

Mr. Speaker and Hon'ble Members,

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you to the 9th Session of this 14th Odisha Legislative Assembly. I convey my heartiest greetings to all of you and to the people of Odisha.

2. This August House has expressed its deep condolence on the sad demise of Late Batakrushna Jena and Kiran Chandra Singh Deo, former Ministers, Late Niranjan Jena, Sarat Kumar Jena, Ghanashyam Sahoo, Ramachandra Hansda, Dr. Jagannath Das, Aswini Kumar Behera, Mrutyunjaya Pal, Gajanan Nayak, Kalia Dehuri, Srikanta Panda, Kshetra Mohan Nayak, Abdul Reheman Khan, Bhubanananda Jena, all former Members and Late Jagabandhu Majhi, Sitting Member of this August House who have made significant contribution to the development of the State. This House has also expressed its condolence on the sad demise of Late Resham Bahadur Hamal Thakuri, Ex-Havildar, 3rd I.R. Battalion, Late Anthony Minz, Ex-Constable, C.R.P.F., Late Aseem Kumar Kanungo, Ex-Sepoy, O.S.A.P., Late Balaji Takri, and Prasanta Kumar Patra, Ex-Constables & Late K. Vinod, Ex-Home Guard of Odisha Police who have rendered exemplary and selfless service and laid down their lives for the cause of the Nation. This August House has also expressed its condolence for the people who have lost lives

in the last devastating flood. I request Hon'ble Members to join me in paying tribute to Late Ulaka Ramachandra, former Minister & former Leader of Opposition and Late Bhanu Prakash Joshi, Gopinath Bhoi and Kanhu Charan Mallick, all former Members of this House and Late J.R. Khaswan, Ex-Commandant, Rajesh Sharan, Ex-2nd-in-Command, Ashok Kumar Yadav, Ex-Inspector, Jitender Kumar, Ex-A.S.I. of BSF and Late Sunasira Mohanty, Umakant Jani and Sangram Kumar Lenka, all Ex-Constables of Odisha Police who are no more with us. The House may convey our heartfelt condolence to the bereaved families of the departed souls.

3. My Government has been continuously striving to achieve a sustainable and inclusive higher economic growth, accelerated overall development, reduction of regional, social and gender disparities and a faster rate of poverty reduction. The State's 11th Five Year Plan: 2007-12 envisaged a projected outlay of ₹32,225 crore. Annual Plan allocations have been substantially enhanced from ₹ 5,520 crore in 2007-08 to ₹15,200 crore in 2011-12. The plan expenditure during the first four years of the plan period has been ₹ 31,501.90 crore. It is expected that over all expenditure during the 11th Five Year Plan will far exceed the original plan outlay. The State is expected to grow in real terms at a rate of 8.22% per annum during the 11th Five Year Plan.

My Government has already initiated action to prepare the 12th Five Year Plan for the year 2012-17, with a projected outlay

of Rs.1,00,000 crore. An outlay of ₹17,000 crore has been proposed for the Annual Plan of 2012-13.

An action plan with an outlay of 130 crore has been formulated for the year 2011-12 under the Special Plan of RLTA for the KBK districts. Need based interventions in the field of Agriculture, Irrigation, Afforestation, Urban Drinking Water Supply, Welfare of ST & SC, Social Safety Net, Rural Connectivity and Residential Clusters have been taken up.

The Biju Kandhamal 'O' Gajapati Yojana is implemented in 2011-12 in Kandhamal and Gajapati districts under State Plan out of State's own resources. A sum of ₹18 crore and ₹10.50 crore have been sanctioned for Kandhamal and Gajapati districts respectively. In all, 724 works relating to Bijli, Sadak, Pani and Livelihood sectors have been sanctioned.

Besides, the State has been implementing "Integrated Action Plan", a centrally funded scheme, in eighteen selected tribal and backward districts of the State to accelerate the process of development and to meet the critical needs of the local people of these backward & tribal districts.

My Government recognises the important role of private sector in the development of physical and social infrastructure in the State. As part of the Public Private Partnership (PPP) policy to encourage private sector initiatives in infrastructure development my Government has launched a new scheme "State Viability Gap

Fund” with a view to provide critical support to the projects in the unviable sectors / areas.

4. In the past, Odisha was passing through acute financial crisis. In order to overcome such difficulties, my Government undertook fiscal reform measures which included expenditure rationalization and revenue generation measures. It resulted in perceptible improvement in the fiscal condition of the State during last few years. I am happy to note that resources are now available for undertaking various developmental activities of the State.

The level of Capital investment has increased from ₹1038.06 crore in 2005-06 to ₹4285.10 crore in 2010-11. As percentage of GSDP, this has increased from 1.24% in 2005-06 to 2.30% in 2010-11. This substantial increase in Capital Outlay has been possible due to generation of surpluses on Revenue account and full utilization of the borrowed fund for Capital asset creation. No diversion of borrowed funds for revenue expenditure since 2005-06 is an indication of prudent fiscal management in the past few years. Similarly, the annual plan size of the State has increased from ₹3,500 crore in 2006-07 to ₹15,000 crore in 2011-12.

My Government has made substantial strides on the Management of Public Debt. We have been able to reduce the net debt stock from 55.92 % of GSDP in 2001-02 to 21% of

GSDP in 2010-11 thereby achieving the desired level of 25% recommended by the 13th Finance Commission. The ratio of interest to Revenue Receipts which should be within the prudential level of 15% has already been achieved by 2007-08 being 14.43%. This ratio stands at 9.20% in 2010-11. Through buy back / prepayment of high cost loans and debt swap, it has been possible to reduce the debt stock and interest burden. With improvement in fiscal situation, the State Government has not resorted to Open Market Borrowing since 2005-06, as a result of which the State Government has been able to achieve debt sustainability parameters recommended by successive Finance Commissions.

With improved fiscal condition, now the focus of my Government is efficiency and quality of public spending. Now, the emphasis is on outcome and efficiency of expenditure rather than simply making budget provision. My Government has taken a number of institutional reform measures to improve efficiency, transparency and productivity in public spending.

The Pension Administration System of the State Government has been completely revamped. Now, monthly pension of all State Government pensioners is automatically transferred to their Bank Account. No pensioner is required to come to the Treasury anymore for receiving his monthly pension. SMS alert is sent to the mobile of each pensioner on transfer of his monthly pension to his account.

In order to put in place a system for Complete Expenditure Control through Integrated Odisha Treasury Management System (IOTMS), the 40 year long practice of Letter of Credit (LC) system has been abolished and expenditure of all Administrative Departments have been brought under the fold of this system. The system now enables monitoring of both receipt & expenditure position with real time data. The system facilitates Electronic distribution / redistribution / re-appropriation without manual intervention. As all the expenditure through the system is against availability of allotment, incidence of excess expenditure has been minimized.

The State Government has introduced the Online Budget Compilation System since the Supplementary Statement of Expenditure, 2011-12 and Annual Budget, 2012-13. The entire process of preparation of this Supplementary Statement of Expenditure 2011-12 has been done through this system, so that we have saved about 5000 man-hours and 100 rims of paper.

With the improvement in overall State finances, my Government is now implementing many welfare schemes like Biju KBK Yojana, Gopabandhu Grameen Yojana, Biju Gram Jyoti, Biju Saharanchal Vidyutikaran Yojana, Rice @ ₹ 2 per kg., Construction of Check Dam, Individual Deep Bore Wells with 90% subsidy, Madhubabu Pension Yojana, MAMATA, Mega Lift Irrigation Scheme and Biju Setu Yojana. These schemes are of

immense benefit to the poorer sections of the society and meet the critical developmental needs of the State.

5. Agriculture continues to be the backbone of State's economy. About 65% population of the State is dependent on Agriculture. My Government has been giving priority to the development of Agriculture Sector through a number of pro-active measures.

As seed is the most important input for boosting productivity of crops, effective steps are taken to increase Seed Replacement Rate (SRR) of various crops. The SRR of paddy, which was 6.35% by end of 10th Plan period has now gone up to 21% at the end of Kharif- 2011. During 2011-12, about 37,047 ha of land (18,551 ha paddy, 18,496 ha non-paddy) has been brought under seed production programme and it has been programmed to cover about 40,760 ha (20,410 ha paddy and 20,350 ha non-paddy) for the year 2012-13. Besides, 6 mobile Soil Testing Laboratories have been engaged to expedite the soil analysis process in rural areas. In spite of erratic climatic condition leading to drought and severe floods, this year the fertilizer consumption could reach up to 56.57 Kg/ha during Kharif. Programme has been drawn up to increase fertilizer consumption to 90 Kg/ha during 2012-13.

As the State has ample scope to boost horticultural crops, a number of schemes have been taken up to fully exploit the

horticulture potential of the State. During 2011-12, about 15,995 ha of land has been brought under different fruit crops. It has been targeted to cover about 17,000 ha under fruit crops plantation in 2012-13. Due importance is also given to commercial cultivation of flowers. Adequate planting materials of important horticultural crops like Mango, Cashew-nut etc. are being produced in the State to make the State self-sufficient in producing quality planting materials. During 2011-12, about 27.49 lakh planting materials have been produced in the State. It has been targeted to produce about 30 lakh such grafts through departmental farms and private nurseries.

Watershed Development is one of the priority areas of the State. A large number of Micro Watershed Projects are under implementation under various schemes namely Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP), Integrated Watershed Development Programme (IWDP), Rastriya Krushi Vikash Yojana (RKVY), Jeebika, Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP), National Watershed Development Programme in Rainfed Area (NWDPR), River Valley Project (R.V.P.) and Revised Long Term Action Plan (RLTAP) (for KBK districts). During the current financial year, till November 2011, 0.89 lakh hectares of land has been treated through Watershed Development Programmes with an expenditure of ₹78.91 crore. 21,930 Water-bodies, 44,200 small soil & water conservation structures and 44,520 hectares of plantation have been created under watershed development programme in the State.

Irrigation is the most critical input for agriculture. Private Lift Irrigation Points (PLIP) under Jalanidhi scheme are being promoted with 50% subsidy to farmers. During 2011-12, 15,283 PLIPs (8,639 Shallow Tube Wells, 4,986 Bore Wells, 1,655 Dug Wells and 3 River Lifts) have been set up creating additional irrigation potential of about 30,000 ha. Due emphasis has also been given on judicious utilization of water for crop production through promotion of micro irrigation system over 4,564 hect. under drip and sprinkler irrigation.

6. The State has a cultivable land of 61.65 lakh hectare, out of which 49% of the land has been provided irrigation facilities by end of March 2011. For accelerated irrigation development, Government is implementing various farmer centric schemes such as Biju Krushak Vikash Yojana (BKVY), Deep Bore Well construction programme, Megalift & Check Dam construction. During 2011-12, 979 Check Dams, 150 Deep Bore Wells, 707 Lift Irrigation Projects have been constructed and additional irrigation potential of 20.88 thousand hectares has been created up to end of December 2011. Construction activities of major and medium irrigation projects have also been scaled up to complete the ongoing projects in 12th plan period. Besides, modernization of major, medium, minor flow irrigation projects have been taken up under ADB funded “Orissa Integrated Irrigated Agriculture and Water Management Investment Programme” (OIIAWMIP) & centrally funded “Repair Restoration and Renovation” (RR&R) schemes.

For the financial year 2012-13, it has been proposed to create additional irrigation potential of 102.28 thousand hectares and to construct 3,000 Check Dams, 7000 Deep Bore Wells & 1190 Lift Irrigation Projects.

Under Command Area Development and Water Management (CAD&WM), field channels covering 18324 hectare and field drains covering 4384 hectare have been completed during the year up to end of December 2011. It has been programmed to construct field channels of 36638 ha and field drains of 15835 hectare during 2012-13.

7. The farmers of the State have been provided with Kisan Credit Cards (KCCs) for timely and hassle-free disbursement of crop loans. So far, 39.30 lakh KCCs have been issued to the members of the Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS). A campaign 'Cooperative at Your Door Step' has been taken up to enroll all eligible agricultural families as members of the PACS and to provide Kisan Credit Cards.

In Odisha, the Short Term Cooperative Credit constitutes 2/3rd of the total crop loan disbursed to the farmers in the State. During Kharif-2011, Crop Loan of ₹ 2381.37 crore was disbursed to 13.07 lakh farmers against a target of ₹ 2300 crore.

The Government has decided to convert the crop loans of farmers affected by drought and floods during Kharif-2011 to Medium Term loan so as to enable them to repay the loan over a

period of three years and avail fresh finance for their crops. For this purpose, the State Government has provided Government guarantee for Rs.600 crore and interest free loan of ₹150 crore to the OSCB for conversion of crop loans amounting to ₹1000 crore into Medium Term loans.

The National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) is being implemented in the State to provide crop insurance coverage and financial support to the farmers in the event of failure of the notified crops as a result of natural calamities. The State Government has adopted Gram Panchayat (GP) as the unit area of crop insurance for assessment of yield loss for paddy from Rabi 2010-11.

The PACS in the State are engaged as agents of Odisha State Civil Supplies Corporation to purchase paddy directly from farmers. During Kharif, 2010-11, 1630 PACS have procured 18.40 lakh MT of paddy from 3,90,615 farmers as against the target of 12.80 lakh MT. During Kharif, 2011-12, 1336 PACS have procured 8,87,860 MT of paddy as on 07.01.2012 from 1,81,487 farmers.

8. Massive afforestation activities have been taken up under various schemes such as National Afforestation Programme, Mangrove Action Plan, RLTA in KBK Districts, Economic Plantation, Plantation under Bamboo Mission, Industrial Plantation, Compensatory Afforestation, etc. A total area of 2 lakh hectare of degraded forest area has been covered under

afforestation and 759 Row kms. of avenue plantation, involving planting of 3.56 Crore saplings has been achieved. Further 193 lakh saplings have been distributed to individual farmers and beneficiaries for plantation in their own lands & 6.75 lakh saplings have also been planted in 10 urban areas in the State. Programme of similar extent has been targeted for the year 2012-13. Protection of forest has been intensified further by deployment of APR units, CRPF and anti-smuggling squads in addition to the involvement of community level institutions such as Vana Surakhya Samities.

The State Government has deposited an amount of ₹ 3640.82 crore with Ad hoc Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) for the activities which include afforestation, infrastructure development for field formations and development of wildlife sector.

My Government has increased the purchase price of kendu leaves for the 2012 crop & decided to provide insurance coverage for all kinds of leaf pluckers benefiting about 8 lakh people.

To reduce Man-Elephant conflict in the State, My Government is implementing a "Elephant corridor development Management Plan" in 14 identified elephant corridors. The Action Plan involves improvement of elephant habitat, plantation of fodder species, solar electric fencing, elephant-proof trenches, construction of water bodies/ water harvesting structures, restoration of elephant

corridors and constitution of anti-poaching and anti-depredation squads, early payment of compassionate grant and creating public awareness. To mitigate human sufferings due to man-animal conflicts, the compassionate grant for human injury, human kill, crop damage, cattle kill, house damage etc. have been increased and an amount of ₹ 396 lakh has been provided as compensation during 2011-12.

Eco-Tourism camps have been set up for the benefit of nature lovers at Anjar in Keonjhar district, Siddhamula in Nayagarh district, Anshupa in Cuttack district, Mahavinayak in Jajpur district and Nrusinghnath in Bargarh district. The infrastructure in Similipal, Bhitarkanika, Sunabeda and Kuldiha sanctuary have been improved to promote eco-tourism & such works have been extended to cover Hadagarh, Chandaka and Balukhand sanctuary also. The Chilika Lake has drawn the attention of the international community as a success story of the wetland management.

Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan for protection and conservation of two coastal stretches namely – Gopalpur to Chilika and Paradeep to Dhamara of Odisha is being implemented with the assistance of World Bank. This scheme aims at overall development of coastal area including mitigation of coastal erosion, conservation and improvement of archaeological and cultural assets and ensuring livelihood of the coastal community.

9. The Government has launched a Project “Mobile Veterinary Unit” to provide veterinary services in rural & remote areas of 41 blocks in 10 tribal dominated districts. Animal Health camps in Dairy intensive GPs are in operation for augmentation of Cross breeding programme in 26 Districts, under RKVY.

To achieve self sufficiency in fish production 300 ha multipurpose farm-pond has been excavated under MGNREGS and it is planned to develop 25 nos in each block. State is recipient of National award “Golden Peacock” continuously for last three years for coverage of highest number of fishermen in Group Insurance Scheme. 8 lakh fishermen were covered in 2011-12 and 10 lakh fishermen are programmed to be covered during 2012-13.

10. My Government has identified quality education as one of the crucial components in social capital development in the tribal areas.

Government is planning to make operational 1328 nos. of 100 seated girls and boys hostels from 2012-13 academic session which would help 1,04,000 tribal girls and 28,800 tribal boys to pursue and complete school education. The Government has already taken a decision to open additional 1000 number of 100 seated hostels out of which, 700 will be for the girls and 300 for boys.

My Government has taken a decision to open urban hostel complex for the ST & SC boys and girls in the urban areas of Bhubaneswar, Berhampur and Rourkela with a capacity of 1000 in Bhubaneswar and 300 each in Berhampur and Rourkela. Bright students from ST & SC communities from different districts will get admitted in good public schools in these urban centers and prepare for admission in the premier Engineering & Medical Institutions of the country. Necessary lands have been identified & Construction work has been commenced in Berhampur and would commence shortly in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela.

In the KBK districts 100 seated hostels in each of the district headquarters are under construction for the SC girl students at an estimated cost of ₹ 49.5 lakh each.

Now, 12,08,837 and 1,39,209 ST & SC students are getting pre matric and post matric scholarship respectively. The Government has enhanced the pre matric stipend by ₹100 to ₹ 600 per month for boys and ₹ 630 per month for girls.

There are 371 SC Girls Hostels and 67 SC Boys Hostels functioning in the State having inmate capacity of 25,378 girls and 2,190 boys respectively. Besides, under Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana, 44 SC Girls Hostels and 11 SC Boys Hostels are under construction.

As part of economic empowerment 42,768 Scheduled Tribe BPL households have been assisted during 2011-12 under

various employment-cum-income generation schemes. 492 community assets like small village linkage roads, irrigation projects, small bridges, community centres and market yards etc. have been created.

A special horticulture programme 'WADI' has been re-introduced during the year with an outlay of ₹1.89 crore under which 1080 no. of tribal households will be benefited.

Besides, 9575 tribal youths have been selected to undergo employment linked skill upgradation training programmes like welding, plumbing, driving, mobile repairing, computer software and hardware, plastic processing and apparel designing etc. during the current year.

Odisha Tribal Empowerment and Livelihood Programme (OTELP) is in operation in 1042 villages of 30 most backward blocks of south western Odisha and providing food security & enhanced income through sustainable natural resources management among 56180 families spread across 358 Micro Watersheds.

In the sphere of protective legislation, the Government of Odisha has become the pioneer in the Country in distribution of land rights to the tribal families under the Forest Rights Act 2006, covering so far 2,92,500 tribal households including 17,154 from the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups. Steps have been initiated to develop these families & lands under different

convergence schemes like; NREGA, Madhubabu Pension Scheme, Mo Kudia, Mo Pokhari, IAY etc.

11. My Government has launched “MAMATA”, a conditional cash transfer benefit scheme with the primary objective of providing partial wage compensation for pregnant & nursing mothers to enable them to rest adequately during their pregnancy & after delivery. This scheme is operational in all the 318 rural ICDS projects of the State as well as in the urban projects of Baragarh & Sundargarh district. The beneficiaries under this scheme receive a total incentive of ₹ 5000 in four installments, by electronic transfer system subject to the fulfillment of specific conditions. 146110 beneficiaries have received ₹1500 each under this scheme during this year.

The concept of women empowerment through Mission Shakti has been implanted since 2001 and by now, it has associated 55,43,600 women in the rural & urban Odisha by forming 4.57 Lakh Women Self Help Groups by end of October, 2011. They have been imparted with various capacity building trainings to improve skill and to activate own livelihood options with the aid & guidance of the State Employment Mission. The huge membership of these women is being utilized in community development & public awareness in the related fields starting from providing maternity benefit, mid-day meal, to help prohibit trafficking & enhance rural sanitation.

Cumulative credit disbursement to these women Self Help Groups has been to the tune of ₹2748.13 Cr., whereas the savings made by these SHGs has been to the tune of ₹ 294.13 Cr.

Under Disability Sector my Government achieved a milestone creating a Commission for Persons with Disabilities to monitor and impart justice to the persons with disabilities. Besides for smooth implementation of various programmes under this sector, an independent Directorate has been set up with adequate financial support and manpower. For proper identification and issue of genuine Medical Certificate one Appellate Medical Board has been constituted having experts in the field of different disabilities. My Government has introduced a new scheme from December, 2011 for the benefit of disabled where in persons with 75% disabilities will be provided with 10 kg of rice per month @ ₹ 2 per kg.

The State Government has revised the monthly maintenance grant for inmates of orphanages from ₹ 500 per month to ₹750 per month per inmate. During 2011-12 ₹ 529.98 lakh has been provided in the budget towards maintenance cost of Children in need of care and protection under Non-Plan.

12. Under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) during the year 2011-12 a sum of ₹ 586.66 crore have been utilized upto December- 2011

out of the available funds of ₹ 1038.79 crore generating 288.70 lakh person days. During this year up-to December 2011, 10.83 lakh households have demanded employment out of which 10.67 lakh households have been provided with employment amongst which 13,246 families have completed 100 days of work. 45613 projects have been completed out of 2,06,548 (including spill over) projects taken up.

Upto December-2011, construction of 5803 Bharat Nirman Rajiv Gandhi Seva Kendras (BNRGSK) at the G.P Head quarters and 300 BNRGSK buildings at the block head quarters have been taken up out of which 1112 GP buildings and 50 Block Buildings are completed.

To ensure effective implementation of MGNREGS about 10 thousand additional man power like GPTAs, MGNREGS Co-ordinators and Addl. Programme Officers are engaged in the field. e-Muster Roll an electronically generated muster roll with pre-printed name of the Job-seekers who have demanded employment has been introduced to prevent entry of ghost wage earners in the Muster Roll.

My Government is effectively implementing Backward Region Grant Fund Scheme in the 19 districts of the state. Since inception of the scheme, a sum of ₹1213 crore have been received from Govt. of India, out of which ₹1126.54 crore have

been utilized for various infrastructural development covering 37,887 projects.

For the 11 districts not covered under Backward Region Grant Scheme my Government is implementing the Gopabandhu Gramin Yojana (GGY) a State funded scheme. The principal objective is to provide rural infrastructure primarily Bijli, Sadak and Pani to every revenue village in the selected districts.

My Government has launched a dedicated State Plan Scheme of "Cement Concrete Road" focusing on construction of C.C. Roads in PVTG (Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group) / ST / SC habitations. By December, 2011, 12,883 Kms..of rural roads have been converted into C.C. Roads.

Field survey for socio-economic and caste census - 2011 has already been started in seven districts namely Bolangir, Gajapati, Kalahandi, Kandhamal, Koraput, Malkanagiri and Rayagada from 14th November-2011 in the first phase. The census in rest of the districts will soon be taken up after receipt of technical support and assistance from Government of India.

With a view to further strengthen the women empowerment my Government has made 50% reservations for women in the three-tier PRI Election and rotation of reservation of seats in the PRIs will now be done after 2 terms starting from the PRI elections, 2012.

13. State Employment Mission has been functioning since 2005-06 with an objective to facilitate training programmes both for uneducated and educated unemployed youth for up-gradation of their skill. With a view to create employment opportunities for the unemployed youths of the State my Government has organized two Job Melas during this year at Rourkela and Bhanjanagar in which 6,152 job offer letters were issued.

My Government has implemented “Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana” (RSBY), a health insurance scheme for the BPL families with an objective to provide protection to BPL households from financial liabilities arising out of health shocks that involve hospitalization. Beneficiaries under RSBY are entitled for hospitalization coverage upto ₹30,000 for most of the diseases that require hospitalization. The scheme was implemented in the first phase in six districts of the state namely Kalahandi, Nuapada, Jharsuguda, Deogarh, Nayagarh and Puri during 2009-10.

During the current year the scheme is being implemented in the districts of Nuapada, Jharsuguda, Deogarh, Puri, Cuttack, Khurda, Ganjam, Rayagada, Sambalpur, Sundargarh, Balasore, Kendrapada, Koraput, Malkanagiri, Sonepur, Balangir, Bargarh, Bhadrak and Gajapati.

14. Providing food security to the poor & vulnerable sections of the society through an efficient and transparent Public

Distribution System has been the focus of my Government. A total of 36,90,618 numbers of BPL families and 5,41,393 numbers of APL families in 8 KBK districts are supplied with 25 Kg of rice per month @ ₹ 2 per Kg. Under Antodaya Anna Yojana, a total number of 12,53,661 poorest families are being supplied with 35Kg. of rice per month @ ₹ 2 per Kg. Under Annapurna Scheme, 64,800 senior citizens who are eligible for but not covered under Old Age Pension Scheme are being provided with 10 Kgs of rice per beneficiary per month free of cost. 3,14,953 boarders up to +3 level of SC & ST hostels in the State are being provided with rice @ 15 Kg per head @ ₹2 per Kg.

To ensure transfer of cash subsidy directly to consumers in respect of kerosene, a pilot project has been taken-up in Bolangir district, covering 14 Blocks and 4 Urban Local Bodies.

To bring in more transparency in the Public Distribution System, the Departmental Storage Agency system is being implemented in the State. Boudh, Deogarh, Nuapada & Sonapur districts have already been covered under this from November, 2011 and the remaining 26 Districts will be covered from April, 2012. In addition to this, doorstep delivery at Fair Price Shop level is also being implemented simultaneously.

Advisory Committees have been reconstituted at the District, Block, ULB, GP & Ward level with redefined role of Monitoring

& Vigilance to ensure smooth and transparent PDS . Community based institutions are being encouraged to participate in the PDS operations. So far 3718 Gram Panchayats, 7953 Self Help Groups and 764 Cooperatives have been given FPS dealership out of 30,710 dealers in the state thus constituting more than 40% of the total dealership in the State

15. To ensure quality primary education and keep the Pupil Teachers Ratio (PTR) as per SSA norm at elementary level, 19,000 Sikshya Sahayak in primary and upper primary schools have been engaged during 2011 and 17543 more Sikshaya Sahayak will be engaged during 2012.

A set of 80 performance indicators have been identified which each school shall strive to achieve as part of samikshya scheme. This aims at ensuring availability of these indicators in every school through a system of continuous monitoring, evaluation and improvement. A cell has been created to ensure performance tracking across the State.

To identify the meritorious children belonging to socially and economically backward sections of the society and to facilitate their competence enhancement, Pathani Samant Mathematic Talent Scholarship Scheme has been introduced. 7500 scholarships will be awarded annually to the talented students in Mathematics.

Under Rastriya Madhyamik Sikhya Abhijan (RMSA), my Government has decided to create offices of Project Coordinators in all the 30 districts of the state to strengthen the quality of education at the secondary level.

To enhance the quality of teaching & for improvement of percentage of results in HSC Examination 8994 qualified teachers on contract basis have been engaged in the secondary schools.

My Government has taken up construction of buildings of 300 up graded High Schools in the GPs having no High School.

Construction of 111 nos. of Model Schools in educationally back ward blocks of the State at a cost of ₹3.02 crore is also under implementation.

For recognition & grooming of talents among students at a very early stage at Class-VI in Schools INSPIRE (Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research) award scheme has been introduced with a one time award of ₹ 5,000.

To encourage the girl students reading in Class-X in Government, Aided and Block Grant High Schools and SC & ST boys & girls students reading Class-X in Tribal Sub-plan Blocks, free bicycles are provided from this year. So far 176214 girls and 44112 boys are provided with free bicycles.

Four free uniform sets are provided to all girl students and boys from SC & ST and BPL categories & so far 190 lakh pairs of uniforms have been distributed during this year costing ₹ 339.38 crore.

16. My Government has been giving importance to improving the quality of education in the State, establishing a value based Society and moulding the youth to meet the challenges of 21st Century. Opening up of institutes of National repute like IIT, IIIT & NISER in the State are efforts in the direction of making the State of Odisha an educational hub.

With a view to reducing the financial burden on students and uncertainty in getting admission and to make admission process more efficient and transparent, e-Admission system has been introduced in all the +2 Colleges and 162 Degree Colleges in the State during 2011-12. It is targeted to bring all the Degree Colleges under this Scheme during 2012-13.

The on-line Registration & Form Fill up system has been started in Junior Colleges from the Academic Session 2011-12 benefiting about 5,00,000 students by way of collecting their Registration card and admit card online.

To encourage establishment of Universities in Private Sector, Government has established Sri Sri University, ICFAI University and Centurion University of Technology and Management through legislation.

Government has increased the number of Junior Merit, Senior Merit & P.G. Merit Scholarship to 10000, 3000 & 1500 respectively along with increasing the scholarship amount to ₹ 300, ₹ 500 & ₹1000 respectively per month.

My Government has established Odisha Knowledge Corporation Ltd. in partnership with Maharashtra Knowledge Corporation Ltd. with a view to accelerate the socio-economic development of the State through IT enabled education.

17. Government has introduced a new scheme of “Financial Assistance to Youth Clubs” during the year 2011-12 to extend financial support to around 10000 Youth Clubs @ ₹ 5,000 each to take up developmental Youth activities in their respective areas.

18. Vacancy of doctors has always been a major concern of health care in the State. My Government has taken all out efforts to fill up the vacant posts. The Odisha Public Service Commission has advertised for recruitment of 750 regular doctors. Recruitment process has started for recruiting 353 doctors of SC/ST category as a special drive. 350 number of adhoc doctors have been posted by relaxing the recruitment procedure in addition to the contractual doctors being appointed by the districts. In order to attract doctors to work in inaccessible areas, KBK allowance is provided, remuneration for contractual doctors and dental Surgeons has been increased and

promotional avenues significantly enhanced. To address the issue of shortage of anesthetists, 85 MBBS doctors have been trained on Life Saving Anesthetic Skill (LSAS) and 38 MBBS doctors have been trained on Emergency Obstetrics Care (EmOC).

To further improve quality of tertiary care & medical education in the State, the sanctioned numbers of beds in Government Medical Colleges have been increased by 863. The sanctioned strength of faculty has been increased by 207 and of paramedical staff by 472. In three Govt. Medical Colleges, 87 Post Graduate seats have been increased so as to produce more number of specialists. Four new departments have been created in SCB Medical College & Hospital, Cuttack and two new departments have been created in other two Medical Colleges.

For better patient care, Government has significantly enhanced the diet rate per patient per day from ₹ 20 to ₹ 50. In order to provide free medicines to patients, the State budget for drugs has been tripled.

To facilitate financial assistance upto ₹ 3 lakh to poor patients suffering from major life threatening diseases, my Government has set up Odisha State treatment fund (OSTF). ₹10 crore has been provided to OSTF from Chief Minister's Relief Fund for this purpose.

Government has made significant strides in prevention & control of malaria in the State during last few years. Twenty two lakh medicated mosquito nets have been distributed among BPL families in endemic areas. Vaccination for Hepatitis B and second dose of measles have been incorporated in the Universal Immunization Programme. My Government is also planning to introduce “Emergency Medical Ambulance Service” for providing faster emergency service to patients.

National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), Odisha has been playing a vital role for providing infrastructure facilities as well as quality health services. There has been consistent decline in both IMR & MMR. There has been 100 point decline in MMR from 358 to 258 during last 6 years. Similarly, there has been 34 point decline in IMR from 95 to 61 which is the maximum decline in the country in the last 11 years. Institutional deliveries have been enhanced from 36% to 83%. Full immunization coverage has been increased from 53% to 74%. & 26.47 lakh pregnant mothers have been benefited under Janani Surakhya Yojana(JSY) during the year 2006-2011.

40 Special Neo Natal Care Units have been opened at different places so as to reduce IMR further in the State. 343 Janani Express are operating for transportation of pregnant mothers to health institutions for delivery. In order to reach the unreached, my Government has initiated health camps in each assembly constituency under Biju Gramin Swasthya Shibir

Scheme. As many as 354 number of Mobile Health Units are working in KBK, KBK+, Tribal and inaccessible areas of the State. 1263 Ayush doctors are providing dedicated health care in remote areas. 20 PHC (N) have been made operational through PPP mode. Mobile Health Unit -Arogya+, a new initiative has been in operation in Public Private Partnership mode in naxal affected areas. To further enhance outreach, telemedicine facilities have been extended to all 30 districts of the State. State has set up 10 Maternity Waiting Homes for pregnant women in difficulties areas. Under Janani Sishu Surakhya Karyakram (JSSK), launched this year, free drugs, free blood, free travel, free diagnostics etc. are being provided to all pregnant women & neonates coming to Government hospitals.

A diarrhoea research laboratory at Rayagada has been set up; and another at Kalahandi is being set up in collaboration with ICMR, New Delhi for which MOU has been signed.

The State has effectively tackled emerging diseases like swine flu & dengue. Proactive steps taken during & after floods, 2011 ensured that no disease outbreak took place.

19. To provide road connectivity for 7676 unconnected habitations 21655 kms. of all weather roads have been constructed so far during the year 2011 under PMGSY.

Biju Setu Yojana, a State funded scheme for constructing small bridges in the rural areas has been launched by my Government

in 2011-12 under which four hundred new bridges will be constructed. To provide safe drinking water to the rural people 6342 nos. of tube wells and 409 Piped Water Supply projects have been completed. It has been targeted to install 15,000 tube wells and to complete 1200 Piped Water Supply projects during the year 2012 – 2013.

My Government is implementing the total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) programme throughout the state to ensure environmental sanitation and open defecation free status in rural areas of the State. To promote sanitation habits among the rural people, students and children and to provide sanitation facilities, toilets in 67794 schools, 20997 Anganawadi Centres & 37,26,318 Households have been constructed.

So far 236 GPs of the State have been bestowed with Nirmal Gram Puraskar at National Level for achieving open defecation free status.

20. My Government has made significant efforts for building roads and bridges with a view to strengthen road infrastructural facilities in the State with special focus on backward regions. Government has completed 149 Roads and 120 Bridge Projects under RIDF till the end of 2010-11 and during the year 2011-12, 1 bridge and 11 road projects have been completed in addition to improvement works in 152 kms. of road in different stretches. 8 No. of road projects out of 9 have been completed under Economic Importance Scheme.

Under Inter-State Connectivity Scheme, 6 road projects out of 7 sanctioned have been completed and the remaining one is targeted to be completed by March, 2012. Under Central Road Fund Scheme, out of sanctioned 151 road projects and 21 bridge projects, 133 road projects and 20 bridge projects have been completed by the end of December, 2011. Another 9 nos. of ongoing road projects are expected to be completed very soon.

The improvement of “Cuttack- Paradeep Road (SH -12)” for a length of 82 kms. with 10 Mtr. Wide concrete pavement is targeted to be completed during the year 2012-13. Under Odisha State Road Project Scheme (OSRP), a Multi Action Road Infrastructure Development Action Plan with an investment of ₹1431.19 crore over a period of 5 years has been taken up by State Government with World Bank assistance.

Vijayawada - Ranchi Corridor with a length of 1219 kms. passing through Tribal Areas largely affected by Left Wing Extremism (LWE) is under implementation. All the four projects approved by the Planning Commission for improvement of 51.7 kms. of road are nearing completion stage. Besides this, 2 other projects with length of 31.5 kms. at a cost of ₹ 40 Crore sanctioned out of one Time ACA Scheme have been completed. The Sections of Vijayawada- Ranchi Corridor from Koraput – Rayagada and Jeypore-Malkangiri with a length of 38.250 kms. and 18.160 kms. respectively have been taken up for

improvement at a cost of ₹ 120 Crore of State fund. Under State Plan an amount of ₹ 115.84 Crore was allocated for improvement of 46.7 kms. of roads under Vijayawada- Ranchi Corridor in the District of Kandhamal and Deogarh which are now in completion stage.

21. On the strength of good Governance and industry friendly atmosphere, Odisha is well on its way to becoming the premier manufacturing hub for companies. This has enabled the State to sign MoU with 93 reputed investors across various sectors such as Steel (50), Aluminium (3), Power (29), Cement (4), Auto Component (1), Oil Refinery (1), Titanium Dioxide (1) and four Ancillary and Downstream industries with an investment of ₹ 4,62,768.74 crore. Such industrialization is creating opportunities for broad-basing the growth of ancillary and downstream industries in the State.

Out of the 50 Steel Companies, 30 Companies have commenced partial production. Besides, one Aluminium, two Power, one Auto Ancillary and one Cement Industry have also commenced partial commercial production. These industries have created employment for more than 89,340 persons.

Petroleum, Chemicals & Petrochemical Investment Region (PCPIR) with an investment of ₹ 2,77,734 crore within an area of 284.15 sq. kms. is going to be established at Paradeep covering the districts of Kendrapara for which the Government

of India has already accorded approval. A Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) in IDCO is formed for implementing the projects. MOU has already been signed between Government of India and Government of Odisha in this regard.

Skill development and technical education assumes greater importance in view of the large scale investment in the state. Around 5000 seats in Engineering Programme have been increased in this year. 2 new Diploma Engineering Schools have been established in the private sector during the year 2011. 22 new Polytechnics are under establishment in 22 districts with financial assistance from Government of India. Proposal has already been sent to Government of India for sanction of another 19 nos. of Polytechnics in the State under PPP mode. 5 ITIs and 10 Skill Development Centres (SDCs) will be set up in Rayagada, Sambalpur, Malkangiri, Gajapati and Deogarh districts with Government of India Assistance. Two more new Government ITIs will be set up at Chandragiri and Guma in Gajapati District. State Government has decided to reserve 30% of seats in all the Government ITIs for Female candidates in all trades for improving women participation in vocational training and thereby women empowerment. 9 new Girl's Hostels have been sanctioned by ST & SC Development Department for ITIs to accommodate women trainees. 15,760 candidates have been trained during the year under non-formal sector vocational training sponsored by State Employment Mission and other

Government Departments like ST & SC Development, Women and Child Development and Housing & Urban Development.

22. My Government through its Agencies like Odisha Computer Application Centre (OCAC) and International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Bhubaneswar has undertaken multifarious Schemes & Projects for spear heading IT and IT Enabled Services (ITES) activities in the State.

For providing services to the citizens at their door steps Common Service Centres (CSC) have been opened through PPP mode at Gram Panchayat levels. So far 5023 nos. of CSCs have been opened and made operational. It has been planned to open 8558 CSCs throughout the State by the end of financial year 2012-13.

In order to provide services to the citizens through a single window, Government of Odisha is going to implement State Service Delivery Gateway (SSDG). This will ensure that services are made available through state portal interface. The project is expected to be made operational by the end of May, 2012.

In addition to the Information & Communication Technology (ICT) Infrastructural projects, citizen centric projects like e-District, e-Registration (e-Dharani), e-Municipality have been successfully implemented.

e-District Project provides services like issuance of Residence, Income, Caste, Solvency, Legal heir certificate etc

to the citizens. Presently it has been implemented in the districts of Mayurbhanj and Ganjam and shall be rolled out in all the districts in the next financial year.

e-Registration (Dharani) provides transparency and reliability by ensuring timely delivery of property registration related services. Dharani has won best electronic delivery of services in e-world forum-2011. At present the project is successfully running in 177 registration offices in the state in PPP mode.

e-Municipality Project has been implemented in 44 ULBs for providing municipal services like issue of Birth Certificates, Trade licenses, payment of municipal taxes etc. e-Municipality project has won Best Urban Governance Initiative Award in e-World Forum-2011.

23. My Government has undertaken various reform Oriented Programmes of selective privatization & dis-investment of loss making Public & Cooperative Enterprises operating in non-core sectors. The important objective of Government's privatization policy has been to revive potentially viable loss making Enterprises and to safeguard the interest of the workers and to create opportunities for generating further employment. As a part of the Government Commitment for efficient and vibrant Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), the Odisha State Renewal Fund Society (OSRFS) has been constituted. It is providing technical consultancy support to the State PSUs to execute the reform programme. It also pays the Financial Assistance to the

redundant employees of State PSUs and APEX Co-operative Societies under voluntary retirement and separation scheme. A social Safety Net programme (SSNP) is being implemented by OSRFS for retraining the separated employees to assist them for getting self employment / wage employment. The Corporate Governance Manual has been introduced by this Department for the State PSUs to develop a system of Good Governance practices to enhance transparency and accountability in their activities. My Government has introduced a system of categorization of the State PSUs into platinum, gold and silver, based on an objective performance frame work to enable the state PSUs to function in an environment of autonomy with accountability. Independent directors are inducted into the boards of the state PSUs to enhance professional competence and expertise in the corporate management. Further, to strengthen the top management of the PSUs, Government has inducted professionals in to the management of the PSUs. Steps are being taken for listing of viable PSUs in the stock exchanges.

24. With a view to facilitating promotion of micro, small and medium enterprises and growth of technical education and employment in the State, my Government has created two new departments namely the Department of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises and the Department of Employment and Technical Education & Training.

25. My Government has taken-up several activities keeping in view the challenges facing Urban Governance. This year Government has formed three new NACs in Attabira, Chandabali & Nuapada.

Comprehensive Development Plan for Cuttack and Bhubaneswar has been approved. Master Plans based on GIS & Remote Sensing Maps are also under process. With a view to protect the un-protected Government lands in urban area the Development Authorities / Regional Improvement Trusts / Special Planning Authorities have been entrusted with the task of safeguarding Government land from encroachment for which necessary funds been provided to them. The Odisha Town Planning and Improvement Trust Act has been extended covering more areas in Karanjia town thereby expanding the urban limits. The extension of Odisha Development Authority Act-1982 has been extended to cover more areas of Sambalpur, Puri, Berhampur and Baripada.

To address issues of infrastructural development, Odisha Urban Infrastructural Fund (OUIF) has been created.

As a part of its concern & care for the urban homeless, my Govt. has operationalized 2 night shelters in Bhubaneswar, 2 in Cuttack and 1 in Puri towns. HUDCO has also been roped in to construct Night Shelters with recreational facilities in Bhubaneswar, as a part of their social responsibility.

26. Providing electricity to the un-electrified villages and habitations has been a priority of my Government. Besides the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana which covers habitations having more than 100 population, my Government has launched 2 flagship electrification programmes known as Biju Gram Jyoti for rural areas and Biju Saharanchal Vidyutikaran Yojana for Urban areas. Under all these schemes 42,945 no. of villages & habitations have been electrified so far. 1908 kms. of 11KV feeders, 230 kms. of 33 KV feeders and 133 No. of 33/11 KV substations have been setup.

To provide electricity to inaccessible areas “Remote Village Electrification Programme” is implemented through unconventional sources of energy such as Solar Power. So far 583 remote habitations are covered & 1375 habitations are programmed to be covered during the year 2011-12.

Rapid industrialization and implementation of the flagship rural electrification programmes have created critical gaps in the energy distribution sector for which my Government has taken a new initiative called DESI i.e. Development programmes for Energy System Improvement. About ₹ 200 crore is slated to be mobilised under various development programmes like Integrated Action Plan, Backward Region Grant Fund, Gopabandhu Grameen Yojana, Biju KBK Plan, Biju Kandhamal O Gajapati Yojana etc for replacement of burnt and overloaded

distribution transformers and associated feeders & equipments to bridge the critical gaps in energy distribution.

With a view to involving Women Self Help Groups in energy distribution sector and to strengthen the women-power of the State, another initiative has been launched by the Government known as SEFA i.e. SHGs in Energy Franchisee Arrangement. Under the scheme Women Self Help Groups are being entrusted with the responsibility of meter reading, bill generation, Revenue collection, grievance redressal and awareness generation activities at the GP level. Performance linked incentives are provided to the Self Help Groups for each of these activities.

With a view to identifying the un-electrified habitations for taking up rural electrification works on a full saturation mode, a State wide Gram Panchayat level habitation survey has been carried out through the functionaries of Panchayat Raj Institutions at the GP level duly supervised by the Block & District level administration so that the farthest and the remotest habitations could be identified and covered under electrification programmes.

With 100 nos. of Grid Substations and 11,294 Circuit kms. of Extra High Tension (EHT) Lines, the Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited achieved a system availability of 99.84% in 2010-11. Massive expansion of transmission network is under way with addition of 11,645 MVA transformation capacity and

9000 Ckt. (Circuit) kms. of EHT Lines at different voltage levels with a capital investment of ₹ 4,777.54 Crore. Apart from this, 6 nos. of 400KV Substations at Kuanrunda, Joda, Dhamra, Paradeep, Khuntuni & Nisha with interlinking lines at an estimated cost of ₹ 1,297 Crore are planned to be taken up under PPP mode on Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) basis during 12th Five Year Plan. New initiatives like Automation of selected new Grid Substations, Construction of Gas Insulated Substations, Adoption of Geographical Information System (GIS), Implementation of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Solutions, Under Ground Cabling Scheme for Puri & Konark, Replacement of stressed EHT Lines with higher current carrying High Temperature Low Sag (HTLS) Conductors, Construction of Multi-Circuit Towers and ISO Certification for selected Grid Substations are being taken up.

CAPEX Programme with an investment of ₹ 2400 Crore for upgrading & strengthening of Distribution network in the State with counterpart funding from DISCOMS (Distribution Companies) on 50 : 50 basis is under implementation. Procurement of materials is under way and execution of work is expected to commence shortly.

Odisha Power Generation Corporation (OPGC) which now operates with 2 units of 210MW is implementing an expansion plan of adding two more units with a combined capacity of

1320MW during the 12th plan period with an estimated cost of about ₹10,332 crore. 50% of the power would be made available to the State at regulated tariff.

The State Govt. has signed 29 MOUs for setting up of independent power projects with total installed capacity of 37,440MW out of which the State share will be 6,141MW. Out of these 29, two plants with a total installed capacity of 1250 MW have started generating energy and 7 no. of power plants are likely to be completed by the end of 2013 with a total capacity of 8100MW from which the State is likely to get 1200MW as its share making the State power surplus by end of 2013.

27. Odisha has rich reserves of high-grade iron ore, coal, bauxite, chromite and manganese, etc. The State Government is pursuing a policy of value addition of minerals like iron ore, bauxite and chromite etc., for industrialization in the State and generation of more employment and revenue.

Royalty from minerals is the highest source of State's own non tax revenue. This sector earned revenues of ₹3,330.46 crore during 2010-2011. By end of December, 2011, a sum of ₹3184 crore has already been collected on account of efficient mineral administration. The target for collection of mining revenue in this fiscal year has been fixed at ₹4000 crore.

Due to super normal profits being made in iron ore mining, the State Government has requested the Central Government

to impose a Mineral Resource Rent Tax @ 50% of surplus rent for the development of mining impacted areas in the state. The Central Government is yet to accede to the genuine request of the state.

12,421 nos. of illegal mineral activities have been detected during the year up to November-2011 which has resulted in seizure of 1235370 MT of minerals / ores and realization of ₹5.92 crore towards Penalty. A State Level Enforcement Squad and District Level Enforcement Squad have been made operational since July' 2009 with adequate number of police and forest personnel inducted to make the squads more effective. Guidelines have been issued by State Government for taking effective measures to control illegal mining and mineral trade and for expeditious disposal of mineral concession applications under renewal.

To bring in transparency in Mineral administration the Government has made available all the data / information on minerals & mining activities in Government website for public information. All the Lessees / Licensees have been directed to establish electronic weighbridge in their lease areas within 3 months. Government has introduced e-pass and e-permit to curb the illegal mining & transport of minerals. All the 14 Mining circle offices have been computerized and provided with internet connectivity. At present the e-permit is being issued online in Koira, Joda, Keonjhar and Jajpur Road Mining Circles and the

same will be implemented phase wise in other Mining Circle offices shortly. e-pass system for transportation of minerals has already been introduced in Joda circle.

28. To preserve and promote the traditional art, music and folk dance and to protect the traditional artists, Federations at district and block level of the State has been formed. All the Information, Education & Communication (IEC) activities under various schemes of different Departments would be implemented involving these traditional artist groups which would popularise the IEC messages at the grass root level in the society as well as result in revival of these dying art forms.

The Government has enhanced the State artists pension to ₹1000 P.M. w.e.f. 01.04.2011 and number of beneficiaries have been doubled from 1500 to 3000 from the year 2011-12.

A new Tourism Policy is being formulated by my Government aiming at strengthening the tourism prospects of Odisha, increasing private sector participation, augmenting tourism infrastructure and improving marketing and promotion of Odisha Tourism.

To further enhance the security of the tourists, my Government has created a separate wing called tourist police and deployed them at Sea Beach at Puri, Konark & Gopalpur. Tourist Police cells have also been created in Golden Triangle and Diamond Triangle.

To promote Odisha Tourism in the international tourism market and to establish a direct relationship with leading tour and hospitality agencies from India & abroad, Odisha Tourism had participated in PATA, New Delhi, ITB- Asia at Singapore and WTM London and will participate in the ITB Berlin and TUR Sweden during 2011-12 along with Hotel Industry & Travel Trade representatives.

29. My Government is taking steps to develop modern all weather deep sea ports at the potential port sites to give impetus to maritime trade & port based industries. Dhamra Port, which has been developed in PPP mode has started its commercial operation during this year.

30. With a view to take justice closer to the people, my Government is taking steps to establish 8 new courts in the State during 2012-13.

31. My Government is implementing a number of schemes for the development of Handloom Sector in Odisha such as, providing financial assistance to procure raw materials, setting up of common infrastructure, marketing support and to provide basic inputs as well as work-shed to individual weavers. Cluster Development Programme is implemented in 35 nos. of handloom clusters under Centrally Sponsored Programme besides one mega handloom cluster under State Plan. 35 Raw Material Banks are functioning for easy supply of raw materials

to the weavers. With a view to show case our handcrafted textiles in the export market International Trade Fair has been organized at Bhubaneswar during the month of October 2011. Financial Assistance has been provided to build permanent infrastructure for National Institute of Fashion Technology at Bhubaneswar. With the help of Internationally reputed designers, steps have been taken for production and sale of new design handloom products in the niche domestic & export markets.

32. The State experienced both drought like situation due to erratic and scanty rainfall as well as two phases of floods in 2011-12. 6437 villages in 1405 GPs of 122 Blocks and 240 wards of 26 ULBs in 21 districts were affected due to floods-2011. My Government has promptly responded to the situation and took all necessary measures to ameliorate the distress of the affected people. Sufficient funds were provided to the field administration for immediate rescue and relief measures apart from repairs and restoration of damaged public infrastructures. This apart, ₹ 37.41 crore towards House Building Assistance, ₹ 62.35 crore towards Agriculture input subsidy and ₹1.61 crore towards sand-cast subsidy have also been provided.

School Certificate Programme has been introduced by the Government to provide miscellaneous certificates like Caste, residence, income etc to students of Classes IX and X of Government and Government aided schools at their school premises. This is expected to benefit about 10 lakh students.

Settlement of Gramakanth Paramboke, abadi, Khasmahal and Nazul lands for homestead purpose to eligible families is going on and pattas have been issued to more than 2.75 Lakh families.

33. My Government has taken strong steps to intensify anti-naxal operations, by addition of 1066 more posts in the Special Operation Group, the elite force in anti-naxal operations. In order to facilitate smooth movement and deployment of security forces in inaccessible areas and for evacuation of the injured, air services have been provided through deployment of a Mi-172 helicopter. To encourage and motivate police personnel exhibiting acts of exemplary courage and gallantry in anti-extremist operations, the Government has instituted the State Level Gallantry Award for police personnel from the year 2011. The award will carry with it a medal, a certificate and a cash reward of Rupees one Lakh in each case.

In another initiative, 70 Police Stations with an investment of ₹140 crore @ ₹2 crore per Police Station are under construction in naxal affected areas. Two Engineering Battalions will be commissioned in Odisha Police to take up construction activities in naxal affected areas. This will facilitate improvement in infrastructure facilities in naxal affected areas where private contractors are unwilling to take up construction work.

Number of deaths of security personnel has come down from 22 in 2010 to 15 in 2011. There has been considerable success with regard to surrender of Maoist leaders in 2011. The number of cases of Naxal violence has dropped significantly from 130 in 2010 to 100 in 2011.

In order to strengthen the police force 1384 Constables, 3127 Sepoys and 99 Group-D personnel were recruited and recruitment of 511 Sub-Inspectors / Deputy Subedars and Sergeants, 20 Fire Station Officers and 12 Assistant Jailors are under process.

To enhance coastal security, 13 new Marine Police Stations are being set up. In order to increase the training facilities for the police, three training institutes at Bayree, Sambalpur and Koraput are being established.

My Government has established Economic Offence Wing (EOW) and Special Task Force (STF) to tackle the organized and extremist crime and economic offences.

I have taken this opportunity for outlining the policies and programmes of my Government and to highlight the significant achievements made in the important sectors of governance. My

Government will continue to implement all the programmes and fulfil the promises it has made for the welfare of the people of Odisha.

I now leave you to your deliberations and wish you all success.

Jai Hind.