

Sundarban Affairs



Sundarbans the land of 'Pneumatophores' has been the focal point of attraction world wide; for its rich bio-diversity and network of rivers and intervening island.

The Sundarban region is bounded by the River Hooghly on the West, the Bay of Bengal on the South, the Ichamati-Kalindi-Raimongal rivers on the east and the Dampler-Hoodges line on the North. It spreads in 19 (nineteen) blocks 16 (sixteen police stations) of North & South 24-Parganas Districts of the State of West Bengal. The land area measures about 9629 sq. Km. of which, 4493 sq. km. is inhabited whereas the rest is Reserve Forest. Approximate population in Sundarban region is 45 lakhs.

A. Major Programmes implemented through Sundarban Development Board & Sundarban Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited.

One of the prime reasons of creation of Sundarban Development Board was to increase road connectivity & other infrastructure of civil nature in the Sunderban area. Agriculture & allied jobs being prime activity in the region, support in the agriculture sector and allied sectors has also been emphasized. Other major activities are mostly centered in fishery, social forestry, agriculture extension programs, livelihood programs for women and extension of non-conventional energy in non-electrified villages.

Creation of civil infrastructure like culverts, bridges, jetties, tube wells, sluices, rain water harvesting, strengthening of river embankment etc. are also being implemented.

Special programmes-

1. Integrated Coastal Zone management Project (ICZMP):-

World Bank has sanctioned this project in Sundarban for development of ecotourism. This pilot project will be taken up in Sagar block of South 24 Parganas District & the implementing agency is Sundarban Infrastructure Development Corporation under this Department.

2. Preparation of a integrated plan for holistic socio economic development and biodiversity conservation of Indian Sundarban with the Non Lending Technical Assistance of World Bank (NLTA).

3. 13th Finance Commission sanctioned grant for Rs. 450 Crores for development of river embankment and drainage network in Sundarbans. The nodal department of this programme is Irrigation & Waterways Department of Govt. of West Bengal. Out of the total grant, share of this department is Rs. 50 Crores.

The fund will be available for the period from 2011-12 to 2014-15.

Ongoing Projects for 2012-13

Bridges	• Bridge over Piyali River at Dhosahat; Block – Joynagar – I & Canning – I. • R.C.C. Bridge over Sutarbagh; Block – Mathurapur – I, • R.C.C. Bridge over Saptamukhi; Block – Kakdwip & Pathar Pratima – Bridge proper is complete; approach road in progress. • R.C.C. Bridge over Atharogachi Canal at Kumarpur Bazar connecting Achintya Nagar Adibasi Bazar and Dakshin Kashinagar; Block – Pathar Pratima, • R.C.C. Bridge over Mridangabhanga; Block – Mathurapur – II & Pathar Pratima, • R.C.C. Bridge over Sonatikari Khal at Dhakirmukh; Block – Joynagar – II & Mathurapur – II • R.C.C. Bridge over Atharogachi Canal (Tidal) connecting Kumarpur Bazar and Lakshimpur Bazar in Block – Pathar Pratima • R.C.C. Bridge over River Bidyadhari at Boalghata in Block – Haroa • R.C.C. Bridge over River Bali connecting Jeliakhali Bazar and Durgamondap in Block – Sandeshkhali - II
Brick Paved Roads	100 Nos. of Brick Paved Roads; in different Blocks under Sundarban Region.
Bituminous Roads	15 Nos. of Bituminous Roads; in different Blocks under Sundarban Region.
Concrete Roads	7 Nos. of Concrete Roads; in different Blocks under Sundarban Region
R.C.C. Jetties	32 Nos. of R.C.C. Jetties; in different Blocks under Sundarban Region
Sports Complex	3 Nos. of Sports Complex; Block- Kakdwip, Canning –I & Roydighi
Sinking of Tube Wells	Sinking of tube – wells in different Blocks of Sundarban region
Construction of I.T.I. Building	7 Nos. of I.T.I. Buildings; in different Blocks under Sundarban Region
Eco-Tourism Project	2 Nos. of Eco –Tourism Projects; at Frezarganj in Block Namkhana & at Bali in Block –Gosaba

Upcoming Projects of 2012-13

1.	Construction of Bituminous Roads in different blocks of Sundarban region – for the length of 96 K.m.
2.	Construction of Concrete Road in different blocks of Sundarban region – for the length of 70 K.m.
3.	Construction of Guard Wall & Boundary Walls – for 2 nos.
4.	Construction of approach road in different blocks of Sundarban region – for 8nos.
5.	Construction of 20 Nos. of R.C.C. Jetties in different blocks of Sundarban region
6.	Construction of WBM road in different blocks of Sundarban region
7.	Ancillary works in Sundarban region – for 1 no. Women's Hostel at Roydighi under Mathurapur – II Block
8.	Construction of Drainage system in Sundarban region – in the Block – Canning – I
9.	Construction of Slab over drain and sluice – in the Block – Kultali
10.	Distribution of 13000 Nos. of Ladies' Bi – cycles to the Girl Students of High School, Higher Secondary School and High Madrasahs in Sundarban region
11.	Sinking of 505 Nos. of Tube – Wells in different blocks of Sundarban region
12.	Extension of Grid Power to the non – electrified mouzas of Sundarban region – Works for some Mouzas of Gosaba & Pathar Pratima have been taken up. Work for extension of Grid Power in Sagar Block is almost completed.
13.	Construction of B.P. Roads in 19 Blocks of Sundarban Region (223.74 K.m.); in North & South 24 – Parganas
14.	Construction of R.C.C. Bridge over Sundarika – Dewarika River in Haripur G.P. under Namkhana Block, Dist: South 24 – Parganas; Estimated cost – Rs. 10.09 crores
15.	Improvement of road from Jharkhali Bazar on Basanti – Herobhanga Road to Jetty Ghat on Herobhanga River, Dist: South 24 – Parganas; Estimated Cost – Rs. 7.41 cores
16.	Supply of drinking water in the villages of Sundarban to hand operated tube – wells in North & South 24 – Parganas; Estimated Cost – Rs. 2.99 cores

17.	Construction of R.C.C. Slab Culverts in different Blocks under Sundarban region
18.	Construction of R.C.C. Bridge over River Bidya from Godkhali to Gosaba Bazar connecting Basanti & Gosaba Blocks
19.	Construction of R.C.C. Bridge over River Chemaguri at Chemaguri Ferry Ghat in Sagar Block
20.	Construction of R.C.C. Bridge over River Kalnagini Khal near Nrisingha Ashram in Kakdwip Block
21.	Construction of R.C.C. Bridge over Kurulia Branch canal at 5 No. Hat in Kakdwip Block
22.	Construction of R.C.C. Bridge over River Kalnagini at Ghatihara
23.	Construction of R.C.C. Bridge at Nagendrapur Kankandighi Paramaniker Kheya in Nagendrapur & Kankandighi in G.P. & Block –Mathurapur –II
24.	Construction of R.C.C. Bridge over Mahamaya Canal (near Kshirishtala) in Gilerchhat G.P. Block –Mathurapur –II
25.	Construction of R.C.C. Bridge at Barada Nagar Giripara to Daktar Gheri Hatuapara in Nagendrapur & Kankandighi Gram Panchayats under Block –Mathurapur –II

Physical Achievements

Sl. No.	Different Sector of Works	2009 -2010	2010 -2011	2011 -2012
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Concrete Road	0.3 K.M.	12 K.M.	35 K.M.
2.	Bituminous Road	17 K.M.	39 K.M.	61 K.M.
3.	R.C.C. Jetty	24 Nos.	22 Nos.	30 Nos.
4.	Bridge	2 Nos.	3 Nos.	3 Nos.
5.	Foot Bridge/culvert & Others	4 Nos.	Nil	6 Nos.
6.	Sports Complex	Nil	Nil	1 No.
7.	Agriculture & Allied Input of growers (Rabi/Kharif program)	37812	3810	94500
8.	Plantation i) Mangrove ii) Jhow	Nil 600 Ha 300 Ha	Nil 1125 Ha 500 Ha	1 No. 1600 Ha 500 Ha

Item	Unit	2009 - 10	2010 - 11	2011 - 12
Agriculture & Allied -Input of Growers (Rabi/ Khariff Programme)	Ben (No)	37812	3810	94500
Plantation i) Mangrove plantation	Ha	600	1125	1600
iii) Jhaw Plantation (Creation)	Ha	300	500	500

Annual Planned Expenditure (Rs. in Crores)

Plan Component	2009 -10	2010 -11	2011 -12
Core Plan	13.80cr	30.80cr	78.13cr