

Brief note on various programmes under Panchayat & Rural Development
Department under Gorkhaland Territorial Administration

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Consequent upon the Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) signed between the Government of India, Government of West Bengal and the Gorkha Janamukti Morcha (GTA) for creation of an autonomous body namely Gorkhaland Territorial Administration on 18th July 2011, the GTA formally came into being on 4th August 2012. Since then numerous works for the socio-economic, infra-structural, educational and cultural development of GTA region is being carried out.

As per Section 26 of the GTA Act 2011, the GTA shall have administrative, financial and executive powers in relation to various programme of P&RDD and as per Order No.5362/PN/O/1/3C-8/2011, dated,10.10.2012 of the Principal Secretary, P&RDD, GoWB, the said objective is sought to be put into effect. As such various schemes & programmes under P&RD, especially MGNREGS, NSAP, IAY, 13th FC, NBA, SSK/MSK, RIDF, NRLM are sought to be implemented through the GTA.

1. MGNREGS:

With a view to provide 100 days of guaranteed employment to the rural people, Government of India initiated the NREGS in the year 2005. GTA (erstwhile DGHC) areas was not covered in the 1st phase, however in the 2nd phase the district of Darjeeling as well as GTA was included under NREGS during the year 2007. Accordingly NREGS was initiated in the area under GTA from the month of September 2007. Now, various works under MGNREGS are being implemented in the 8 hill blocks under GTA vigorously.

As per Order No.5362/PN/O/1/3C-8/2011, dated,10.10.2012 of the Principal Secretary, P&RDD, GoWB, the Principal Secretary, GTA shall function as the District Programme Coordinator in the GTA area.

Brief Financial & Physical reports of MGNREGS for the year 2012-13 are as follows:

Total Availability:	Rs. 17077.467 lakhs
Total Expenditure:	Rs. 16924.994 lakhs
Closing Balance	Rs. 152.473 lakhs
Total registered Household:	1,37,297 HH
HH Provided Employment	1,09,780 HH
Persondays Generated:	69.72 lakhs
Women Persondays:	34.23 lakhs (49.09%)
Average Mandays per Household	63.52 days
No. of household completed 100 days:	15,637 HH

Darjeeling district (GTA area) had won the **National award** on “**Leadership in Improving MGNREGA Implementation**” for the year 2011-12.

Sector wise break up of Schemes: (2012-13)

Name of the Scheme	<u>No. of Schemes</u>	
	Completed	Under Process
a) Water Conservation / Harvesting	169	103
b) Drought Proofing	88	388
c) Minor Irrigation	63	26
d) Irrigation facilities to land owned by SC/ST	16	03
e) Renovation of Traditional Water Bodies	57	02
f) Land Development	664	379
g) Flood Control	369	593
h) Rural Connectivity	1575	1514
i) Others (approved by MoRD)	259	121
Total:	3260	3129

It is worth mentioning here that in the GTA region the MGNREGS works are being done successfully in a large scale as seen from the above report. However, there is a paucity of fund allotment; it is hereby, Proposed that, the fund may be earmarked to the GTA area directly by the Central government even though it may be routed through the State, so as to cope with the fund paucity. Similarly for other programmes, fund may be earmark separately as proposed above. This to a large extend will ensure effective and successful implementation of the various central sponsored programme in the GTA region.

2. NRLM:

Till date there are 4435 Self Help Groups in GTA area out of which there are 2046 women groups, 3349 SHGs has passed Grade – I and 1602 SHGs passed Grade – II.

3. Indira Awass Yozana:

Recently a sum of Rs. 380.56 lakhs was allotted to GTA for the construction of new houses.

The rate per house is Rs. 75,000.00

13th Finance:

INFORMATION ON G.T.A.

The areas were carved out the existing district of Darjeeling, covering 3075 sq. kms. Presently it has 112 Gram Panchayats in 8 hill blocks under three hill sub-divisions as follows:

<u>Sl. No.</u>	<u>Name of the Block</u>	<u>No. of GPs</u>	<u>Sub-division</u>	<u>Municipality</u>
1.	Darjeeling Pulbazar	23	} Sadar	Darjeeling
2.	Jorebunglow SukhiaPokhri	16		
3.	Rangli-Rangliot	11		
4.	Kurseong	14	} Kurseong	Kurseong
5.	Mirik	06		Mirik
6.	Kalimpong I	18	} Kalimpong	Kalimpong
7.	Kalimpong II	13		
8.	Gorubathan	11		

The headquarter of GTA is Darjeeling situated at 27 degree 13 minutes North Latitude and 88 degree 53 minutes East Longitude at an elevation of 6700 ft from sea level. According to the Official Census 2011, the total population of Darjeeling district area is 1,842,034, out of which in 112 Gram Panchayats of GTA area the total population is 5, 91,236 of which male and female are 2,98,232 and 2,93,004 respectively.

The G.T.A. has been created with a view to bring about massive developmental changes in hill area. It has to shoulder the responsibilities of development works under various Central and State Government Schemes. It is headed by the Chief Executive, who is assisted by the Principal Secretary normally of a rank of Principal Secretary to the Government of West Bengal belonging to I.A.S. cadre.

Under G.T.A. there are transfer Departments like Panchayat & Rural Development, Education, Health, Finance, Establishment, Information & Cultural Affairs, P.H.E., Horticulture, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Tribal Welfare etc which are being transfer.

As per Order No.5362/PN/O/1/3C-8/2011, dated,10.10.2012 of the Principal Secretary, P&RDD, GoWB, the Panchayat & Rural Development Department has been transferred to GTA. The Executive Director, P&RDD, GTA is the DDO of the Department.

Brief report of the schemes under P&RDD.

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Brief Financial & Physical reports of MGNREGS for the year 2012-13 are as follows:

Total Availability:	Rs. 17069.70 lakhs
Total Expenditure:	Rs. 16844.54 lakhs
Closing Balance	Rs. 225.16 lakhs

Total registered Household:	1,36,809 HH
HH Provided Employment	1,09,036 HH
Persondays Generated:	64.75 lakhs
Women Persondays:	28.60 lakhs (44.17%)
Average Mandays per Household	59.38 days
No. of household completed 100 days:	13,889 HH
Payment Due as per MIS:	Rs. 4415.86 lakhs

Detail report is attached in annexure 'A'.

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5. SGSY:

Till date there are 4435 Self Help Groups in GTA area out of which there are 2046 women groups, 3349 SHGs has passed Grade – I and 1602 SHGs passed Grade – II.

The funds meant for GTA area may directly be allocated to GTA for

Indira Awas Yozana: 2007-08 onwards no fund has been so far received, either Central or State. The proposal had already been sent along with the audit report & Utilization certificate.

6. 3rd Finance Commission: No any fund so far has been received by GTA.

7. 13th Finance: