

Directives by the Governor of Maharashtra under Rule 7 of the Development Boards for Vidarbha, Marathwada and rest of Maharashtra Order, 1994 regarding the region-wise and sector-wise allocation in other Backlog Sectors (other than Irrigation) in the Annual Plan 2007-08.

1. Introduction

1.1 The State of Maharashtra (Special Responsibility of Governor for Vidarbha, Marathwada and the rest of Maharashtra) Order, 1994 made by the President of India under Article 371(2) of the Constitution of India has assigned the Governor of Maharashtra special responsibility for matters specified in sub Clauses (b) and (c) of Clause (2) of Article 371 of the Constitution in respect of the areas of Development Boards for Vidarbha, Marathwada and the rest of Maharashtra. On 30 April 1994, the Governor of Maharashtra issued the “Development Boards for Vidarbha, Marathwada and the rest of Maharashtra Order, 1994” (hereinafter referred to as the Order) constituting separate Development Boards for the said three regions.

1.2 According to Rule 7 of the said Order, the Governor of Maharashtra has the special responsibility of ensuring equitable allocation of funds for development expenditure over the areas of Development Boards, subject to the requirements of the State as a whole.

1.3 According to Rule 8 of the said Order, the allocation of funds or outlays made by the Governor shall be reflected in the Annual Financial Statement to be placed before the State Legislature and the development activities with regard to the outlays as aforesaid, shall be carried out or caused to be carried out by the State Government and the funds so allocated shall be non-divertible from the area of one Board to that of another Board.

2 Background

2.1 Indicators and Backlog Committee appointed in the year 1994, calculated the overall backlog as on 1st April,1994 as Rs.14006.77 crore out of which Rs. 6588.77 was the backlog for sectors other than irrigation. The details are given at **Annexure I**.

2.2 After deducting the expenditure incurred on backlog removal during 1995-2001, backlog as on 1st April,2002 for other sectors was fixed as Rs.4208.98 crore, the details of which are given at **Annexure II**.

2.3 These Directives are in continuation of the directives dated 6 March 2006. The objective of the directives was to liquidate the backlog of Rs. 3909 crore as on 1 April 2005 in the 3 years starting from 2006-07 to 2008-09.

2.4 It is observed from **Annexure-III**, even after issue of the directives for four consecutive years, the backlog in sectors other than Irrigation has been reduced by only 27.90% till 31 March 2006

3. Allocation for removal of backlog in sectors other than Irrigation

3.1 For backlog sectors other than the Irrigation Sector, the distinction between the backlog and non-backlog allocations will continue. The region-wise and sector-wise remaining backlog as on 1 April 2006 after taking into account the expenditure incurred on backlog removal in 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 is shown in **Annexure-IV**.

3.2 From the statement at **Annexure-IV**, the backlog under the other sectors excluding Irrigation Sector as on 1 April 2006 would

be **Rs.3034.50 crore**. The Planning Department has communicated that Rs. 1400 crore will be allocated for backlog removal in the Annual Plan 2007-08.

3.3 His Excellency the Governor directs that a minimum allocation of Rs. 1400 crore should be earmarked for backlog removal in sectors other than Irrigation in the Annual Plan for 2007-08. The distribution of this allocation among the three regions should be done in proportion to the remaining backlog of the respective regions as on 1 April 2006 as given in the statement at **Annexure-IV**. The region-wise allocation of Rs. 1400 crore outlay for backlog removal in 2007-08 should be as follows :

Sr. No.	Region	Outlay for backlog removal (Rs. in crore)	Percentage to total
1.	Vidarbha	426.16	30.44
2.	Marathwada	321.02	22.93
3.	Rest of Maharashtra	652.82	46.63
4.	Total	1400.00	100.00

Further, the sectoral allocation for backlog removal within the region should be done in proportion to the remaining backlog in the respective sectors as on 1 April 2006 as given in the statement at **Annexure V**.

3.4 The reconciliation of physical and financial backlog as on 1 April 2000 was done by the Planning Department and communicated to this office and formed the basis of the directives issued on 15 December 2001. However, it has been observed for the last four years that the expenditure incurred in the other backlog sectors is not more than 15% to 20%. In certain sectors like General Education no expenditure has been incurred in the last four years. In this background in order to ensure effective

utilization of funds allocated it has become imperative to review physical as well as financial backlog in each sub-sector of all the 8 backlog sectors and reconcile the figures as on 1 April 2006. The Planning Department should undertake this exercise in consultation with all the respective departments and by 30th April 2007 the information should be made available to the Governor's office. The reconciled figures will be taken into consideration while issuing the directives for 2008-09.

3.5 Scheme-wise Outlays for Removal of Backlog within Sectors:

Within the overall allocation for the removal of backlog in the areas under the respective Development Boards, as mentioned above, the Scheme-wise outlays should be made by the Planning Department based on the recommendations made in consultation with the respective Development Boards and the concerned District Planning Committees in respect of district level schemes and the concerned Departments in respect of State Pool and State Level Schemes.

3.6 After deducting allocation for the Irrigation Sector and funds for removal of backlog in other backlog sectors, the Divisible portion of the remaining Plan outlays should be distributed amongst the three regions in proportion to the overall population of the respective regions.

3.7 The funds from backlog to Non-backlog and from the area of one Development Board to that of another Development Board **shall not be diverted.**

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

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