

HIGHLIGHTS OF DEPARTMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

During the tenure of present Government i.e. (from April 2000 to September, 2005) additional Irrigation potential of 202393 hectares have been created through Major, Medium, Minor and Lift Irrigation Sectors and 13038 nos. of Pani Panchayats have been formed with an ayacut of 10.31 lakh hectares out of which 11197 nos. of Pani Panchayats with an ayacut of 7.68 lakh hectares have been handed over.

Pani Panchayat

The farmers were involved in the State for operation and maintenance of Irrigation system below territory level during 1996 forming associations termed as, "Water Users Association (WUA)" funded by World Bank. The WUAs run successfully upto the year 2000 and they were registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. Taking into account a scheme on WUAs christened as "Pani Panchayat" was evolved on 26.09.2000. There after the Orissa Pani Panchayat Act, 2002 was enacted and published in the Orissa Gazette on 08.07.2002 which came into force in the State with effect from 15.11.2002. In order to implement the above Act in the State, the Orissa Pani Panchayat Rules, 2003 was framed which was published in the Orissa Gazette and came into force in the State with effect from 23.04.2003. So far 13397 Pani Panchayats have been formed covering an area of 10.40 lakh hectares till 15.01.2006. Out of them 11,583 Pani Panchayats have taken over operation and maintenance of Canal System for an area of 7.81 lakh hectare. However 3884 Pani Panchayat area have been delineated with ayacut of 10.47 lakh hectares under the provisions of Orissa Panipanchayat Act and Rules. Steps have been taken to conduct Election of Farmers, Organisation with effect from January to February, 2006.

HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Self-employment through Kiosk Scheme has been launched in all the 103 Urban Local Bodies of the State for self-employment of educated urban youth. Candidates having minimum matriculation qualification are eligible under the programme. State Government will provide required land to U.L.Bs free of cost for construction of Kiosks up to 200 Sq.feet at the rate of Rs.50,000/- per unit. The cost of the Kiosk will be borne by the beneficiary either on outright basis or in installment basis as fixed by the U.L.Bs preference will be given to Urban poor S.C/S.T disabled and women for the allotment of Kiosks.

The Kiosks so allotted to the beneficiaries will be utilized for shopping units as essential requirement like selling of both goods and services. Kiosks will also be allotted for selling of goods produced by the Self Help Groups.

Candidates are requested to contact concerned Chief Executive (Municipal Commissioner/Executive Officer) of the U.L.Bs or District Employment Officer for the purpose.

COMMERCE & TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

1. Computerisation of Transport Administration is in progress. The computerisation work of S.T.A, some R.T.A. Offices and check-gates have been completed. Besides, this Department have installed a system for issue of P.V.C driving licenses in R.T.O Office, Bhubaneswar through a pilot project in collaboration with N.I.C.
2. A new train namely Orissa Sampark-Kranti Express has been introduced between Bhubaneswar and New Delhi bi-weekly with effect from 13.03.2005.

3. Government of Orissa have entered into a memorandum of understanding with the Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd. on 24.05.2005 for construction of Haridaspur-Paradeep new broad gauge Rail Link.
4. On 03.07.2005 a new D.M.U Passenger Train has been introduced from Berhampur to Cuttack-Jajpur-Keonjhar Road.
5. Puri-Nizamuddin Kalinga Utkal Express Train has been extended to Haridwar with effect from 09.07.2005.
6. Frequency of Puri - Tirupati Express has been increased from once a week to five days a week with effect from 01.07.2005.
7. East Coast Railway have introduced a passenger Train from Cuttack to Paradeep with effect from 15.11.2005.
8. In the interest of the public, the Government of Orissa has entered into reciprocal transport agreement with the Government of Chhatisgarh in C & T (Transport) Department Notification No.11480-T dt. 23.07.2005.
9. O.S.R.T.C., Bhubaneswar has introduced new bus services from Berhampur-Nowarangpur via Palasa and Paralakhemundi, Rourkela-Bhuinpur, Cuttack-Jamunakote and Bolangir-Sunabeda Via Phulbani.
10. 16th Road Safety Week was observed in the State from 3rd-9th January, 2005 to create awareness among the general public on Road Safety Measures.

PUBLIC GRIEVANCE & PENSION ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Government has been making efforts to provide a responsive and people-oriented administration and has made arrangements to hear and dispose of public grievances and pension cases expeditiously. During the year as many as 9589 grievance petitions received from President's Secretariat/ Prime Minister's Office and other sources have been processed and sent to appropriate authorities for redressal. Chief Minister's Grievance Cell has been activated. Besides 26338 persons have been benefited by 21 number of "Jana Sampark Sibirs" organized in different districts during the year. A total of 546 pension grievances have been processed. During the year one Pension Adalat (118th) has been conducted in which 288 cases have been disposed of. The institution of Lokpal has been created in the State to look into the cases of corruption and impropriety by Ministers and high officials of the State Government. Altogether 400 cases have been disposed by Lokpal, Orissa by December 2005.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT

LAND PASS BOOK

Government have decided to issue Land Pass Book to each land holding family in the State with effect from 26th January, 2006 with a nominal fee of Rs.20/- with full exemption on BPL families. This Pass Book will also serve the purpose of Certificate in respect of Caste, Income, Legal Heir, residence and identity etc. The application forms are available free of cost.

BASUNDHARA SCHEME

For the sake of better land management Government have distributed land to 14,588 homesteadless families in the State under "Basundhara" Scheme during the current year by end of October, 2006 out of which 7827 families belong to Scheduled Tribes and 3234 families to Scheduled Castes. The scheme aims at providing land to the 2,49,334 such families within three years i.e. 2005-06 to 2007-08.

E. GOVERNANCE

Out of 171 Tehsils in the State, 157 Tehsils have, in the meanwhile, been fully computerised. People are enjoying the benefit of getting computerised patta, different certificates and certified copies of land records easily within short period. This scheme is fully financed by Government of India.

DISTRIBUTION OF WASTELAND

With a view to improving the economy of the weaker sections of the society and to boost agriculture production, Government land up to one standard acre is being allotted free of salami to landless persons since 1974-75.

During the year 2004-05 Government land to the extent of Ac. 5033.261 has been distributed among 6,075 landless families. Out of this, land to the extent of Ac.814.451 has been given to 1053 S.C., Ac. 2702.894 to 2954 ST and Ac. 1515.916 to 2068 other category landless families.

Since 1974-75 till the end of March, 2005, 7,26,629.11 acres of Government wasteland has been distributed among 4,67,724 landless families which include 1,73,338.707 acres to 1,01,769 SC, 3,79,255.009 acres to 2,26,494 ST and 1,74,035.394 acres to 1,39,461 other category landless families.

During the year 2005-06 up to the end of October, 2005 Government land to the extent of Ac.1553.086 has been distributed among 1592 landless families. Out of this land to the extent of Ac.774.767 has been distributed among 1592 landless families. Out of this land to the extent of Ac 774.767 has been given to 700 ST, Ac.244.764 to 246 SC and Ac.533.555 to 646 other category landless families.

SPORTS & YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT

1. Talent Scouting

Talent scouting is made every year for admission of Sports students in 14 nos. Sports Hostels with sanction strength of 620 and 3 nos of centres of excellence with sanction strength of 55 students run by this Department. During 2005-06 total 177 nos. Sports talents have been identified for admission in the Sports Hostels & Centres of Excellence.

2. Performance of Hostel inmates during 2005-06

| Sl. No. | Name of the event Tournament | Period | Achievement |
|---------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. | All India Kalinga Cup Tournament | 21.08.05 to 31.08.05 | Runners Cup |
| 2. | National Neheru Hockey Tournament | 20.10.05 to 30.10.05 | Champion (Jr. Girls) |
| 3. | National Neheru Hockey Tournament | 05.11.05 to 15.11.05 | Champion (sub-Jr.Boys) |

3. Organisation of Tournament

| Sl. No. | Name of the event Tournament | Place | Event Period |
|---------|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | All India Kalinga Cup | Cuttack & Sambalpur | August, 2005 |
| 2. | 17th sr.Inter Zonal Athletic Championship | Kalinga Stadium Bhubaneswar | 17.10.05 to 19.10.05 |

| | | | |
|----|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 3. | All India Railway Athletic Meet | Kalinga Stadium Bhubaneswar | 23.10.05 to 25.10.05 |
| 4. | State Level Women Sports Festival | Dhenkanal | 01.10.05 to 03.10.05 |
| 5. | State Level Rural Sports Competition | Sambalpur | 04.11.05 to 06.11.05 |
| 6. | Mahanadi River Rafting Expedition | | 24.08.05 to 03.09.05 |

4. Sports Persons in National/International arena

- i. Five Women Football Students (under 17 yrs.) of Sports Hostel, Bhubaneswar included in National Team for participation in Asian Football Championship held at Basan (South Korea) from 16th to 27th April, 2005.
- ii) Two women Football Players- Miss Sradhanjali Samantray & Miss Pinki Bompal Magar represented Indian Women Football Team (Sr.) for asian Championship, 2005, Miss sradhanjali Samantray has been selected as Captain of Indian Team.
- iii) Miss Jhililata Sena, first Oriya girl represented Senior National Volleyball Team in the Senior Asian Championship held at China from 01.09.05 to 08.09.05.
- iv) Miss Pravasini Dwivedy of Orissa won Gold Medal in Asian Rowing Championship at hyderabad from 19th to 23rd October, 2005.

5. Other activities

- i) A Non-residential Summer Coaching Camp covering 30 districts were organise during May, 2005 to create awareness among the Boys & Girls for Sports & games with involvment of 1146 beneficiaries.
- ii) A new web-site of the Directorate of sports & Youth Services has been launched in Aug.05 through which relevant information about Sports Schemes & Programmes can be available.
- iii) A quarterly News letter is being published by the Department of Sports & Youth Services since July 2005 which contains the important activities of the Department
- iv) During the year 2005-06 245 nos. of Sports persons will be fellicitated in a colourful function.
- v) The State Youth Festival will be organised at Sundergarh from 23.12.05 to 25.12.05

6. Stipend for Sports Hostel Students

With a view to provide nutrient balanced diets to the inmates of Sports hostels Government have decided to raise the stipend from Rs.1200/- to Rs.2250/- per inmate per month with effect from 01.01.2006. Similarly Government have decided to introduce toiletery allowances @ Rs.100/- per month per girl inmate of sports Hostel with effect from 01.01.2006. resolution to those effects has been issued.

7. Sports Infrastructure

(i) Swimming pool in Kalinga Stadium & Relaying of astro-turf hockey surface at Sports Hostel, Panposh have been taken up by Sports & Y.S. Departments Completion of those two project works is expected soon.

(ii) Rs.3.00 crores have been given as additional allocation for development of Sports Infrastructure in the State. Construction works of District Sports Complexes at Puri, Sundargarh, Koraput & Kalahandi are in progress with exclusive State funding

DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The significant strides in the field of Information Technology are : Major IT Companies such as TCS and WIPRO have signed memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Government for setting up of software Development and business process outsourcing (BPO) Centres in Infocity, Bhubaneswar. These centres will directly employ 2,000 Software Professionals from the state in the first phase besides creating substantial employment indirectly. Special efforts have been made to create human resources in the State to top emerging opportunities in the BPO Industry.

An MoU has been signed with Microsoft Corporation (I) Pvt. Ltd. for Development of Bhasa (in Oriya language) under UNICODE system. Unicode compliant support for Oriya language is available for MS-Windows Vista, the beta version.

This Department had taken the project during the year 2003 for providing computer and necessary peripherals to the 425 schools under School & Mass Education and SC & ST Development Department. Rs.1290.00 lakhs has been allotted out of which Rs.1128.40 lakhs has been spent. under 11th Finance Commission grant, Teachers Training Programme has also been completed through OCAC. The 8th National e-Governance Conference had been organised successfully from February 3-5, 2005 in collaboration with Government of India in Bhubaneswar. This conference would give further fill-up to e-Governance initiatives in the State. In this regard, the State Government have already teamed up with National Institute of Smart Government, Hyderabad to prepare a roadmap for e-Governance in Orissa. to facilitate IT usage in Oriya, Orissa Computer Application Centre has taken up special programmes with IT majors like Microsoft etc. necessary action has been initiated by OCAC to complete the special summery revision of electoral Roll 2006 appointed as state Level Agency (SLA) for Home election Department.

A scheme is being executed by OPEPA to ensure the children up to 14 years will get school education. A data base is being developed through ICR (Intelligent Character Recognition) technology for all the children, which will help in getting information on school, child, segment, villages, education etc.

Rs.10.00 lakhs has been sanctioned to develop a Web based pay Roll system (Betan Software) for Panchayati Raj department. Software development has been completed by Orissa Computer Application Centre and installed in the server at NIC. Training to this staff of DRDA/Block is going on in phased manner major software and hardware projects have been taken up through Orissa Computer Application centre in Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation, bhubaneswar Development Authority. Major software Development on project monitoring Property Tax and Office Automation after development of hardware infrastructure has been taken up in the corporate office of Bhubaneswar municipal Corporation. A Training Programme has been started through OCAC of district level officers and staff of Directorate of economics & Statistics of Planning & Coordination Department at 10 different locations of the state. 383 officers of the department will be trained in Computer application. The programme has been designed under the guidance of DFID, the consultant to P & C Department and will be completed by 15th February 2006.

The Department through OCAC has also started imparting training to employees of Orissa Secretariat in Office Automation Tools using Windows and MS-Office. The programme is being conducted in the

IT Centre of IT Department at Orissa secretariat, 415 officers and staff have been trained so far. The target is to train 3000 employees in the different grades per year.

In the year 2003-04 Government of Orissa has launched the Self employment Scheme-Information Kiosk with an objective to create Self Employment opportunities for unemployed youth of the State. The scheme will continue till 2006-07. The individual beneficiary are being provided subsidy upto Rs.25,000/-.

Action has been taken to obtain best prices for Computer Hardware from major OEMS like IBM, HP wipro and HCL to provide computers at most competitive prices with value added services and maintenance from OEMS for Government of Orissa.

Necessary steps have been taken in obtaining information from various Heads of Departments by providing LAN connectivity from Secretariat to Heads of Department situated in Bhubaneswar and Cuttack. The Secretariat LAN is currently existing in Secretariat Building, Rajiv Bhawan, Directorate Building and office of the CEO.

This Department is extremely appreciative of the initiative undertaken by Department of IT, Ministry of Information and Communication Technology, Government of India to assist the Government of Orissa in setting up Orissa State Wide Area Network (OSWAN) for a period of 5 years. This project highlights broad design of OSWAN at State Headquarters, District Offices, Sub-divisions, Tahasil Offices and Block offices across the State in bringing various Departments and e-Governance applications to use the communication infrasture through internal communication to benefit the citizens and administration.

DEPARTMENT OF TEXTILES & HANDLOOM

(i) Textile & Handloom Sector:

Nearly 2.00 crores of Handloom fabrics by the Primary Co-operative

Societies and Apex Societies marketed through Direct Marketing in Exhibition at the National, State and District levels in course of the last one year .

Implementation of Pilot Project under Orissa Fund for development initiatives assisted by World Bank and State to commence in 8 districts with effect from April, 2006. Nearly 5.00 crores of assistance will be available for building sustainable livelihood of weavers and sericulture farmers in course of coming year under this Project.

Government of India, Ministry of Commerce has sanctioned a 3-year 10.00 crore Project under Marketing Access Initiative Scheme which will strengthen the Handloom and Handicraft Sectors in the State.

The State has participated and visited for the first time in International Marketing Events like Gift Fair-Mumbai, IFTEX-Delhi and Heimtextile -Frankfurt.

Government of India has sanctioned Orissa two Directly Assisted Clusters under the Ministry of Textiles Integrated Cluster Development Programme at Sonepur and Bargarh. The Bargarh Project will be implemented by the Orissa State Handloom Weavers, Co-operative Society Ltd. (Boyanika).

Steps have been taken to initiate Diagnostic Study Report preparation in 10 Clusters of weavers in the State for funding under Special SGSY Programme funded by Ministry of Rural Development.

Efforts are on to restructure the most important Handloom Organizations - Orissa State Handloom Weavers ' Co-operative Society Ltd. (Boyanika) and Sambalpuri Bastralaya, the largest Primary Co-operative Society in Orissa trough Government of India assistance under Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protasahan Yojana (DDHPY). Restructuring of the two Societies will have immense impact on the livelihood of weavers in the State.

(ii) Sericulture Sector:

Status of State TDCC has been granted to Orissa Cooperative Tassar & Silk Federation (Serified) by Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India.

Orissa Cooperative Tassar & Silk Federation (Serified), Apex marketing body of Sericulture products, which had gone sick, has been made financially viable.

The Cooperative Sericulture marketing network, primary cooperatives have been strengthened.

Modal Tassar Ecorace Conservation Project (MECP) in Similipal Biosphere of Mayurbhanj District has been successfully implemented.

During the Xth Plan, Sericulture Sector has given employment of around 18000 families with additional annual income of Rs.9,000/- per family from these activities. This includes 10,000 S.C. & S. T farmers in Tassar, Eri and Mulberry cultivation. An additional 830 hectares of Arjun and Asan plantation has been raised.

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES

Government through its Industrial Policy Resolution (IPR-2001) is committed to create an Industry-enabling and investor-friendly climate in the State with a view to accelerating industrial development, employment opportunities and economic growth.

Keeping the above objectives in view, Government have introduced a single window clearance mechanism by enacting Orissa Industries (Facilitation) Act, 2004 ensuring clearance of investment proposals in a time bound manner and rationalization of inspections. The mechanism has already been operationalised at the state level.

2. Development of Large Scale Industries

(i) Orissa has emerged as a favourite destination for the national as well as trans-national investors, particularly in the mineral sector. Since 2003-04, 46 numbers of companies have already signed MoUs, out of which 43 are in the Steel sector with a total capacity of 58.14 MTPA and investment of Rs.137156.86 crores and two companies are in the Aluminum sector with an investment of more than Rs.25000 crores. Indian Oil Corporation is also setting up Refinery and Petrochemical complex of 12 MTPA capacity at Paradeep with an investment of about Rs.25000 crores.

(ii) Out of the 43 steel companies who have signed MoU, 14 companies with an investment of about Rs.10750 crores have already commenced partial commercial production by December, 2005. These companies have created direct employment opportunities for about 10000 persons. The construction work of another 22 companies is going on as per the programme and they are likely to commence commercial production during 2006. Collectors have been instructed to monitor the employment position in the Industries that have signed MoU with Government. Government are committed to improve the skill level of existing manpower through skill development training in collaboration with existing industries in the State in order to ensure assured supply of qualified and competent personnel required by the industries.

3. Ancillary and Downstream Industries

Acknowledging the relevance of ancillary and downstream industries as the key to Orissa's employment need and economic growth, Government is committed to promote the ancillary and downstream industries in the State particularly to the Steel, aluminium and Refinery projects.

4. Skill development and technical education

Skill development is the key to employment generation. Improvement of quality of technical education is a critical element in Government's strategy. BPUT have signed a MoU with IIT, Khargpur to obtain assistance for facility development and strengthening post-graduate and research programmes in

various Engineering and allied disciplines. Government have also started non-formal skill development training apart from technical education and craftsman training being conducted by different institutions. Training courses for about 4000 persons have already started. This programmes will be expanded in subsequent years particularly for school developments to enhance their employability

5. Infrastructure development

In order to support the massive investments it is necessary to improve infrastructure facilities. In order to expedite infrastructure development a policy is being formulated by Government of Orissa to attract private sector investment. Government of India are also being requested to support infrastructure development to support proposed investments to Orissa. For development of infrastructure, for development of IT sector, Export Promotion Industrial Park (EPIP) at Bhubaneswar has been set up and this attracted major investment in IT from reputed companies like TCS, WIPRO and Infosys etc. Another project for creating quality IT infrastructure with investment from private sector is being worked out by Government.

6. Development of Small & Medium Scale Industries

Considering the importance of Small & Medium Enterprises (SME) for the industrial development and employment generation and economic growth of the State, priority attention is being given to revival and promotion of SSI and Medium Scale Industries in the State. Eligible SSI units are given incentives like interest subsidy, reimbursement of sales Tax and capital investment subsidy to improve the competitiveness of SSIs promoted under employment package. Government have also decided for One Time Settlement scheme for SSI units for Government dues like E.D. loan, S.T loan and Soft loan. 2255 small industries have been set up in the State in the SSI sector during 2005-06 with an investment of Rs. 123.23 crores providing employment to approximately 10308 persons. Provisional and permanent registrations have been granted by DICs in respect of 7,325 and 1,516 units respectively. Cluster approach has been adopted for development and marketing linkage with the assistance of UNIDO.

7. Handicrafts & Cottage Industries (H&CI)

Handicrafts & Cottage Industries has been declared as a priority sector for development of handicraft in the State. Government have set up State Institute for Development of Arts and Crafts for superior design, product development and training. The strategy of cluster development has been adopted for developing different handicraft clusters. Linkages with existing schemes like PMRY, REGP are being established to promote entrepreneurs in Handicraft sector with linkage with artisans. Handicraft Corporation is being revitalized and its New Delhi Branch has been revamped to provide an efficient platform for both marketing and export.

8. Development of Khadi & Village Industries

Considering the huge employment potential in the rural sector of the State, emphasis is being laid on development of Khadi and village Industries. During 2004-05 under REGP against the annual target of 291 units, 475 units have been set up generating employment opportunities for 4810 persons against target of 5820.

Handicraft

1333 artisan units' set-up through margin money assistance and bank loan (2004-05 & 2005-06 under ACA / RLTA).

Development of 33 handicraft clusters in different districts involving 3425 artisans in 226 SHGs (1620 women).

The need based interventions provided in clusters include social mobilization, skill up-gradation, supply of improved tools & machineries, margin money and bank loan.

Design development training in different crafts to 840 artisans to produce market oriented products and feedback given on test marketing.

Marketing assistance to more than 1000 artisans for sale of their products through exhibitions both inside and outside the state.

Exposure to 95 artisans in different established handicraft centers in the country including NID (Ahmedabad), Bankura (West Bengal), Kandagaon (Chhatisgarh) etc.

Marketing augmentation through renovation of Utkalika's sale centre at New-Delhi and steps to set-up Urban Haat at Puri and Konarka .

Participation of 15 handicraft entrepreneurs in gift fair, New-Delhi to enhance handicraft export from the state and provide training on packaging to 40 entrepreneurs through IIP, Kolkatta.

Institutional training in different crafts to 700 persons and introduction of improved ITI level handicraft training for 80 persons in 8 different crafts at handicraft Complex, Bhubaneswar.

Setting-up of Computer Aided Design centre for training in handicraft designs.

THE HOME DEPARTMENT

Law & Order and Police Administration :

The Law and order situation of the State during the period 2005-06 was by and large peaceful except the isolated and unfortunate incident in Kalinga Nagar, which had occurred on 2.1.2006. The Kalinga Nagar issue has engaged the attention of the State Government and normalcy is returning to the area. Revealing the spirit of impartial administration, the judicial probe has been ordered by a sitting Judge of Orissa High Court.

Even as the leaders of different parties, youth organisations, students, organisations, labour Unions, etc. have resorted to agitational approach by staging 'Dharana', 'Railroko', 'Road blockade' etc., due to timely action by the Police, no untoward incident has been reported. Communal harmony prevailed during the period. Traditional festivals were also observed with gaiety. However, the left wing extremism in parts of Southern, Western and Northern Orissa continued to be a matter of concern. All the possible steps have been taken to combat extremism. There has been a marked decline in the reported murder and dowry related cases.

2. Modernisation of Police Force

The Orissa Police is modernising fast with the construction of large number of residential and non-residential buildings and acquisition of modern equipments. An allocation of Rupees 235.62 crores during the period 2000-2005 has been spent. The State Forensic Science Laboratories are also being equipped with the modern and latest equipments. During the year 2005, the buildings for 9 Out Posts, 9 Police Stations, 4 State Police Academy Offices, 2 Reserve Offices, Special Intelligence Wing, (First Floor & Second Floor), 1 Traffic Tower, 2 S.F.S.L. and Canine Breeding Center and of 286 residential quarters have been constructed.

3. Judicial Administration

Keeping in view the objective of better dispensation of Justice, the State Government, during the year 2005, have constructed 17 Fast Track Court buildings. The Government is, thus, committed to make justice accessible to grass- root level.

4. Orissa Fire Service Organisation :

Orissa Fire Service is a public utility service and rendering valuable services by protecting the lives and properties of public from fire hazards as well as natural calamities. Thousands of lives and properties worth in crores have been protected by the timely service ensured by Fire Service Organisation. Besides, the Fire Service personnel have performed fire protection duties during the visit of VVIPs and VIPs, Law and order situation and in various fairs and festivals during the year, 2005. During this year, the 14 Fire Station buildings and the 11 residential quarters for Fire Service personnel have been constructed.

5. Prison Modernisation and Reforms :

Government of Orissa have made conspicuous progress in modernisation of Prisons. Construction of new sub-Jails at Laxmipur, Kantabanjhi, M.V.- 79, Madanpur- Rampur and Kasipur have been taken up in the year 2005-06. The 28 residential quarters and 70 septic latrines have been constructed, seven deep tube wells have been sunk and corresponding water tanks have also been constructed. Funds has been provided for construction of seven 100 capacity additional wards, two 60 capacity additional wards and two 40 capacity additional wards in the existing 11 Jails of the State. For extending better health care to Jail inmates, the DAN T .B., AIDS and Leprosy programmes have been taken up. To educate the illiterate prisoners, the education campaigns has been launched. The teaching of Yoga, religious discourses, spiritual and moral discourses have been regularly organised in the prisons.

6. Welfare and Re-settlement of Ex-Servicemen :

The Rajya Sainik Board, Orissa has been established to promote welfare and resettlement of ex-servicemen, war widows, disabled ex-servicemen and families of deceased personnel belonging to the State. Six Zilla Sainik Boards at Cuttack, Dhenkanal, Balasore, Berhampur, Sambalpur and Kalahandi are functioning under Rajya Sainik Board. Processing Second World War Veteran Pension issuing Ex-servicemen Identity Card rendering employment assistance Ex-servicemen / War Widows / Disabled Ex-servicemen and to the members of the families of deceased Defence Service personnel are some of the functions of Rajya Sainik Board and zilla Sainik Boards. During the year 2005, pension has been processed for 121 Defence personnel @ Rs.500/- per month. Identity cards were issued to 954 Ex-servicemen. In 13 cases, employment assistance was provided to Ex-servicemen and members of the families of deceased Defence service personnel.

WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

The Department of Women & Child Development provide the much needed focus to programmes aimed at a holistic development of women and children in the state and to implement different social welfare schemes meant for persons with disability and the old, infirm and indigent persons.

Integrated Child Development Service (ICDS) scheme has been universalised by way of coverage of all the 314 blocks of the state apart from 12 urban projects in different urban areas through 34,201 Anganwadi centres. Recently GOI have sanctioned 3279 additional AWCs to the State. The service provided under ICDS through the SWC network through out the State are (i) Supplementary Nutrition (ii) immunization (iii) Health Check-up (iv) Referral Services (v) Nutrition & Health Education and (vi) Pre-School Education. Other important supportive services such as safe drinking water, environmental sanitation, women's development and education programmes are also covered the scheme.

Supplementary Nutrition is provided to needy children and to expectant / nursing mothers from low income families for a period of 300 days a year. This programme is being carried on in 34201 functioning AWCs covering 3086155 beneficiaries.

All women in the age group of 15-45 years are covered under Nutrition & Health Education Component. During the year 2005-06 (up to December 2005) an average number of 6,17,168 women per month have been covered under N.H. Ed. component.

During the year 2005-06 (up to Dec. 2005) 6,95,514 pregnant women have been covered under T.T. immunization. Similarly during the said period 6,54,213 children have been immunized against DTP; 1,01,488 against DT; 6.48,942 against Polio; 6,91,004 against BCG and 6,21,978 against measles.

Kishori Shakti Yojana aims at improving the nutritional and health status of adolescent girls and promoting among them awareness about health, hygiene, nutrition and family life. All the 314 Blocks in the 12 urban local bodies have been covered during the current year under the scheme Kishori Shakti Yojana. A house-to-house survey was conducted in 112 ICDS projects under the selected Blocks and 5,23,853 adolescent girls were identified. Under World Bank assisted ICDS project Ph-III this programme is going to be extended to remaining 214 ICDS projects to provide 13,88,674 adolescent girls.

157 blocks out of 314 blocks in the state were covered under the 'Cooked Meal System' while remaining 157 blocks were covered under the dry ration system under Mid-Day Meal Programme. The Emergency Feeding Programme is being implemented in all the 8 KBK districts under Revised Long Term Action Plan and the coverage stands at 2,00,000.

The Pilot Project National Nutrition Mission (NNM) has been launched in the district of Koraput & kalahandi of the State by providing 6kg of rice free of cost to the adolescent girls whose body weight in less than 35 kg and to the pregnant and lactating mothers whose body weight is less than 40 kg.

Under National Family Benefit scheme (NFBS), financial assistance is provided to a BPL family on the death of primary breadwinner in the age group of 18-64 years. A one-time lumpsum family benefit of Rs.10,000/- is being provided to the eligible house holds in such an event. Since the inception of the scheme, 95,030 beneficiaries have been assisted under the scheme including 3472 beneficiaries during 2005-06 incurring an expenditure of Rs.344.69 lakhs.

Under the balika Samridhi Yojana 44,035 girl children have been benefited incurring a total expenditure of Rs.2,20 crores during 2005-06.

Mission Shakti aimed at promotion of Women's Self-Help groups. During 2005-06 up to Dec., 2005. 23,342 number of WSHGs have been formed and 50,930 number of WSHGs have been formed and 50,930 number have been credit linked. This brings cumulative achievement under Mission Shakti to formation of 1,78,754 SHGs. with 22,69,801 members having a saving of Rs.151.49 crores

"Swayam siddha" is a centrally supported scheme for women's empowerment by awareness generation and capacity building through a sustained process of mobilization and convergence of all the on-going sectoral programmes around self-reliant WSHGs. The term of the scheme has been extended to 31.3.2007. Total fund sanctioned by GOI is Rs.3.83 crore for the schemes. The programme cross 36.

Mahila Vikas Nigam is functioning as the state channelising Agency for loans provided to persons with disabilities under the loan assistance scheme of the National Handicapped Finance & Development Corporation. It is also the Nodal Agency for implementation of all schemes for economic empowerment of women including 'Mission Shakti' and Swayam Siddha.

State Commission for women received a total number of 2853 complaints out of which 1673 cases have been disposed off during 2005-06.

According to the census 2001, there are 10.21 lakh disabled population in Orissa out of them 5.14 lakh are disabled in seeing, 0.69 lakh in speech, 0.84 lakh in hearing, 2.81 lakh in movement and 1.64 lakh mental. Many welfare programmes such as Orissa Disability Pension scheme, special schools for children with disability, Training & Rehabilitation, supply of special Aids & Appliances, scholarship to students, training centres for teachers, care and protection of children suffering from cerebral palsy / spasticism / multiple disabilities, Rehabilitation of cured leprosy patients, printing of Braille Books etc. are being implemented by the development.

EMPLOYMENT MISSION

The State Government have accorded very high priority on generation of Self Employment through Self Employment Programmes being implemented by various Departments of Government. The target for 2005-06 is to generate self employment opportunities (including associated wage employment) for 3.81 lakh persons. The achievement under various Self Employment Programmes made so far during the current year is 1.06 lakh (up to October, 2005). Various self employment training programmes are being taken up for up gradation of skill of unemployed youth. During 2005-06, 5000 unemployed persons will be imparted self employment training in various trades in informal sector.

State Employment Policy, 2005 has been formulated under which appropriate sectoral strategies have been spelt out so as to maximize self employment opportunity which in turn will generate associated wage employment in the State to solve the unemployment problem. As a part of the policy, a High Power Employment Mission has been constituted under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble

Chief Minister to take policy decisions and to facilitate generation of adequate employment opportunities, particularly, self employment opportunities. The Executive Body of the Mission under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary will implement policy decisions taken by the High Power Employment Mission. Five steering Committees of the Employment Mission have also been constituted under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister to approve various sectoral plans for generation of the self employment. Five Steering Commtees are as follows:

1. Steering Committee on Agriculture & Allied Activities
2. Steering Committee on Industries and Allied Activities
3. Steering Committee on Capacity Building
4. Steering Committee on Finance
5. Steering Committee on Communication.

The Govt. have approved formation of Orissa State Employment Mission Society (OSEMS). The Society will be registered shortly. Development Commissioner-cum-Additional Chief Secretary, Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Govt., Labour & Employment Department and Director, Employment-cum-Mission Director, Employment Mission will act as the President, Vice-President and the Member-Secretary of the Society respectively. The Society will facilitate generation of adequate self-employment opportunities under the overall guidance of the High Power Employment Mission.

EXCISE

Excise Department operate through granting of exclusive privilege to licence holders of out-lets to sale liquor and intoxicants. The noticeable activities of the department are enforcement through which manufacture, possession, transportation, export, import and sale of illicit liquor by bootleggers has been checked. Enforcement activities and collection of revenue for the last three years given below.

| | | |
|----------------|---|---------------|
| 2002-2003 | - | 246.05 crores |
| 2003-2004 | - | 256.69 crores |
| 2004-2005 | - | 306.61 crores |
| 2005-2006 | - | 248.42 crores |
| (up to Jan'05) | | |

PANCHAYATI RAJ

Achievements under different schemes during 2005-06 up to end of February 2006

Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY)

An amount of Rs.5310.27 lakh has been utilized against the availability of Rs.7402.88 lakh. 4075 no. of SHGs and 2101 individuals covering 49894 no. of Swarozgaris have been assisted for running of micro enterprises.

Sampoorn Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY)

An amount of Rs.33627.01 lakh and 213081.11 MT of foodgrains have been utilized against availability of Rs.45028.26 lakh and 238019.19 MT of foodgrains respectively to generate 518.00 lakh mandays at the village level. 35320 no. of projects have been completed.

Bazar, Sadak & Pani (BSP) (Since inception)

21631 no. of market sheds, 39815 no. of cement concrete roads having length of 8511 Kms, 10984 no. of water bodies and 5756 no. of Block/GP level storage godowns having capacity of 4.60 lakh MT have been constructed under SGRY.

National Food For Work Programme (NFFWP)

Rs.56985.39 lakh and 226151.32 MT of foodgrains are available out of which cash amounting to Rs.29187.63 lakh and 176445.34 MT of foodgrains have been utilized for completion of 9866 no. of projects and generation of 461.63 lakh mandays.

Indira Awas Yojana (IAY)

An amount of Rs.13921.38 lakh has been utilized for construction of 48942 no. of houses out of which 17079 and 13363 are allotted to SC & ST beneficiaries respectively.

NREGS:

This programme has been started with effect from 2.2.2006, which is launched in 19 Districts, covering 205 Blocks and 3672 G.Ps. This will provide 100 days of guaranteed unskilled employment to every rural household in 33527 villages and is likely to cover 40,78,982 rural household. Near about 67952 number of persons have registered their names for wage employment up to 10.03.2006.

Devolution of power to Panchayati Raj Instructions

As per 73rd Amendment of the Constitution it is mandatory for Government to endow the PRIs with such power and authorities as may be necessary to enable them to function as Institution of Self Government. Accordingly, the State Government vide Panchayati Raj Department order No.6886 dated 4.7.2003 have devolved 21 subjects of 11 Departments, out of 29 subjects, enlisted in the 11th Schedule of the Constitution.

The following are the devolution of 3 - tier P.R.Is

1. The District level officer's, Block level officer's and village level functionaries of 11 Departments will remain accountable to Zilla Parishad, Panchayat Samiti & Gram Panchayat respectively for implementation of subjects, schemes transferred to the control of PRIs.
2. The District level, Block level & G.P level functionaries of 11 Departments will attend the meetings of Z.P.P.S & G.P.
3. They shall prepare Plan & Scheme and place the same in the meeting of respective PRIs for discussion and approval.
4. Chairpersons of 3-tier PRIs will supervise the work executed under them.
5. The Chairpersons of 3-tier PRIs have been delegated with power to sanction Casual Leave. The State Government in Panchayati Raj Department have in the meantime defined Activity Mapping of 18 subjects and have issued order vide No.8430/PR dated 25.10.2005 defining duties and responsibilities of field level officers to prepare such plans and schemes on the developed subjects and implement them for economic development and social justice of the people.

E-Governance

Government of Orissa have implemented a number of e-Governance projects in order to bring transparency and accountability in the administration of Panchayati Raj Institutions. The following are some of the initiatives taken by the Government in Panchayati Raj Department.

Knowledge workers with B.E./M.C.A qualifications have been posted in each Panchayat Samiti and DRDA. These qualified knowledge workers are imparting training to the existing manpower of the Panchayat Samities on computer fundamentals.

PRIASOFT, a Web based e-Governance application designed and developed by NIC has been implemented to address monitoring of funds flow in the three-tier PRIs in a C & AG Compliance Account Head. This software is having citizen interface to provide seamless information to all citizens. This helps the administration to monitor the fund receipt, expenditure and availability at all the three-tier PRIs.

Similarly, RURAL SOFT which is a Web based application has been implemented to address monitoring of physical progress of various projects under different programmes. Location details of any Anti Poverty Project taken up by any of the three-tier PRIs can be accessed with the help of RURAL SOFT.

Another Software known as PAMIS has been implemented to capture each transaction at the DRDA and PS level. This software is enabling the administration to save delay in maintaining manual Cash Book and also provides complete transparency of daily financial transaction.

BETAN software has been positioned to generate acquaintance roll of all the staff at the PS and DRDA level. The computerised pay bills have been accepted by the Treasuries of the State and accordingly the salary of the PS staff including Teachers, salary are being disbursed.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Under Pradhan Mantri GramsadaK Yojana, 4067.15 Kms of all weather roads have been constructed to provide connectivity to unconnected habitations. It has been targeted to construct another 1189 km of all weather roads by March 2006.

With NABARD assistance, 151 Bridges and 368.00 Km Roads have been completed. Construction of another 75 Bridges and 687 Km roads has been taken-up. Out of this 31 bridges and 168 Km roads are targeted to be completed by this year. It is proposed to complete 25 bridges and 390 Km roads during 2006-07.

During the year 2005-06, 4 bridges have been completed under RL TAP for KBK Districts and construction of 4 more bridges are likely to be completed by March, 2006.

During the last 5 years, 63011 tube-wells and 2640 sanitary wells have been installed in rural Orissa and a safe source of drinking water provided in 17600 NC (not covered) and 4598 PC (partially covered) habitations and also 13624 rural schools.

During 2005-06 (up to December) 8382 tube-wells along with 223 sanitary wells have been installed and 112 pipe water supply project completed and provision of safe drinking water has been made in 4241 NC as well as 141 PC habitation and 2522 rural schools.

Under the Participatory and Community Swajaldhara, 288 drinking water supply projects have been completed.

In order to improve sanitation coverage in the State, total sanitation campaign (TSC) is being carried out in all the 30 districts with a total project cost of about Rs.440 crores. The programme aims at creating an enabling environment to promote use of toilet facilities by all rural households, school students and Anganwadi children. 8.22 lakh individuals household latrines (IHL), 7994 school toilets and 296 Anganwadi toilets have been installed under this programme.

INFORMATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

The Information & Public Relations Department serves as a link between people and the Government. This Department not only informs the public on the plans, policies and programmes of the Government, but also works to ensure people's participation in the successful implementation of different developmental programmes and schemes. To implement these programmes and to make them people-oriented, the Department also functions at District and Sub-divisional levels.

THE ORGANISATIONAL SET-UP

The Department was created originally as a part of the Home Department and was named as Home (Public Relations) Department. Subsequently it was separated from the Home Department on the 8th July 1978 and started functioning as an independent Department of the State Govt. in the

name of Information & Public Relations Department. At present 32 Publicity Districts (Including Bhubaneswar & Rourkela) each headed by District Information & Public Relations Officer are functioning under the administrative control of this Department. There are 3 Deputy Directors to supervise the work of DIPROs at 3 Revenue Divisional Headquarters i.e. Cuttack, Sambalpur & Berhampur respectively.

The total staff strength of the Department is 976 out of which Group-A officers are 21, Group-B officers are 95, Group-C personnel are 493 and Group-D personnel are 367.

PUBLICATIONS

In order to create public awareness, this Department brings out two monthly Journals i.e. Utkal Prasang in Oriya and Orissa Review in English. In these two monthly Journals, articles and features based on Art and Culture, Trade and Commerce, Science and Technology and activities of the Govt. are published. Besides, on the occasion of Birth & Death Anniversary of eminent persons and other functions, 30 types of folders, leaflets, booklets etc. have been published both in English & Oriya languages and features have been translated and compiled. A detailed list at below.

1. Swatantra Utkal Divas (Oriya Folder)
2. Nua Rajadhani Bhubaneswar (Oriya Booklet)
3. Saheed Raghu Dibakar (Oriya Folder)
4. Dr. B.R.Ambedkar (Oriya Folder)
5. Maharaja Krushna Chandra Gajapati (Oriya Folder)
6. Utkal Gourab Madhusudan Das (Oriya Folder)
7. Biplabi Dharanidhar Bhuyan (Oriya Folder)
8. Sri Jaydev (Oriya booklet)
9. Car Festival, Puri - 2005 Guide Book (Both English & Oriya)
10. Bhakta 'O' Kabanthe Shree Jagannath (A Devotional Song collections)
11. Car Festival, Puri - 2005 - What to Do and What Not to Do (English & Oriya leaflets)
12. Sri Sri Baladev Jew Rath Yatra - 2005 - Kendrapara (Oriya booklet)
13. Performance Budget of I & P.R.Department (English booklet)
14. Utkalamani Pandit Gopabandhu Das (Oriya Folder)
15. Saheed Baji Rout (Oriya Folder)
16. Biplabi Jayee Rajguru (Oriya Folder)
17. Saheed Birsa Munda (Oriya Folder)
18. Orissa : A place for Aesthetic Experience (English Folder for IITF, New Delhi)
19. Saheed Laxman Naik Jayanti (Oriya Folder)
20. Utkal Keshari Dr. Harekrushna Mahatab (Oriya Folder)
21. Mahan Jananayak Nabakrushna Choudhuri (Oriya Folder)
22. Maharaja Sri Ram Chandra Bhanja Deo (Oriya Folder)
23. Biplabi Chandan Hajuri (Oriya Folder)
24. Veer Surendra Sai (Oriya Folder)
25. Netaji Subash Chandra Bose (Oriya Folder)
26. Buxi Jagabandhu (Oriya Folder)
27. Biju Patnaik (Oriya Folder)
28. Jayaprakash Narayan (Oriya Folder)
29. Activities Report of the Inf. & P.R. Deptt. (Eng. & Oriya booklet)
30. "Pragatira Ruparekha" (Oriya booklet on the achievement of Govt.)

PRESS INFORMATION SERVICE:

A Press Information Unit is functioning under this Department at State Headquarters. 7 Information Officers and 8 other Departmental Officers of O.I.S Cadre are working in this unit to collect press notes, handouts, background materials, features and other information on developmental activities from various Departments of the Govt. and release them to different Media Organisation, both Print & Electronic. A Dy. Director (Press) -cum-Dy. Secy. has been kept in charge of this unit to supervise the work. During this year 2005-06, 2041 Press handouts and 22 press notes have been released. Besides, the Information Officers submit press clippings daily to Ministers and Principal Secretaries, Commissioner-cum-Secretary and Secretaries of the respective Department. 61,125 nos. of press clipping submitted during the financial year 2005-06. Moreover two Public Relations Officers and two A.P.R.Os have been posted in the office of His Excellency the Governor and the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

During the year 2003-04, the Accreditation Committee, constituted in the year 1994 for grant of Accreditation to the working Journalists has been reconstituted vide Govt. resolution No. 22697 dated 23.08.03 after making certain amendments in the Rule. So far, accreditation has been granted to 152 Correspondents at the State level and 101 at the District, Sub-division and Block level. The accredited Correspondents are being provided with various facilities including railway travel concession. This Department also organize conducted tours for the Journalists on different important occasions like Car Festival, Konark Festival, Sea Beach Festival and to the spot during natural calamities.

An inter-media publicity co-ordination committee has been formed under the Chairmanship of the Minister, I & P.R in the year 2003.

During natural calamities, control rooms are also opened to cater information to the Information Cell which works round the clock.

ELECTRONIC DISPLAY BOARD

Providing news through Electronic Display Boards (EDB) is a novel initiative by this Department to augment it's broad mission of information dissemination. Starting on April 1, 2005, it aims at providing instant information on Government's plans, policies and actions, important events, public service guidelines and issues in public interest. At present, two EDBs have been installed, one at Master Canteen Square and another in front of State Information Centre (Jayadev Bhawan), two busy public places of Bhubaneswar.

T.V. NEWS PRODUCTION

The T.V. Unit of this Department has been producing news items of day to day programmes of VIPs, VVIPs, news capsules of important events, tele-documentaries on various developmental activities of the Govt. and ensuring their telecast on various electronic media channels including Door-darshan. During the year 2005-06 this unit has covered 1072 news items on various developmental activities and programmes of Govt.. Out of which 1029 news items were telecast on the regional news bulletin from DDK, Bhubaneswar and 19 were telecast in the regional weekly programme Bichitra.

TELECAST OF DEVELOPMENTAL SCHEMES

A programme relating to achievements of various development schemes in different districts of the State is being telecast by Doordarshan on every Saturday from 7.15 P.M. to 7.30 P.M. being sponsored by I & P.R. Department. It's noteworthy that, for the first time this programme has been taken up on behalf of the Department.

PHOTO SERVICE

The Photo Unit of this Department provides essential support to publicity programmes. This helps in keeping records of important events. Besides, it releases photographs to different print media organizations daily on various day-to-day programmes of the VIPs, VVIPs and other important Govt. programmes pertaining to Government. It provides support for publications of Booklets, Folders, Posters etc and preparation of exhibitions by the Information & Public Relations Department.

This unit has been modernized with Digital Set-up having Internet facilities. Now photographs are being released to different media organizations through Internet. Besides, action has been initiated to have a separate studio. During this period this Unit has covered 856 numbers of programmes through manual & digital systems and produced 6339 numbers of photographs and supplied to above mentioned purpose. Besides, this unit also released 518 nos. of photographs through internet to different journals for publication.

FILM UNIT

Film is one of the powerful Media of Mass Communication through which message of Government and achievements made on different developmental programmes in the State can be carried out and conveyed to the illiterate mass living in the rural areas. During this year following documentary films produced by this unit namely :

1. Industrial Image of Orissa
2. Life & work of Abhimanyu Samantasinghar
3. Cotton Cultivation
4. Ratoon Management of Sugarcane

Documentary Films under Preparation :

1. Sanitation
2. Eradication of poverty
3. Samant Chandra Sekhar

Besides, a full-length feature film on Utkalmani Gopabandhu Das is under preparation.

C.V. UNIT

A Community Viewing Unit has been functioning in this Deptt. Radio Inspectors are attending the work relating to installation and repair of TVs provided to different establishments. They also attend the recording of the important proceedings of the programmes including Assembly proceedings. Government under C.V. Scheme have provided 972 T.V. sets to different Educational Institutions and Information Centres of the State free of cost, 857 T.V. sets to different Gram Panchayats on cost sharing basis i.e. 75 percent cost borne by the State Government and the rest 25 percent by the Grama Panchayats concerned.

AUDIO VISUAL PUBLICITY UNIT

An Audio Visual Publicity Unit is functioning in the Department. Apart from organizing film shows at the field level, this unit makes arrangements of Public Address System at the meeting places.

DIGITISATION OF IMMORTAL VOICE

Government have decided to preserve the speech / immortal voices of Eminent State Leader and Freedom Fighters of the State. Necessary steps are being taken to contact such leaders and Freedom Fighters to record their speech / immortal voice for preservation.

ADVERTISEMENT

All Govt. Advertisements released by this Department through different Newspapers and Periodicals have become effective. Besides, Classified Advertisements such as Tender Notices, Quotation Call Notices, Advertisements for recruitments and Notices for admission to the Educational Institutions etc. are published in newspapers through this Department for general information of the public. Tender notices and other quotations of different Corporations and State Government Undertakings are also routed through this Deptt. for publication. During the reported year 2250 Classified Advertisements, 766 Land Acquisition Advertisements and 331 Display Advertisements have been issued.

RESEARCH, REFERENCE AND TRAINING

The Research and Reference unit of this department collects background materials, up-to-date facts and figures from various departments of the Government and keeps them intact for reference purposes. This unit also collects and preserves basic information through newspaper clippings, articles from standard research Journals and informative literatures published by Government and make information available to the research scholars, writers and intellectuals as and when required. The Department also maintains a reference library, which preserves informative books, maps, publicity booklets and features etc. This section has provided bio-data of 22 eminent personalities and 42 nos. of articles to Information Officers of this Department for reference and other ancillary works. This section is ready to publish the Orissa Reference Annual-2005 as per last year. Articles are provided to 72 research scholars in their research works. Important news articles were given to Utkal Prasanga for publication in its different issues for general awareness. 30 nos. of DIPROs and SDIPROs and 45 nos of staffs have been imparted with IIMS training at Dhenkanal and computer training respectively during this year.

ORIYA TRANSLATOR'S UNIT

In according utmost significance to public perception, the State Government has constantly been endeavouring to strengthen its feedback gathering mechanism. Public reactions as reflected in the Print & Electronic Media are closely being scanned by the Oriya Translator's Unit of Information & Public Relations Department in the form of "Daily Press Round-Up" and "Internet News Brief" to enable respective Executive Heads of different Departments to effect suitable changes in the process of planning and execution of developmental programmes. As a part of micro-analysis approach, Oriya Translator's Unit of the State Information set-up has gathered a record no. of 3135 Press Round-Ups during the year 2005-06.

INFORMATION CENTRE-CUM-READING ROOM

Information Centre-cum-Reading Rooms have been opened in Urban and Rural areas that play a significant role in disseminating information and enriching the intellectual growth of the society through books, magazines, newspapers and other informative literatures. Besides, TVs and Radios have been supplied to the Information Centers. At present 85 Information Centre-cum-Reading Rooms are functioning through out the State including one at the State Capital and one each at New Delhi and Kolkata. During this year the State Information Centre (Jaydev Bhawan) has been renovated.

EXHIBITION

Exhibitions on plans, programmes, policies and achievements of the Govt. are organised in rural & urban areas of the State in order to create awareness among the people. The exhibition also includes materials on Orissan art, culture, tradition, handlooms, handicrafts, agriculture and industries etc. This unit participates in I.I.T.F, New Delhi every year. During the current financial year 8 exhibitions including IITF-2005 at New Delhi have been organised by this Department.

SPECIAL CELEBRATION

The Department organizes Special Celebrations like Independence Day, Republic Day, Orissa Day, Gandhi Jayanti, Birth & Death Anniversaries of eminent persons, National Press day at the State, District and Sub-divisional Headquarters. During the year, 32 such Special Celebrations have been organised. During this year the Tableau prepared by this Department had participated in Republic Day Parade, New Delhi and accorded 3rd prize. Besides, Information Centres are opened during Ratha Yatra at Puri.

SONG AND DRAMA

This is an effective medium of publicity. The traditional folk dance like Palla, Daskathia, Ghodanacha, Street play and Musical programmes highlighting plans, programmes and policies of the Government are organised by this Department in rural and urban areas of the State. During the year 1505 nos. of Programmes have been organized by this Department. Besides, the Department organised Oriya Film and Cultural Festival at Mumbai under Inter-State Cultural Exchange Programme.

COMPUTERISATION SCHEME

To make media coverage more effective and purposeful with regard to dissemination of up-to-date information, this Department has taken initiative to computerize the District Public Relations Offices. Fifteen district offices at Angul, Sundargarh, Cuttack, Dhenkanal, Berhampur (Chatrapur), Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapara, Koraput, Sambalpur, Puri, Rourkela, Mayurbhanj, Balasore, Nabarangpur and Keonjhar have been provided with computer facilities. Besides, there is a computerized system operating at the State Head quarters. One KIOSK has been installed to provide upto date information to public. New computer system has been installed to send Advertisement text and tender document to State Govt. website through portal group of I.T. Department.

Steps has also been taken to computerise, type, issue and despatch section of the Department and each section were also provided with computer facility.

RIGHT TO INFORMATION

The Information & Public Relations Department has shouldered onerous responsibility of implementing Right to Information Act, 2005 in Orissa as the nodal department. The implementation has been geared up through the formation of a State Right to Information Implementation Cell in the department. The process of implementation has witnessed a record success of formulating Orissa Right to Information Rules, 2005, Operational Guidelines, formation of a Central Cell at Reception Counter of Secretariat, training of PIOs and Appellate Authorities, constitution of Orissa Information Commission and facilitation of proactive disclosure through Govt. of Orissa website.

FOOD SUPPLIES & CONSUMER WELFARE DEPARTMENT

The consumer protection movement has been widely appreciated by the common public. Besides the State Commission 30 District forums for 30 revenue districts and an additional forum for Rourkela have been set-up in the State. Out of a tital number of 4,361 registered cases 3,062 cases have been disposed of till 30.09.2005. Since the beginning of this year. Similarly, 2811 cases and 78 appeal cases have been lodged in the State Commission during the said period out of which 2043 cases and 37 appeal cases have been disposed of.

Strong measures have been taken up to create consumer awareness by setting up of State Consumer Grievances Redressal Boards and Districts Consumers Grievances Redressal Boards. Orientation programmes are being conducted by the central Government for the Judges of the district level forums. Steps have also been taken by the Central Government to arrange public awareness campaign, formation of District consumers' information Centres and Consumer Clubs through the help of N.G.Os and to make it a village-oriented programme. Apart from these training programmes have been organized for the different members of the Court at the Indian Institute of Public Administration with the Central Government assistance. A consumers Welfare Fund of one crore rupee have been constituted with 50:50 share of both the central and State Government. This Fund will be managed in accordance with Orissa Consumer Welfare Fund Act, 2005. Provision has also been made for the construction of office buildings of 17 District Forums, expansion of State Commission's office and other infrastructural expenditure with the complete grant-in-aid from the Central Government. Besides the Central Government has planned for the computarisation of all 31 District Forums of the State. Decision has been taken for the introduction of syllabus relating to consumers' protection in all schools and colleges.

SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEME**TARGETED PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM**

Targeted Public distribution System has been implemented in the State since 01.06.1997 for the benefits of the poor sections of the people. Under this scheme 38,85,208 B.P.L families have been provided rice as per the following

- (1) People residing in 143 I.T.D.P and D.P.A.P Blocks of the State and each family belonging to B.P.L category have been provided rice of 16 k.g. per family @Rs.4.75 and an additional amount of 9 K.G rice per family @ Rs.6.30 per k.g. in every month.
- (2) The enlisted all B.P.L families residing in rural areas of other 171 non-ITDP/Non-D.P.A.P Blocks and the B.P.L families residing in the urban areas who have been identified as B.P.L families by the Urban Development Department have been supplied rice of 25 K.G @Rs.6.30 per k.g. in a month.
- (3) 4.59 lakh A.P.L families of K.B.K districts are being supplied 25 k.g rice @Rs.6.30 per k.g. in a month as special assistance.

ANNAPURNA YOJANA

64,800 eligible senior citizens who are not getting pension under National Old Age Pension Scheme/State Old Age Pension Scheme are being supplied with 10 K.G rice per month free of cost.

ANTYODAYAANNA YOJANA

10,01,300 poorest families have been covered under Antyodaya Anna Yojana and are being supplied 35 k.g. of rice @Rs.3.00 per month. Steps have been taken by the Government for inclusion of 2,62,300 families under this scheme.

The particulars of procurement and distribution of rice supplied under different schemes during the period 2002-03 and 2005-06 (till September) have been shown in annexure yearwise.

PROCUREMENT OF RICE

The State Government is committed to curb the distress sale of paddy and to protect the interests of the farmers in the State. Several measures have been adopted by the Government to purchase paddy from the farmers at the scheduled support price. Owing to the timely steps, it was possible on the part of the Government to procure the following quantum of paddy and rice by different agencies during 2003-04 and 2004-2005 Kharif years.

| Year | Procuring Agency | Procured Paddy | Deposited Rice |
|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2003-04 | Miller | 2573414 | 1280343 |
| | Supplies Corporation | 59419 | 38552 |
| | Co-operative Societies | 44957 | 29608 |
| | F.C.I | 45119 | 26615 |
| | Total | 2722909 | 1375118 |
| 2004-05 | Miller | 2619556.969 | 1305826.432 |
| | Supplies Corporation | 140118.995 | 91119.025 |
| | Co-operative Societies | 86967.590 | 56851.983 |
| | F.C.I | 83785.035 | 46685.998 |
| | MARKFED | 58830.440 | 33105.941 |
| | NAFED | 47195.360 | 30901.929 |
| Total | 3036454.389 | 1564491.308 | |

In order to encourage and widen the procurement of paddy this year the State Government has targeted to purchase the required amount of paddy from the farmers for 20 lakh M.T. rice. Besides this, the Food Corporation of India has been requested to purchase the required amount of paddy from the farmers for 2 lakhs M.T. of rice.

The State Supplies Corporation had opened 42 and 74 nos. of paddy purchasing centers during 2003-04 and 2004-05 Kharif years respectively. Likewise, the Primary Agricultural Co-operative society had opened 152 paddy purchasing centers in 2003-04 Kharif year and 346 paddy purchasing centers in 2004-05 Kharif year. During the current Kharif commercial year i.e. 2005-06 the State Supplies Cooperation and Agricultural Co-operative Society are taking steps to open 200 and 559 centres respectively.

Purchasing of more paddy by different agencies will give rise to competitiveness among the buyers and as such the farmers will be benefited by selling their produced paddy. Keeping this in view the Government has fixed a target of procuring more paddy during the current year. Steps have been taken to procure paddy this year in all 30 districts. The Government has ensured procurement of paddy by at least 2 Government agencies in each district as a result of which the farmers can, at their sweet will, sell their paddy either to millers or to any Government agency. Hence, the farmers can get reasonable price for the produced paddy.

With the request of the State Government the Central Government has liberalized the quality of paddy for which the farmer is selling his paddy at the support price fixed for the liberalized standard of paddy, although it is not of F.A.Q quality.

The farmer can get his dues with the introduction of Account Payee Cheque system and thus the role of the middlemen can be checked. Since the farmers are getting their dues through A/c-Payee cheque by the Government agencies, similarly the Government has decided that the millers should also pay the farmers in the form of A/c payee cheques as far as possible.

A total quantity of 2,49,185 M.T. paddy has been procured from the farmers as on 10.12.2005.

The State Government is whole-heartedly committed to provide right price to the farmers including the marginal farmers of Orissa for their produced paddy through the paddy procurement policy.