

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 2005-06.

1. Background

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.

1.4 These Directives are in continuation of the earlier Directives issued on 15 December 2001, 12 March 2003 and 16 February 2004.

2. Allocation in other backlog sectors (other than Irrigation) :

2.1 For backlog sectors other than the Irrigation Sector, the distinction between the backlog and non-backlog allocations will continue. The Governor had earlier directed that the financial backlog in the other backlog sectors other than the Irrigation Sector should be liquidated in the period of four years from 1 April 2002. The region-wise and sector-wise remaining backlog as on 1 April 2004 after taking into account the expenditure incurred on backlog removal in 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 is shown in **Annexure-I**. From the statement at **Annexure-I**, the backlog under the other sectors excluding Irrigation Sector as on 1 April 2004 would be **Rs.4093.32 crore**. In the Annual Plan 2004-05, an outlay of Rs. 2182 crore was provided for backlog removal in backlog sectors other than the Irrigation Sector. Since the actual expenditure figures for the year 2004-05 are not available at this stage, the remaining backlog as on 1 April 2005 will be updated once the expenditure figures are made available. The Planning Department has submitted information on region-wise sector-wise outlay budgeted and expenditure incurred till 31 December 2004 which is given in the statement at **Annexure –II**. After deducting the budgeted outlay allocated for backlog removal in 2004-05 (ie. by presuming that the entire budgeted outlay will be expended by 31 March 2005) from the financial backlog as on 1 April 2004 the remaining financial backlog as on 1 April 2005 is Rs. 3880.24 crore. As per the directives dated 15 December 2001, the Governor had directed that the backlog as on 1 April 2002 should be liquidated in the next four years. The year 2005-06 is the last year for the liquidation of this backlog of Rs. 3880.24 crore. **The Governor has therefore directed that Rs. 3880.24 crore should be earmarked for backlog removal in sectors other than the Irrigation Sector in the Annual Plan 2005-06.** 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 2005 as given in the statement at **Annexure-III**. The region-wise allocation of Rs. 3880.24 crore outlay for backlog removal in 2005-06 should be as follows :

| Sr. No. | Region | Outlay for backlog removal (Rs. in crore) | Percentage to total |
|---------|---------------------|---|---------------------|
| 1. | Vidarbha | 1329.38 | 34.26% |
| 2. | Marathwada | 872.46 | 22.48% |
| 3. | Rest of Maharashtra | 1678.40 | 43.26% |
| 4. | Total | 3880.24 | 100% |

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 2005 as given in the statement at **Annexure-IV**.

2.2 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.

2.3 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**.

2.4 Disbursement of outlay in the other backlog sectors :

Since the past four years it is observed that although the outlay in the other backlog sectors is allocated as per the Governor's directives the disbursement of outlay is not in accordance with the region-wise percentages as stipulated in the Governor's directives. The year 2005-06 being the last year for liquidation of backlog in the other backlog sectors, the disbursement of outlay in the other backlog sectors in the Annual Plan 2005-06 should be strictly in accordance with the region-wise and sector-wise percentages stipulated in the directives.

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

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dated the 25th February 2005**

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