

CHAPTER - 3

BHARAT NIRMAN PROGRAMME

3.1 The Government of India launched a time bound plan under Bharat Nirman Programme in 2005 for implementation during the four year period 2005-2009, in partnership with the State Governments and Panchayati Raj Institutions. This programme is being implemented in the State to upgrade the rural infrastructure in the areas of Irrigation, Electricity, All –Weather Roads, Safe source of Drinking water, Housing for rural poor and Rural Telephony. The following activities in the programme are being implemented in the State since Nov.2005, by six 'line' departments (5GOR & 1GOI):

1. Creation of additional irrigation potential.
2. Electrification of uncovered villages by 2009.
3. Every habitation over 1000 population and above (500 population in hilly and tribal areas) to be provided an all-weather road.
4. Every habitation to have safe source of drinking water.
5. To construct houses for rural poor.
6. Every village to be connected by telephone.

Additional Irrigation potential:

3.2 The objective of the activity is to create an increment in the average rate of irrigation potential, through a combination of major and medium projects, minor irrigation and restoration of water bodies.

3.3 The initial target was to create an additional irrigation potential in 9.72 lakh hectare during the period 2005-09 but the same has been revised to 5.22 lakh hectare because of the constraints like non availability of 0.6 MAF water from Ravi Beas system for use in IGNP, delay in the arrival of water of Narmada in the State and four major and eight medium projects pending CWC/ Environment clearance The expected expenditure by March, 09 is likely to exceed the provision for 2008-09.

3.4 Under this activity for the creation of additional irrigation potential, total outlay for 2005-09 is Rs. 4429.33 crores out of which a sum of Rs. 2910.54 crores was incurred since inception of the program, up to December, 2008. During 2008-09 out of an outlay of Rs.962.00 crores an expenditure of Rs. 517.93 crores was incurred up to December, 2008.

3.5 In its physical achievement during 2007-08, 93591 hect. area irrigation potential has been created .

Rural Electrification:

3.6 Under the 'Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Vidyutikaran Yojna the rural electrification targets are being met to achieve the twin objective of electrification and releasing the connections to the BPL households.

3.7 Rajasthan has prepared 40 Schemes for achieving 100 % rural electrification in the State under RGGVY. All sanctioned schemes are being implemented, while 18 Supplementary RGGVY schemes are being prepared. 15 Supplementary Schemes have been submitted and are being approved at GoI level.

3.8 The State Govt. proposes to cover all villages-Dhanies by providing electricity with priority given to SC/ST habitats in coming years.

3.9 A sum of Rs. 57.14 crores was incurred upto December, 2008. Against the out lay of Rs. 425.51 crores for 2008-09. However, since inception of this programme, against total outlay of Rs. 655.45 crores for the period, an expenditure of Rs.343.63 crores was incurred upto December, 2008.

3.10 1651 villages have been electrified and 4.62 lacs connections to BPL households have been released since inception of the programme till December, 2008 out of the total targets of 1705 villages for electrification and 6.99 lacs BPL household connection respectively.

Rural Roads Connectivity:

3.11 Rural connectivity is the key component of rural development and poverty alleviation. In order to give a boost to rural connectivity, this programme envisages a massive scaling up in terms of habitation connectivity by providing all weather access roads to unconnected habitation with population exceeding 1000 (500 in case of Tribal & Desert areas) by 2009.

3.12 The Bharat Nirman program is a subset of PMGSY for rural road connectivity. Under PMGSY Rajasthan, this year would have covered all eligible unconnected habitations in rural areas with population exceeding 500 by 2007. In respect of Desert and Tribal areas, the objective to connect habitations with population exceeding 250 would also be achieved. Rajasthan would then have no targets under Bharat Nirman-PMGSY. Rajasthan accounted for 3055 habitations i.e.27% of the country 's share and 24% of country road length in 2007-08.

3.13 At present there is no scheme to connect remaining unconnected villages having population 250-499 in General areas and less than 250 in Tribal & Desert areas. There remain about 2995 unconnected habitations in the population range 250-499 in General areas and around 591 and 881 unconnected habitations in the population category below 250 in Tribal and Desert areas respectively in Rajasthan which are not covered under PMGSY guidelines. If the existing norms are lowered under PMGSY

for Rajasthan, this would allow coverage of these habitations also in 2009-10.

3.14 Since inception of this programme an expenditure of Rs. 2465.01 crores up to December, 2008 was incurred against the total outlay of Rs. 1666.13 crores for carrying out this activity. During 2008-09 an expenditure of Rs. 805.20 crores (up to Dec.2008) was incurred against the annual out lay of Rs.1450.00 crores.

3.15 10258.72 Km in length of rural roads has been constructed against the total targeted length of 10624.89 Km since inception of the program, whereas 244.98 Km road was constructed against the target of 612 Km during 2008-09(Up to December, 2008).

Rural Drinking Water Supply:

3.16 Public Health Engineering Department under the 'Comprehensive Action Plan' and 'Slipped back programme' has undertaken the coverage of 'Not Covered habitations', the slipped back habitations from 'Not covered to partially covered' status and providing safe drinking water in the quality affected (water) habitations.

3.17 As regards targets of addressing 82372 problematic villages/habitations of the State, the coverage, as of December, 2008 is 29762 villages/habitations (36 % of total). The Action Plan of Bharat Nirman Program for coverage of balance uncovered habitations and habitations affected by drinking water quality problem in the State was prepared and submitted to Government of India along with the detailed reasons for extending the schedule to March 2013 for coverage of all problematic villages/habitations against the target year of 2008-09, set by Government of India.

3.18 The Proposed outlay for 2005-09 was Rs. 16200.00 crores out of which an expenditure of Rs.4282.00 crore was incurred since inception of the programme. However during the year 2008-09 against the annual out lay of Rs. 1787.07 crore, an expenditure of Rs. 1272.83 crore was incurred up to December, 2008.

Rural Housing:

3.19 'Indira Awas Yojna'. was launched as an independent and major housing scheme to provide assistance for construction/up-gradation of dwelling units to the Below Poverty Line (BPL) rural households. The programme has recognized and accorded due priority to the need to end shelter less population.

3.20 Against the target of 47350 new houses, 19581 houses have already been constructed/upgraded up to Dec., 2008, 37479 houses are under construction and are proposed to be completed by March 2009. In addition to this Rajasthan has got 37469 additional IAY targets

for 2008-09. Apart from this, the target of 52085 new houses has been proposed for the year 2009-10.

3.21 Under this scheme, an expenditure of RS.390.90 crores was incurred up to December, 2008 against the total outlay of Rs. 380.17 crores for the period 2005-09. During 2008-09 against the annual outlay of Rs. 160.87 cores an expenditure of Rs.88.65 cores was incurred up to Dec. 2008.

3.22 Number of new houses constructed/ upgraded since inception is 139267 against the total target of 152070 for this programme.

Rural telephone Connectivity:

3.23 Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. through, Rajasthan Telecom Circle is implementing Public Telephone Connectivity by providing Village Public Telephones as per their norms. Against the total target of 12383 for new village public telephones in uncovered villages, 11626 VPT have been installed up till December, 2008 since inception of this programme.