

CHAPTER XIII

THE MANNER OF EXECUTION OF SUBSIDY PROGRAMMES

VOLUNTARY ACTION FUND

The objectives of the Voluntary sector are to encourage and promote voluntary institutions for development, reducing dependence on Government, promotion of self-reliance and accelerated rural and tribal development through Voluntary action. Eligible VAs/ NGOs are extended with financial assistance for organising / conducting training programmes, workshops, seminars of public importance, etc., for motivating workers / beneficiaries. The District Planning Officer recommends VAs/NGOs for provision of financial assistance and oversee the implementation of the scheme at the district level. Final selection of VAs/ NGOs and amounts granted to each are made by the Empowered Committee under the Chairmanship of the Minister, in-charge Planning.

YEAR	FINANCIAL ACHIEVEMENT (RS. LAKHS)	PHYSICAL ACHIEVEMENT (NOS. OF VAs /NGOs ASSISTED)
1995-96	10.00	23
1996-97	15.00	42
1997-98	21.00	64
1998-99	19.00	89
1999-2000	20.00	163
2000-2001	27.75	270
2001-2002	35.00	363
2002-2003	30.00	264
2003-2004	30.00	297
2004-2005	30.00	353
2005-2006	50.00 (target)	To be decided by the Empowered Committee on the merit of the application within the available budget.