

The Development & Planning Dept. is responsible for the formulation of the State's Annual Plans and the Five year Plans in collaboration with the different Departments of the Government and in consonance with the guidelines of the Planning Commission of India. The Department also facilitates the preparation of the District Plans by the District Planning Committees. Monitoring of the implementation of the District Plans, Annual Plans, & the Five Year Plans is done periodically with the Departments and the District Authorities. Finalisation of any matter involving policy which concerns more than one Department. and is not included in the Rules of Business of any other Department is required to be done by this Department. All matters relating to the constitution and functioning of the State Planning Board, District Planning Committees and Uttarbanga Unnayan Parshad are looked into by the D & P Department. The Bureau of Applied Economics & Statistics, Directorate of Evaluation, Monitoring & Manpower and State Land Use Board are under the administrative control of the Development & Planning Department.

Human Development Resource Coordination Centre has been set up under the Department as a way forward to focus on Human Development in the planning process. With funding from Planning Commission of India and United Nations Development Programme, the project "Strengthening State Plan for Human Development has been initiated since 2005. The project period has since been extended to December 2009.

The Development & Planning Department is the Nodal Department for monitoring of the implementation of the Government of India programmes - 'Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme', the 'Twenty Point Programme-2006' and Public Private Partnership (PPP) Projects. The Department also implements schemes of Bidhayak Elaka Unnayan Prakalpa and Natural Resource Data Management System.