

## **CHAPTER 10**

### **SPECIAL AREA PROGRAMMES**

Special Area Programmes have been formulated to deal with special problems faced by certain areas arising out of their distinct geo-physical structure and concomitant socio-economic development.

#### **10.1 HILL AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (HADP)**

2. HADP has been in operation since the inception of the Fifth Five-Year Plan and is being implemented for the integrated development of designated hill areas. The main objective of this programme is to ensure ecologically sustainable socio-economic development of hill areas, keeping in view the basic needs of the people of hill areas.

3. The Designated Hill Areas covered under HADP were identified in 1965 by a Committee of the National Development Council (NDC). These include:

- Two hill districts of Assam-North Cachar and Karbi Anglong.
- Nine districts of Uttar Pradesh – Dehradun, Pauri Garhwal, Tehri Garhwal, Chamoli, Uttar Kashi, Nainital, Almora, Pithoragarh and Udham Singh Nagar.
- Major part of Darjeeling district of West Bengal.
- Nilgiris district of Tamil Nadu.

4. The Special Central Assistance (SCA) provided for HADP is additive to normal State Plan funds and supplements the efforts of the State Governments towards accelerating the development of hill areas. This SCA is not meant to be utilised for normal State plan activities. The schemes under the HADP are to be properly dovetailed and integrated with the State Plan schemes. The schemes undertaken under this programme also need to be conceived and designed to achieve the specific objectives of this programme and should not be merely conventional State Plan schemes.

5. The Special Central Assistance available for HADP is now divided amongst the designated hill areas under HADP and the designated talukas of Western Ghats Development Programme in the ratio of 84:16. The SCA is distributed amongst the designated hill areas on the basis of area and population, with equal weightage given to both the criteria.

6. The State Governments are required to prepare a separate sub-plan for the Hill Areas indicating the flow of funds from the State Plan and Special Central Assistance.

#### **REVIEW OF ANNUAL PLAN 1998-99 AND 1999-2000**

7. During 1998-99, Rs.390 crore was allocated and released, in full, to the State Governments, who have reported full utilisation of the Special Central Assistance.

8. Special Central Assistance available for HADP during 1999-2000 was Rs.400 crore, which was also released in full. The schemes under the Programme have been taken up under almost all the major sectors. The State Governments are being requested to include

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more environment friendly schemes and schemes which meet the specific requirements of the people of hill areas.

### ANNUAL PLAN, 2000-01

9. The total allocation of Special Central Assistance for 2000-2001 under HADP is Rs.400 crore. This includes Rs.336 crore for designated Hill Areas in the States under HADP and Rs.64 crore for the designated Hill Areas (talukas) under Western Ghats Development Programme. The details of the allocation of Special Central Assistance for 1999-2000 and 2000-01 for the designated Hill areas in the States under HADP are indicated in Table 10.1.1 below:

**TABLE 10.1.1**  
**Hill Area Development Programme: Allocation Of SCA For 1999-2000 & 2000-01**

	(Rs. crore)	
Designated Hill Areas in the States under HADP:	1999-2000	2000-01
Assam	50.90	50.90
Tamil Nadu	22.01	22.01
Uttar Pradesh	240.86	240.86
West Bengal	22.23	22.23
Total	336.00	336.00

10. During Annual Plan 2000-01, it is proposed to conduct selective impact assessment studies both to assess the efficiency of the programme and to gauge the actual requirements of the people.