

6.8.4 The NSAP also provides opportunities for linking social assistance packages to anti-poverty programmes and schemes for provision of basic needs e.g. the old age pension can be linked to medical care and other benefits for the old and poor, family benefit beneficiaries can be assisted under SGSY while maternity assistance could be linked with maternal and child care programmes. As against an allocation of Rs.767.05 crore made under NSAP during 1999-2000, an expenditure of Rs.596.99 crore was incurred up to December, 1999. A Central allocation of Rs.715.00 crore has been earmarked for the scheme in 2000-01.