

Chapter 9: Conclusion

The audit of the West Tripura District brought out significant achievements relating to expansion of school education viz lowering the Out of school children and drop-outs, as also extension of health services viz introducing computerised central system of treating eye patients through Vision Centres. However, there were multiplicity of programmes and schemes and large number of implementing agencies, making it difficult for the district administration to effectively monitor and supervise all the developmental activities. While almost all the developmental programmes are targeted at the same set of beneficiaries, the existence of myriad programmes without an integrated focus, has led to each of them being implemented in a stand alone mode. In the absence of any consolidated District Plan during 2004-09, the planning process became the responsibility of the Implementing Departments/Agencies. The plans were formulated by them in isolated manner without being co-related with other developmental schemes taken up in the district. Thus, there was lack of coordinated approach among the implementing agencies.

The GOI has been increasingly entrusting the responsibility of delivery of key services like education, employment etc. to the local level, especially the PRIs to ensure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in delivery of key services with a view to ensure that the local Government at the districts, blocks and GPs are empowered to discharge the functions that are assigned to them constitutionally. However, Audit noticed that there was absence of adequate people's participation from these levels in the planning process. This hindered the planned progress of the district and failed to address the adequate needs at the grass root level.

Adequate monitoring mechanism is either not instituted, or is not functioning as envisaged, with regard to execution of schemes. The role of the DM&C in the district was restricted following entrustment of high level of responsibilities to the Local Bodies. However, as the Member Secretary of the District Planning Committee (DPC), he could have contributed in mapping out a well assessed, need based and development oriented implementation of a District Plan with effective monitoring. However, the DPC is yet to convene even its first meeting and hence the District remained devoid of consolidated annual District Plan so as to achieve the desired objectives. The State Government needs to address these issues in order to ensure inclusive and all-round development of the district.

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