paragraph No. 5.3.7.1(i)}

₹ in lakh

Sl. No.	Item of Expenditure	Proposal sent for Budget Estimate	Budget Allotted	Proposal sent for Revised Estimate	Revised Budget Allotted	Expenditure Incurred	Savings	Percentage of savings
Year 2008-09								
1.	Office expenses	140	157.2	174.12	194.32	181.45	12.87	7
2.	Rent Rates and Taxes	4.4	4.4	5	5	3.29	1.71	34
3.	Piublication	1	1.25	1.27	2.75	1.84	0.91	33
4.	Purchase of new vehicles	490	490	1198.22	1198.22	1135.12	63.10	5
5.	Cost of fuel etc and maintainance cost of vehicles	180	185	150	157.37	149.65	7.72	5
6.	Hiring charges of vehicles	500	503	263	751.72	329.79	421.93	56
7.	Other Administrative expenses	15	9.7	20.49	20.34	14.35	5.99	29
8.	Supplies and materials	300	313	179.97	203.52	198.88	4.64	2
9.	P.O.L.	1400	1402	1416.69	1420.64	1369.31	51.33	4
10.	Clothing and tentage	300	300	479.4	479.4	479.27	0.13	0
11.	Minor works	693.6	1141.15	703.37	1002.14	498.31	503.83	50
Total:		4024	4506.7	4591.5	5435.42	4361.26	1074.16	20
Year 2009-10								
1.	TA	1030.35	1030.35	1027.35	1035.85	1024.41	11.44	1
2.	Purchase of new vehicles	937	667	709.4	709.4	558.41	150.99	21
3.	Hiring charges of vehicles	355	355	235.12	240.12	234.85	5.27	2
4.	Supplies and materials	200.57	200.57	466.17	470.67	462.09	8.58	2
5.	Clothing and tentage	500	500	613.8	613.8	613.76	0.04	0
6.	Minor works	1285.08	1285.08	929.64	1436.89	662.09	774.80	54
Total:		4308	4038	3981.48	4506.73	3555.61	951.12	21
Year 2010-11								
1.	Wages	707.88	709.58	714.95	714.95	699.56	15.39	2
2.	Cost of fuel etc and maintainance cost of vehicles	179.2	186	93.11	96.63	93.08	3.55	4
3.	Hiring charges of vehicles	140	145	186.47	140.03	136.50	3.53	3
4.	Supplies and materials	300	204.5	324.21	214.29	306.41	-92.12	-43

Appendix 5.2 (concl.)

Details of savings against revised budget estimates during 2008-09 to 2012-13

{Reference: Paragraph No. 5.3.7.1(i)}

(₹ in lakh)

Sl. No.	Item of Expenditure	Proposal sent for Budget Estimate	Budget Allotted	Proposal sent for Revised Estimate	Revised Budget Allotted	Expenditure Incurred	Savings	Percentage of savings
5.	P.O.L.	1262	1267	1490.54	1385.54	1385.53	0.01	0
6.	Clothing and tentage	200	348	130	270	269.79	0.21	0
7.	Minor works	475	715.6	570	698.81	431.60	267.21	38
Total:		3264.08	3575.68	3509.28	3520.25	3322.47	197.78	6
Year 2011-12								
1.	Wages	796	750.7	750	750.7	698.49	52.21	7
2.	TA	1865.5	240	973.2	973.2	945.99	27.21	3
3.	Cost of fuel etc and maintainance cost of vehicles	142	100	143.14	143.14	138.50	4.64	3
4.	Hiring charges of vehicles	100	100	135	105	108.03	-3.03	-3
5.	Supplies and materials	450	247	156.7	244.5	245.59	-1.09	0
6.	Cost of Ration, Medicine, Bedding etc	40	22.25	24.93	27.04	25.27	1.77	7
7.	P.O.L.	262	1300	1670	1670	1666.18	3.82	0
8.	Minor works	400	3456	527.27	657.4	651.84	5.56	1
Total:		4055.5	6215.95	4380.24	4570.98	4479.89	91.09	2
Year 2012-13								
1.	Wages	750	750	797.53	770	715.89	54.11	7
2.	Hiring charges of vehicles	80	80	215	519.5	470.57	48.93	9
3.	Supplies and materials	206.54	206.54	485.45	513.32	504.57	8.75	2
4.	Clothing and tentage	100	124	199.47	319.47	319.05	0.42	0
5.	Minor works	228.56	278.56	229.19	625.71	361.52	264.19	42
Total:		1365.1	1439.1	1926.64	2748	2371.60	376.40	14

Appendix 5.3

Statement showing expenditure incurred in March *vis-a-vis* total expenditure under Non-salary during 2008-13

{Reference: Paragraph No. 5.3.7.1(ii)}

(` in lakh)

Name of the unit	2008-09			2009-10			2010-11			2011-12			2012-13		
	Expenditure in March	Total expenditure	Percentage of March expenditure to total expenditure	Expenditure in March	Total expenditure	Percentage of March expenditure to total expenditure	Expenditure in March	Total expenditure	Percentage of March expenditure to total expenditure	Expenditure in March	Total expenditure	Percentage of March expenditure to total expenditure	Expenditure in March	Total expenditure	Percentage of March expenditure to total expenditure
PHQ	0.62	4.56	13.60	2.5	7.21	34.67	2.04	8.26	24.70	5.98	7.3	81.92	3.6	13.18	27.31
SP WEST	1.42	4.51	31.49	1.45	5.7	25.44	0.46	2.7	17.04	1.45	3.14	46.18	1.47	3.22	45.65
SP (Khowai)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.30	0.80	37.50
SP (Sepahijala)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.28	0.37	75.68
SP (Dhalai)	0.37	1.28	28.91	0.48	2.07	23.19	0.56	1.40	40.00	0.71	1.58	44.94	0.80	2.00	40.00
SP COMM	0.77	2.36	32.63	1.05	2.73	38.46	0.16	1.82	8.79	0.78	1.29	60.47	0.13	1.93	6.74
SP CID	0.05	0.22	22.73	3.9	4.37	89.24	0.78	1.16	67.24	0.41	0.84	48.81	0.02	0.35	5.71
SP (Procurement)	0.09	4.91	1.83	0.1	5.9	1.69	0.2	1.18	16.95	0.63	2.22	28.38	1.37	4.95	27.68
TSR 2 nd Bn	0.40	1.06	38.00	0.19	1.19	16.00	0.02	0.46	4.00	0.07	0.37	18.00	0.17	0.79	21.00
TSR 3rd Bn	2.82	7.81	36.11	21.17	141.8	14.93	6.64	61.56	10.79	26.83	84.14	31.89	47.22	124.81	37.83
TSR 5TH Bn	42.71	111.8	38.22	16.63	123.4	13.48	2.29	69.68	3.29	62.83	145.77	43.10	52.13	139	37.50
TSR 7 th Bn	0.36	0.9	40.00	0.33	1.2	27.50	0.18	0.62	29.03	0.18	0.73	24.66	0.33	1.46	22.60
TSR 8 th Bn	0.38	1.02	37.25	0.57	1.29	44.19	0.19	0.67	28.36	0.27	1.42	19.01	1.43	2.72	52.57

Source: Departmental records.

Appendix 5.4

Statement showing differences of closing balances as per Cash Book and Bank statement

{Reference: Paragraph No. 5.3.7.1(iii) & (iv)}

(In ₹)

Sl. No.	Name of Unit	Closing Balance as per cash book	Closing Balance as per bank statement	Difference
1.	Director General of Police	29937840	30012690	74850
2.	S.P. Sepahijala	864964	4652413	3787449
3.	S. P. West	10942232	13585275	2643043
4.	S.P. Dhalai	9858355	11283552	1425197
5.	S.P. Khowai	95430	4058253	3962823
6.	S.P. CID	890004	1379746	489742
7.	S.P. Procurement	751504	52662857	51911353
8.	S.P. Traffic	23987	831262	807275
9.	S.P. Communication	0	5900	5900
10.	Comndt. 2nd BN TSR	6412960	6412960	0
11.	Comndt. 3rd BN TSR	168622	2578834	2410212
12.	Comndt. 5th BN TSR	4458338	4458338	0
13.	Comndt. 7th BN TSR	0	0	0
14.	Comndt. 8th BN TSR	11860	12243280	12231420
15.	Director. Forensic Science Laboratory	5762937	5767576	4639
16.	Principal, Police Training Academy	16477	9609504	9593027
Total:		7,01,95,510	15,95,42,440	8,93,46,930

Appendix 5.5

Statement showing the organisation-wise position of outstanding deployment cost of Police Personnel upto May 2013

{Reference: Paragraph No. 5.3.7.1(vi)}

Sl. No.	Name of the Police establishment to whom due	Name of the Organisation from whom due	Period of claim	Amount outstanding (in ₹)
1	S P West	BSNL, Agartala	April 02 to April 11	1348496
		SIB, Agartala	January 13 to February 13	252532
		AG, Tripura, Agartala	January 13 to May 13	418340
		DDK, Agartala	March 13 to May 13	396672
		AIR, Agartala	September 12 to May 13	2708967
		ONGC, Agartala	May 11 to March, 12 & January 13 to April 13	10407943
		Transport Department	December 11 to May 13	3216116
		BSNL, Mohanbari	October 05 to April 12	9458995
		SBI, Melarmath Branch	February 10 to May 13	1579594
		Central Bank of India, Khosh Bagan, Agartala	September 03 to September 12 & March 13 to May 13	3722470
		UBI, Khowai Branch	September 03 to April 12	7940633
		UBI, Sonamura Branch	September 03 to April 12	8320874
		Sub-Total		49771632
2	SP Dhalai	Airports Authority of India,(AAI),Kamalpur	November 06 to March 13	288720
		AIR, Longtharai	January 10 to March 13	4875308
		S K Bari Microwave Station &Telephone Babhwan, Ambassa	April 95 to November 11	25485267
		Sub-Total		30649295
3	SP South	All India Radio	January 12 to February 13	420444
		Sub-Total		420444
4	SP Unakoti	AIR, Kailashahar	September 11 & January 13 to June 13	1348427
		AAI, Kailashahar	March 08 to June 13	1219788
		Microwave Sub-station, Sermuntilla	May 05 to October 11	13475383
		Sub-Total		16043598
5	Commandant, SAF	BSNL, Badharghat.	April 99 to December 10	7317219
		BSNL, North Gate	April 99 to December 10	7618618
		Sub-Total		14935837
6	Commandant, Home Guard, Tripura	AIR, Agartala	December 12 to May 13	272825
		BSNL	October 12 to May 13	169400
		DMN T/tore	November 12 to January 13	48300
		Air India	January 13 to May 13	135135
		Air India	October 11	9175
		AIR, Kailashahar	March 11 to March 12	72650
		AAI, Khowai	April 11 to May 13	508825

Appendix 5.5 (Contd..)

Statement showing the organisation-wise position of outstanding deployment cost of Police Personnel upto May 2013

{Reference: Paragraph No. 5.3.7.1(vi)}

Sl. No.	Name of the Police establishment to whom due	Name of the Organisation from whom due	Period of claim	Amount outstanding (in ₹)
		AIR, Natun Bazar	September 11 to May 13	164100
		AIR, Udaipur	August 12 to May 13	156025
		DDK Agartala		124950
		Sub-Total		1661385
7	Commandant, 1st Bn. TSR	ONGC, Tripura	March 09 to June 09 & May 13	3037968
		GAIL India Pvt. Ltd.	February 13 to May 13	902951
		Jubilant Oil & Gas Pvt. Ltd.	September, October & December 12 & March 13	68549
		HLS Asia Ltd. Tripura	May 12 to February 13	49077
		Sub-Total		4058545
8	Commandant, 2nd Bn. TSR	ONGC, Tripura	June 12	135738
		GAIL India Pvt. Ltd.	December 03 to April 05	1232469
			Total	1368207
9	Commandant, 6th Bn. TSR	Jubilant Oil & Gas Pvt. Ltd.	November 12 to February 13	1516022
		Sub-Total		1516022
10	Commandant, 7th Bn. TSR	Jubilant Oil & Gas Pvt. Ltd.	December 12 & January 13	789399
		Sub-Total		789399
11	Commandant, 9th Bn. TSR	Jubilant Oil & Gas Pvt. Ltd.	January 2012 to February 2013	2328552
		Sub-Total		2328552
12	Commandant, 10 th Bn. TSR	ONGC Ltd. Agartala	January, April & May 2013	66842827
		Sub-Total		66842827
13	Commandant, 11th Bn. TSR	OTPC, Palatana	October 11 to January 13	5485579
		Sub-Total		5485579
14	SP, Unakoti	UBI, Kailashahar	September 03 to March 10 & January 11 to June 13	10838295
		Sub-Total		10838295
15	Commandant, SAF	SBI, Melarmath Branch, Agartala	January 03 to June 13	12327187
		State Bank of India, TLA Branch, Agartala	January 03 to June 13	7681072
		UBI, HGB Road Agartala	January 03 to June 13	6688185
		UCO Bank of India, HGB Road, Agartala	January 03 to June 13	5050480
		Tripura Gramin Bank(TGB), Bordowali, Agartala	October 10 to June 13	3364974
		Sub-Total		35111898

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Statement showing the organisation-wise position of outstanding deployment cost of Police Personnel upto May 2013

{Reference: Paragraph No. 5.3.7.1 (vi)}

Sl. No.	Name of the Police establishment to whom due	Name of the Organisation from whom due	Period of claim	Amount outstanding (in ₹)
16	SP (Dhalai)	UBI, Kamalpur Branch	September 03 to December 12 & April 13 to July 13	8059539
		UBI, Ambassa Branch	September 03 to December 12 & April 13 to July 13	7381083
		UBI, Manu Branch	September 03 to December 12 & April 13 to July 13	7392727
			Sub-Total	22833349
17	SP (South)	UBI, Sabroom Branch	September 03 to June 13	8853670
		UBI, Belonia Branch	September 03 to June 13	8853670
			Sub-Total	17707340
18	SP (Gomati)	SBI, Udaipur.	September 03 to June 13	5556908
		UBI, Udaipur Branch	September 03 to June 13	7661578
		UBI, Amarpur Branch	September 03 to June 13	7661578
			Sub-Total	20880064
19	SP (North)	SBI, Dharmanagar Branch	September 03 to September 12	7494847
			Sub-Total	7494847
			Grand Total	310737115

Source: Departmental records.

Appendix 5.6

Statement showing items reported as procured under MoPF but in reality not procured till September 2013

{Reference: Paragraph No. 5.3.7.2(ii)}

(₹ in lakh)

Item	Year	Quantity	Cost
CC TV	2010-11	02	50.000
15 KVA Generator (against Jammer)	2010-11	08	24.960
Poly Carbonate Anti Riot Shield (against Jammer)	2010-11	400	15.342
Poly Carbonate Antiriot Helmet (against Jammer)	2010-11	510	
Body protector (against Jammer)	2010-11	102	31.698
Mega Ray	2009-10	06	45.000
Tyre Retreading Machine	2009-10	07	52.500
Total:			219.500

Source: Departmental records.