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# **PREFACE**

- 1. This Report has been prepared for submission to the Governor of Sikkim under Article 151(2) of the Constitution.
- 2. Chapters I and II of this Report contain audit observations on matters arising from examination of Finance Accounts and Appropriation Accounts respectively of the State Government for the year ended 31 March 2014. Information has been obtained from the Government of Sikkim wherever necessary.
- 3. Chapter III on 'Financial Reporting' provides an overview and status of the State Government's compliance with various financial rules, procedures and directives during the current year.
- 4. The Report containing the findings of performance audit and compliance audit in various departments, audit of Statutory Corporations, Boards, Government Companies and Revenue Receipts are presented separately.



# **Executive Summary**

# **Background**

This Report on the Finances of the Government of Sikkim is being brought out with a view to assess the financial performance of the State during the year 2013-14. The aim of this Report is to provide the State Government with timely inputs based on actual data so that there is a better insight into both well performing as well as ill performing schemes/programmes of the Government. In order to give a perspective to the analysis, an effort has been made to compare the normative assessment made by the Finance Commission (XIII FC). A comparison has been made to see whether the State has given adequate fiscal priority to the developmental activities, to the social sector and capital expenditure and whether the expenditure has been effectively absorbed by the intended beneficiaries.

# The Report

Based on the audited accounts of the Government of Sikkim for the year ended March 2014, this Report provides an analytical review of the Annual Accounts of the State Government. The Report is structured in three Chapters.

**Chapter I** is based on the audit of Finance Accounts and makes an assessment of the Government of Sikkim's fiscal position as on 31 March 2014. It provides an insight into trends in committed expenditure, borrowing pattern and a brief account of Central funds transferred directly to the State implementing agencies through off budget route.

**Chapter II** is based on audit of Appropriation Accounts and gives the grant-by-grant description of appropriations and the manner in which the allocated resources were managed by the service delivery departments.

**Chapter III** is an inventory of Sikkim Government's compliance with various reporting requirements and financial rules.

The Report also has an appendage of additional data collated from several sources in support of the findings.

# Audit findings and recommendations

The fiscal position of the State is viewed in terms of key fiscal parameters – revenue surplus, fiscal deficit, primary deficit. The State had maintained revenue surplus during the last five year period. The State witnessed fiscal deficit during the last five years but the deficit was steadily declining. The State however, maintained primary surplus during last three years. During the current year, the revenue surplus and primary surplus increased while the fiscal deficit decreased as compared to the previous year.

# Revenue Receipts

Revenue receipts decreased from ₹ 2,345.37 crore in 2009-10 to ₹ 2,151.70 crore in 2010-11 and thereafter steadily increased to ₹ 2,872.11 crore in 2011-12, ₹ 3,288.36 crore in 2012-13 and ₹ 3,893.54 crore in 2013-14. The State's own resources contributed ₹ 886.51 crore (22.77 per cent) to the revenue receipts of the State during 2013-14. The balance was transfers from Government of India in the form of State's share of taxes and Grants-in-aid contributions.

There was an increase in the State's share of Union taxes and duties compared to previous year by ₹ 64.14 crore. Grants-in-aid from GOI increased from ₹ 1,852.40 crore in 2012-13 crore to ₹ 2,244.41 in 2013-14. The tax revenue (₹ 524.92 crore) exceeded the projection of TFC (₹ 284.40 crore), whereas non-tax revenue receipts (₹ 361.59 crore) was less by ₹ 141.89 crore (28.18 per cent) in comparison to TFC projections (₹ 503.48 crore).

# Revenue and Capital expenditure

The overall revenue expenditure of the State increased by 20.65 per cent form  $\stackrel{?}{\stackrel{?}{?}}$  2,507.39 crore in 2012-13 to  $\stackrel{?}{\stackrel{?}{?}}$  3,025.06 crore in 2013-14. While revenue expenditure constituting 77 per cent of the total expenditure grew by  $\stackrel{?}{\stackrel{?}{?}}$  517.67 crore over the previous year, the expenditure incurred under capital heads which constituted 23 per cent of the total expenditure increased by  $\stackrel{?}{\stackrel{?}{?}}$  69.59 crore over the previous year.

Funds aggregating ₹ 323.23 crore was incurred on 200 incomplete projects which were scheduled to be completed by 31 March 2014. Therefore, the benefits of the projects did not reach the intended beneficiaries in time.

Developmental expenditure of  $\ge$  1,768.05 crore in 2009-10 increased to  $\ge$  2,707.37 crore in 2013-14, but, its share in total expenditure decreased from 70.31 *per cent* to 68.59 *per cent* during the period.

The share of committed expenditure in the non-plan revenue expenditure was 80.07 *per cent* leaving meagre funds for creation of assets.

The State needs to reduce its committed expenditure in the overall non-plan revenue expenditure. The State also needs to ensure effective implementation of incomplete projects so that the benefits reach the target population in time.

Funds transferred directly from the Government of India to the State implementing agencies

There is no single agency monitoring its use and there is no readily available data on how much is actually spent in any particular year on major flagship schemes and other important schemes which are being implemented by State implementing agencies but are funded directly by the GOI.

A system has to be put in place to ensure proper accounting of these funds and the updated information should be validated by the State Government as well as the Office of the Senior Deputy Accountant General (Accounts & Entitlement).

### Government investment

The return from investment was 0.56 *per cent*. Some of the Companies/Corporations were incurring perennial loss. Effective steps need to be taken by the State Government either to revive the units or close down the units incurring losses to avoid further financial burden on the Government.

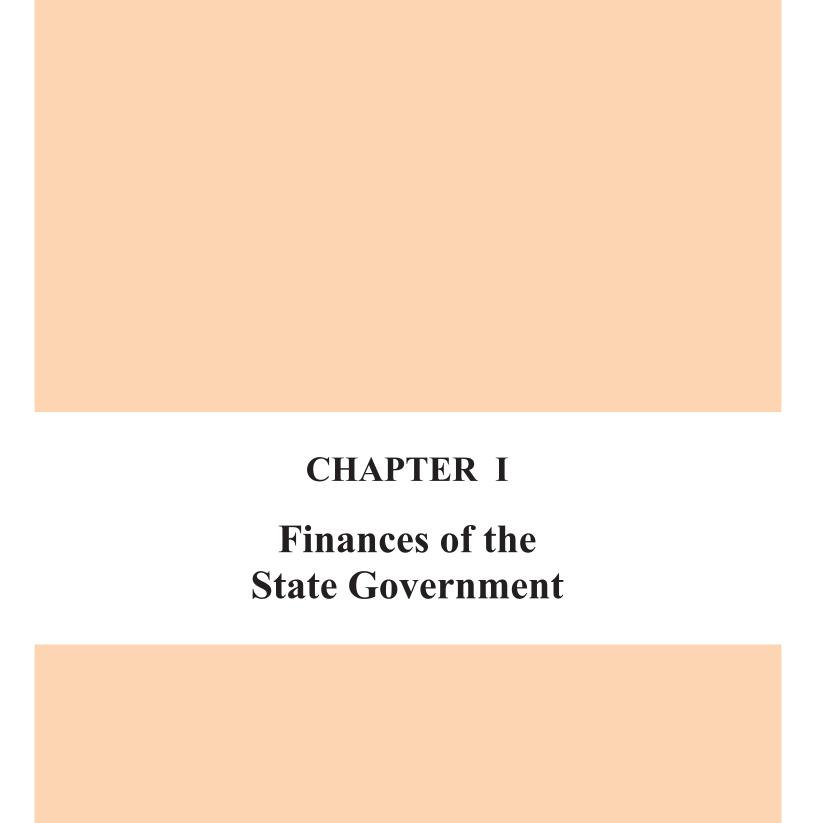
# Financial management and budgetary control

There was savings of ₹ 1,248.31 crore and excess expenditure of ₹ 55.77 crore against 46 Grants/Appropriations during 2013-14. The excess expenditure of 2013-14 compounded with an excess expenditure of ₹ 86.74 crore pertaining to 2008-13 requires regularisation by the Legislature under Article 205 of the Constitution of India. Out of a provision of ₹ 642.82 crore in 35 sub-heads, ₹ 502.61 crore (78.18 per cent) constituting 8.87 per cent of the total budget provision of the State were surrendered, which included cent per cent surrender in 13 sub-heads. A rush of expenditure was observed towards the end of the year. In respect of 12 Heads and 20 Heads, more than 50 per cent of the total expenditure was incurred in the last quarter and last month of the year 2013-14 respectively despite clear directions to the contrary. The Abstract Contingent Bills had not been adjusted for long periods of time. Failure to adjust these bills is fraught with the risk of misappropriation and therefore, needs to be monitored closely.

Budgetary controls should be strengthened in all the Government departments, particularly in the departments where savings/excess persisted for last five years. A close and rigorous monitoring mechanism should be put in place by the DDOs to adjust the Abstract Contingent Bills within sixty days from the date the amounts are drawn.

# Financial Reporting

There were deficiencies in furnishing utilisation certificates in time against grants/loans paid, non-furnishing of detailed information about financial assistance paid to various Institutions and non-submission of accounts in time. There was delay in placement of Separate Audit Reports to the Legislature and arrears in finalisation of accounts by the Autonomous Bodies/Authorities.



# CHAPTER I FINANCES OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT

# **Profile of Sikkim**

Sikkim is a sparsely populated State situated in the Eastern Himalayas. It became a part of the Indian Union on 16 May 1975. It has a total area of 7,096 sq.km which constitutes 0.22 *per cent* of the total geographical area of India. Sikkim being landlocked, National Highway (NH-10) is the only lifeline which connects the State with the rest of the country. Sikkim, categorised as a special category State<sup>1</sup>, has four districts and nine sub-divisions and has also been included in the North Eastern Council since December 2002.

According to the Census of India 2011, the population of Sikkim stood at 6.11 lakh and the percentage of rural population of the State (75 per cent) was more than the All India rural population (69 per cent). The literacy rate of Sikkim was 82.20 per cent as against the All India Literacy rate of 74.04 per cent. Similarly, the infant mortality rate at 22 per 1,000 live births was better than the All India Average of 40 per 1,000 births recorded in 2013 by the Sample Registration System of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India (Appendix 1.1-Part A).

# Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP)

The growth of GSDP of the State is an important indicator of the State's economy. A trend analysis of growth of GDP for a period of five years at current prices indicates the performance of the Government in fiscal management of the State. The growth rate of State GDP for the period 2009-14 compared with the National GDP is presented in the table below:

Annual growth rate of GDP and GSDP at cur
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Year	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
State GSDP* (₹ in crore)	6,132.76	7,411.57	8,906.64	$10,472.60^2$	$12,376.69^3$
Growth in per cent	89.92	20.85	20.17	17.58	18.18
National GDP# (₹ in crore)	61,08,903	72,48,860	83,9,1691	93,88,876	104,72,807
Growth in <i>per cent</i>	15.18	18.66	15.77	11.88	11.54

Source: \* Department of Economics, Statistics, Monitoring and Evaluation, Government of Sikkim.

The quantum of GDP (both State and National) is measured in terms of constant and current prices and as per their respective arithmetical calculations; these figures differ from each other every year. For comparison between both State and National GDPs, the GDP figure calculated on the basis of current price at factor cost with base year 2004-05 has been taken.

<sup>#</sup> Central Statistical Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, GOI.

Special privileges given to Sikkim includes financial assistance from Government of India in the ratio of 90 per cent grant and 10 per cent loan unlike non-special category States which get Central Assistance in the ratio of 70 per cent grant and 30 per cent loan.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Provisional Estimate.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Quick Estimate.

# 1.1 Introduction

The annual accounts of the State Government consist of Finance Accounts and Appropriation Accounts. The new format of Finance Accounts introduced from the year 2009-10, has been divided into two Volumes: Volume I and II. Volume I represents the financial statements of the Government in a summarised form while Volume II represents detailed financial statements, the structure and layout of which are depicted in **Appendix 1.1-Part B**.

This chapter provides a broad perspective of the finances of the Government of Sikkim during 2013-14. It analyses important changes in the major fiscal indicators compared to the previous year keeping in view the overall trends during the last five years. The analysis is based on the Finance Accounts and information obtained from the State Government. The structure of the Government Accounts and the layout of the Finance Accounts have been explained in **Appendix 1.1-Parts B and C** and **Appendix 1.2** presents the time series data on key fiscal variables/parameters and fiscal ratios relating to the State Government finances for the period 2009-14.

# 1.2 Summary of fiscal transactions

**Table 1.1** and **Appendix 1.3** present the summary of the fiscal transactions of the State Government and provide details of receipts and disbursements as well as the overall fiscal position, respectively during 2013-14 vis-à-vis the previous year.

**Table 1.1: Summary of the fiscal transactions** 

(₹in crore)

							(Vin Crore)	
Receip	ots		Disbursements					
	2012-13	2013-14		2012-13	2013-14			
Section-A: Revenue				Total	Non Plan	Plan	Total	
Revenue Receipts <sup>4</sup>	3,793.32	4,326.44	Revenue Expenditure <sup>5</sup>	3,012.35	2,404.83	1,053.13	3,457.96	
Tax revenue	435.48	524.92	General services	1,385.83	1,392.92	75.09	1,468.01	
Non-tax revenue	806.96	794.49	Social services	947.47	651.38	624.98	1,276.36	
Share of union taxes/ duties	698.48	762.62	Economic services	656.11	325.12	353.06	678.18	
Grants from Government of India	1,852.40	2,244.41	Grants-in-aid and contributions	22.94	35.41		35.41	
Misc. Capital receipts	0.00	0.00	Capital outlay	842.35		911.94	911.94	
Recoveries of loans and advances	0.90	0.92	Loans and advances disbursed	5.11			10.40	
Public debt receipts	196.81	296.32	Repayment of public debt	71.12			88.74	
Contingency Fund	0.00	0.00	Contingency Fund	0.00			1.00	
Public Account receipts <sup>6</sup>	4,059.44	4,683.55	Public Account disbursements <sup>7</sup>	4,000.92	·		4,602.22	
Opening cash balance	930.01	1,048.63	Closing cash balance	1,048.63			1,283.60	
Total	8,980.48	10,355.86	Total	8,980.48			10,355.86	

Source: Finance Accounts.

The following are the significant changes during 2013-14 over the previous year:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Revenue receipts and Non-tax revenue are inclusive of gross receipts (₹474.37 crore) from State Lotteries.

Revenue expenditure and General Services (Non-plan) are inclusive of expenditure (₹432.90 crore) on State Lotteries.

<sup>6</sup> Gross public Accounts receipts during the year.

Gross Public Accounts disbursement during the year.

Revenue receipts increased by ₹ 533.12 crore (14.05 *per cent*) over the previous year mainly due to increase in Grants from Government of India by ₹ 392.01 crore, Tax Revenue by ₹ 89.44 crore and share of Union Taxes/duties by ₹ 64.14 crore. However, there was decrease in Non-tax revenue by ₹ 12.47 crore as compared to previous year mainly due to low realisation under Sikkim State Lotteries by ₹ 72.01 crore.

Revenue expenditure increased by ₹ 445.61 crore (14.79 *per cent*) over the previous year as a result of increase in Social Services (₹ 328.89 crore), General Services (₹ 82.18 crore), Economic Services (₹ 22.07 crore) and in Grants-in-aid (₹ 12.47 crore).

Capital expenditure increased by ₹ 69.59 crore (8.26 per cent) over the previous year.

Public debt receipts increased by ₹ 99.51 crore (50.56 *per cent*) and its repayment increased by ₹ 17.62 crore (24.78 *per cent*) over the previous year.

The total outflow and inflow of the Government during the year 2013-14 was ₹ 9,072.26 crore and ₹ 9,307.23 crore respectively leading to increase in cash balance by ₹ 234.97 crore.

# 1.3 Fiscal reforms path in Sikkim

In Sikkim, fiscal reforms and consolidation were brought to the forefront with the State Government formulating the first Medium Term Fiscal Plan (MTFP) for the period 2011-12 to 2013-14 based on the broad parameters of fiscal management laid down by the Thirteenth Finance Commission (TFC) limiting fiscal deficit at the targeted level to ensure sustainable level of debt and improving transparency in a medium term framework during 2010-15. The fiscal management principles enshrined in the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act calls upon the State Government to ensure transparency in setting and implementation of fiscal policy, stability and predictability in policy making process, improve the management of public finance and improve efficiency in the design and implementation of fiscal policy related to management of assets and liabilities.

The Government of Sikkim enacted the FRBM Act in September 2010 and the Rules under the Act had been notified in March 2011. The Act aims to ensure fiscal stability and sustainability through maintaining balance in revenue account and planned reduction of fiscal deficit and prudent and sustainable debt management consistent with fiscal stability through limits on State Government borrowings, including off-budget borrowings and achieving greater transparency in fiscal operations of the Government and conduct of fiscal policy in a medium term fiscal framework. To give effect to the fiscal management principles, the Act prescribed the following fiscal targets for the State Government:

- (a) Maintain revenue account balance beginning from the year 2011-12;
- (b) Reduce the fiscal deficit to 3.5 *per cent* of the estimated Gross State Domestic Product in each of the financial years starting from 2011-12 and reduce the fiscal deficit to not more than three *per cent* of the estimated Gross State Domestic Product at the end of 31 March 2014 and adhere to it thereafter;
- (c) Cap the total outstanding guarantees within the specific limit under the Sikkim Ceiling on Government Guarantees Act 2000 (21 of 2000);

(d) Ensure that the outstanding debt-GSDP ratio follows a sustainable path emanating from the above targets of the deficit as specified by the Government beginning from the fiscal year 2011-12.

Revenue deficit and fiscal deficit may exceed the limits specified under the section on the ground or grounds of unforeseen demands on the finances of the Government due to national security or natural calamity subject to the condition that the excess beyond limits arising due to natural calamities does not exceed the actual fiscal cost that can be attributed to the calamities.

Provided further that the ground or grounds specified in the above proviso shall be placed before the Legislative Assembly as soon as may be, after it becomes likely that such deficit amount may exceed the aforesaid limit, with an accompanying report stating the likely extent of excess.

The outcome indicators reflecting the State's fiscal correction path for the period 2010-16 are given below:

**Table 1.2: State Fiscal Outcome indicator** 

(As per cent to GSDP)

	201	0_11	201	1_12	201	2_13	2013-14	
	201	U-11	201.	1-12	201.	u-13	201	J-1 <b>-1</b>
Parameters	Projections	Achievement	Projections	Achievement	Projections	Achievement	Projections	Achievement
Revenue Receipts <sup>8</sup> (a to d)	38.07	29.03	54.90	32.25	58.21	31.40	42.21	31.46
a. Own Tax Revenues	4.95	3.77	4.01	3.30	5.06	4.16	4.32	4.24
b. Own Non-Tax Revenues	4.28	3.27	4.09	2.74	4.22	2.88	3.16	2.92
c. Tax share	9.29	7.08	9.75	6.87	10.36	6.67	8.00	6.16
d. Grants-in-aid	19.55	14.91	37.05	19.34	38.56	17.69	26.73	18.13
Revenue Expenditure <sup>9</sup>	35.60	27.15	41.74	27.28	40.69	23.94	31.70	24.44
Capital Expenditure	8.07	6.09	18.59	6.91	21.02	8.04	13.51	7.37
Revenue Deficit	-2.47	-1.89	-13.16	-4.97	-17.52	-7.46	-10.51	-7.02
Fiscal Deficit	5.60	4.28	4.75	2.50	3.50	0.63	3.00	0.43
Primary Deficit	2.29	1.75	1.89	0.12	0.61	-1.27	1.01	-1.26
Outstanding Debt	42.99	37.75	41.75	35.49	41.03	31.94	29.90	29.36

N.B: Negative sign indicates surplus.

According to the Medium Term Fiscal parameters, Fiscal Deficit and Primary Deficit projected by the State Government during 2010-11 to 2013-14 were achieved. However, Revenue Surplus could not be maintained at the level projected during 2010-11 to 2013-14 due to non-achievement of projected Revenue Receipts.

Major fiscal variables provided in the budget based on recommendations of the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission and as targeted in the FRBM Act of the State is depicted in **Table 1.3** as given below:

Revenue Expenditure in this column and henceforth in this Report is excluding Lottery Expenditure.

Revenue Receipts and Own Non Tax Revenue in this column and hence forth in this Report are net of Lottery Expenditure. (including Salaries, Travel Expenses, Office Expenses and Rent, rates & Taxes besides prize payment)

Table 1.3: Details of Fiscal variables

Fiscal variables	XIII FC targets for the State	Targets as prescribed in FRBM Act	Targets proposed in the Budget	Projections made in Five Year Fiscal plan/MTFP	Actuals
Revenue Deficit(-)/Surplus(+) (₹in crore)	0.00	0.00	1012.64	1178.91	868.48
Fiscal Deficit/GSDP (in per cent)	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	0.43
Ratio of total outstanding debt of the Government to GSDP (in per cent)	58.80	29.90	29.90	29.85	29.36

Source: Information furnished by FRED.

# 1.3.1 Migration to New Pension Scheme (NPS)

The Government of India (GOI) introduced (1 April 2004) a defined, contribution based NPS to cover all new entrants to Government service. The interim Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) was established by the GOI (October 2003) to promote old age income security by establishing, developing and regulating pension funds and to protect the interest of subscribers subscribing to the scheme of pension funds. PFRDA being the regulator for the NPS had been authorised by the GOI to appoint/establish various intermediaries in the system, such as Central Record Keeping Agency (CRA), Pension Funds (PFs) Trust for the NPS, Custodian Banks, etc. PFRDA appointed National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) as the CRA for a period of 10 years from 1 December 2007 for performing the functions of record keeping, accounting, administration and customer services for subscribers to the schemes of pension funds approved by PFRDA. Further, three pension fund managers, a custodian and a trustee bank had also been appointed.

Under the NPS, the option to join the new system was available to the State Governments. The NPS Architecture, evolved and worked out by the PFRDA was capable of accommodating the various State Governments' request to join the NPS, within the overall framework of the Pension Architecture as devised by the PFRDA.

Although the State Government decided on implementation of the NPS in May 2006, it formally conveyed its decision to participate in the NPS in October 2007 and after a lapse of five year and seven months, the State Government finally drew an agreement with the CRA (NSDL) on 11 November 2011.

State Government employees recruited with effect from 1 April 2006 are eligible for the New Pension Scheme, which is a defined contributory pension scheme. In terms of the Scheme, the employee contributes 10 *per cent* of basic pay and dearness allowance, which is matched by the State Government, and the entire amount, is transferred to the designated fund manager through the National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL)/Trustee Bank. The actual amount payable by employees and the matching Government contribution had not been estimated. During the year, the Government of Sikkim deposited ₹ 29.47 crore under Major Head 8342-117-Defined Contribution Pension scheme (employees' contribution of ₹ 14.61 crore, matching Government contribution of ₹ 14.61 crore and ₹ 0.25 crore towards interest payment) and transferred an amount of ₹ 36.42 crore part of which pertained to previous year to NSDL/Trustee Bank. ₹ 30.03 crore contributed under the scheme in earlier years remained to be transferred to NSDL/Trustee Bank as on 31 March 2014. Uncollected,

unmatched and non-transferred amounts, with accrued interest, represent outstanding liabilities under the scheme.

# 1.3.2 Power Sector-Financial support by the State Government

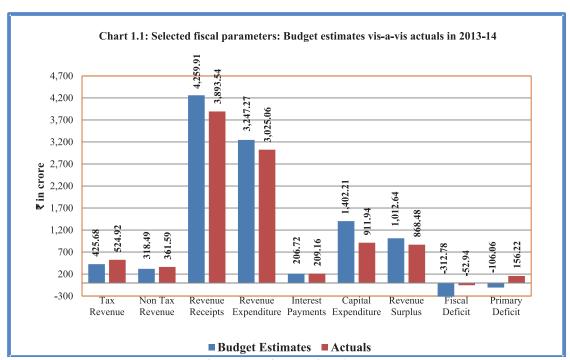
No financial support had been extended during the year by Government of Sikkim to the Sikkim Power Development Corporation Limited, being the only PSU under power sector.

# 1.4 Budget 2013-14

# 1.4.1 Actuals vis-à-vis budget estimates

Budget papers presented by the State Government provide estimation of revenue and expenditure for a particular fiscal year. The importance of accuracy in estimation of revenue and expenditure is widely accepted in the context of effective implementation of fiscal policies for overall economic management. Deviations from budget estimates are indicative of non-attainment and non-optimisation of desired fiscal objectives.

**Chart 1.1** presents the budget estimates and actuals of some important fiscal parameters for the year 2013-14.



Source: Finance Accounts. Estimate of receipts and Demand Book.

The Tax Revenue exceeded the budget provision by 23.31 per cent (₹ 99.24 crore). Non-tax revenue exceeded the budget provision by 13.53 per cent (₹ 43.10 crore). Revenue receipts was lower than budget provision by 8.60 per cent (₹ 366.37 crore) and Revenue expenditure was also lower than budget provision by 6.84 per cent (₹ 222.21 crore). Further, the Revenue Surplus was 14.24 per cent lower than the projection in the budget estimate. Capital Expenditure was less than the budget estimate by 30.65 per cent.

Sikkim's own tax revenue increased by 20.54 *per cent* from ₹ 435.48 crore in 2012-13 to ₹ 524.92 crore in 2013-14. The revenue from sales tax contributed the major share of tax revenue (54.55 *per cent*) which increased by ₹ 59.25 crore. State Excise duty increased by ₹ 9.52 crore. However, there was decrease in Land Revenue by ₹ 2.27 crore.

The Non-tax revenue which constituted 9.29 *per cent* of total revenue receipts, had increased by ₹ 59.59 crore from ₹ 302 crore in 2012-13 to ₹ 361.59 crore in 2013-14 and was higher than the budget projection by ₹ 43.10 crore (13.53 *per cent*). The main components which resulted in noticeable increase were Interest Receipts (₹ 21.02 crore), Power (₹ 16.03 crore), and Road Transport (₹ 5.08 crore). However, there was decrease in some of the components of Non-tax revenue like Miscellaneous General Services (₹ 57.42 crore) and Police (₹ 8.09 crore).

The State's share of Union taxes and duties stood at ₹ 762.62 crore, an increase of ₹ 64.14 crore over the previous year due to increase in the State's share in Corporation Tax by ₹ 5.57 crore, ₹ 18.67 crore in Taxes on Income other than Corporation Tax, ₹ 8.36 crore in Customs, ₹ 9.01 crore on Union Excise duties and Service Tax by ₹ 22.26 crore and ₹ 0.27 crore in Share of net proceeds on Wealth Tax.

Grants-in-aid from Centre to the State, a discretionary component of Central transfers, is considered an integral element of the revenue receipts of the State, which has an impact on the consolidated revenue deficit of the State. The grants-in-aid increased by ₹ 392.01 crore (21.16 *per cent*) from ₹ 1,852.40 crore in 2012-13 to ₹ 2,244.41 crore in 2013-14. The increase in components were State Plan Schemes (₹ 458.00 crore), Grants for Centrally Sponsored Plan Schemes (₹ 43.51 crore) and Grants for Special Plan Schemes (₹ 8.45 crore) offset by decrease in the component of Non Plan Grants (₹ 117.11 crore) and Central Plan Schemes (₹ 0.84 crore).

Revenue expenditure increased by ₹ 517.67 crore (20.65 *per cent*) over the previous year due to increase in General Services (₹ 154.22 crore), Economic Services (₹ 22.09 crore), Social Services (₹ 328.89 crore) and Grants-in-aid (₹ 12.47 crore).

Capital expenditure assumes importance as it has a lasting impact on growth as compared to revenue expenditure. If spent efficiently, it also ensures a more productive economy and enhances the Government's net worth arising from augmented revenues. During 2013-14, the Capital expenditure of the State was ₹ 911.94 crore and there was increase of ₹ 69.35 crore in capital outlay in 2013-14 as compared to previous year which was due to increase in General Services (₹ 86.21 crore) and in Economic service (₹ 8.39 crore) which was offset by decrease in Social service (₹ 25.01 crore). Major components of increase in General Service were outlay on Public Works (₹ 78.20 crore) and Police (₹ 8.02 crore). The main components of increase in Economic Services were Power (₹ 22.59 crore) and Agriculture and Allied Activities (₹ 3.04 crore). The major component of decrease under Social Services was Health and Family Welfare (₹ 7.91 crore) and Education, Sports, Art and Culture (₹ 12.39 crore).

# 1.4.2 Proposals for increasing the State's revenue receipts and reducing the revenue expenditure

The State Government issued an Office Memorandum dated 25 June 2012 containing various austerity measures in order to curtail expenditure and raise revenue in the State and empowered the 'Austerity Committee' to monitor the implementation of the austerity measures and recommend relaxation of the provisions contained in the memorandum as and when necessary. The 'Austerity Committee' met only once in 2013-14 on 29 July 2013 and out of 81 proposals of various departments, approved only 31 proposals during the meeting.

# 1.4.3 Gender Budgeting

The Constitution of India has mandated equality for every citizen of the country as a fundamental right. The Government of India has made international commitments in (i) The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) in 1980; (ii) World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna in 1993; (iii) International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in Cairo in 1994; (iv) Fourth World Conference of Women in Beijing in 1995 and (v) Commonwealth Plan of Action on Gender and Development in 1995 about the action to be taken for improvement in the life of women.

One of the tools that can be used to promote women's equality and empowerment is gender-responsive budgeting, or Gender Budgeting, as it is more commonly known in India.

Among others, Gender Budgeting serves in (i) identifying the felt needs of women and reprioritising and/or increasing expenditure to meet those needs; (ii) Supporting gender mainstreaming in macro-economics; (iii) Strengthening civil society participation in economics; (iv) Enhancing the linkages between economic and social policy outcomes; (v) Tracking public expenditure against gender and development policy commitments; and (vi) Contributing to the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Gender budgeting in Sikkim had not been fully evolved.

# 1.4.4 Policy initiatives of Budget 2013-14

For socio-economic and cultural development of Sikkim some policy initiatives were taken up in the Budget 2013-14. It was noticed that most of the initiatives taken up were not adequately followed up as detailed in **Appendix 1.4.** 

# 1.5 Resources of the State

# 1.5.1 Resources of the State as per Finance Accounts

The progress of the Government's programmes depends on its resources and the quantum of resources in any particular financial year determines the expenditure threshold of the Government. The components and sub-components of the State's receipts have been categorised in **Chart 1.2.** 

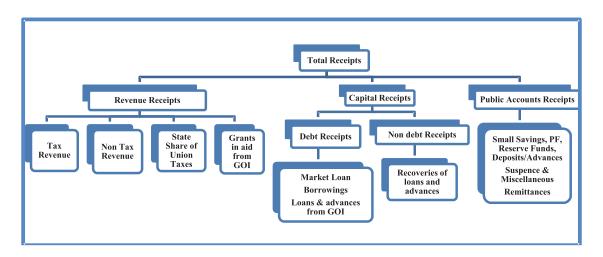
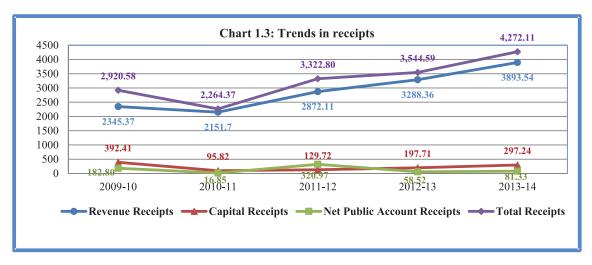
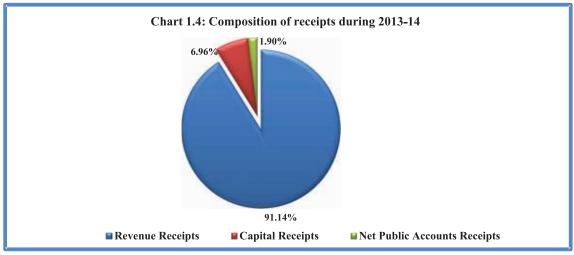


Chart 1.2: Components and sub-components of Resources

**Chart 1.3** depicts the trends in components of receipts during 2009-14, while **Chart 1.4** depicts the composition of resources of the State during the current year.





Source: Finance Accounts.

Total receipts increased by 46.28 *per cent* from ₹ 2,920.58 crore in 2009-10 to ₹ 4,272.11 crore in 2013-14. Further, there was an increase of total receipts over the previous year by ₹ 727.52 crore (20.52 *per cent*).

The share of Revenue Receipts in total receipts, which was 92.77 *per cent* in 2012-13, slightly decreased to 91.14 *per cent* in 2013-14.

Capital receipts increased by  $50.34 \ per \ cent$  from ₹ 197.71 crore in 2012-13 to ₹ 297.24 crore in 2013-14. Capital Receipts constituted 1.90  $per \ cent$  of the total receipts in 2013-14. The debt receipts which mainly constituted Capital receipts increased by ₹ 99.51 crore from the previous year, its share was 99.69  $per \ cent$  of capital receipts which was marginally higher by 0.15  $per \ cent$  over the previous year (99.54  $per \ cent$ ).

Apart from debt receipts, capital receipts include non-debt receipts such as recovery of loans and advances. In the year 2013-14 Recovery of loans and advances increased by 2.22 *per cent* over previous year.

Public Account receipts refer to those receipts for which the Government acts as a banker/trustee for the public money. Net Public Account receipts which totalled ₹ 182.80 crore in 2009-10 decreased to ₹ 81.33 crore in 2013-14 with growth of 38.98 *per cent* during the year compared to 2012-13. The details are shown in **Paragraph 1.6.7.** 

# 1.5.2 Funds transferred by Central Government to the State implementing agencies outside the State Budget

The Central Government has been transferring a sizeable quantum of funds directly to the State Implementing Agencies (SIA)<sup>10</sup> for implementation of various schemes/programmes in social and economic sectors, which are recognised as critical. In the present mechanism, these funds are not routed through the State Budget/State Treasury System and hence do not find mention in the Finance Accounts of the State. As such, the Annual Finance Accounts of the State does not provide a complete picture of the total funds received in the State during 2013-14. Government of India transferred an approximate amount of ₹ 331.14 crore during 2013-14 directly to the SIAs for implementation of various schemes/programmes in social and economic sectors, recognised as critical, as against the transfer of ₹ 335.07 crore, ₹ 414.01 crore and ₹ 413.13 crore during 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 which was an increase of 23.56 per cent in 2011-12 and decrease of 0.21 per cent in 2012-13 and further decrease by 19.85 per cent in 2013-14. Details of funds released in respect of major Central plan schemes are furnished in the table below:

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State Implementing Agencies include Organisations/Institutions including Non-Governmental Organisation which are authorised by the State Government to receive the funds from the Government of India for implementing specific programmes in the State, for e.g., State Health Society for NRHM, etc.

Table 1.4: Funds transferred directly to the State implementing agencies for major plan schemes

(₹in crore.

	Funds released								n crore)
						Funds	Closing balance		
Sl. No.	Programme/ Scheme	Implementing agency in the State	2009-10	2010-11	by GOI 2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	received by SIAs during 2013-14	as on 31 March 2014
1	Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan	Sarva Shiksa State Mission Authority	17.36	44.69	40.23	26.94	41.95	45.95	0.43
2	MG-NREGA	Rural Management & Development Department.	88.57	44.49	100.79	74.11	106.84	106.84	3.56
3	PMGSY	Sikkim Rural Roads Development Agency	21.80	79.38	80.00	193.62	1.97	1.97	1.36
4	National Rural Drinking Water Programme	State Water & Sanitation Mission (Rural Management and Development Department)	10.80	23.20	69.19	32.36	26.56	26.56	0.30
5	NRHM	State Health Society (Health care, Human Services & Family Welfare Department)	25.75	21.27	25.19	8.86	25.53	38.25	12.69
6	MPLAD Scheme	Land Revenue and Disaster Management Department	3.00	4.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	6.48
7	National River Conservation Plan	Water Security and Public Health Engineering Department	00	31.56	9.30	5.86	15.00	15.00	8.70
8	National Bamboo Mission	Horticulture & Cash Crop Development Department	00	3.33	3.50	1.5	2.80	2.80	0.57
9	Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA)	Human Resource Development Department	2.30	4.27	6.92	0.25	8.63	8.63	6.90
	G ( l. Pl	Total	169.58	256.19	345.12	353.50	239.28	256.00	40.99

Source: Central Plan Scheme monitoring system portal in 'Controller General of Accounts' website and information from State Government departments.

Above table shows that an amount of ₹ 256.00 crore (77.31 per cent of the total funds transferred) was given for (i) Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (0.59 per cent), (ii) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee programme (32.26 per cent), (iii) National Rural Health Mission (11.55 per cent), (iv) National Rural Drinking Water Programme (8.02 per cent), (v) National River Conservation Plan (4.53 per cent) (vi) Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (3.02 per cent), (vii) Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (13.88 per cent) (viii) Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (2.61 per cent) and (ix) National Bamboo Mission (0.85 per cent) during 2013-14. With transfer of an approximate amount of ₹ 331.14 crore directly by GOI to Implementing Agencies, the total availability of State resources during 2013-14 had increased from ₹ 4,272.11 crore 11 to ₹ 4,603.25 crore.

To present a holistic picture on availability of aggregate resources, funds directly transferred to SIAs are presented in **Appendix 1.5.** There was no single agency monitoring the funds

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After taking the net of Public Account Receipts.

directly transferred by the GOI and there was no readily available data on how much was actually spent in any particular year on major flagship schemes and other important schemes being implemented by the SIAs and funded directly by the GOI.

An analysis of two such schemes i.e., National River Conservation Plan and National Bamboo Mission (NBM) are indicated below:

# **National River Conservation Plan**

The river cleaning programme of the Ministry of Environment and Forests was started with the launching of Ganga Action Plan (GAP). The objective was to improve and conserve the water quality of river Ganga, which is the major fresh water source in the country through the implementation of pollution abatement scheme(s).

The Ganga Action Plan was later expanded to cover other rivers of the country under National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) in the year 1995. The NRCP programme presently covers polluted stretches of 40 rivers in 121 towns spread over 18 States.

The National River Conservation Plan (NCRP), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on a cost sharing basis between the Centre and State Government (90:10 *per cent*) is being implemented by the Water Security and Public Health Engineering Department.

Gangtok, the Capital town of Sikkim has been considered to be brought under the purview of the river cleaning programme and has been identified as major source of creating pollution to its local stream i.e., river Rani Chu which ultimately discharges in to river Teesta. Zone IV of Gangtok Town (Burtuk, Bhojogari, Sichey, Lower Sichey, Swastik, Helipad area, Baluakhani, Penlong which can be connected to STP at Lower Sichey along River Rani Khola) is selected for implementation of sewerage system and treatment of municipal sewage at a total cost of ₹ 76.92 crore on cost sharing of 90:10 between the Centre and State Government and funds were directly released to implementing agency without routing through the State budget.

As seen from the records as of September 2014, the Central Government released ₹ 61.72 crore which include ₹ 15 crore released during 2013-14 and total expenditure was ₹ 54.92 crore.

Test check of the records for the period 2013-14 revealed the following:

- The State Government managed to release only ₹ 1.40 crore out of the required share of ₹ 6.17 crore.
- Pollution abatement Project for Zone IV at Gangtok, Sikkim under NCRP for conservation of River Rani Chu revealed that the scheme was to be implemented over a period of 36 months from 2010-11. However, till September 2014 as seen from the latest progress report, the scheme was not completed. Thus, the intended objective of the projects for abatement of pollution of local rivers in Sikkim could not be achieved.
- An amount of ₹ 0.59 crore was diverted to some other works/activities defying the objective of the project and depriving beneficiaries of Zone IV of the intended benefits.

- The Department ordered various stock and non-stock materials for use in sewerage works under NRCP. As seen from the supply order, the rate of the materials were 'FOR Destination', but the Department instead made an extra payment of ₹ 6.15 lakh for transportation of these materials which resulted in undue favour to suppliers.
- As per rule, the Department is required to deduct 15 *per cent* void in case of procurement of Stones. Due to non-deduction of void, the Department suffered a loss of  $\ge 0.57$  lakh.

# National Bamboo Mission (NBM)

The National Bamboo Mission (NBM) was launched by the Department of Agriculture and Co-operation, Ministry of Agriculture, GOI in the year 2006-07 with the objective of progressively increasing yield of bamboo by enhancing coverage of area under bamboo cultivation. The ultimate objective of the NBM was to improve the economic condition of the rural people and also provide job security to those involved in bamboo based industries like furniture, handicrafts, household items, mates, boards, corrugated roofs, construction substitute for wood and metal etc. Bamboo is a very fast growing plant which starts to yield usable raw material within four to five years of planting. Thus, after maximum five years of planting, raw bamboo becomes available for all types of commercial use.

For implementation of the programme in Sikkim, a Mission Director was appointed under the Horticulture & Cash Crop Development Department (HCCDD) which functioned as the Nodal Department for NBM. The NBM programme in Non-forest areas was implemented by the HCCDD. In Forest areas, the Scheme was implemented under the aegis of the Forest, Environment and Wildlife Management Department by a Conservator of Forests, who acted as a Project Director for overseeing implementation of the NBM in the State's Forests. In the forest area of every district, the Forest Development Agencies (FDAs) were to take lead in carrying out activities of the National Bamboo Mission. During 2009-2014 the Department received ₹ 11.13 crore and incurred an expenditure of ₹ 10.56 crore leaving a balance of ₹ 0.57 crore as of March 2014.

- An amount of ₹ 22.50 lakh was paid as advances for training of farmers, TA etc. However, the advance was shown as final expenditure.
- The NBM guidelines envisaged construction of suitable warehouses near the forest areas for storage of bamboo crop after it is harvested. The harvested crop was also to be treated appropriately to enhance durability. Introduction of new designs and mechanisation of bamboo based crafts, introduction of grading systems of round and primary processed bamboo, introduction of preservative methods, conversion of niche bamboo handicraft products into mass products, introduction of utility handicrafts through industrialised means, setting up of bamboo wholesale and retail markets near villages, marketing through bamboo festivals, melas, expos, craft bazaars, bamboo markets and introduction of effective electronic information flow system were other essential activities required to be carried out for promotion, popularisation and sale of bamboo and bamboo based products to benefit all stake holders involved in the bamboo sector. However, records provided to audit did not show any plan and action

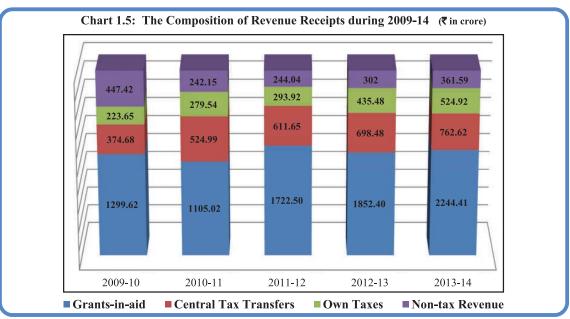
undertaken towards post-harvest collection, preservation-cum-storage, processing and marketing of bamboo crop and bamboo based products. Records also did not indicate any assessment and evaluation done to ascertain the fate of raw bamboo crop planted during 2006-07 to 2010-11. This defeated the primary objective of the NBM targeted to provide stable and regular farm income to the inhabitants residing near forest fringe areas besides failing to provide employment and livelihood security to artisans, skilled labourers and others associated with the bamboo sector as envisaged in the objectives of the NBM scheme.

# 1.6 Revenue Receipts

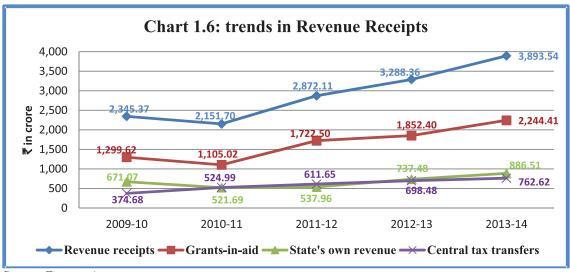
The trends and composition of revenue receipts over the period 2009-14 are presented in **Appendix 1.6** and are also depicted in **Charts 1.5** and **1.6** respectively.

Revenue receipts showed progressive increase from ₹ 2,345.37 crore in 2009-10 to ₹ 3,893.54 crore in 2013-14. The revenue receipts increased by ₹ 605.18 crore (18.40 per cent) over the previous year. The State's own resources, both tax and non-tax revenue contributed 22.77 per cent (₹ 886.51 crore) in the revenue receipts of the State during 2013-14. The balance was transferred from Government of India in the form of State's share of taxes and grants-in-aid contributions.

State's own resources consist of tax revenue and non-tax revenue. The share of tax revenue in revenue receipts was 13.48 *per cent* (₹ 524.92 crore) and non-tax revenue was 9.29 *per cent* (₹ 361.59 crore) during the year. Both tax revenue and non-tax revenue showed increase in 2013-14 compared to previous year.



Source: Finance Accounts.



Source: Finance Accounts

The trends in revenue receipts relative to GSDP are presented in **Table 1.5.** 

Table 1.5: Trends in revenue receipts relative to GSDP

(₹in crore)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Revenue receipts (RR) (₹ in crore)	2,345.37	2,151.70	2,872.11	3,288.36	3,893.54
GSDP (₹ in crore)	6,132.76	7,411.57	8,906.23	10,472.60	12,376.69
Rate of growth of GSDP (per cent)	89.92	20.85	20.17	17.58	18.18
Rate of Growth of RR (per cent)	33.40	(-) 8.26	33.48	14.49	18.40
Rate of Growth of State's own tax (per cent)	12.28	24.99	5.14	48.16	20.54
RR/GSDP (per cent)	38.24	29.03	32.25	31.40	31.46
Buoyancy ratios <sup>12</sup>					
Revenue buoyancy wrt GSDP	0.37	(-) 0.40	1.66	0.82	1.01
State's own tax buoyancy wrt GSDP	0.14	1.20	0.25	2.74	1.13
Revenue buoyancy wrt State's own taxes	2.72	(-) 0.33	6.51	0.30	0.90

Source: Finance Accounts.

The rate of growth of revenue receipts during 2013-14 over the previous year was 18.40 *per cent*. Revenue buoyancy, which was lowest during 2010-11, increased to 1.66 *per cent* in 2011-12 but decreased to 1.01 *per cent* in 2013-14.

### 1.6.1. State's own resources

As the State's share in Central taxes and grants-in-aid are determined on the basis of recommendations of the Finance Commission, collection of Central tax receipts and Central assistance for plan schemes, etc., the State's performance in mobilisation of additional resources should be assessed in terms of revenue from its own tax and non-tax sources.

The State's actual tax and non-tax receipts for the year 2013-14 vis-à-vis assessment made by XIII FC (2011-14) are given in **Table 1.6.** 

Buoyancy ratio indicates the elasticity or degree of responsiveness of a fiscal variable with respect to a given change in the base variable. For instance, revenue buoyancy at 0.7 implies that revenue receipts tend to increase by 0.7 percentage points, if the GSDP increases by one per cent.

Table 1.6: XIII FC recommendations vis-à-vis the actuals

(₹in crore)

	XIII FC projection	<b>Budget estimates</b>	Actuals
Tax Revenue	284.40	425.68	524.92
Non-Tax Revenue	503.48	318.48	361.59

The State exceeded the target set by XIII FC in respect of Tax Revenue by ₹ 240.52 crore but fell short of target in respect of Non-Tax Revenue by ₹ 141.89 crore in the current year. Further, the State succeeded in achieving the target set as per budget estimates in respect of both tax revenue and non-tax revenue which was higher by ₹ 99.24 crore and ₹ 43.11 crore respectively than the budget estimate during the year.

### Tax Revenue

The main sources of State's tax revenue was Taxes on sales, trade, etc. with a contribution of 7.35 *per cent* in Revenue Receipts of the State followed by State excise (3.10 *per cent*), Taxes on vehicles (0.48 *per cent*), Stamps and Registration Fees (0.17 *per cent*), Land Revenue (0.09 *per cent*) and Taxes on Income other than corporation Tax (0.36 *per cent*). The trends in the major constituents of tax revenue during the period 2009-14 are shown in **Table 1.7**.

**Table 1.7: Tax Revenue** 

(₹in crore)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Taxes on sales, trade, etc.	121.07	142.74	124.19	227.08	286.33
	(19.71)	(17.90)	(-13.00)	(82.85)	(26.09)
State Excise	57.27	70.64	96.26	111.12	120.64
	(23.24)	(23.35)	(36.27)	(15.44)	(8.57)
Stamps and registration fees	4.48	5.70	8.27	5.35	6.46
	(2.99)	(27.23)	(45.09)	(-35.31)	(20.75)
Taxes on vehicles	7.88	10.66	16.56	16.38	18.52
	(13.54)	(35.28)	(55.35)	(-1.09)	(13.06)
Land Revenue	2.71	7.33	4.61	5.66	3.39
	(38.97)	(170.48)	(-37.11)	(22.78)	(-40.11)
Taxes on goods and passengers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other taxes	30.24	42.47	44.03	69.89	89.58
	(-21.13)	(40.44)	(3.67)	(58.73)	(28.17)

Source: Finance Accounts. Figures in brackets indicate rate of growth in per cent.

The rate of growth of taxes on sales, trade, etc., during 2013-14 was 26.09 per cent (₹ 59.25 crore) due to increase in receipts under State Sales Tax and Trade Tax (SVAT) as compared to previous year. The growth rate of State Excise was 8.57 per cent (₹ 9.52 crore) due to increase in collection pertaining to foreign liquors & spirits and medicinal & toilet preparations containing alcohol, opium, etc.

Land Revenue had decreased by 40.11 *per cent* due to decrease in collection of other receipts of Land Revenue.

### Non-tax revenue

During 2009-14, on an average, interest receipts contributed 1.30 *per cent* in the total receipts of the State. Similarly, dividends and profits contributed 0.03 *per cent* and the rest (8.73 *per cent*) came from other non-tax receipts.

Table 1.8: Composition of non-tax revenue

(₹in crore)

Revenue Head	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Interest Receipts	44.18	28.14	29.39	46.00	67.02
interest receipts	(1.51)	(1.24)	(0.88)	(1.30)	(1.57)
D: :111.D	0.46	2.37	0.00	1.53	0.55
Dividends and Profits	(0.02)	(0.10)	(0.00)	(0.04)	(0.01)
Other non-tax receipts	402.78	211.64	214.65	254.47	294.02
	(13.79)	(9.35)	(6.46)	(7.18)	(6.88)
Total	447.42	242.15	244.04	302.00	361.59

Source: Finance Accounts. Figures in brackets indicate percentage to total receipts.

During 2010-11, the non-tax revenue decreased by ₹ 205.27 crore (45.88 per cent). However, during 2011-12 it increased by ₹ 1.89 crore (0.78 per cent) and further increased by ₹ 57.96 crore (23.75 per cent) and ₹ 59.59 crore (19.73 per cent) during 2012-13 and 2013-14 respectively.

Out of total non-tax revenue of ₹ 361.59 crore ₹ 14.61 crore represent write off of Central Loans under Central Plan Schemes and Centrally Sponsored Schemes advanced as per the recommendations of XIII FC.

The ratio of non-tax revenue to non-plan revenue expenditure is considered as an indicator of cost recovery from socio-economic services. The details of recovery of current cost as ratio of non-tax revenue receipts to non-plan revenue expenditure in respect of Education, Health & Family Welfare, Water Supply & Sanitation and Irrigation during 2013-14 are given in **Table 1.9.** 

Table 1.9: Cost recovery from socio-economic services

(₹in crore)

Service	Non-tax revenue receipts (NTR)	Non-plan revenue expenditure (NPRE)	Cost recovery (ratio of NTR/NPRE in <i>per cent</i> )
Education, Sports, Art and Culture	1.38	399.59	0.35
Health and Family Welfare	2.19	87.20	2.51
Water supply and sanitation	3.17	12.54	25.28
Irrigation	0.22	2.29	9.61

Source: Finance Accounts.

Cost recovery in respect of Education, Sports, Art and Culture during the year was 0.35 *per cent* being the lowest and the highest was 25.28 *per cent* pertaining to Water Supply and Sanitation. In respect of Health and Family Welfare and Irrigation the cost recovery remained at 2.51 and 9.61 *per cent* respectively.

### 1.6.2 Grants-in-aid from GOI

Grants-in-aid from GOI increased from ₹ 1,852.40 crore in 2012-13 to ₹ 2,244.41 crore in 2013-14 as shown in **Table 1.10.** 

Table 1.10: Grants in aid from GOI

(₹in crore)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Non-Plan Grants	28.79	121.32	345.74	265.37	148.26
Grants for State Plan Schemes	1,026.19	799.88	1,145.02	1,345.21	1803.20
Grants for Central Plan Schemes	4.63	5.30	3.56	1.03	0.20
Grants for Centrally Sponsored Plan Schemes	187.14	146.08	168.53	189.66	233.17
Grants for Special Plan Schemes (NEC)	52.87	32.44	59.65	51.13	59.58
Total	1,299.62	1,105.02	1,722.50	1,852.40	2,244.41

Source: Finance Accounts.

The GOI Grants increased by ₹ 392.01 crore during 2013-14 over the previous year due to increase in State Plan Schemes (₹ 457.99 crore), Grants for Centrally Sponsored Plan Schemes (CSS) (₹ 43.51 crore) and Grants for Special Plan Schemes (₹ 8.45 crore). However, there was decline of ₹ 117.11 crore in Non-Plan Grants and ₹ 0.83 crore in Grants for Central Plan Schemes.

During 2013-14, Grants-in-aid included Plan Grants amounting to ₹ 30.69 crore under XIII Finance Commission (XIII FC) out of which ₹ 7.60 crore was towards Environment related Grant (Forest), ₹ 0.55 crore for incentives for issuing Unique Identifications (UIDS) and ₹ 22.54 crore as State's Specific Grants.

### 1.6.3 Central tax transfers

There was an increase in the State's Share of Union taxes and duties in all components as compared to the previous year, viz., Corporation Tax of  $\stackrel{?}{\stackrel{\checkmark}}$  5.57 crore (2.22 per cent), Taxes on Income other than Corporation Tax of  $\stackrel{?}{\stackrel{\checkmark}}$  18.67 crore(12.43 per cent), Customs of  $\stackrel{?}{\stackrel{\checkmark}}$  8.36 crore (7.20 per cent), Union Excise duties of  $\stackrel{?}{\stackrel{\checkmark}}$  9.01 crore (11.43 per cent), Service Tax of  $\stackrel{?}{\stackrel{\checkmark}}$  22.26 crore (21.80 per cent) and  $\stackrel{?}{\stackrel{\checkmark}}$  0.27 crore (62.79 per cent) in Taxes on wealth.

Table 1.11: Central Tax transfers

(₹in crore)

Share of net proceeds of Taxes	2012-13	2013-14
Share of net proceeds on Corporation Tax	250.87	256.44
Share of net proceeds on Taxes on Income other than Corporation Tax	150.19	168.86
Share of net proceeds on Wealth Tax	0.43	0.70
Share of net proceeds on Customs	116.05	124.41
Share of net proceeds on Union Excise Duties	78.86	87.87
Share of net proceeds on Service Tax	102.08	124.34
Total	698.48	762.62

### 1.6.4 Debt waiver under the debt consolidation and relief facilities

The 12<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission, on the condition of enactment of the FRBM Act in the State, recommended benefits of interest relief on National Small Savings Fund and Central loans not consolidated during 2005-10. The loans availed of under the Centrally Sponsored

Schemes/Central Plan Schemes through the Ministries, other than the Ministry of Finance, which remained outstanding at the end of 2009-10 to the tune of ₹ 44.65 crore (₹ 33.96 crore as interest repayment and ₹ 10.69 crore as principal repayment) were to be written off.

Since Sikkim did not enact the FRBM Act, it could not get the benefit of consolidation of loans during the award period of 12<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission. However, the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission recommended that this facility be extended during 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission award period (2010-11 to 2014-15) on the condition that the State put in place the FRBM Act. On meeting this condition, the loans contracted by Sikkim till 31 March 2004 and outstanding at the end of the year preceding the year of legislation of such Act, shall be consolidated as per the same terms and conditions as recommended by the 12<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission. The State enacted the FRBM Act in September 2010 and could get the total benefit of ₹ 15.23 crore. Further central loans of ₹ 14.61 crore had been written off during 2013-14 under Central Plan Schemes and Centrally Sponsored Schemes advanced to the State Government other than Ministry of Finance, Government of India as per the recommendation of XIIIFC.

# 1.6.5 Optimisation of XIIIFC grants

The Commission had recommended ₹ 293.28 crore as transfer to the State in the areas indicated in the **Table-1.12** below during the period 2011-12 to 2013-14:

Table 1.12: Funds received from GOI

(₹in crore)

SI. No.	Transfer	Total Grant recommended by XIII FC for 5 years (2010- 11 to 2014-15)	Recommendation of FC for three years 2011-12 to 2013-14(3years)	Actual release by FC during 2011- 12 to 2013-14 (3 years)	Expenditure under relevant revenue heads of account till 2013- 14 (3 years)	Unutilised amount as of 31st March 2014
	Local Bodies					
	(i) General Basic Grant					
	(a) PRI	120.71	70.80	68.95	68.95	0.00
1	(b) ULB	1.69	1.00	0.27	0.27	0.00
	(ii) General Performance Grant					
	(a) PRI	63.90	41.61	4.50	4.50	0.00
	(b) ULB	0.90	0.59	0.05	0.05	0.00
	Disaster Relief					
	(i) Central Share (90%)	113.14	67.77	78.01	74.39	3.62
2	(ii) State Share	12.56	7.53	7.53	7.17	0.36
	(iii) Capacity Building for disaster response	5.00	3.00	3.00	2.28	0.72
3	Elementary Education	5.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
	Improving Outcome grants					
	(i) Improvement in Justice Delivery	21.80	13.07	0.56	4.27	0.00
1 , 1	(ii) Incentives for issuing UIDS	1.10	0.66	0.55	0.44	0.11
4	(iii)District Innovation Fund	4.00	4.00	2.00	1.84	0.16
	(iv) Statistical system Improvement	4.00	2.40	1.60	1.60	0.00
	(v)Employee and Pension data base	5.00	2.50	2.50	2.50	0.00
	Environment related Grant					
5	(i) Forest	40.56	25.35	22.82	22.79	0.03
3	(ii) Water Sector Management Irrigation)	4.00	3.00	0.00	0.23	0.00
6	Maintenance of Roads & Bridges	68.00	47.00	47.00	46.90	0.10
	Total	471.36	293.28	240.34	239.18	5.10
* Ex	penditure under Sl.No 4 (i) incurr	ed during the yea	r 2013-14 out of the	e saving availab	le during 2010-11.	·

Source: Departmental figures.

Similarly, Commission had recommended ₹ 300 crore of State Specific Grant as transfer to the State in the areas indicated in **Table 1.13** during the period 2011-12 to 2013-14.

Table 1.13: Grants received from GOI for the Specific areas (State Specific Grant)

(₹in crore)

	(₹in crore)							
SI. No.	Transfer	Recommendation of FC for the years 2011-12 to 2013-14	Recommend ation of FC for 2013-14	Actual release by FC during 2011-12 to 2013-14	Expenditure under relevant revenue heads of account during 2011-12 to 2013-14	Expenditure under relevant revenue heads of account 2013-14	Unutilised amount as on 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2014	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1	Sky Walk at Bhaley Dhunga	150.00	50.00	50.00	0.29	0.64	49.71	
2	Development of Village Tourism	60.00	20.00	20.00	1.97	17.97	18.03	
	Repair and Renovation							
	(i). Suspension Bridges ( North Sikkim)	26.25	8.75	17.50	16.57	8.65	0.93	
3	(ii). Upgradation of Namchi water Supply and overhauling of Changay source for Gyalshing and Rapdentse Water Supply	15.00	5.00	19.99	17.99	3.33	2.00	
	Police Training and Infrastructure							
4	(i). Police Training Centre at Yangyang	7.50	2.50	7.40	4.95	2.46	2.45	
	(ii). Residential & Non - residential building for Police Force	11.25	3.75	11.00	6.15	1.58	4.85	
	Border Area Development							
	(i). Additional storage facilities for essential commodities	4.50	1.50	1.58	0.43	0.47	1.15	
5	(ii). Reinforcement of existing security infrastructure new checkpost, improving road, security equipments etc.	11.25	3.75	7.95	6.15	3.28	1.80	
6	Establishment of State Capacity Building Institute at Burtuk	7.50	2.50	2.00	1.65	1.95	0.35	
7	Conservation of Heritage and Culture	6.75	2.25	5.84	1.50	2.31	4.34	
	Total	300.00	100.00	143.26	57.65	42.64	85.61	

As shown in the above two tables, the State Government as of March 2014 had received grants aggregating ₹ 383.60 crore (State Specific Grant of ₹ 143.26 crore and normal grants ₹ 240.34 crore) as against recommendation of ₹ 436.54 crore (State Specific Grant of ₹ 143.26 crore and normal grants ₹ 293.28 crore) leaving a balance of ₹ 52.94 crore. The balance of ₹ 52.94 crore pertaining to General Basic Grant (PRI - ₹ 1.85 crore and ULB - ₹ 0.73 crore), General Performance Grant (PRI - ₹ 37.11 crore and ULB - ₹ 0.54 crore), Elementary Education - ₹ 2 crore, Improvement Outcome Grant (Improvement in Justice Delivery ₹ 12.51 crore, Incentives for issuing UIDS - ₹ 0.11 crore, District innovation fund - ₹ 2 crore and Statistical System Improvement - ₹ 0.80 crore), Water Sector Management under Environment Related Grant - ₹ 5.53 crore were not received. However, there was excess release of ₹ 10.24 lakh under Disaster Relief. An amount of ₹ 90.71 crore remained unutilised out of the FC releases upto the end of 2013-14.

# 1.6.6 Capital Receipts

Table 1.14: Trends in growth and composition of Capital Receipts

Sources of State's Receipts	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Capital Receipts (CR) (₹in crore)	392.41	95.82	129.72	197.71	297.24
Miscellaneous Capital Receipts (₹in crore)	•	-	42.25	ı	•
Recovery of Loans and Advances (₹in crore)	0.30	0.79	0.03	0.90	0.92
Public Debt Receipts (₹in crore)	392.11	95.03	87.44	196.81	296.32
Rate of Growth of non-debt capital receipts (per cent)	(-) 21.05	163.33	(-) 96.20	2900	2.22
Rate of Growth of CR (per cent)	16.15	(-) 75.58	35.38	52.41	50.34

The Capital Receipts showed fluctuating trends over the period recording lowest rate of growth in 2010-11 and highest during 2012-13. It increased by ₹ 99.53 crore in 2013-14 over the previous year. Public debt receipts recorded significant increase during current year. There was no Miscellaneous Capital Receipts over the period except in 2011-12 which was the result of disinvestment made by the Government.

# 1.6.7 Public Accounts Receipts

Receipts and disbursements in respect of certain transactions such as small savings, provident funds, reserve funds, deposits, suspense, remittances etc. which do not form part of the Consolidated Fund, are kept in the Public Account set up under Article 266 (2) of the Constitution and are not subject to vote by the State Legislature. Here the Government acts as a banker. The balance after disbursements is the fund available with the Government for use.

Table 1.15: Details of balances in Public Accounts

(₹in crore)

Resources under various heads	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14			
Public Account balances								
a. Small Savings, Provident Fund, etc.	411.76	510.25	578.80	624.15	685.64			
b. Reserve Fund	151.37	172.15	254.22	246.00	313.15			
c. Deposits and Advances	64.36	84.37	102.29	141.75	145.18			
d. Suspense and Miscellaneous	175.22	77.51	115.31	157.34	99.03			
e. Remittances	166.93	138.68	256.84	196.73	204.31			
TOTAL	969.64	982.96	1,307.46	1,365.97	1,447.31			

Source: Finance Accounts.

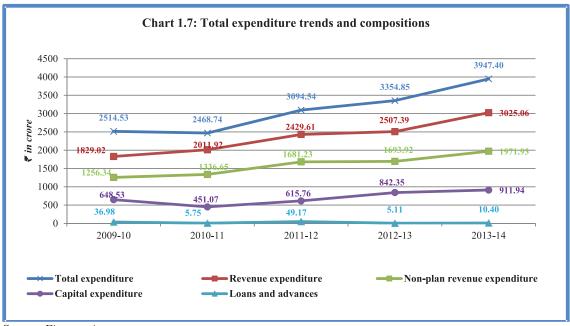
Public Account balances steadily increased from ₹ 969.64 crore in 2009-10 to ₹ 1,447.31 crore in 2013-14.

# 1.7 Application of resources

Analysis of the allocation of expenditure at the State Government level assumes significance as it is an important aspect of fiscal policy to achieve developmental goals. Within the framework of fiscal responsibility legislation, there are budgetary constraints in raising public expenditure financed by deficit or borrowings. At the same time, it is important to ensure that the ongoing fiscal correction and consolidation process at the State level is not at the cost of expenditure, especially expenditure directed towards development and social sectors.

# 1.7.1 Growth and composition of expenditure

Chart 1.7 presents the trends in total expenditure under revenue, capital and loans and advances, while Chart 1.8 exhibits the share of these components in total expenditure.



Source: Finance Accounts.

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Chart 1.8: Total expenditure: Trends in share of its components

Total expenditure increased by 59.98 *per cent* (₹ 1,432.87 crore) from ₹ 2,514.53 crore in 2009-10 to ₹ 3,947.40 crore in 2013-14 due to increase in revenue expenditure (₹ 1,196.04 crore) and Capital outlay (₹ 263.41 crore), partly offset by decrease in disbursement of loans and advances (₹ 26.58 crore).

During the period 2009-14, on an average, 77 *per cent* of the total expenditure was revenue expenditure. The share of revenue expenditure in the total expenditure increased from 73 *per cent* during 2009-10 to 81.50 *per cent* during 2010-11 and slightly declined to 78.51 *per cent* 

during 2011-12 and further showed downward trend in 2012-13 at 74.74 *per cent* and then increased to 76.64 *per cent* in 2013-14.

The share of capital expenditure in the total expenditure decreased from 25.79 *per cent* in 2009-10 to 18.27 *per cent* in 2010-11 and slightly increased to 19.90 *per cent* in 2011-12 and further increased to 25.11 *per cent* in 2012-13 but decreased to 23.10 *per cent* in 2013-14. However, the expenditure on capital sector had been on an increasing trend from 2011-12.

# 1.7.2 Buoyancy of expenditure

# Buoyancy of total expenditure

Growth rates of total expenditure during 2009-14, its ratio and buoyancy with reference to GSDP and revenue receipts are presented in **Table 1.16**.

**Table 1.16: Total expenditure - Basic parameters** 

(₹in crore, ratio in per cent)

	2000 10	2010 11	0044.40	2012.12	2012.11
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Total Expenditure (TE)	2,514.53	2,468.74	3,094.54	3,354.85	3,947.40
Rate of Growth (in per cent)	26.19	(-)1.82	25.34	8.41	17.66
GSDP	6,132.76	7,411.57	8,906.64	10,472.60	12,376.69
Rate of growth of GSDP (per cent)	89.92	20.85	30.17	17.58	18.18
TE/GSDP (ratio)	41.00	33.31	34.74	32.03	31.89
Revenue receipts/TE (ratio)	93.27	87.16	92.81	98.02	98.64
Revenue expenditure	1,829.02	2,011.92	2,429.61	2,507.39	3,025.06
Rate of Growth (in per cent)	32.48	9.99	20.76	3.20	20.65
Revenue Receipts	2,345.37	2,151.70	2,872.11	3,288.36	3,893.54
Rate of Growth (in per cent)	33.40	(-) 8.26	33.48	14.49	18.40
Capital expenditure	648.53	451.07	615.76	842.35	911.94
Rate of Growth (in per cent)	6.01	(-)30.45	36.51	36.80	8.26
Buoyancy of TE with					
GSDP (ratio)	0.29	(-) 0.09	1.26	0.48	0.97
Revenue Receipts (ratio)	0.78	0.22	0.76	0.58	0.96
Buoyancy of revenue expenditure with					
GSDP	0.36	0.48	1.03	0.18	1.14
Revenue Receipts	0.97	(-)1.21	0.62	0.22	1.12
Buoyancy of Capital expenditure with					
GSDP	0.07	(-)1.46	1.81	2.09	0.45
Revenue receipts	0.18	3.69	1.09	2.54	0.45

Source: Finance Accounts.

During the period 2009-14, the growth rate of total expenditure was highest (26.19 *per cent*) in 2009-10 and lowest (-1.82 *per cent*) in 2010-11. The growth rate of total expenditure which was at 8.41 *per cent* in 2012-13 increased to 17.66 *per cent* in 2013-14.

In 2013-14, total expenditure was 1.01 times the revenue receipts. The buoyancy ratio of total expenditure to revenue receipts was 0.96 *per cent*.

The growth rate of total expenditure (17.66 per cent) in 2013-14 was higher than the growth rate of GSDP (18.18 per cent) and the buoyancy of total expenditure to GSDP was 0.97 per cent in 2013-14, which was 0.48 per cent in 2012-13. Revenue receipts as a percentage of total expenditure stood at 98.64 per cent, which meant that 98.64 per cent of the total expenditure could be met out of revenue receipts.

Some of the significant increase and decrease in expenditure during the current year have been highlighted below:

- For General Services: Increase in General Services was mainly due to increase in expenditure under Public works (₹ 78.20 crore) and expenditure under State Police and Police housing (₹ 8.01 crore)
- Social Services: Increase was mainly on grants released to the Religious institution, inevitable payment of work charged salaries and wages under housing (₹ 63.69 crore), Forest and Wild life (₹ 35.23 crore) and expenditure on Natural Calamities (₹ 77.02 crore).
- Economic Services: The increase was mainly on implementation of two power projects (₹ 22.59 crore) and Urban Development (₹ 19.86 crore) offset by decrease mainly on other Agriculture Programme (₹ 24.50 crore).

# Buoyancy of revenue expenditure

The growth in revenue expenditure was higher than the growth of revenue receipts in 2013-14 and the growth of revenue expenditure was also higher than the growth of GSDP. For every one *per cent* growth in GSDP revenue expenditure grew by 1.14 *per cent*.

# Buoyancy of capital expenditure

During 2013-14, the growth in capital expenditure was lower than the growth of GSDP as well as lower than the revenue receipts.

# 1.7.3 Plan and non-plan expenditure

Finance Accounts provide a further classification of expenditure into plan and non-plan. Plan expenditure normally relates to incremental developmental expenditure on new projects or schemes and involves both revenue and capital expenditure. In order to maintain the level of services already achieved, non-plan expenditure is normally utilised. **Table 1.17** presents the growth and composition of plan and non-plan expenditure over the last five years.

Table 1.17: Growth in plan and non-plan expenditure

(₹in crore)

	Particulars		2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
	Revenue	572.68	675.27	748.38	813.47	1,053.13
	Capital	648.53	451.07	615.76	842.35	911.94
Plan	Loan	36.98	5.75	49.17	5.11	10.40
	Total	1,258.19	1,132.09	1,413.31	1,660.93	1,975.47
	Percentage of plan to total expenditure	50.04	45.86	45.67	49.51	51.04
	Revenue	1,256.34	1,336.65	1,681.23	1,693.92	1,971.93
	Capital		-	-	-	-
Non-plan	Loan	-	-	-	-	-
Tvon-plan	Total	1,256.34	1,336.65	1,681.23	1,693.92	1,971.93
	Percentage of non-plan to total expenditure	49.96	54.14	54.33	50.49	49.96
Total Expenditure		2,514.53	2,468.74	3,094.53	3,354.85	3,947.40

Source: Finance Accounts

The share of plan expenditure in the total expenditure, exhibiting increasing trend during last three years indicates productive quality of expenditure.

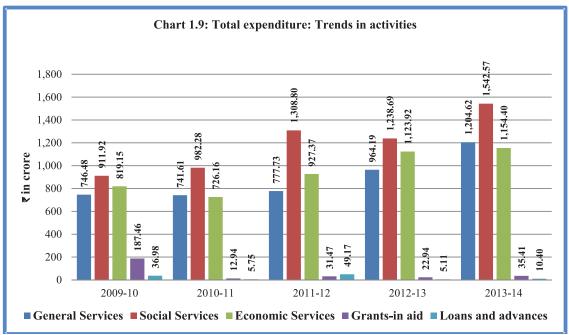
During the period 2009-14, while the plan revenue expenditure increased by 83.89 *per cent* from ₹ 572.68 crore in 2009-10 to ₹ 1,053.12 crore in 2013-14, non-plan revenue expenditure (NPRE) increased by 56.96 *per cent* from ₹ 1,256.34 crore to ₹ 1,971.93 crore.

The NPRE increased by ₹ 278.01 crore (16.41 *per cent*) compared to previous year. The increase was mainly on General Services by ₹ 123.18 crore, Economic Services by ₹ 34.95 crore Social Services by ₹ 107.41 crore and Grants-in-aid by ₹ 12.47 crore.

The salary expenditure during 2013-14 under Social Services was ₹ 473.25 crore, Economic Services was ₹ 283.13 crore and General Services was ₹ 337.50 crore which contributed 37.08 *per cent*, 41.75 *per cent* and 32.61 *per cent* of revenue expenditure under each services respectively.

# 1.7.4 Trends in expenditure by activities

In terms of activities, total expenditure could be considered as being composed of expenditure on general services (including interest payments), social services and economic services, grants-in-aid and loans and advances. Relative shares of these components in total expenditure (including loans and advances) are indicated in **Chart 1.9.** 



Source: Finance Accounts.

The expenditure on general services and interest together contributed 30.52 *per cent* in 2013-14 as against 28.74 *per cent* in 2012-13 and 27.63 *per cent* in 2009-10. On the other hand, expenditure on social and economic services together accounted for 68.32 *per cent* in 2013-14 as against 70.42 *per cent* in 2012-13 and 64.07 *per cent* in 2009-10. The grants-in-aid and loans and advances contributed 1.16 *per cent* during 2013-14 as against 8.30 *per cent* during 2009-10.

# 1.7.5 Incidence of revenue expenditure

The bulk of total expenditure goes towards revenue expenditure. Revenue expenditure is incurred to maintain the current level of services and make payment for past obligations and as such does not result in any addition to the State's infrastructure and services network.

Revenue expenditure increased by 65.39 *per cent* from ₹ 1,829.02 crore in 2009-10 to ₹ 3,025.06 crore in 2013-14 and it increased by 20.65 *per cent* from ₹ 2,507.39 crore in 2012-13 to ₹ 3,025.06 crore in 2013-14. The Non-Plan Revenue Expenditure (NPRE) constituted 65.19 *per cent* of the revenue expenditure and increased by ₹ 278.01 crore over the previous year. The Plan Revenue Expenditure (PRE) increased by ₹ 239.66 crore from ₹ 813.47 crore in 2012-13 to ₹ 1,053.13 crore in 2013-14.

The buoyancy of revenue expenditure with reference to GSDP was 1.14, whereas the buoyancy of revenue expenditure with reference to revenue receipts was 1.12 during 2013-14.

NPRE was a major component (65.19 per cent) during 2013-14. Only 34.81 per cent of revenue expenditure was PRE.

# 1.7.6 Committed expenditure

Committed expenditure of the State Government on revenue account mainly consisted of interest payments, expenditure on salaries, pension and subsidies. **Table 1.18** and **Chart 1.10** present the trends in the expenditure on these components during 2009-14.

**Table 1.18: Committed expenditure** 

(₹in crore)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Salaries, of which	830.05	882.31	874.83	971.01	1093.88
Salaries, of which	(66.07)	(66.01)	(52.04)	(54.13)	(55.47)
Non-plan head	646.68	629.64	642.14	773.95	822.10
Plan head*	183.37	252.68	232.69	197.06	271.78
Interest neverants	154.43	186.77	190.83	198.92	209.16
Interest payments	(12.29)	(13.97)	(6.64)	(11.09)	(10.61)
Expenditure on pension	125.75	160.14	173.76	225.17	260.63
Expenditure on pension	(10.01)	(11.98)	(6.04)	(12.55)	(13.20)
Subsidies	7.22	8.05	7.10	8.41	15.60
Substates	(0.57)	(0.60)	(0.24)	(0.47)	(0.79)
Total	1,117.45	1,237.27	1,246.52	1,403.51	1,578.86
As per cent of Revenue Receipts					
Salaries	35.39	41.01	30.45	29.53	28.09
Interest Payments	6.58	8.68	6.64	6.05	5.37
Pension	5.36	7.44	6.04	6.85	6.69
Subsidies	0.003	0.37	0.24	0.26	0.40

Figures in the brackets indicate percentage to non-plan revenue expenditure.

# Expenditure on salaries

Salaries alone accounted for 28.09 *per cent* of revenue receipts of the State during the year. Salaries increased by 12.65 *per cent* from ₹ 971.01 crore in 2012-13to ₹ 1093.88 crore in 2013-14. The expenditure on salaries was 36.16 *per cent* of the revenue expenditure.

<sup>\*</sup> Plan Head also includes the salaries and wages paid under Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

#### Pension payments

Pension payments increased by ₹ 34.99 crore from ₹ 225.17 crore in 2012-13to ₹ 260.63crore in 2013-14. Pension payment accounted for 6.69 *per cent* of the revenue receipts.

#### Interest payments

Interest payments increased by 5.15 *per cent* from ₹ 198.92 crore in 2012-13 to ₹ 209.16 crore in 2013-14. Interest payments of ₹ 209.16 crore in 2013-14 consisted of Internal Debt & Market Loans (₹ 147.47 crore), Small Savings, Provident Fund, etc. (₹ 49.93 crore) and loans received from Central Government (₹ 11.76 crore). The interest payments during 2013-14 exceeded the normative projections of XIII FC (₹ 170.21 crore) by ₹ 38.95 crore.

#### Subsidies

In any welfare State, it is not uncommon to provide subsidies/subventions to the disadvantaged sections of the society. Subsidies are dispensed not only explicitly but also implicitly by providing subsidised public service to the people. Budgetary support to financial institutions, inadequate returns on investments and poor recovery of user charges from social and economic services provided by the Government fall in the category of implicit subsidies.

Finance Accounts (**Appendix III**) showed an explicit subsidy of ₹ 7.22 crore (2009-10), ₹ 8.05 crore (2010-11), ₹ 7.10 crore (2011-12), ₹ 8.41 crore (2012-13) and ₹ 15.60 crore (2013-14) during the last five years. Subsidy payments during the year were for Food, Storage and Warehousing (₹ 15.52 crore) and Co-operation (₹ 0.08 crore). Subsidy in the co-operative sector predominantly represented transport and marketing subsidy given to Multi-Purpose Co-operative Societies (MPCS) and Sikkim State Co-operative Supply and Marketing Federation (SIMFED). Subsidies of ₹ 44.99 lakh were given during 2012-13 which decreased to ₹ 8.00 lakh during 2013-14 due to non-providing of market subsidy. Food subsidy is given to meet the differential cost of food grains under Public Distribution System (PDS).

#### 1.7.7 Financial assistance to local bodies and others

The quantum of assistance provided by way of grants to local bodies and others during the current year, relative to the previous years, is presented in **Table 1.19**.

Table 1.19: Financial assistance to local bodies and other institutions

(₹in crore)

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2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
0.76	0.67	1.31	0.00	0.60	0.05
110.85	182.05	242.94	248.22	220.66	260.51
0.53	3.72	1.25	1.19	2.33	1.17
0.87	1.02	0.30	0.33	2.07	0.63
-	-	0.70	0.25	0.00	0.00
-	-	1.36	1.18	0.00	0.00
			1.22	2.23	0.00
113.01	187.46	247.86	252.39	227.89	262.36
8.19	10.25	12.32	10.39	9.09	8.67
	0.76 110.85 0.53 0.87 - - - 113.01	0.76     0.67       110.85     182.05       0.53     3.72       0.87     1.02       -     -       -     -       113.01     187.46	0.76         0.67         1.31           110.85         182.05         242.94           0.53         3.72         1.25           0.87         1.02         0.30           -         -         0.70           -         -         1.36           113.01         187.46         247.86	0.76         0.67         1.31         0.00           110.85         182.05         242.94         248.22           0.53         3.72         1.25         1.19           0.87         1.02         0.30         0.33           -         -         0.70         0.25           -         -         1.36         1.18           113.01         187.46         247.86         252.39	0.76         0.67         1.31         0.00         0.60           110.85         182.05         242.94         248.22         220.66           0.53         3.72         1.25         1.19         2.33           0.87         1.02         0.30         0.33         2.07           -         -         0.70         0.25         0.00           -         -         1.36         1.18         0.00           -         1.22         2.23           113.01         187.46         247.86         252.39         227.89

Source: Finance Accounts.

The total assistance during 2013-14 had increased by 15.04 *per cent* over the previous year mainly due to increase in assistance to Zilla Parishads and Other Panchayat Raj Institutions. The assistance to other institutions like Zilla Parishads and Panchayati Raj Institutions were for developmental works.

#### 1.7.8 Local Bodies

The position regarding major issues relating to Local Bodies, i.e., Panchayati Raj Institutions(s) are summarised in the following paragraph.

#### 1.7.8.1 An overview of Local Bodies (Panchayati Raj Institutions)

The position regarding major issues relating to Local Bodies, i.e. Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) are summarised in the following paragraph.

The Sikkim Panchayat Act 1993 was enacted to establish a two tier PRI system at village and district levels in the State following the 73rd Constitutional Amendment. The system envisaged elected bodies at village (Gram Panchayats (GPs)) and district level (Zilla Panchayat (ZPs)). As of March 2014, there were 4 ZPs (North, East, South and West) and 176 GPs in the State.

The PRIs are solely funded by the Government through grants-in-aid from Central and State Governments for general administration as well as development activities. Funds are initially reflected in the State budget against the outlay of various administrative departments under grants in aid. Individual departments thereafter transfer the funds to Sachiva, Zilla Panchayats for Zilla Panchayat and Additional District Collector (Development) for GPs as grants-in-aid. The ZPs and GPs, in turn, deposit their funds in the savings account maintained with the nationalised banks.

Audit of PRIs during 2013-14 revealed the following:

- Absence of sound basis for transfer of funds to the PRIs by the departments constrained the PRIs to formulate their plan with certainty. Thus, the planning at the PRI level was on ad-hoc basis.
- Although the State Government delineated the role and responsibilities of each tier of PRIs by transferring 29 subjects for devolution of all the functions listed in the 11th schedule of the Constitution to the PRIs, only 15 subjects were actually transferred to PRIs.
- Scrutiny of records in 84 GPs revealed that basic records and registers were not maintained properly as required under Sikkim Panchayat Rules 2004.
- Despite provision under Sikkim Panchayat Act 1993, none of the PRIs had maintained asset registers to indicate the assets possessed by the GPs/ZPs, cost of assets, maintenance cost, etc. Requirement of Annual Physical Verification of assets as required under the Sikkim Financial Rules were also not carried out in any of the GPs/ZPs.

The GPs had not initiated adequate steps to augment their revenue base despite having enabling provision in the Sikkim Panchayat Act 1993 and recommendation of succeeding State Finance Commissions, accepted by the State Government.

# 1.8 Quality of Expenditure

The availability of better social and physical infrastructure in the State generally reflects the quality of its expenditure. The improvement in the quality of expenditure basically involves three aspects, viz., adequacy of the expenditure (i.e., adequate provisions for providing public services); efficiency of expenditure use and the effectiveness of expenditure.

#### 1.8.1 Adequacy of public expenditure

The expenditure responsibilities relating to social sector and economic infrastructure assigned to the State Governments are largely State subjects. Enhancing human development levels requires the States to step up their expenditure on key social services like education, health, etc. Low fiscal priority (ratio of expenditure category to aggregate expenditure) can be stated to have been attached to a particular sector if the priority given to that particular head of expenditure is decreasing over the years.

**Table 1.20** analyses the fiscal priority of the State Government with regard to development expenditure, social expenditure and capital expenditure in 2010-11 and the current year 2013-14.

Table 1.20: Fiscal priority of the State in 2010-11 and 2013-14

(In per cent)

Fiscal priority of the State	AE/GSDP	DE*/AE	SSE/AE	CE/AE	Education/AE	Health/AE
Sikkim's Average (Ratio) 2010-11	33.31	69.44	40.02	18.27	24.27	6.32
Sikkim's Average (Ratio) 2013-14	31.89	68.59	39.34	23.10	17.49	6.46

AE: Aggregate Expenditure, DE\*: Development Expenditure, SSE: Social Sector Expenditure, CE: Capital Expenditure

**Table 1.20** shows the fiscal priority given by the Sikkim Government to various expenditure heads during 2010-11 and 2013-14. The AE/GSDP ratio of the Government of Sikkim in 2013-14 had decreased by 1.42 *per cent* as compared to 2010-11.

The ratio of development expenditure as a proportion to aggregate expenditure decreased marginally by 0.85 *per cent* in 2013-14 as compared to 2010-11 which indicates that the State had given less priority to this category of expenditure during the current year.

In Social Sector, Sikkim Government's expenditure as a percentage of AE had also decreased by 0.68 *per cent* in the year 2013-14 as compared to 2010-11. The expenditure on Capital Sector had increased by 4.83 *per cent* in 2013-14 indicating that the State Government had given more emphasis to capital expenditure during the year. Further, expenditure on Education as a percentage of AE had decreased from 24.27 *per cent* in the year 2010-11 to

<sup>\*</sup> Development expenditure includes Development Revenue Expenditure, Development Capital Expenditure and Loans and Advances disbursed.

17.49 *per cent* in the year 2013-14. However, the percentage of expenditure on health had marginally increased from 6.32 *per cent* in 2010-11 to 6.46 *per cent* in 2013-14.

# 1.8.2 Efficiency of expenditure use

In view of the importance of public expenditure on development heads for social and economic development, it is imperative for the State Governments to take appropriate expenditure rationalisation measures and lay emphasis on provision of core public and merit goods<sup>13</sup>. Apart from improving the allocation towards development expenditure<sup>14</sup>, particularly in view of the fiscal space being created on account of decline in debt servicing in recent years, the efficiency of expenditure use is also reflected by the ratio of capital expenditure to total expenditure and proportion of revenue expenditure being spent on operation and maintenance of the existing social and economic services. The higher the ratio of social and economic services to total expenditure, the better would be the quality of expenditure. **Table 1.21** presents the trends in development expenditure relative to the aggregate of the State during the current year vis-à-vis the previous years. **Table 1.22** provides the details of capital expenditure and the components of revenue expenditure incurred on the maintenance of selected social and economic services.

Table 1.21: Development expenditure

(₹in crore)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Development expenditure (DE)	1,768.05	1,714.19	2,285.35	2,367.72	2,707.37
Percentage of DE to total expenditure	70.31	69.20	73.85	70.58	68.59
Composition of DE					
Revenue	1171.41	1314.04	1645.71	1603.57	1954.55
Revenue	(66.25)	(76.66)	(72.01)	(67.72)	(72.19)
Capital	559.66	394.40	590.47	759.04	742.42
Capital	(31.65)	(23.00)	(25.84)	(32.06)	(27.42)
Loans and advances	36.98	5.75	49.17	5.11	10.40
Loans and advances	(2.10)	(0.34)	(2.15)	(0.22)	(0.39)

Source: Finance Accounts. Figures in brackets indicate percentage to aggregate expenditure

Development expenditure comprising revenue expenditure, capital outlay and loans and advances on socio-economic services increased from ₹ 1,768.05 crore in 2009-10 to ₹ 2,707.37 crore in 2013-14. As a percentage of total expenditure, it decreased from 70.31 per cent in 2009-10 to 68.59 per cent in 2013-14. In the current year, development expenditure decreased to 68.59 per cent as compared to 70.58 per cent in the previous year.

<sup>13</sup> Core public goods are those which all citizens enjoy in common in the sense that each individual's consumption of such goods leads to no subtractions from any other individual's consumption of those goods, e.g., enforcement of law and order, security and protection of citizen's rights, pollution free air and other environmental goods and road infrastructure, etc.

Merit goods are commodities that the public sector provides free or at subsidised rates because an individual or society should have them on the basis of some concept of need, rather than ability and willingness to pay the Government and therefore wishes to encourage their consumption. Examples of such goods include the provision of free or subsidised food for the poor to support nutrition, delivery of health services to improve quality of life and reduce mortality, providing basic education to all, drinking water and sanitation, etc.

<sup>14</sup> The analysis of expenditure is segregated into development and non-development expenditure. All expenditure relating to revenue account, capital outlay and loans and advances is categorised into social, economic and general services. Broadly, the social and economic services constitute development expenditure, while expenditure on general services is treated as non-development expenditure.

On an average, 72 *per cent* of the development expenditure was on revenue account while capital expenditure including loans and advances accounted for the balance during the years.

In 2013-14, development revenue expenditure included, *inter alia* expenditure on salary (₹ 756.38 crore), subsidy (₹ 15.60 crore) and financial assistance to local bodies and other institutions (₹ 227.89 crore).

Table 1.22: Efficiency of expenditure use

(Ratio in per cent)

		2012-13	2013-14		
Particulars	Ratio of CE to TE	Share of salaries (excluding wages and O&M) in RE	Ratio of CE to TE	Share of Salaries (excluding wages and O&M) in RE	
Social Services (SS)					
Education, sports, art and culture	1.85	10.65	1.26	10.02	
Health and family welfare	3.02	3.95	2.37	3.76	
Water supply, sanitation, housing and urban development	3.76	0.51	2.82	0.66	
Others	0.04	0.04	0.30	1.21	
Total (SS)	6.67	15.15	6.74	15.64	
Economic Services (ES)					
Agriculture & allied activities	0.28	4.24	0.31	3.93	
Irrigation & flood control	0.21	0.24	0.10	0.21	
Power & Energy	1.30	1.70	1.68	1.57	
Transport	9.42	1.89	7.48	1.70	
Others	2.74	0.14	2.49	1.95	
Total (ES)	13.95	8.21	12.06	9.36	
Total (SS+ES)	20.62	23.36	18.81	25.00	

Source: Finance Accounts. TE: Total Expenditure; CE: Capital Expenditure; RE: Revenue Expenditure

#### Expenditure on social services

Capital expenditure on social services decreased from ₹ 291.22 crore in 2012-13 to ₹ 266.22 crore in 2013-14. There was increase in ratio of capital to total expenditure by 2.28 *per cent* as compared to the previous year.

The share of salary expenditure under social services in Revenue Expenditure was 15.15 *per cent* in 2012-13, which slightly increased to 15.64 *per cent* in 2012-13.

#### Expenditure on economic services

Capital expenditure on economic services increased from ₹ 467.82 crore in 2012-13 crore to ₹ 476.21 crore in 2013-14. The increase in Capital outlay was for Flood Control Programme, Village and Small Industries, Consumer Industries and Roads and Bridges schemes.

The share of salary expenditure under economic services which was 8.21 *per cent* during 2012-13 had increased to 9.36 *per cent* of revenue expenditure in 2013-14.

# 1.9 Financial Analysis of Government expenditure and investments

In the post-MTFP framework, the Government is expected to keep its fiscal deficit (borrowing) not only at low levels but also meet its capital expenditure/investment (including loans and advances) requirements. In addition, the State Government needs to initiate measures to earn adequate return on its investments and recover cost of borrowed funds

rather than bearing the same in its budget in the form of implicit subsidy and also needs to take requisite steps to infuse transparency in financial operations. This section presents the broad financial analysis of investments and other capital expenditure undertaken by the Government during the current year vis-à-vis previous years.

# 1.9.1 Incomplete projects

The department-wise information pertaining to incomplete projects as on 31 March 2014 is given in **Table 1.23.** 

Table 1.23: Department wise profile of incomplete projects

(₹in crore)

					(Vin Crore)
Department	No. of incomplete projects as on 31 March 2014	Initial budgeted cost	Revised total Cost	Cost overrun	Actual expenditure as on 31 March 2014
Building and Housing	11	101.36	126.09	24.73	45.37
Health Care, Human Service & Family Welfare	34	513.19	513.19	0	323.63
Human Resource Development	115	234.38	234.38	0	92.51
Urban Development and Housing	33	324.18	324.18	0	132.74
Tourism and Civil Aviation Department	70	332.76	332.76	0	110.30
Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department	03	2.42	2.42	0	1.21
Total	266	1,508.29	1,533.02	24.73	705.76

Source: Finance Accounts.

As per information received from the State Government, there were 266 incomplete projects (estimated cost ₹ 1,508.29 crore) as on 31 March 2014 in which an expenditure amounting to ₹ 705.76 crore had been incurred, out of which 200 works (estimated cost: ₹ 628.07 crore and actual expenditure incurred as on 31 March 2014: ₹ 323.23 crore) were due to be completed by 31 March 2014 and in case of 16 works, years of commencement and target date of completion were not furnished by the Tourism and Civil Aviation Department. Out of 200 works due to be completed by 31 March 2014, the cost of four incomplete projects was revised and increased by 45.55 *per cent* i.e., ₹ 24.73 crore (Building and Housing Department). Due to the non-completion of works in scheduled time, benefits of the projects did not reach the intended beneficiaries in time.

Information regarding the incomplete works was not furnished by the Water Security and Public Health Engineering Department, Sikkim Public Works department (Roads and Bridges), Rural Management and Development Department, Energy and Power Department and Irrigation and Flood Control Department, Government of Sikkim.

#### 1.9.2 Investment and returns

As of March 2014, Government had invested ₹ 97.42 crore in Statutory Corporations, Banks, Joint Stock Companies and Co-operatives as detailed in succeeding paragraphs. The return during the current year was 0.56 per cent as detailed in **Table 1.24** below:

1.24: Return on investment

(₹in crore)

Particulars Particulars	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Investment at the end of the year (₹ in crore)	89.31	90.31	97.42	97.42	97.42
Return (₹ in crore)	0.46	2.37	Nil	1.53	0.55
Return (per cent)	0.52	2.62	Nil	1.57	0.56
Average rate of interest on Government borrowings (per cent)	8.35	9.00	9.00	9.50	8.33
Difference between interest rate and return (per cent)	7.83	6.38	9.00	7.93	7.77

Source: Finance Accounts.

The details of investment of ₹ 97.42 crore up to the end of 2013-14 by the State Government in Statutory Corporations (3), Joint Stock Companies (21) and Banks and Co-operative Societies (8) are detailed in **Appendix 1.7**.

It was noticed that the Government had invested ₹ 63.70 crore in the following Companies incurring perennial loss <sup>15</sup> (**Table 1.25**).

Table 1.25: Investment in Government Companies under perennial loss

(₹in crore)

Sl. No	Name of the Government Company	Investment upto 2013-14 in Equity & Loans	Subsidy/ Grants	Cumulative loss(**)	Year of accounts approved by Board
1.	Sikkim Poultry Development Corporation Ltd.(SPDCL)	0.89	0.18	0.73	2008-09
2.	Sikkim Hatcheries Limited (SHL)	0.46	Nil	1.67	2008-09
3.	Sikkim Livestock Processing and Development Corporation (SLPDC)	0.35	Nil	1.02	2012.13
4.	Sikkim Power Development Corporation	10.35	Nil	28.86	2012-13
5.	Sikkim SC, ST & OBC Development Corporation (SABCCO)	9.30	Nil	11.34	2011-12
6.	Sikkim Time Corporation	23.49	Nil	15.89	2012
7.	Sikkim Jewels company	14.47	Nil	21.42	2012
8.	Sikkim Precision Industries	4.39	Nil	3.53	2012
	TOTAL	63.70	0.18	84.46	

Source: Information furnished by the departments.

(\*\*) Accumulated loss upto the latest annual accounts approved by Board.

Against eight working companies/Corporations wherein State Government had invested ₹ 42.45 crore (₹ 40.42 crore as equity and ₹ 2.03 crore as loan), three there earning profits, as per their latest finalised annual account as on 30 September 2014, while remaining had incurred losses. Of the three profit earning Companies/Corporations, Sikkim Industrial Development and Investment Corporation Limited declared a dividend of ₹ 0.51 crore for the year 2012-13.

The return from investment was meagre and some of the Companies/Corporations were under perennial loss. Effective steps may be taken by the State Government either to revive the units or close down the units incurring losses to avoid further financial burden on the Government.

Loss made during last five approved accounts.

Sikkim Industrial Development & Investment Corporation: ₹ 2.80 crore (2012-13), Sikkim Tourism Development Corporation: ₹ 0.04 crore (2012-13) and State Trading Corporation of Sikkim: ₹ 0.85 crore (2010-11).

#### 1.9.3 State PSUs-finalisation of accounts and enhancing financial viability

The XIII Finance Commission recommended that all States should endeavour to ensure clearance of the accounts of all PSUs. All disinvestment receipts should be maintained in the Consolidated Fund and transfer of such receipts to the Public Account should be discouraged.

The finalisation of 66 Annual Accounts in respect of 15 State PSUs pertaining to the year 1995-96 to 2013-14 were in arrears as of September 2014 due to delay in completion/adoption of accounts by the Board of Directors of the respective SPSUs as detailed below:

Table 1.26: Delay in completion/adoption of accounts by the Board of Directors

Sl. No.	Name of PSUs	Years for which Annual Accounts to be finalised	Number of Accounts
	Working		
1.	Sikkim Industrial Development and Investment Corporation Ltd.(SIDICO)	2013-14	1
2.	Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe & Other Backward Class Development Corporation Ltd. (SABCCO)	2012-13, 2013-14	2
3.	Sikkim Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. (STDC)	2013-14	1
4.	Sikkim Power Development Corporation Ltd. (SPDC)	2013-14	1
5.	Sikkim Poultry Development Corporation Ltd. (SPDCL)	2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14	5
6.	Sikkim Hatcheries Ltd.(SHL)	2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14	5
7	State Bank of Sikkim (SBS)	2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14	3
8.	State Trading Corporation of Sikkim (STCS)	2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14	3
	Non-working		
9.	Chandmari Workshop and Automobiles Limited (CWAL)	1995-96 to 2013-14	19
10.	Sikkim Flour mills Limited (SFML)	1995-96 to 2013-14	19
11.	Sikkim Time Corporation	2013-14	1
12.	Sikkim Jewels company	2013-14	1
13.	Sikkim Precision Industries	2013-14	1
14.	Sikkim Mining Corporation (SMC)	2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14	3
15.	Sikkim Livestock Processing and Development Corporation Ltd.	2013-14	1
	TOTAL		66

Source: Information furnished by the departments.

#### 1.9.4 Loans and advances by the State Government

In addition to investments in Companies, Corporations and Co-operative Institutions, Government also provided loans and advances to many Institutions/Organisations. **Table 1.27** presents the position of outstanding loans and advances as of March 2014 and interest receipts vis-à-vis interest payments during the last five years.

Table 1.27: Average interest received on loans advanced by the State Government

(₹in crore)

Particulars Particulars	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Opening balance	4.99	41.67	46.63	95.78	99.99
Amount advanced during the year	36.98	5.75	49.18	5.11	10.40
Amount repaid during the year	0.30	0.79	0.03	0.89	0.91
Closing balance	41.67	46.63	95.78	99.99	109.48
Net addition	(+) 36.68	(+) 4.96	(+) 49.15	(+) 4.21	(+)9.49
Interest receipts	7.82	3.36	1.84	2.61	4.18
Interest receipts as <i>per cent</i> to outstanding loans and advances	18.77	7.21	1.92	2.61	3.82
Interest payments as <i>per cent</i> to outstanding fiscal liabilities of the State Government	5.59	6.68	6.04	5.95	5.76
Difference between interest payments and interest receipts (in <i>per cent</i> )	(-) 13.18	(-) 0.53	4.12	3.34	1.94

Source: Finance Accounts.

Out of amount of ₹ 10.40 crore advanced during the year 2013-14, ₹ 10 crore was against the educational loans for higher studies in colleges and universities. Further, ₹ 0.40 crore was against loans and advances paid to various Government servants which were governed under the provisions of Sikkim Financial Rules.

Loans outstanding as of March 2014 aggregated to ₹ 109.48 crore. The interest received during the financial years 2009-14 was more than the interest payments. During 2013-14, Interest receipts as percentage to outstanding loans and advances was 3.82 *per cent* against Interest paid as percentage to outstanding fiscal liabilities being 5.76 *per cent*.

#### 1.9.5 Cash balances and investment of cash balances

**Table 1.28** depicts the cash balances and investments made there from by the State Government during the year.

Table 1.28: Investment of cash balances

(₹in crore)

	As of 31 March 2013	As of 31 March 2014
(a) General Cash Balance -	65.36	270.60
Cash in Treasuries	-	-
Deposits with Reserve Bank	-	ı
Deposits with other Banks	=	=
Remittances in transit - Local	-	-
Total	65.36	270.60
Investments held in Cash Balance investment account	750.00	750.00
Total (a)	815.36	1,020.60
(b) Other Cash Balances and Investments		
Cash with departmental officers viz, Public Works Department Officers, Forest Department Officers, District Collectors	0.05	0.55
Permanent advances for contingent expenditure with departmental officers	0.41	0.42
Investment of earmarked funds	232.80	262.03
Total (b)	233.26	263.00
Grand total (a)+ (b)	1,048.62	1,283.60

Source: Finance Accounts.

Under a resolution passed in the year 1968-69, the State Bank of Sikkim was vested with the responsibility by the Government of Sikkim for receiving money on behalf of Government and making all Government payments and keeping custody of the balances of Government in current account as well as fixed deposits which could be made through the branches of the Bank. The cash balances as on 31 March 2014 was ₹ 270.60 crore which was more than the balance as compared to previous year.

As per the Finance Accounts 2013-14, there was a balance of ₹ 259.51 crore with the State Bank of Sikkim as on 31 March 2014. But as per the records of the State Bank of Sikkim, the cash balance of the State Government stood at ₹ 207.07 crore leaving an un-reconciled balance of ₹ 52.44 crore.

# Outstanding balances under the head 'Cheques and Bills'

The head is an intermediate account for initial record of transactions which are to be cleared eventually. Outstanding balance under the Major Head 8670-Cheques and Bills represents the amount of un-encashed cheques. Under this head as on 1 April 2013, there was an opening balance of ₹ 153.34 crore. Further, during the year, cheques worth ₹ 2,614.83 crore were issued and cheques worth ₹ 2,673.47 crore were encashed leaving a closing balance of ₹ 94.70 crore as on 31 March 2014 with a net decrease of ₹ 58.64 crore during the year.

# Unspent balances in the accounts of the implementing agencies

The State Government provides funds to State/District level Autonomous Bodies and Authorities, Societies, Non-Governmental Organisations, etc., for implementation of centrally sponsored schemes (State Share) and State schemes. Since the funds were not spent fully by the implementing agencies, ₹ 165.28 crore were lying as unspent balances in the bank accounts of the implementing agencies at the end of March 2014.

#### 1.10 Assets and liabilities

# 1.10.1 Growth and composition of assets and liabilities

In the existing Government accounting system, comprehensive accounting of fixed assets like land and buildings owned by the Government is not done. However, the Government accounts do capture the financial liabilities of the Government and the assets created out of the expenditure incurred. **Appendix 1.3** gives an abstract of such assets and liabilities as on 31 March 2014compared with the corresponding position as on 31 March 2013.

Total liabilities, as defined are the liabilities under the Consolidated Fund and the Public Account of the State. Consolidated Fund liabilities consist of Internal Debt and Loans and Advances from GOI.

The growth rate of components of assets and liabilities are summarised in the **Table 1.29**.

Table 1.29: Summarised position of Assets and Liabilities

(₹in crore)

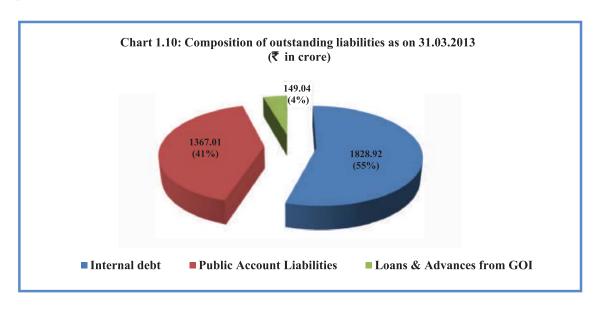
Liabilities	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	Assets	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Consolidated Fund				Consolidated Fund			
a. Internal Debt	1,695.27	1,828.92	2,058.47	i) Gross Capital outlay	5,592.25	6,434.60	7,346.54
b. Loans and advances from GOI	156.99	149.04	127.07	ii) Loans and advances	95.78	100.00	109.48
Public Account				Advances	1.03	1.03	1.03
a. Small savings, Provident funds, etc.	578.80	624.15	685.64	Cash	930.01	1,048.63	1,283.60
b. Reserve Funds	254.22	246.00	313.15				
c. Deposits	103.32	142.79	146.21				
d. Remittance Balance	256.84	196.73	204.31				
e. Suspense & Miscellaneous Balances	115.31	157.34	99.03				
	1,308.49	1,367.01	1,448.34				
Surplus on Government Accounts	3,014.82	3,457.32	4,238.29				
Revenue Surplus	442.50	780.97	868.48				
Contingency Fund	1.00	1.00	1.00	Contingency Fund			1.00
Total	6,619.07	7,584.26	8,741.65		6,619.07	7,584.26	8,741.65

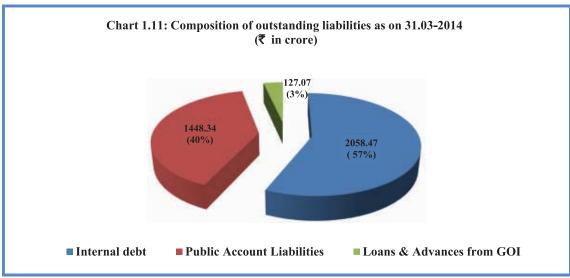
Source: Finance Accounts.

The growth rate of assets was 16.37 *per cent* whereas the growth rate of liabilities was 10.89 *per cent* in 2013-14 as compared to the previous year.

#### 1.10.2 Fiscal liabilities

The trends in outstanding fiscal liabilities of the State are presented in **Appendix 1.2**. The composition of fiscal liabilities during the current year vis-à-vis the previous year is presented in **Charts 1.10 and 1.11**.





Source: Finance Accounts.

Fiscal liabilities of the State, their rate of growth, ratio of these liabilities to GSDP, revenue receipts and own resources as well as buoyancy of fiscal liabilities with respect to these parameters are brought out in **Table 1.30**.

Table 1.30: Fiscal liabilities-basic parameters

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Fiscal liabilities(₹in crore)	2,762.35	2,797.50	3,160.76	3,344.97	3,633.88
Rate of growth (per cent)	8.14	1.27	12.99	5.83	8.64
Ratio of fiscal liabilities to					
GSDP	0.45	0.38	0.35	0.32	0.29
Revenue receipts	1.18	1.30	1.10	1.02	0.93
Own resources	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.04
Buoyancy ratio of fiscal liabilities to					
GSDP	0.09	0.06	0.64	0.33	0.48
Revenue receipts	0.24	0.15	0.39	0.40	0.47
Own resources	0.77	-0.06	4.16	0.16	0.43

Source: Finance Accounts

Fiscal liabilities of the State increased by ₹ 288.91 crore (8.64 *per cent*) from ₹ 3,344.97 crore in 2012-13 to ₹ 3,633.88 crore in 2013-14 comprising Public Account Liabilities of ₹ 1,448.34 crore (39.90 *per cent*), Internal Debt of ₹ 2,058.47 crore (56.60 *per cent*) and Loans and Advances of ₹ 127.07 crore (3.50 *per cent*).

The ratio of fiscal liabilities to GSDP stood at 0.29 *per cent* at the end of 2013-14. The growth rate of outstanding fiscal liabilities which was 5.83 *per cent* in 2012-13 increased to 8.64 *per cent* in 2013-14. The buoyancy of the liabilities with respect to GSDP and Revenue receipts during the year were 0.48 and 0.47 *per cent* respectively indicating that for each one per cent increase in GSDP, fiscal liabilities grew by 0.48 and Revenue receipt grew by 0.47 *per cent*.

#### 1.10.3 Transactions under Reserve Funds

Reserve and Reserve Funds are created for specific and well defined purposes in the accounts of the State Government. These funds are fed by contributions or grants from the Consolidated Fund of India or State or from outside agencies. The contributions are treated as expenditure under the Consolidated Fund. The expenditure relating to the funds are initially accounted under the Consolidated Fund itself for which the vote of the Legislature is obtained. At the end of the year, at the time of closure of accounts, the expenditure relating to the funds are transferred to the Public Account Fund through an operation of deduct entry in accounts. The Funds may be further classified as 'Funds carrying interest' and 'Funds not carrying interest'. Generally, the Reserve Funds are classified under the following three categories based on the sources from which they are fed:

- Funds accumulated from grants made by another Government and at times aided by public subscriptions.
- Funds accumulated from sums set aside by the Union/State from the Consolidated Fund of India or Consolidated Fund of State, as the case may be, to provide reserves for expenditure to be incurred by them for particular purposes.
- Funds accumulated from contributions made by outside agencies to the State Government.

A total of five Reserve Funds had been created and maintained in the accounts of the State Government. Analysis of transaction of those funds are enumerated in the subsequent paragraphs:

#### Sikkim Transport Infrastructure Development Fund (STIDF)

The Government of Sikkim enacted STIDF Act in 2004 and the Rules under the Act was also notified in 2004 and further amended in June 2009. The STIDF was constituted in the Public Account and classified under the head "8235-General and Other Reserve Fund, 200-Other Funds" in the accounts of the Government. The receipt to the fund shall initially be credited to the receipt head "0045-Other Taxes and Duties on Commodities and Services 112-Receipts from Cesses under Other Acts, Receipt under STIDF Act". In order to transfer the amount to the Fund, the State Government shall make suitable budget provision on the expenditure side of the budget under the Head "2045-Other Taxes and Duties on Commodities and Services, 797-Transfer to Reserve Fund/Deposit Account, Transfer to the STIDF". The Fund shall be operated by the Finance, Revenue and Expenditure Department (FRED). Income Tax and Commercial Tax Division (ITCT) of the FRED shall collect the receipts and maintain the books of accounts. A Committee consisting of the Financial Commissioner/Principal Secretary, FRED as Chairman and the Secretary, Roads and Bridges, Secretary, Transport Department and the Controller of Accounts as members shall administer the Fund. The Additional Commissioner, ITCT Division of the FRED shall be the Member Secretary of the Committee. On receipt of the deposits, ITCT Division shall take action for investment of the receipts. The Fund shall be utilised for (a) the creation, development, maintenance or improvement of transport infrastructure, including roads, bridges and flyovers, (b) the improvement of traffic operations and road safety and (c) the purposes of such other projects as may be prescribed relating to transport infrastructure development with the approval of the Government. During 2013-14, total STIDF collection was ₹ 27.20 crore, out of which ₹ 5.14 crore was transferred to RBD for construction and maintenance of roads.

#### Sikkim Ecology Fund (SEF)

The Sikkim Ecology Fund and Environmental Cess Act was notified in 2005 and the Rules there under were framed in 2007. As per the Act, whoever brings non-biodegradable materials to the State of Sikkim with whatsoever purpose, would be levied environmental cess at the rate of one *per cent* of total turnover on sale price and in respect of hotels, resorts and lodges, it would be levied at the rate of five *per cent*.

The broad objective of this fund was to protect and improve the quality of environment, control and abate environment pollution and to take measures for restoration of ecological balance of the State. During 2013-14, State Government collected Ecology Fund of ₹ 30 crore and incurred expenditure of ₹ 11.54 crore.

#### Sinking Fund

The State Government created (1999-2000) a fund called 'Government of Sikkim Consolidated Sinking Fund Scheme 1999' with the objective to utilise accrued interest as an amortisation fund for redemption of the open market loans of the Government commencing from the year 2004-05. The said scheme was revised during 2007-08 and renamed as 'Consolidated Sinking Fund Scheme' with the objective to utilise accrued interest as an amortisation fund for redemption of the outstanding liabilities of the Government

commencing from the financial year 2011-12. The State Government had not adopted the recommendations of Reserve Bank of India for minimum annual contribution of 0.5 *per cent* of outstanding liabilities. For the year 2013-14, the requirement for annual contribution was ₹ 13.79 crore (0.5 *per cent* of outstanding liabilities of ₹ 2,758.09 crore) in terms of the guidelines of the RBI and ₹ 13.32 crore (at 1 to 3 *per cent* of outstanding open market loans of ₹ 1,331.71 crore) in terms of the guidelines of the State Government. During the year, Government transferred ₹ 12.00 crore to the fund against the minimum requirement of ₹ 13.32 crore, as per its own guidelines. As on 31 March 2014, the Fund had a balance of ₹ 230.35 crore (inclusive of ₹ 15.23 crore accrued interest) which had been invested in fixed deposits in nationalised banks.

## State Disaster Response Fund

As per recommendations of the Thirteenth Finance Commission, the State Government was to constitute State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) from 1 April 2010. As per guidelines from the Government of India (GOI), State Government was required to issue appropriate notification(s) establishing SDRF as per Section 48(1)(a) of the Disaster Management Act 2005 and all balances under the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) as on 31 March 2010 was to be transferred under SDRF. Further, as per guidelines, the accretions to the SDRF together with the income earned on the investment of the SDRF were to be invested in one or more of instruments viz., Central Government dated securities, auctioned treasury bills and interest earning deposits and certificates of deposits with Scheduled Commercial Banks. While 75 per cent of the contribution was to be from GOI, balance 25 per cent was to be contributed by the State Governments under general category States, whereas 90 per cent of the contribution was to be from GOI and balance 10 per cent was to be contributed by the State Governments under special category States like Sikkim.

The State Government replaced the Calamity Relief Fund with the State Disaster Response Fund in 2010-11 as per the recommendations of the Thirteenth Finance Commission. In terms of the guidelines of the Fund, the Centre, and Special Category States like Sikkim, are required to contribute to the Fund in the proportion of 90:10. Further, if the State does not have adequate balance under SDRF, the Government of India provides additional assistance from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF). As at the beginning of 2013-14, the Fund had a corpus of ₹ 18.14 crore, out of which ₹ 13.96 crore was invested. During the year 2013-14, the State Government transferred ₹ 102.73 crore to the SDRF (Central share: ₹ 23.70 crore and State share of ₹ 2.63 crore together with ₹ 73.06 crore received as NDRF contribution and accrued interest of ₹ 1.34 crore). After meeting the expenditure of ₹ 105.33 crore during the year, the fund had a closing balance (including investment) of ₹ 15.54 crore as on 31 March 2014.

#### Guarantee Redemption Fund

The State Government set up Guarantee Redemption Fund in the year 2000. The detailed account of the Fund as on 31 March 2014 is given below:

**Table 1.31: Guarantee Redemption Fund** 

(₹in crore)

Sl. No.	<b>Particulars</b>	Amount
1	Opening Balance	15.72
2	Addition	2.00
3	Total	17.72
4	Amount met from the Fund for discharge of invoked guarantees (-)	Nil
5	Closing Balance	17.72
6	Amount of investment made out of the Guarantee Redemption Fund	17.72

Source: Finance Accounts.

As per the Sikkim Government Guarantee Act 2000 (Act No. 21 of 2000), the ceiling on the total outstanding Government Guarantees as on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April shall not exceed thrice the State's Tax Receipt of the second preceding year which was within the limit in the State. No Guarantee was invoked during the year.

#### 1.10.4 Contingent liabilities

# Status of guarantees

Guarantees are contingent liabilities on the Consolidated Fund of the State in case of default by the borrower for whom the guarantee was extended. The details for last five years are given in **Table 1.32.** 

Table 1.32: Guarantees given by the State Government

(₹in crore)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Maximum amount guaranteed	75.00	246.69	163.72	186.42	156.70
Outstanding amount of guarantees (including interest)	77.58	276.42	164.21	187.72	122.09
Percentage of outstanding amount guaranteed to total State's Tax Receipt of the second preceding year	39.21	138.77	73.42	67.15	41.54

Source: Finance Accounts.

Government had not guaranteed any loans during the year 2013-14. As such, no guarantee commission was received by the Government during the year.

#### Off-budget borrowings

The borrowings of the State Government are governed by Article 293(1) of the Constitution of India. In addition to the contingent liabilities, the State Government also extended guarantees against loans availed of by Government Companies/Corporations. These Companies/Corporations borrowed funds from the market/financial institutions for implementation of various State plan programmes envisaged from outside the State budget. Funds for those programmes were to be met out of resources mobilised by those Companies/Corporations outside the State budget but in reality the borrowings of those concerns ultimately turn out to be the liabilities of the State Government termed 'off-budget borrowings' and the Government had to repay the loans availed of by those Companies/Corporations including interest through regular budget provision under capital account.

State Government had not resorted to any off-budget borrowings during 2013-14.

#### 1.10.5 Analysis of Borrowings of Government

Analysis of borrowings of the Government revealed that as on 1 April 2013, an amount of ₹ 2,602.11 crore was outstanding towards various loans and advances. Further, during the year 2013-14, there was an addition of ₹ 538.87 crore and payment/discharge of ₹ 269.79 crore with closing balance of ₹ 2,871.19 crore as on 31 March 2014. The increase in total outstanding loans and advance at the end of the year was 10.34 *per cent*. An interest of ₹ 208.89 crore was also paid by the Government on various loans and advances. Details are given below:

Table 1.33: Detailed Statement on Borrowings and Other Liabilities

(₹in crore)

		Additi	Discha		Net	(viii erore)
Description of Debt	Balance as on 1st April 2013	ons during the year	rges during the year	Balance as on 31st March 2014	Increase(+)/ Decrease(-) (in percentage)	Interest Paid during the year
Market Loans	1,332.71	215.00	16.57	1,531.14	15	105.32
Loans from Life Insurance Corporation of India	97.88	10.00	7.62	100.26	2	8.15
Loans from General Insurance Corporation of India	0.10	00	0.02	0.08	(-)21	0.01
Loans from NABARD	207.35	47.00	28.17	226.18	9	15.36
Compensation and other Bonds	14.34	00	4.78	9.56	(-)33	1.12
Loans from National Co-operative Development Corporation	1.50	00	0.75	0.75	(-)50	0.15
Loans from other Institutions	21.64	0.80	0.66	21.78	1	2.40
Special Securities issued to National Small Savings Fund of the Central Government	153.39	21.21	5.89	168.71	10	14.95
Non-plan loans from GOI	0.38	0.28	0.12	0.55	43	0.05
Block Loans	33.52	2.02	3.52	32.02	(-)4	3.99
State Plan Loans consolidated in terms of recommendation of the 12th Finance Commission	96.43	00	5.67	90.76	(-)6	7.23
Loans for Centrally Sponsored Plan Schemes (Other loans)	16.15	00	14.74	1.41	(-)91	0.19
Loans for Special Schemes of North Eastern Council	2.56	00	0.22	2.34	(-)9	0.29
General Provident Funds	594.55	238.79	179.45	653.89	10	46.92
State Government Insurance Fund	0.03	00	00	0.03	00	00
State Government Employees' Group Insurance Scheme	29.58	3.76	1.60	31.73	7	2.76
Total	2,602.10	538.86	269.78	2,871.19		208.89

Source: Finance Accounts.

#### 1.10.6 Inoperative Reserve Funds

As mentioned under **Paragraph 1.10.3**, the Government was maintaining five reserve funds. However, no reserve fund was found inoperative.

# 1.11 Debt Management

Efficient debt management is an essential part of cash management. Inefficiencies either way can lead to higher interest costs, whether it is accumulation of cash due to unnecessary borrowings or availing of ways and means advances. With reduced fiscal deficits, it is essential that State follows the practice of borrowing on requirement rather than on availability.

Apart from the magnitude of the debt of the State Government, it is important to analyse various indicators that determine the debt sustainability of the State. The debt sustainability is defined as the ability of the State to maintain a constant debt-GDP ratio over a period of time

and also embodies the concern about the ability to service its debt. Sustainability of debt therefore also refers to sufficiency of liquid assets to meet current or committed obligations and the capacity to keep a balance between costs of additional borrowings and returns from such borrowings. It means that rise in fiscal deficit should match the increase in capacity to service the debt. This section assesses the sustainability of debt of the State Government in terms of debt stabilisation, sufficiency of non-debt receipts, net availability of borrowed funds, burden of interest payments (measured by interest payments to revenue receipts ratio) and maturity profile of the State Government securities. **Table 1.34** analyses the debt sustainability of the State according to these indicators for the period 2009-14.

Table 1.34: Debt sustainability: Indicators and trends

Debt sustainability indicators	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Debt stabilisation (₹ in crore) (Quantum spread-/+ Primary deficit/surplus)	374.91	2296.07	265.91	445.81	516.89	599.12
Sufficiency of incremental non-debt receipts(resource gap) (₹ in crore)	(-) 169.76	65.14	147.39	136.10	114.56	87.53
Net availability of borrowed Funds ( <i>₹in crore</i> )	160.73	196.97	106.64	359.75	193.66	59.91
Burden of interest payments (IP/RR Ratio)	8.11	6.58	8.68	6.64	6.12	5.37
Maturity profile of State debt (in years)						
0-1	76.28 (4.88)	158.80 (8.46)	141.34 (7.49)	120.88 (6.31)	163.17 (8.40)	87.01 (3.96)
1-3	157.37 (10.07)	141.72 (7.55)	156.62 (8.30)	162.15 (8.48)	411.13 (21.15)	420.97 (19.15)
3-5	127.55 (8.17)	142.47 (7.59)	239.05 (12.67)	380.28 (19.88)	669.56 (34.45	688.90 (31.35)
5-7	120.29 (7.70)	346.82 (18.47)	515.44 (27.32)	637.92 (33.35)	402.07 (20.69)	423.29 (19.26)
7 and above	1080.64 (69.18)	1088.16 (57.94)	834.29 (44.22)	611.84 (31.98)	297.67 (15.32)	577.68 (26.28)

Source: Finance Accounts. Figures in brackets indicate percentage of total State debt.

# 1.11.1 Debt stability

Fiscal liabilities are considered sustainable if the Government is able to service these liabilities over the foreseeable future and the debt-GSDP ratio does not grow to unmanageable proportions. A necessary condition for stability is the Domar's Debt Stability Equation. It states that if the rate of growth of economy exceeds the cost of borrowings, the debt-GSDP ratio is likely to be stable provided primary balances are positive/zero/moderately negative. Primary revenue balance is the difference between revenue receipts and primary revenue expenditure and indicates whether the balance of revenue receipts left out after meeting current revenue expenditure is sufficient for meeting the interest expenditure. During the current year, the primary revenue balance, although positive, was not sufficient to meet the expenditure on interest.

Interest spread is the difference between average lending rate and average borrowing rate. Quantum spread is a product of debt stock and interest spread. The interest spread and quantum spread will be positive/negative depending on whether the GSDP growth rate is more or less than the growth rate of interest payments. When the quantum spread and primary

deficit are negative, debt-GSDP ratio will be high indicating unsustainable levels of public debt and when the quantum spread and primary deficit are positive, debt-GSDP ratio will be low indicating sustainable levels of public debt. During the current year, both interest and quantum spread were positive.

Stabilisation of debt is understood to mean debt as a constant *per cent* of GSDP which is a measure of the debt carrying capacity of the State. Even though the interest paid in 2013-14 was more than the previous year, the sum of the quantum spread and primary deficit was positive during the year resulting in a declining trend of debt-GSDP ratio thereby indicating a tendency towards debt stabilisation, which would eventually improve the debt stability of the State.

#### 1.11.2 Sufficiency of incremental non-debt receipts

Another indicator of debt sustainability is the adequacy of incremental non-debt receipts of the State to cover the incremental interest liabilities and incremental primary expenditure. Debt sustainability could be facilitated if the incremental non-debt receipts could meet the incremental interest burden and the incremental primary expenditure. Negative resource gap indicates non-sustainability of debt while positive resource gap indicates sustainability of debt. The details for the last five years have been indicated in **Table 1.35**.

Table 1.35: Indicator of incremental non-debt receipts

(₹in crore)

Sl. No.		2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
1	Incremental Non-debt Receipts	587.09	(-) 193.18	761.89	374.87	605.20
2	Incremental Interest Payments	11.79	32.34	4.06	8.09	10.24
3	Incremental Primary expenditure	436.68	150.55	621.73	252.22	582.31
	Resource Gap	138.62	10.29	136.10	114.56	12.65

Source: Finance Accounts.

The resource gap had remained positive during 2009-14. However, during the current year though the resource gap declined as compared to the previous year, it remained positive thereby indicating less dependency on borrowed funds.

#### 1.11.3 Net availability of borrowed funds

Debt sustainability also depends on the ratio of debt redemption (principal plus interest payments) to total debt receipts and application of available borrowed funds. The ratio of debt redemption to debt receipts indicates the extent to which the debt receipts are used in debt redemption indicating the net availability of borrowed funds. The net availability of borrowed funds during the current year was positive and funds were available for meeting productive expenditure.

#### 1.11.4 Maturity profile

To discharge its expenditure obligations, the Government had to borrow further, since fiscal surplus was not available in any of the last five years. The maturity profile of outstanding stock as on 31 March 2014 shows that 26 *per cent* of the loans are in the maturity bucket of seven years and above.

The Public Debt of the State Government as on 1 April 2013 was ₹ 1,977.96 crore with addition during the year 2013-14 of ₹ 296.32 crore. After discharging/re-payment of loan amount of ₹ 88.74 crore during the year (excluding an interest payment of ₹ 159.23 crore), there was a closing balance of ₹ 2,185.54 crore as on 31 March 2014. Details of the same are available in Statement-15 of Finance Accounts 2013-14 and can be seen in the table below:

Table 1.36: Maturity profile: Indicators and trends

(₹in crore)

Sl. No.	Description of the Debt	Balance as on 1 April 2013	Additions during the year	Discharged/ repaid during the year	Balance as on 31 March 2014	Interest paid during the year
1	Internal Debt of the State Government	1,828.92	294.01	64.47	2,058.46	147.47
	Loans and Advances from the Central Government					
i i	i. Non-Plan Loans	0.38	0.29	0.12	0.55	0.05
2	ii. Loans for State Plan Schemes	129.95	2.02	9.19	122.78	11.22
	iii.Loans for Centrally Sponsored Plan Schemes	16.15	00	14.74	1.41	0.19
	iv. Loans for Special Schemes	2.56	00	0.22	2.34	0.30
	Total 2 (i to iv)	149.04	2.31	24.27	127.08	11.76
	Total (1+2)	1,977.96	296.32	88.74	2,185.54	159.23

Source: Finance Accounts.

The State Government had been contributing ₹ 12 crore per annum to the Sinking Fund (**Paragraph 1.10.3**) as detailed in Statement-15 of the Finance Accounts 2013-14 which already had a balance of ₹ 230.35 crore at the end of March 2014. It is therefore, evident that the funds shall be insufficient to clear the future liabilities as detailed in **Table 1.34**. State Government may consider enhancing its contribution to the fund to enable them to clear future liabilities.

#### 1.11.5 Cost of Borrowings

Cost of borrowings means interest and other costs incurred by an enterprise in connection with the borrowing of funds which *prima-facie* also includes cost of establishment which is deployed exclusively for borrowing of funds and their repayments.

The Finance, Revenue and Expenditure Department (FRED) was responsible for obtaining borrowings for Government of Sikkim and their repayments. Though the FRED was having a separate Loans Wing which had been dealing with all loans and advances taken by the Government as well as by the employees of the State Government, the FRED was not maintaining any record for the cost of establishment of borrowings taken for the Government. However, interest paid on various Public Debt of the State Government during the period 2011-12 to 2013-14 was as under:

Table 1.37: Trends of Public Debt of the State Government

(₹in crore)

		201	1-12	2012	-13	2013	-14
Sl. No.	Description of the Debt	Balance as on 31 March 2012	Interest paid during the year	Balance as on 31 March 2013	Interest paid during the year	Balance as on 31 March 2014	Interest paid during the year
1	Internal Debt of the State Government	1,695.27	1,35.25	1,828.92	138.06	2058.46	147.47
	Loans and advances from the Central Government						
	i. Non-Plan Loans	0.47	0.05	0.38	0.00	0.55	0.05
2	ii. Loans for State Plan Schemes	137.47	8.29	129.95	4.57	122.78	11.22
	iii. Loans for Centrally Sponsored Plan Schemes	16.28	1.80	16.15	0.25	1.41	0.19
	iv. Loans for Special Schemes	2.77	0.34	2.56	7.66	2.34	0.30
	Total 2 (i to v)	156.99	10.48	149.04	12.48	127.08	11.76
	Total (1+2)	1,852.26	145.73	1,977.96	150.54	2,185.54	159.23

Source: Finance Accounts.

From the above table it is seen that at the end of the year 2011-12, Public Debt of the State Government was ₹ 1,852.26 crore which increased to ₹ 2,185.54 crore at the end of the year 2013-14 with an average borrowing of ₹ 2,005.25 crore during the period 2011-14. The cost of borrowings in terms of interest payment for the year 2011-12 was ₹ 145.73 crore which increased to ₹ 159.23 crore during the year 2013-14 with average cost of borrowings of ₹ 151.83 crore during the period 2011-14.

#### 1.12 Fiscal imbalances

In an emerging economy, balanced budget are rare and the Government resorts to borrowings to bridge the gap between expenditure requirements and inadequate non-debt receipts. The gap between receipts and expenditure represents deficit. **Chart 1.12** gives an indication of the various kinds of deficits that occur if the Government borrows excessively to balance the budget.

Revenue Expenditure (-)
Revenue Receipts

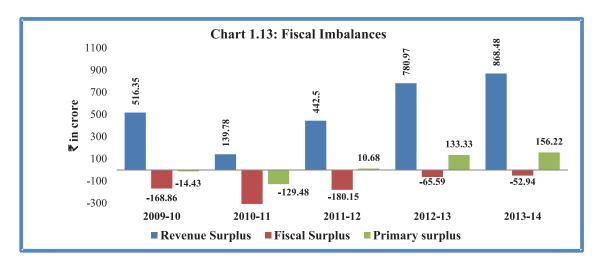
Total Expenditure (excluding repayment of borrowings) (-)
Total receipts (exculding borrowings)

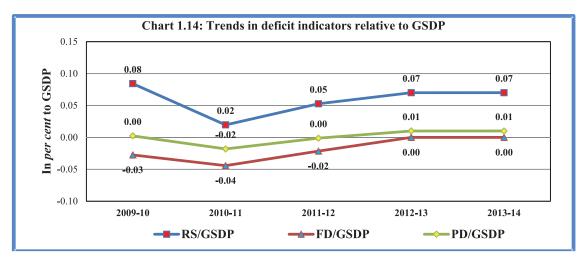
Chart 1.12: Type of deficits

The nature of deficit is an indicator of the prudence of fiscal management of the Government. Further, the ways in which the deficit is financed and the resources raised and applied are important pointers to fiscal health. This section presents the trends, nature, magnitude and the manner of financing these deficits and also the assessment of actual levels of revenue and fiscal deficits vis-à-vis targets set for the financial year 2013-14.

#### 1.12.1 Trends in deficits

Charts 1.13 and 1.14 present the trends in deficit indicators over the period 2009-14.





# Revenue surplus

Revenue surplus represents the difference between revenue receipts and revenue expenditure. Revenue surplus helps to decrease borrowings.

The State continued to attain revenue surplus during all the years, i.e., from 2009-10 to 2013-14 with fluctuating trends. The revenue surplus had remained highest during the current year at ₹ 868.48 crore and lowest in 2010-11 at ₹ 139.78 crore. It increased by ₹ 87.51 crore (11.21 *per cent*) during 2013-14 as compared to the previous year due to increase in revenue receipts, grants from Government of India and share of Union Taxes & duties.

#### Fiscal Deficit

Fiscal deficit normally represents the net incremental liabilities of the Government or its additional borrowings. The shortfall could be met either by additional public debt (internal or external) or by the use of surplus funds from Public Account. Fiscal deficit trends along with the trends of the deficit relative to key components are indicated in **Table 1.38**.

Table 1.38: Fiscal deficit and its parameters

	Non-debt	Total	Fiscal	Fiscal deficit as <i>per cent</i> to			
Period	receipts	expenditure   Surplus(+)/		GSDP	Non-debt	Total	
		₹ in crore			receipt	expenditure	
2009-10	2,345.67	2,514.53	(-)168.86	2.75	7.20	6.72	
2010-11	2,152.49	2,468.74	(-)316.25	4.27	14.69	12.81	
2011-12	2,914.38	3,094.54	(-)180.15	2.02	6.18	5.82	
2012-13	3,289.26	3,354.85	(-) 65.59	0.63	1.99	1.96	
2013-14	3,894.46	3,947.40	(-)52.94	0.43	1.36	1.34	

Source: Finance Accounts.

Fiscal deficit as a percentage of GSDP had remained lowest during the current year. Similarly, Non-debt receipts and total expenditure as a percentage to fiscal deficit, was also lowest during the current year.

# **Primary Deficit**

While fiscal deficit represents the need for additional resources in general, a part of such resources may be needed to finance interest payments. Interest payments represent the expenditure of past obligations and are independent of current allocative priorities. To look at the imbalances of the current nature, these payments need to be separated and deducted from the total imbalances. The primary deficit and its parameters for the last five years is indicated in **Table 1.39**.

Table 1.39: Primary deficit and its parameters

(₹in crore)

Period	Fiscal Deficit	Interest Payments	Primary Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)
2009-10	168.86	154.43	(-)14.43
2010-11	316.25	186.77	(-)129.48
2011-12	180.15	190.83	(+)10.68
2012-13	65.59	198.92	(+)133.33
2013-14	52.94	209.16	(+)156.22

Source: Finance Accounts.

The deficit recorded was lowest during 2010-11. However, there were surplus during the last three years and the highest was recorded in the current year.

#### 1.12.2 Components of fiscal deficit and its financing pattern

The financing pattern of fiscal deficit has undergone a compositional shift as reflected in the **Table 1.40**. Decomposition of fiscal deficit reveals the extent of various borrowings resorted to by the State to meet its requirement of funds over and above revenue and non-debt receipts.

Table 1.40: Components of fiscal deficit and its financing pattern

(₹in crore)

2009-10 2010-11 2011-12 2012-13 20									10		in crore)
								2012		2013-14	
	Particulars		% of GSDP	Amount	% of GSDP	Amount	%of GSDP	Amount	%of GSDP	Amount	%of GSDP
Deco defic	mposition of fiscal	168.86	2.75	316.25	3.55	180.15	2.14	65.59	0.63	52.94	0.43
1	Revenue Surplus	516.35		139.78		442.5		780.97		868.48	
2	Misc. Capital Receipts	ı	ı	ı	-	42.25	0.5	0	0.00	0	0.00
3	Net capital expenditure	648.53	10.57	451.07	5.06	615.76	7.33	842.35	8.04	911.94	7.37
4	Net loans and advances	36.68	0.6	4.96	0.06	49.14	0.59	4.21	0.04	9.48	0.08
	ncing pattern of l deficit*										
1	Market borrowings	324.31	5.29	43.65	0.49	41.59	0.5	133.64	1.28	229.54	1.85
2	Loans from GOI	(-)18.49	(-) 0.30	-21.86	-0.25	(-)2.81	0.03	-7.95	-0.08	-21.96	-0.18
3	Special securities issued to NSSF**	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	-	-	-	0.00
4	Loans from financial institutions	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	-	0.00
5	Small savings, PF, etc.	45.58	0.74	98.51	1.11	68.52	0.82	-45.35	-0.43	61.49	0.50
6	Deposits and advances	9.9	0.16		ı	17.92	0.21	0	0.00	3.43	0.03
7	Suspense and misc.	103.65	1.69	-97.71	-1.10	37.8	0.45	41.02	0.39	(-)58.31	(-)0.47
8	Remittances	14.81	0.24	-28.26	-0.32	118.16	1.41	(-)60.11	(-)0.57	7.58	0.06
9	Reserve funds	8.87	0.14	20.78	0.23	78.57	0.94	-8.22	-0.08	67.14	0.54
10	Increase (-) /decrease (+) in cash balance	319.77	5.21	281.2	3.16	(-)179.60	2.14	(-)118.62	(-)1.13	(-)234.97	(-)1.90
11	Net of Contingency Fund transactions	0	0	0.1	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	(-)1	(-)0.01
	Total	168.9		316.3		180.15		65.59	0.63	52.94	0.43

<sup>\*</sup> All these figures are net of disbursements/outflows during the year. \*\* Included in Market borrowings

The components of fiscal deficit are Revenue Surplus, Net Capital Expenditure and Net Loans and Advances. The State had been attaining revenue surplus, which financed the fiscal deficit along with market borrowings, loans from GOI, etc. The revenue surplus increased by ₹87.51 crore during the current year. The capital expenditure and the net loans and advances increased during the current year.

Even though, there was a revenue surplus of ₹ 868.48 crore during 2013-14, there was fiscal deficit of ₹ 52.94 crore due to increase in capital expenditure. The Capital Expenditure could be financed by revenue surplus to the extent of 95.23 *per cent* during the current year.

#### 1.12.3 Quality of deficit/surplus

The ratio of revenue deficit to fiscal deficit and the decomposition of primary deficit into primary revenue and capital expenditure (including loans and advances) indicate the quality of deficit in the State's finances. The ratio of revenue deficit to fiscal deficit indicates the extent to which borrowed funds were used for current consumption. Further, persistently high ratio of revenue deficit to fiscal deficit also indicates that the asset base of the State was continuously shrinking and a part of borrowings (fiscal liabilities) were not having any asset backup. The bifurcation of the primary deficit (**Table 1.41**) indicates the extent to which the

deficit was on account of enhancement in capital expenditure which might be desirable to improve the productive capacity of the State's economy.

Table 1.41: Primary deficit/surplus-Bifurcation of factors

(₹in crore)

Year	Non-debt receipts	Primary revenue expenditure	Capital expenditure	Loans and advances	Primary expenditure (3+4+5)	Primary revenue deficit (-)/surplus (+)(2-3)	Primary deficit (-)/surplus (+)(2-6)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2009-10	2,345.67	1,674.60	648.53	36.98	2,360.11	(+) 671.07	(-) 14.43
2010-11	2,152.49	1,825.15	451.07	5.75	2,281.97	(+) 327.34	(-) 129.48
2011-12	2,914.38	2,238.77	615.76	49.17	2,903.70	(+) 675.61	(+)10.68
2012-13	3,289.26	2, 308.47	842.35	5.11	3,155.93	(+) 980.79	(+) 133.33
2013-14	3,894.46	2,815.90	911.94	10.40	3,738.24	(+)1,078.56	(+)156.22

Source: Finance Accounts.

The bifurcation of the factors resulting in primary deficit or surplus of the State during the period 2009-14 reveals that the non-debt receipts were enough to meet the requirements of primary revenue expenditure and some receipts were left to meet capital expenditure.

# 1.13 Follow up

The preparation of standalone Report of the State Finances was started since 2008-09 onwards and no Report of the State Finances had been discussed by the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) so far and hence, no recommendation by the PAC/Finance Commission had been made on the Reports of the State Finances and therefore, no assurances had been given by executive departments on those Reports.

#### 1.14 Conclusion and Recommendations

The fiscal position of the State viewed in terms of key fiscal parameters-revenue surplus, fiscal deficit, primary deficit, etc., indicated that the State had been able to maintain revenue surplus during the last five years. The revenue surplus recorded increase (₹ 87.51 crore) for the third year in a row. This was due to increase in revenue receipts by 18.40 *per cent* (₹ 605.18 crore) and similarly, the revenue expenditure also increased by 20.65 *per cent* (₹ 517.67 crore) during 2013-14 as compared to 2012-13.

The increase in Revenue receipts was contributed by tax revenue ₹ 89.44 crore (20.54 per cent), non-tax revenue by ₹ 59.59 crore (19.73 per cent) States share of Union Taxes and Duties ₹ 64.14 crore (9.18 per cent) and Grants-in-aid from Government of India (GOI) ₹ 392.01 crore (21.16 per cent). The tax revenue receipts at ₹ 524.92 crore was higher by ₹ 240.52 crore than the projection made by XIII Finance Commission. However, there was shortfall of ₹ 141.89 crore in non-tax revenue.

Revenue expenditure constituted 76.64 *per cent*, capital expenditure constituted 23.10 *per cent* and Loans & Advances constitute 0.26 *per cent* of total expenditure during 2013-14. The Expenditure on Social and Economic sectors, which are considered as development expenditure accounted for 68.32 *per cent* in 2013-14 as against 70.42 *per cent* in 2012-13.

The overall revenue expenditure of the State increased by 20.65 *per cent* (₹ 517.67 crore) and Capital expenditure increased by 8.26 *per cent* (₹ 69.59 crore) over the previous year. The fiscal deficit recorded a downward trend for the third year in a row.

The Grants-in-aid component constituting 57.64 *per cent* of the State's revenue receipts during the year increased by ₹ 392.01 crore. The State continued to be dependent upon central transfers and Grants-in-aid, which is evident from the fact that 77.23 *per cent* of the revenue receipts during the year came from the Government of India.

The growth of revenue expenditure (20.65 per cent) was higher than the growth in revenue receipts (18.40 per cent) in 2013-14. The growth of revenue expenditure was also higher than the growth of GSDP. For every one per cent growth in GSDP (18.18 per cent), revenue expenditure grew by 1.14 per cent.

52.19 *per cent* of revenue expenditure constituted committed expenditure on salaries, pension, interest payments and subsidies.

Funds aggregating ₹ 323.23 crore was incurred on 200 incomplete projects which were scheduled to be completed by 31 March 2014. Therefore, the benefits of the projects did not reach the intended beneficiaries in time. The State Government should formulate guidelines for timely completion of the projects and strictly monitor reasons for the time and cost overrun with a view to take corrective action.

During 2013-14, fiscal deficit-GSDP ratio improved marginally compared to previous year indicating decrease in debt-GSDP ratio. The sum of quantum spread and primary deficit also improved significantly and stood at ₹ 599.12 crore during 2013-14 against ₹ (-) 102.56 crore in 2012-13 which was a positive sign towards fiscal balances for improving the debt sustainability position of the State. The fiscal liabilities stood at nearly 0.93 times of the revenue receipts and 4.10 times of the State's own resources at the end of 2013-14. The buoyancy of these liabilities with respect to GSDP during the year was 0.48 indicating that for each one *per cent* increase in GSDP; fiscal liabilities grew by 0.48 *per cent*.

The return from investment was 0.56 *per cent* and some of the Companies/Corporations were under perennial loss. Effective steps need to be taken by the State Government either to revive the units or close down the units incurring losses to avoid further financial burden on the Government.

# **CHAPTER II** Financial Management and **Budgetary Control**

# CHAPTER II FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND BUDGETARY CONTROL

#### 2.1 Introduction

- **2.1.1** Appropriation Accounts are accounts of the expenditure, voted and charged, of the Government for each financial year compared with the amounts of the voted grants and appropriations charged for different purposes as specified in the schedules appended to the Appropriation Acts, passed by the Legislature. These accounts list the original budget estimates, supplementary grants, surrenders and re-appropriations distinctly and indicate actual capital and revenue expenditure on various specified services *vis-à-vis* those authorised by the Appropriation Act in respect of both charged and voted items of budget. Appropriation Accounts, thus, facilitate management of finances and monitoring of budgetary provisions and are therefore, supplementary to Finance Accounts. In Sikkim, no Budget Manual containing the procedures for preparation of the estimates of budget, subsequent action in respect of the budget communication, distribution of grants, watching the progress of revenue and control over expenditure etc., had yet been laid down.
- **2.1.2** Audit of appropriation by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) seeks to ascertain whether expenditure actually incurred under various grants is within the authorisation given under the Appropriation Act and that the expenditure required to be charged under the provisions of the Constitution is so charged. It also ascertains whether the expenditure so incurred is in conformity with law, relevant rules, regulations and instructions.

# 2.2 Summary of Appropriation Accounts

#### 2.2.1 Summarised position of expenditure and provision

The summarised position of actual expenditure during 2013-2014 against 46 grants/appropriations is given in **Table 2.1**:

Table 2.1: Summarised position of actual expenditure vis-à-vis Original/Supplementary provision

₹ in crore)

						(X in Crore)
Nature of expenditure		Original grant/ appropriation	Supplementary grant/ appropriation	Total	Actual expenditure	Saving (-)/ Excess (+)
	I Revenue	3,876.19	50.79	3,926.98	3,220.05	(-)706.93
Voted	II Capital	1,325.02	95.98	1,421.00	921.95	(-)499.05
Voted	III Loans and Advances	0.40	-	0.40	0.40	0
To	otal Voted	5,201.61		5,348.38	4,142.40	(-)1,205.98
	IV Revenue	238.04	-	238.04	239.53	(+)1.49
Charged	V Capital	0	0	0	0	0
Cnarged	VI Public Debt- Repayment	76.79	0	76.79	88.74	(+)11.95
Tot	al Charged	314.83	0	314.83	328.27	(+)13.44

Nature of expenditure	Original grant/ appropriation	Supplementary grant/ appropriation	Total	Actual expenditure	Saving (-)/ Excess (+)
Appropriation to Contingency Fund (if any)	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	5,516.44	146.77	5,663.21	4,470.67	(-)1,192.54

Source: Appropriation Accounts.

The overall savings of ₹ 1,192.54 crore was the result of savings of ₹ 1,248.31 crore in 32 grants and two appropriations under Revenue Section, 22 grants under Capital Section offset by excess of ₹ 55.77 crore in 16 grants/appropriations under Revenue Section.

The savings/excess were intimated (July 2014) to the Controlling Officers requesting them to explain the significant variations. Out of 46 Grants/appropriations, the reasons for the variations were furnished in respect of 24 Grants including one appropriation by the departments, the reasons were furnished partially in respect of 18 Grants and the reasons were not furnished pertaining to 04 Grants including one appropriation.

# 2.2.2 Pendency in submission of Detailed Contingent (DC) Bills against Abstract Contingent (AC) Bills

As per Sikkim Financial Rule (SFR), every drawing and disbursing officer has to certify in each abstract contingent bill that detailed bills for all contingent charges drawn by him prior to the first of the current month have been forwarded to the respective controlling officers for countersignature and transmission to the Accountant General. The total amount of DC bills received during the period 2009-2014 was ₹ 212.80 crore against the amount of AC bills of ₹ 306.44 crore (₹ 102.36 crore (OB) + ₹ 204.08 crore) leading to an outstanding balance of DC bills of ₹ 93.64 crore as on 31 March 2014 as given in the following table:

**Table 2.2: Details of AC Bills** 

(₹ in crore)

Year	Opening Balance	Addition during the year	Total Amount of AC Bills	Amount of adjustment (DC bills)	DC bills as percentage to AC bills	Outstanding AC bills
2009-10	102.36	36.30	138.66	1.88	1.36	136.78
2010-11	136.78	29.85	166.63	55.33	33.70	111.30
2011-12	111.30	45.04	156.34	12.28	7.85	144.06
2012-13	144.06	50.11	194.17	52.95	27.26	141.22
2013-14	141.22	42.78	184.00	90.36	49.10	93.64
Total		204.08		212.80		

Source: Voucher Level Computerisation data of Office of the Sr. Dy. Accountant General (Accounts & Entitlement).

Department-wise pending DC bills for the years up to 2013-14 are detailed in **Appendix 2.1** As would be seen from the Appendix, the main defaulting departments were Land Revenue and Disaster Management (₹ 23.57 crore), Food Security and Agriculture (₹ 10.49 crore), Police (₹ 8.29 crore), Labour (₹ 6.69 crore) and Tourism and Civil Aviation (₹ 6.04 crore).

Non-submission of DC bills for long periods after drawing the AC bills is fraught with the risk of misappropriation and therefore, needs to be monitored closely. It may also be mentioned that the expenditure, having already been booked as such in the books of accounts, distorts the magnitude of expenditure besides quality of the same remaining unascertained.

# 2.2.3 Review on pendency in submission of DC bills in the Home Department

A review of the advances granted and their subsequent adjustment in the Home Department showed that various advances viz. contingency advance, T.A. advance, Medical advance and LTC advance were lying unadjusted for long periods of time. The year-wise pendency of advances is given in the following table:

Table 2.3: Details showing year-wise outstanding advances

(₹in lakh)

Year	Contingency advance	Travelling allowance	Medical advance	Leave travel concession advance	Total
1999-2000	0.45	0	0	0	0.45
2000-2001	10.49	0	0	0	10.49
2001-2002	4.88	0	0	0	4.88
2002-2003	56.99	0	0	0	56.99
2003-2004	15.14	0	0	0	15.14
2004-2005	86.14	0.15	0.70	0	86.99
2005-2006	7.60	0.06	3.30	0	10.96
2006-2007	37.01	0.05	1.50	0	38.56
2007-2008	30.64	0.80	0.50	0	31.94
2008-2009	47.69	0.28	3.50	0	51.47
2009-2010	4.24	3.86	4.90	0.45	13.45
2010-2011	0.60	0	4.80	1.36	6.76
2011-2012	5.19	0.70	0.50	0	6.39
2012-2013	1.58	1.55	0.50	0	3.63
2013-2014	9.96	0	1.50	0	11.46
					349.56

Government of Sikkim's decision (6) below Rule 213 of Sikkim Financial Rules (SFR) stipulates that 'Second advance for tour shall not be sanctioned until the previous advance taken is settled in full'.

Rule 216(2) further enjoins that 'The right of a Government Servant to travelling allowance including daily allowance shall be forfeited or deemed to have been relinquished if the claim for it is not preferred within one year from the date on which the journey is completed. The advance so granted shall be recovered from his pay or any other dues in one instalment by the authority competent to sanction such advance'.

Rule 20(5) of Sikkim Services (Medical Facilities) Amendment Rules, 2007 states that 'The amount of advance should be adjusted against the claim for reimbursement of expenditure as admissible under these rules and the balance, if any, recovered from the pay of the Government Servant concerned in ten equal monthly instalments'.

Moreover, a certificate has also been printed on the Abstract Contingent Bill form clearly mentioning that 'the detailed contingent bills for advance drawn more than three months before have been submitted'.

Leave Travel Concession Rule 14 and Government of India decision thereon states that 'when advance is taken, (a) the claim should be submitted within one month from the date

of return journey. If not, outstanding advance will be recovered in one lump sum and the claim will be treated as one where no advance is sanctioned. Further, penal interest at 2 *per cent* over GPF interest on the entire advance from the date of drawal to the recovery will be charged.(b) When claim submitted within stipulated time but unutilised portion of advance not refunded, interest is chargeable on that amount from the date of drawal to the date of recovery'.

Inspite of the above rule provision, advances were lying un-adjusted for long periods without any reasons on record.

Besides, the following irregularities were also noticed:

- In 09 cases, second advances for tour were sanctioned without settling the previous advances.
- In two cases of medical advances, even after more than 3 years of submission of the adjustment bill by the Government servants, the Department failed to take any action to settle the advances and recover the balance amount from the Government servants. Reasons in this regard were not found on record.
- In one case, LTC advance for ₹ 1.81 lakh remained unsettled for more than 4 years which needs recovery in one lumpsum with imposition of penal interest at 2 per cent over GPF interest as per Rule 14 of LTC.
- A certificate has to be given on the Abstract Contingent Bill form clearly mentioning that 'the detailed contingent bills for all the contingents for advance drawn more than three months before have been submitted' which is to be certified by the Drawing and Disbursing Officer (DDO) at the time of drawing the AC bills. The DDOs however, certified all AC bills without ascertaining the pending unsettled advances.
- In 18 cases, amount aggregating ₹ 1.71 crore has already been shown as adjusted in the records of the Department. However, in the records of Office of Senior Deputy Accountant General, Accounts & Entitlement, it was lying unadjusted due to non-submission of DC bills by the Department.

Despite the standing instructions, circulars etc. issued by the Government on the subject and issuance of revised guidelines for drawal of advances and submission of detailed contingent bills for adjustment of advances etc. by the Finance, Revenue & Expenditure Department in April 2013, effective steps were not taken to adjust the old outstanding advances.

Thus, non-adherence of the rule, non-compliance with instructions, certification of bills without due diligence and lack of follow-up action not only by the DDOs concerned but also by the Heads of departments/Controlling Officers had resulted in accumulation of outstanding advances amounting to ₹ 3.50 crore. Non-settlement of advances carries with it the risk of fraud and misappropriation of public funds and causes non-transparency in expenditure reporting system.

# 2.3 Financial accountability and budget management

# 2.3.1 Appropriation vis-à-vis allocative priorities

The outcome of the appropriation audit revealed that in 21 cases, savings exceeded  $\[ \]$  1 crore in each case and also by more than 20 *per cent* of total provision (**Appendix 2.2**). Against the total savings of  $\[ \]$  1,248.31 crore, savings of  $\[ \]$  969.09 crore (77.63 *per cent*) 1 occurred in 7 cases relating to 7 grants as indicated in **Table 2.4**.

Table 2.4: List of Grants with savings of ₹ 50crore and above

(₹in crore)

Sl. No.	No. and Name of Grant	Original	Supplementary	Total	Actual Expenditure	Savings
	REVENUE - VOTED					
1	10 Finance, Revenue and Expenditure	1,074.97	11.38	1,086.34	758.52	327.83
2	12 Forestry and Environment Management	174.26	7.89	182.15	112.20	69.95
3	19 Irrigation and Flood Control	147.25	0.06	147.31	40.56	106.75
4	22 Land Revenue & Disaster Management	390.70	1.88	392.58	262.55	130.03
	CAPITAL – VOTED					
5	34 Roads & Bridges	214.21	29.29	243.50	165.63	77.87
6	40 Tourism	161.39	9.97	171.36	62.99	108.37
7	41 Urban Development and Housing	208.89	0	208.89	60.60	148.29
	TOTAL	2,371.67	60.47	2,432.13	1,463.05	969.09

Source: Appropriation Accounts.

Reasons for savings were mainly due to i) non-receipt of funds from the GOI, (ii) restriction imposed on incurring expenditure, iii) part payment for works completed, iv) non-submission of claims by the suppliers, v) non-claiming of lottery prize, vi) non-completion of works by the contractors, vii) non-receipt of fund under *JNNURM*, and viii) non-finalisation of draft project reports by NABARD.

#### 2.3.2 Persistent savings

In seven cases, during the last five years, there were persistent savings of more than ₹ 1 crore in each case and also by 10 per cent or more of the total grant (**Table 2.5**).

Table 2.5: Lists of Grants indicating persistent savings during 2009-10 to 2013-14

(₹ in crore)

						(X in Crore)	
Sl.	No. and Name of Grant	Amount of savings					
No.	No. and Name of Grant	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	
	REVENUE -VOTED						
1	19 - Irrigation & Flood Control	15.07 (28.93)	28.05 (39.01)	76.84 (65.46)	93.92 (62.64)	106.75 (72.46)	
2	22 - Land Revenue and Disaster Management	27.18 (40.78)	35.60 (54.63)	163.20 (36.81)	172.04 (50.81)	130.03 (33.12)	
3	38 - Social Justice, Empowerment and Welfare	22.85 (21.36)	62.64 (52.29)	67.33 (46.90)	34.81 (33.67)	23.24 (23.05)	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Exceeding ₹50 crore in each case.

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Sl.	No. and Name of Grant	Amount of savings					
No.	No. and Name of Grant	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	
	CAPITAL – VOTED						
4	31- Energy and Power	43.90 (30.31)	65.89 (66.72)	39.28 (51.76)	60.69 (58.71)	24.24 (27.09)	
5	34 - Roads & Bridges	63.63 (45.87)	125.54 (58.80)	151.39 (56.80)	48.09 (20.07)	77.87 (31.97)	
6	40 - Tourism	23.91 (32.77)	54.87 (52.81)	127.19 (69.05)	108.15 (69.03)	108.37 (63.24)	
7	41- Urban Development and Housing	88.49 (60.65)	149.37 (81.76)	167.49 (74.48)	171.35 (77.61)	148.29 (70.98)	

Source: Appropriation Accounts. (Figures in the bracket indicate percentage to total provision)

Reasons for savings were mainly due to (i) non-receipt of funds from Government of India and (ii) non-receipts of claims.

# 2.3.3 Rush of expenditure

According to the SFR, rush of expenditure in the closing month of the financial year should be avoided. Contrary to this, expenditure exceeding ₹ 1 crore and also more than 50 *per cent* of the total expenditure for the year was incurred in respect of 12 heads amounting to ₹ 141.40 crore (39 *per cent* of total expenditure during the year) during March 2014 and ₹ 246.29 crore (68 *per cent* of total expenditure during the year) in 20 heads during last quarter of the year 2013-14 as listed in **Appendix 2.3.** 

In two cases, one during the last quarter and another during March 2014, expenditure was up to 100 *per cent* of total provision during the year, which was contrary to the aforesaid provision.

#### 2.3.4 Excess over provision relating to previous years requiring regularisation

As per Article 205 of the Constitution of India, it is mandatory for a State Government to get the excess over a grant/appropriation regularised by the State Legislature. Although no time limit for regularisation of expenditure has been prescribed under the Article, the regularisation of excess expenditure is done after the completion of discussion of the Appropriation Accounts by the Public Accounts Committee (PAC). However, excess expenditure amounting to ₹ 30.97 crore for the years 2009-2013 had not been regularised (March 2014). The year-wise amount of excess expenditure pending regularisation for grants/appropriations is summarised in **Table 2.6.** 

Table 2.6: Excess over provisions relating to previous years requiring regularisation

(₹ in crore)

	Number of	Amount of	Status of		
Year	Grants	Appropriations	excess over provision	Regularisation	
2008-09	02 (Grant Nos.33,10)	-	1.98	Under examination by PAC	
2009-10	04 (Grant Nos.24,28,29,33)	ı	5.10	-do-	
2010-11	04 (Grant Nos.24,33,37,24)	-	1.59	-do-	
2011-12	04 (Grant Nos.16,26,42,24)	-	0.20	-do-	
2012-13	18 (Grant Nos.3, 5, 9, 16, 17, 24, 25, 26,27,31,32,33,34,35,36,40,42)	Governor	22.10	-do-	
	Total		30.97		

Source: Appropriation Accounts.

# 2.3.5 Excess over provision during 2013-14 requiring regularisation

**Table 2.7** contains the summary of total excess in 15grants/appropriations amounting to ₹ 55.77 crore over authorisation from the Consolidated Fund of State during 2013-14 and requires regularisation under Article 205 of the Constitution.

Table 2.7: Excess over provision requiring regularisation during 2013-14

(₹in lakh)

Sl. No.		Number and title of Grant/Appropriation	Total grant/ appropriation	Expenditure	Excess	
A. VOTED						
1	3	Buildings	1,840.27	1,869.77	29.50	
2	5	Cultural Affairs and Heritage	924.86	950.46	25.60	
3	7	Human Resources and Development	36,672.96	37,511.19	838.23	
4	8	Election	308.14	326.11	17.97	
5	9	Excise	639.16	641.45	2.29	
6	16	Commerce and Industries	2,322.78	2,439.59	116.81	
7	24	Legislature	1,386.67	1,429.28	42.61	
8	26	Motor Vehicles	420.32	426.63	6.31	
9	30	Police	1,526.20	1,549.92	23.72	
10	31	Energy and Power	11,214.94	12,053.56	838.62	
11	32	Printing and Stationery	680.96	701.79	20.83	
12	34	Roads and Bridges	5,992.57	6,163.25	170.68	
13	35	Rural Management and Development	10,002.51	11,961.89	1,959.38	
14	42	Vigilance	492.96	538.44	45.48	
		TOTAL	74,425.30	78,563.33	4,138.03	
	B. C	CHARGED				
15	10	Finance, Revenue and Expenditure	21,871.79	22,116.09	244.30	
16	10	Finance, Revenue and Expenditure	7,679.17	8,873.81	1,194.64	
		TOTAL	29,550.96	30,989.90	1,438.94	
		GRAND TOTAL	1,03,976.26	1,09,553.23	5,576.97	

Source: Appropriation Accounts.

#### 2.3.6 Unnecessary supplementary provision

Supplementary provision aggregating ₹ 78.08 crore obtained in 16 cases, (₹ 10 lakh or more in each case) during the year proved unnecessary as the expenditure did not come up to the level of original provision as detailed in **Appendix 2.4.** 

# 2.3.7 Excessive/insufficient re-appropriation of funds

Re-appropriation is transfer of funds within a grant from one unit of appropriation, where savings are anticipated, to another unit where additional funds are needed. Injudicious reappropriation proved excessive or insufficient and resulted in excess/savings of over ₹ 96.27 crore (₹ 10 lakh or more in each case) in 32 sub-heads. There was excess of ₹ 12.38 crore in 14 sub-heads as detailed in **Appendix 2.5** and savings of ₹ 83.89 crore in 18 sub-heads as detailed in **Appendix 2.6**.

#### 2.3.8 Substantial surrenders

Substantial surrenders (the cases where more than 50 *per cent* of total provision was surrendered) were made in respect of 35 sub-heads on account of either delay in implementation of schemes/programmes or non-receipt of funds from Government of India. Out of the total provision amounting to ₹ 642.82 crore in those 35 sub-heads, ₹ 502.61 crore (78.18 *per cent*) constituting 8.87 *per cent* of total budget provision (₹ 5,663.21 crore) were surrendered, which included cent *per cent* surrender in 13 sub-heads (₹ 52.13 crore). The details of such cases are given in **Appendix 2.7.** 

# 2.3.9 Surrender in excess of actual savings

In six cases, the amount surrendered (₹ 50 lakh or more in each case) was in excess of actual savings indicating lack of or inadequate budgetary control in related departments. As against savings of ₹ 225.40 crore, the amount surrendered was ₹ 251.74 crore resulting in excess surrender of ₹ 26.34 crore as indicated in **Table 2.8.** 

Table 2.8: Surrender in excess of actual savings (₹ 50 lakh or more)

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	No. and Name of Grant/Appropriation	Total grant/	Savings	Amount surrendered	Amount surrendered in excess		
	REVENUE - VOTED						
1	19 Irrigation and Flood Control	147.31	106.75	107.37	0.62		
2	33 Water Security and Public Health Engineering	16.90	0.50	1.00	0.50		
	TOTAL	164.21	107.25	108.37	1.12		
	CAPITAL - VOTED						
3	7 Human Resources and Development	43.94	20.20	25.02	4.82		
4	29 Development Planning, Economic Reforms and North Eastern Council Affairs	19.00	7.30	7.88	0.58		
5	34 Roads and Bridges	243.50	77.87	85.81	7.94		
6	35 Rural Management and Development	77.71	12.78	24.66	11.88		
	TOTAL	384.15	118.15	143.37	25.22		
	GRAND TOTAL	548.36	225.40	251.74	26.34		

Source: Appropriation Accounts.

#### 2.3.10 Anticipated savings not surrendered

As per SFR, the spending departments are required to surrender the grants/appropriations or portion thereof to the Finance, Revenue and Expenditure Department (FRED) as and when the savings are anticipated. At the close of the year 2013-14, there were however, six grants/appropriations in which savings occurred but no part of which had been surrendered by the concerned departments. The amount involved in those cases was ₹ 1.37 crore (0.11 per cent of the total savings) as indicated in **Table 2.9.** 

Table 2.9: Details of anticipated savings not surrendered

(₹in lakh)

Sl. No.	Grant No.	Name of grant/appropriation	Savings
1	15	Horticulture and Cash Crops Management	0.02
2	16	Commerce and Industries	121.55
3	18	Information Technology	11.81
4	24	Legislature	1.62
5	36	Science, Technology and Climate Change	0.25
6	37	Sikkim Nationalised Transport	1.69
		TOTAL	136.94

Further, in 11 grants/appropriations (with savings of ₹ 1 crore and above in each case), out of total savings of ₹ 723.04 crore, only ₹ 541.50 crore were surrendered leaving ₹ 181.54 crore (25.11 per cent) unsurrendered, details of which are given in **Appendix 2.8**. Besides, in 42 cases, (surrender of funds in excess of ₹ 1 crore or more), ₹ 978.62 crore (**Appendix 2.9**) were surrendered (major departments involved were Food Security and Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Livestock, Fisheries and Veterinary Services, Information and Technology, Irrigation and Flood Control, and Tourism and Civil Aviation) on the last two working days of March 2014 indicating inadequate financial controls and also the fact that those funds could not be utilised for other development purposes.

# 2.4 Contingency Fund

The Contingency Fund of the State had been established under the Contingency Fund Act, 1957 in terms of provisions of Articles 267(2) and 283(2) of the Constitution of India. Advances from the fund are to be made only for meeting expenditure of an unforeseen and emergent character, postponement of which till its authorisation by the Legislature would be undesirable. The fund is in the nature of an imprest and its corpus is ₹ 1 crore. Funds drawn out of Contingency Fund are subsequently recouped to the fund through supplementary provisions.

A total amount of ₹ 1 lakh, advanced during 2013-14 was not recouped till the end of the year 2013-14.

# 2.5 Outcome of review of selected grants

#### 2.5.1 Grant 34 - Road and Bridges Department

A review on budgetary procedure and control over expenditure for the period 2009-10 to 2013-14 was conducted (July-August 2014) in respect of "Grant No.34 – Roads and Bridges Department, Government of Sikkim. Significant observations made during the review are detailed below:

#### 2.5.1.1 Summarised position

The summarised position of actual expenditure against grants during 2009-10 to 2013-14 in respect of Grant No. 34 pertaining to the Roads and Bridges Department is given below:

Table 2.10: Details of actual expenditure against grants received

(₹ in crore)

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Year	Section	Nature of expenditure	Original Grant	Supplementary Grant	Total	Actual expenditure	Excess(+) Savings(-)	Surrender
2009-10	Voted	Revenue	39.25	3.04	42.29	40.10	(-)2.19(5)	2.21
2009-10	Voted	Capital	135.29	3.42	138.71	75.08	(-)63.63(46)	00
2010-11	Voted	Revenue	33.06	5.45	38.51	37.94	(-)0.57(1)	0.29
2010-11	Voted	Capital	194.36	19.16	213.52	87.98	(-)125.54(59)	111.64
2011-12	Voted	Revenue	40.47	7.22	47.69	46.27	(-)1.42(3)	0.68
2011-12	Voted	Capital	183.63	82.89	266.52	115.13	(-)151.39(57)	20.96
2012 12	Voted	Revenue	46.76	0.14	46.90	48.80	1.90(4)	0.02
2012-13	Voted	Capital	233.68	5.92	239.60	191.50	(-)48.10(20)	63.58
2012 14	Voted	Revenue	59.54	0.38	59.92	61.63	1.71(3)	0.51
2013-14	Voted	Capital	214.21	29.29	243.50	165.63	(-) 77.87(32)	85.81
Total	Voted	Revenue	219.08	16.23	235.31	234.74		3.71
	Voted	Capital	961.17	140.68	1,101.85	635.32		281.99

Source: Appropriation Accounts.

Figures in brackets indicate percentage of savings/excess to total provisions.

The analysis of actual expenditure against the grants received revealed the following:

#### 2.5.1.2 Unnecessary/excessive supplementary provision

Savings in a grant or appropriation indicate that the expenditure could not be incurred as estimated and planned. It points to poor budgeting or shortfall in performance depending upon the circumstances and the purpose for which the original grant or appropriation was provided. It was noticed that supplementary grants of ₹ 3.42 crore, ₹ 19.16 crore, ₹ 82.89 crore, ₹ 5.92 crore and ₹ 29.29 crore during the years 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 respectively under the Capital Heads were unnecessary as the final expenditure of ₹ 75.08 crore, ₹ 87.98 crore, ₹ 115.13 crore ₹ 191.50 and ₹ 165.63 crore under those heads were within the original provision.

#### 2.5.1.3 Persistent savings

Persistent savings in the grants were indicative of inaccurate budget estimation and a tendency of the concerned department to overestimate the requirement of funds. Persistent and substantial savings ranging from 20 to 59 *per cent* of the provision were noticed under Capital Heads during the entire review period from 2009-10 to 2013-14 under Grant No.34 as detailed in **Table 2.10**.

# 2.5.1.4 Substantial savings

Budget is prepared based on the activities to be undertaken for a year and the provision of funds is made to discharge the payment thereto. Further, analysis of budget provision and actual expenditure for the period 2009-10 to 2013-14 covered under review revealed that there were substantial savings of 57 and 59 *per cent* under Capital Heads during 2010-11 and 2011-12 respectively indicating inaccurate and unrealistic budget estimates.

#### 2.5.1.5 Surrender in excess of actual savings

During the years 2009-10, 2012-13 and 2013-14, the amount surrendered was in excess of actual savings indicating lack of or inadequate budgetary control. As against savings of ₹ 128.16 crore, the amount surrendered was ₹ 151.60 crore resulting in excess surrender of ₹ 23.44 crore.

#### 2.5.1.6 Substantial surrenders

Substantial surrenders were made in respect of 14 heads of accounts during the period of review (2009-14) either due to non-receipt of funds from Government of India or non-completion of work. The percentage of surrenders ranged from 12 to 100 *per cent* as shown below:

Table 2.11: Details of substantial surrenders

(₹in crore)

Year	Major Head	Final grant	Amount of surrender	Percentage of surrender
	2059-Public Works(Plan)	0.50	0.50	100
2009-10	5054-Construction of Bridge in West Sikkim (Plan)	4.00	4.00	100
	5054-District Roads (Plan)	42.93	36.50	85
	5054-Construction of Suspension Bridge at Singtam, NLCPR (Plan)	8.70	8.70	100
2010-11	5054-Construction of Steel Bridge in South Sikkim (Plan)	7.01	0.82	12
	5054-Construction of Bridges in West Sikkim (Plan)	2.05	1.95	95
2011-12	5054-District Roads (Plan)	162.76	20.96	13
	5054-Construction of Suspension Bridge at Singtam, NLCPR (Plan)	0.76	0.76	100
2012-13	5054-Construction of Steel Bridge in South Sikkim (Plan)	7.30	4.21	58
	5054-District Roads (Plan)	27.59	8.82	32
	5054-Construction of Steel Bridge in South Sikkim (Plan)	1.82	1.82	100
2013-14	5054-Construction of Bridges in West Sikkim (Plan)	0.87	0.87	100
2013-14	5054-New Schemes under NABARD (Plan)	23.50	22.50	96
	5054-District Roads (Plan)	23.97	18.16	76

Source: Appropriation Accounts.

#### 2.5.1.7 Anticipated savings not surrendered

In terms of Sikkim Financial Rules, the spending departments are required to surrender the grants/appropriation or portion thereof to the FRED as and when the savings are anticipated. Audit analysis of Grant 34 revealed that despite the savings, no fund was surrendered in the following cases:

Table 2.12: Details of anticipated savings not surrendered

(₹in lakh)

Year	MH affecting the grant	Total grant (Original + Supplementary)	Actual expenditure	Amount of re-appropriation	Saving	Amount surrendered
2009-10	2059-Public Works (Non-Plan)	10.00	9.84	Nil	0.16	Nil
2010-11	2059-Public Works (Non-Plan)	5.08	4.65	Nil	0.43	Nil
	2059-Public Works (Plan)	100.00	80.17	Nil	19.83	Nil
2011-12	3054-Road s and bridges (Plan)	1,198.19	1,176.23	Nil	21.96	Nil
2011 12	5054-Capital Outlay on Roads & Bridges	3,444.04	1,033.18	Nil	2,410.86	Nil
2013-14	2059-Public Works (Non-Plan)	6.21	6.10	Nil	0.11	Nil
	TOTAL					

Source: Detail Appropriation Accounts.

#### 2.5.1.8 Non-utilisation of funds

Budget allotment is provided based on the proposed activities to be undertaken for a year. Audit analysis on the review of the grant revealed that an amount of ₹ 47.92 crore provided for various activities were not utilised as indicated below:

Table 2.13: Details of non-utilisation of funds

(₹ in lakh)

Year	MH affecting the grant	Amount of grant
	5054-Additional facilities	1.00
2009-10	5054-Replacement	1.00
2009-10	5054-Expansion	1.00
	5054-Additional facilities	1.00
2010-11	3054-Wages	1.70
2010-11	5054-Double laning of Sichey-Ranka road	610.00
	3054-Survey Investigation & preparation of PDR for 11 <sup>th</sup> Plan road Schemes (NEC)	5.85
i	5054-Replacement of Existing Suspension Bridge with 90 Metres Span steel bridge (NEC)	1.00
	5054-Cost of Steel Girder and its Accessories	1.00
	5054-Replacement of two bridges (NLCPR)	20.01
l	5054-Construction of steel bridge on Pabong-Yangang Road at Sainotar-lower Ben Khola (NEC)	4.18
	5054-Const. of Makha suspension bridge over river Teesta on Makha Lingi Yangang Rd South Sikkim (NEC)	23.40
	5054-Const. of Steel Bridge over Khundrukey Khola along Yangang Makha Road in S.Sikkim (NLCPR)	154.28
İ	5054-Const. of Steel Bridge in North Sikkim	1.81
	5054-Const. of Pre-Stressed Bridge over river Rangit on Legship Tashiding Road (NLCPR)	774.99
	5054-Upgradation of Ranka-Burtuk-Gangtok Road in East Sikkim (NLCPR)	12.00
	5054-Improvement of Assam-Pakyong Road (NEC)	19.82
2011-12	5054-External Aided Project	1,000.00
2011 12	5054-Pelling-Dentam Road (NLCPR)	42.00
	5054-Carpeting/Surfacing improvement of DentamUttarey Road (NLCPR)	90.00
İ	5054-Improvement of Bermoik-Legship Road (NEC)	54.91
	5054-Extension of road from Chakhung Khaniserbong SPWD road to Majuwa village via Chota Samdung (NLCPR)	243.71
l	5054-Upgradation of LLHP to Nandok Road (NLCPR)	214.98
	5054-Improvement & widening of Tintek Dikchu Road (NLCPR)	569.28
	5054-Carpeting/Surface improvement Protective Works and Drainage of Namchi-Rabongla Road (NLCPR)	38.70
	5054-Improvement of Kimbubotey-Sokpey road (NEC)	131.00
	5054-Upgradation of Chujachen-Rolep road 1st Km to 16th Km ISC (100%CSS)	400.00
	5054-Improvement of Melli-Phong road (100% CSS)	273.00
2013-14	5054-Major Works	100.00
	Total	4,791.62

 $Source: Appropriation\ Accounts.$ 

#### 2.5.1.9 Expenditure without provision

As per SFR, expenditure should not be incurred on a scheme/service without provision of funds. It was however, noticed that expenditure of ₹ 1.50 crore was incurred in one case as detailed in **Table 2.14** without any provision in the total grant.

Table 2.14: Details of expenditure without provision

(₹ in crore)

Year	MH affecting the grant	Total grant (Original + Supplementary)	Actual expenditure	Excess
2010-11	5054-05-337-60-45-88 - Upgradation of Chuchajen- Rolep Road 1 <sup>st</sup> Km to 16 <sup>th</sup> Km ISC (100%CSS)	0	1.50	1.50

Source: Appropriation Accounts.

#### 2.5.1.10 Rush of expenditure

As per Note 3 under Rule 84 of SFR, rush of expenditure, particularly in the closing month of the financial year, is to be regarded as a breach of financial propriety and should be avoided. Contrary to this, rush of expenditure during the last quarter was noticed in the grant under review. Rush of expenditure during March of the period under review ranged from 19 to 37 *per cent* of the total expenditure as shown below:

Table 2.15: Trend of rush of expenditure

(₹ in crore)

Particulars	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Expenditure during April to December	59.73	65.33	99.08	165.94	148.91
Expenditure during January to February	12.77	14.44	11.83	29.15	18.87
Expenditure during March (Percentage of expenditure during March to total expenditure in bracket)	42.68 (37)	46.14 (37)	50.48 (31)	45.22 (19)	59.48 (26)
Total	115.18	125.91	161.39	240.31	227.26

Source: Voucher Level Computerisation data of Office of the Sr. Deputy Accountant General (Accounts & Entitlement). Figures in brackets indicate percentage of expenditure in March to total expenditure.

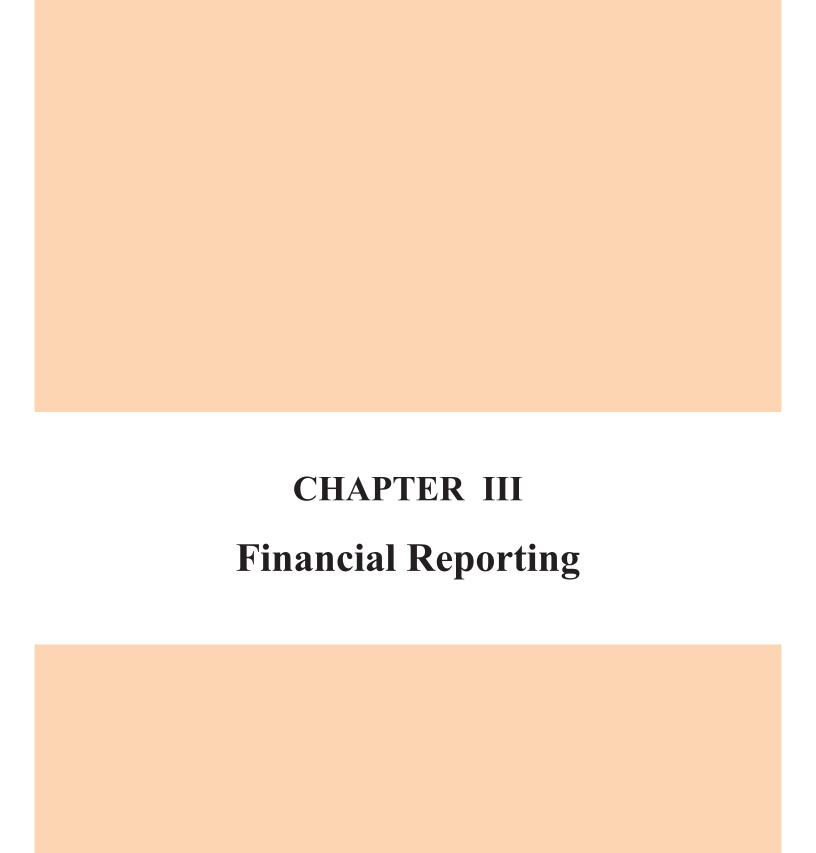
Further analysis revealed that significant rush of expenditure during the closing month of the year ranging from 25 to 84 *per cent* of total expenditure were noticed in 09 Heads under Grant No.34 as detailed in **Appendix 2.10.** 

#### 2.6 Conclusion

Against the total provision of ₹ 5,663.21 crore during 2013-14, an expenditure of ₹ 4,470.67 crore was incurred. This resulted in an unspent provision of ₹ 1,192.54 crore (21.06 per cent). Excess expenditure of ₹ 86.74 crore during 2009-10 to 2013-14 required regularisation under Article 205 of the Constitution. While supplementary provision of ₹ 78.08 crore in 16 cases was unnecessary, re-appropriation of funds in 32 cases was made injudiciously resulting in either un-utilised provision or excess over provision. In 42 cases, ₹ 978.62 crore was surrendered on the last two working days of the financial year. ₹ 93.64 crore drawn during 2009-14 as advances remained to be settled, distorting the amount of expenditure being shown as such.

#### 2.7 Recommendations

Budgetary control should be strengthened to avoid cases of provision remaining unutilised. Injudicious excessive/unnecessary supplementary provision of funds should be avoided. Budget should be prepared keeping in view the actual requirement of funds and it should neither be under/over pitched. The departmental budgets should be more realistic and cases of persistent non-utilisation of funds, excessive provision of funds should be avoided. Rush of expenditure during the last quarter of the financial year particularly in the month of March are required to be avoided. The departments should forecast the budget in close proximity to actual requirements and the FRED should take effective steps to prepare a Budget Manual enumerating detailed procedures for better financial management.



#### CHAPTER III FINANCIAL REPORTING

A sound internal financial reporting system based on compliance with financial rules is one of the attributes of good governance. This chapter provides an overview and status of compliance of the departments of the State Government with various financial rules, procedures and directives during the current year.

#### 3.1 Non-submission of utilisation certificates

Sikkim Financial Rules (SFR) (Rule 116(1)) states that every grant made for a specific object is subject to the implied conditions, (i) that the grant shall be spent upon the object within a reasonable time (which should ordinarily be interpreted to mean one year from the date of issue of the letter sanctioning the grant as per note below Rule 116), if no time limit has been fixed by the sanctioning authority; and (ii) that any portion of the amount which is not ultimately required for expenditure upon that object shall be duly surrendered to Government. However, 462 utilisation certificates (UCs) aggregating to ₹ 19.49 crore in respect of grants-in-aid paid up to 2013-14¹, were in arrears as of March 2014 as detailed in **Appendix 3.1.** 

The age-wise arrears of UCs is summarised in **Table 3.1**.

Table - 3.1: Age-wise arrears of Utilisation Certificates

(₹in lakh)

Sl.	Range of Delay in Number of	Total grants released		<b>Utilisation Certi</b>	ficates in arrears
No.	years	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
1	9 & above	40	761.81	8	91.26
2	7-9	361	447.75	2	40.00
3	5-7	233	1,647.50	6	514.97
4	3-5	41	701.00	4	34.00
5	1-3	24	553.00	0	0
6	0-1	475	3,016.14	442	1,268.61
	Total	1,174	7,127.20	462	1,948.84

Source: Information furnished by the State Government departments.

Major cases of financial implications due to non-submission of UCs were related to Ecclesiastical Affairs Department (57 per cent), Health Care, Human Services and Family Welfare Department (33 per cent) and Co-operation Department (9 per cent). Non-submission of UCs defeats the very purpose of release of the money to the beneficiary organisations and also gives rise to possibility of misuse/diversions.

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Grants-in-aid paid during 2013-14, although not due for submission of UCs within 2013-14, were in arrears.

#### 3.1.1 Pendency in submission of Utilisation Certificates

Utilisation Certificates (UCs) pending submission as on 31 March 2014 in respect of Co-operation Department were 344 aggregating to ₹ 1.85 crore against the release of 1,015 number of grants amounting to ₹ 12.33 crore from 1999-2000 till 2013-14 as detailed below:

Table - 3.2: Statement showing pending utilisation certificates

(₹in lakh)

Sl.	Range of Delay in	Total grants released		<b>Utilisation Ce</b>	rtificates in arrears
No.	Number of years	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
1	9 & above	32	51.81	5	1.26
2	7-9	355	79.00	0	0
3	5-7	222	291.00	2	14.98
4	3-5	33	377.00	3	24.00
5	1-3	20	118.00	0	0
6	0-1	353	316.39	334	144.31
	Total	1,015	1,233.20	344	184.55

The Department while releasing the grants issued the following instructions with a copy to the concerned district offices:

- 1) To furnish the UCs promptly.
- 2) To submit monthly progress reports along with detailed expenditure incurred to the district offices and the district offices to compile and submit the same on quarterly basis to the Head Office.
- Inclusion of the concerned Assistant Registrar/Inspector of the District in the construction sub-committee and technical officers from the Building and Housing Department/Block Administrative Centre in case of construction grants to monitor the work from time to time.
- 4) Information to the Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies (JRCS) in the concerned district offices to collect and forward the UCs as soon as possible and also to submit compliance reports to the Secretary, Co-operation Department after one month from the date of issue of the letter.

However, as revealed from the records, the pendency in submission of UCs was mainly due to non-adherence of the instructions by the grantee units, absence of follow up action by the field offices as instructed and shortage of staff in the district level.

#### 3.1.2 Review of grants

A detailed review on utilisation of grants in Social, Justice, Empowerment and Welfare Department (SJEWD) revealed the following:

Rule113 (1) of the Sikkim Financial Rules (SFR) lays down that 'When recurring grants-in-aid are sanctioned to the same institution for the same purpose, a

certificate to the effect that the unspent balance of the previous grant has either been surrendered to Government or has been taken into account in sanctioning the subsequent grant should be incorporated in the sanction letter in such cases'.

Audit examination revealed that four Commissions/Boards during the period from 2009-10 to 2013-14 as detailed below, neither surrendered the unspent balance to the tune of ₹ 1.96 crore to the Government nor the surrendered amount has been taken into account while sanctioning the subsequent grant by the Department.

Table 3.3: Details of unspent balances

(₹in lakh)

	(Vin tutily)					
Sl.	Boards/Commission		U	nspent Bala	ances	
No.	Boards/Commission	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
1	Sikkim Commission for Backward Classes	0	3.39	3.54	19.77	7.70
2	Sikkim Welfare Commission	12.11	10.35	13.09	23.48	34.06
3	State Women Commission	4.31	0	11.51	34.60	17.73
4	Extruder Food Processing Plant	175.68	56.47	2.84	450.54	Not produced
	TOTAL	192.10	70.21	30.98	528.39	59.49
	Grand Total	_	₹ 881.	17 lakh i.e.	₹ 8.81 crore	

Further critical analysis revealed that State Welfare Commission had been incurring expenditure less than the actual grants received during the period 2009-10 and 2011-12 to 2013-14 leaving huge balance at the end of the year. The Department never verified the actual expenditure of the unit and had been sanctioning the grants more than the actual requirements as detailed below.

Table 3.4: Details of expenditure less than the sanctioned grant

(₹in lakh)

	State Welfare Commission					
Year	Opening Balance	Grants-in-aid received	Expenditure	Closing Balance		
2009-10	0	17.00	4.89	12.11		
2010-11	12.11	3.50	5.63	10.35 (Including Bank interest)		
2011-12	10.35	9.53	7.06	13.09 (Including Bank interest)		
2012-13	13.09	19.06	9.14	23.48 (Including Bank interest)		
2013-14	23.48	20.00	10.52	34.06 (Including Bank interest)		

Rule 113(2) of the SFR lay down that 'Only so much of the grant shall be paid during any financial year as is likely to be expended during that year. In the case of grants for specific works or services such as buildings or other schemes, the sanctioning authority shall use its discretion in authorising payments according to the needs of the work. It should be ensured that money is not drawn in advance of requirements and that a rush of payment of these grants in March is avoided'.

Audit of records revealed that an amount of ₹ 50 lakh was sanctioned as grants-in-aid to Spastics Society of Sikkim for setting up of Composite Rehabilitation Centre in Sikkim during March 2013. The Society before applying for the Grants,

neither prepared any Detailed Project Report (DPR) nor had acquired any land for the same. It was seen that the amount was kept as 'Fixed Deposit' since March 2013 till August 2014. The Department neither asked for submission of the DPR nor enquired about the land where the centre would be set up for such a huge amount. Violating the provisions of SFR, the Department sanctioned the amount in advance of requirement.

Rule 116(1) states that 'every grant made for a specific object is subject to the implied conditions, (i) that the grant shall be spent upon the object within a reasonable time (which should ordinarily be interpreted to mean one year from the date of issue of the letter sanctioning the grant as per note below Rule 116), if no time limit has been fixed by the sanctioning authority; and (ii) that any portion of the amount which is not ultimately required for expenditure upon that object shall be duly surrendered to Government'.

Test check revealed (August) that SJEWD released ₹ 40 lakh in the form of grants to State Commission for Protection of Right of Children during 2013-14. After incurring an expenditure of ₹ 15.77 lakh, the Commission instead of surrendering the unspent balance of ₹ 24.23 lakh, transferred ₹ 10 lakh to Juvenile Welfare/Justice Board and retained the balance amount of ₹ 14.23 lakh in Bank as of March 2014.

It was further seen that the Department released ₹ 41.52 crore involving 47 UCs in the form of grants to various Boards/Commissions during the year 2009-10 to 2013-14. However, 12 out of 47 UCs involving ₹ 8.20 crore were not received till the date of Audit (August 2014) as detailed in **Appendix 3.2.** This was mainly due to lack of monitoring and co-ordination between the Department and its grantee units as was evident from the fact that the Department could not produce any document in support of its monitoring over the grants released in spite of repeated request (written and verbal) from Audit.

#### 3.2 Non-submission/delay in submission of accounts

In order to identify new institutions which attract audit under Sections 14 and 15 of the Comptroller and Auditor General's (Duties, Powers and Conditions of Service) Act, 1971, the State Government/Heads of the Departments are required to furnish to Audit every year detailed information about the financial assistance given to various institutions, the purpose of assistance granted and the total expenditure of the institutions. None of the departments could submit the same though specifically called for.

Further, according to section 14 (3) of the Comptroller and Auditor-General's (Duties, Powers and Conditions of Service) Act, 1971 where the receipts and expenditure of any body or authority are, by virtue of the fulfillment of the conditions specified in subsection (1) or sub-section (2) of section 14, audited by the Comptroller and Auditor-General in a financial year, he shall continue to audit the receipts and expenditure of that body or authority for a further period of two years notwithstanding that the conditions

specified in sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) are not fulfilled during any of the two subsequent years.

The substantially funded Autonomous Bodies/Authorities are required to submit their annual accounts for audit by the C&AG under the provision ibid. Fifty six annual accounts of 35 Autonomous Bodies/Authorities due up to 2013-14 had not been received by the Accountant General (Audit) as detailed in **Appendix 3.3.** The age-wise delay in years is detailed in the table below:

Sl. No	Range of delays in number of years	Total number of accounts
1	5 & above	2
2	3-5	2
3	1-3	3
4	0-1	49
	Total	56

Table 3.5: Statement showing age-wise non furnished of accounts

# 3.3 Status of submission of accounts of Autonomous Bodies and placement of Audit Reports before the State Legislature

Several Autonomous Bodies had been set up by the State Government in the field of Rural Development, Urban Development, Khadi and Village Industries, State Health and Family Welfare, Science and Technology, etc. The audit of accounts of eight Bodies in the State has been entrusted to the Comptroller and Auditor General of India. Those are audited with regard to their transactions, operational activities and accounts, conducting regulatory/compliance audit, review of internal management and financial controls, review of systems and procedures, etc.

The audit of accounts of four Bodies in the State has been entrusted to the C&AG for which Separate Audit Report is prepared for placement before the Legislature. Out of these four autonomous bodies, three autonomous bodies viz. Sikkim Mining Corporation (SMC), State Trading Corporation of Sikkim (STCS) and State Bank of Sikkim (SBS) rendered accounts upto 2010-11. 11 Separate Audit Reports of three Autonomous Bodies (STCS for the year 2005-06 to 2010-11, SBS for the years 2005-06, 2008-09 to 2010-11 and State Legal Service Authority for the year 2012-13) had not been placed before the State Legislature as of August 2014. Details are given in **Appendix 3.4** 

#### 3.4 Departmental Commercial Undertakings

The departmental undertakings of certain government departments performing activities of commercial and quasi-commercial nature are required to prepare *pro forma* accounts in the prescribed format annually showing the working results of financial operations so that the Government can assess their working. The finalised accounts of departmentally managed commercial and quasi-commercial undertakings reflect their overall financial health and efficiency in conducting their business. In the absence of timely finalisation of

accounts, the investment of the Government remains outside the scrutiny of the Audit/State Legislature. Consequently, corrective measures, if any required, for ensuring accountability and improving efficiency cannot be taken up in time. Besides, the delay in all likelihood may also open the system to risk of fraud and leakage of public money.

The heads of departments in the Government are to ensure that the undertakings prepare and submit such accounts to the Accountant General for audit within a specified time frame. The position of arrears in preparation of *pro forma* accounts by the undertakings is given below:

Table 3.6: Arrears in finalisation of proforma accounts and Government investment in Departmentally Managed Commercial and Quasi-Commercial Undertakings

Sl. No.	Name of the Undertakings	Accounts finalised upto	Investment as per the last Accounts finalised (₹in crore)	Remarks/ Reasons for delay in preparation of Accounts
1.	Temi Tea Estate	2012-13	52.91	-
2.	Government Food Preservation Factory	2010-11	2.92	Delay in holding Board Meetings/AGM

#### 3.5 Reconciliation of expenditure and receipts

To enable the controlling officers to exercise effective control over expenditure, to keep it within the budget grants and to ensure accuracy of their accounts, expenditure recorded in their books have to be reconciled by them every month during the financial year with those recorded in the books of the Senior Deputy Accountant General (Accounts & Entitlements), Sikkim.

Reconciliation had been completed for all revenue and capital Expenditure Heads, while 99 *per cent* of total Receipt Heads were reconciled during 2013-14.

#### 3.6 Other comments

#### Interest adjustment on Small Savings, Provident Funds, etc.

During 2013-14, an amount of  $\stackrel{?}{\underset{?}{?}}$  242.54 crore were received by the Government on account of Small Savings, Provident Funds, etc. The disbursement out of this fund was made to the extent of  $\stackrel{?}{\underset{?}{?}}$  181.05 crore which resulted in a net receipt of  $\stackrel{?}{\underset{?}{?}}$  61.49 crore. An amount of  $\stackrel{?}{\underset{?}{?}}$  49.68 crore was paid as interest.

## **Booking under Minor Head "800-Other Receipts and Other Expenditure"**

During the year 2013-2014, an amount of ₹ 168.77 crore under 32 Revenue Receipts heads and ₹ 523.63 crore under 35 Expenditure heads had been classified under 800-Other Expenditure constituting 3.90 *per cent* of total revenue receipts of the State and 11.98 *per cent* of the total expenditure incurred under respective major heads.

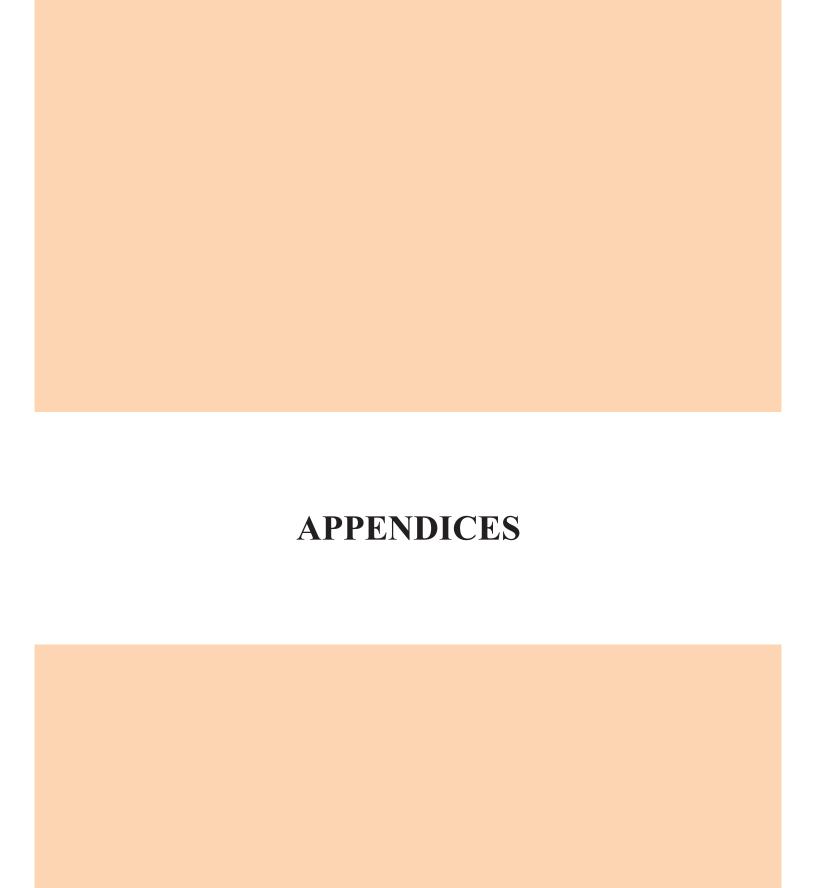
#### 3.7 Conclusion

The foregoing discussion discloses deficiencies in furnishing UCs in time against grants/loans paid, non-furnishing of detailed information about financial assistance paid to various Institutions and non-submission of accounts in time. There was delay in placement of Separate Audit Reports to the Legislature and arrears in finalisation of accounts by the Autonomous Bodies/Authorities.

Gangtok The (Vanlal Chhuanga) Accountant General (Audit), Sikkim

Countersigned

New Delhi The (Shashi Kant Sharma) Comptroller and Auditor General of India



## Appendix 1.1: Part A **State Profile**

(Reference: Page 1)

General Data						
Sl. No.	F	Particulars	Figures			
1	Area		7,096 sq.km			
1	Population					
2	a.	As per 2001 Census	5.40 lakh			
	b.	As per 2011 Census	6.11 lakh			
3	a.	Density of Population (2001 Census) (All India Density = 325 person per sq. km)	77			
3	b.	Density of Population (2011 Census) (All India Density = 382 person per sq.km)	86			
4	Population below poverty line (All India Average = 27.5 per cent)	As on March 2011	13.10 per cent			
5	a.	Literacy (2001 Census) (All India Average = 64.8 per cent)	69.68 per cent			
3	b.	Literacy (2011 Census) (All India Average = 74.0 per cent)	82.20 per cent			
6	Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) (All India Average 40 per 1,000 live births)	As per SRS Bulletin of Registrar General, Ministry of Home Affairs, GOI	22			
7	Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) 2013-14 at current prices	As per Ministry of Statics and programme implementation, GOI	₹12,376.69 crore			
8	Per capita GSDP CAGR (2002-03 to 2011-12)	Sikkim	21.67 per cent			
9	GSDP CAGR (2003-04 to 2013-14)	Sikkim	28.80 per cent			
10	Population Growth (2002-2012)	Sikkim	12.43 per cent			

#### **Appendix 1.1: Part B**

#### **Layout of Finance Accounts**

(Reference: Paragraph 1.1; Page 2)

Finance Accounts is prepared in two volumes with volume 1 presenting the summarised financial statements of Government and volume 2 presenting the detailed statements. The layout is detailed below. Further, volume 2 contains details such as comparative expenditure on salaries and subsidies by major head, grants in aid and assistance given by the State Government, externally aided projects, expenditure on plan scheme, direct transfer of Central scheme funds to implementing agencies, summary of balances, financial results of irrigation schemes, commitments on incomplete public works contracts and maintenance expenditure which are bought out in various appendices.

Statement	Layout
1	Summarised Financial position of the State giving cumulative figures of assets and liabilities of the Government as at the end of 2013-14.
2	Summary of Receipts and Disbursements during the year in all the three parts of accounts of Government.
3	Summary of receipts under Consolidated Fund, grants from Government of India and Capital, Public Debt and Other receipts.
4	Summary of expenditure for the current year under various sector of Consolidated Fund of State.
5	Details of capital expenditure major head wise incurred during and to the end of 2013-14.
6	Summary of the debt position of the State including borrowing from internal debt, Government of India, other obligations and servicing of debt.
7	Summary of loans and advances given by the State Government during the year and repayments made, recoveries in arrears, etc.
8	Summarised statement of Grants-in-aid given by Government, both in cash and in kind and also grants released for creation of capital assets.
9	Summary of guarantees given by the government for repayment of loans etc., raised by statutory corporation, local bodies and other institutions.
10	Distribution of expenditure between charged and voted.
11	Detailed account of revenue and capital receipts by minor heads.
12	Detailed account of revenue expenditure by minor heads under non-plan, plan and centrally sponsored scheme separately.
13	Detailed accounts of capital expenditure by minor heads under non-plan, plan and centrally sponsored scheme separately during the year and total expenditure to the end of 2013-14.
14	Details of investments of the State Government in Statutory Corporations, Government companies, other joint stock companies, co-operative banks, societies, etc., up to the end of 2013-14 and also the comparative summary of investment between the share capital and debentures.
15	Detailed account on borrowings and other liabilities showing public debt and other interest bearing obligation during and up to the end of 2013-14, maturity profile, repayment schedule and interest rate profile.
16	Detailed account of Loans and advances given by the Government of Sikkim, the amount of loan repaid during the year, the balance as on 31 March 2014 and also loans advanced during the year for plan purpose and centrally sponsored schemes.
17	Detailed account on sources and application of funds other than on revenue account.
18	Detailed account on contingency fund and public account transactions.
19	Details of earmarked balance of reserve funds.

# **Appendix 1.1: Part C Structure of Government Accounts**

(Reference: Paragraph 1.1; Page 2)

The accounts of the State Government are kept in three parts viz., Consolidated Fund, Contingency Fund and Public Account

**Part I: Consolidated Fund:** All revenues received by the State Government, all loans raised by issue of treasury bills, internal loans and all moneys received by the Government in repayment of loans shall form one Consolidated Fund entitled the Consolidated Fund of the State established under Article 266(1) of the Constitution of India.

**Part II: Contingency Fund:** Contingency Fund of the State established under Article 267(2) of the Constitution is in the nature of an imprest placed at the disposal of the Governor to enable him to make advances to meet urgent unforeseen expenditure, pending authorisation by the Legislature. Approval of the Legislature for such expenditure and for withdrawal of an equivalent amount from the Consolidated Fund is subsequently obtained, whereupon the advances from the Contingency Fund are recouped to the fund.

**Part III: Public Account:** Receipts and disbursements in respect of certain transaction such as small savings, provident funds, reserve funds, deposits, suspense, remittances etc., which do not form part of the Consolidated Fund, are kept in the Public Account set up under Article 266(2) of the Constitution and are not subject to vote by the State Legislature.

#### List of terms used in Chapter I and basis for their calculation

Terms	Basis of calculation
Buoyancy of a parameter	
Buoyancy of a parameter (X) with respect to another parameter	Rate of Growth of the parameter (X)/Rate of Growth of the parameter (Y).
Rate of Growth (ROG)	(Current year Amount/Previous year Amount – 1) *100.
Average	Trend of growth over a period of 5 years
Share shift/Shift rate of a parameter	Trend of percentage shares, over a period of 5 years, of the parameter in Revenue or Expenditure as the case may be.
Development Expenditure	Social Services+Economic Services
Weighted Interest Rate (Average interest paid by the State)	Interest payment/[(amount of previous year's Fiscal Liabilities+current year's Fiscal Liabilities)/2]*100
Interest spread	GSDP growth - Weighted Interest rates.
Quantum spread	Debt stock * Interest Spread/100.
Interest received as per cent to loans outstanding	Interest received/[(opening balance+closing balance of loans and advances)/2]*100.
Revenue deficit	Revenue receipt - revenue expenditure.
Fiscal deficit	Revenue Expenditure + Capital Expenditure+Net Loans and Advances - Revenue Receipts - Miscellaneous Capital Receipts.
Primary deficit	Fiscal deficit - Interest payments.
Balance from current revenue (BCR)	Revenue receipts <i>minus</i> plan grants and non-plan revenue expenditure excluding debits under 2048 - Appropriation for reduction or avoidance of debt.
Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR)	The compound annual growth rate Is calculated by taking the n <sup>th</sup> root of the total percentage growth rate, where n is the number of years in the period being considered.  CAGR = [Ending Value/Beginning Value] (1/no. of years) - 1
GSDP	GSDP is defined as the total income of the State or the market value of goods and services produced using labour and all other factors of production at current prices.

Buoyancy ratio	Buoyancy ratio indicates the elasticity or degree of responsiveness of a fiscal variable with respect to a given change in the base variable. For instance, revenue buoyancy at 0.7 implies that revenue receipts tend to increase by 0.7 percentage points, if the GSDP increases by one <i>percent</i> .
Core Public and Merit goods	Core public goods are which all citizens enjoy in common in the sense that each individual's consumption of such goods lead to no subtractions from any other individual's consumption of that goods, e.g. enforcement of law and order, security and protection of our rights; pollution free air, other environmental good, road infrastructure etc. Merit goods are commodities that the public sector provides free or at subsidised rates because an individual or society should have them on the basis of some concept of need, rather than ability and willingness to pay the Government and therefore wishes to encourage their consumption. Examples of such goods include the provision of free or subsidised food for the poor to support nutrition, delivery of health services to improve quality of life and reduce morbidity, providing basic education to all, drinking water and sanitation, etc.  "The analysis of expenditure data is disaggregated into developmental and non-developmental expenditure. All expenditure relating to Revenue Account, Capital Outlay and Loans and Advances is categorised into social services, economic services and general services. Broadly, the social and economic services constitute developmental expenditure, while expenditure on general services is treated as non-developmental expenditure
Debt Sustainability	The Debt sustainability is defined as the ability of the State to maintain a constant debt- GSDP ratio over a period of time and also embodies the concern about the ability to service its debt. Sustainability of debt therefore also refers to sufficiency of liquid assets to meet current or committed obligations and the capacity to keep balance between costs of additional borrowings with returns from such borrowings. It means that rise in fiscal deficit should match with the increase in capacity to service the debt.
Debt Stabilisation	A necessary condition for stability states that if the rate of growth of economy exceeds the interest rate or cost of public borrowings, the debt-GSDP ratio is likely to be stable provided primary balances are either zero or positive or are moderately negative. Given the rate spread (GSDP growth rate - interest rate) and quantum spread (Debt*rate spread), debt sustainability condition states that if quantum spread together with primary deficit is zero, debt-GSDP ratio would be constant or debt would stabilise eventually. On the other hand, if primary deficit together with quantum spread turns out to be negative, debt-GSDP ratio would be rising and in case it is positive, debt-GSDP ratio would eventually be falling.
Non-debt receipts	Adequacy of incremental non-debt receipts of the State to cover the incremental interest liabilities and incremental primary expenditure. The debt sustainability could be significantly facilitated if the incremental non-debt receipts could meet the incremental interest burden and the incremental primary expenditure.
Net availability of borrowed funds	Defined as the ratio of the debt redemption (principal+interest payments) to total debt receipts and indicates the extent to which the debt receipts are used in debt redemption indicating the net availability of borrowed funds.

# **Appendix 1.2**Time series data on the State Government finances

(Reference: Paragraph 1.1; Page 2)

					(₹ in crore
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
P	art A. Receip	ts			
1. Revenue Receipts	2,345.37	2,151.70	2,872.11	3,288.36	3,893.54
1		- 1		· ·	(99.98)
(i) Tax Revenue	223.65 (9.54)	279.54 (12.99)	293.92 (10.23)	435.48 (13.24)	524.92
	121.07	142.74	124.19	227.08	(13.48) 286.33
Taxes on Sales, Trade, etc.	(54.13)	(51.1)	(42.25)	(52.14)	(54.55)
	57.27	70.64	96.26	111.12	120.64
State Excise	(25.61)	(25.27)	(32.75)	(25.52)	(22.98)
The control Validation	7.88	10.66	16.56	16.38	18.52
Taxes on Vehicles	(3.52)	(30.81)	(5.63)	(3.76)	(3.53)
Stamps and Dagistration food	4.48	5.70	8.27	5.35	6.46
Stamps and Registration fees	(2.00)	(2.04)	(2.81)	(1.23)	(1.23)
Land Revenue	2.71	7.33	4.61	5.66	3.39
Land Revenue	(1.21)	(2.62)	(1.57)	(1.30)	(0.65)
Taxes on Income other than Corporation Tax	2.84	4.94	4.86	6.73	8.68
Tunes on moonie outer than corporation Tune	(1.26)	(1.77)	(1.65)	(1.55)	(1.65)
Other Taxes	27.40	37.52	39.17	63.16	80.90
	(12.25)	(13.42)	(13.32)	(14.50)	(15.41)
(ii) Non Tax Revenue	447.42	242.15	244.04	302.00	361.59
	(19.08)	(11.25)	(8.50)	(9.16)	(9.29)
(iii) State's share of Union taxes and duties	374.68 (15.98)	524.99 (24.40)	611.65 (21.30)	698.48 (21.25)	762.62 (19.59)
	1.299.62	1,105.02	1,722.50	1,852.40	2,244.41
(iv) Grants in aid from Government of India	(55.41)	(51.36)	(59.97)	(56.33)	(57.64)
2. Miscellaneous Capital Receipts	(55.41)	(31.30)	42.25	(50.55)	(37.04)
			12.23		0.92
3. Recoveries of Loans and Advances	0.30	0.79	0.03	0.90	(0.02)
4. Total Revenue and Non debt capital receipts	2,345.67	2,152.49	2,914.39	3,289.26	3,894.46
(1+2+3)	(85.68)	(95.77)	(97.08)	(94.35)	(92.93)
5 Politic Dold Dominto	392.11	95.03	87.44	196.81	296.32
5. Public Debt Receipts	(14.32)	(4.23)	(2.91)	(5.65)	(7.07)
Internal Debt (excluding Ways and Means Advances	391.86	94.96	86.89	195.22	294.01
and Overdrafts)	(99.94)	(99.93)	(99.37)	173.22	(99.22)
Net transactions under Ways and Means Advances and			_		
Overdrafts	0.05	0.05	0.55	1.50	2.21
Loans and Advances from Government of India	0.25 (0.06)	0.07	0.55	1.59	2.31
6. Total Receipts in the Consolidated Fund (4+5)	2,737.78	(0.07) <b>2,247.52</b>	(0.63) <b>3,001.83</b>	(0.05) <b>3,486.07</b>	(0.78) <b>4,190.78</b>
4	2,/3/./8	2,247.52	0.10	0.00	1.00
7. Contingency Fund Receipts	2 067 70	2 015 62	3,808.95	4,059.44	4,683.55
8. Public Account Receipts (Gross)	2,967.70	2,915.63			
8A. Public Account Receipts (Net)(8-19)	182.80	16.85	320.97	58.52	81.33
9. Total Receipts of the State (6+7+8)	5,705.48	5,163.14	6,810.88	7,545.51 3,544.59	8,875.33
9A.Total Receipts of the State (net)(6+7+8A)	2,920.58	2,264.37	3,322.90	3,344.39	4,273.11
Part B. Ex	penditure/Dis	oursement			2.025.07
10. Revenue Expenditure	1,829.02	2,011.92	2,429.61	2,507.39	3,025.06 (76.64)
					1053.13
Plan	572.68	675.27	748.38	813.47	(34.81)
					1,971.93
Non Plan	1,256.34	1,336.65	1,681.23	1,693.92	(65.19)
Comment Complete Completion (1)	657.61	684.94	752.44	880.88	1035.10
General Services (including interest payments)	(35.95)	(34.04)	(30.97)	(35.13)	(34.22)

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Social Services	691.28	816.43	1,031.69 (42.46)	947.47 (37.79)	1,276.36 ( <i>42.19</i> )
F . G .	400.12	407.61	614.01	656.10	678.19
Economic Services	480.13	497.61	(25.27)	(26.17)	(22.42)
Grants-in-aid and contributions	187.46	12.94	31.47	22.94	35.41
			(1.30)	(0.91)	(1.17) <b>911.94</b>
11. Capital Expenditure	648.53	451.07	615.76	842.35	(23.10)
Plan	648.53	451.07	615.76	842.35	911.94
	040.33	431.07	013.70	042.33	(100.00)
Non Plan	-	-	25.20	83.31	160.52
General Services	88.87	56.67	25.29 (4.11)	(9.89)	169.52 (18.59)
Social Services	220.64	165.85	277.11 (45)	291.22 (34.58)	266.21 (29.19)
Economic Services	339.02	228.55	313.36 (50.89)	467.82 (55.53)	476.21 (52.22)
12. Disbursement of Loans and Advances	36.98	5.75	49.17	5.11	10.40 (0.26)
13. Total (10+11+12)	2,514.53	2,468.74	3,094.54	3,354.85	3,947.40
14. Repayments of Public Debt	86.29	73.23	48.66	71.12	88.74
Internal Debt (excluding Ways and Means Advances and Overdrafts)	67.55	51.31	45.30	61.58	64.47
Net transactions under Ways and Means Advances and Overdraft	-	-	-	-	-
Loans and Advances from Government of India	18.74	21.92	3.36	0.22	24.27
15. Appropriation to Contingency Fund	-	-	_		
16. Gross Expenditure on Lotteries	909.02	895.61	800.53	504.96	432.90
17. Total disbursement out of Consolidated Fund (13+14+15 +16)	3,509.84	3,437.58	3,943.73	3,930.93	4,469.04
18. Contingency Fund disbursements	0	0.10	0	0	1.00
19. Public Account disbursements	2,784.90	2,898.78	3,487.98	4,000.92	4,602.22
20. Total disbursement by the State (17+18+19)	6,294.74	6,339.96	7,431.71	7,931.85	9,072.26
	Part C: Deficit		442.50	700.07	979 49
21. Revenue Deficit (-)/Revenue Surplus (+) (1-10)  22. Fiscal Deficit (-)/Fiscal Surplus (+) (4-13)	516.35 -168.86	139.78 -316.25	442.50 -180.15	780.97 -65.59	868.48 -52.94
23. Primary Deficit (-)/ Primary Surplus (+) (22-24)	-14.43	-129.48	10.68	133.33	156.22
	rt D: Other da		10.00	155,55	130.22
24. Interest Payments (included in revenue expenditure)	154.43	186.77	190.83	198.92	209.16
25. Financial Assistance to local bodies etc.	21.06	247.87	252.39	227.89	262.36
26. Ways and Means Advances/Overdraft availed (days)	-	-	-	-	-
27. Interest on Ways and Means Advances/ Overdraft	-	-	-	-	-
28 Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP)	6,132.76	7,411.57	8,906.64	10,472.60	1,2376.69
29. Outstanding Fiscal liabilities (yearend)	2,762.35	2,797.50	3,160.76	3,344.97	3,633.88
30. Outstanding guarantees (yearend) (including interest)	77.58	276.42	164.21	187.72	122.09
31. Maximum amount guaranteed (yearend)	75.00	246.69	163.72	186.42	156.70
32. Number of incomplete projects	142	138	113	416	266.00
33. Capital blocked in incomplete projects	586.67	294.16	348.31	794.93	705.76
	iscal Health I	ndicators			
I Resource Mobilisation Revenue Receipts/GSDP	0.38	0.30	0.34	0.33	0.31
Own Tax Revenue/GSDP	0.38	0.30	0.34	0.33	0.31
Own Non-Tax Revenue/GSDP	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.04
State's share in Central taxes and Duties/GSDP	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.06
II Expenditure Management					
Total Expenditure/GSDP	0.41	0.35	0.37	0.33	0.32
Total Expenditure/Revenue Receipts	1.07	1.15	1.08	1.02	1.01

Revenue Expenditure/Total Expenditure	0.73	0.81	0.79	0.76	0.77
Expenditure on Social Services/Total Expenditure	0.36	0.40	0.42	0.28	0.39
Expenditure on Economic Services/Total Expenditure	0.33	0.29	0.30	0.09	0.29
Capital Expenditure/Total Expenditure	0.26	0.18	0.20	0.19	0.23
Capital Expenditure on Social and Economic Services/Total Expenditure.	0.22	0.16	0.19	0.23	0.19
III Management of Fiscal Imbalances					
Revenue deficit (surplus)/GSDP	0.08	0.02	0.05	0.08	0.07
Fiscal deficit/GSDP	(-)0.03	(-)0.04	(-)0.02	(-)0.01	0.00
Primary Deficit (surplus)/GSDP	(-)0.002	-0.02	0.001	0.01	0.01
Revenue Deficit/Fiscal Deficit	-3.06	-0.44	-2.46	11.90	-16.40
IV Management of Fiscal Liabilities					
Fiscal Liabilities/GSDP	0.45	0.39	0.38	0.34	0.29
Fiscal Liabilities/RR	1.18	1.30	1.10	1.02	0.93
V Other Fiscal Health Indicators					
Return on Investment	0.46	2.37	-	-	0.56
Balance from Current Revenue (Rupees in crore)	169.80	-156.65	-173.89	19.41	-162.54
Financial Assets/Liabilities	2.11	2.11	2.13	1.89	2.41

Provisional Estimate. Quick Estimate.

### Abstract of Receipts and Disbursements for the year 2013-14

(Reference: Paragraph 1.2; Page 2)

			_					(₹ in c	rore)
2012.12	Receipts		2012.11	2012.12		Disburseme		m ( )	2042.44
2012-13	Coetion A. Dovenno		2013-14	2012-13		Non-Plan	Plan	Total	2013-14
3288.36	Section A: Revenue  I-Revenue Receipts		3,893.54	2,507.39	I-Revenue Expenditure	1,971.93	1,053.13	3,025.06	3,025.06
435.48	Tax revenue	524.92		1,385.83	General Services	960.02	75.08	1,035.10	
302.00	Non-tax revenue	361.59		947.47	Social Services	651.39	624.97	1,276.36	
698.48	State's share of Union Taxes	762.62		528.33	Education, Sports, Art and Culture.	399.59	246.45	646.04	
265.37	Non-Plan Grants	148.26		142.37	Health and Family Welfare	87.21	74.17	161.38	
1,345.21	Grants for State Plan Schemes	1,803.20		145.81	Water Supply, Sanitation, Housing and Urban Development	24.18	206.33	232.51	
190.69	Grants for Central and Centrally Sponsored Plan Schemes	233.37		11.48	Information and Broadcasting	3.56	10.33	13.89	
51.13	Grants for Special Plan Schemes (North Eastern Council)	59.58		19.98	Welfare of Scheduled Caste, Scheduled tribes and Other Backward Classes	4.49	21.5	25.99	
				4.20	Labour and Labour Welfare	2.22	3.63	5.85	
				77.47	Social Welfare and Nutrition	111.50	44.55	156.05	
				17.82	Others	18.64	16.01	34.65	
				656.10	Economic Services	325.13	353.06	678.19	
				213.11	Agriculture and Allied Activities	123.26	112.35	235.61	
				109.28	Rural Development	2.13	91.06	93.19	
				1.09	Special Areas Programmes	0	0.99	0.99	
				55.18	Irrigation and Flood Control	2.29	37.49	39.78	
				107.30	Energy	80.74	39.7	120.44	
				25.29	Industry and Minerals	9.96	19.95	29.91	
				107.24	Transport	97.77	29.97	127.74	
				1.61	Science Technology and Environment	0	2.24	2.24	
				36.01	General Economic Services	8.98	19.31	28.29	
	пр 1 с				Grants in Aid and Contribution	35.41	-	35.41	
	II-Revenue deficit carried over to Section- B			780.97	II-Revenue surplus carried over to Section-B				868.48
3,288.36			3,893.54	3,288.36				0	3,893.54
1,048.63	Section-B  Ill-Opening Cash balance including Permanent Advances and Cash Balance Investment		1,048.63	648.35	Ill-Capital Outlay	0	911.94	911.94	911.94
0.00	IV-Miscellaneous Capital receipts			83.31	General services	-	169.52	169.52	
				291.22	Social Services	-	266.21	266.21	
					Education, Sports, Art and Culture	-	49.80	49.80	

					Health and Family	_	93.47	93.47	
					Welfare Water Supply,		33.47	93.47	
					Sanitation, Housing and Urban Development	-	111.14	111.14	
					Information & Broadcasting		0.25	0.25	
					Welfare of Scheduled Caste, Scheduled tribes and Other Backward Classes	-	1.86	1.86	
					Social Welfare	-	9.69	9.69	
				467.83	Others  Economic Services	-	476.21	476.21	
				107.03	Agriculture and Allied Activities	-	12.41	12.41	
					Rural Development	_	19.29	19.29	
					Special Areas Programmes		11.7	11.7	
					Irrigation and Flood control		3.79	3.79	
					Energy		66.25	66.25	
					Industry and Minerals		4.11	4.11	
					Transport		295.33	295.33	
					Science and Environment		0.25	0.25	
					General Economic Services		63.08	63.08	
0.90	V-Recoveries of Loans and Advances		0.92	5.11	IV- Loans and Advances Disbursements				10.40
	From Power Projects				To Government Servants			0.40	
	From Government Servants and			5.11	To Others			10	
0.90	From Others				V -Revenue deficit brought down				
1,048.63	VI-Revenue surplus brought down		868.48						
196.81	VII-Public debt receipts		296.32	71.12	VI-Repayment of Public Debt				88.74
	External debt				External debt			0	
195.22	Internal debt other than ways and means Advances and overdraft			61.58	Internal debt other than Ways and Means Advances and Overdraft			64.47	
	Net transaction under Ways and Means Advances including over draft				Net transaction under Ways and Means Advances including overdraft			0	
1.59	Loans and Advances from Central Government			0.13	Repayment of Loans and Advances to Central Government			24.27	
0.00	VIII-Amount transferred to Contingency Fund				VII-Expenditure from Contingency Fund			1	1
4,059.44	IX-Public Account Receipts		4,683.55	4,000.92	VIII-Public Account disbursements				4,602.22
219.92	Small Savings and Provident fund	242.54		174.57	Small Savings and Provident Funds			181.05	
123.75	Reserve funds	189.15		131.97	Reserve Funds			122.01	
2,382.07	Suspense and Miscellaneous	2,616.08		2,340.05	Suspense and Miscellaneous			2,674.39	
1,240.11	Remittance and	1,546.88		1,300.21	Remittances and			1,539.3	
93.59	Deposits and Advances	88.90		54.12	Deposits and Advances			85.47	

			1,048.63	IX- Cash balance at the end			1,283.60
			51.40	Cash in Treasuries and Local Remittances		259.51	
			13.96	Deposits with Reserve Bank/other Bank		11.09	
			0.47	Departmental Cash Balance including permanent Advances		0.97	
			982.80	Cash Balance Investment and Investment from Earmarked Funds.		1,012.03	
5,774.13	Total	6,897.9	5,774.13	Total			6,897.90

### Appendix 1.3 (Continued)

## Summarised financial position of the Government of Sikkim as on 31 March 2014

(Reference: Paragraph 1.2; Page 2)

	D (D		(t in crose)
	Part B		
As on 31.03.2013	Liabilities		As on 31.03.2014
1,828.92	Internal Debt -		2,058.47
1,332.71	Market Loans bearing interest	1,531.14	
-	Market Loans not bearing interest	-	
97.88	Loans from Life Insurance Corporation of India	100.26	
398.33	Loans from other Institutions	427.07	
-	Overdrafts from Reserve Bank of India		
149.04	Loans and Advances from Central Government -		127.07
-	Pre 1984-85 Loans		
0.38	Non-Plan Loans	0.55	
129.95	Loans for State Plan Schemes	122.78	
-	Loans for Central Plan Schemes & Special Schemes		
16.15	Loans for Centrally Sponsored Plan Schemes	1.4	
2.56	Other Loans	2.34	
1.00	Contingency Fund		1
624.15	Small Savings, Provident Funds, etc.		685.64
142.79	Deposits		146.21
246	Reserve Funds		313.15
4,238.29	Surplus on Government Accounts		5,106.77
3,457.32	Last year balance	4,238.29	
780.97	Add Revenue Surplus	868.48	
196.73	Remittance Balances	İ	204.31
7,426.92	Total	İ	8,642.62
·	Assets	•	
6,434.60	Gross Capital Outlay on Fixed Assets -		7,346.54
97.42	Investments in shares of Companies, Corporations, etc.	97.42	
6,337.18	Other Capital Outlay	7,249.12	
100.00	Loans and Advances -		109.48
35.00	Loans for Power Projects	35.00	
64.36	Other Development Loans	73.61	Ì
0.64	Loans to Government servants and Miscellaneous loans	0.87	Ì
-	Contingency Fund (un-recouped)	İ	1
-	Reserve Fund Investments	İ	i
1.03	Advances	İ	1.03
-157.34	Suspense and Miscellaneous Balances		-99.03
1,048.63	Cash-		1,283.60
13.96	Deposits with other Bank	11.09	1,2
51.42	Cash in Treasuries and Local Remittances	259.51	
-	Deposits with Reserve Bank	0	
0.05	Departmental Cash Balance	0.55	
0.40	Permanent Advances	0.42	
750.00	Cash Balance Investments	750.00	
232.80	Earmarked funds Investment	262.03	
7,426.92	Total	202.03	8,642.62
1,420.92	1 otai		0,042.02

#### Statement showing the policy initiatives taken up in the Budget 2013-14

(Reference: Paragraph 1.4.4; Page 8)

Sector	Major Policy Initiatives of the State Budget 2013-14	Action taken
	Decision to earmark additional 10 <i>percent</i> of the annual outlay to sponsor educated Sikkimese for coaching in reputed Institutes in IAS and allied services, banking, defence services etc.	During the year no fund was allocated under the scheme. However, the Directorate of Higher Education had ₹ 26 lakh as unspent balance of last year, out of which ₹ 19.35 lakh was spent on coaching of 12 candidates for UPSC examination. No candidate was reported to have cleared UPSC or other allied services till date.
	Proposal to allocate ₹ 3.40 crore for distribution of cymbidium orchids.	A total of 90,000 high quality tissue culture plants of Cymbidium orchids were procured and distributed to 360 beneficiaries of 7 constituencies.
Social	Proposal to provide laptops free of cost to school children above Class XI, XII and college going students based on their requirement. For this, sum of ₹20 crore was earmarked.	The State Government procured 18,500 Lenovo branded laptop in 2 phases for free distribution to the students of class XI and XII of Government Senior Secondary Schools and Government Colleges of Sikkim.
	In order to be able to spur growth in all areas of human development, the case for holistic acquisition of data, research and dissemination is being felt. a sum of ₹ 1 crore was propose to achieve this purpose which will be used to fund the most modern and using cutting edge technology to acquire data from across the State.	The budget provision of ₹ one crore was provided in the budget head, but not utilised.
	Three new Missions namely, Sikkim Human Resource Development Mission 2013, Sikkim Youth Empowerment and Self-reliant Mission 2013 and Sikkim Gram Swaraj Abhiyan would be launched.	During 2013-14, the budget allocation of ₹ 13.50 crore was provided under the Mission and the Scheme was implemented by SIDICO Ltd. The Scheme attracted lots of youth of the State and created for self-employment opportunity themselves. Information regarding other two Missions was not furnished.
	Proposal to hold Sikkim Business Summit with worldwide participation with the best names in the industry. For the proposal a sum of ₹ 25 lakh was earmarked.	Business Summit was convened during May 2013 and was attended by 36 Indian and foreign delegates as investors.
Economic	Proposal for sum of ₹ 20 lakh for installation of appropriate technological tools at the border gate and its vicinity.	Works for installation of CCTV cameras at Nathula is under progress.
Economic	Proposal to allocate a sum of ₹ 40 crore for distribution of GCI Sheets and House Upgradation Grants, Electric Chulla etc. to poor households by holding special meet under the popular banner of Janta Mela.	The Janta Mela named as Gram Swaraj Mela 2014 was held in all four districts of Sikkim. The benefits to the tune of ₹ 44.53 crore were distributed based on the eligibility criteria prescribed in the operational guidelines of the programme.

Source: Budget Speech and information furnished by the State Government departments.

# Statement showing the funds transferred to the State Implementing Agencies under the programmes/schemes outside the State budget during 2013-14

(Reference: Paragraph 1.5.2; Page 11)

	(7111	lakh)
Government of India Scheme	Implementing Agency	2013-14
National Bamboo Mission	Horticulture & Cash Crops Development Department.	280.32
Buddhist and Tibetan Studies	Dechhen Choling Gumpa Committee	2.5
Buddhist and Tibetan Studies	Sikkim Namgyal Institute of Tibetology, Deorali	63.35
Buddhist and Tibetan Studies	Ngor Chotshog Centre	2.5
Buddhist and Tibetan Studies	Holistic Medicinal Promotion and Allied Education	1
Buddhist and Tibetan Studies	Khachoed Pema Woeling trust	10
Assistance to Disabled persons for purchase/fitting	DDRC, Gangtok	0
North Eastern Council	Centre for Research& Training in Informatics	100
North Eastern Council	Sikkim State Forest Development Agency	91
North Eastern Council	Sikkim Tourism Development Corporation Ltd.	4
North Eastern Council	Director of Information and Public Relations, Sikkim	0.14
National River Conservation Plan (NRCP)	Water Security and Public Health Engineering Department	1500
National Aids Control Programme STD Control	Sikkim State AIDS Control Society	528.41
National Mission on Medicinal Plants	Small Farmer's Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC) Sikkim.	137.59
National Medicinal Plants Board	State Forest Development Agency Sikkim	538.38
National Medicinal Plants Board	Sikkim University	336.36
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National Medicinal Plants Board	SMPB, Sikkim	
Rastriya Madhyamik Siksha Abhiyan (RMSA)	Rastriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan State Mission Authority	862.64
Sharva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)	State Mission Authority (SSA)	4,195.08
Grid Interactive Renewable Power MNRE	Sikkim Power Development Corporation Limited.	245
OFF GRID DRPS	Sikkim Renewable Energy Development Agency	819.75
Renewable Energy for Rural Applications for all Villages.	Sikkim Renewable Energy Development Agency	28.99
DRDA Administration	District Rural Development Agency Sikkim District, East Gangtok	88.87
Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme	State Rural Employment Guarantee Agency (SREGA)	10,684.17
Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)	Sikkim Rural Roads Dev. Agency Sikkim District Gangtok.	197
Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP)	District Rural Development Agency Sikkim District East Gangtok.	53.6
Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP)	District Rural Development Agency Sikkim District West Gangtok.	29.53
AAJEEVIKA - Swaran Jayanti Gram Swarojkar Yojana SGSY/NRLM	Sikkim Rural Development Agency	145.01
National Food Security Mission	State Agricultural Extension Management & Trg. Institute	211.93
National Mission of Education through ICT	Sikkim State Council of Science and Technology	76.53
State Science and Technology Programme	Sikkim State Council of Science and Technology	57.38
Technology Development Programme	Sikkim State Council of Science and Technology	4
Research and Development Department of Biotechnology	Sikkim University	14.79
MPs Local Area Development Schemes MPLADS	District Collector East District.	1,000
Capacity Building for Service Provider	Institute of Hotel Management, Gangtok	19.74
Capacity Building for Service Provider	Sikkim Tourism Development Corporation Ltd.	15.21
Central Rural Sanitation Programme	State Water and Sanitation Mission Sikkim	825.06
Horticulture Mission for North East and		
Himalayan States	National Research Centre for Orchids	409.15
National Rural Health Mission/National Health Mission Centrally Sponsored	State Health Society/SBCS, Sikkim	2,552.82
Propagation of RTI Act - Improving Transparency & Accountability in Government	Sikkim Information Commission	3

Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme	Sikkim Handloom & Handicrafts Development Corporation Ltd.	
Marketing Support and Services & Export	Sikkim Handloom & Handicrafts Development Corporation Ltd.	13.29
Promotion Scheme	Sikkiii Handiooni & Handicians Developinent Corporation Ltd.	13.29
Rural Housing - IAY	SRDA, Sikkim	877.03
Scheme for Quality Assurance, Codex Standards Research and Development & Other Promotional Activities	Silviculture and Research, Forests, Environment and wildlife Management Department	147.33
Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and System (CCTNS)	Sikkim Computerisation of Police Society (SK_COPS)	0
Electronic Governance	Centre for Research & Training in Informatics	130.08
Environment information Education and Awareness	State Environment Agency	13.13
Environment information Education and Awareness	Sikkim State Council of Science and Technology	30.52
National Mission on Micro Irrigation	State Micro Irrigation Committee, Sikkim	588.57
National Rural Drinking Water Program	SWSM Sikkim, Gangtok	2,656.22
Dairy Development Project	North District Milk Producers Co-operatives Union Ltd.	497.39
Top class Education Scheme for SC.	National Institute of Technology Sikkim	4.28
Adult Education and Skill Development Scheme	Sikkim State Literacy Mission Authority, Gangtok	66.8
Advocacy and Publicity	Centre for Research & Training in Informatics	7.5
Afforestation and Forest Management	State Forest Development Agency, Sikkim	676.55
Alliance and R &D Mission	Sikkim State Council of Science and Technology	49.48
Assistance to Voluntary Organisation for providing Social Defence	Association for Social Health in India	9.95
Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilpa Vikas Yojana	Handloom and Handicraft Development Corporation Ltd.	2.1
Bioinformatics	Sikkim State Council of Science and Technology	11.91
Comprehensive Handloom Development Scheme(CHDS)	Handloom and Handicraft Development Corporation Ltd.	70.52
Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and System(CCTNS)	Computerisation of Police Society (SK-COPS)	206
Design and Technical Upgradation Scheme	Nayuma Women's Cooperative Society	4.1
Design and Technical Upgradation Scheme	Handloom and Handicraft Development Corporation Ltd.	34.91
Grant-in-aid to NGOS for STs Including Coaching and Allied Scheme and Award for Exemplary Service	Muyal Liang Trust (MLT)	28.29
Human Resource Development Handicrafts	Sikkim Handloom & Handicrafts Development Corporation Ltd.	10.89
Human Resource Development Handicrafts	Nayuma Women's Cooperative Society	5.3
Information Publicity and Extension	Sikkim Renewable Energy Development	19.67
Micro Electronics and Nanotech Development Programme(DIT)	Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology	43
National Programme for Control of Blindness	State Health Society/SBCS Sikkim-NPCB	10
National Programme for Youth and Adolescent Development General	Youth Development Society of Sikkim	1.17
National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding	Sikkim Livestock Development Board	149.4
NER-Textile Promotion Scheme	Sikkim Handloom and Handicraft Development Corporation Ltd.	18.75
Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (RGPSA)	SRDA Sikkim	382.46
Scheme for Infrastructure Development FPI	Sikkim Livestock Processing and Development Corporation Ltd.	69.4
Support to National State Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development	Sikkim Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other backward classes Development Corporation Ltd.	250
Support to State Extension Programme for Extension Reforms	State Agricultural Management and Extension Training Institute SAMETI	189.8
Swana Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana (SISRY) National Urban	Department of FRED, Sikkim	26.95
Top Class Education System for ST	National Institute of Technology Sikkim	4.09
	Total	33,114.27

Source: Central Plan Scheme Monitoring System (CPSMS) Portal in 'Controller General of Accounts (CGA) Unaudited figures.

## Tax and Non-Tax Revenue collected during 2008-14

(Reference: Paragraph 1.6; Page 14)

SI. No.	Head of Revenue	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	Percentage of increase (+)/decrease (-) in 2013-14 over 2012-13
	Tax Revenue							
1	Sales tax	101.14	121.07	142.74	124.19	227.08	286.33	26
2	Taxes on income other than corporation tax	16.16	2.84	4.94	4.86	6.73	8.68	29
3	State excise	46.47	57.27	70.64	96.26	111.12	120.64	9
4	Stamps and registration fees	4.35	4.48	5.70	8.27	5.35	6.46	21
5	Taxes on vehicles	6.94	7.88	10.67	16.56	16.38	18.52	13
6	Other taxes and duties on commodities and services	22.18	27.40	37.52	39.17	63.16	80.90	28
7	Land revenue	1.95	2.71	7.33	4.61	5.66	3.39	(-) 40
	Total	199.19	223.65	279.54	293.92	435.48	524.92	21
	Non-Tax Revenue							
1	Interest receipts	25.94	44.18	28.14	29.39	46.00	67.02	46
2	Road transport	17.64	20.29	24.76	30.89	29.01	34.10	18
3	Plantations	2.35	1.80	2.90	2.59	3.98	3.62	<b>-</b> 9
4	Dividends & profits	1.31	0.46	2.37	0.08	1.53	0.55	(-)64
5	Forestry and wild life	11.26	8.79	12.25	12.53	12.28	14.27	16
6	Tourism	2.11	1.62	3.00	1.84	2.13	2.65	24
7	Crop husbandry	0.71	0.40	0.51	0.46	0.71	1.45	104
8	Power	154.74	285.83	87.86	79.70	82.90	98.93	19
9	Printing & stationery	1.50	2.27	1.52	1.92	2.08	2.05	(-)1
10	Medical and public health	0.96	1.02	0.72	1.27	1.50	2.19	46
11	Village & small industries	0.08	0.09	0.07	0.10	0.06	0.08	33
12	Public works	4.97	2.89	3.48	5.38	4.70	4.68	0
13	Police	11.68	14.52	9.57	12.89	49.23	41.14	-16
14	Animal husbandry	0.30	0.32	0.38	0.48	0.72	0.85	18
15	Industries	0.25	0.18	0.27	0.54	0.85	0.50	(-)41
16	State Lotteries#	43.95	40.90	42.54	43.62	41.43	41.47	0.10
17	Others	12.32	16.67	17.55	15.52	18.72	35.40	89
18	Contribution and Recoveries towards Pension and Other Retirement Benefits	5.19	4.26	-	4.84	4.72	10.64	125
	Total	292.26	447.42	242.15	244.04	302.00	361.59	20

<sup>#</sup> Net amount.

### Statement showing the investment at the end of 2013-14

(Reference: Paragraph 1.9.2; Page 33)

SI. No.	Name of the Companies/Corporations	Amount
	y Corporations	
1	State Bank of Sikkim	0.53
2	Sikkim Mining Corporation	6.12
3	State Trading Corporation	1.61
Compan	ies	
4	Sikkim Time Corporation Ltd.	13.72
5	Sikkim Industrial Development and Investment Corporation Ltd.	16.82
6	Sikkim Livestock Development Corporation Ltd.	0.22
7	Sikkim Livestock Development and Processing Corporation Ltd.	0.35
8	Sikkim Tourism Development Corporation Ltd.	7.05
9	Sikkim Power Development Corporation Ltd.	11.35
10	Sikkim SC/ST/OBC Finance Development Corporation Ltd.	4.55
11	Sikkim Jewels Ltd.	11.54
12	Sikkim Distilleries Ltd.	2.42
13	Star Cinema	0.01
14	Denzong Cinema	0.01
15	Sikkim Flour Mills Limited	2.44
16	Cold Storage	0.28
17	Indian Telephone Industries	0.26
18	Ginger Processing Plant	0.01
19	BOG Limited	0.14
20	Chandmari Workshop and Automobiles Ltd.	0.30
21	Sikkim Precision Industries Ltd.	4.30
22	Sikkim Himalayan Orchid Ltd.	0.16
23	Sikkim Flora Ltd.	0.15
24	Sikkim Handloom & Handicrafts	1.02
	nd Co-operative Societies	
25	State Bank of India	0.02
26	Sikkim Consumers Co-operative Society (SIMFED)	0.99
27	Multipurpose Co-operative Society	1.14
28	Sikkim State Co-operative Bank (SISCO)	9.35
29	Sikkim Dairy Co-operative Society (Sikkim Milk Union)	0.03
30	Joint Ventures	0.51
31	Wood Working Centre, Singtam	0.01
32	Sang Martam Tea Growers Co-operative Societies Ltd.	0.01
	Total	97.42

Appendix 2.1
Statement showing the pending DC bills for the years up to 2013-14

(Reference: Paragraph 2.2.2; Page 54)

Grant No.	Department	Number of AC bills	Amount (₹in lakh)
00	NULL	4	64.01
01	Food Security and Agriculture	144	1,048.94
02	Animal Husbandry, Livestock, Fisheries and Veterinary	81	305.38
03	Building and Housing	58	21.59
04	Co-operation Co-operation	12	1.64
05	Cultural Affairs and Heritage	10	23.42
06	Ecclesiastical	6	24.25
07	Human Resource Development	56	106.35
08	Election	3	1.45
09	Excise	15	4.96
10	Finance, Revenue and Expenditure	168	95.49
11	Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs	9	6.82
12	Forest, Environment and Wild Life Management	16	3.10
13	Health Care, Human Services and Family Welfare	249	314.56
14	Home	296	267.39
15	Horticulture and Cash Crops Development	123	421.16
16	Commerce and Industries	40	51.51
17	Information and Public Relation	75	114.51
18	Information Technology	49	116.74
19	Irrigation and Flood Control	11	1.67
20	Judiciary	85	66.71
21	Labour	105	668.58
22	Land Revenue and Disaster Management	40	2,356.88
23	Law	14	14.87
24	Legislature	47	76.03
25	Mines, Mineral and Geology	17	24.61
26	Motor Vehicles	23	4.57
27	Parliamentary Affairs	10	1.24
21	Personnel, Administrative Reforms and Training, Public Grievances, Career Options and	10	1.27
28	Employment, Skill Development and Chief Minister's Self Employment Schemes	80	518.17
29	Development Planning, Economic Reforms and North Eastern Council Affairs	87	326.44
30	Police	224	828.98
32	Printing and Stationery	4	1.14
33	Water Security and Public Health Engineering	50	31.96
34	Roads and Bridges	41	15.20
35	Rural Management and Development	183	177.03
36	Science, Technology and Climate change	54	66.02
37	Sikkim Nationalised Transport	3	0.05
38	Social Justice, Empowerment and Welfare	131	352.04
39	Sports and Youth Affairs	118	137.51
40	Tourism and Civil Aviation	99	603.63
41	Urban Development and Housing	30	13.87
42	Vigilance	4	0.42
43	Panchayati Raj Institutions	21	43.81
44	Governor Governor	61	24.70
45	Public Service Commission	21	14.06
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## Statement of various grants/appropriations where savings were more than ₹ 1 crore each and more than 20 per cent of the total provision

(Reference: Paragraph 2.3.1; Page 57)

Grant No	Name of Grant/Appropriation	Total	Savings	% of Savings to Provision
1	Food Security and Agriculture Development Revenue-Voted	67.37	23.44	35
2	Animal Husbandry, Livestock, Fisheries and Veterinary Services Capital-Voted	6.51	2.74	42
3	Buildings Capital-Voted	30.23	7.03	23
5	Cultural Affairs and Heritage Capital-Voted	19.31	4.24	22
7	Human Resources and Development Capital-Voted	43.94	20.20	46
10	Finance, Revenue and Expenditure Revenue-Voted	1,086.34	327.83	30
11	Food, Civil supplies and Consumer Affairs Capital-Voted	2.80	2.25	80
12	Forestry and Environment Management Revenue-Voted	182.15	69.95	38
12	Forestry and Environment Management Capital-Voted	5.86	3.42	58
16	Commerce and Industries Capital-Voted	4.83	1.22	25
19	Irrigation and Flood Control Revenue-Voted	147.31	106.75	72
22	Land Revenue & Disaster Management Revenue-Voted	392.58	130.03	33
29	Development Planning, Economic Reforms and North Eastern Council Affairs Capital-Voted	19.00	7.30	38
31	Energy and Power Capital-Voted	89.47	24.24	27
33	Water Security and Public Health Engineering Capital-Voted	31.30	13.99	45
34	Roads and Bridges Capital-Voted	243.50	77.87	32
38	Social Justice, Empowerment and Welfare Revenue-Voted	100.81	23.24	23
38	Social Justice, Empowerment and Welfare Capital-Voted	27.73	10.07	36
39	Sports and Youth Affairs Revenue-Voted	8.10	1.97	24
40	Tourism Capital-Voted	171.36	108.37	63
41	Urban Development and Housing Capital-Voted	208.89	148.29	71
	Total		1,114.44	

### Statement showing the rush of expenditure

(Reference: Paragraph 2.3.3; Page 58)

Sl.	Number & Name of Grants/Appropriation	Head of	Expenditure incurred during	Expenditure incurred in	Total expenditure	% of total expenditure incurred during	
	Of antis/Appropriation	Account	Jan-March	March	expenditure	Jan-March 2014	March 2014
1	Food Security and Agriculture Development	4401	1.16	1.12	1.43	81.12	78.32
2	Animal Husbandry, Livestock, Fisheries	4403	1.30	1.06	2.40	54.17	-
	and Veterinary Services	4405	1.07	0.98	1.37	78.10	71.53
3	Co-operation	4425	3.00	0.01	3.27	91.74	-
4	Cultural Affairs and Heritage	4202	8.88	8.55	15.07	58.93	56.74
5	Finance, Revenue and Expenditure	2045	27.20	27.20	27.20	100	100
3	Finance, Revenue and Expenditure	6004	16.65	15.69	24.27	68.60	64.65
6	Forgetty & Environment Management	2045	30.00	30.00	30.00	100	100
0	Forestry & Environment Management	4406	2.00	2.00	2.44	81.97	81.97
7	Commerce and Industries	2407	2.53	2.53	4.64	54.53	54.53
8	Information Technology	2852	3.89	0.43	6.57	59.21	-
9	Labour	2070	23.40	1.11	35.95	65.09	-
10	Development Planning, Economic Reforms and North Eastern Council Affairs	4575	7.65	6.36	11.70	65.38	54.36
11	Energy and Power	4801	44.80	44.51	65.23	68.68	68.24
		2225	13.50	10.60	23.94	56.39	-
12	Social Justice, Empowerment and Welfare	2515	1.05	1.05	1.26	83.33	83.33
İ	Wellare	4225	1.41	1.41	1.86	75.81	75.81
13	Sports and Youth Affairs	4202	7.25	4.01	9.69	74.82	-
14	Urban Development & Housing	4217	32.13	24.45	60.60	53.02	-
15	Panchayati Raj Institutions	3604	17.42	3.02	31.92	54.57	-
		Total	246.29	141.40	360.81		

# Statement showing the cases where supplementary provisions (₹ 10 lakh or more in each case) proved unnecessary

(Reference: Paragraph 2.3.6; Page 59)

Grant No	Name of Grant/Appropriation	Original	Actual expenditure	Savings out of Original provision	Supplementary
	A - Revenue (Voted)				
1	Food Security and Agriculture Development	6,669.44	4,393.16	2,276.28	67.54
2	Animal Husbandry, Livestock, Fisheries and Veterinary Services	4,223.00	3,942.07	280.93	15.80
10	Finance, Revenue and Expenditure	1,07,496.84	75,851.73	31,645.11	1,137.62
12	Forestry and Environment Management	17,425.76	11,220.02	6,205.74	789.49
21	Labour	4,351.44	4,179.96	171.48	72.50
22	Land Revenue & Disaster Management	39,069.55	26,254.72	12,814.83	188.47
28	Personnel, Administrative Reforms and Training	913.32	755.26	158.06	10.00
29	Development Planning, Economic Reforms and North Eastern Council Affairs	1,390.47	1,347.80	42.67	15.88
38	Social Justice, Empowerment and Welfare	9,504.60	7,757.09	1,747.51	576.35
	Total – Revenue	1,91,044.42	1,35,701.81	55,342.61	2,873.65
	B – Capital (Voted)				
3	Buildings	2,865.70	2,320.13	545.57	157.57
7	Human Resources and Development	4,245.00	2,373.86	1,871.14	148.56
11	Food, Civil supplies and Consumer Affairs	225.00	54.69	170.31	55.00
34	Roads and Bridges	21,420.55	16,562.85	4,857.70	2,929.02
35	Rural Management and Development	7,745.71	6,492.36	1,253.35	25.00
38	Social Justice, Empowerment and Welfare	2,150.56	1,766.37	384.19	622.68
40	40 Tourism		6,298.64	9,840.11	997.01
	Total - Capital	54,791.27	35,868.90	18,922.37	4,934.84
	Grand Total	2,45,795.69	1,71,570.71	74,264.98	7,808.49

#### Statement of insufficient re-appropriation of funds

(Reference: Paragraph 2.3.7; Page 59)

Sl. No.	Grant No.	Description	Head of Account	Re-appropriation	Final Excess (+)
1	01	Food Security & Agriculture	2401.104.1	37.35	65.03
2	7	Human Resources and Development	2202.02.1	0.38	38.81
3	7	Human Resources and Development	2202.80.1.60	7.68	449.30
4	8	Election	2015.102.60	14.6	17.99
5	12	Forestry and Environment Management	2406.001.1	47.57	175.00
6	13	Health Care, Human Services and Family Welfare	2210.01.110.62	100	12.39
7	15	Horticulture& Cash Crops Management	2401.104.16	43	21.88
8	24	Legislature	2011.02.103.63	10	46.69
9	30	Police	4055.207.72	47.42	30.94
10	34	Roads& Bridges	3054.04.105.60	6.25	202.62
11	34	Roads& Bridges	3054.80.1.35	1.81	19.55
12	38	Social Justice, Empowerment and Welfare	2235.02.1.39	38.97	115.00
13	41	Urban Development and Housing	2217.05.1.60	1.16	11.40
14	41	Urban Development and Housing	2217.80.1	19.21	30.99
		Total			1,237.59

#### Statement of the excess/unnecessary re-appropriation of funds

(Reference: Paragraph 2.3.7; Page 59)

Sl. No.	Grant No.	Description	Head of Account	Re-appropriation	Final Savings (-)
1	2	Animal Husbandry, Livestock, Fisheries and Veterinary Services	2403.102.67	10.29	0.46
2	7	Human Resources and Development	2202.01.101.62	24.85	7.63
3	11	Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs	2408.01.101.60	25.72	0.07
4	12	Forestry and Environment Management	2406.101.67	50	0.01
5	14	Home	2052.90.15	76.29	1.86
6	16	Commerce & Industries	2851.01.60	20	1.19
7	21	Labour	2230.03.101.61	32	59.80
8	22	Land Revenue and Disaster Management	4215.02.106.75	200	0.01
9	30	Police	2055.101.63	48.5	6.45
10	30	Police	2055.104.64	231.46	0.01
11	30	Police	108.66	181.38	0.13
12	30	Police	2055.108.67	18	1.21
13	30	Police	2055.109	964.42	1.07
14	37	Sikkim Nationalized Transport	3055.201.60	217.08	1.85
15	38	Social Justice, Empowerment and Welfare	2225.02.800.65	12	0.44
16	40	Tourism and Civil Aviation	3452.01.101.60	24.78	0.65
17	41	Urban Development& Housing	4217.03.51.63	26.91	0.01
18	43	Panchayati Raj Institutions	2015.101.60	11	1.04
		Total			83.89

### Statement showing results of review of substantial surrenders made during the year

(Reference: Paragraph 2.3.8; Page 60)

Sl. No.	Number of title of Grant	Name of the scheme (Head of Account)	Total Provision (₹in lakh)	Amount of Surrender (₹in lakh)	Percentage of Surrender
1	07 Human Resources Development	Grants for Elementary Education (13 <sup>th</sup> FC Grant) 2202.01.800.86	100.00	100.00	100
Surren	dered due to non-receipt of fund fr	om GOI			
2	07 Human Resources Development	Polytechnic under Co-ordinated action for skill development 4202.02.103.72	100.00	100.00	100
Surren	dered due to non-receipt of fund fr				
3	11 Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs	Buildings 5475.102.60	50.00	50.00	100
Surren	ndered due to non-finalization of lar	nd			
4	13 Health Care, Human Services and Family Welfare	Construction of Drug Testing Laboratory under AYUSH (100% CSS) 4201.04.107.60	70.00	70.00	100
Surren	dered due to non-completion of pu	chase of machine and equipment in time			
5	19 Irrigation and Flood Control	Integrated Development of Agriculture through Irrigation Facilities 2705.101	200.00	200.00	100
Surren	dered due to non-fulfillment of Cer				
6	22 Land Revenue and Disaster Management	Construction of VLO centre and Land Record Office 4059.80.051.77	54.50	54.50	100
Surren	dered due to deferred of expenditur				
7	34 Roads & Bridges	Construction of Bridges over River Teesta on Dikchu- Sankalang- Mangan Road (North) 5054.04.101.60	5.82	5.82	100
Surren	dered due to non-receipt of fund fr	om GOI			
8	34 Roads & Bridges	Construction of Steel Bridge of Sangkhola- Sumin Road (East) 5054.04.101.61	22.66	22.66	100
Surren	dered due to non-receipt of fund fr	om GOI			
9	34 Roads & Bridges	Construction of Steel Bridge South Sikkim 5054.04.101.68	182.31	182.31	100
Surren	dered due to non-receipt of fund fr				
10	34 Roads & Bridges	Construction of Steel Bridge West Sikkim 5054.04.101.70	87.20	87.20	100
Surren	dered due to non-receipt of fund fr				
11	34 Roads & Bridges	New Schemes under NABARD 5054.04.337.62	2,350.00	2,350.00	100
Surren	dered due to non-finalization of Dr				
12	41 Urban Development and Housing	Schemes under NEC 4217.03.051.79	106.71	106.71	100
Surren	dered due to non-release of North				
13	43 Panchayati Raj Institutions	General Performance Grant recommended by the 13 <sup>th</sup> Finance Commission 3604.200.94	1,883.59	1,883.59	100
Surren	dered due to non-receipt of fund fr				
14	12 Forest, Environment and Wild Life Management	Conservation Programmes 3435.03.101	41.35	40.00	97
Surren	dered due to non-receipt of fund fr				
15	13 Health Care, Human Services and Family Welfare	Establishment of Drug Testing Laboratory under AYUSH (100% CSS) 2201.06.107	20.00	18.27	91
Surren	ndered due to delayed appointment o	f employees to run the Drug Testing Lab			
16	02 Animal Husbandry, Livestock, Fisheries and Veterinary Services	Prevention and Control of Animal Diseases 2403.101.62	102.55	92.55	90
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Surren	dered due to non-receipt of fund fr	om GOI			
17	41 Urban Development and	Other Development Projects	9,872.71	8,592.19	87
	Housing	5452.01.101.61	9,072.71	0,372.17	07
Surren	ndered due to non-completion of wo.	Schemes under 10% Lumpsum provision for NE			
18	33 Water Security and Public Health Engineering	States including Sikkim (100%CSSS) 4215.01.101.71	684.85	588.77	86
Surren	dered due to non-receipt of Central				
19	19 Irrigation and Flood Control	Original works 2702.01.103.60	13,250.00	10,536.46	80
Surren	dered due to non-receipt of central  O2 Animal Husbandry,	fund and delay in sanction of Centrally Sponsored Sche	eme		
20	Livestock, Fisheries and Veterinary Services	Dairy Projects 2404.102.62	86.11	68.42	79
Surren	dered due to non-receipt of fund fr				
21	41 Urban Development and Housing	Jawarharlall Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission 4217.03.051.71	15,512.00	12,203.20	79
Surren	dered due to non-receipt of fund fr				
22	07 Human Resources Development	Buildings 4202.01.201.70	984.01	765.26	78
Surren	dered due to non-receipt of fund fr				
23	07 Human Resources Development	Central Scheme for upgradation of existing/setting up of new Polytechnic 4202.02.103.71	1,050.00	813.96	78
Surren	idered due to slow progress of work				
24	38 Social Justice, Empowerment and Welfare	Other Child Welfare Programme 2235.02.102.62	232.67	180.82	78
Surren	dered due to non-receipt of fund fr				
25	41 Urban Development and Housing	Schemes funded by NABARD 4217.03.051.72	210.00	154.30	73
Surren	dered due to non-release of fund (E)  22 Land Revenue and Disaster	Gratuitous Relief			
26	Management Management	2245.02.101	500.00	354.00	71
Surren	der was due to non-receipt of claim	s from Line Department			
27	11 Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs	Buildings 4408.02.101.60	150.00	103.22	69
Surren	dered due to non-completion of wo				
28	11 Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs	Buildings 4408.01.101.60	25.00	17.09	68
Surren		f acquisition of land and estimate for construction of foo	od godown		
29	12 Forest, Environment and Wild Life Management	Forest Protection Scheme 2406.01.101.66	8,127.50	5,431.83	67
	dered due to restriction of expendit 41 Urban Development and	Construction of parking place at Namthang			
30	Housing	4217.03.051.82	144.06	96.19	67
Surren	dered due to non-receipt of NLCPI	? share			
31	30 Police	Modernisation of Police Force (90:10% CSS) 2055.115.85	746.00	489.39	66
Surren	dered due to restriction of expendit	ure			
32	02 Animal Husbandry, Livestock, Fisheries and Veterinary Services	Inland Fisheries 4405.101	370.28	238.00	64
Surren	dered due to non-receipt of Central	share and non-receipt of claims			
33	41 Urban Development and Housing	ADP Project (EAP) 4217.03.051.75	3,000.00	1,879.67	63
Surren	dered due to non-release of North				
34	1 Food Security and Agriculture Development	Agriculture Department 2435.60.800.01	3,860.01	2,333.25	60
Surren	dered due to non-receipt of fund fr				
35	34 Roads & Bridges	Roads and Bridges Department 2059.60.799.35	100.00	51.02	51
Surren	idered due to late receipt of bills	Total	64 201 00	50 260 65	
		Total	64,281.89	50,260.65	

### Statement showing the details of saving of $\overline{\mathbf{x}}$ 1 crore and above not surrendered

(Reference: Paragraph 2.3.10; Page 61)

Sl. No.	Number and name of Grant/Appropriation	Capital/ Revenue	Saving	Surrender	Saving which remained to be surrendered
1	Finance, Revenue and Expenditure	Revenue	327.83	326.80	1.03
2	Forestry and Environment Management	Revenue	69.95	57.30	12.65
3	Commerce and Industries	capital	1.22	0	1.22
4	Labour	Revenue	2.44	0.15	2.29
5	Land Revenue & Disaster Management	Revenue	130.03	24.53	105.50
6	Energy and Power	Capital	24.24	0.00	24.24
7	Social Justice, Empowerment and Welfare	Revenue	23.24	7.28	15.96
8	Social Justice, Empowerment and Welfare	Capital	10.07	0.27	9.80
9	Sports and Youth Affairs	Revenue	1.97	0.87	1.10
10	Tourism	Capital	108.37	103.19	5.18
11	Panchayat Raj Institutions	Revenue	23.68	21.11	2.57
	Total		723.04	541.50	181.54

#### Statement showing surrender of funds in excess of ₹ 1 crore on 30 and 31 March 2014

(Reference: Paragraph 2.3.10; Page 61)

CI No	Cwant Na	Major Hood	Amount of Suggestion	Poweentage of Total Provision
Sl. No.	Grant No.	Major Head	Amount of Surrender	Percentage of Total Provision
1	1	2435	23.33	60.44
2	2	2403	2.77	7.82
3	2	4405	2.38	63.13
4	3	4059	6.48	23.14
5	5	4202	3.49	18.07
6	7	2202	3.45	0.95
7	7	4202	25.02	56.94
8	10	2049	9.24	4.47
9	10	2071	22.48	8.00
10	10	2075	303.14	40.64
11	10	6003	2.00	3.03
12	11	2408	1.62	6.08
13	11	4408	1.04	45.22
14	12	2406	56.87	42.18
15	12	4406	2.83	48.29
16	13	4210	4.27	3.97
17	14	2014	1.18	27.06
18	19	2702	105.37	73.58
19	19	2705	2.00	100.00
20	20	2014	1.73	8.22
21	22	2059	11.98	33.75
22	22	2245	11.78	5.34
23	22	4059	28.28	17.49
24	22	4215	2.42	13.64
25	22	5054	5.74	5.74
26	28	2070	1.69	36.27
27	29	4575	7.88	41.47
28	30	2055	18.07	7.53
29	30	2070	1.15	11.41
30	33	2215	1.00	6.91
31	33	4215	13.99	44.70
32	34	5054	85.81	35.24
33	35	4215	3.91	43.20
34	35	4515	7.95	29.19
35	35	5054	12.80	37.19
36	38	2235	6.82	13.22
37	39	4202	2.60	21.45
38	40	5452	2.21	1.29
39	41	2217	2.46	5.83
40	41	4217	148.28	70.98
41	43	2202	1.88	0.72
				37.60
42	43	3604	19.23	37.00
		Total	978.62	

### Statement showing the significant rush of expenditure in Roads and Bridges Department

(Reference: Paragraph 2.5.1.10; Page 65)

Year	Major Head	Final Grant	Expenditure upto previous month (February)	Expenditure during March	Total expenditure	Percentage of expenditure during last month to total expenditure
2009-10	2059	0.1	0.08	0.44	0.52	85
2009-10	3054	39.98	26.77	12.8	39.57	32
2009-10	5054	75.17	45.64	29.44	75.08	39
2010-11	2059	0.34	0.07	0.27	0.34	79
2010-11	5054	101.88	47	40.98	87.98	47
2011-12	3054	45.95	34.08	11.33	45.41	25
2011-12	5054	245.55	76.19	38.94	115.13	34
2012-13	2059	1.04	0.17	0.87	1.04	84
2013-14	5054	157.68	118.26	47.36	165.62	29

# Appendix 3.1 Utilisation Certificates outstanding as of March 2014

(Reference: Paragraph 3.1; Page 67)

		Year of	Total Grants paid		Utilisation Certificate			
Sl.	Name of the	payment			Received		Outstanding	
No.	Department	of Grant	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
I	Food and Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department	2013-14	4	2.23	0	0	4	2.23
II	Urban Development and Housing Department	2013-14	7	15.00	0	0	7	15.00
III	Ecclesiastical Affairs Department	2013-14	98	2,223.50	2	1,120.45	96	1,103.05
		1999-00	5	3.25	4	3.00	1	0.25
		2001-02	9	19.04	8	18.24	1	0.80
		2002-03	18	29.52	15	29.31	3	0.21
		2003-04	0	0	0	0	0	0
		2005-06	4	11.00	4	11.00	0	0
		2006-07	351	68.00	351	68.00	0	0
IV	Cooperation Department	2007-08	197	132.00	195	117.02	2	14.97
		2008-09	25	159.00	25	159.00	0	0
		2009-10	33	377.00	30	353.00	3	24.00
		2010-11	0	0	0	0	0	0
		2011-12	20	118.00	20	118.00	0	0
		2012-13	176	198.08	19	172.08	157	26.00
		2013-14	177	118.31	0	0	177	118.31
V	Chief Electoral Officer	2013-14	1	4.02	0	0	1	4.02
	Health Care, Human Services and Family	2001-02	1	5.00	1	5.00	0	0
		2002-03	2	45.00	1	5.00	1	40.00
		2003-04	2	45.00	1	5.00	1	40.00
İ		2004-05	3	615.00	2	605.00	1	10.00
		2005-06	3	243.75	2	223.75	1	20.00
		2006-07	3	125.00	2	105.00	1	20.00
VI		2007-08	5	646.50	3	346.50	2	300.00
	Welfare	2008-09	6	710.00	4	510.00	2	200.00
		2009-10	5	163.00	4	153.00	1	10.00
		2010-11	3	161.00	3	161.00	0	0
		2011-12	4	435.00	4	435.00	0	0
		2012-13	5	220.00	5	220.00	0	0
		2013-14	5	187.00	5	187.00	0	0
VII	Animal Husbandry Livestock Fisheries and Veterinary Services	2013-14	2	48.00	2	48.00	0	0
Grand Total			1,174	7,127.20	712	5,178.35	462	1,948.84

**Appendix 3.2**Statement showing Grant-in-aid released and Outstanding UCs as on March 2014

(Reference: Paragraph 3.1.2; Page 70)

(₹ in thousand)

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Sl. No.	Boards/Commission	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
1	Sikkim Commission for Backward Classes	0	2785	7895	11000	11000
2	Sikkim Welfare Commission	1700	350	953	1906	2000
3	State Commission for Protection of Right of Children	1000	1000	1500	4000	4000
4	Integrated Child Protection Scheme	0	0	0	8894	1597
5	State Women Commission	1500	1200	2500	5200	4200
6	Destitute Homes	1850	2039	2750	1782	1782
7	Spastic Society	0	0	0	5000 (UC not received)	0
8	Juvenile Justice Boards	1100	1282	2500	5000	5000
9	Social Welfare Board	3000 (UCs not received)	2630 (UCs not received)	3000 (UCs not received)	4500 (UCs not received)	7000 (UCs not received)
10	Extruder Food Processing Plant (EFPP)	54645	54470	58299	64457	46275 (UCs not received)
11	Voluntary Organisation	2050 (UCs not received)	860 (UCs not received)	1660 (UCs not received)	1800 (UCs not received)	4255 (UCs not received)
TOTA	L	66845	66616	81057	113539	87109

Total UCa to be received = 47.

Total UCs to be received = 47

**Total UCs received = 35** 

Total outstanding UCs = 12 for ₹ 8.20 crore

# Statement showing names of bodies and authorities, the accounts of which had not been received

(Reference: Paragraph 3.2; Page 71)

Sl. No.	Name of the Bodies/Authorities	Year for which Accounts have not been received		
1	Sikkim Institute of Rural Development (SIRD), Karfector	2012-13 & 2013-14		
2	Sikkim Illness Assistance Fund Association	2011-12 to 2013-14		
3	State Leprosy Officer, Gangtok	2013-14		
4	District Leprosy Officer, East	- do -		
5	District Leprosy Officer, South	- do -		
6	District Leprosy Officer, North	- do -		
7	District Leprosy Officer, West	- do -		
8	State Health Society (NRHM)	- do -		
9	Sikkim Renewable Energy Development Agency (SREDA)	- do -		
10	National Aids Control Society, Gangtok	- do -		
11	Prevention & Control of Blindness	- do -		
12	Paljor Namgyal Senior Secondary School	do -		
13	Tashi Namgyal Academy	2012-13 & 2013-14		
14	Sikkim Institute of Tibetology	2013-14		
15	Council of Science & Technology	2012-13 & 2013-14		
16	Sikkim Rural Development Agency (SRDA)	2012-13 & 2013-14		
17	Institute of Hotel Management	2013-14		
18	Sikkim Milk Union	2013-14		
19	Sikkim Urban Development Agency (SUDA)	2012-13 & 2013-14		
20	Sikkim State Co-operative Supply & Marketing Federation Ltd (SIMFED)	2013-14		
21	Sikkim Housing & Development Board	2007-08 to 2013-14		
22	Small Farmers Agriculture Business Consortium	2013-14		
23	Rajya Sainik Board	2013-14		
24	Sikkim State Commission for Women	2013-14		
25	State Legal Service Authority (State Legal Aid Fund)	2013-14		
26	Khadi & Village Industries Board	2012-13 & 2013-14		
27	Sikkim Livestock Development Board	2012-13 & 2013-14		
28	Sikkim Organic Mission	2013-14		
29	Indian Himalayan Centre for Adventure & Eco Tourism	2013-14		
30	State Institute of Capacity Building, Karfectar	2013-14		
31	Social Welfare Board	2011-12 to 2013-14		
32	Vice Chairman, District Health Society (NRHM) South	2012-13 & 2013-14		
33	Vice Chairman, District Health Society (NRHM) North	2012-13 & 2013-14		
34	Vice Chairman, District Health Society (NRHM) East	2012-13 & 2013-14		
35	Vice Chairman, District Health Society (NRHM) West	2012-13 & 2013-14		

# **Appendix 3.4**Statement showing performance of the autonomous bodies

(Reference: Paragraph 3.3; Page 71)

Sl. No.	Name of the Body	Period of entrustment	Year upto which Accounts were rendered	Date of Submission of accounts	Period upto which SAR issued	Placement of SAR	Period of delay in submission of accounts
1	Sikkim Mining	2011-12 to	2010 11	2007-08 (April 2010) 2008-09 (April 2010)	2007-08 (July 2012) 2008-09 (Nov. 2012)	2007-08 (October 2013) 2008-09 (October 2013)	1 year 6 months 6 months
1	Corporation	2016-17	2010-11	2009-10 (March 2012) 2010-11 (May 2012)	2009-10 (Nov. 2012) 2010-11 (May 2013)	2009-10 (October 2013) 2010-11 (October 2013)	1 year 5 months 7 months
2	State Trading Corporation of Sikkim	2011-12 to 2016-17	2010-11	2005-06 (March 2009) 2006-07 (March 2009) 2007-08 (March 2009) 2008-09 (August 2013) 2009-10 (August 2013) 2010-11 (August 2013)	2005-06 (August 2013) 2006-07 (August 2013) 2007-08 (August 2013) 2008-09 (May 2014) 2009-10 (May 2014) 2010-11 (May 2014)	2005-06 (not yet placed) 2006-07 (not yet placed) 2007-08 (not yet placed) 2008-09 (not yet placed) 2009-10 (not yet placed) 2010-11 (not yet placed)	2 years 5 months 1 year 5 months 5 months 3 years 10 months 2 years 10 months 1 year 10 months
3	State Bank of Sikkim	2013-14 to 2017-18	2010-11	2005-06 (August 2007) 2006-07 (December 11) 2007-08 (March 2012) 2008-09 (November 2012) 2009-10 (April 2013) 2010-11 (April 2013)	2005-06 (August 2011) 2006-07 (July 2012) 2007-08 (November 2012) 2008-09 (December 2013) 2009-10 (December 13) 2010-11 (December 2013)	2005-06 (not yet placed) 2006-07 (October 2013) 2007-08 (October 2013) 2008-09 (not yet placed) 2009-10 (not yet placed) 2010-11 (not yet placed)	4 years 2 months 3 year 6 months 3 years 1 month 2 years 6 months 1 years 6 months
4	State Legal Services Authority	19(2)	2012-13	2012-13	2012-13	2012-13 (not yet placed)	-