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### **FOREWORD**

In keeping with the endeavour of the Government of India to promote transparency and accountability, a brochure containing the status of implementation of announcements made in the Budget for 2008-2009 has been compiled. It includes the achievements under the Government's Flagship Programmes including the Bharat Nirman components.

I am happy to place this brochure before the House.

**[Pawan Kumar Bansal]**

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\* Bharat Nirman  
 Flagship Programme

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1.	16	<p><b>*Progress under Bharat Nirman</b></p> <p>For Bharat Nirman, I propose to provide Rs.31,280 crore [including the North Eastern Region (NER) component] as against Rs.24,603 crore in 2007-08.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: M/o Water Resources D/o Drinking Water Supply D/o Telecommunications M/o Power D/o Rural Development]</p>	<p><b>i. Irrigation:</b> Separate budgetary provision has not been made for the irrigation component of Bharat Nirman. As such, no financial progress can be reported.</p> <p><b>ii. Drinking Water Supply:</b> As on 15.1.2009 against Rs. 7,300 crore, an amount of Rs. 5,524.76 crore has been released to the States in regard to rural water supply programme. Under Bharat Nirman Programme, against a target to cover 6.03 lakh habitations with potable water, about 4.8 lakh habitations have been covered and provided with potable water. The rest of the habitations also will be covered/addressed with potable water by the stipulated date of 31.3.2009.</p> <p><b>iii. Rural Telephony:</b> 66,822 uncovered villages are to be provided VPTs, and 56,030 villages have been covered up to 31.12.2008. Funds to the tune of Rs. 139.28 crores have been released under the Scheme upto 31.12.2008.</p> <p><b>iv. Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY):</b> In 2008-09, funds of Rs 5,500 crore have been allocated, out of which Rs.2,668.47 crore have been released upto December, 2008.</p> <p>As on 31.12.2008, Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) has received 614 proposals under RGGVY out of which 235 projects have been sanctioned for implementation in 10th Plan at the sanctioned cost of Rs. 9,732.90 crore for electrification of 66,638 un-electrified villages, and for intensive electrification of 111,936 electrified villages for benefitting 12,613,996 rural households including 83,10,286 BPL households. 323 projects have been sanctioned for implementation in Phase-I of 11th Plan at the sanctioned cost of Rs. 15,946.73 crore for electrification of 49,486 un-electrified villages and for intensive electrification of 237,917 electrified villages for benefitting and 28,313,732 rural households including 16,037,554 BPL households.</p> <p>REC has released funds to the tune of Rs. 11,249.03 crore under RGGVY.</p> <p>As on 31.12.2008, the cumulative achievement is in the form of electrification of 54,317 un-electrified villages and intensive electrification of 70,144 electrified villages. Electricity connections to 5,142,322 rural households including 4,300,834 BPL connections have been released so far.</p>

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The year wise achievements in physical and financial terms are as under:

#### **Physical Progress**

Year	Achievement (Number of unelectrified villages electrified)
2005-06	9,819
2006-07	28,706
2007-08	9,301
2008-09 (upto 31.12.08)	6,491

#### **Financial Progress (in Rs. Crore)**

Year	Fund Budgeted	Funds Released
2005-06	1,100	1,100
2006-07	3,000	3,000
2007-08	3,983	3,913.45
2008-09	5,500	2668.47

#### v. **Rural Roads:**

During the year 2008-09, additional allocation of Rs. 1,000 crore against the programme component and an increase of Rs. 1,000 crore under NABARD loan have since been agreed to as part of the economic stimulus package. The enhanced allocation under the programme would now be as under :

Programme Component :	Rs.5,530.00 crore
EAP Component	Rs.2,250.00 crore
NABARD Loan	Rs.8,000.00 crore
<b>Total</b>	<b>Rs.15,780.00 crore</b>

During the four year period of 2005-09, it is targeted to construct 1.46 lakh kilometres of rural road connecting 59,564 habitations and upgrade 1.94 lakh kilometers of existing rural roads. Till November, 2008, new connectivity measuring 0.71 lakh km have been completed, covering 23,633 habitations. Process of connecting 18,662 habitations are at different stages of completion. 1.23 lakh kilometres of road have also been upgraded during the period.

#### vi. **Rural Housing:**

During the year 2008-09, Rs.5,400 crore was allocated under BE for the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) and an additional Rs.350 crore was allocated as first supplementary. As part of the economic stimulus package, an additional provision of Rs.3,050 crore has also been agreed to which would raise the total allocation during the year to Rs.8,800 crore.

Under the Bharat Nirman Scheme, 60 lakh houses are to be constructed during the four year period from 2005-06 to 2008-09. As per information received till December, 2008, 61.37 lakh houses have already been constructed under the Bharat Nirman programme. For the current year (2008-09) original target of 21.27 lakh houses have been revised to 43.67 lakh houses in view

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			of additional funds made available under the economic stimulus package. A total of 19.42 lakh houses have been sanctioned upto December, 2008, out of which 10.96 lakh houses have since been completed. The year-wise details of expenditure incurred are as under:																				
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2.	19	<p><b>Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan</b></p> <p>The focus of SSA will shift from access and infrastructure at the primary level to enhancing retention; improving quality of learning; and ensuring access to upper primary classes.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o School Education &amp; Literacy]</p>	<p><b>Ongoing programme</b></p> <p>Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) has sanctioned opening 20,035 new upper primary schools in 2008-09, in order to enhance access to classes VI-VIII. 59,039 posts of teachers have been sanctioned for upper primary schools.</p> <p>Rs. 48.74 crore has been provided for furniture for upper primary schools in 2008-09.</p> <p>In 2008-09, about Rs. 12,477.24 crore, i.e, 51% of the total SSA outlay has been committed to quality improvement related interventions.</p>																				
3.	20	<p><b>Model School programme</b></p> <p>A Model School programme, with the aim of establishing 6,000 high quality model schools, will be started in 2008-09. I propose to provide Rs.650 crore for the new scheme.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o School Education &amp; Literacy]</p>	<p><b>Ongoing programme</b></p> <p>The scheme for 2,500 model schools has been approved by the Government on 6.11.2008. For the remaining 3,500 schools, the scheme is being finalized in consultation with the Planning Commission. With this, the first phase of the centrally sponsored scheme to set up 6,000 model schools at block level has been launched. Guidelines for the scheme have been sent to all State Governments and UTs . These schools are proposed to be set up in the following manner:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2,500 Schools in PPP mode;</li> <li>725 schools in Kendriya Vidyalaya template under State Governments; and</li> <li>275 fully funded KVs in districts not having any KV in civil sector.</li> </ol>																				
4.	21	<p><b>Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya</b></p> <p>Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas are quality schools. In order to make such schools more accessible to SC and ST students, Government plans to establish Navodaya Vidyalayas in 20 districts that have a large concentration of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. I propose to set apart Rs.130 crore in 2008-09 for this purpose.</p>	<p><b>Work under progress</b></p> <p>The proposal for setting up of 20 Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) in districts having large concentration of SC/ST population has been approved on 4.9.2008. Out of the 20 new JNVs, it is proposed to set up 10 JNVs in districts that have a large concentration of Scheduled Castes and remaining 10 in districts having large concentration of Scheduled Tribes population. For this purpose, districts having more that 20% SC or ST population would be treated</p>																				

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	[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o School Education & Literacy]	as SC or ST concentration districts respectively. Since only 10 vidyalaya are to be opened up in SC concentration districts, not more than one vidyalaya is to be opened in ST concentration districts and not more than one vidyalaya will be opened in one State. Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti has informed that sanction order for opening of one JNV in Ujjain district in Madhya Pradesh (SC concentration district) and another in East Khasi Hills district in Meghalaya (ST concentration district) have been issued vide their letter dated 5.1.2009.
5.	<p data-bbox="181 589 671 620"><b>22 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya</b></p> <p data-bbox="240 620 783 969">Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas were set up to address the issue of equity in the education of girls belonging to SC, ST, OBC and minority communities. So far, 1,754 vidyalayas have been started, and I propose to allocate funds (as part of SSA) to set up an additional 410 vidyalayas in educationally backward blocks. I also propose to provide a sum of Rs.80 crore to set up new or upgrade existing hostels attached to the Balika Vidyalayas.</p> <p data-bbox="240 1003 783 1064">[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o School Education &amp; Literacy]</p>	<p data-bbox="1230 555 1497 586" style="text-align: right;"><b>Work under progress</b></p> <p data-bbox="815 620 1497 779">Sanctions for opening of 398 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) in the eligible blocks and towns, have been conveyed to the respective State Governments which are now in the process of setting up of these KGBVs. As on 31.8.2008, a total of 155 KGBVs have been opened.</p> <p data-bbox="815 813 1497 1064">The proposal to construct one 100 seater hostel in each of the educationally backward blocks, with the preferred location being within KGBV premises, for students of secondary and higher secondary schools has been approved by the Government on 3.10.2008. Guidelines for the scheme have been sent to all the State Governments. Sanctioning of the hostels will be done based on the viability of the proposals received from the State Governments.</p> <p data-bbox="1230 1064 1497 1095" style="text-align: right;"><b>Work under progress</b></p>
6.	<p data-bbox="181 1099 735 1131"><b>23 National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship</b></p> <p data-bbox="240 1131 783 1480">Last year, I had announced the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme to enable students to continue their education beyond class VIII and up to class XII. I had provided Rs.750 crore with the promise to add a like amount every year for three more years. The Scheme will be implemented by award of 100,000 scholarships beginning 2008-09. I intend to keep my promise and earmark another sum of Rs.750 crore so that a corpus of Rs.3,000 crore will be built up in four years.</p> <p data-bbox="240 1514 783 1574">[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o School Education &amp; Literacy]</p>	<p data-bbox="815 1131 1497 1382">The National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme has been approved by the Government on 9.5.2008. Selection test for award of scholarships for 2008-09 and 2009-10 have been conducted in August 2008 and November 2008 respectively. An amount of Rs. 750 crore has been deposited with the State Bank of India in Corpus Fund on 30.12.2008. Interest earned on the corpus will be used to award scholarships to selected students.</p> <p data-bbox="1230 1382 1497 1413" style="text-align: right;"><b>Work under progress</b></p>
7.	<p data-bbox="181 1610 488 1641"><b>24 Nehru Yuva Kendra</b></p> <p data-bbox="240 1641 783 1798">123 districts do not have a Nehru Yuva Kendra. I propose to allocate Rs.10 crore in 2008-09 to set up a Kendra in each of these districts and to cover the recurring expenditure in the first year.</p> <p data-bbox="240 1832 783 1892">[Nodal Ministries/Departments: M/o Youth Affairs &amp; Sports]</p>	<p data-bbox="815 1641 1497 1861">The Central Government has decided to assign the additional charge of new Nehru Yuva Kendras (NYKs) to be set up to the Youth Coordinators of adjacent districts. The new units will be put into operation soon after receipt of the budget for which a proposal has been received from the NYKS and is under consideration of the Central Government.</p> <p data-bbox="1230 1861 1497 1892" style="text-align: right;"><b>Work under progress</b></p>
8.	<p data-bbox="181 1928 555 1960"><b>25 Mid-day Meal Scheme</b></p> <p data-bbox="240 1960 783 2083">The Mid-day Meal Scheme has been extended to upper primary classes in 3,479 educationally backward blocks. The scheme will now be extended to upper primary classes in</p>	<p data-bbox="815 1960 1497 2083">National Programme of Mid-Day Meals (MDM) in Schools which was extended during 2007-08 to cover children of Upper Primary classes VI-VIII in 3,479 Educationally Backward Blocks of the country has now been extended to</p>

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	<p>Government and Government-aided schools in all blocks in the country. This will benefit an additional 2.5 crore children, taking the total number of children covered under the Scheme to 13.9 crore.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o School Education &amp; Literacy]</p>	<p>Upper Primary Stage in all areas across the country from 2008-09. Under the MDM Scheme, 11.74 crore children (8.24 crore at Primary and 3.50 crore at Upper Primary Stages) have been covered under the Scheme.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Ongoing programme</b></p>
9. 26	<p><b>Institutes of Higher Education</b></p> <p>Knowledge is power. It is knowledge that will drive success in the 21st century. India has the opportunity to become a knowledge society. Following the Prime Minister's announcement, an IIM at Shillong; three IISERs at Mohali, Pune and Kolkata; and an IIIT at Kanchipuram have started functioning. Government will establish one Central University in each of the hitherto uncovered States. We propose to make a beginning in 2008-09 by establishing 16 Central Universities. Besides, we propose to set up three IITs in Andhra Pradesh, Bihar and Rajasthan; two IISERs at Bhopal and Tiruvananthapuram; and two Schools of Planning and Architecture at Bhopal and Vijayawada. More institutes of higher education, as promised by the Prime Minister, will be established during the Eleventh Plan period.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Higher Education]</p>	<p>i) <b>Indian Institutes of technology (IITs):</b> Government have set up 8 new IITs. Out of these 8, classes for B.Tech courses have been started from July-August, 2008 in 6 new IITs in Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Orissa Punjab and Gujarat. It has been decided to start classes for B.Tech courses in IIT Himachal Pradesh and IIT, Indore from the academic year 2009-10. An allocation of Rs.2000 crore has been provided in the 11th Plan and Rs.50 crore has been allocated for 2008-09 for new IITs. One post of Director, one post of Registrar, and 30 posts of faculty per year in the next three years have been created in each of 8 new IITs.</p> <p>ii) <b>Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs):</b> The 11th Five Year Plan envisages establishment of seven IIMs in the country, out of which one IIM namely Rajiv Gandhi Indian Institute of Management (RGIIM), Shillong has been established in Shillong (Meghalaya), which commenced its first academic session from 2008-09. The remaining six IIMs will be set up in the States of Tamil Nadu, Jammu &amp; Kashmir, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand and Haryana. The total outlay projected for each IIM includes Rs.120.67 crore for non-recurring expenses for five years and Rs.89.58 crore for recurring expenses for a period of 10 years.</p> <p>iii) <b>Indian Institutes for Science Education and Research (IISERs):</b> 3 IISERs at Mohali, Pune and Kolkata are already functioning and two more at Bhopal and Thiruvananthapuram have started their classes from temporary premises since August, 2008. The sites for permanent campus for IISER, Bhopal and IISER, Thiruvananthapuram have been identified by the respective State Governments. The appointment of Directors of IISERs of Bhopal and Thiruvananthapuram has been done as also has been the constitution of their Societies and Boards of Governors. Allotment of land for IISER at Thiruvananthapuram is under process.</p> <p>iv) <b>Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs):</b> 20 IIITs will be established during the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan period, on a Public Private Partnership (PPP) basis. The partners in setting up the IIITs would be the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Governments of the respective States where such IIITs will be established. Locations for these IIITs have not</p>

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		<p>yet been finalized. The Model detailed Project Report (MDPR) prepared by the NASSCOM is under examination.</p> <p>v) <b>School of Planning and Architecture (SPAs):</b> The two new SPAs at Bhopal and Vijayawada have started functioning through their temporary campuses during 2008.</p> <p>vi) <b>National Institutes of Technology (NITs):</b> The process for opening up of 10 new NITs has already been initiated. In this regard, 10 States / UTs which do not have an NIT, have been requested to send proposals for opening of an NIT in their States / UTs.</p> <p>vii) Establishment of Ghani Khan Choudhary Institute of Engineering &amp; Technology at Malda, West Bengal has been approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Work under progress</b></p>
10.	<p>27 <b>Grant to the Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute, Pune</b> I also propose to make a grant of Rs.5 crore to the Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute, Pune which is one of the oldest institutions of modern learning in India.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Higher Education]</p>	<p>An amount of Rs.2.5 crore has been sanctioned by the UGC to Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute, Pune.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Work under progress</b></p>
11.	<p>28 <b>New scheme called Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE)</b> We must encourage our children to take to careers in science and research and development. Ministry of Science and Technology will introduce a scheme called Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE) that will include scholarships for young learners (10-17 years), scholarships for continuing science education (17-22 years) and opportunities for research careers (22-32 years). I propose to provide Rs.85 crore in 2008-09 for this inspired contribution to building a knowledge society.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Science &amp; Technology]</p>	<p>“Innovation of Science Pursuit for Inspire Research (INSPIRE)” Scheme has included three components. They are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Scheme for Early Attraction of Talents for Science (SEATS)</li> <li>(ii) Scholarship for Higher Education (SHE); and</li> <li>(iii) Assured Opportunity for Research Careers (AORC).</li> </ul> <p>The component `SHE' was approved on 18.9.2008 with an allocation of Rs 820 crores for the 11th Plan Period. The other two components i.e. 'SEATS' and 'AORC' were also approved on 27.11.2008 with an allocation of Rs 1,159.25 crores for the 11th Plan period. On 13.12.2008, Hon'ble Prime Minister launched the INSPIRE program at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi and INSPIRE Scholarships were handed over by the Hon'ble Prime Minister to 386 students studying in the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) at Pune, Kolkata, Mohali, Bhopal and Trivandrum and National Institute of Science Education &amp; Research (NISER). Scholarships to other students across the country are being released through the State Bank of India.</p> <p>Under INSPIRE Internship, a Science Camp was organized at Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Allahabad</p>

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12.	29 <b>Establishing the National Knowledge Network.</b> The recommendations of the National Knowledge Commission, submitted from time to time, are under active consideration. Some of them have been incorporated in the Eleventh Plan. Government has accepted an important recommendation to inter-connect all knowledge institutions through an electronic digital broadband network. This will encourage sharing of resources and collaborative research. I propose to provide Rs. 100 crore to the Ministry of Information and Technology for establishing the National Knowledge Network.  [Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Information Technology Planning Commission]	<p>during 15th to 21st December, 2008 which was attended by 7 Nobel Laureates and around 300 students of 11th Standard (top 1 percentile in their 10th Class Board examinations) from the State of Uttar Pradesh participated. This is the first Science Camp and many more such Science Camps are being planned now.</p> <p>Under INSPIRE Awards, about 100 identified School Students exhibited their models/ exhibits (in a group of 4 students) at the National Children Science Congress held at Dimapur on 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2008. They also participated at the Indian Science Congress at North Hill University, Shillong, Meghalaya held on 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> January 2009.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action Completed</b></p> <p>i) A High Level Committee (HLC) has been constituted in the Department of Information Technology (DIT) in April 2008 under the chairmanship of Dr. R.Chidambaram, Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India to coordinate and monitor the establishment of National Knowledge Network (NKN). The Detailed design Document which includes the topology and other technical details has been worked out by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), appointed by HLC under the Chairmanship of Professor S.V.Raghavan, IIT, Chennai.</p> <p>ii) The NKN has been given 'in-principle' approval and a one day long "NKN – Participating Institutions' Meet" was organised on 3.11.2008.</p> <p>iii) As per the recommendations of HLC for establishment of NKN held on 12.11.2008, the initial phase of the establishment of NKN has been initiated by upgrading 15 Points of Presence (PoPs) of NICNET for the 2.5 GBPS capacity utilising budget of National Informatics Centre (NIC). Using these PoPs as backbone, about 57 institutions of Higher learning would be connected. The upgradation of NICNET PoPs is in progress.</p> <p>iv) Two projects namely, "Creating Minimum Infrastructure at about 57 institutions" with an outlay of 48.35 crore for a period of 3 months and "Creation of Virtual Classrooms at IITs over NKN" with an outlay of Rs 45.5 crore over a period of one year have been initiated.</p> <p>v) A core backbone of NKN has now been established with 15 PoPs having multi-Gigabit capacity. Around 20 institutions of higher learning and advanced research have already been connected to the network.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Work under progress</b></p>
13.	31 <b>National Rural Health Mission</b> The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) is the key instrument of intervention by the Central Government. The goal is to establish a fully functional, community owned, decentralised health delivery system. 462,000 Associated	The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) aims at bridging the gap in rural health care services through creation of a cadre of Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) and improved hospital care, decentralisation of programme to district level to improve intra and inter-sectoral convergence

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		<p>Social Health Activists (ASHAs) and link workers have been trained and are in place. 177,924 Village Health and Sanitation Committees are functional. 323 district hospitals have been taken up for upgradation. Ambitious goals have been set for 2008-09, and I propose to increase the allocation for NRHM to Rs.12,050 crore.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Health &amp; Family Welfare]</p>	<p>and effective utilisation of resources. As on Date, 628,831 ASHAs/Link workers have been selected, out of which, 548,161 ASHAs/Link workers have been trained and are in place.</p> <p>320 district hospitals have been taken for upgradation.</p> <p>The Village Health and Sanitation Committee (VHSC) is being set up in each village throughout the country for addressing the activities like sanitation, hygiene, drinking water etc. 297,794 VHSCs have been constituted and made operational.</p>																																				
14.	32	<p><b>HIV/AIDS</b></p> <p>The National Aids Control Programme will be provided Rs.993 crore. Studies have shown that the prevalence rate of HIV/AIDS has come down from 0.9 per cent to 0.36 per cent, which is a matter of some satisfaction.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Health &amp; Family Welfare]</p>	<p>Infrastructure, training targeted interventions, etc. have been proposed for year 2008-09. The quantifiable targets set for the whole year and achievements for the 1<sup>st</sup> two quarters are given below:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Deliverable</th> <th>Annual Target (Number)</th> <th>Achievements upto Sept 2008 (Number)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Integrated Counseling and Testing Centers</td> <td>583</td> <td>1,034</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Training of Staffs</td> <td>229,956</td> <td>134,042</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Modernization of District Level Blood Bank</td> <td>4</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Blood Component Separation Unit</td> <td>40</td> <td>18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Plasma Fractionation Unit</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Number of persons accessing STI services</td> <td>10 million (2.5 m for NACO)</td> <td>1,411,893</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Targeted Intervention</td> <td>600</td> <td>278</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Community Care centers</td> <td>62</td> <td>54</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New ART Treatment Centers</td> <td>59</td> <td>38</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Schools covered under School AIDS Education</td> <td>14,441</td> <td>3,575</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Number of District units established</td> <td>154</td> <td>43</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Ongoing programme</b></p>	Deliverable	Annual Target (Number)	Achievements upto Sept 2008 (Number)	Integrated Counseling and Testing Centers	583	1,034	Training of Staffs	229,956	134,042	Modernization of District Level Blood Bank	4	3	Blood Component Separation Unit	40	18	Plasma Fractionation Unit	1	0	Number of persons accessing STI services	10 million (2.5 m for NACO)	1,411,893	Targeted Intervention	600	278	Community Care centers	62	54	New ART Treatment Centers	59	38	Schools covered under School AIDS Education	14,441	3,575	Number of District units established	154	43
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15.	33	<p><b>Polio</b></p> <p>The drive to eradicate polio continues with a revised strategy and a focus on the high risk districts in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. I propose</p>	<p>To contain the circulation of wild polio virus, supplementary immunization activities have been intensified in the high risk areas in 2007. The following initiatives have been</p>																																				

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	<p>to provide Rs.1, 042 crore in 2008-09 for this purpose.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Health &amp; Family Welfare]</p>	<p>undertaken:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Monovalent Oral Polio Vaccine (mOPV1 &amp; mOPV3) are being used in the high risk districts and States to enhance immunity against P-1 and P-3 virus. Due to this strategy, there is significant progress in controlling Type-1 Wild Polio Virus circulation in 2007. So far only 83 cases have been reported in 2007 as against 648 cases of P1 in 2006. Moreover the endemic districts of western Uttar Pradesh have reported only 5 Type-1 wild polio virus during 2007. Moreover the core districts of Western UP, i.e Moradabad and JP Nagar, which were the epicentre of 2006 outbreak, have not reported any Wild Polio Virus Type-1 for the last one year.</li> <li>ii) For vaccinating the children in transit, vaccination booths are being set up at railway stations, inside long distance trains, major road crossings, religious congregations and more than 5 million children have been vaccinated in UP, Bihar and Mumbai during each round.</li> <li>iii) ASHA have been involved as team members for mobilization and vaccination of children.</li> <li>iv) During December 2008, NID was implemented on 21.12.2008 in all the states/UTs</li> </ol>
16.	<p><b>34 Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana</b></p> <p>Two major interventions are planned to be started in 2008-09. The first is the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana that will provide a health cover of Rs.30,000 for every worker in the unorganised sector falling under the BPL category and his/her family. I am happy to report that most of the States have agreed to join the Yojana and it will be launched in Delhi and in the States of Haryana and Rajasthan on April 1, 2008. I propose to provide Rs.205 crore as the Centre's share of the premia in 2008-09.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: M/o Labour &amp; Employment]</p>	<p>As on 9.1.2009, 551 cases have been confirmed, out of which, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar have reported confirmed Polio cases numbering 298 and 232 respectively.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b><i>Progress is being monitored</i></b></p> <p>Rashtriya Swasthaya Bima Yojana (RSBY), which was launched on 1.10.2007, became operational from 1.4.2008. Till 31.12.2008, 21 States and 1 Union Territory have initiated the process to implement the scheme. Out of the above States/UTs, 14 States, namely, Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab, NCT of Delhi, Gujarat, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Maharastra, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Jharkhand and Tamil Nadu have started issuing Smart cards. A total number of 1,625,491 Smart cards have been issued in these states taking the health insurance cover to 8,127,455 persons. Nagaland is the first State in the North East region to initiate the process to implement the scheme followed by Tripura and Assam. All states in NE Region except Arunachal Pradesh are in the process of implementing the scheme. Other States, except Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh, are also in the process of implementing the scheme during the current year.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b><i>Ongoing programme</i></b></p>
17.	<p><b>35 National Programme for the Elderly</b></p> <p>The other major intervention will be for the elderly. A National Programme for the Elderly with a Plan outlay of Rs.400 crore will be started in 2008-09. Among other measures, we will establish, during the Eleventh Plan period, two</p>	<p>The proposal regarding National Programme for the Elderly and setting up of two National Institute of Ageing (NIA) are under examination. As regards the proposal to establish the Department of Geriatrics at identified 10 Medical Colleges during 2008-09, visits by team of experts to assess</p>

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	<p>National Institutes of Ageing, eight regional centres, and a department for geriatric medical care in one medical college/tertiary level hospital in each State.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Health &amp; Family Welfare]</p>	<p>the available facilities have taken place in all identified Medical Colleges.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Work under progress</b></p>
18. 36	<p><b>☞ Integrated Child Development Services</b></p> <p>The universalization of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme is underway. At the end of December 2007, 5,959 ICDS projects and 932,000 Anganwadi and mini-Anganwadi centres were functional. The beneficiary count had increased to 629 lakh children and 132 lakh pregnant and lactating mothers. I propose to enhance the allocation for ICDS from Rs.5,293 crore in 2007-08 to Rs.6,300 crore in 2008-09.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: M/o Women &amp; Child Development]</p>	<p>The Government has approved on 16.10.2008, the proposals for Universalisation of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme with quality in Third Phase Expansion, bringing the total number of AWCs to 14 lakh and enhancement in honorarium for Anganwadi workers and Anganwadi helpers.</p> <p>Government of India Orders thereunder have since been issued to all the States/UTs.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action Completed</b></p>
19. 38	<p><b>☞ Progress under Flagship Programmes</b></p> <p>As Honourable Members are aware, there are eight flagship programmes of the UPA Government. I have dealt with two in the education sector (SSA &amp; MMS) and two in the health sector (NRHM &amp; ICDS). Let me now refer to the allocations that I propose to make for the other four flagship programmes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) will be rolled out to all 596 rural districts in India. Initially, we will provide Rs.16,000 crore. Let there be no apprehension in anyone's mind: as demand rises, more money will be provided to meet the legal guarantee of employment.</li> <li>• The Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) is the main vehicle for improving urban infrastructure. It has also succeeded in driving reforms in urban governance and urban-related laws. I propose to increase the allocation from Rs.5,482 crore in 2007-08 to Rs.6,866 crore in 2008-09.</li> <li>• The goal of the Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Mission is to supply safe drinking water to uncovered habitations and slipped back habitations as well as to address issues of quality. I propose to enhance the allocation to Rs.7,300 crore in 2008-09 as against Rs.6,500 crore in 2007-08.</li> </ul> <p>The Mission does not yet have a separate</p>	<p>i) <b>The National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS):</b> NREGS initially covered 200 backward districts in 2006-07, which was further extended to 130 more districts in 2007-08. All the districts of the country have been brought under the ambit of NREGS Act from 2008-09.</p> <p>Under NREGS, Rs. 16,000 crore was allocated under BE 2008-09 and an allocation of Rs.10,500 crore was made as first supplementary. A further allocation of Rs.3,500 crore has also been decided which would raise the total allocation for the programme during the current year to Rs.30,000 crore. About 137.67 crore Person-days of employment have been generated during the current year upto December, 2008 bringing the total employment generation since inception of the programme to 371.76 crore Person-days.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action Completed</b></p> <p>ii) <b>Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM):</b> In the financial year 2008-09 (upto 26.12.2008), 48 projects costing Rs. 6,836.20 crore have been approved. ACA amounting to Rs.3,047.53 crore has been committed, out of which Rs.1,346.19 crore has been released.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Ongoing programme</b></p> <p>iii) <b>Stand-alone drinking water system under Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Mission:</b> A High Level Technical Team (HLTC) was constituted by the Department of Drinking Water Supply headed by Secretary, Department of Science and Technology and members from renewed technical institutions namely,</p>

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	<p>component for school children in water-deficient habitations. Our children should have good, clean drinking water. Hence, I propose to allocate funds to the Mission under a separate sub-head in order to install a standalone system to provide potable water to each school in water-deficient habitations. The cost of each system, depending on the technology and design, is estimated to be between Rs.15,000 to Rs.30,000. While a detailed plan for four years will be drawn up, I propose to make an initial allocation of Rs.200 crore in 2008-09.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Total Sanitation Campaign is all about changing habits and mindsets, and it is a continuous process. I propose to provide Rs.1,200 crore in 2008-09.</li> </ul> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Rural Development M/o Urban Development D/o Drinking Water Supply]</p>	<p>Bureau of Indian Standards, Central Ground Water Board, Central Pollution Control Board, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, etc. HLTC after extensive deliberations and interaction suggested list of technology options to the Department. Based on the technology options, the Government has approved the scheme initially for the 11<sup>th</sup> Plan. After one year of implementation of the scheme, a third party independent evaluation of the scheme will be conducted and the results will be suitably analyzed. Based on this, the programme will be scaled up across the country to reach all rural schools and communities with priority to vulnerability, gender and equity aspects. The guidelines of the scheme, which is known as "Jalmani", have also been approved by the Government. For the current year, Rs. 100 crore has been sanctioned initially to cover approximately 50,000 rural schools. The scheme has been successfully launched in the country. The monitoring and review of the scheme will be continued during the year.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action Completed</b></p>
20. 39	<p><b>Desalination Plant</b></p> <p>Honourable Members will recall that I had in July 2004 announced support for a desalination plant to be installed near Chennai. A proposal has now been received from the Government of Tamil Nadu to establish a plant under public private partnership. While the proposal will be examined for approval, I propose to signal the Government's support to the project by setting apart Rs.300 crore in 2008-09.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: M/o Urban Development]</p>	<p>iv) <b>Total Sanitation Campaign:</b> Sanitation coverage of rural households has now crossed 59% compared to 27.35% in 2004. In 2008-09 so far, 73.98 lakh individual household toilets and 1.50 lakh school toilets have been constructed. This year, so far Rs. 914.74 crore (76%) has been released out of the budget allocation of Rs. 1200 crore.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Ongoing programme</b></p> <p>The Government has approved the proposal for setting up of a 100 MLD capacity Sea Water Reserve Osmosis Desalination Plant at Nemmeli near Chennai, on 2.1.2009 at a total cost of Rs. 908.28 crore, out of which Central Assistance as a grant to the extent of Rs.871.24 crore would be required to be released to the State Government of Tamil Nadu over the financial years 2008-09 and 2009-10.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action Completed</b></p>
21. 41	<p><b>Addressing special needs of North East</b></p> <p>The North Eastern Region and, especially, Arunachal Pradesh and the border areas face special problems that cannot be tackled in the usual course or through normal schemes. Hence, Government proposes to identify the urgent needs of these areas and address them through a special mechanism. In order to jumpstart the process, I propose to set apart a sum of Rs.500 crore in a fund dedicated for the purpose.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: M/o DoNER Planning Commission]</p>	<p>Ministry of DoNER has identified 9 proposals to be financed through the special funds. The Present status of these projects is as under:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Under the scheme of 'Bringing North East Closer', Rs. 17.75 crore has been allocated to Ministry of DoNER. The Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been prepared and the proposal is being finalised.</li> <li>Under the scheme 'Skills Development Programme for the youth of the North East', a total allocation of Rs 36.28 crore has been made to the Ministry of DoNER for skill development of Teachers, Nurses, Veterinary Assistants, Agricultural Assistants, etc. DPR has been prepared and the proposal is being finalised.</li> </ol>

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		<p>3. Under the scheme of 'Establishment of Higher Education Centre for IT Education' at Dimapur in Nagaland, Rs 50 crore has been allocated to Department of Higher Education. DPR has been prepared and the same is being finalised.</p> <p>4. Under the scheme of 'Infrastructure Development of a New Airport' in Arunachal Pradesh, Rs 80 crore has been allocated to Ministry of Civil Aviation. DPR has been prepared and the proposal is being finalised .</p> <p>5. Under the 'Strengthening of Institutional capacity' - NERAMAC- New scheme for establishment of procurement and collection centers and agro processing centers, Rs. 80 crore has been allocated to Ministry of DoNER. DPR has been prepared and the proposal is being finalised.</p> <p>6. Under the scheme of 'Replication of Arunachal Border Area Illumination Programme' in remaining North Eastern States, Rs. 70.97 crore has been allocated to Ministry of Non-Renewable Energy. DPR is under preparation.</p> <p>7. For construction of 132 KV Single Circuit Transmission Line from Khuppi to Tawang, Rs. 55 crore has been allocated to Ministry of Power. DPR is under preparation.</p> <p>8. Under the scheme of 'Establishment of new Institution for imparting education in Fashion Technology' in Shillong, Meghalaya, Rs. 50 crore has been allocated to the Ministry of Textiles. The project has been approved.</p> <p>9. Under the scheme of 'Contraction of 200 Pedestrian type wire rope suspension bridges' in various districts of the North Eastern States, Rs. 60 crore has been allocated to Department of Road Transport and Highways.</p>									
22.	<p>43 <b>Development and Finance Corporations</b> Development and Finance Corporations have been set up for certain disadvantaged groups. I propose to contribute additional equity to these corporations in the following manner:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 10%;"></th> <th style="width: 70%;"></th> <th style="width: 20%; text-align: right;"><b>Rs. Crore</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation</td> <td style="text-align: right;">75.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Three National Finance and Development Corporations for Weaker Sections comprising: (i) Safai Karamcharis (ii) Scheduled Castes</td> <td style="text-align: right;">106.50</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			<b>Rs. Crore</b>	1	National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation	75.00	2	Three National Finance and Development Corporations for Weaker Sections comprising: (i) Safai Karamcharis (ii) Scheduled Castes	106.50	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Work under progress</b></p> <p>i) <b>National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC):</b> The entire budget provision of Rs.75 crore has already been released as equity to NMDFC in 2008-09. <b>Action Completed</b></p> <p>ii) <b>National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC) -</b> Rs.30.00 crore - The Authorized Share Capital of NSKFDC has been fully paid up. Further Share Capital to the Corporation would be released after seeking necessary approval for enhancement of authorized share capital. <b>Work under progress</b></p> <p>iii) <b>National Scheduled Caste Finance and Development Corporation (NSCFDC) –</b> The entire amount of Rs.45 crore has been released. <b>Action Completed</b></p>
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	3	(iii) Backward Classes National/State Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporations	50.00
	4	National Handicapped Development Corporation	9.00
		[Nodal Ministries/Departments: M/o Minority Affairs M/o Social Justice & Empowerment M/o Tribal Affairs]	
			iv) <b>National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) -</b> The entire allocation of Rs.31.50 crore has been released. <b>Action Completed</b>
			v) <b>National/State Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NTFDC/STFDC) (Rs.50.00 crore) -</b> No funds have been released during the financial year 2008-09 for NTFDC/STFDCs. The National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD) has conducted an evaluation study for the scheme for assistance to State Tribal Development and Finance Corporations (STFDCs) of Maharashtra and Karnataka. The proposal to provide assistance to NTFDC/STFDC to provide equity support during the 11th Plan is under consideration. <b>Work under progress</b>
			vi) <b>National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation –</b> The entire allocation of Rs.9.00 crore has been released. <b>Action Completed</b>
23.	44	<b>Scholarships</b> In previous Budgets, we had announced a slew of pre- and post-matric scholarship programmes for SC, ST, OBC and minorities. All of them will be continued in 2008-09 with adequate funds as summarised below:	
		Scheduled Castes Rs.804 Crore Scheduled Tribes Rs.195 Crore Other Backward Classes Rs.164 Corre Minorities (post-matric) Rs.100 Crore	
		[Nodal Ministries/Departments: M/o Social Justice & Empowerment M/o Minority Affairs M/o Tribal Affairs]	
			i) <b>Post-Matric Scholarship for SCs:</b> Against an allocation of Rs.750 crore, an amount of Rs. 596.5 crore has been released. Since, the scheme is under revision, the balance amount will be released after required approval. <b>Work under progress</b>
			ii) <b>The Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship for children of those engaged in unclean occupations-</b> Rs.2.37 crore has been released against the Budget estimates of Rs.54 crore for 2008-09. The scheme has been revised on 25.12.2008 with increase in the rates of Scholarships and change in the funding pattern from existing 50:50 to 100% over and above the committed liability. <b>Work under progress</b>
			iii) <b>Post-Matric Scholarship for OBCs:</b> Against the provision of Rs.134 crore, an amount of Rs. 98.01 crore has been released for Post Matric Scholarship for OBCs and Rs.11.55 crore has been released for Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBCs against allocation of Rs.30 crore. <b>Work under progress</b>
			iv) <b>Post-Matric Scholarship scheme for students belonging to the minority communities:</b> The scheme was approved on 29 <sup>th</sup> November, 2007. Against the target of 2.50 lakh scholarships for 2008-09, 58,955 scholarships have already been sanctioned upto 31.12.2008 <b>Work under progress</b>
			v) <b>Post-Matric Scholarship Programme for STs:</b> The Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship for ST Students has continued in the year 2008-09 and under the

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24. 47	<p><b>Minorities</b></p> <p>The allocation to the Ministry of Minority Affairs will be increased from Rs.500 crore in 2007-08 to Rs.1,000 crore in 2008-09. Government has taken up the report of the Justice Rajindar Sachar Committee for speedy implementation. Apart from the schemes commenced in 2007-08, it is proposed to implement the following schemes/measures in 2008-09:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a multi-sectoral development plan for each of the 90 minority concentration districts will be drawn up at a cost of Rs.3,780 crore. The allocation in 2008-09 will be Rs.540 crore;</li> <li>• a pre-matric scholarship scheme with an allocation of Rs.80 crore next year;</li> <li>• a scheme for modernising Madrassa education for which a provision of Rs.45.45 crore has been made in 2008-09;</li> <li>• 256 branches of public sector banks have been opened this year until December 2007 in districts with substantial minority population. 288 more will be opened by March 2008 and many more in 2008-09; and</li> <li>• continuing the exercise started this year, more candidates belonging to the minority communities will be recruited to the Central Para-Military Forces.</li> </ul>	<p>Scheme, the Budget provision for Rs.248.00 crores has been allocated for the year 2008-09. Out of this, an amount of 170.44 crores has been released to the various State Governments and UT Administration during the current financial year till date.</p>
		<b>Work under progress</b>
		<p>i) <b>Multi-Sectoral Development Programme:</b> A Multi-Sectoral Development Programme for 90 minority concentration districts was approved on 27.3.2008. Baseline survey to identify 'development deficits' has been carried out in all the districts. Plans of 37 districts in Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Assam, Manipur, Bihar, Meghalaya and Andman and Nicobar Islands have been approved so far and a sum of Rs. 195.82 crore has been released upto 31.12.2008.</p>
		<b>Action Completed</b>
		<p>ii) <b>Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for students belonging to the minority communities:</b> The scheme is being implemented from 2008-09. The target is 6 lakh scholarship in 2008-09. So far, 195,637 scholarships have been sanctioned till 31.12.2008.</p>
		<b>Work under progress</b>
		<p>iii) <b>The Scheme for revamping of Madarasas Modernization:</b> The scheme for revamping Madarasas Modernization has been approved and circulated to all States/Union Territories for sending the proposals.</p>
		<b>Work under progress</b>
		<p>iv) <b>Opening of branches of Public Sector Banks (PSBs):</b> During the year 2007-08, 534 bank branches of PSBs have been opened in districts with substantial minority population.</p>
		<p>Further, 240 more bank branches have been opened as on 30.9.2008 for districts with substantial minority population against the target of more than 500 branches for 2008-09.</p>
		<b>Work under progress</b>
25. 48	<p><b>Enhanced corpus for Maulana Azad Education Foundation.</b></p> <p>I also propose to provide Rs.60 crore to enhance the corpus fund of the Maulana Azad Education Foundation.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: M/o Minority Affairs D/o School Education &amp; Literacy D/o Financial Services]</p>	<p>The corpus funds of the foundation was augmented from Rs 200 crore to Rs 250 crore, in 2007-08. Allocation under the scheme for 2008-09 is Rs 60 crore, which is under finalisation.</p>
		<b>Work under progress</b>
26. 52	<p><b>Self Help Groups</b></p> <p>The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) runs the Janashree Bima Yojana and offers life and permanent disability cover to people in 44 categories. One of the categories is Self Help</p>	<p>During the year 2008-09, a total of 75,356 Self-Help Groups (SHGs) have been covered under the Janashree Bima Yojana scheme upto 31.12.2008. Budgetary provisions for release of Rs.500 crore to the Social Security Fund was</p>

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	<p>Groups, but only 35,000 SHGs have been covered so far. Considering the fact that there are over 30 lakh SHGs credit-linked to banks, I propose to single out this category for special attention. I propose to ask LIC to rapidly scale up the scheme and cover all women SHGs that are credit-linked to banks. Since one-half of the premium is subsidized through the Social Security Fund, I propose to contribute Rs.500 crore to the corpus of the fund with the assurance that annual contributions will be made as the scheme is scaled up. This scheme, together with the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana, will mark the beginning of a new deal for women by providing them life and health cover.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Financial Services]</p>	<p>approved in First Supplementary Demands for Grants for expenditure for 2008-09.</p> <p><b><i>Progress being monitored</i></b></p>
27. 55	<p><b>Progress under important schemes</b></p> <p>I have already referred to the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana and the National Food Security Mission.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Agriculture &amp; Cooperation]</p>	<p>Under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Rs.1,246.89 crore has been released to the States/UTs during 2007-08 for implementation of projects approved by the State Level Sanctioning Committees (SLSCs) and for preparation of District Agriculture Plans (DAPs).</p> <p>During 2008-09, allocation for RKVY at B.E. was Rs.3,165.67 crore, which has been reduced to Rs.2891.70 crore at R.E. stage. Out of 23 eligible States, 21 States have convened the meetings of the SLSCs for approval of project proposals pertaining to Agriculture and allied Sectors for implementation during 2008-09. An amount of Rs.1,863.10 crore has been released as on 31.12.2008 under RKVY in the current fiscal year.</p> <p>A Centrally Sponsored Scheme "National Food Security Mission" was launched for Rabi 2007-08 with an allocation of Rs. 4,882.48 crore with the objective of enhancing production of rice, wheat and pulses by 10, 8 and 2 million tonnes respectively by the end of the 11<sup>th</sup> Plan (2011-12). For implementation of the programmes during the year 2007-08, a provision of Rs. 398.75 crore was kept as Budget allocation. As against this, an amount of Rs. 398.73 crore has been utilized. For the year 2008-09, there was a budget allocation of Rs. 1,100.00 crore reduced to Rs.1,022.97 crore in RE 2008-09. So far an amount of Rs.603.00 crore has been released.</p> <p>The NFSM programme is presently being implemented in 312 identified districts of 17 states consisting of 136 districts in NFSM-Rice in 14 states, 141 districts under NFSM-Wheat in 9 states and 171 districts under NFSM-Pulses in 14 states.</p> <p><b><i>Ongoing programme</i></b></p>
28. 56	<p><b>Agricultural Credit</b></p> <p>Notwithstanding some shortcomings, the growth of agricultural credit has been impressive and for this I have to thank our</p>	<p>A target of Rs. 280,000 crore has been set for agriculture lending for 2008-09. The targets of Rs.195,000 crore, Rs. 55,000 crore and Rs. 30,000 crore have been set for</p>

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		<p>scheduled commercial banks and Regional Rural Banks. Between them, they account for about 75-79 per cent of agricultural credit disbursed during any year. We will exceed the target set for 2007-08. For 2008-09, I propose to set a target of Rs.280,000 crore.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Financial Services]</p>	<p>commercial banks, cooperative banks and Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) respectively.</p> <p>The status report upto November 30, 2008 regarding credit flow to agriculture is as given below:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th colspan="2"><i>(Rs. in Crore)</i></th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th>Target</th> <th>Achievement</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Cooperative Banks</td> <td>55,000</td> <td>25,122.71</td> </tr> <tr> <td>RRBs</td> <td>30,000</td> <td>14,824.56</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commercial Banks</td> <td>195,000</td> <td>96,639.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td><b>280,000</b></td> <td><b>136,586.52</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: right;"><b><i>Progress being monitored</i></b></p>		<i>(Rs. in Crore)</i>			Target	Achievement	Cooperative Banks	55,000	25,122.71	RRBs	30,000	14,824.56	Commercial Banks	195,000	96,639.25	<b>Total</b>	<b>280,000</b>	<b>136,586.52</b>
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29.	59	<p><b>Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme</b></p> <p>Government is investing heavily in the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) and the Rainfed Area Development Programme and in the management and augmentation of water resources. Under AIBP, 24 major and medium irrigation projects and 753 minor irrigation schemes will be completed in this financial year, creating additional irrigation potential of 500,000 hectare. The outlay for 2007-08 was Rs.11,000 crore with a grant component of Rs.3,580 crore. These are being increased in 2008-09, and the estimated outlay is Rs.20,000 crore with a grant component of Rs.5,550 crore.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: M/o Water Resources]</p>	<p>The estimated requirement of Central Assistance under AIBP for the year 2008-09 is Rs. 10,200 crore for major/medium/minor irrigation projects. Budget outlay provided for this programme including additional funds provided by way of second supplementary demands, is Rs. 6,600 crore for this year. Grant amounting to Rs. 4,122.97 crore has been released under AIBP during 2008-09 upto 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2008.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b><i>Ongoing programme</i></b></p>																		
30.	60	<p><b>Rainfed Area Development Programme</b></p> <p>The Rainfed Area Development Programme has been finalised and will be implemented in 2008-09 with an allocation of Rs.348 crore. Priority will be given to those areas that have not been the beneficiaries of watershed development schemes.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Agriculture &amp; Cooperation]</p>	<p>The implementation of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rainfed Area Development Programme (RADP) at a cost of Rs. 3,500 crores during the 11th Five Year Plan including a component of Rs. 170 crores for National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA) has been given 'in-principle' approval on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2008. The scheme is being finalised, based on the revised outlay of Rs. 3,330 crore. It is expected to cover 30 lakh hectare of rainfed area during the 11th Plan period under the programme. For the 2008-09, a Budget provision of Rs. 348 crores has been made for implementation of the scheme. However, anticipating the delay in launching of the scheme, it has been reduced to Rs.5 crore in the RE stage.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b><i>Work under progress</i></b></p>																		
31.	61	<p><b>Micro irrigation</b></p> <p>The centrally sponsored scheme on micro irrigation launched in January 2006 has brought an area of 548,000 hectare under drip and sprinkler irrigation within two years. I propose to allocate Rs.500 crore for the scheme in 2008-09 with a target of covering another 400,000 hectare.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Agriculture &amp; Cooperation]</p>	<p>Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Micro Irrigation (MI) was launched during January 2006. During 2007-08, out of a total budget allocation of Rs.450 crore(RE), Rs.411.25 crore was released to 11 States on the basis of Annual Action Plan (2007-08) and Utilization Certificate (UC) received for 2006-07. As a result of implementation of MI scheme in 16 states during 2007-08 with an expenditure of Rs. 493.75 crore as central subsidy, an area of 4.32 lakh hectare has been brought under irrigation during 2007-08.</p> <p>During 2008-09, an allocation of Rs.430 crore as per the</p>																		

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32. 62	<p><b>Project to repair, renovate and restore water bodies</b></p> <p>Agreements have been signed with the World Bank by the Governments of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka under the project to repair, renovate and restore water bodies. The three agreements are for a total sum of US\$738 million that will benefit a command area of 900,000 hectare. I am confident that similar agreements will be signed soon between the World Bank and the Governments of Orissa, West Bengal and some other States.</p>	<p>Revised Estimates is available for implementation of MI scheme in 18 States, with the aim to bring 4 lakh hectare under Micro Irrigation. Annual Action Plans (2008-09) of 12 States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and Chattisgarh have been approved and Rs.321.60 crore has been released to 11 States during 2008-09 upto December, 2008, on the basis of progress and UCs received.</p>
	<p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: M/o Water Resources D/o Economic Affairs]</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Ongoing programme</b></p> <p>Besides the agreements signed with the World Bank by the Governments of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh to renovate and restore water bodies, Orissa Community Based Tank Management Project has been negotiated with the World Bank in July 2008, for US \$ 112 million. The West Bengal Project proposal is presently under appraisal by the World Bank.</p> <p><b>Orissa Community Tank Management Project:</b> World Bank has approved loan of US\$ 112 million (<i>IBRD loan – US\$ 56 million and IDA Credit- US\$ 56 million</i>) on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2008.</p> <p>The total amount required in the Project is US\$ 127.8 m.</p> <p><b>West Bengal Accelerated Development of Minor Irrigation Project (ADMI) -</b> The Project is tentatively scheduled for delivery in FY 2009 of the Bank. World Bank has sanctioned Project Preparation Advance of US\$ 2,940,000 on April 29, 2008.</p> <p>The total amount required in the Project is Rs. 1143.00 crore</p> <p>A proposal to extend the programme / scheme throughout the country during the 11th Plan period was mooted in consultation with various stakeholders. A provision of Rs. 2,750 crore has also been made for the programme. Two alternative proposals for repair, renovation and restoration (RRR) of water bodies, one with external assistance and the other with domestic support are under consideration. The proposal for RRR of water bodies with external assistance with Central share of Rs. 1,500.00 crore has been approved. The proposal on RRR of water bodies with domestic support with Central share of Rs. 1250.00 crore has also been finalised and is under examination.</p>
33. 63	<p><b>Irrigation and Water Resources Finance Corporation</b></p> <p>While these ongoing programmes will raise the level of investment in agriculture, I think that we need an ambitious scheme of a much larger proportion. Government is of the view that massive investments are required to be made in irrigation projects. Recently, Government has approved 14 projects that satisfy certain criteria as national projects and three of them alone</p>	<p>The Irrigation and Water Resources Finance Corporation (IWRFC) has been incorporated as Company under the Companies Act, 1956 on March 29, 2008 under the administrative control of the Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance.</p>

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	<p>would require Rs.7,000 crore during the Eleventh Plan period. Having regard to the magnitude of the challenge, I propose to establish the Irrigation and Water Resources Finance Corporation (IWRFC) with an initial capital of Rs.100 crore contributed by the Central Government. State Governments and other financial institutions will be invited to contribute to the equity. It is our intention to mobilise the very large resources that will be required to fund major and medium irrigation projects. I hope to be able to incorporate IWRFC as a company before March 31, 2008.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: M/o Water Resources D/o Financial Services]</p>	
34. 65	<p><b>Setting up soil testing laboratories</b> 500 soil testing laboratories will be set up in the public and private sectors during the Eleventh Plan period with Government assistance of Rs.30 lakh per laboratory. In addition, I propose to make a one-time allocation of Rs.75 crore to the Ministry of Agriculture in order to provide one fully-fitted mobile soil testing laboratory each to 250 districts of the country before March 2009.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Agriculture &amp; Cooperation]</p>	<p>The newly formulated scheme "National Project on Balanced Use of Fertilizer" now renamed as "National Project on Management on Soil Health and Fertility" has been approved by Government in June, 2008. Administrative approval of the scheme was issued in August, 2008 and the guidelines of the scheme have also been circulated to all the States/UTs for implementation of the scheme. The existing RE budget provision of Rs.19.98 crore for 2008-09 is expected to be utilized during the year.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action Completed</b></p>
35. 66	<p><b>Plantation Crops</b> The Special Purpose Tea Fund set up last year for re-plantation and rejuvenation will be provided Rs.40 crore in 2008-09. I propose to provide funds for similar support to other plantation crops such as cardamom (Rs.10.68 crore), rubber (Rs.19.41 crore) and coffee (Rs.18 crore). A crop insurance scheme for tea, rubber, tobacco, chilli, ginger, turmeric, pepper and cardamom will be introduced next year.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Commerce]</p>	<p>i) <b>Tea:</b> Tea Board has been provided requisite fund for SPTF for replantation and rejuvenation of tea, an amount of Rs.40 crore has been allocated under Special Purpose Tea Fund for replantation and rejuvenation of tea. It is proposed to replant/rejuvenate an area of 8400 hectares during the year 2008-09.</p> <p>ii) <b>Cardamom:</b> A Scheme to replant/rejuvenate Cardamom (both large and small) has been approved for implementation during 11<sup>th</sup> Plan Period with an outlay of Rs.122.23 crore. As the scheme was approved only recently, no outlay could be made in the 11<sup>th</sup> Plan Period. During 2007-08, an amount of Rs.3 crore was released to Spices Board. The Spices Board has been implementing the scheme for replantation and rejuvenation of small and large cardamom within their budget provision of Rs.50.00 crore during the year 2008-09.</p> <p>iii) <b>Coffee:</b> The Government has approved the scheme of "Development Support for Coffee" for implementation during the 11<sup>th</sup> Plan with an outlay of Rs.310 crore, out of which Rs.100 crore will be spent for replantation</p>

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		<p>programme of Coffee. During the year 2008-09, a provision of Rs. 60 crore has been made for the scheme "Development Support" of the Coffee Board, which includes Rs.18 crore for re-plantation programme. It is proposed to replant an area of 10,000 hectares during the year 2008-09.</p> <p>iv) <b>Rubber:</b> The Government has also approved the "Rubber Plantation Development Scheme and Scheme for Rubber Development in the North East Region" for implementation during 11<sup>th</sup> Plan Period with an outlay of Rs.413.44 crore for replantation/ new planting of Rubber. During the year 2008-09, a provision of Rs.75 crore has been made for the scheme "Rubber Plantation Development Scheme and Rubber Development in NE Region Scheme" of the Rubber Board, out of which Rs.19.41 crore are towards replantation related activities.</p> <p>v) <b>Crop Insurance Scheme</b> for tea, rubber, tobacco, chilli, ginger, turmeric, pepper and cardamom is under consideration of the Government and would be implemented after the same has been approved. The matter is under examination by a Group of Ministers (GoM). It has been decided that the issue of sharing of premium on the scheme by the Centre and the State Governments will be discussed with the State Governments shortly.</p>
36.	<p>67 <b>One time grant to Centre for Development Studies, Tiruvananthapuram and the Tea Research Association</b> In order to promote research on matters concerning the plantation sector, I propose to make a one-time grant of Rs.5 crore to the Centre for Development Studies, Tiruvananthapuram. The Tocklai Experimental Station at Jorhat of the Tea Research Association will celebrate its centenary in 2010. It is in the process of upgrading its facilities and expanding its activities to cover other North Eastern States, North Bengal and Darjeeling. I propose to make a special centenary grant of Rs.20 crore to the Tea Research Association.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Commerce]</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Work under progress</b></p> <p>A grant of Rs.5.00 crore has been provided to the Spices Board, the Nodal Agency, for onward transmission to Centre for Development Studies (CDS), Tiruvananthapuram. The proposal for special centenary grant of Rs. 20 crore to the Tea Research Association (TRA) has been approved and the sanction has been issued on 2.1.2009 for Rs.5 crore to the Tea Board for providing funds to TRA.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action Completed</b></p>
37.	<p>68 <b>Autonomous National Institute of Plant Health Management</b> The National Plant Protection Training Institute at Hyderabad will be converted and upgraded into an autonomous National Institute of Plant Health Management with budgetary support of Rs.29.4 crore</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Agriculture &amp; Cooperation]</p>	<p>The National Plant Protection Training Institute (NPPTI) has been registered as an autonomous society and renamed as the National Institute of Plant Health Management (NIPM) for strengthening the bio-security of the country. The budget provision will be utilized.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action Completed</b></p>

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38. 70	<p><b>Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme</b> In addition, the Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme that is being implemented as a pilot scheme in selected areas of five States will be continued. I intend to provide Rs.50 crore for this purpose in 2008-09.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Agriculture &amp; Cooperation]</p>	<p>The Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (WBCIS) has been implemented by 10 States during Kharif 2008 season. Administrative Instructions for the implementation of the scheme in 20 States have been issued in Rabi 2008-09 seasons. Till end of December 2008, Seven States (Bihar, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Haryana, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Chhatisgarh) have notified the scheme. The issue of notification for implementation is under consideration in the remaining States.</p>
39. 71	<p><b>Alternative methods for providing fertilizer subsidy</b> Government will continue to provide fertilisers to farmers at subsidized prices. Government is examining proposals to move to a nutrient based subsidy regime and alternative methods of delivering the subsidy.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Fertilizers]</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Work under progress</b></p> <p>The Department of Fertilizers vide letter dated 13.5.2008 had confirmed its commitment to continue providing fertilizers at subsidised prices. It was further indicated that in pursuance of the recommendation of the Group of Ministers set up to look into the sustainable use of fertilizers and pertinent subsidy and price issues, a nutrient based pricing scheme has been finalized. The same was subsequently approved on 12<sup>th</sup> June,2008. As a result of this, the prices of complex fertilizers have been reduced by an average of 19% leading to increase in subsidy outgo.</p> <p>As regards nutrient based subsidy regime, in the light of unsustainable levels of subsidy, it is proposed to have a relook on various alternative delivery mechanisms taking on board the experience of delivery of government subventions to the targeted population which have successfully been introduced. Since this entails a wide review of various delivery mechanisms, it may be difficult to indicate firm time for implementation. Department of Fertilisers proposes to have alternative strategies firmed up within the current financial year so that decisions for implementation could be taken at least in the next financial year.</p>
40. 72	<p><b>Cooperative Credit Structure</b> The Prof. Vaidyanathan Committee's report on reviving the short-term cooperative credit structure is under implementation in 17 States. So far, a sum of Rs.1,185 crore has been released by the Central Government to four States. I am happy to report that the Central Government and the State Governments have reached an agreement on the content of the package to implement the Prof. Vaidyanathan Committee's report on reviving the long-term cooperative credit structure. The cost of the package is estimated at Rs.3,074 crore, of which the Central Government's share will be Rs.2,642 crore or 86 per cent of the total burden.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Financial Services]</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Work under progress</b></p> <p>As on date, 25 States have signed the Memorandum of Understanding with Government of India and NABARD for implementation of the revival package for Short Term Cooperative Credit Structure. Rs. 4,970.37 crore has been released to NABARD.</p> <p>The package for revival of the Long Term Cooperative Credit Structure is being finalized.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Progress being monitored</b></p>

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41. 73	<p><b>Debt Waiver and Debt Relief</b></p> <p>Sir, while I am confident that the schemes and measures that I have listed above will give a boost to the agriculture sector, the question that still looms large is what we should do about the indebtedness of farmers. Honourable members will recall that Government had appointed a Committee under Dr. R. Radhakrishna to examine all aspects of agricultural indebtedness. The Committee has since submitted its report and it is in the public domain. The Committee had made a number of recommendations but stopped short of recommending waiver of agricultural loans. However, Government is conscious of the dimensions of the problem and is sensitive to the difficulties of the farming community, especially the small and marginal farmers. Having carefully weighed the pros and cons of debt waiver and having taken into account the resource position, I place before this House a scheme of debt waiver and debt relief for farmers:</p>	<p>The Scheme of Agricultural Debt Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme (ADWDRS) 2008 for farmers has been implemented by its due date 30.06.2008.</p> <p>The total debt waiver/debt relief is Rs.65,318.33 crore covering 36,877,818 farmers (provisional figures).</p> <p>The 1<sup>st</sup> installment of reimbursable claims of the lending institutions under the Agricultural Debt Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme, 2008 of Rs. 25,000 crore has been released to the Reserve Bank of India.</p>
	<p>(i) All agricultural loans disbursed by scheduled commercial banks, regional rural banks and cooperative credit institutions up to March 31, 2007 and overdue as on December 31, 2007 will be covered under the scheme.</p> <p>(ii) For marginal farmers (i.e., holding upto 1 hectare) and small farmers (1-2 hectare), there will be a complete waiver of all loans that were overdue on December 31, 2007 and which remained unpaid until February 29, 2008. In respect of other farmers, there will be a one time settlement (OTS) scheme for all loans that were overdue on December 31, 2007 and which remained unpaid until February 29, 2008. Under the OTS, a rebate of 25 per cent will be given against payment of the balance of 75 per cent.</p> <p>(iii) Agricultural loans were restructured and rescheduled by banks in 2004 and 2006 through special packages. These rescheduled loans, and other loans rescheduled in the normal course as per RBI guidelines, will also be eligible either for a waiver or an OTS on the same pattern.</p> <p>(iv) The implementation of the debt waiver and debt relief scheme will be completed by June 30, 2008. Upon being granted debt waiver or signing an agreement for debt relief under the OTS, the farmer would be entitled to fresh agricultural loans from the</p>	<p><b>Action Completed</b></p>

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	(v) Government estimates that about three crore small and marginal farmers and about one crore other farmers will benefit from the scheme. The total value of overdue loans being waived is estimated at Rs.50,000 crore and the OTS relief on the overdue loans is estimated at Rs.10,000 crore.																
	I appeal to Honourable Members - as well as to the people of India - to give their unqualified support to the scheme and help Government implement this momentous decision.																
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42. 76	<p><b>Rural Infrastructure Development Fund</b></p> <p>The Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) is the main instrument to channelize bank funds for financing rural infrastructure, and it is quite popular among State Governments. Therefore, I propose to raise the corpus of RIDF-XIV in 2008-09 to Rs.14,000 crore. I also propose to operate a separate window under RIDF-XIV for rural roads with a corpus of Rs.4,000 crore.</p>	<p>NABARD has sanctioned schemes worth Rs. 11,590.65 crore against the normative allocations for the States under RIDF-XIV amounting to Rs.14,000 crore. RBI has allocated the above amount amongst the Banks.</p> <p>Besides, Rs.1,315.40 crore has been disbursed to NRRDA by NABARD against Rs.4,000 crore sanctioned to it for Rural Roads Component of Bharat Nirman.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action Completed</b></p>															
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43. 78	<p><b>Target for additional power generation capacity</b></p> <p>The Eleventh Plan target for additional power generation capacity is 78,577 MW which is more than the total capacity added in the previous three Plans. By end March 2008, we will achieve Commercial Operation Date (COD) on about 10,000 MW, marking the best first year in any Plan period. Government will redouble its efforts to ensure that the ambitious target for the Eleventh Plan is achieved.</p>	<p>i) According to current status of projects, a capacity of 79,790 MW comprising of 33,530 MW in Central Sector, 25,363 MW in State sector and 21,097 MW in private sector is likely to fructify in 11<sup>th</sup> Plan. Out of this, a capacity of 11,822 MW has already been commissioned upto 31.12.2008. A capacity of 68,168 MW is under construction. Ordering for balance capacity is under process. The year-wise tentative commissioning schedule in respect of 11<sup>th</sup> Plan Projects which have either been commissioned or are under construction is as follows:</p>															
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			2009-10	6,362	4,858	4,231	15,451
			2010-11	9,076	6,592	3,145	18,813
			2011-12	12,442	6,281	10,210	28,933
			<b>Total</b>	<b>33,530</b>	<b>25,363</b>	<b>21,097</b>	<b>79,990</b>
			ii) A capacity of 7,294 MW achieved Commercial Operation Date (COD) during 2007-08 against the target of 12,001 MW. 5,893 MW capacity achieved COD during 2008-09 till 31.12.2008 against the target of 13,325 MW.				
			<b>Work under progress</b>				
44.	79	<b>Five more UMPPs</b> The fourth Ultra Mega Power Project (UMPP) at Tilaiya will be awarded shortly. It is possible to bring five more UMPPs in Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Orissa and Tamilnadu to the bidding stage provided the States extend the required support. I urge them to do so.  [Nodal Ministries/Departments: M/o Power]	In respect of Tilaiya Ultra Mega Power Project (UMPP), Request for Proposal (RFP) had been issued on 30.5.2008. The last date for submission of bids was 29 <sup>th</sup> December, 2008 and five bidders have responded. The financial bids are scheduled to be opened on 28 <sup>th</sup> January, 2009.  The State Governments of Maharashtra, Orissa and Tamil Nadu have confirmed the sites at Munge, Bedabehal and Cheyyur respectively.				
			<b>Work under progress</b>				
45.	80	<b>*Progress under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana</b> Government has approved the continuation of the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana during the Eleventh Plan period with a capital subsidy of Rs.28,000 crore. I propose to allocate Rs.5,500 crore in 2008-09 for the Yojana (including NER). [Nodal Ministries/Departments: M/o Power]	a) As on 31.12.2008, a total of 54,317 un-electrified villages have so far been electrified and intensive electrification carried out for 70,144 electrified villages and 51,42,322 rural households (including 43,00,834 BPL households) have been given connections. Achievement during 2008-09 till 31.12.2008 in respect of electrification of un-electrified villages was 6,491, intensive electrification of already electrified villages was 29,015 and connections given to rural households were 24,17,323 (including BPL households 20,07,064).  b) Franchisee system is in place in 88,269 villages in 14 states.  c) 235 projects were taken up for implementation during 10th Plan period and 323 new projects have been sanctioned so far for execution during phase-I of 11th Plan period.				
			<b>Work under progress</b>				
46.	81	<b>Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Project</b> I propose to provide Rs.800 crore in 2008-09 for the Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Project. However, it is the poor state of transmission and distribution (T&D) that is a	The Government has approved the restructured Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) Scheme on 31.7.2008. A token provision of Rs.1.00 crore for this scheme has been made during the current financial				

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	<p>drag on the sector. Huge investments are required to be made in T&amp;D, but linked to fundamental reforms. Hence, I propose to create a national fund for transmission and distribution reform. The details of the scheme will be worked out and announced very soon.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: M/o Power Planning Commission]</p>	<p>year 2008-09. Sanction for restructured APDRP has been issued on 19.9.2008. A Steering Committee has also been constituted for its implementation. Power Finance Corporation (PFC) has been appointed as Nodal Agency for operationalising the programme. PFC has appointed M/s KPMG as "Process Consultant" and started taking action on "Empanelment of IT Consultants" for its implementation during 11th plan. A "Quadripartite Agreement" implementation amongst Ministry of Power, PFC, State Government and State Utility and the "Terms and conditions for release of funds" under restructured APDRP, have been drafted and are being finalized in consultation with Ministry of Finance. The guidelines for restructured APDRP have also been issued on 22.12.2008.</p> <p><b>National Electricity Fund (NEF):</b> A Committee under the Chairmanship of Member (Power) has been constituted by Planning Commission to consider various aspects of establishing a NEF. It was decided to form a Sub-Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Power) to make recommendation on issues relating to operationalisation of NEF. The matter is currently under examination.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Work under progress</b></p>
47.	<p><b>82 Progress under National Highway Development Programme</b></p> <p>All phases of the National Highway Development Programme continue to make progress. The completion ratio in the Golden Quadrilateral is 96.48 per cent and in the North South, East West Corridor project is 23.36 per cent. Special attention is being paid to SARDP-NE, a programme devised for the North Eastern region. 180 kms of roads were completed in 2007-08 and the target for 2008-09 is 300 kms. I propose to enhance the allocation for the NHDP from Rs.10,867 crore in 2007-08 to Rs.12,966 crore next year.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Road Transport &amp; Highways]</p>	<p>All phases of the National Highway Development Project (NHDP) continue to make progress. The completion ratio in the Golden Quadrilateral is 97.57% (5,704 kms out of 5,846 kms) and in the North, South, East West corridor project is 43.16% (3,083 kms out of 7,142 kms). It has been proposed to increase the allocation for the NHDP from Rs. 10,867 crore in 2007-08 to Rs. 12,966 crore in the next year. Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North-Eastern Region (SARDP-NE) covering 9,713 km comprises of two phases has been approved. Phase 'A' covers 2,569 kms, out of which 1,415 kms has been approved for implementation. For the remaining 1,154 km, "in-principle" approval has been obtained. Phase 'B' covering 4,825 kms has been approved for preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs). The Arunachal Pradesh Package for Roads and Highways covering 2,319 kms has been approved for implementation by the Government on 9.1.2009 as part of SARDP-NE. Estimates for 977 kms length at an amount of Rs. 2,789 crore have so far been approved under SARDP- NE. During 2008-09, 330 kms length of road is expected to be completed. An expenditure of Rs. 372 crore has been made till December 2008.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Work under progress</b></p>

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48. 83	<p><b>Oil and Gas</b></p> <p>The 7th round of bidding under the New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) was launched in December 2007 and bids have been invited for 57 exploration blocks. It is estimated that the round will attract investment of the order of US\$3.5 billion to US\$8 billion for exploration and discovery.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: M/o Petroleum &amp; Natural Gas]</p>	<p>The Government has signed 41 Production Sharing Contracts (PSCs) with various Companies/Consortia for exploration of Oil and Gas Blocks under Seventh Round of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP-VII) covering an area of 1.129 Lakh sq. kms on 22.12.2008.</p> <p>Total investment commitment for Phase-I of exploration for the awarded blocks is about US \$ 1.5 billion. It is expected that the award of blocks under NELP-VII will result in more discoveries, further investments in development of oil fields leading to higher reserves accretion and eventually, production of oil and gas.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action Completed</b></p>
49. 84	<p><b>Appointment of Coal Regulator</b></p> <p>53 coal blocks with reserves of 13,842 million tonnes have been allotted during April-January 2007-08 to Government and private sector companies. A new Coal Distribution Policy was notified in October 2007. A coal regulator will be appointed.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: M/o Coal]</p>	<p>The draft Cabinet Note for setting up the Coal Regulatory Authority is being finalized in consultation with other Ministries.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Work under progress</b></p>
50. 86	<p><b>Continuation of two textile schemes - SITP &amp; TUF</b></p> <p>The two principal schemes of the Ministry of Textiles - the Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP) and the Technology Upgradation Fund (TUF) - will be continued in the Eleventh Plan period. All 30 integrated textile parks have been approved and 20 units in four parks have commenced production. I propose to maintain the provision for SITP at Rs.450 crore in 2008-09. The provision for TUF will be increased from Rs.911 crore in the current year to Rs.1,090 crore in 2008-09.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: M/o Textiles]</p>	<p><b>Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks( SITP):</b></p> <p>As per the approved target, project proposals for development of 40 Integrated Textile Parks have been sanctioned. Estimated project cost of these projects is Rs. 4,203.15 crore, of which Government of India's assistance would be Rs.1,438.03 crore. So far, Central assistance of Rs.443.26 crore has been released for these projects. Total investment in these projects is estimated at Rs.21,475.59 crore and estimated combined turnover is Rs.38,145 crore. This initiative will facilitate employment generation for 9.10 lakh persons (Direct/Indirect).</p> <p>Palladam HiTech Weaving Park, Palladam, Tamil Nadu sanctioned under the SITP was inaugurated on 19.04.2008. Pochampally Handloom Park, Pochampally in Andhra Pradesh, was inaugurated on 16.11.2008.</p> <p>Brandix India Apparel City, Vishakhapatnam and Komarapalayam Hi-Tech Weaving Park, Tamil Nadu are now ready for inauguration. Besides, 3-5 more projects are likely to be completed by March 2009.</p> <p>The progress of implementation and milestones set for each project, are being reviewed on a regular basis. The project specific SPVs are continuously sensitized to strictly adhere to the time schedule.</p>
		<p><b>Technology Upgradation Fund (TUF):</b> Out of total allocation of Rs. 1,090 crore (excluding Rs. 50 crore to NER), an amount of Rs. 1,060.52 crore has been released to 14 Nodal banks and the O/o Textiles Commissioner, Mumbai</p>

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51. 87	<p><b>Handloom sector</b></p> <p>The cluster approach to the development of the handloom sector has made rapid progress. 250 clusters are being developed. 443 yarn banks have been established. By March 2008, over 17 lakh families of weavers will be covered under the health insurance scheme. I propose to increase the allocation to Rs.340 crore in 2008-09.</p>	<p>as on date. As the budgetary allocation was not adequate to meet the requirement under TUFS, Rs. 300 crore has been provided in RE. The Government has announced further allocation of Rs. 1,400 crore.</p>
	<p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: M/o Textiles]</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Ongoing programme</b></p> <p>Integrated Handloom Development Scheme (IHDS) is a continuing scheme, which was approved on 26.11.2007. During 2007-08, 251 Cluster Development Projects have been sanctioned under the scheme and a sum of Rs 35.78 crore has been released as first instalment to various State Governments/UTs Weavers Service Centres. During 2008-09, 107 clusters have been sanctioned till 30.11.2008 and Rs. 16.23 crore, has been released.</p> <p>485 yarn depots have become operational by 30.06.2008. Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme with the components of Health Insurance Scheme and Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana has been approved on 1.10.2007.</p> <p>During 2008-09, 18 lakh weavers' families are expected to be covered under the Health Insurance Scheme during upto October, 2008. A sum of Rs.73.20 crore has been released towards the weavers already covered during 2007-08 and for coverage of 4.10 lakh new weavers in 2008-09. During April-October, 2008, 3.80 lakh new weavers have been enrolled under the Health Insurance Scheme.</p> <p>During the year 2008-09, a sum of Rs. 340.00 crore has been allocated for the handloom sector.</p>
52. 88	<p><b>Six centres for development as mega-clusters</b></p> <p>In order to scale up both infrastructure and production, it is proposed to take up six centres for development as mega-clusters. Varanasi and Sibsagar will be taken up for handlooms, Bhiwandi and Erode for powerlooms, and Narsapur and Moradabad for handicrafts. Each mega-cluster will require about Rs.70 crore. I propose to start the process with an initial provision of Rs.100 crore in 2008-09.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Ongoing programme</b></p> <p>The 'Comprehensive Textiles Cluster Development Scheme' has been approved by the Government on 20.11.2008 for the development of following Mega Clusters:</p>
	<p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: M/o Textiles]</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Comprehensive Powerloom Cluster Development Scheme for Erode and Bhiwandi clusters.</li> <li>ii) Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme for Varanasi and Sibsagar clusters.</li> <li>iii) Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme for Moradabad and Narsapur cluster.</li> </ol> <p>Accordingly, the process of implementation of the six mega clusters has been initiated. One of the important tasks, in this connection, pertained to the selection of Cluster Management Technical Agency (CMTA) for the said clusters, which would be responsible for implementation of the projects. Selection of CMTAs for five mega clusters, namely Varanasi and Sibsagar for handlooms, Moradabad for handicrafts and Bhiwandi and Erode for powerlooms has been completed. The process for selection of CMTA in respect of Narsapur (Handicrafts) is in an advance stage of completion. The selected CMTAs have been requested to complete the DPR; Diagnostic Study; Land Acquisition</p>

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53.	<p data-bbox="236 680 783 775"><b>89 Creation of a risk capital fund in the Small Industries and Development Bank of India (SIDBI)</b></p> <p data-bbox="236 779 783 1346">Micro, small and medium enterprises will continue to receive support from the Government. I wish to remove certain wrong perceptions about the sector. In the four years ending 2006-07, for which figures are available, there has been a secular rise in the number of registered units, the number of unregistered units, production, employment and exports. In order to give a fillip to the sector, I propose to create a risk capital fund in the Small Industries and Development Bank of India (SIDBI). As on January 31, 2008, the Credit Guarantee Trust with SIDBI had extended guarantees to 89,129 units for an amount of Rs.2,479 crore. SIDBI will reduce the guarantee fee from 1.5 per cent to 1 per cent and the annual service fee from 0.75 per cent to 0.5 per cent for loans up to Rs.5 lakh.</p> <p data-bbox="236 1384 783 1480">[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Financial Services M/o Micro, Medium &amp; Small Enterprises ]</p>	<p data-bbox="810 232 1497 264">document; and SPV formation document expeditiously.</p> <p data-bbox="810 300 1497 396">The concerned State Governments have also been requested to nominate a senior official to represent them on the Project Approval and Monitoring Committee (PAMC).</p> <p data-bbox="810 432 1497 645">M/s Technopak Advisers Pvt Ltd, Gurgaon (Haryana) and M/s C.S.Architects Pvt Ltd, Erode (Tamil Nadu) have been appointed/selected as CMTA for Varanasi (UP) and Sibsagar (Assam) respectively. For undertaking Diagnostic Study of Varanasi mega cluster, a sum of Rs. 7.87 lakh has been sanctioned to M/s Technopak Advisers Pvt Ltd as first installment.</p> <p data-bbox="1225 651 1497 683"><b>Work under progress</b></p>
54.	<p data-bbox="236 1514 783 1574"><b>92 Recommendations of the Committee on Financial Inclusion</b></p> <p data-bbox="236 1579 783 1675">The final report of the Committee on Financial Inclusion has been received. To begin with, I propose to accept two recommendations:</p> <ul data-bbox="236 1704 783 1989" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="236 1704 783 1832">• to advise commercial banks, including RRBs, to add at least 250 rural household accounts every year at each of their rural and semi-urban branches; and</li> <li data-bbox="236 1861 783 1989">• to allow individuals such as retired bank officers, ex-servicemen etc to be appointed as business facilitator or business correspondent or credit counsellor.</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="236 2024 783 2083">[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Financial Services]</p>	<p data-bbox="810 1579 1497 1921">IBA and NABARD have advised the scheduled commercial banks and RRBs to achieve the target of adding 250 rural household accounts every year at each of their rural and semi urban branches. Most of the Public Sector Banks have already achieved the target of adding 250 accounts in rural and semi-urban branches. Fresh guidelines have been issued by RBI on 24.04.2008 for appointment of individuals e.g. retired bank officers, ex-servicemen, etc. as Business Correspondents (BCs). RBI has also placed a concept paper on 'Financial Literacy and Credit Counselling Centres' on its Website on 03.04.2008 for public comments.</p> <p data-bbox="1161 1928 1497 1960"><b>Progress being monitored</b></p>

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55. 93	<p><b>Encouraging Banks to embrace the concept of Total Financial Inclusion</b></p> <p>Banks will be encouraged to embrace the concept of Total Financial Inclusion. Government will request all scheduled commercial banks to follow the example set by some public sector banks and meet the entire credit requirements of SHG members, namely, (a) income generation activities, (b) social needs like housing, education, marriage etc and (c) debt swapping.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Financial Services]</p>	<p>RBI and NABARD have issued necessary circulars to scheduled commercial banks, RRBs and Cooperative credit institutions encouraging them to embrace the concept of Total Financial Inclusion. As per provisional figures, between April to October, 2008, around Rs.502.82 crore of loans were provided by banks involving 18,863 accounts under this Scheme.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Progress being monitored</b></p>
56. 94	<p><b>Expanding reach of NABARD, SIDBI and NHB through creation of new funds</b></p> <p>Financial inclusion can be taken forward by expanding the reach of NABARD, SIDBI and NHB. Hence, in order to increase the resource base of these three banks, I propose to tap into the resources of scheduled commercial banks to the extent that they fall short of their obligation to lend to the priority sector. Accordingly, it is proposed to create the following funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) a fund of Rs.5,000 crore in NABARD to enhance its refinance operations to short term cooperative credit institutions;</li> <li>(ii) two funds of Rs.2,000 crore each in SIDBI - one for risk capital financing and the other for enhancing refinance capability to the MSME sector; and</li> <li>(iii) a fund of Rs.1,200 crore in NHB to enhance its refinance operations in the rural housing sector.</li> </ul> <p>Each of these funds will be governed by the general guidelines that are now applicable to RIDF with some modifications.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Financial Services]</p>	<p>RBI has issued orders for constitution of funds under NABARD, SIDBI and NHB with initial corpus as under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>NABARD</b> <b>Short Term Cooperative Credit Fund</b> (Rs.5,000 crore) - An amount of Rs.4,622.88 crore has been drawn from the fund as on 31.12.2008.</li> <li>b) <b>SIDBI</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) <b>MSME (Refinance) Fund</b> (Rs.2,000 crore) – An amount of Rs. 2,279.96 crore has been drawn from the fund as on 31.12.2008.</li> <li>ii) <b>MSME (Risk) Fund</b> (Rs.2,000 crore) – An amount of Rs. 250 crore has been drawn as on 31.12.2008.</li> </ul> </li> <li>c) <b>NHB</b> <b>RHD Fund</b> (2,000 crore) - The Reserve Bank of India has allocated an amount of Rs.2000 crore under the Rural Housing Funds (RHF). Against the allocated amount, a sum of Rs. 821 crore has been drawn by the end of December, 2008.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action Completed</b></p>
57. 95	<p><b>Enhanced eligibility under DRI scheme</b></p> <p>Last year, I enhanced the limit of the loan that could be extended under the Differential Rate of Interest (DRI) scheme to the weaker sections of the community engaged in gainful occupations. However, I did not enhance the eligibility criteria which still stand at levels fixed in 1986. This needs to be corrected. Hence, I propose to fix the borrower's eligibility criteria as annual family income of Rs.18,000 in rural areas and Rs.24,000 in urban areas.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Financial Services]</p>	<p>Revised Guidelines on Differential Rate of Interest (DRI) Scheme were issued by RBI on 10.4.2008.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action Completed</b></p>

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58. 97	<p><b>Measures for expanding market for corporate bonds</b></p> <p>I intend to move forward by taking some more measures to expand the market for corporate bonds. Hence, I propose to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• take measures to develop the bond, currency and derivatives markets that will include launching exchange-traded currency and interest rate futures and developing a transparent credit derivatives market with appropriate safeguards;</li> <li>• enhance the tradability of domestic convertible bonds by putting in place a mechanism that will enable investors to separate the embedded equity option from the convertible bond and trade it separately; and</li> <li>• encourage the development of a market-based system for classifying financial instruments based on their complexity and implicit risks.</li> </ul> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Economic Affairs]</p>	<p><u>(i), (ii) and (iii) combined</u></p> <p>Exchange Traded Currency Futures have been launched in three exchanges. As regards Interest Rate Futures and credit derivatives, preparatory work is still underway and these are expected to be launched in the near future by the RBI/SEBI.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action partly completed</b></p> <p>iv) SEBI is completing the ground work for putting in place mechanism that will enable the investors to separate the embedded equity from the convertible bonds and trade it separately.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Work under progress</b></p> <p>v) CRISIL has launched "COMPLEXITY LEVELS" on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2008. This helps investors determine the degree of sophistication and due diligence required to understand risk factors involved in an instrument, before making an investment decision. CARE has recently launched a similar initiative. Other rating agencies are in the process of doing so.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action Completed</b></p>
59. 98	<p><b>Requirement of PAN to all transactions in the financial market</b></p> <p>The fear of the Permanent Account Number (PAN) has virtually disappeared. PAN is now the sole identification number for all participants in the securities market. I propose to extend the requirement of PAN to all transactions in the financial market subject, however, to suitable threshold exemption limits.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Financial Services D/o Economic Affairs]</p>	<p><b>Insurance Products:</b></p> <p>It is proposed to mandate PAN for such insurance products that have an investment element in them, with exemption granted in cases, where the contracted premium payable on such insurance policy does not exceed Rs 1 lakh.</p> <p>The matter is being taken forward in consultation with IRDA.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Progress being monitored</b></p>
60. 99	<p><b>Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers to work with the Central Government to create a truly pan Indian market for securities</b></p> <p>Our stock exchanges provide national electronic trading platforms for securities transactions. Yet, we do not have a seamless national market for securities because of differences among States on the scope and applicability of rates of stamp duty. Hence, I propose to request the Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers to work with the Central Government to create a truly pan Indian market for securities that will expand the market</p>	<p>A concept note has been prepared for creating a truly pan Indian market for securities. An Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers has been constituted and requested to work with the Central government to create a truly pan Indian market for securities that will expand the market base and enhance the revenues of the state Government. A background note on important issues pertaining to Stamp Duties has been sent to Empowered Committee for their consideration.</p>

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	base and enhance the revenues of the State Governments.	<i>Work under progress</i>
	[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Economic Affairs D/o Revenue]	
61. 101	<p><b>Skill Development Mission</b></p> <p>Today, skill development programmes are diffused and administered by a number of ministries/departments. I have no intention of interfering with these sector-specific programmes. However, there is a compelling need to launch a world-class skill development programme, in mission mode, that will address the challenge of imparting the skills required by a growing economy. Both the structure and the leadership of the mission must be such that the programme can be scaled up quickly to cover the whole country. Hence, I propose to establish a non-profit corporation and entrust the mission to that corporation. It is my intention to garner about Rs.15,000 crore as capital from Governments, the public and private sector, and bilateral and multilateral sources. I shall begin by putting Rs.1,000 crore as Government's equity in the proposed non-profit corporation.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Economic Affairs]</p>	<p>1. The Union Government has approved the following course of action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Incorporation of National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) as a 'not for profit' company under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956.</li> <li>ii. Registration of a Trust - National Skill Development Fund (NSDF) – for receiving contributions from Government and other donors and channeling them to NSDC for its programmes and action plans.</li> </ol> <p>2. NSDC has been registered as a Section 25 Company on July 31, 2008. The Government have committed Rs. 4.90 crore towards the corpus of the Company. Contribution of Rs.3.00 crore from Government and Rs.4.08 crore from private sector associations of industry and commerce have been received by the Company. Directors – both from Government and private sector – have been appointed on its Board. The Board has held two meetings so far.</p> <p>3. National Skill Development Fund (NSDF) has been registered as a Trust under the Indian Trusts Act, 1882 on January 6, 2009. The Prime Minister has approved transfer of Rs. 995.10 crore to NSDF. This amount is out of Rs.1,000 crore committed in the Budget Announcement after accounting for Government contribution towards NSDC.</p> <p>4. The Investment Management Agreement between the NSDC and NSDF shall be finalized shortly.</p>
62. 102	<p><b>Upgradation of Industrial Training Institutes</b></p> <p>The upgradation of ITIs is proceeding apace. Under the World Bank assisted scheme, 238 ITIs are undergoing upgradation. Under the PPP scheme, 309 ITIs in 29 States have been identified with corresponding industry partners and agreements have been signed in 244 cases. In anticipation of upgrading 300 more ITIs in 2008-09, I have set apart Rs.750 crore.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: M/o Labour &amp; Employment]</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Work under progress</i></p> <p>i) <b>Upgradation of 400 ITIs with the World Bank assistance under 'Vocational Training Improvement Project' (VTIP)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Out of 400 ITIs to be upgraded with the World Bank assistance, 100 ITIs were taken up during FY 2006-07 with retroactive financing. Out of remaining 300 ITIs, 150 ITIs were selected from 27 States/UTs during 2007-08 under competitive selection. Another 148 ITIs have been identified so far for upgradation in 2008-09, thus making a total of 398 ITIs, which are being upgraded.</li> <li>• An amount of Rs.103.37 crore has been released till date during FY 2008-09.</li> </ul>

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		<p>ii) <b>Upgradation of 1,396 ITIs.</b> The Scheme aims at upgradation of 1,396 Government ITIs in the country during the 11th Five Year Plan with a total outlay of Rs. 3,550 crore. The scheme was approved on 25.10.07 for implementation of 300 ITIs in the first batch during 2007-08.</p> <p><b>Physical and Financial Target 2007-08:-</b> 300 ITIs were covered under this scheme for upgradation during financial year 2007-08. An amount of Rs 750 crore was disbursed to 300 ITIs with each ITI given Rs.2.5 crore during 2007-08.</p> <p><b>Physical and Financial Target 2008-09:-</b> 300 ITIs are proposed to be covered under this scheme for upgradation during 2008-09. The scheme for the upgradation of 1096 ITIs during the period 2008-09 to 2011-12 has been approved on 3.10.2008. Subsequently, an amount of Rs. 552.50 crore has been disbursed to 221 ITIs, so far.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Ongoing programme</b></p>
63. 103	<p><b>Sainik Schools</b></p> <p>I am concerned by the rate of attrition in the defence forces, especially at the officer level. Sainik Schools have played a unique role as recruiting and training ground of future leaders of the defence forces. I propose to make an allocation of Rs.44 crore at the rate of Rs.2 crore each to the 22 Sainik Schools for immediate improvement of infrastructure including classrooms, laboratories, libraries and facilities for physical education.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: M/o Defence]</p>	<p>All preparatory works have been completed. The Supplementary Grant has been received and sanction letters for disbursing the fund as grants-in-aid to each of the 22 Sainik Schools have been issued.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action Completed</b></p>
64. 104	<p><b>Pilot scheme for a smart card based delivery system to deliver food grains under the PDS in Haryana and Chandigarh</b></p> <p>A sum of Rs.32,667 crore is being provided next year for food subsidy under the Public Distribution System (PDS) and other welfare programmes. Strengthening the PDS would mean adequate supplies, reasonable subsidies and efficient delivery of the subsidized food. An idea that has been growing is to deliver subsidies to the target group through smart cards. Finally, I have found two willing partners - the State of Haryana and the Union Territory of Chandigarh. They will introduce, on a pilot basis, a smart card based delivery system to deliver food grains under the PDS in Haryana and Chandigarh, respectively. I thank the Chief Minister of Haryana and the Administrator of Chandigarh and promise them full support and cooperation in making a success of the pilot scheme.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Food &amp; Public Distribution]</p>	<p>Based on the approval of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) submitted by Haryana Government and Chandigarh UT Administration for the scheme on smart card based Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), administrative sanction for Rs. 137.63 crore for Haryana and Rs. 4.66 crore for Chandigarh for the years 2008-09 and 2009-10 was issued on 18.12.2008. Accordingly, initial financial sanction for Rs. 1.10 crore for UT Chandigarh, Rs 25.00 crore for Haryana and Rs. 1.00 crore to NIC has been issued for the current fiscal year on 26.12.2008. Implementation of the scheme is to be started from the current financial year itself.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Progress being monitored</b></p>

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65. 105	<p><b>Schemes for Unorganised Sector Workers</b> The Unorganised Sector Workers' Social Security Bill, 2007 is before Parliament. In anticipation of the Bill being made into law, Government has introduced three schemes that are designed to provide social security to workers in the unorganised sector in a phased manner. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Aam Admi Bima Yojana that will provide insurance cover to poor households. I am happy to announce that, in the first year of the Yojana, LIC will cover one crore landless households by September 30, 2008. I have already placed Rs.1,500 crore with LIC. In order to cover another one crore poor households in the second year, I propose to place an additional sum of Rs.1,000 crore with LIC in 2008-09;</li> <li>the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana that will be implemented with effect from April 1, 2008; and</li> <li>the Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme that was enlarged with effect from November 19, 2007 to include all persons over 65 years falling under the BPL category. Consequently, the coverage has expanded from 87 lakh to 157 lakh beneficiaries. I propose to allocate Rs.3,443 crore in 2008-09 as against Rs.2,392 crore in 2007-08.</li> </ul>	<p><b>The Unorganized Sector Worker's Social Security Bill, 2008</b> has been passed by both the Houses of Parliament.</p> <p><b>Aam Admi Bima Yojana (AABY):</b> As on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2008, 6,031, 781 persons have been covered under Aam Admi Bima Yojana. Budgetary provisions for release of Rs.1,000 crore to augment the Aam Aadmi Bima Yojana Premium Fund maintained by LIC was approved in First Supplementary Demands for Grants for expenditure 2008-09.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action Completed</b></p> <p><b>Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY):</b> It was launched on 1.10.2007, and became operational from 1.4.2008. Till 31.12.2008, 21 States and one Union Territory have initiated the process to implement the scheme. Out of the above States/UTs, 14 states, namely, Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab, NCT of Delhi, Gujarat, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Jharkhand and Tamil Nadu have started issuing Smart cards. 1,625,491 Smart cards have been issued in these states taking the health insurance cover to 8,127,455 persons. Nagaland is first State in the North East region to initiate the process to implement the scheme followed by Tripura and Assam. All states in NE Region except Arunachal Pradesh are in the process of implementing the scheme. Other States except Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh are also in the process of implementing the scheme during the current year.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action Completed</b></p> <p><b>Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS):</b> All the States/UTs have already been instructed to identify the additional beneficiaries as per the revised criteria under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS). Till date, 29 States and UTs have furnished information to increase the coverage from 87 lakh beneficiaries during 2006-07 to 144.35 lakh beneficiaries under IGNOAPS. An amount of Rs 4,207.63 crore per annum is required for NSAP which includes Rs. 3,772.56 per annum for 157.19 lakh beneficiaries under IGNOAPS and Rs. 435.07 crore for National Family Benefit Scheme for coverage of 4.35 lakh families in case of death of primary breadwinner in the BPL families. Budget estimates for NSAP for 2008-09 was Rs.3,442.24 crore and to cover the expenditure during the current year as well as proposed expansion of NSAP to include other vulnerable groups, additional Rs.1000 crore, has been provided for the programme.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action Completed</b></p>
66. 106	<p><b>Increased subsidy for Housing for the Poor under Indira Awas Yojana</b> Housing for the poor is one of the six elements of Bharat Nirman and is implemented through the Indira Awas Yojana (IAY). Against a target of 60 lakh houses, 41.13 lakh houses have been constructed up to December 2007 and the cumulative number will be 51.77 lakh</p>	<p><b>Housing for the poor</b> The financial assistance for constructing a house under Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) have been revised from Rs.25,000 to Rs.35,000 in plain areas, and from Rs.27,500 to Rs.38,500 in hilly/difficult areas and for upgradation from Rs.12,500 to Rs.15,000. IBA has advised PSBs to include</p>

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	<p>houses by end March 2008. Reflecting the higher cost of construction, I propose to enhance the subsidy per unit in respect of new houses sanctioned after April 1, 2008 from Rs.25,000 to Rs.35,000 in plain areas and from Rs.27,500 to Rs.38,500 in hill/difficult areas. The subsidy for upgradation of houses will be increased from Rs.12,500 per unit to Rs.15,000. A beneficiary will still need own funds to complete the house. Public sector banks will be advised to include IAY houses under the differential rate of interest (DRI) scheme and lend up to Rs.20,000 per unit at an interest rate of 4 per cent.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Financial Services D/o Rural Development]</p>	<p>IAY houses under differential rate of interest (DRI) Scheme on 2.5.2008.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action Completed</b></p>
67. 109	<p><b>Institutional mechanism for Climate Change issues</b></p> <p>In the Budget Speech last year I had announced the decision of the Government to appoint an expert committee to study the impact of climate change on India and identify the measures that we may have to take in the future. Work is in progress. Even while adhering to the principle of "common but differentiated responsibility" we can - and we must - do a number of things in our self-interest. We can promote clean technology products; we can review fuel emission and efficiency regulations; we can replace wood by solar as the fuel of common use; we can encourage the use of gas which is the most benign hydrocarbon; we can set up a trading platform for carbon emissions; we can build sustainable greenfield cities; and we can do more. In order to explore and implement these and other ideas, Government proposes to establish a permanent institutional mechanism that will play a development and coordination role. Details of the institutional mechanism will be announced shortly.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: M/o Environment &amp; Forests]</p>	<p>The National Action Plan on climate change, which incorporates all the suggested areas of action, was unveiled on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008.</p> <p>On institutional mechanism, the Central Government has issued order on April 16, 2008 for management of the inter-sectoral agenda relating to climate change.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action Completed</b></p>
68. 112	<p><b>Institutions of Excellence</b></p> <p>For the fourth year in succession, I propose to make a special grant of Rs.100 crore each to three institutions of excellence. The awards for 2008-09 go to: (i) Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri, Maharashtra; (ii) University of Mysore, Mysore; and (iii) Delhi University, Delhi.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Agricultural Research &amp; Education D/o Higher Education]</p>	<p>i) <b>The Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth (MPKV), Rahuri:</b> MPKV has submitted a proposal for the special grant of Rs 100 crore to ICAR. The process of seeking approval of the Competent Authority is underway.</p> <p>ii) Work is under progress for releasing special grant of Rs.100 crore each to <b>University of Delhi and University of Mysore.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Work under progress</b></p>

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69. 113	<p><b>India's Soft Power</b> India's music, literature, dance, art, cuisine and especially films are attracting huge interest around the world. This is the 'soft power' of India, and it must be projected in a sophisticated and subtle manner. I propose to provide Rs.75 crore to the Indian Council of Cultural Relations to design and implement a programme to achieve this objective.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: M/o External Affairs]</p>	<p>The proposal to place the funds of Rs. 75 crore with Ministry of External Affairs in the Supplementary Demand for Grants for 2008-09 is under consideration of CNE, so that it could be released to Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) in one instalment.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Work under progress</b></p>
70. 114	<p><b>Grant for National Tiger Conservation Authority</b> The number 1,411 should ring the alarm bells. That is the number of tigers in India. The tiger is under grave threat. In order to redouble our effort to protect the tiger, I propose to make a one time grant of Rs.50 crore to the National Tiger Conservation Authority. The bulk of the grant will be used to raise, arm and deploy a special Tiger Protection Force.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: M/o Environment &amp; Forests]</p>	<p>A proposal for constituting the Special Tiger Protection Force (STPF) in Tiger Reserves of the country is being finalised.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Work under progress</b></p>
71. 115	<p><b>Monitoring and Evaluation</b> Robust economic growth has thrown up many new challenges, among them the need to put in place effective monitoring, evaluation and accounting systems for the large sums of money that are disbursed by the Central Government to State Governments, district level agencies and other implementing agencies. I think we do not pay enough attention to outcomes as we do to outlays; or to physical targets as we do to financial targets; or to quality as we do to quantity. Government therefore proposes to put in place a Central Plan Schemes Monitoring System (CPSMS) that will be implemented as a Plan scheme of the Planning Commission. A comprehensive Decision Support System and Management Information System will also be established. The intended outcome is to generate and monitor scheme-wise and State-wise releases for about 1,000 Central Plan and centrally sponsored schemes in 2008-09.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: Planning Commission]</p>	<p>The office of the Controller General of Accounts in the Planning Commission is the implementing agency for the Central Plan Schemes Monitoring System (CPSMS). A central monitoring and accounting system for the 1,258 centrally sponsored schemes and central sector scheme has been instituted. All sanctions issued by the Central Ministries under these schemes are now identified with a unique Sanction ID that enables the tracking of releases as per their accounting and budget heads across the different implementing agencies at the state, district and Panchayat level. Scheme-wise and state wise reports for releases under these schemes are being developed.</p> <p>In addition, pilot evaluations are being planned for chosen schemes in selected districts of Karnataka and Punjab in consultation with the Planning Commission, concerned Ministries and State Governments. A Software is being developed for conducting these pilot evaluations that will have the functionality for tracking of releases, filing of expenditure and direct payment to beneficiaries under these schemes.</p> <p>The results of the pilot evaluations would form the basis of designing a comprehensive IT based Decision Support System and Management Information System for all centrally sponsored schemes and central sector schemes.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Work under progress</b></p>
72. 116	<p><b>Strengthening evaluation</b> Government also intends to strengthen evaluation. Some ministries have started concurrent evaluation. This needs to be</p>	<p>The Programme Evaluation Organisation of the Planning Commission has taken up 19 Evaluation Studies during 2008-09. It includes those studies which have been initiated</p>

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	<p>supplemented by independent evaluations conducted by research institutions. The Planning Commission will authorise such evaluations of the major schemes and complete the task by the time of the mid-term review of the Eleventh Plan.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: Planning Commission]</p>	<p>during 2007-08 and are at various stages of evaluation. <b>Work under progress</b></p>
73. 122	<p><b>Revisiting the Roadmap for Fiscal Adjustment</b></p> <p>I acknowledge that significant liabilities of the Government on account of oil, food and fertilizer bonds are currently below the line. This accounting arrangement is consistent with past practice. Nevertheless, our fiscal and revenue deficits are understated to that extent. There is a need to bring these liabilities into our fiscal accounting. As a first step, I have shown these liabilities clearly in 'Budget at a Glance'. After the obligations on account of the Sixth Central Pay Commission become clear, I intend to request the Thirteenth Finance Commission to revisit the roadmap for fiscal adjustment and suggest a suitably revised roadmap.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Economic Affairs]</p>	<p>The 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission has been requested to review the roadmap for fiscal adjustments vide Gazette Notification No. SO 2107 (E) dated 25.08.2008. <b>Action Completed</b></p>
74. 166	<p><b>The Reverse Mortgage Scheme</b></p> <p>The Reverse Mortgage Scheme was notified by the National Housing Bank in the current financial year. In order to clarify the tax issues arising out of the scheme, I propose to amend the Income Tax Act to provide that:</p> <p>(i) reverse mortgage would not amount to "transfer"; and</p> <p>(ii) the stream of revenue received by the senior citizen would not be "income"</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Revenue]</p>	<p>The Reverse Mortgage Scheme, 2008 has been notified vide S.O. No. 2310(E) dated 30.09.2008. <b>Action Completed</b></p>
75. 183	<p><b>CST and a Roadmap towards GST</b></p> <p>Following an agreement between the Central Government and the State Governments, the rate of Central Sales Tax was reduced from 4 per cent to 3 per cent in this financial year. It is now proposed to reduce the rate to 2 per cent from April 1, 2008. Consultations are underway on the compensation for losses, if any, and once agreement is reached the new rate will be notified. I am also happy to report that there is considerable progress in preparing a roadmap for introducing the Goods and Services Tax with effect from April 1, 2010.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Revenue]</p>	<p>The new CST rate of 2% effective from 1.06.2008 has been notified vide S.O.1277 (E) dated 30.05.2008. The revised set of compensation package was agreed upon on 28.05.2008. <b>Action Completed</b></p>