

10.3 BORDER AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (BADP)

22. This programme was started in the year 1986-87 for balanced development of border areas of States bordering Pakistan, namely Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Gujarat and Rajasthan. During the Eighth Plan, the programme was revamped and its coverage was extended to the States on the eastern border with Bangladesh. In the Ninth Plan period, the programme has been extended to all the land borders in response to the demands of the State Governments and the Ministry of Home Affairs. Thus, in 1997-98, BADP was extended to States bordering Myanmar. In 1998-99 the States bordering China were included under the Programme and from 1999-2000, the Programme was further extended to include the States bordering Nepal and Bhutan also. The main objective of BADP is to meet the special needs of the people living in remote, and inaccessible areas situated near the border.

23. This is a 100 per cent Centrally funded programme and Special Central Assistance (SCA) is provided for execution of approved schemes. The block is the basic unit for the programme. The schemes to be taken up under the programme are prepared by the concerned departments in the State and submitted to the nodal department for approval by the State level Screening Committee. The Empowered Committee at Central level deals with the policy matters relating to the scope of the programme, prescription of the geographical limits of the areas in the States and allocation of funds to the States.

24. The schemes being selected by the State Governments under the Programme are generally from sectors such as education, health, roads and bridges, water supply, etc. Particular emphasis is being given to improvement and strengthening of social and physical infrastructure. For this, the felt needs of the people are the prime criteria. Some of the State Governments are undertaking construction of Play grounds, Community halls, etc. so that the people, particularly, unemployed youth can spend their leisure time in constructive and creative activities.

25. A system of monitoring the schemes under BADP in physical and financial terms has been introduced since 1994-95 and the concerned State Government submit reports indicating the scheme-wise achievements in financial and physical terms to Planning Commission.

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26. During 1998-99, against the total allocation of Rs.195 crore, Rs.191.52 crore only could be released as two States namely West Bengal and Punjab did not submit the approved schemes worth the total amount allocated to them for the year. In 1999-2000, an amount of Rs.210 crore was allocated for the Programme and released to the State Governments.

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27. The allocation for the programme for 2000-2001 is Rs.210 crore. The SCA under BADP is distributed amongst the beneficiary States on the basis of the three parameters viz. area and population of the bordering blocks and length of the international border. However, the States bordering Myanmar, China, Bhutan and Nepal have been allocated tentative amount as full information regarding the parameters was awaited from some of these States

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in 1999-2000. State-wise allocations for 2000-01 had to be kept at the same level as last year as the total allocation has remained unchanged at Rs.210 crore.

28. The allocations/releases to the beneficiary States in 1998-99,1999-2000 and 2000-01 are given in Table 10.4.1.

TABLE 10.4.1
Border Area Development Programme: Allocations And Releases

(Rs. crore)

Name of the State	1998-99		1999-2000		Allocation
	Allocation	Releases	Allocation	Releases	2000-01
Assam	4.27	4.27	7.20	7.20	7.20
Gujarat	8.88	8.88	9.87	9.87	9.87
Jammu & Kashmir	31.38	31.38	33.52	33.52	33.52
Meghalaya	4.11	4.11	4.52	4.52	4.52
Mizoram	6.82	6.82	8.00	8.00	8.00
Punjab	8.82	7.72	9.70	9.70	9.70
Rajasthan	26.52	26.52	29.17	29.17	29.17
I.G.N.P.	30.00	30.00	8.00	8.00	--
Tripura	11.34	11.34	12.47	12.47	12.47
West Bengal	31.86	29.38	38.05	38.05	38.05
Arunachal Pradesh	11.00	11.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
Nagaland	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Manipur	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Himachal Pradesh	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Sikkim	4.00	4.00	5.50	5.50	5.50
Uttar Pradesh	4.00	4.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
Bihar			7.00	7.00	7.00
TOTAL	195.00	191.52	210.00	210.00	202.00

Note: Funding for Indira Gandhi Nahar Project (IGNP) has been phased out from Annual Plan 2000-01.