Commerce and Industries

Key Achievements

- New Investment proposal of around Rupees One Lakh Crore received from 176 companies generating more than three lakh employment.
- The WBLR Act, 1955 was amended to widen the scope for the entrepreneurs to retain ceiling surplus land on a case to case basis for industrial use.
- As per advise of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, "Shilpa Sathi"- a single window system has been launched with single application form reducing the burden to fill up 99 pages to only 7 pages to provide a hassle-free system for the investors
- Export of Jems & Jewellery and food products increased.
- Excavation started at Trans Damodar Coal Mine at Barjora, Bankura.
- Amendment of Minor Mineral Rules to introduced auction based allocation system.
- For the first time in the State a Core Committee on Industry has been formed with the representatives of Chambers.
- 120 Units booked in Howrah Foundry Park
- At Barasat a Garment & Apparel Park has been inaugurated.
- Central Government has been requested to formulate National Iron Ore Policy.
- Some investors responded to the request of the Govt. to revive at least one of the closed industries of the state.

The Government has received investment proposals amounting to more than Rs. One Lakh Crore with proposed employment generation, inclusive of indirect employment of 3 lakh. These include investments in the State from SAIL, Indian Railways, Burn Standard, Tractors India Ltd., Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd., TVS Motors, Matrix Fertilizers and Reliance Group. The investment proposals mentioned above are significantly higher than in the preceding years.

The first phase of the Foundry Cluster in Howrah was recently inaugurated by our Hon'ble Chief Minister. 120 units have booked land in phase-I and the Foundry Association has also complemented construction of ITI within the Complex, which would enable local boys and girls to get skilled Technical Training on operation of machines and equipment of the Foundry Industry, thereby making them employable. The Foundation stone for Zari Hub, has been inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Smt. Mamata Banerjee in February 2012 at Sankrail, Dist: Howrah in an area where many rural artisans are concentrated. The Hub will be expanded to a World Class Infrastructure Category to both domestic and international markets with end product lines being available in one place.

West Bengal Mineral Development and Trading Corporation Ltd., a State Govt. Undertaking, is on the verge of starting commercial production of coal from the Trans-Damodar Coal Mining Block at Barzora, Dist: Bankura and to market the product through electronic auction. The formal inauguration of the project was made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 13.4.2012.

Some important policy matters:

For ensuring Cooking Gas Supply to places within the Greater Calcutta Area through the establishment of a gas grid network the GCGSC Ltd. under the Department has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd.(HPCL) and Gas Authority of India Limited(GAIL) on 17/11/2011 for investing Rs. 2000 crore through formation of Special Purpose Vehicle(SPV).

In the Asansol-Raniganj Areas, draft lease deed for extraction of Coal Bed Methane has been given to Great Eastern Energy Corporation Ltd. over an area of 210 sq. km. The said Corporation has already started marketing of CBM.

The Govt. has also suitably amended Section 14Y of West Bengal Land Reforms Act, 1955 for ensuring that prospective entrepreneurs can hold land in excess of the ceiling limit for the purpose of setting up of industries upon the recommendation of Commerce & Industries Department on case to case basis. A model lease deed has also been prepared to expedite the process of giving land on lease to Requiring Bodies including the power of assigning such land to other industrial units.

In order to ensure all the natural resources of the State to be allocated on the basis of transparent system of auction, an amendment of relevant Rules of minor minerals has been made in respect of minerals like kankar, morrum and brick earth on vested land and minerals like river minerals. Initiatives have also been taken to amend other provisions of the rule. This will ensure that State generates more revenue in this process.

From 9th to 14th January 2012, within Milan Mela Premises, an Industrial and Commercial Exhibition was held to highlight the potentials for investment in various sectors in this State. 120 industries from various sectors participated in the exhibition and several companies proposed for investment in the State like Maruti Suzuki, Techno India Group, Tara International, Bengal Aerotropolis etc. In order to set up an eco-tourism project and 1980 MW power project with an investment around Rs. 26,000 crore at Nayachar Island (Purba Medinipur district), the State Government has signed an Agreement. This project will also include a housing scheme for rehabilitation of fishermen, giving incentives for fishing with modern equipment.

Haldia Petrochemicals Ltd. suffered several technical shutdowns in the recent past which has led a huge loss being projected for the year 2011-12. The additional downturn in the international market for petrochem products has resulted in revenues of the company going down. The Government has determined to turn the company around to its potential by ensuring superior corporate governance in the organization. As a step towards this, initiatives were taken by Hon'ble MIC, C&I Department in holding two detailed meetings with financial institutions and their representatives on the Board of Directors. Hon'ble MIC, C&I Department has also become the Chairperson of the Company in an honorary capacity at this critical juncture with the mandate to look after the interests of all the stake-holders, including the financial institutions, employees and the share-holders in a fair and transparent manner.

The investment in various Industrial Parks have also been contemplated. For example, at Sankrail(Howrah district) there is a proposal for setting up of a Poly Park with the participation of Shyam Steel, Prime Technoplast Pvt. Ltd. and Ramkey Enviro Engineers Ltd. At Naihati Rishi Bankim Industrial Park, several proposals for investment have come up, worth-mentioning among which are the proposals of Texmaco Rail and Engineering Ltd. for setting up Green Field Steel Foundry and proposal of Supreme Industries Ltd. Proposals for investment have also come at Purulia Raghunathpur Industrial Park, Panagarh Industrial Park, Bankura Plasto Steel Park at Barjora.

The projects which are nearing completion are Dhunseri Petro Chem Ltd. for expansion of production of 2 lakh tone to 4.3 lakh tonne, Leather Goods Manufacturing Training Centre at Bantala, Foundry Park alongwith ITI at Ranihati, Howrah and Bitumen Emulsion plant of Hindustan Collas Ltd. at Haldia.

Land related issues with the following companies have been settled which will ensure rapid industrialization in the State:-

(i) 1 Million Ton steel project of JSW at Salboni

(ii) Patton International Ltd. Cold Rolling Mill at Uluberia, Howrah district.

(iii) Integrated Steel Plant of Sova International Ltd. at Mejia(Bankura district)

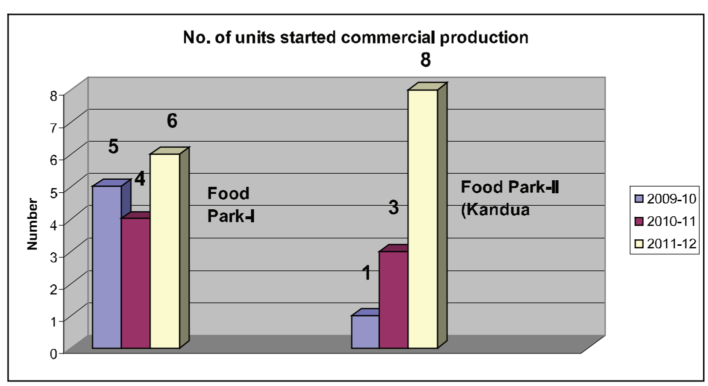
(iv) Rolling Mill and Steel Melting shop of Ankit Metal and Power Ltd. at Jorhira(Bankura district)

(v) Foundry Park being set up by Foundry Cluster Association at Ranihati(Howrah district)

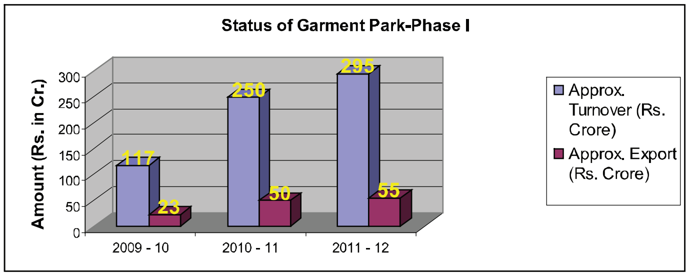
Expression of Interest has been called from investors to set up manufacturing industry on 1000 acres land at Goaltore.

WBIDC Ltd.

FOOD PARK



GARMENT PARK, Phase-I



- o **Manikanchan (Gems & Jewellery Park)- Export value of Gems & Jewellery from Manikanchan has impressively gone upto Rs. 10425 Cr. In the year 2011-12 from Rs. 8125 Cr. of last year**

- 12 Poly Parks started commercial function in the year 2011-12 against 7 units in the previous year.
- In Sahachawk Industrial Park investment proposal of Rs. 50 Cr. was received during the reporting year against Rs. 27.50 Cr. in the previous year.
- In Panagarh Industrial Park investment proposal of Rs. 4954.60 Cr. was received during 2011-12.
- In Vidyasagar Industrial Park investment proposal of Rs. 209 Cr. was received during the reporting year against Rs. 104 Cr. in the previous year.
- In Rishi Bankim Shilpa Udyan investment proposal of Rs 557.02 Cr. was received which will create employment opportunity of 5151 persons.

Bengal Leads – 2012 (Organised by WBIDC Ltd.)

West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation on behalf of the Government of West Bengal organized Bengal Leads -2012, an exhibition cum Business Summit at Milan Mela Trade Fair Complex, Kolkata from January 9-14, 2012. This exhibition cum business summit was the first of its kind by the State Government, where the state exhibited its areas of strength and opportunities and facilitated interaction with all stakeholders. This summit was aimed at bringing together business leaders, investors, policy and opinion makers and served as a perfect platform to explore business opportunities with the state of West Bengal.

The Summit was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, West Bengal ,Mamata Banerjee on January 9, 2012 and attended by industry stalwarts like Shri Rajiv Singh of DLF, Shri Atul Punj of Punjj Lloyd, Smt. Mallika Srinivasan of TAFE, Shri Sajjan Jindal of Jindal Steel, Shri Prasoon Mukherjee of Universal Success Enterprise , Shri YC Deveshwar of ITC, Consul General of USA and Japan and many more.

The six- day exhibition- cum- investor summit had over 120 companies participating from different sectors and 12 government departments exhibiting strengths and opportunities to investors.

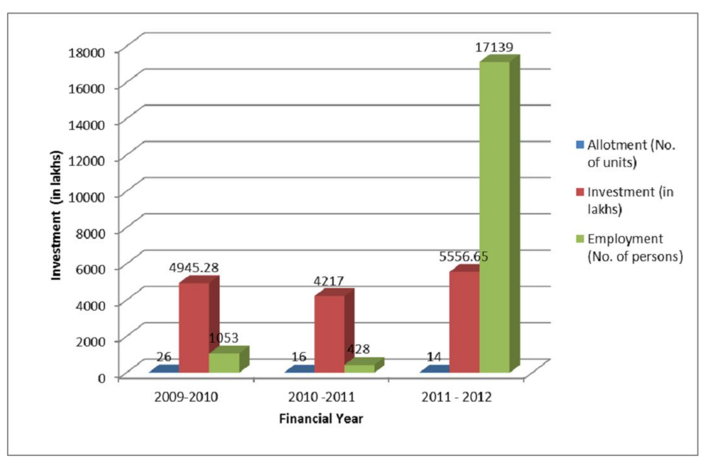
Bengal Leads 2012 represents the intention of the State Government to take the state towards Industrial Rejuvenation and to convey among investors the unlimited resources/opportunities the State Government offers for them. This mega event was a grand success which has set the tone of positioning the West Bengal as an ideal state for investing.

ShilpaSathi- A Single Window System

To facilitate the investors in setting up Industries in smooth and time bound manner, **"ShilpaShathi"-** a single window clearance system was inaugurated in West Bengal by Hon'ble Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on 1st October 2011. It is functioning at the office of WBIDCL. Earlier the investor needed to submit various application forms to different Govt. Departments to get the relevant licenses and registrations which resulted in unnecessary delays. The new system assists investors to apply in Common Application Form (CAF) to obtain licenses and registration certificates from relevant State Govt. Departments from a single window. The earlier 99 pages procedural form has been reduced to 7 pages and the clearances are being provided within 15 days except where it entails field visit. To get such clearances earlier it used to take about 317 days.

West Bengal Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. (WBIIDC Ltd.)

Status of the Investment and Employment



The West Bengal Mineral Development & Trading Corporation Ltd. (WBMDTC Ltd.).

- o The West Bengal Mineral Development & Trading Corporation Ltd. (WBMDTC Ltd.) is a wholly owned Government of West Bengal Undertaking under Commerce & Industries Department engaged in the field of exploration, mining and trading of minerals. The company is managed by a Board of Directors nominated by the State Government and has a group of well trained engineers, officers, staff and work force.
- o WBMDTC Ltd. is at present doing mining activities in the following areas:
  - 3 nos. of blackstone deposits at Panchami-Chanda in Birbhum district.
  - Rock Phosphate deposit at beldih in Purulia district.
  - Quartz deposit at Mirmi in Purulia districts.
  - WBMDTC Ltd. will soon work in new balckstone mining areas at Palsara in Purulia district and Panchami-Hatgacha in Birbhum district.
  - Revival of granite, limestone and china-clay mining activities will be taken up soon.

Coal Projects

- Roof of coal has been exposed in Trans Damodar Coal Block.
- Coal from the Block will be sold to the coal consuming industries of the State through e-auction.
- 12.5% of the coal from the Block are reserved for exclusive sale to the enterprises in micro and small sectors through e-auction.
- The West Bengal Mineral Development & Trading Corporation Ltd. has also been allotted the following 5(five) coal blocks in Burdwan district (Jagannathpur A Coal Block, Jagannathpur B Coal Block, Ichhapur Coal Block, Kulti Coal Block, Sitarampur Coal Block), which are expected to go into production in the beginning of 2015.
- On coming into production, these Coal Blocks will be able to generate substantial employment as well as huge revenue to the State Government.
- WBMDTC Ltd. will be making profit for the first time during the current financial year(2012-2013), after incurring losses for last 38 years. WBMDTC Ltd. is also expected to liquidate its cumulative loss and repay the entire State Government loan, with accrued interest, by 2015-16. WBMDTC Ltd. is also committed to implement all the socio-economic activities, as envisaged in the Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, for the people residing around the mining areas.

West Bengal Tea Development Corporation Ltd.(WBTDC Ltd.)

- o Established in 1976. Number of gardens under WBTDC management - 05
- o Hilla Tea Estate at Nagrakata and Mohua Tea Estate at Dalsingpara of Jalpaiguri district and Pandam, Rangaroon and Rungmook-Cedars of Darjeeling district

Measures taken so far

- Substantial money has been spent for construction of kutcha labour houses, semi-pucca and pucca labour houses.
- Hilla Tea Estate has been included in the rural household electrification programme for providing electricity to the workers.
- Hilla Tea Estate has been included in the "Sajaldhara Water Supply Scheme' for providing drinking water to the workers. The garden also has drip irrigation facilities.
- Hydel Power Plant has been set up and being maintained by the Corporation for providing power to the garden at Rungmook-Cedars.
- Tea-Tourism at Hilla, Mohua and Pandam Tea gardens is being explored by the Tourism Department in consultation with C&I Department.
- Special inspection has been done at Pandam factory and work has been undertaken for replacement and repair of the machinery so that the glory of Pandam tea can be resorted.

Greater Calcutta Gas Supply Corporation Limited (GCGSC Ltd)

With the unfolding of new opportunities in the gas sector in the context of availability of Natural Gas/CBM from different sources, GCGSC Ltd. has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd.(HPCL) and Gas Authority of India Limited(GAIL) on 17/11/2011 for formation of Special Purpose Vehicle(SPV) to construct, lay, develop and operate City Gas Distribution(CGD) Network for natural gas as well as marketing of natural gas in the metropolitan city of Kolkata and adjoining districts of Howrah, Hooghly, Nadia, North-24 Parganas and South-24 Parganas.

Directorate of industries

- In the Leather Sector Rs.49.76 lakhs was spent for treatment of effluent sump & pumping station.
- In the Fair Sector grants to participation in trade fair and industrial exhibition were increased from Rs.25.75 lakhs in 2009-10 to 1.54 Cr in 2011-12.
- In the ASIDE Sector expenditure for developing export infrastructure etc. Rs.18.03 Cr. in 2009-10 to Rs. 36.51 Cr. in 2011-12.
- In the Incentive Sector expenditure has increased from Rs.139.79 Cr. in 2009-10 to Rs.225 Cr. for the West Bengal Incentive Scheme and the West Bengal Power Industries Incentive Scheme.