

# ADMINISTRATION REPORT – 2009

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The 13th amendment to the constitution of Sri Lanka has provided for the establishment of Provincial Councils and devolution of responsibility, inter alia for Provincial Irrigation Schemes therein. The taking over of the devolved functions in NEP commenced in July 1989 and Provincial Irrigation Department was formed under the Ministry of Irrigation and Housing of the North Eastern Province. Later it was brought under the Ministry of Irrigation, Construction, Transport, Highways and Communications, and then it functioned under the Chief Secretary, NEP with the direction of Deputy Chief Secretary, Engineering Services NEP. After sometime it was functioning under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock Development, Lands, Irrigation and Fisheries, NEP. In 2007 the NEP Council was demerged as North and East Provinces separately. There upon the Eastern Provincial Irrigation Department came under Eastern Provincial Councils Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock Development, Fisheries, Land and Irrigation, after the provincial council election, the provincial Irrigation Department comes under Ministry of Irrigation, Road Development, Building & construction and Rural Electrification & Water Supply.

## 2. ORGANIZATION

### 2.1 Mission, Vision and Objectives.

#### 2.1.1 Mission.

The mission of the Eastern Provincial Irrigation Department is to conserve, preserve and provide all irrigation water for sustainable agricultural development within the Eastern Province.

#### 2.1.2.Vision.

Self Sufficiency in food by developing a viable farming community through building up of irrigation schemes / projects.

#### 2.1.3.Objectives.

- I. Development of lands and water resources for irrigated agriculture and flood control.
- II. Provision of irrigation and drainage facilities for cultivable land in irrigation and drainage projects.
- III. Water management for production of crops.

## 2.2 Functions.

- I. Preparation of Master Plans for development of different river basins for the optimum utilisation of lands and water resources.
- II. Project formulation and detail designs of irrigation, flood control and reclamation projects.
- III. Construction of Irrigation and Settlement Projects for the conservation diversion and distribution of water under gravity and lift irrigation to new and existing lands for cultivation by farmers for food crop production.
- IV. Construction of Drainage, Flood Protection and Salt Water exclusion Projects for the protection of cultivable lands to enable cultivation of such lands with rainfall for food crop production with minimized risk.
- V. Operation, Maintenance, Improvements, Rehabilitation and Water Management for Medium and Major, Gravity, Drainage and Lift Irrigation Projects.

## 2.3 Organizational Arrangements for Various Functions.

This department has a Head office and Three Range offices namely Amparai, Batticaloa, Trincomalee, each has a Deputy Director in-charge , five Divisional Offices namely Thambiluvil, Amparai, Paddiruppu, Chenkalady, Trincomalee, and sub Irrigation Engineers offices namely Pottuvil, Kuchchaveli, Muthur, managed by Irrigation Engineers. Details are given in annexure .

**(Annex-01)**

## 2.4 Resource Status

### 2.4.1. Cadre –Provincial Irrigation Department.

Cadre for Provincial Irrigation Department approved by the salaries and cadre commission is far below for our requirements and expectation the table of required cadre, approved cadre, present strength and vacancies are shown in annexure

**(Annex –02)**

### 2.4.2. Machinery and Equipment. Dearth of Vehicle.

There are 12 offices including head office, functioning in this department. As these offices have to execute the irrigation works entrusted with them, at least 19 vehicles (As per the annexed Criteria) are needed. But at present only 11 vehicles are available in running condition. Scarcity of vehicle is one the major

constraints faced by the department. Details of vehicles are given in annexure.

(Annex –03,08.)

### **3. MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING**

#### **3.1 & 3.2 Skills Developed and Capacity Built-up**

The staff engaged with Accounts, Establishment, Administration and Engineering works from Divisional, Range and Head Offices of the Provincial Irrigation Department underwent various training programmes conducted by various institutions. Details are given in annexure

(Annex –04.)

#### **3.3. Problems Related to Management Development**

Higher studies are needed for professionals to update their knowledge with the current development and enhance and sharpen their technical capabilities to cope with the current situation.

As such it is needed to encourage higher studies such as Masters for Accountants and Engineers. Since such courses are provided locally, it is suggested the Financial Assistance could be given from departmental funds, for the competent employees.

### **4. STATUS OF THE SECTOR (BRIEF)**

The overall objective of the P/Irrigation Department is to fulfil the needs of the farmers of Eastern Province by developing the lands and water resources for irrigated agriculture, providing irrigation and drainage facilities for the cultivable lands and implementing water management programme.

Major Scheme	-Which irrigates more than 1,500 acres of irrigable area.
Medium Scheme	-Which irrigates more than 200 acres and less than 1,500 acres of irrigable area.

There are 41 major / medium schemes irrigating 75,566 acres, 17 Salt Water Exclusion schemes of 4,610 acres and Lift Irrigation of 4502 Acres come under the purview of Provincial Irrigation Department, E.P. Detail of Major/Medium tanks are given in annexure

(Annex –06,07)

## **5. ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **5.1. Major Activities under Recurrent Projects during the year**

Rupees 47.127 Million were allocated under recurrent vote for Salary, Overtime, Traveling, Stationary, Fuel, and Improvements to Buildings, maintenance of Irrigation system etc. Detail of expenditure statement is given in annexure

**(Annex –05.)**

### **5.2. Major activities under Capital Projects**

The details of Major activities under capital projects are shown in annexure

**(Annex-05).**

### **5.3. Special achievements / Contribution to the Sectoral Development**

Due to the situation prevailing in the Eastern Province, the objectives were not achieved fully and farmers' requirements were not fulfilled as expected by them. However optimum results were achieved with the minimum inputs that were made available.

Apart from department's regular maintenance programme for major/ medium irrigation schemes under recurrent, some special projects were also undertaken during 2009 and special achievements were recorded.

**(Annex –05)**

### **5.4. Constraints and Issues.**

#### **5.4.1. Lack of all category of staff.**

Several times it was pointed out that the cadre approved by the salaries and cadre Commission is far below for the cadre requirement. Further, in the case of Engineers, even the approved cadre have not been filled yet. The approved cadre for Engineers is only 23. But the present strength of Engineers in this department is only 10. In order to face the current demand of this sector, immediate action is required to fill at least the vacancies in the approved cadre.

**(Annex –02)**

### 5.5 Special Benefit Created in terms of Objectives and Mission

By implementing the other special projects such as East Irrigated Agriculture Project (**NEIAP**), East Community Restoration and Development Project (**NECORD II**), some Major/Medium Irrigation schemes were rehabilitated. Also some minor schemes were identified for rehabilitation under East Irrigated Agriculture Project (**NEIAP**). Some building were commenced reconstruction under East Emergency Rehabilitation Project (**NEERP**). Under these projects more facilities were provided to the farmers to cultivate food/ crash crops and get optimum yield from their irrigable lands. The tanks taken for rehabilitation under the above project in 2009 are shown in annexure

(Annex –05)

## 6. FINANCE

### 6.1 Finance received under Recurrent Project

Financial Performance of Recurrent expenditure is shown in annexure

(Annex-05)

### 6.2 Finance Received under Capital Projects.

Apart from the expenditures that were incurred under recurrent votes for personal emoluments and others, financial performance for the capital projects such as NECORD, Nation Buildings and PEACE are shown in the annexure.

(Annex-05)

### 6.3. Finance Received under Project Aids

Funds for some of the projects such as NEIAP II, NECORD II, and PEACE were allocated from Foreign Aids. Details of allocation and expenditure incurred are shown in annexure

(Annex 05)

#### 6.3.1. North East Community Restoration and Development Project

**(NECORD II):** This project was launched with the assistance of Asian Development Bank. Rehabilitation of Two (114) Minor Tanks up during 2009. Total allocation is Rs.242.59 Mn and the expenditure up to year 2009 is Rs. 192.04 Mn.

#### 6.3.2. North East Irrigated Agriculture Project (NEIAP II) :

Commenced investigation in 2005 and the Rehabilitation of Miner Irrigation Tanks, Construction of multi purpose Buildings, Construction of wells and Rehabilitation of Access Road were taken up for construction during 2009 at a total allocation is 74.73 Mn.

**6.3.34. Pro-Poor Economic Advancement and Community Empowerment (PEACE):** Project has been launched with the assistance of the Japanese Bank for International Corporation (JBIC) will under take the Rehabilitation of Three (03) Major/Medium tanks were taken up for construction during 2009 at a total allocation is 331.0 Mn.

(Annex 06)

#### 6.4. Special Achievements

In addition to Operation and Maintenance of schemes the following tanks were taken for rehabilitation in 2004 under various foreign funded projects. The details are given in annexure.

(Annex 06)

#### 6.5. Audit Queries

##### 6.5.1. Audit Quarries (General)

<b>No. of Queries Outstanding at the beginning of the year 2009</b>	<b>No. of Queries Received during the year 2009</b>	<b>Total No. of Queries (1) + (2)</b>	<b>No. of Queries replied during the year</b>	<b>Balance Outstanding at the end of the Year (3) - (4)</b>
<b>(1)</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>(5)</b>

##### 6.5.2. Audit Queries (Provincial)

<b>No. of Queries Outstanding at the beginning of the year 2008</b>	<b>No. of Queries Received during the year 2009</b>	<b>Total No. of Queries (1) + (2)</b>	<b>No. of Queries replied during the year</b>	<b>Balance Outstanding at the end of the Year (3) - (4)</b>
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