

Hill Affairs



Hill Affairs Department

- The new Government, within one month of assuming power, resolved all the outstanding issues which remained unsettled even after protracted negotiation among the Central Government, the State Government and the GorkhajAnmuktiMorcha (GJM), which led to the signing of the Tripartite Agreement for the formation of Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA) and restoration of peace and normalcy in the hill subdivisions of Darjeeling after a long time.
- At the initiative of the State Government, the Central Government has agreed to provide Rs 200 crore every year for three years to the GTA for taking up important development projects. The State Government will also provide appropriate grants.
- To give effect to the Tripartite Agreement, the State Assembly passed the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration Bill, which has since received the assent of the President of India.
- A high level Committee headed by Hon'ble Justice Shyamal Kumar Sen, retired Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court, has been set up, as per terms of the Tripartite Agreement to look into the issue of inclusion of new areas in GTA. The report of the Committee is expected to be received soon.
- The State Government is now ready to conduct elections for the formation of the formation of the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration.
- The State Government is committed to restoration of peace and normalcy and development in the hill subdivisions of Darjeeling.

Priority has been fixed to develop drinking water supply scheme, establishment of modern medical colleges and hospitals, nursing college, tourism institutes and establishment of cultural centres to keep up old cultural traditions of the people of the area.

This apart, Government will take up construction of

rope-way in the Darjeeling sub-division and a research institute for tea/cinchona cultivation and to set up a processing centre at Mungpoo for vegetables, flowers etc.

Under Special Central Assistance (SCA) & State Disaster Relief Fund (SDRF) different developmental works on key sectors are on progress. Repair / Reconstruction of rural roads, jhoras damaged by earthquake and heavy rain are being undertaken.

It has been decided that 3(three) new Polytechnics and 2(two) new ITIs would be set up in the hills. It has also been decided that a Sainik School will be established in the hill areas.

Under RIDF-XIII to RIDF-XVI, works on priority sectors viz. Rural roads, Minor Irrigation are in progress.

Under RIDF-XVII, 26(twenty-six) projects have been sanctioned by NABARD.

Quantative Statement showing fund sanctioned under different sectors

Year	Sector	Sanctioned Amount
2009 -2010	State Normal Plan (Core Plan)	5.00
	Special Central Assistance (SCA)	43.29
	RIDF	18.34
2010 -2011	State Normal Plan (Core Plan)	3.26
	Special Central Assistance (SCA)	25.97
	RIDF	8.74
2011 -2012	State Normal Plan (Core Plan)	13.00
	Special Central Assistance (SCA)	37.21
	RIDF	25.17