

Judicial



Judicial Department has succeeded in its endeavour to implement the programmes taken up for infrastructural development of Judiciary in this State. The following major policy decisions/reforms have been taken up since June, 2011:

- 1) **Nineteen Human Rights Courts** in nineteen districts have been established and they are **functioning**.
- 2) The State Judicial Academy is to be constructed at Action Area – II of Rajarhat, New Town, Kolkata at a cost of Rs.92.00 crore approximately. The estimate for construction of the Academy building has been approved and fund of Rs.6.00 crore has been released.
- 3) **Six CBI Courts** of which **four at Kolkata** and one each at **Siliguri and Asansol** have been established and they are **functioning**.
- 4) Steps have already been taken for **establishment of Gram Nayalays** in each sub division of the State. District Judges and District Magistrates have been requested to identify ready infrastructure for establishment of the said Gram Nayalays.
- 5) **Construction of Court Complex** at Diamond Harbour, Tamluk, Berhampore, Darjeeling, Gorubathan, Siliguri, Kakdwip, Bishnupur have been started and steps have been taken to construct new court buildings at Bidhannagar, Raiganj, Tehatta, Domkol, Egra, Mal, Canning, Buniadpur, Hooghly, Howrah.
- 6) **Construction of residential quarters for Judicial Officers** at different places in this State viz. Siliguri, Kurseong, Kalyani, Ranaghat, Golapbagh, Chanchal, Krishnanagar, Kenduadihi, Nabadwip, Asansol etc. has been started during 2011-12 and the places,

where Judicial Officer's quarters are not available, are being explored.

- 7) Circuit Bench of Calcutta High Court at Jalpaiguri will be constructed on 40 acres of land at SJDA Complex. Fund has been released for development of this land and construction of boundary wall around it. Main construction of buildings will start soon.
- 8) **Training of Prosecutors** of High Court, Calcutta and the district of Birbhum, Burdwan, Purulia, Bankura, Hooghly, Howrah and Kolkata has already been completed. Training of Public Prosecutors and Panel Public Prosecutors of the rest twelve districts will be completed very soon. Necessary Law Books have been given to the Trainee Prosecutors. This distribution of law books is the first instance in India.
- 9) **Advocates Welfare Fund Trust Committee** has been **reconstituted** for the welfare of the Advocates of the State.



- 10) **State Legal Services Authority has been reconstituted** in consultation with Hon'ble Chief Justice, High Court, Calcutta.
 - 11) **Appointment** for 73 Judicial Officers in the rank of Additional District Judge, 58 Judicial Officers in the rank of Civil Judge, Sr. Division/ACJM and 23 selected candidates as Judicial Magistrates have been issued. Steps have been taken for appointment of GP/PP/Standing Counsel and other Law officers for the High Court and in all the districts.
 - 12) Decision has been taken to continue **151 Fast Track Courts from the fund of State Exchequer** upto 31.3.2013.
The financial outlay of the Department has increased to Rs. 511.98 Cr in 2011/12 from Rs 482.26 Cr in 2010/11 and Rs 379.13 Cr in 2009/10.
 - 13) Sufficient **fund** has been **given for the schemes/projects for repair, renovation** etc of the existing court buildings in different districts including High Court, Calcutta.
 - 14) Sufficient **fund** has been **given for completion of the projects** viz. Amenities like sinking of tube well, witness shed, cycle shed, garage etc of the existing court buildings of different districts including High Court, Calcutta.
 - 15) Fund has been allotted for different **computerization projects in** High Court, Calcutta and in the District and Sub divisional courts during the current financial year.
 - 16) Major portion of renovation work in the Dock Labour Hospital of Calcutta Port Trust has been completed for creation of the Record Room of High Court, Calcutta by taking over its possession.
 - 17) Fund has been released for **strengthening the State Judicial Academy**, Training of Judicial Officers/Public Prosecutors, Maintenance of Heritage Buildings etc for implementation of different schemes under the recommendation of 13th Finance Commission.
 - 18) Steps are being taken to establish **Special Courts for reduction of pending cases for utilization of the fund of 13th Finance Commission.**
 - 19) Construction work has been started for creation of **two Family Courts at Alipore.**
 - 20) The maintenance of the Sealdah Court Complex has been taken up.
 - 21) The West Bengal **Advocates Welfare Corporation** Bill has been passed for **welfare of the advocates** of this State.
- Establishment of Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) Centres, Special Courts, Court of Sessions, Court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrates and Courts of Metropolitan Magistrates in the newly created Metropolitan areas, filling up the post of Mohammedan Marriage Registrars, Kazis, vacant post of Notaries of this State etc. are the upcoming initiatives of this Department.
