RURAL DEVELOPMENT

As per 1951 Census, there were 304 rural villages in Delhi with the population of 3.07 lakh (18%) of the total population of 17.44 lakh. Subsequently in the 2001 Census, the no. of rural village decreased to 158 with the population of 9.45 lakh (6.82%) of the total population of 138.51 lakh. Further in the 2011 census, the no. of rural villages are 112 with the population of 4.19 lakh (2.50%) of the provisional population of 168 lakh. The total area of Delhi is 1483 Sq. Kms., out of which 558.32 Sq. Kms. is rural as per 2001 Census. Now as per 2011 Census, the rural area of 112 rural villages is 369.35 Sq. Kms. The tasks of planning and recommending developmental works in the rural villages are entrusted to Rural Development Department.

The capital works of the Rural Development sector is carried out by the agencies such as I&FC Department, MCD, DJB. Plan outlay & expenditure of 11th Five Year plan and plan outlay of 12th Five Year Plan and annual plan 2012-13 for Rural Development Sector are as under:-

(₹ in crore)

| Sector | 11 th Five Year Plan | | 12th Five Year Plan | |
|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| | (2007-12) | | (2012-17) | |
| | Approved | Provisional | Plan Outlay | Plan Outlay |
| | Outlay | Expenditure | 2012-17 | 2012-13 |
| Rural | 721.46 | 844.10 | 882.00 | 162.22 |
| Development | | | | |
| Sector | | | | |
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To ensure overall development and to monitor the implementation progress of projects executed by various agencies, the Delhi Rural Development Board (DRDB) was constituted in October, 2004. Rural Developmental works are done under two Plan Schemes on the recommendations of Delhi Rural Development Board, which are as under:-

- a) Integrated Development of Rural Villages (IDRV)
- b) Maintenance of Multi Purpose Community Centres constructed under Mini Master Plan (MMP) for development of Rural Villages

A. Rural Development Department

The objectives of following schemes are to create infrastructural facilities in rural areas.

1. Integrated Development of Rural Villages (IDRV) Works

Plan Outlay

XII FYP: ₹80000.00 Lakh under Capital Head Annual Plan 2012-13: ₹15000.00 Lakh under Capital Head

The various development works executed in rural villages under IDRV include construction/ reconstruction of approach roads/ link roads, drainage, development of

ponds, parks, cremation grounds, playgrounds and other need-based works as approved by the Delhi Rural Development Board.

Demands for development works are received from various villages through elected public representatives i.e. Hon'ble M.L.A. After preliminary scrutiny and their feasibility in terms of availability of land, funds, cost involved etc., the schemes are placed before the DRDB, who priorities the work and recommends their execution through appropriate agency like MCD, I&FC, DSIIDC, DJB etc.

About 705 project proposals with estimated cost of ₹530 crore were approved during 2010-11 by the Delhi Rural Development Board. Expenditure sanctions of ₹ 254.45 crore have been issued up to 16.04.2012 for execution of 378 works (311 works of ₹ 217.35 crore to I & FC, 43 works of ₹ 31.80 crore to MCD & 24 works for ₹ 5.30 crore to DJB). In addition to this Expenditure sanction of one work of ₹ 0.03 crore to PWD was also issued. Detail of nature of these 378 works is as under:

| Type/ Nature of Work | Number of Works | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|--|--|
| Roads | 265 | | |
| Drains | 20 | | |
| Ponds | 25 | | |
| Community Centre | 3 | | |
| Park | 7 | | |
| Cremation Grounds | 26 | | |
| Vyamshala/ Play Ground | 6 | | |
| Culvert | 1 | | |
| High Mask Light | 1 | | |
| Water Supply | 24 | | |
| Total | 378 | | |

Under this scheme, a mega project "Lining of all channels of Bawana Irrigation System of Haryana Govt. falling in Delhi State Area" has been approved by the EFC at net cost of ₹14.72 crore in its meeting held on 27.02.2012 to achieve reduction /elimination of heavy loss of water due to seepage and optimum utilization of water for the benefit of agriculturist. There are 5 Irrigation channel of Haryana Irrigation Department falling in Bawana. The total length of these channels are about 45 Km and are unlined.

Total 618 no. of Schemes (Containing 764 components of Civil and Electrical works) were sanctioned to be executed by MCD during 2005-06 to 2011-12, out of which 569 schemes (700 components) were completed up to 29.02.2012.

The works sanctioned for execution during 2011-12 and earlier ongoing works, to be completed during the Annual Plan 2012-13 and spill over in the 12th Five Year Plan. Moreover the other development works that would be recommended by the Board in its future meetings are required to be executed during the 12th Five Year Plan.

2. <u>Maintenance of Multi Purpose Community Centres constructed under Mini Master Plan (MMP) for Development of Rural Villages</u>

Plan Outlay

XII FYP: ₹1200.00 Lakh (₹ 875.00 Lakh under Revenue Head

&₹ 325.00 Lakh under Capital Head)

Annual Plan 2012-13: ₹220.00 Lakh (₹170.00 Lakh under Revenue Head &

₹50.00 Lakh under Capital Head)

Under Mini Master Plan Scheme, 78 Multi Purpose Community Centres (MPCCs) were constructed which were handed over to concerned Deputy Commissioners in August, 2004 who look after their allotment and upkeep.

The cost of repair/ renovation and maintenance of these MPCCs, along with salaries of caretakers working in MPCCs (on contract), salaries of security staff and other staff of Rural Development Department are paid from the budgetary allocation made under this scheme.

B) <u>Directorate of Panchayat</u>

Panchayat Department is functioning under the administrative control of Divisional Commissioner. On supersession of Panchayats by an order of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Delhi on 25/1/1990, all the duties, powers and functions of the Panchayats were to be discharged by the Dy. Commissioner, Delhi and subsequently vide notification dated 25/6/97 to the nine districts Dy. Commissioners on decentralization of the Dy. Commissioner, Delhi office. Further vide an order dated 8/1/2004 issued by Pr. Secretary (Revenue)/ Divisional Commissioner, it has exclusively been made clear that Deputy Commissioners shall exercise control and supervision and discharge the powers and functions backed by the responsibility under the Delhi Panchayati Raj Act and Rules and shall ensure compliance of all officers working under them from the Panchayat Department. Director (Panchayat) has been confined to function as a Branch officer of the Headquarter.

Over 1000 acres of Gaon Sabha land has been allotted and being allotted to Govt. Departments for public utility in Delhi by the Panchayat Department. On allotment, the premium charged and ground rent is recovered from lessee annually which is deposited in respective Gram Sabha Area. Fund is being maintained by BDO in district. As far as allotment of Gaon Sabha land is concerned, as a policy, Gaon Sabha land can only be allotted to Govt. Departments for developing facilities for the local community such as schools, hospitals/dispensaries and community centre etc. by the prior approval of Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi.

Development of Chaupals, Panchayat Ghars, Barat Ghars, Protection of Gram Sabha Land

Plan outlay & expenditure of 11^{th} Five Year plan and plan outlay for 12^{th} Five Year Plan and annual plan 2012-13 of the scheme is as under:-

(₹ in crore)

| Scheme | 11 th Five Year Plan | | 12 th Five Year Plan | |
|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| | (2007-12) | | (2012-17) | |
| | Approved | Provisional | Plan Outlay | Plan Outlay |
| | Outlay | Expenditure | 2012-17 | 2012-13 |
| Development of | 30.44 | 75.60 | 70.00 | 10.02 |
| Chaupals, | | | | |
| Panchayat Ghars, | | | | |
| Protection of | | | | |
| Gram Sabha land | | | | |
| | | | | |

The scheme has following two components:-

i) Strengthening of the Panchayat Unit

Plan Outlay

XII FYP:- ₹ 15.00 Lakh (under Revenue Head) **Annual Plan 2012-13:-** ₹ 2.00 Lakh (under Revenue Head)

(ii) <u>Protection of Gaon Sabha land & its development and construction of Chaupals, Barat Ghars & Panchayat Ghars etc.</u>

Plan Outlay

XII FYP: ₹ 6985.00 Lakh (under Capital Head)
Annual Plan 2012-13: ₹ 1000.00 Lakh (under Capital Head)

The revenue expenditure to be incurred for maintenance, up keeping of machinery and equipment of the Panchayat Department and capital expenditure to be incurred on construction of boundary wall on vacant Gaon Sabha Land and construction/ demolition & reconstruction/ repair & renovation of chaupals, barat ghars/ panchayat ghars and removal of hyacinths from the village ponds.