MIS on Integrated Action Plan for Selected Tribal & Backward Districts (IAPMIS)

The Integrated Action Plan (IAP) for Selected Tribal and Backward Districts under the BRGF programme will cover 78 districts. It aims to facilitate quick decision-making with the help of a web-based application to monitor and manage various GoI Flagship programmes pertaining to 78 selected tribal and backward districts so as to benefit a common man and in turn it will help to control left-wing extremism.

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Information Technology is slowly metamorphosing the social, economical and political life of the citizens in India and e-Governance is fast catching up. In the last few years, Government of India has accorded highest priority to e-Governance initiatives being undertaken. ICT innovations and its implementations are rapidly changing the methods of performance of our day-to-day functions. The Government is working on various facets of e-Governance, with the main objective of bringing Government closer to citizens and making it more transparent and approachable. In this regard, a few Monitoring Information Systems (MIS) have been designed, developed and implemented by NIC Cell at Planning Commission. 'IAPMIS' is one of the successful projects that has been appreciated by the Planning Commission.

INTRODUCTION - LEFT WING EXTREMISM & IAP:

The issue of development deficit in tribal districts including those subject to Left Wing Extremism has been a matter of concern. In order to bridge the development deficit in the districts affected by Left Wing Extremism, Government of India approved an Integrated Action Plan (IAP) on 25.11.2010 for 60 selected tribal and backward districts in 9 States with a block grant of Rs.25 crore and Rs.30 crore per district for 2010-11 and 2011-12 respectively. Subsequently the program was extended to 18 more districts making total number of districts covered under this

scheme to 78 of the nine States and to these also Rs.30 crore was released during 2011-12. Under this Programme untied funds are extended at the district level providing a flexibility to take up public infrastructure works such as school buildings, Anganwadi centres, Primary Health Centres, drinking water supply, village roads, electric lights in public places etc.

OBJECTIVE:

To facilitate quick decision-making, it was decided to establish a web-based application to monitor and manage various GoI Flagship programmes pertaining to 78 selected tribal and backward districts so as to benefit a common man and in turn it will help to control left-wing extremism. Planning Commission entrusted the job of designing, developing and implementing a management tool to NIC – Planning Commission Unit so as to monitor the fund flow to these LWE districts so as to review the physical and financial performance of activities of development work periodically.

Macro level monitoring of IAP is to be carried out by the Committee headed by

the Member Secretary, Planning Commission. The web-based MIS application has been developed using Microsoft Visual Studio 2005 at front-end and SQL Server 2005 at back-end.

CURRENT STATUS & COVERAGE:

NIC – Planning Commission Unit has developed a web-based software application - MIS for 'Integrated Action Plan (IAP) for 78 Selected Tribal and Backward Districts pertaining to 9 States i.e. (http://pcserver.nic.in/iapmis) and has been implemented successfully since inception. It is gradually being made exhaustive one with adding more and more information. It is being used widely for updating the performance of eleven major flagship programmes as well as to monitor the utilization of fund allocated per district @ Rs.25 crore during the financial year 2010-11 and @ Rs.30 crore during 2011-12 as first and second installment respectively. Thus the monitoring system was developed for Planning Commission to monitor monthly progress of the schemes/projects with a grant of Rs.55 crore during 2010-12. In the current financial year also, each of these 78 districts will be provided an additional allocation of Rs.30 crore during 2012-13.

As on date, this national level project is being monitored at highest level by the Planning Commission in which District Magistrates (DMs) / Collectors of 78 districts and Chief Secretaries of these 9 States have video conferencing sessions from their locations with the Planning Commission. Physical & Financial progress of all flagship schemes and utilization of development expenditure is monitored by the officials of the Planning Commission and other Central Ministries using VC session over NICNET.

System can be invoked with role based authentication. There are three different types of user interfaces depending of the privilege of the user-id. There are three types of users defined in the MIS with pre-defined roles. Districts, state and scheme users can update the information online from their respective districts.

IMPLEMENTATION & UTILIZATION :

The application is implemented and input is updated online from 78 Districts locations every month. Almost every month Member Secretary, Planning Commission takes a review meeting to monitor the performance using Video Conferences System over secured NICNET of NIC at Planning Commission with the Chief Secretaries and their subordinate officials of these 9 States along-with Collectors/District Magistrates from 78 IAP districts locations.

ELEVEN FLAGSHIP SCHEMES BEING MONITORED ARE AS FOLLOW:

1. Supplementary Nutrition (ICDS)
2. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)
3. Road Connectivity (PMGSY)
4. MGNREGA
5. Housing (Indira Awas Yojana)
6. Health (NRHM)
7. Electrification (PMGSY)
8. Drinking Water Supply (DWS)
9. Ashram Schools
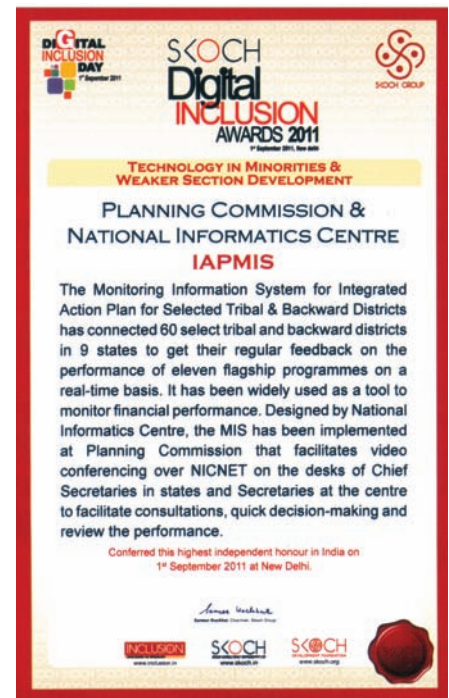10. Forests Right Act
11. National Highways/State Highways

Many Video Conferences have been chaired by Hon'ble Home Minister and Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission and they have interacted with DMs/Collectors of 78 districts and nine Chief Secretaries from the Planning Commission.

This program helps in knowing what the grass-root realities are and how our programs need to be monitored and modified in order to bring them in line with the aspiration of our people in these selected backward and tribal districts.

PROJECT RECOGNITION:

The IAPMIS has been awarded "Skoch Digital Inclusion Award" for the year 2011 in the category of 'Technology in Minorities & Weaker Section Development'.

On the implementation of IAP, Dr. P Chidambaram, Union Home Minister said –

"I am happy to note that this intervention in the most backward districts of the country have yielded quick results on the ground. I appreciate the initiative taken by the Planning Commission for publishing a compilation of innovative works taken up in the 60 districts selected under the IAP".

Dr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission also said that "Regular monitoring through video conference and field visits was done by the Planning Commission. It is heartening to note that in a short span of fifteen months, out of nearly 67,000 works taken up, 42,000 have already been completed."

Mrs. Sudha Pillai, Member Secretary, Planning Commission has also acknowledged the efforts of the NIC in Planning Commission and Districts, who have helped in maintenance of the MIS developed by NIC.