

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
BORDER AREAS DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

Modified Guidelines under Inter State Border Areas Development Programme (ISBADP), 2018.

1. Aims and Objective:

The aims and objectives of ISBADP are for providing facilities for the socio-economic development of the people living along the Inter State boundary with Assam. Projects taken up under this programme should ensure sustainability and provide value addition to any given product. As far as possible, a cluster approach should be encouraged.

2. Coverage:

2.1 The ISBADP will be a 100% State funded programme. The ISBADP would cover the villages within 0-10 kms crow fly distance from the Inter State boundary with Assam. Those villages which are located 0-5 kms to the Inter State boundary will get first priority.

3. Guiding principles:

3.1 ISBADP funds shall ordinarily be used for bridging the critical gaps and meeting the immediate needs of the people residing in border. Planning and implementation of ISBADP schemes should be on participatory and decentralized basis through the Deputy Commissioners/ Line Departments/ Village Councils.

- 3.2** The implementation of the Interstate Border Areas Development Programme (ISBADP) will be taken up through the respective Deputy Commissioners whose jurisdiction includes the Inter-state boundary of the State of Meghalaya. The concerned Deputy Commissioners shall hold regular meetings with line departments of their respective districts such as Power, Rural Development, Roads & Buildings, Water Supply, Social Welfare, Public Distribution, Civil Supplies etc. in order to ensure the implementation of the ISBADP schemes in the identified interstate border villages.
- 3.3** A baseline survey shall be carried out in interstate border villages to assess the gaps in basic physical and social infrastructure. Preparation of village wise plan shall be carried out and such plan shall also ensure convergence of various Central/ state schemes with Interstate Border Areas Development Programme (ISBADP).
- 4. Allocation of fund:-** Allocation of fund shall be based on the norms/criteria as under:-
- (a) 73% for new projects to be identified by the District Level Screening & Selection Committee based on the length and area of an Inter-State district.
 - (b) 10% for Skill Development to be identified and taken up by the State Level Screening Committee.
 - (c) 15% for maintenance/creation of assets to be identified and taken up by the State Level Screening Committee.
 - (d) 2% for the purpose of monitoring, training of staff and for evaluation of the ISBADP, administrative expenditure, survey, logistic support, media publicity, payment of Third Party Inspection Agency, purchase of vehicles for monitoring etc to be taken up by the Directorate.

5. Selection of schemes:

5.1 An illustrative list of schemes, which can be taken up under ISBADP is at *Annexure –I*.

5.2 Format for Annual Action Plan is at *Annexure-II*.

5.3 District Level Screening & Selection Committee (DLSC)/State Level Screening Committee (SLSC)

- (i) 73% of the allotted fund under ISBADP inclusive maintenance shall be identified by the District Level Screening Committee (DLSC) which will be duly notified after an approval of the State Level Screening Committee.
- (ii) 2% (two percent) of the allocation of fund shall be earmarked for the State Level Screening Committee (which will be duly notified) for the purpose of monitoring and evaluation of the ISBADP, training of staff, administrative expenditure for preparing the perspective plans, if any, survey, logistic support, media publicity, payment of Third Party Inspection Agency, purchase of vehicles for monitoring etc.
- (iii) 10% from the allotted fund shall also be earmarked for skill development for imparting training by the Department to the population of Inter-State border with a focus to train local youths on demand driven and market linked/oriented schemes to prevent migration. This shall include setting up small scale projects to support the trained local youths/SHGs in processing the agricultural/horticultural produce locally available.
- (iv) There shall be a provision of an amount not less than 15% from the allocated fund under ISBADP for preparation of sustainable

development projects to be identified and approved by the State Level Screening Committee.

- (v) Interest accrued out of ISBADP fund shall be utilized for maintenance of assets created under ISBADP after a gap of 3 (three) years.
- (vi) The process of completion of formalities, if any such as forest, environment and other local clearances, availability of land, etc shall be strictly adhered in advance while recommending projects under ISBADP.

5.4 The District Level Screening & Selection Committee shall strictly propose schemes not exceeding 30 % out of the allotted amount for livelihood sector as indicated in Annexure –I (C- Economic Livelihood Sector).

5.5 **Shelf of projects:-** The BADOs shall, in consultation with the District Level Screening & Selection Committee, prepare a shelf of projects in advance for five years based on priority basis for easy formulation of schemes in future.

5.6 The BADOs shall obtain in advance the undertaking from the village committees on availability of land, clearance certificate, NOC etc while placing the proposals before the District Level Screening & Selection Committee.

5.7 The identified proposals recommended at the District Level Screening & Selection Committee shall be placed before the notified State Empowered Sanctioning Committee for according necessary approval/sanction.

6. State Empowered Sanctioning Committee:

On receipt of the proposals along with the recommendation of the district level screening & selection committee, the Annual Plan of proposals shall be

placed before the notified State Empowered Sanctioning Committee for approval.

7. Flexibility in Execution of the Programme:

7.1 In addition to village authorities / council, other local bodies such as voluntary agencies comprising of societies and self help groups which are not receiving foreign aid/assistance may be engaged for executing schemes.

7.2 Involvement of Non-Governmental Organizations to give contractual assignment, outsourcing the service may be considered where the State Government / Agencies have manpower constraints/ expertise etc after due procedure of financial discipline is followed.

7.3 Grant in aid to Societies and Self Help Groups may be extended for livelihood programmes provided they have registered not less than 3 (three) years and obtained a good performance certificate from the Registering Authority.

8. Funds flow:

8.1 With the commencement of the financial year, the quantum of fund allocated to the Department under ISBADP shall be conveyed to the Director, district and BADOs and the Annual Action Plan consisting of schemes duly prepared and recommended at the district level shall be submitted to the Government for release of fund.

9. Monitoring and review:

9.1 The Department shall develop an institutional system for inspection of the ISBADP. The Deputy Commissioner whose district comprises of areas within

the Inter State Border with Assam shall assign the Border Areas Development Officer posted in the respective district to oversee the implementation of the programme. However, in the absence of the official from Border Areas Development Department, an officer not below the rank of senior Extra Assistant Commissioner should be appointed as Nodal Officer for the programme. The Nodal Officer should regularly visit the areas where projects under ISBADP are taken up. A Quarterly Report should be sent to the Government indicating the number of inspections conducted and highlighting the important achievement / lacunae pointed out in the reports of the inspecting officers. Third Party inspection also needs to be commissioned by the Department for an independent feedback on the quality of work and other relevant issues. An appropriate “Social Audit System” should also be put in place by the Government.

- 9.2** Quarterly Progress Report should be submitted scheme-wise to the Government latest by the 15th day of closure of the quarter as in the proforma at *Annexure III*.
- 9.3** The Department shall develop an inventory of assets created under ISBADP in Inter-state border villages/hamlets for analytical purposes etc. Such details may be communicated to the Government with a write-up on important schemes/ projects (with photographs) implemented by the Department. An appropriate “Management Information System” (MIS) shall be developed by treating villages as basic unit.

Illustrative list of proposals/projects to be taken up under ISBADP:-

A. Infrastructure:-

- (i) Link roads,
- (ii) Footbridges
- (iii) Market sheds, etc.
- (iv) Improvement/up-gradation of Govt. L.P. Schools.

B. Capacity Building:-

- (i) Skill Training on market linked schemes.

C. Economic Livelihood schemes:-

- (i) Horticultural Plantation schemes.
- (ii) Mulberry plantation, provision of weaver's shed, etc.
- (iii) Dairy farming, livestock, etc.

