

CHAPTER 28

ECONOMIC AND GENERAL SERVICES

Economic Services

28.1 The head “Economic Services” covers Statistics, District Planning Machinery, Project Monitoring Unit, Evaluation, State Planning Machinery for Plan formulation, Tourism, monitoring and implementation Food & Civil Supply Department, Rajasthan foundation and Information Technology.

28.2 The Sector/department wise outlays for the Tenth Plan & Annual Plan 2002-2003 are given as under:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

Economic Services	Xth Plan	AP2002-2003
State Planning Machinery	335.50	61.00
Statistics	355.69	64.67
District Planning Machinery	0.01	0.01
Evaluation	30.80	5.60
Project Monitoring Unit	44.00	8.00
Information Technology	9000.00	1250.00
Weights & Measures	205.00	10.00
Food & Civil Supply	191.17	35.00
Rajasthan Foundation	110.00	20.00
IIIT	1000.00	500.00
Provision of IT	49810.00	2910.00
Tourism Department	8250.00	1945.00
Tourism Dev. in Desert circuit in Rajasthan (EAP)	6500.00	5.00
Total	61082.17	4864.28

Strengthening of State Planning Machinery

28.3 The State Planning Department is responsible for plan formulation and its monitoring at the State level and for advising the State Government in matters relating to plan formulation monitoring and evaluation systems. The State Planning Board has been reconstituted on the pattern of State Planning Board of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala with some additional features in the year 1999 with Chief Minister as Chairman. Six Cabinet and one state minister, Chief Secretary, Development Commissioner, Principal Secy. Finance and Secretary, Plan, are the members of the State Planning Board. There is also a provision for nominating 8 Non official Members in the State Planning Board.

28.5 An outlay of Rs. 335.50 lakh has been provided for the Tenth Five Year Plan and Rs. 61.00 lakh have been kept for Annual Plan 2002-2003.

Statistics

28.5 The Department of Economics & Statistics is responsible for collecting information relating to administrative and developmental activities of the state, prepare estimates of state income and agriculture production, industrial growth, details of price structure. It also gathers information about socio-economic conditions in the State by conducting sample surveys.

28.6 This Department is also the Nodal statistical organisation in the State to develop an efficient statistical system and coordinate the statistical activities in the State. At the District level, there are District Statistical Officers with supporting subordinate statistical staff. The Directorate is engaged in scientific and systematic collection, tabulation and analysis of statistical data relating to all sectors of the economy, with a view to present a comprehensive picture of the economy.

28.7 The Director, Economics & Statistics also performs the function of (i) Chief Registrar, Birth & Death under Rajasthan Birth & Death Act.1969 (ii) State Agricultural Statistical Authority (iii) Officer on Special Duty for Annual Survey of Industries.

28.8 An outlay of Rs. 355.69 lakh is being provided for Tenth Five Year Plan, which includes an amount of Rs. 333.71 lakh for committed liabilities as matching share of centrally sponsored schemes. For Annual Plan 2002-2003, an outlay of Rs. 64.67 lakh is being kept, which includes Rs. 54.67 lakh for committed liabilities as matching share of centrally sponsored schemes viz. TRS and ICS.

Evaluation

28.9 An independent evaluation machinery exist in the State for carrying out concurrent and ex-post facto evaluations and impact studies of programmes / projects and schemes. Besides its Head Office at Jaipur there are 17 field officer covering 32 districts of the State.

28.10 The working group constituted for evaluation emphasised concurrent evaluation by external agencies which includes evaluation by both State Evaluation Organisation and Non Government Organisation. Besides, there is need to modernise, computerise and provide high order training to officers and staff of the department through reputed institutions.

28.11 For modernisation, training and office equipments etc. an outlay of Rs. 30.80 lakhs has been provided for the Tenth Plan period and Rs. 5.60 lakh for Annual Plan 2002-2003.

Project Monitoring Unit (PMU)

28.11 Project Monitoring Unit has been setup on the recommendation of Department of Economic Affairs, Government of India, in the State to deal with the issues related to the external aided projects (EAPs) and is working under the Planning Department.

28.12 The main functions of Project Monitoring Unit are as follows :

- Physical & Financial Monitoring of EAPs including the expenditure and the reimbursement of claims.
- Maintenance of database and monthly reporting.
- Liaison with the DEA and the external donor agencies.

- Protocol matters reg. visiting missions about project identification, preparation approval and monitoring.
- Organisation of training and familiarization with IBRD requirements and procedures.
- Organisation of high level review meetings regarding EAPs.
- Assistance to the administrative departments information of new projects.

28.13 An outlay of Rs. 44.00 lakh has been provided for Tenth Plan and 8.00 lakhs for Annual Plan 2002-2003 under PMU Department.

Information Technology

28.14 DoIT is the nodal agency for computersation in Government to provide focus and impetus to implement the IT Policy and to make Rajasthan as a major IT hub in the country, the State Government has recently constituted a high level IT Task Force.

28.15 Therefore following strategy should form the basic IT objectives.

- Promoting the State as an attractive location for development and growth of information technology industry.
- It should be explicit objective of the Government to provide enabling environment as a facilitation / catalyst and to let the entrepreneurial skills of private sector to flourish.
- IT industry will be a priority sector for investment
- Suitable tax concessions and financial incentives will continuously be given to the IT sector industries.
- Complete one stops service should be provided to all IT units with bound schedule.
- Creation and continous upgradation of IT infrastructure in the State through Government private sectors joint efforts.
- To move in direction of e-Governance.

28.16 For the Tenth Five Year Plan a provision of Rs. 9000.00 lakhs has been made with main emphasis on reorganisation / structuring of the Department. A provision of Rs. 1250.00 lakhs has been made for Annual Plan 2002-2003. Out of which Rs. 413.32 lakhs are for New Scheme Project viz CMIS, JAN MITRA, e-Governance for Rural Areas and Rs. 836.68 lakhs for the continuing schemes. ICSC (LOK MITRA), GIS and LAN in the Secretariat. A scheme of state level awards launched for IT companies with outstanding performance in exports and in domestic segment.

28.17 For establishment of Indian Institute of Information Technology 1000.00 lakhs for Tenth Five Year Plan and Rs. 500.00 lakhs for Annual Plan 2002-2003 has been provided.

Provision for IT :

28.18 For coordinated development and use of information technology in government departments block provision of Rs. 49810.00 lakhs in Tenth Plan and Rs. 2910.00 lakhs in annual plan is kept. Proposals for computerisation by various departments will be approved by the directorate of Information Technology as nodal department.

Rajasthan Foundation

28.19 Rajasthan Foundation was constituted under Rajasthan Societies Act, 1958 in the year 2001 with the objectives of :-

- to strengthen and renew the bonds between non-resident Rajasthanis and the state of their origin, Rajasthan
- to facilitate participation of Rajasthani Diaspora in the development of the state of Rajasthan and the welfare of its people.
- to promote the well being of non resident Rajasthanis living in different parts of the country and the world.
- to provide a forum and facilitate a process of continuous communication and interaction between non resident Rajasthanis, the state of Rajasthan and its various agencies.

28.20 An outlay of Rs. 110.00 lakh has been proposed for activities of Rajasthan foundation in the Tenth Plan and an outlay of Rs. 20.00 lakh is proposed for annual plan 2002-2003.

Food & Civil Supplies

28.21 Construction of godowns : During the year 1998-99 administration and financial sanction amounting of Rs. 72.49 lakhs were issued for construction of four godowns. The construction work has been completed but spill over liabilities are pending. Similarly the spill over liabilities of the office of the state commission, consumer protection is still pending. for these spill over liabilities a sum of Rs. 15.00 lakhs is kept under Annual Plan 2002--2003 and Rs. 91.17 lakhs under Tenth Plan period.

28.22 An innovation scheme of grain bank is being implemented in rural areas for facilitating the BPL families which can obtain the food grain on loan basis from the bank. For this activity a sum of Rs. 20.00 lakhs is kept under Annual Plan 2002-2003 and Rs. 100.00 lakh for the Tenth Plan period.

Weights and measures

28.23 Weights and Measures Enforcement Act, 1985 has been adopted by the State since 1 April 1997. As such there will be a major requirement of equipment for testing purposes. A sum of Rs. 205.00 lakh for Tenth Five Year Plan and Rs. 10.00 lakhs for Annual Plan 2002-03 have been kept for this purpose.

Tourism

28.24 Rajasthan State is one of the most attractive tourist destination in India for both domestic & international tourists. The State of Rajasthan is known for its diversity & has a unique place on the world map of tourism in terms of natural resources, cultural heritage, historical as also archaeological wonders & rare wild life. The forts & palaces, heritage hotels & attraction of travelling on the palace of wheels has been the unique selling proposition for tourists coming to the State. Colorful fairs & festivals are also greatly appreciated by visitors. The unique desert environment in western parts of the state is a major attraction also for visitors today, Rajasthan is the image of India in the eyes of the tourism world.

28.25 The total arrival of the tourists in Rajasthan is increasing continuously. The total tourist arrival in Rajasthan during the Ninth Five Year Plan are as follows:-

(No. in lakhs)

Calender Year	Domestic	Foreign	Total
1997	62.90	6.05	68.95
1998	64.03	5.91	69.94
1999	66.76	5.63	72.39
2000	73.74	6.23	79.97
2001	77.57	6.08	83.65

28.26 It is projected that by the year 2010, total number of domestic tourists coming to Rajasthan will increase to 172.26 lacs while foreign tourist arrivals will increase to 11.84 lacs.

28.27 Department of Tourism has formulated a comprehensive Tourism Policy wherein roles of state, private and public sector have been outlined. The Tourism Policy has been approved by the Cabinet. this policy has clearly spelt out the directional thrust and structural changes required for the tourism sector in the state.

28.28 A pragmatic policy designed to ensure optimum utilization rich tourism resources of the state to generate employment specially in rural areas, to develop a ready market for the rich and varied handicrafts, to preserve and to accelerate contribution of tourism industry in socio-economic development of the state by marking tourism a truly People's Industry in Rajasthan. The main objectives of the new tourism policy are as follows:

Objectives of the Tourism Policy

- Increase employment opportunities, specially in rural areas for unemployed rural youth;
- Optimum utilization of rich tourist resources of the State in order to attract the maximum number of domestic and international tourists;
- To facilitate the growth of tourism in the State and to further involve the private sector in the development of tourism in Rajasthan;
- Preservation of rich natural habitat and bio-diversity, historical, architectural and cultural heritage of Rajasthan, special emphasis on conservation of historical monuments in Rajasthan;
- To develop a ready market for the rich and varied handicrafts and cottage industries of Rajasthan, ensure welfare of artisans/artistes;
- To promote inter cultural understanding through religious/ pilgrim tourism and fairs and festivals;
- To promote socio-economic development of Rajasthan through Tourism with special thrust on backward areas;
- To make tourism a "People's Industry" in the state;
- To minimise the negative impacts of tourism and promote sustainable tourism;
- To open new attractions in tourism like Adventure tourism, Eco-tourism, Camel/Horse safaris, River and Canal cruise, House boats in Rajasthan (Palace on Waves), Educational Tourism, Caravan Tourism and Village Tourism;
- Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur and other cultural institutions will be associated with Tourism Development.

28.29 In a significant policy decision to make Tourism a People's Industry, the State Government has constituted, on 5th July, 2001 Rajiv Gandhi Tourism Development Mission under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister so that effective measure can be taken for the planned development of tourism in the State in a time bound framework.

28.30 Under the Mission an Empowered Committee has been also constituted under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary to ensure co-ordination among various departments and remove administrative bottlenecks in order to realise the objectives of the Mission.

28.31 All District Collectors have been made head of District sub-mission so that tourism development works can be taken up in the districts as well and a conducive atmosphere for development of Tourism Industry in the entire State, can be created.

28.32 The Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-07) will start from the year 2002-03. A working group was setup under the chairmanship of Secretary (Tourism) for the recommendations for Tenth Five Year Plan for the Tourism Sector according to the terms of reference. Three sub-groups were also constituted on following important subjects of the tourism sector :-

- Working Sub Group on Development of Infrastructure, Tourism Places and Tourist Circuits.
- Working Sub Group on Marketing, Publicity and Fair & Festival.
- Working Sub Group on Human Resource Development for Tourism and Travel Industry.

28.33 The detailed report of the Working Group and three working sub groups with theme paper of Tourism Sector for the Tenth Five Year Plan has been sent to the Government.

28.34 The Government and Tourism Industry both have been striving hard to improve the quality of the product and services available to the visiting tourists. This is being attempted by improving the dissemination of information, providing easier access through transport, arranging for suitable accommodation, conservation for the heritage forts, palaces and old monuments.

28.35 To build further on the success of the previous Five Year Plan and to implement the recommendation of working group on Tourism Sector, policy decisions taken in New Tourism Policy and to full-fill the objectives of the RGTDM, Plan Outlay of Rs. 147.50 crores including Rs. 65.00 crores of Desert Triangle EAP projects is being proposed for further consideration. An outlay of Rs. 1950.00 lakhs is also being proposed for the Annual Plan 2002-03.

28.36 The scheme wise allocation and proposals for Tenth Five Year Plan (TFYP) and Draft Annual Plan 2002-03 are as under:-

Tourism Promotional Activities

28.37 From this year the Department has revised its different budget heads existing in the earlier budget have been merged into one head, ensuring more internal flexibility in spending the money. a new scheme/head "Tourism

promotional activities" has been proposed and a provision of Rs. 1030.00 lacs and Rs. 4818.00 lakhs has been proposed for the Annual Plan 2002-03 and Tenth Five Year Plan respectively. This will take care of printing of publicity material, issuing of advertisement, hospitality, Sanskritik dharohar sewa-vahina, Fairs & Festivals and all marketing activities.

Strengthening of Infrastructure and Restoration of Monuments

28.38 For capital works of Tourism sector a new budget head/scheme "strengthening of infrastructure and restoration of monuments" has been proposed. Under this scheme all development works/conservation works will be undertaken by the department, a provision of Rs. 427.00 lacs for Annual Plan 2002-03 and Rs. 2065.15 lakhs for Tenth Five Year Plan has been proposed for this purpose.

Grant-In-Aid Subsidy to tourism units

28.39 The capital investment subsidy scheme for tourism units was in operation till March, 1999. The pending liability of this scheme is Rs. 399.46 lakhs, which is being proposed to be charged in Tenth Five Year Plan.

28.40 The Department proposes to keep sufficient amount to benefit/encourage the tourism units for the promotion on tourism in the state. Out of Rs. 399.46 lakhs a provision of Rs. 127.70 lakhs is being proposed for the scheme during the Annual Plan 2002-03.

Food Craft Institute

28.41 Taking stock the ever growing requirement of trained manpower in tourism and travel industry following three Food Craft Institutes / Institute of Hotel Management are being provided the financial assistance by the non plan funds of the department.

- FCI, Ajmer
- FCI/IHM, Jodhpur
- FCI, Udaipur

28.42 For the scheme 'Construction of Building for FCI / IHM' an amount of Rs. 165.00 lakhs are being proposed for Tenth Five Year Plan and Annual Plan 2002-2003.

Tourist Police

28.43 The tourists visiting the places for tourist interest face a lot of problems and harassment from the touts, baggers etc. To protect and facilitate tourists, the department has introduced "Tourist Assistance Force" which is already being deployed at Amer Fort and Jantar Mantar Complex in Jaipur. For the requirement of this force at other tourist importance places (Udaipur, Jodhpur, Jaisalmer, Mount Abu, Ajmer, Pushkar etc.) an amount of Rs. 165.00 lakhs are being proposed for TFYP and Rs. 30.00 lakhs for the Annual Plan 2002-03.

Rajasthan Institute of Travel and Tourism Management (RITTMAN)

28.44 The Department has got registered an institution in the name of RITTMAN for imparting the training in various areas of tourism and travel trade. An amount of Rs. 110.00 lakhs are being proposed for TFYP and Rs. 20.00 lakhs for the Annual Plan 2002-03.

Information and Technology

28.45 The Department is taking up computerization in a big way, The urgent need of computerization in tourism sector can not be over emphasised. An amount of Rs. 220.00 lakhs are being proposed for Tenth Five Year Plan and Rs. 40.00 lakhs for Computer network of the department and note books for Annual Plan 2002-03.

Development of Desert Circuit

28.46 Recognising the tourism potential and the development requirement for attracting tourists the Government of India has designated the Desert Circuit of Jodhpur, Jaisalmer, Bikaner & Barmer as one of the 9 circuits identified for intensive tourism development.

28.47 Based on the assessment of the tourism resources and the existing infrastructure recommendation were made for their conservation/augmentation and the investment requirement has been estimated in 1997-98 at Rs. 574.00 crores. It is an integrated project involving agencies such as PWD, Power, PHED etc. Initially this project was expected to get assistance from OECF Japan. A provision of Rs. 6500.00 & Rs. 5.00 lakhs are being proposed for the development of Desert Triangle for the Tenth Five Year Plan & Annual Plan 2002-03 respectively.

Beautification of Tourists Places through Flood Lighting at Monuments

28.48 To attract the tourist at important monuments of the State Rs. 165.00 lakhs are being proposed for beautification of Tourist Places/Flood lighting at monuments for the Tenth Five Year Plan and Rs. 30.00 lakhs for Annual Plan 2001-2002.

Direction & Administration

28.49 A provision of Rs. 75.30 lacs for Annual Plan 2002-03 and Rs. 414.15 lacs for 10th Five Year Plan has been proposed for Salary, T.A., Medical, O.E., Maintenance of Vehicle and hiring of services for providing better services in the Tourism Sector.

General Services

State and District Level Buildings

Jail Buildings

28.50 For jail buildings and amount of Rs. 110.00 lakhs has been proposed for the Tenth Year Plan. The total amount of Rs. 110.00 lakhs has been proposed for the new works & matching share to CSS.

28.51 The details of new works are as follows :-

Construction of Jail Building, Atru	31.05
Construction of prisoners barrack	9.50
Vardar's barracker control Jail Building	13.00
Prisoners barracker control, Jail Bahratpur	9.50
Factory shed, Bharatpur	12.00
Quarter at Central Jail, Bahratpur (4)	13.40
Quarter at Central Jail Bharatpur (3)	7.50
Extension of interview room at Jaipur	2.30

IVth type quarter at central Jail, Bharatpur	11.75
Total	110.00

Police Buildings

28.52 During the Tenth Five Year Plan, a sum of Rs. 165.00 lakhs has been provided for police buildings. The amount of Rs. 165.00 lakhs shall be spent on new works. S.P. Office karoli & GRP office, Jodhpur.

Revenue Buildings

28.53 For the Tenth Five Year Plan the outlay has been stepped upto Rs. 165.00 lakhs. Out of this, Rs. 165.00 lakhs will be spent on ongoing works sanctioned in the Ninth Five Year Plan.

28.54 Construction of various Revenue Buildings which was sanctioned in 1996-97 to 1998-99 and strengthening of library books and updating of land records including rationalization of revenue administration.

Building Under General Administration Department

28.55 Activities undertaken under construction of General Administration (GAD) Building cover construction of office buildings for different departments, circuit house and their offices, excepting those which are included in different sectoral programmes. Formerly, this activity was augmented through upgradation grants from Finance Commission, but with their discontinuance on the recommendations of Ninth Finance Commission, this has to be supported through funds from State Plan.

28.56 For the Tenth Year Plan 2002-2007 a sum of Rs. 2340.20 lakhs has been provided for GAD buildings. Out of this, Rs. 500.00 lakhs will be spent on the ongoing works and rest amount Rs. 1840.20 lakhs will be spent on new works.

Judicial Buildings

28.57 For the Tenth Five Year Plan, a sum of Rs. 1661.50 lakhs has been provided for Judicial buildings against an outlay of Rs. 602.54 lakhs for Ninth Five Year Plan. Out of this, an amount of Rs. 550.00 lakh for new building for High Court, Jodhpur and Rs. 1111.50 lakh for other Judicial buildings.

Commercial Taxation

28.58 During the Tenth Five Year Plan, a sum of Rs. 42.35 lakhs has been kept for the Commercial Taxation Department. This amount is proposed to be utilised for construction of zonal office of Jhunjhunu & Kishangarh & construction of Check Post for Mt. Abou.

Administrative Reforms

28.59 A sum of Rs. 11.00 lakhs has been kept under administrative reforms during Tenth Five Year Plan. These funds have been provided for making up of

deficiency at the district Collectorate, and meeting liabilities on recurring items, etc.

HCM RIPA

28.60 Harish Chandra Mathur Rajasthan State Institute of Public Administration (RIPA) has earned the reputation of a pioneer Institute for the training of the officers of the State Government and officers of the Central Government. It has two campus operating at Jaipur and Udaipur and 5 Regional Training Centres at Bikaner, Jodhpur, Kota, Jaipur and Udaipur.

28.61 During the Ninth Five Year Plan period, an expenditure of Rs. 457.50 lakhs had been incurred, primarily for construction of Swimming Pool at Jaipur, construction of Type II quarters, RTC building at Bikaner and other miscellaneous work.

28.62 For the Tenth Five Year Plan Rs. 79.86 lakhs has been allocated to the Institute. Out of this, Rs. 41.91 lakhs will be spent on the ongoing works and the remaining amount Rs. 37.95 lakhs shall be for new items.

Construction of HCM RIPA at Bikaner Phase-I

28.63 During the Tenth Five Year Plan, a new building for the Regional Training Centre, Bikaner is to be constructed under Phase I.

Excise Department

28.64 Excise Department is the second largest revenue oriented department in the State. In the Ninth Five Year Plan an expenditure of Rs. 112.00 lakhs has been incurred on various capital works against the outlay of Rs. 285.00 lakhs.

28.65 During Tenth five Year Plan period an amount of Rs. 27.50 lakhs has been proposed to construction of boundary wall & labeling work for EPF line Udaipur & construction of CI officer building at Bayana, Bharatpur.

Stamp and Registration

28.66 During Ninth Five Year Plan a sum of Rs. 177.58 lakhs was incurred on various capital buildings. An outlay of Rs. 82.50 lakhs has been proposed for capital works for stamps & Registration office buildings during Tenth Five Year Plan. Out of this 57.75 lakhs have been provided for committed liabilities and Rs. 24.75 lakhs for new works. The Central office of Dy. Inspector of Registration of Ajmer, Dy. Inspector office buildings and Dy. registrar office buildings at various places are proposed during Tenth Five Year Plan. Construction of Genral building & construcion of central general room at Ajmer and DIG building, Hanumangarh & record room, Jodhpur.

Rajasthan Vidhan Sabha Bahwan

28.67 New Rajasthan Vidhan Sabha Bahwan at Lal Kothi, Jaipur has been constructed for an estimated cost of 77.02 crores which is likely to be charged. Till 1996-97, a sum of Rs. 3007.79 lakhs has been spent. During Tenth Five Year Plan 2002-2003 a sum of Rs. 226.00 lakhs has been kept for this purpose for construction of staff quarters.

