



LICENSING

7.1 Introduction

The Licensing Branch is a vital wing of the Board for implementation of various statutory and regulatory orders issued by the Government from time to time. In addition, Licensing Branch provides necessary clarification and guidance to the Tea Industry and trade in relation to fiscal policies and different legislation concerning tea. The tea related issues under different Bi-lateral and Regional/Multilateral Agreement and its implementation on Indian Tea Industry are being examined by the Board time to time in order to formulate policy decision by the Govt. of India. The different statutory activities performed by the branch during 2008-2009 are enumerated below:

7.2 EXPORTER'S LICENCE:-

In accordance with the provisions of the Tea (Distribution & Export) Control Order, 2005 any person desiring to carry on trading in tea as an exporter needs an Exporter's Licence. The period of validity of Exporter's Licence has been made effective for 3 (three) years from the date of its issue and every business licence once renewed shall also remain valid for a further period of three years from the date of its renewal unless the business licence is suspended or cancelled during the validity period. Every licensee being an exporter, desiring to convert his business licence into a permanent business licence, shall make an application, in duplicate, to the Licensing Authority in Form B before 3 (three) months of the expiry of the validity of business licence. The Licensing

Authority shall on receipt of such application convert the Licence into Permanent Licence if :-

- The business licensee is an exporter,
 - Such licensee has not violated any of the provisions of the Tea Act, 1953 or Tea Rules, 1954 or Tea Board Bye-laws 1955 or any order made under the Act and
 - The volume of export of tea by the exporter holding the valid business licence during the last three years was not less than 1,00,000 kgs. annually.
- Such Permanent Licence is granted in Form G. A fee of Rs. 2500/- is to be paid by the applicant for conversion of Exporter's Licence into Permanent Licence.

The total number of tea exporters registered with Tea Board under the Tea (Distribution & Export) Control Order with valid exporter's licence stood at 1070 as on 31.3.2009 as against 1035 as on 31.3.2008. The total amount collected during the year 2008-2009 was Rs.1,62,000/- against issue of 162 fresh/temporary exporter's licence compared to issue of 162 fresh/temporary exporter's licence during the year 2007-08 amounting to Rs.1,62,000/-.

During the period from 1.4.2008 to 31.3.2009, 02 Exporter's Licence were converted into Permanent Licence. The total number of Permanent Exporter's Licence granted by the Tea Board till 31.3.2009 is 472 against 470 till 31.03.2008. The amount collected during the year 2008-09 was Rs,5,000/- for issuance of 02 Permanent Licence compared to 3 Permanent Licence issued during 2007-08 amounting to Rs.7,500/-.

7.3 Distributors' Licence

Under the Tea (Distribution and Export) Control Order 2005, Govt. of India has introduced Tea Distributors' Licence with effect from 1.4.2005. It is issued to all the tea exporters who hold valid exporter's licence for importing tea for re-export or internal sale. Fees for the distributor's licence is Rs. 2,500/- Number of Distributor Licence issued during the year 2008-2009 is 12 and the fees collected against the licences amounts to Rs. 30,000/-.

7.4 Tea Waste Licence

The granting of Tea Waste Licence and Renewal thereof are considered in accordance with the provisions of



the Tea Waste (Control) Order 1959. The main objective of the Tea Waste (Control) Order, 1959 are to check any misuse of tea waste as also to regulate disposal of tea waste for certain gainful purposes. Accordingly, licences are granted only to the bonafide persons including buyers and sellers of the tea waste after proper investigation and scrutiny of the application. Under this order no person shall purchase, hold in stock, sell or offer for sale any tea waste except under and in accordance with the terms and conditions of a licence granted by Tea Board in this regard. Tea waste is generally used by the caffeine and instant tea manufacturers.

For caffeine manufacturers, tea waste is used in denatured form, while instant tea manufacturers, tea waste is used in undenatured form. Undenatured tea waste is also being used by the manufacturers of Bio-nutrient and Bio-fertilizer. Tea waste Licence remains valid up to 31st December of the year of issue, unless suspended or cancelled earlier and is renewable every year. During the year 2008-09 total amount of Rs.5,200/-; collected against issuance 52 fresh tea waste licences and renewal of 1016 licences amount collected of Rs.50,800/- 131 fresh tea waste licences were issued and 1093 renewed during the year 2007-08.

In order to fulfill the objectives of promulgation of the Tea Waste (Control) Order 1959 by the Government of India it is necessary to keep an eye over the availability and disposal of tea waste so that misuse is checked and disposal is regulated. For this, a limited number of Inspectors of the Board are posted in important tea growing regions and Tea Trading Centers. The activities of Tea Board in this direction are supplemental in nature. In fact, checking adulteration of tea as one of the food items comes under the purview of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 (PFA), implemented by the respective state governments having bigger machinery at their disposal. Nevertheless, Tea Board with its limited strength of Inspectors, detected cases of contravention of the provisions of Tea Waste (Control) Order, and action were also launched against such offending persons.

In accordance with the amendment made on 31.8.2001, Tea Board's regional office located in Coonoor and Guwahati are issuing and renewing Tea Waste Licences in case of receipt of applications by the respective office. As per amendment effected from 5/3/2002, there should be a minimum volume of tea waste and made tea at the ratio

2:100 Kgs. when processed out of the tea leaves, buds and tender stems of plant *Camellia Sinensis* (L) O Kuntze in a factory.

7.5 Registration-Cum-Membership Certificate (RCMC)

Every registered exporter of bulk tea, packet tea, tea bags and instant tea is required to be registered with Tea Board for obtaining registration cum membership certificate under the export import policy of the Government of India with a view to availing import/export entitlement benefits. The issue of such Registration cum Membership Certificate to the registered exporter is done free of charge. The number of such registered exporter who have obtained Registration cum Membership Certificate from the Tea Board during the period from 1.4.2008 to 31.03.2009 was 16 being the total number to 884.

7.6 Tea (Marketing) Control Order :

In accordance with the provisions of the Tea (Marketing) Control Order 1984, no person shall carry on the activities of manufacturing tea except under valid registration granted by the Tea Board in respect of tea manufacturing unit owned or controlled by him.

Under the provision of the Tea (Marketing) Control Order 1984 share holders like manufacturers, auction organizers and brokers were required to obtain registration / licence from the Tea Board before manufacturing tea and / or participating / conducting auctions. But the major share holder namely buyers who were one of the important players in the primary marketing channel were not within the purview of registration under the said Order. Therefore, there was no statutory provision for obtaining any information on purchase of tea from the buyers who are buying tea from auctions or directly from the gardens. In order to establish transparency in the total transaction (tea auction and direct purchase) at the primary level, it has been felt necessary to get buyers registered with the Tea Board.

There was no provision in the TMCO 1984 in relation to quality adherence for tea as well as sharing of sale proceed between the manufacturers and the tea leave suppliers. So, aiming at above benefit promulgation of TMCO 2003 in supercession of TMCO 1984 was made on 1st January, 2003 containing the following main features.



a) Registration of buyers and manufacturers of bulk tea with earlier provisions for registration of manufacturers of loose tea licensing of brokers and auction organizers.

b) Cancellation / suspension of registration of buyers with earlier provision for cancellation of registration of manufacturers;

c) Adherence to quality standards of tea as laid down under PFA Act 1954 by manufacturers /and buyers & brokers

a) Fixation of price sharing formula for sharing of sale proceed between the manufacturers and tea leave suppliers based on sale proceed of made tea.

b) Provision for sale of made tea out side public auction by registered manufacturers to registered buyers(including consignee or commission agent) except sale through own retail outlet or brokers directly to consumers .

c) Provision for drawing of sample from suspected tea to ensure its conformity to the PFA standard.

Clause 13 of TMCO enables Licensing Authority to issue direction to auction organizers , brokers for improving efficiency of the public auction system . The Tea Board following discussion at the level of Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industries, Government of India appointed consultant to undertake study on primary marketing of tea to suggest the following :

a) Need to preserve the auction system as main vehicle for primary marketing of tea.

b) Need for auction reform and implementation priorities;

c) Creating variety in auction (including promoting electronic auction).

d) Post reforms issues.

Based on the recommendations of the consultant, Tea Board has issued directives on 06.01.2003 to all the public tea auction organizers under the provisions of clause 13 of

Tea (Marketing)Control Order, 2003 for implementation of following auction rule to improve the efficiency of the auction system.

a) Catalogue closing time,

b) Introduction of ex-estate sale,

c) Rate of advancement of bidding,

d) Reprinting of bids,

e) Prompt date

f) Drawing of sample quantity per lot,

g) Reprinting unsold lots as well as sample quantity for reprinting lots,

h) Divisions of lots,

i) Proxy bidding,

j) Withdrawal of lots,

k) Sale of unsold lots,

l) Payment of warehouse charges.

The directive issued by the Tea Board on (a) Catalogue closing time (b) Introduction of ex-estate sale, (c)Rate of advancement of bidding (d) Reprinting of bids (e) Prompt date (f) Drawing of sample quantity per lot (g) Reprinting of unsold lots as well as sample quantity for reprinted lots are for reduction in transaction time and cost and for enhancing the speed of auction .

The norms for (h) Division of lots, (i) Proxy bidding are aimed at ensuring competition in the auction system and also to encourage participation of maximum under of sellers and buyers particularly small and medium sellers and buyers.

Norms relating to (j) Withdrawal of lots are aimed to encourage buyer's participations in the auction, as it will prevent seller to withdraw their lots from the auction after cataloging. Withdrawal of lots act as a disadvantage to the buyers to buy their required tea from the auction as it permitted seller to withdraw the lots before sale.

Norms relating to (k) Sale of unsold lots were acting as a deterrent to the market price discovery as it aimed at one to one sale and not open for competition from buyer members.



Norms relating to (I) payment of warehouse rent is aimed at to ensure the receipt of warehouse charges payable to warehouse owner by the manufacturer (seller) with the service of the brokers attached to auction. It is no way adversely effecting the buyers, as the buyer's payment as per auction sale to seller shall be paid by the brokers deducting the warehouse charges. The system was prevailing 4/5 years ago and reintroduction of the same system will benefit the warehouse owners without effecting the buyer's interest.

Subsequently Government of India has amended the Tea (Marketing) Control Order 2003 vide Notification No. S.O.247(E) dated 28.2.2003 and S.O. 430(E) dated 10.4.2003 for the following purposes:

1. To register manufacturer and buyer within 90 days from 1.1.2003 instead of 60 days stipulated earlier.
2. To reduce the licence fee/registration fee by 50%
3. To change the periodicity for the submission of return by buyers from monthly to quarterly. Government of India has further amended the Tea (Marketing) Control Order 2003 vide Notification No. S.O 270 (E) dated 27/2/2004 specifying the procedure relating to search and seizure and modifying the para 30 of TMCO towards fixation of price sharing formula and its compliance.

7.7 Registration of Tea Manufacturers Unit.

While under the provision of TMCO 1984 there was no registration fee to be paid by the intending applicant. TMCO 2003 stipulates a provision of submission of registration fee by the tea manufacturing units for the purpose of obtaining registration from Tea Board. During the year under review, Tea Board granted 8 such registration in favour of tea manufacturing units. The total amount collected during the period i.e. 2008-09 from registration of Tea manufacturing unit is Rs.20,000/. The total number of registered Tea Manufacturing units is 1894 as on 31.3.2009.

7.8 Registration of Auction Organizer / Auction Brokers:

Clause 9 of the TMCO 2003 stipulates that no organizer or tea auction shall carry on the business of organizing, holding or conducting public tea auction under its control / auspicious except under a licence obtained from Tea Board. Such

licence is renewed every year and is valid up to 31st December each year. During the year under review, Tea Board renewed licence in respect of 9 Auction Organizers and issued no fresh licence in favour of new auction organizer. The total amount collected during the period under review was Rs.4500/-.

Clause 10 of TMCO 2003 stipulates that no person shall carry on the business of broker of any public tea auction except under a licence obtained from the Tea Board. Such licence is also valid up to 31st December of each year and is renewable each year. During the year 2008-09 Tea Board renewed licence in favour of 24 brokers and no fresh licence was issued in favour of broker. Total amount collected during the period was Rs. 12000/-

7.9 Status on E- Auction:

Tea Board, based on the recommendations of A.F. Ferguson and with the assistance of M/s. IBM and M/s. Accenture introduced electronic auction for tea at Coimbatore on 29.5.2004 as a pilot project. Subsequently, electronic auction system was introduced at Guwahati, Cochin, Coonoor and at Siliguri. Installation of hardware at Kolkata auction was also completed by June 2006. Leaf tea was routed through Coimbatore and Cochin auction fully and through Guwahati and Siliguri auction selectively. Both lead and dust tea was routed through e-auction platform at Coonoor auction fully.

However, in view of shortcomings in the said e-auction system developed by M/s. IBM under the guidance of the then consultant viz. M/s. Accenture, it was decided to re-design e-auction system in its entirety.

Based on discussions at different levels and based on views obtained from technical experts, Ministry of Commerce and Industry and Tea Board decided to re-design the e-auction system after ensuring compliance of procedure of Government of India. Tea Board elected a consultancy firm viz. M/s. NSE.IT for re-designing of e-auction system in June 2007 and requested MOC & I, GOI for its approval. MOC & I in principle, approved the proposal of Tea Board and the same was communicated to Tea Board on 6.9.2007.

Tea Board discussed with the consultancy firm in October 2007 in finalizing the road map for implementation of the e-auction system. Subsequently M/s. NSE.IT had discussed with the stakeholders of six auction centre during



November and December 2007 and obtained their views on different issues relating to (a) Pre-auction mechanism, (b) E-auction mechanism, and (c) Post-e-auction mechanism enabling the consultancy firm to prepare the draft Business Requirement Specification (BRS).

One agreement stipulating different provision **including time schedule for implementation of the e-auction project** was finalized and signed in December 2007 between Tea Board and M/s.NSE.IT.

MOC&I has intimated the approval of the Market Promotion Scheme of 11th Plan Period of Tea Board including the project for re-designing of e-auction system in 1st week of February 2008.

The **draft BRS** had been prepared by M/s. NSE.IT in consultation with Tea Board and the same was submitted on 3.3.2008 before the e-auction Advisory Committee, constituted with 27 members representing different auction stakeholders, marketing experts etc, for their views for its finalization to enable M/s. NSE.IT to prepare **System Design Documents**.

- **NSE.IT has customized software for User Acceptance Testing (UAT)** based on the BRS.
- NSE.IT has also taken steps for **procurement of hardware on behalf of Tea Board for use as servers**.
- As per recommendation of NSE.IT, Tea Board has identified service provider for hosting of servers with office space and its maintenance.
- Tea Board, as per recommendation of NSE.IT, has selected service provider for providing primary network connectivity viz. MPLS VPN network connectivity. All the auction organizers have also been requested to obtain secondary network connectivity from BSNL, with 2 Mbps 1:1 bandwidth.
- M/s. Reliance has provided MPLS VPN network connectivity to six auction centres and to the server hosting station at Mumbai.
- A user's manual has been prepared NSEIT and circulated in advance to all the auction centres which indicates step direction on how to use the redesigned e-auction system by tea auction stakeholders.

- NSE.IT had imparted training September/October 2008 to auction stakeholders of six tea auction centre.
- The services of 'Support Engineer' of NSE.IT at each auction centre are being utilized by the concerned auction stakeholders for using the e-auction system since December 2008.
- Live e-auction started fully/partially in six auction centre since April 2009.

The salient fetures of re-designed E-Auction

- To allow auction sellers/manufactures and warehouses in accessing the E-platform directly for viewing and/or undertking relevant activities in addition to facilities available to auction buyers and auctioneers/brokers of the earlier e-auction system,
- To avoid duplication of work in capturing relevant information from manufacturers and warehouses.
- Complete flexibility in setting up Auction Sessions in any Auction day in any Auction centre.
- Auction Catalog can display entire list of Teas available for auction for a particular Sale Program. Buyers and Auctioneers can filter this catalog for a particular Auction Session to view/take activity on only those lots which are going to be auctioned and/ or on which bids are to be offered.
- Facility for parallel bidding.
- Facility for assigning a Reserve Price to all the lots in the auction Catalog by the Auctioneers as per guidance of Sellers before the start of bidding process and the e-auction system will knockdown all the lots automatically which have met or exceeded the Reserve Price.
- Manufacturers get a Screen for direct uploading of tea dispatch information on the E-platform in addition to another Screen to watch the auction prices during the Auction Session.
- Facility to view the auction prices by Auction Organiser and Tea Board during and after the Auction Session.
- Warehouse owners get a Screen to upload AWR directly on the E-platform.



- Facility for Auctioneers to view AWR Entry Form for its modifications, as and when required in addition to upload dispatch information & AWR, if the same are not uploaded by manufacturers and warehouses.

Facility for Auctioneers to assign Auction Date/Sale Date and Lot Number to teas under Invoices within each AWR.

- Two Screens viz. Auction Catalog & My Catalog are available for Buyers. My Catalog can be created by Buyers from Auction Catalog to concentrate on only those Lots which are of interest to the Buyer. The Buyer's Valuation, Buyer's comments and Auto Bid Indicator can be kept in Buyer's My Catalog.
- E-platform can generate Tax Invoice & Delivery Order after conclusion of sale.

7.10 Registration of Buyers :

Clause 4 (1) of TMCO 2003 stipulates that no buyer (with a place of business in tea in India) shall carry on the activity of buying tea from any public tea Auction licensed by the Tea Board or directly from the manufacturer of tea except under a valid registration obtained from Tea Board.

The registration certificate once granted by the Tea Board remains valid unless cancelled. During the year 2008-09 under review 239 buyers obtain registration from the Tea Board. The total amount collected was Rs.5,97,500/-. The total number of buyers registered with Tea Board under TMCO 2003 as on 31.3.2009 comes to 5,701.

7.11 Registration of Manufacturers of tea with Added Flavour :

The sale of flavour tea in the domestic market remain banned for a long time. Following a directive from the Supreme Court in the case of Nilgiris Tea Emporium –Vs-Union of India and others, the Government of India examined the matter relating to sale of flavoured tea in the domestic market. Consequently, Government of India, Ministry of Health and family welfare, Issued notification No. GSR 847(E) dated 7th December, 1994 amending the PFA Rules 1955, As per the Provisions of these amendments, the Condition for sale of flavour tea has been notified as follows. in consultation with the expert of Central Committee for Food Standards for allowing additional flavour in tea for domestic market.

- Flavoured tea shall be sold or offered for sale only by those manufacturers who are registered with Tea Board, Registration No. shall be mentioned on the level
- It shall be sold only in packed condition with level declaration, viz. 1) FLAVOURED TEA common name of permitted flavour/percentage /Registration No. Initially only one flavour viz. Vanillin flavour up to maximum extent of 8.5% by weight has been allowed for sale of flavoured tea in the domestic market .

Subsequently, Government of India vide notification No. GSR/698(E) dated 26/10/1995 allowed few more flavours in addition to Vanillin flavour and their respective percentage in flavoured tea are as follows:

Flavour	% by weight (Max)
Vanillin	8.5
Cardamom	2.8
Ginger	1.0
Bergamot	2.0
Lemon	1.6
Cinnamon	2.0
Mixture of flavour of with each other	The level of individual shall not exceed the quantity indicated above



Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India amended further the PFA Rules by Notification No .GSR 694(E) dated 11/10/1999 which has been effective from 11/4/2000. The said notification was aimed allowing all natural flavours and natural flavouring substances singly or in combination. The definition of "Natural flavour and Natural Flavouring Substance" is indicated in sub-rule (A) or rule 63 of PFA Rule. The other condition which has been stipulated in the said notification is that "Flavoured Tea manufacturers shall register themselves with the Tea Board before marketing Flavour Tea".

In addition to the above condition laid down in notification dated 1.10.1999, Directorate General of Health Services, Government of India vide letter No. P-1501/5/97PH-(Food) dated 18/2/2000 stipulates the following conditions.

- Methodology for estimation of flavours in tea shall be supplied by the manufacturer to Tea Board.
- The methodology supplied by the manufacturer will be tried in Central Food Laboratories for verification.
- The manufacturers will be registered thereafter only.

The amendment dated 11.10.1999, in fact, short to enlarge the scope for use of flavours in tea by linking it to and existing and altered definition as mentioned in rule 63 of PFA

Rules which was applicable to all food items including tea. While the definition as mentioned in rule 63 of PFA Rules may lead to confusion of using flavours of animal origin in any food item, it is not possible for using flavour of animal origin in the flavour tea because of the condition of registration by Tea Board and Tea Board's reservation of allowing such flavour.

However, to avoid such confusion Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India further amended the PFA Rule by issuing notification No.GSR770(E) dated 4/10/2000. It aims at to use only those "Natural Flavours and Natural Flavouring Substances" which are obtained exclusively by physical process from materials of plant origin in their natural state or after processing for human consumption.

Till 31st March, 2009 the Licensing Branch granted registration in favour of 93 Manufacturers of tea with added flavour. During 2008-09, 14 manufacturers of flavour tea registered with Tea Board.

7.12 Extension / Replacement Planting Permit:

Permit for Extension and Replacement planting of tea are issued to the existing tea estate by the Licensing Branch. Permit for planting of tea to new comer are also issued. Such permits are issued within the frame work of the Tea Act and Tea Rules.

The Position of Permit issued during 2008-09

Region	Extension Permit		Replacement Permit	
	Number	Area in Hect	Number	Area in Hect.
North India	10	257.00	40	656.00
South India	Nil	Nil	1	24.00
Total all India	10	257.00	41	680.00

Permission for Planting Tea :

Licensing Branch is granting permission for planting tea in flavour of tea estates as New Comer along with recording of the change of ownership of the tea estate. The position during the year 2008-09(till 31.03.09) is as follows:



	North India		South India		Total	
1. Change of ownership	56		Nil		56	
	North India		South India		Total	
	No.	Area in Ha.	No	Area in Ha.	No.	Area in Ha.
a) In Non-Traditional tea growing areas (upto 10.12 hac)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
b) In non traditional tea growing areas (above 10.12 hac)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
c) In other than non traditional tea growing areas (up to 10.12 hac)	4	4.0790	1370	908.1357	1374	912.2147
In other than non traditional tea growin areas (above 10.12 hac)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

7.13 Tea Warehouse Licence:

Licensing Branch looks after the issuance of Tea Warehouse Licence under the Tea Warehouse (Licensing) Order 1989. Position of issuance renewal of Tea Warehouse Licence during the year 2008-09 is indicated below :

Item	North India	South India	All India
Number of fresh licence issued	21	4	25
Number of Licence renewed	74	19	93



STATISTICS

Introduction :

Functions of Statistics Branch of Tea Board are to design and develop Management Information System which could provide required information relating to Production, Export, Prices, Labour etc., in respect of Indian Tea Industry as well as in the perspective of its International Scenario. It provides necessary inputs in decision making process of the policy matters of the Board, the Government and the Industry. The matters like Central Excise, State Sales Tax, Central Sales Tax, Export Incentives, Export-Import Policy, Foreign Direct Investment, Tea (Marketing) Control Order, 2003 etc; are also examined in the Statistics Branch.

Publication :

Statistics Branch publishes Tea Board's Annual Publication viz., "**Tea Statistics**" which provides a data base on tea industry, both National and International. In addition, the Statistics Branch publishes another Annual Publication viz., "**Tea Digest**" incorporating up-to-date statistical data on tea.

Techno-Economic Survey :

The Techno-Economic Cell was established in 1972 in the Statistics Branch of the Tea Board on the very

recommendations of the Estimate Committee of Parliament, with the objective to undertake techno-economic study into the problems of Tea Industry in different tea growing regions and also to suggest suitable remedial measures for the overall growth of the industry. Till date, eighteen techno-economic surveys were conducted in different tea growing States/regions of India.

Presently, the Cell is involved in studying the economic health of different tea companies covered under the compulsory cost audit by the Government of India.

Monitoring of Tea Prices :

The Branch has been monitoring and providing the information on weekly auction prices to Ministry of Commerce and Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution on regular basis in connection with the meeting of the High Powered Price Monitoring Board on Prices. The work relating to monitoring of retail prices of tea at different cities/towns has been entrusted to the Statistics Branch as well. The Statistics Branch of Tea Board has also been providing the weekly auction prices to Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Industry on regular basis in connection with the construction of Wholesale Price Indices of Plantation Crops etc.



LABOUR WELFARE

9. Introduction:

The Welfare Branch of the Tea Board undertakes some welfare programmes and schemes for the benefit of tea plantation workers and their dependants. The labour welfare activities undertaken by the Board are supplemental and cover such areas not specifically addressed by the Plantation Labour Act and the rules framed thereunder.

9.1. Objectives:

The labour welfare activities of the Board are funded through the Human Resource Development Scheme. The HRD Scheme aims at achieving improvements in the living conditions of the Tea Plantation labourers and their dependants. The activities are categorized in three broad heads, as Health, Education and Training Schemes. While the Health related activities/schemes aims to improve the general health of the tea plantation workers and their dependants, the Education related schemes and activities aims at encouraging wards/dependants of tea garden workers and their dependants to achieve not only basic education but also higher education. Assistance is also given even for undertaking professional qualifications. Under the training schemes the workers/labourers, office and managerial staff, managers etc., were given training with a view to improve their skill and ultimately the productivity. There is a provision to give vocational training to wards and dependants of tea garden labourers with a view to equip them for alternate employment outside the tea areas. A sum of Rs. 2,63,16,327/ was disbursed for Labour Welfare measures during the year

2008-09 under the HRD scheme.

9.2. HEALTH

Under the Health related activities, financial assistance is given by the Board to Hospitals located in tea gardens and also General Hospitals, Clinics in areas contiguous to tea gardens. Assistance is also given to Health Clinics, Charitable Institutions and NGOs like Indian Red Cross Society, St. John Ambulance, Bharat Sevashram Sangha for extension of health centres, hospital etc. For transportation of patients belonging to tea garden population especially in non-traditional tea areas assistance is provided for purchase of Ambulance with accessories. Financial assistance is also provided to plantation workers and their dependants for undergoing treatment on critical diseases like cancer, cardio-vascular diseases, kidney ailments etc. A sum of Rs. 31,000/- has been disbursed on this scheme during the year under review.

The Board also provides capital grant to the institutions that are running rehabilitation and therapy center for the physically challenged persons amongst tea garden population towards expenditure for construction of building, purchase of equipments and accessories. No application was received under this scheme during the year.

A scheme of financial assistance for disabled plantation workers and their dependants for purchasing crutch (wooden) calipers, shoes, artificial limb (wooden), hearing aids, wheel chairs and tri-cycle with hand paddling system is also in operation. However, maximum pay out under this scheme is restricted to Rs.2500/- per person. No amount was disbursed under this scheme during the year.

Financial assistance is also provided to different Tea Associations and others for the purpose of family welfare education programme.

The details of assistance provided to various institutions during the year are as under:-

(i) S.B. Dey Sanatorium:

The Board reserved 5 beds at S.B. Dey Sanatorium, Kurseong, Darjeeling for treatment of tea plantation workers and their dependants suffering from T.B.. The beds were allotted in favour of Tea Producers' Associations in North Bengal, who share 1/3rd of maintenance charges. The balance 2/3rd shares are being borne by the Board. A sum of Rs. 6,667/- was disbursed under the scheme during the year under review.

(ii) Ramalingam T.B. Sanatorium:



In the year 1956-57, the Board reserved 15 free beds in the Ramalingam, T.B. Sanatorium, Perundurai, Tamil Nadu permanently for the benefit of tea garden workers and their dependents suffering from T.B. against a capital grant of Rs. 92,124/-. Since 15 free beds reserved by the Board at the Sanatorium were found to be inadequate to cope with the demand, since 1962 the Board has been maintaining 17 additional beds at the sanatorium on payment of hospital stoppages at the rate of Rs. 16/- per patient per day against the actual occupation of bed. This stoppage charge was revised to Rs.30/- by the Board at its meeting held at Bangalore on 24-5-88, and subsequently to Rs.50/- at its meeting held in Kolkata on 29-9-1993. Thereafter, Board at its meeting held at Bangalore on 29-12-1999 enhanced the rate of hospital stoppages to Rs. 75/- per patient per day against actual occupation w.e.f. 01-01-2000. No payment was made during the year under review.

(iii) Kalimpong Sub-divisional Hospital:

The Board continued to reserve 3 beds in the leprosy wing of Kalimpong Sub-Divisional Hospital for the treatment of leprosy patients of tea garden workers and their dependants on payment of Rs. 12,000/- per bed per annum.

iv) Family Welfare Programme :

The Board continued to provide financial assistance to different tea associations for the purpose of development of Family Welfare Educational Programme amongst the tea plantation workers and their dependants since 1984. A sum of Rs. 1,75,000/- was disbursed for this purpose in favour of the Institute for Plantation Agricultural and Rural Workers, Jalpaiguri during the year under review.

The details of the beneficiaries are as under :

Area	Total	Male	Female
Assam (including Tripura)	58	42	16
West Bengal	195	114	81
Kerala	64	37	27
Karnataka	01	-	01
Tamil Nadu	261	142	119
Total	579	335	244

Financial assistance is also given to schools/colleges for construction and extension of school/ college buildings in the tea garden areas with a view to provide additional seats to tea garden community.

v) Bharat Sevashram Sangha, Agartala, Tripura :

The Board in its meeting held in Kolkata on 08-11-08 sanctioned capital grant for a sum of Rs, 3,49,484/- towards purchase of mobile medical ambulance in favour of Bharat Sevashram Sangha, Agartala, Tripura. A sum of Rs. 3,49,484/- being the full and final payment of the grant was released during the year under review.

9.3. EDUCATION :

Under the educational stipend schemes, the wards of tea garden workers are given grant for prosecuting studies from primary level in schools, colleges, universities and also in professional institutions. Actual tuition fees restricted upto Rs.20,000/- per annum and 2/3rd of hostel charges restricted upto Rs.20,000/- per annum are paid to children of persons directly employed in registered tea estates provided the monthly wage and income of parents do not exceed Rs.10,000/- per month. This benefit is provided to only 2(two) children per worker. The Board also provide lump-sum grant in the name of "Nehru Award" @ Rs.2,000/- and Rs.2,500/- as prize money to a few selected wards of tea plantation workers (on merit basis) who secured at least 75% marks in the Class X (Madhyamik or equivalent) and Class XII (Higher Secondary or equivalent) examination and thereafter undergoing studies for Class XII (Higher Secondary) and Degree/professional courses. This is applicable to wards of tea plantation workers, whose annual income does not exceed Rs.1,20,000/-. A sum of Rs. 67,76,050/- was disbursed under this scheme in respect of educational stipend and "Nehru Award" during the year 2008-09.



9.3.1. The following institutions were provided with financial assistance during the year:

- i) **Griffiths H.S. School, Darjeeling, W.B.:**
The Board in its meeting held in **Kolkata on 29-12-2006**, sanctioned a capital grant of Rs. 12.00 lakhs towards construction of the said school building. **A sum of Rs. 9.00 lakhs being the 1st & 2nd installment of the grant was released during the year under review.**
- ii) **Chatia College, Sootea, Sonitpur, Assam :**
The Board in its meeting held at **Jorhat on 23-6-2007**, sanctioned a capital grant of Rs. **11,43,520/-** for construction of the said college building. **A sum of Rs. 5,71,760/- being the 2nd installment of grant was released during the year under review.**
- iii) **Golaghat Commerce College, Golaghat, Assam:**
The Board at its meeting held at Jorhat on 23-06-2007, sanctioned a capital grant of Rs. 8.00 lakhs towards construction of college building of Golaghat Commerce College, Golaghat, Assam. A sum of Rs. 2.00 lakhs being the 2nd installment of the capital grant was released during the year under review.
- iv) **Hemoprobha Borbora Girls' College, Golaghat, Assam:**
The Board in its meeting held in Kolkata on 29-03-2006, sanctioned a capital grant of Rs. 8.00 lakhs towards construction of the said college building. A sum of Rs. 2.00 lakhs being the 1st installment of the grant was released during the year under review.
- v) **Tyagbir Hembaruah College, Sonitpur, Assam :**
The Board in its meeting held in Kolkata on 27-03-2004, sanctioned a sum of Rs. 8.00 lakhs towards construction of the said college building. A sum of Rs. 4.00 lakhs being the 1st installment of grant was released during the year under review.

9.3.2. Admission in Jalpaiguri Polytechnic Institution:

Since 1979-80, the Board has been maintaining (3) three reserved seats in the Jalpaiguri Polytechnic Institute, Jalpaiguri, W.B. for the wards of tea garden employees for admission during each academic year in diploma courses. During the period under review, three wards of tea garden employees were selected against these reserved seats on merit basis.

9.3.3. Scouting and Guiding:

The Board has been granting financial assistance to the State Association of Bharat Scouts & Guides, in West Bengal, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Tripura and Assam for the last 45 years. The purpose of this scheme is to inculcate a sense of discipline, self-reliance, self-respect, freedom from fear and development of scouting and guiding activities amongst the tea plantation workers. The financial assistance includes (i) salary and conveyance allowance for district Scouts/Guides Organizers in tea plantation area, (ii) charges for holding various training camps; (iii) uniform grant for the tea garden scouts/guides/cubs and bullbuls and (iv) financial assistance for holding rallies, rally-cum-camps, camporee, jamboree etc. The scheme of granting financial assistance towards scouting and guiding in the tea plantation area is renewed on a year to year basis. During the year under review the Board has disbursed a sum of Rs. 2,39,325/- for scouting and guiding activities.

9.3.4. Sports:

In order to improve physical fitness and mental upliftment amongst the tea plantation workers, the Board has a scheme for rewarding the District level / State level/National level sports personalities from the amongst the tea plantation workers or their wards and provide assistance as provided to in the Board's scheme.

9.3.5 Grants for tea plantation workers of closed tea gardens:

During the year under review a special grant on humanitarian ground was given to 16,404 tea plantation workers of 12 (twelve) closed tea estates in West Bengal and 05 (five) closed tea estates in Kerala amounting to Rs. 1,64,67,041/- for the purpose of education of wards of workers and assistance to disabled persons dependent on tea garden workers.

9.4. Training:

The details of expenses incurred on training of tea garden workers/staff/managers are provided under the chapter "Tea Development".



HINDICELL

INTRODUCTION

With the enforcement of the constitution on 26 January, 1950, Hindi became the Official Language of the Union of India according to Article 343(1) of the constitution of India. Government of India was entrusted with the duty to promote the propagation and development of the Official Language Hindi, so that it may serve as a medium of expression of all the elements of the composite culture of India. It was natural to make continuous efforts for the use of Hindi Language. Right from its inception, Hindi Cell of the Board has been looking after the Implementation of Constitutional provision pertaining to Official Language Act 1963 and Rules 1976 made thereunder.

1. COMPLIANCE OF SEC.3(3) OF O.L. ACT 1963

All relevant documents etc as mentioned in sec.3(3) of O.L. Act 1963, were issued bilingually, i.e. in Hindi & English simultaneously in the year under review.

2. PURCHASE OF HINDI BOOKS

In order to create a favourable atmosphere for implementing of official language and to make reference literature for Hindi teaching available, a Hindi Library is being maintained by the Hindi Cell. Books worth Rs. 25,000/- were bought for the Head Office as well as its Regional Offices. Among these reference materials and Glossaries/Dictionaries are included.

3. CORRESPONDENCE IN HINDI

All letters received in Hindi were invariably replied to in Hindi itself during the year under review. Vigorous efforts were made in adherence with annual programme and target laid therein.

4. REPORT IN HINDI

Various reports like Annual Administrative Report, Annual Accounts, Annual Audit Report of the Board were prepared in Hindi for submission to the parliament. Apart from this, Quarterly progress Report and Annual Assessment Report regarding progressive use of Hindi, were prepared in Hindi and sent regularly to Ministry of Commerce, New Delhi.

5. ORGANISING HINDI WORKSHOP

During the year the officer/employees who have got working knowledge or proficiency in Hindi were nominated for attending Hindi Workshop. Faculties from different Government Offices conducted the classes. This resulted in a favourable orientation and inclination amongst personnel towards functional Hindi.

6. HINDI TRAINING

With a view to achieving the prescribed target for imparting training to the untrained staff of the Board, some of the employees were nominated for PRAVEEN & PRAGYA course.

7. ORGANISING HINDI WEEK

With a view to create awareness regarding Official Language and accelerate its use in Official work, Hindi week was organized in the month of March, 2009. During the course of the week, several competitions were held and there was active participation whole heartedly amongst all. Similar programmes were organized in regional offices of the Board in India.

8. PUBLICATION OF IN-HOUSE JOURNAL

Since 1987, two issues of Hindi in-house journal "CHAI AUR BHARAT" are being published every year. This year also, Tea Board continued its publication in Hindi related to in the direction of tea labour welfare, special article related to tea in addition to the regular reports in Hindi were published. As a



consequence there was considerable literary inclination in the office. The copies of this journal were sent to the regional offices in India as well as abroad offices of Tea Board.

9. ANNUAL PROGRAMME FOR TRANSACTING THE OFFICIAL WORK OF THE UNION IN HINDI.

In pursuance of Official Language Resolution, 1967, Department of Official Language issues programme every year to speed up propagation and development of Official Language Hindi and also to accelerate its progressive use for Official purpose. The Annual programme of the year 2008-2009 is a continuation of this, whereby considerable progress has been made in the use of Hindi in the Official transactions. The prescribed target has been achieved to some extent. However, English continues to be in use in the Board.

10. MEETING OF OLIC OF THE BOARD

The meeting of Official Language Implementation Committee (OLIC) were held in each quarters whereby useful decisions were taken.

11. PROVISION FOR BILINGUAL COMPUTER

During the year bilingual software were made available to all the computers of the Board's office.

12. INCENTIVE SCHEME FOR USE OF HINDI IN OFFICIAL WORK

Tea Board promoted and propagated the incentive scheme in Head Office as well as regional offices in India in order to accelerate the use of Hindi. The Official and the employees were benefited by these Schemes. 18 employees participated and 07 employees were awarded with cash prize.

13. QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

All regional/sub-regional offices controlled by Tea Board, Head office, submitted quarterly progress reports regarding progressive use of Hindi in the prescribed proforma. All reports were reviewed and action were taken to remove the deficiencies.

14. INSPECTION OF REGIONAL OFFICES

During the year 2008-09 some of the departments of Tea Board's, Head Office were inspected.

15. INSPECTION OF PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON O.L.

Efforts to comply with the assurances given to the Parliamentary Committee on O.L. were taken up.

16. SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

The process of creating bilingual website is continuing and all the computers are being made available with the bilingual softwares.



HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Human Resource Development Cell of Tea Board Head Office at Kolkata and other departments arrange various types of training programmes, workshop, seminar etc. from time to time for the employees, officers & different stakeholders of Tea Industry.

During 2008-09 the under-noted activities were undertaken by Tea Board relating to HRD:

- 1) Law Officer & Deputy Director of Tea Promotion were trained regarding Export & Import Procedure and Documentation;
- 2) Law Officer was trained for Vigilance Matters;
- 3) Fifteen Development Officers were provided Induction Training after their joining Tea Board;
- 4) Research Officer(Stats.) attended a residential training on an Information Technology Tools for Executive Secretaries & Non IT Professionals;
- 5) Statistician & Research Officer (Economics) were trained regarding Custom Law & Procedure ;
- 6) Fifteen Assistant Accountants were given in-service training on Accounts Code & related matters;
- 7) Security Officer attended one Workshop on Industrial ,Commercial & Residential Fire safety & one Seminar on Save working environment on Security concerned & measure;
- 8) Two employees of the Board were given training on packaging

Workshop:- Research Directorate of Tea Board organized 'National Workshop on Food Supply & Quality of Tea' during 2008-09.

Apart from the above, Language Cell of Tea Board at Head Quarter organizes training & workshop every year for development of skill and proficiency of staff in Hindi.



SUPPLY

The main functions of the Supply Branch, Tea Board, Kolkata is to render assistance to the Tea Industry in the matter of procurement, movement and distribution of various inputs, viz., Fertilizers (especially Urea, Puruliaphos and Rock Phosphate) etc.

1. FERTILIZER:

Fertilizer for the Tea Industry is allocated by the Ministry

of Agriculture, Government of India under the Essential Commodities Act on the basis of the requirements indicated by the Board through the respective State Government. Allocation of Fertilizer to Tea Gardens is done on half-yearly basis one for Kharif Season (i.e., from April to September) and the other for Rabi Season (i.e., from October to March).

As per the information available with the Board, the controlled fertilizer (i.e. Urea) which is used in Tea Gardens as one of the important fertilizers was supplied to Tea Gardens of Assam and West Bengal by the manufacturers, viz., (1) M/s.Indian Farmers Fertilizers Co-operative Limited (IFFCO), (2) M/s. Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Limited (BVFCL) (3) M/s. Nagarjuna Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited (NFCL) and (4) M/s Kribhco Shyam Fertilizer Limited(KSFL).According to the information received fromM/s.IFFCOL, M/s.BVFCL,M/s.NFCL and M/s.KSFL the quantity of Urea supplied by each of them to Tea Gardens of Assam(i.e., under N.E.Zone) and West Bengal(i.e., under East Zone) during the period from April, 2008 to March, 2009 is given hereunder in a tabular form:

(Figures in M.T.)

Name of the Manufacturer/ supplier	QUANTITY OF UREA SUPPLIED DURING THE YEAR 2008-09.					
	Assam		West Bengal		Total	
	Fertilizer	Nutrient	Fertilizer.	Nutrient	Fertilizer	Nutrient
IFFCO	6,066.00	2,790.36	-	-	6,066.00	2,790.36
BVFCL	27,233.00	12,527.24	661.00	328.36	27,894.00	12,855.60
NFCL	-	-	14,617.65	6,724.05	14,617.65	6,724.05
KSFL	-	-	14,184.80	6,525.02	14,184.80	6,525.02
T O T A L	33,299.00	15,317.60	29,463.45	13,577.43	62,762.45	28,895.03



Another important Fertilizer which is commonly known as Purulia Phos is also used in Tea Gardens. Purulia Phos is supplied by M/s West Bengal Mineral Development & Trading Corporation Ltd., (W.B.M.D.T.C.L.). The supply of Purulia Phos to the tea garden in Assam under N.E. zone and tea garden in North Bengal under East zone is given below :

(Figures in M. T)

Assam		West Bengal		Total	
Material	Nutrient	Material	Nutrient	Material	Nutrient
1,995.00	399.00	1,945.00	394.41	3,940.00	793.41

Besides the controlled fertilizer Supply Branch is also looking after problems of short supply of de-controlled fertilizer viz. MOP DAP etc. which are also used in the Tea Garden in Assam and other States under N.E.Zone and West Bengal under East Zone.

2. Others :

Supply Branch is also looking after and sort out the matters relating to coal, food grains, LPG cylinder/Natural Gas, HSD oil etc. required by the tea estates, in case of any problem faced by the Tea Industry due to disruption of supply of the same to Tea Garden.



VIGILANCE CELL

Smt. Roshni Sen IAS has been appointed as part time Chief Vigilance Officer of Tea Board. The overall activities of the vigilance Cell is being done under the supervision of CVO. The main function of the vigilance Cell is in accordance with the Government of India/ Central Vigilance Commission. The Vigilance Cell also attends various queries and submits monthly/quarterly and annual report to the Government as and when required. Further Vigilance Cell is responsible for carrying out various directives and notifications from the Central Vigilance Commission for proper compliance. The Law Officer is also working as Vigilance Officer and is responsible for maintaining liaison work. This Cell is also functioning overall Vigilance surveillance activities of the Board. The another important activity of the Vigilance Cell lies with observance of Vigilance Awareness Week every year as per directive of the Central Vigilance Commission as all the employees of Tea Board are administered oath in the form of message of efficiency and transparency of the activities of Tea Board highlighting the basic mission of the awareness.



REPORT ON LEGAL CELL [RTI ACT, 2005]

The Legal Cell of Tea Board was constituted and Law Officer being the overall in charge is responsible for supervising all legal matters pertaining to the court cases and various other legal matters. The Legal Cell of the Board is also responsible for performing the job relating to the disposal of applications under RTI Act, 2005 within a stipulated time. The various number of cases are being dealt under this act on the basis of acceptance of several representations and appeals from quarters. The queries from the Ministry of Commerce, Govt. of India regarding the implementation of this act are also being attended as and when required. The monthly/quarterly and annual return in respect of the RTI Act, 2005 is being attended periodically as per directive of the Ministry of Commerce, Government of India. The Legal Cell is also responsible for apprising the Board's Solicitors' M/S Fox & Mandal, Rajesh Khaitan & co. and M/S K & S Partners on all legal issues including court cases. Further Legal Cell is to apprise the outstation Legal Experts as per directive from the Ministry regarding Court cases.



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Composition of the Standing Committees for the year 2008–2011
(upto 31-3-2011).

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| <p>I. Executive Committee</p> <p>1. Chairman, Tea Board
(Ex-Officio Chairman of the Committee).</p> <p>2. Vice-Chairman, Tea Board
(Ex-Officio, Member of the Committee).</p> <p>3. Shri Saman Pathak,
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Parcon (India) Pvt. Ltd., Siliguri.</p> <p>7. Vacant</p> <p>8. Vacant</p> <p>9. Vacant</p> | <p>(One Meeting was held on 08-11-2008 during 2008-09, due to late constitution of the Board)</p> |
| <p>II. Tea Promotion Committee</p> <p>1. Chairman, Tea Board
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Parcon (India) Pvt. Ltd., Siliguri.</p> | <p>(One Meeting was held on 08-11-2008 during 2008-09, due to late constitution of the Board)</p> |
| <p>III. Labour Welfare Committee</p> <p>1. Chairman, Tea Board
(Ex-Officio Chairman of the Committee).</p> <p>2. President, UPASI, Coonoor
(Shri D.P. Maheswari)</p> <p>3. Shri N.C. Borkataky, MP (Lok Sabha),
New Delhi</p> <p>4. Shri Subrata Mukherjee, President, INTUC, West Bengal Circle</p> <p>5. Shri Shankar Malakar President, Darjeeling Dist. Congress
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| <p>IV. Development Committee</p> <p>1. Chairman, Tea Board
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Expenditure statement under Research Schemes during 2008-2009

A. 11th Plan Schemes

(Figures in rupees)

SL. NO.	GRANT-IN-AID/SCHEMES	EXPENDITURE
1.	Grant-in-aid to TRA	430,63,000.00
2.	Grant-in-aid to UPASI-TRF	87,86,000.00
3.	Grant to TRA	351,01,000.00
4.	Research Grant to UPASI-TRF	194,00,000.00
5.	Research Grant to Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)	30,00,000.00
6.	Research Grant to IIT-Kharagpur	100,00,000.00
7.	DTR & DC Schemes	34,00,000.00
8.	DTR & DC Upgradation (Regular Fund)	66,50,760.00
9.	Grant-in-aid to Assam Agricultural University (AAU)	2,00,000.00
10.	Grant-in-aid to Himachal Pradesh Krishi Viswa Vidyalaya (HPKV)	3,50,000.00
11.	Seminar and Conference	5,50,000.00
12.	Salary Component	130,00,000.00
	TOTAL (A)	14,35,00,760.00

B. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE UNDER SPECIAL GRANT AED FUND FOR THE YEAR 2008-2009

(Figure in rupees)

SL. NO.	AED Fund	AMOUNT
1.	Grant paid to TRA	272,45,000.00
2.	Grant paid to UPASI-TRF	55,59,000.00
	TOTAL (B)	328,04,000.00

C. SPECIAL RESEARCH GRANT

(Figure in rupees)

SL. NO.	SPECIAL RESEARCH GRANT	AMOUNT
1.	TRA Centenary Grant	495,00,000.00
	TOTAL (C)	495,00,000.00

GRAND TOTAL (A+B+C) = Rs. 22,58,05,112.00



SCHEMEWISE DISBURSEMENT SEPARATE POOL UNDER THE BOARD'S
LABOUR WELFARE ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR 2008-2009.

Sl.No.	Description	North India Rs	South India. Rs	All India Rs
1.	Educational Stipend & Nehru Award	8,35,111/-	59,40,939/-	67,76,050/-
2.	S.B. Dey Sanatorium, Kurseong	6,667/-	-	6,667/-
3.	Bharat Scouts & Guides	1,67,325/-	72,000/-	2,39,325/-
4.	Family Welfare Educational Programme of IPARW, Jalpaiguri	1,75,000/-	-	1,75,000/-
5.	Special Medical treatment		31,000/-	31,000/-
6.	Bharat Sevashram Sangha, Agartala, Tripura	3,49,484/-	-	3,49,484/-
7.	Griffith H.S. School, Darjeeling, West Bengal	9,00,000/-	-	9,00,000/-
8.	Chatia College, Sootea, Sonitpur, Assam	5,71,760/-	-	5,71,760/-
9.	Golaghat Commerce College, Golaghat, Assam	2,00,000/-	-	2,00,000/-
10.	Hemoprova Borbora Girls' College, Golaghat, Assam.	2,00,000/-	-	2,00,000/-
11.	Tyagbir Hembaruah College, Sonitpur, Assam	4,00,000/-	-	4,00,000/-
12.	Special payment to workers of closed tea gardens for education of their wards and for financial assistance to disabled persons dependant on tea garden workers	1,34,50,041/-	30,17,000/-	1,64,67,041/-
	TOTAL	1,72,55,388/-	90,60,939/-	2,63,16,327/-

