

Memorandum of Agreement

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA

- The Memorandum of Agreement is made between the Planning Commission and the Government of Tripura to affirm the continued commitment of all parties to ensure better governance and economic development in Dhalai District in the State of Tripura and to list out the administrative measures and the Development projects which the Government of Tripura will take up, and the support to develop Dhalai District that the Government of India will provide.

PREAMBLE

- WHEREAS the Planning Commission, Government of India and the Government of Tripura are agreed that the development of the identified backward districts is a key requirement for the growth of the State's economy in particular and the development of the country as a whole;
- AND FURTHER the Budget Speech of the Finance Minister for the year 2002-03 has set in motion initiatives for a Development and Reform Facility (Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana) which will provide critical inputs to break the cycle of poverty and under-development;
- AND WHEREAS there is a broad agreement between the parties to this Memorandum of Agreement on the administrative measures to be taken up and the projects which have been identified for funding under the Development and Reform Facility (Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana).

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED BETWEEN THE SIGNATORIES TO THIS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AS FOLLOWS :

- The State of Tripura is committed to take up the agreed administrative measures and implement the identified projects in order to :
 - i) ensure good governance; and
 - ii) alleviate poverty and achieve a higher level of economic development.

- This Memorandum of Agreement between the Planning Commission and the Government of Tripura, records the steps that the Government of Tripura will take in a time bound manner to further the process of development in Dhalai District and the support the Government of India will provide to the Government of Tripura.

**BACKWARD DISTRICTS PROGRAMME OF THE STATE OF TRIPURA
(DISTRICT DHALAI)**

- The State Government undertakes to ensure the progress of schemes taken up under the programme as per the schedule fixed in the District Plan submitted to the Planning Commission and the physical and financial targets fixed as per Appendix – I.
- Further, the State Government of Tripura will undertake the following mandatory administrative measures as per the table below :

Item	Indicator	Time Frame
Tenure of District Commissioner/Collector		Two year term
Heads of the Department in the District i) Rural Development ii) Irrigation iii) Health iv) Education		Two year term
Transparency in selection, formulation and implementation of projects	Development and maintenance of website tenders on the website along with progress	System to be in place within two months of the scheme's inception; weekly update of progress
Proactive	List of projects in which	Duration of the

involvement of PRIs and NGOs	PRIs/NGOs are involved in selection/formulation/implementation/monitoring	scheme
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- The State Government undertakes to earmark the required amount for funding a local institution, which would undertake benchmark surveys as well as monitor the projects and provide relevant feedback.
- The State Government undertakes to provide relevant visual recordings (photographs/videos) to show the position before the projects are undertaken and after completion of the projects.

SUPPORT FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

- To support the Backward District Initiative under the Development and Reform Facility in Dhalai District of Tripura State, The Planning Commission will extend the following support :
 - i) Subject to the State Government of Tripura complying with the Schedule of Implementation given in this MOA and satisfactory progress of schemes, Rs.15 crore will be released per year for three years under the Development and Reform Facility (Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana).
 - ii) Assist in capacity building and circulate examples of best practices for good governance.

IMPLEMENTATION

- The key component of this MOA is the acceptance of the administrative measures listed above and the implementation of the projects as listed in Appendix-I.
- The State Government of Tripura will release the funds received under the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana to a separate head created to the purpose under the District Rural Development Agency (Dhalai District) within 15 days of the receipt of the said funds. Failure to do so will lead to forfeit of subsequent installments and the funds released earlier will be treated as a loan.

- The implementation of the MOA will be monitored on a quarterly basis by the Planning Commission and will be placed before the Empowered Committee for consideration for release of instalments.
- Through this MOA, the Planning Commission and the State Government of Tripura affirm their commitment to undertake the development projects and the administrative measures mutually agreed upon in this agreement.

Signed this day the

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Chief Secretary, Government of Tripura

For and on behalf of the State

Government of Tripura

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Principal Adviser (DRF)

For and on behalf of the

Planning Commission,

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