Recognising the regional disparities in terms of Income, Employment, Health, Education and Gender attainments, the State has formulated a new scheme “State Balanced Growth Fund” to address the inter-district and intra-district disparities. The Scheme will target the 100 most backward blocks and one-fourth of Town Panchayats, Municipalities and wards of all Corporations of the State. The most backward areas will be identified based on the performance of the blocks/taluks/urban areas in the above parameters. A sum of Rs. 100 crore has been provided for the year 2012-13. This will be implemented by the State Planning Commission. At the district level, the District Collectors will be responsible for the overall implementation of the programme. The Project Director (DRDA), District Planning Officer and District Planning Cell will assist the District Collector in the implementation and monitoring progress of the programme. The backward areas will be covered in a phased manner over the period of eight years, to bring out balanced development through focussed attention.