

# Irrigation & Waterways



- **Report of the West Bengal Flood Control Commission** constituted under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge of the Irrigation & Waterways Department has been brought out and submitted to Hon'ble Chief Minister and others concerned. This report will pave the way for formulating a roadmap in addressing the problems of floods and erosion in the State of West Bengal.
- Long awaited **State Water Policy** for effective use of water resources defining interalia, sectoral priorities has been finalized.
- **Report of the Committee constituted under Chairmanship of Irrigation Secretary on improvement of drainage infrastructure of Kolkata Metropolitan area** has been published and submitted to all stake-holding departments/organisations soliciting comments on the operative part.
- In order to promote transparency and wider competition, Irrigation & Waterways Department has switched over to **e-tendering since October, 2011** for **big value works**. Initial lower limit for e-tendering was Rs. 1.25 crore, which has further been brought down to Rs. 50.00 lakh.
- **In spite of occurrence of 35-75 % excess rainfall during monsoon of 2011** in South Bengal districts, **flood related inundation** in protected areas could be **substantially minimised** through continuous interaction with the Central Government organizations and Government of Jharkhand for regulating release of flood water from reservoirs and round the clock patrolling as well as prompt undertaking of restoration works. Number of breaches to embankments were minimal compared to previous years.
- **Works of mega flood control projects** being executed under joint Centre-State efforts, i.e. **"Reconstruction of 'Aila' affected Sundarban embankments"** in North & South 24 Parganas and **"Kaliaghari- Kapaleswari- Baghai (KKB) Basin Drainage Scheme"** in Purba and Paschim Medinipur could physically be started **at site in 2011-12**.
- **Resuscitation of major drainage channels in Kolkata Metropolitan area**, i.e. Tolly's Nullah and Upper Bagzola Khal has also been **commenced**.
- **One and half century old Anicut structure on river Kangsabati** near Midnapore town, lying defunct since last five years, has been invited and works would commence soon. Successful completion of the work **would create the potential of producing 84000 M.T. of Khariff paddy in nearly 50000 acre of area in Paschim & Purba Medinipur**.
- Responding to the growing demand of construction of rural bridges on drainage channels and irrigation canals, an **all time record number of thirty four RCC road bridges have been taken up in a single year in North & South 24 Parganas, Hooghly and Purba & Paschim Medinipur districts**, upon having sanction under different sources of funding like Core Plan, RIDF, OTACA and special BRGF. The most one is the bridge on river Kangsabati connecting Lalgarh directly with Jhargram.
- The long pending **Detailed Project Report (DPR) for flood protective works in Kandi area in Murshidabad** has recently been prepared. Work would commence after investment clearance from the

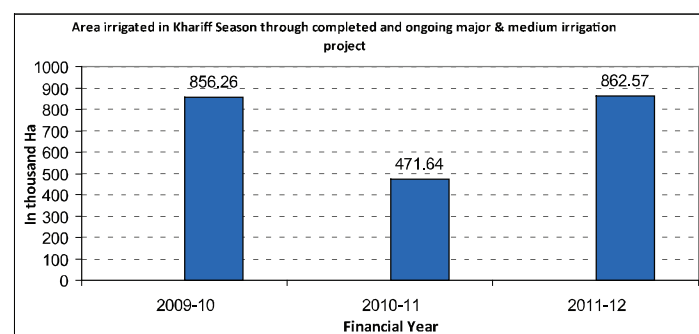
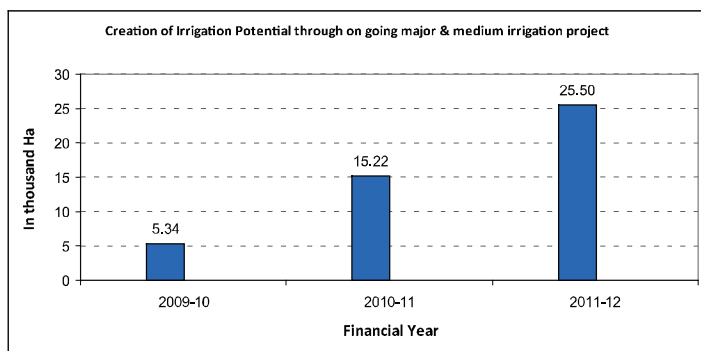
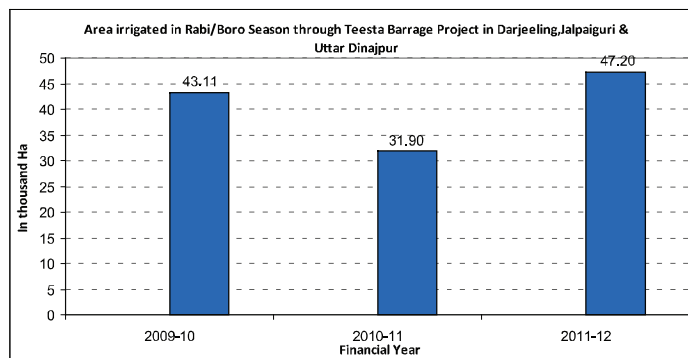
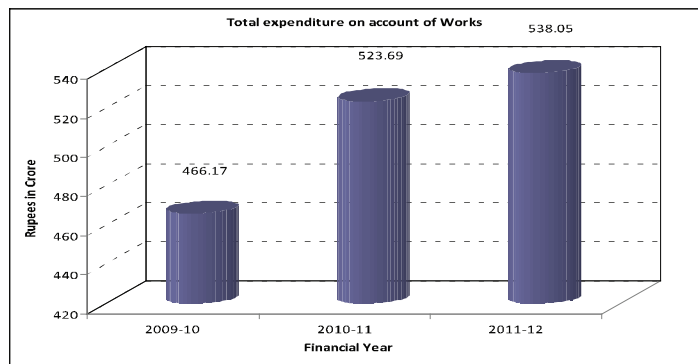
Planning Commission and inclusion of the Scheme under 12th Plan period.

- Around **10,000 hectare of irrigation potential** would be created by way of completion of 40 km length of new canal system (main canal+distribution) under the Teesta Barrage Project in North Bengal as National Project under AIBP funding.
- Desilting, bank protection and anti-erosion works in major river systems including the Ganga/Padma &

Bhagirathi rivers, in North & South Bengal, are going on with full thrust.

#### Financial Achievements :

- **Inspite of acute financial crisis**, total anticipated **expenditure incurred during 2011-12** out of Plan & Non-Plan budgetary provisions could be increased to Rs. 538.05 crore, **registering a growth of 3% over 2010-11**(Rs. 523.69 crore) and 15% over 2009-10 (Rs. 466.17 crore).



Note-Figures for 2011-12 are provisional

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