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FELLOW CITIZENS OF KWARA STATE,

Once again, it is my privilege to address you on this occasion of the presentation of the Budget for 1977-78 Fiscal Year. Before the Budget last year, I had the opportunity to make a tour of the State to see what problems existed. In the same way, this year, during the implementation, I again undertook a tour of the State to see what progress had been made, to see what areas require new emphasis and generally to see how best we can re-order our priorities within the priorities already laid out in the revised 1975-80 National Development Plan. As was expected, the tour afforded us the opportunity to assess our progress and achievements realistically and gave us a proper and fresh insight into the problems facing the State.

This year's Budget also has another distinctive feature. It is the first Budget since the launching of the Local Government Reform in 1976. As already explained, the Local Government is one in the tripartite arrangement of Government in the country which we see not only as a policy making body but as a vital Agency implementing the directives and decisions of Government. This being so, we consider it only proper to take the Local Government Councils into confidence just as the Federal Government does to the State Governments. Accordingly, we involved the Chairmen and Supervisory Councillors in the formulation, discussions and approval of the 1977-78 Kwara State Budget.

It therefore, gives me added pleasure to have the honour, once again, to present to you the 1977-78 Budget of the Kwara State Government as approved by the State Planning Council and the State Executive Council with the full participation of the Chairmen and Supervisory Councillors of the newly established Local Governments. As indicated, the participation of the State Planning Council which includes members from the University and the private sector and especially the Chairmen and Supervisory Councillors in the 1977-78 Budget Session of the State Executive Council, is a clear indication of the responsiveness of this Administration and of the intention of the State Government to ensure that the Local Governments assume their proper roles as Agents of development in their respective areas. The continued demonstration of support by the Emirs, Obas, Chiefs and all the people of the State for the present military administration and the Government of Kwara State in particular was manifestly evident throughout the tour. This support no doubt has been a crucial factor in the substantial and steady developments achieved in both the private and public sectors of the State's economy in the 1976-77 fiscal year, which I will now briefly review.

**Review of the 1976/77 Fiscal Year:**

In making an appraisal of the progress recorded in the 1976/77 fiscal year, Government has de-emphasized the conventional yardstick of adopting financial index to measure performance, since such a yardstick in our view ignores the need for prudence in financial management and expenditure. This was the essence of the philosophy of our 1976/77 fiscal budget. Instead of employing financial index as a means of quantifying economic performance and in keeping with result-orientedness in Government activities, four major criteria were used to evaluate our performance during the previours year. They were:—

(*i*) the careful planning that preceded the implementation of projects;

(*ii*) the extent to which the State Government has been able to attain its major objective of ensuring and promoting equitable distribution of amenities within the different Local Government Areas of the State;

(*iii*) the extent to which the State Government has been able to stimulate the growth of the private sectors of the economy and finally;

(*iv*) the physical targets achieved.

As you may recall, I reported the progress achieved as at the end of January, 1977 in my press briefing in February this year. My recent tour further confirmed my earlier report.

Based on the report of my tour, the information available in the Report of the Task Force and Monitoring Unit, and other available data, I am happy to inform you that the performance of the State economy in the 1976/77 fiscal year has been satisfactory.

**Price Stabilisation:**

Guided by the Federal Military Government's policy to combat inflation, Government made positive efforts in many ways to achieve price stability of essential commodities in the State in the 1976/77 fiscal year. The laudable activities of the Price Control Board and the distribution of essential commodities by the Kwara Co-operative Federation to individual consumers have reduced the artificially high prices of essential commodities and helped to reduce the impact of inflation on the welfare of the masses. Nevertheless, judging by the limited success of the various anti-inflation measures, it is becoming increasingly clear to us that one of the main solutions to the inflationary problem lies in the rapid execution of the various development programmes so as to increase the quality and quantity of goods and services.

As a deliberate action of Government in the last fiscal year, the State Government made concrete efforts towards the rapid execution of the State (1975/80) Development Programme. Consequently, productive professional capacities that were hitherto unemployed or under-utilised were actively mobilised to produce very significant progress in the implementation of projects in all the priority areas. These areas included, food production, rural electrification, water supply schemes, housing, construction of markets, strengthening of co-operatives, health schemes and the provision of urgently needed infrastructures such as staff quarters and office accommodation.

**Rural Electrification:**

Under Rural Electrification, considerable progress has been made. By the end of April, 1977 when it will be about a year after launching the 1976-77 Budget for Kwara State twenty-one (21) out of the twenty-five (25) towns promised for rural electrification would have been completed, which amounts to eighty-four (84%) per cent performance.

**Water Supply Schemes:**

In Ilorin, the Asa Dam is virtually completed and work has reached an advanced stage in the 73 kilometre pipeline distribution network. It will be commissioned by the end of the year. The first phase of the Lafiagi Water Supply Scheme has been completed. Efforts are also being made to increase the pace of construction of the Omu-Aran and New-Bussa Water Supplies Schemes to meet commissioning dates. Significant progress was achieved in the execution of rural water supplies schemes. Those at Kpada, Obbo-Ile, Obbo-Aiyegunle and Ilorin Army Barracks were already completed while those of Ojoku, Ikotun, Ilemona, Oro, Iyara, Babanloma, Ogori and Afon are almost completed. The borehole drilling schemes at Abaji, Agbaja and Koton-Karfi which had given us initial hopes ran into difficulties but their execution has been stepped up in the past few months when alternative areas produced better results.

**Housing:**

Satisfactory progress has been made in the execution of the ₦18.6 million (Eighteen point six million Naira) contract for the construction of 600 (Six hundred) owner-occupier housing units in Ilorin. The 250 (Two hundred and Fifty) Federal Low Cost Housing Units which were commenced in 1974 were completed during the year and 201 (Two hundred and one) families were already benefitting from the Scheme. The State Rent Edict promulgated after an analysis of the housing problem as it exists in Kwara State is already being enforced.

**Markets:**

On markets, finishing touches are being put to the construction of the ₦2.5 million (Two point five million Naira) market at Baboko in Ilorin while construction work on the 13 (thirteen) other modern markets at Okene, Pakata (Ilorin), Otte, Pategi, Adogo, Offa, Kabba, New-Bussa, Omu-Aran, Kaiama, Lokoja, Lafiagi and Koton-Karfe amounting to ₦8.2 million (Eight point two million Naira) is progressing satisfactorily.

**Co-operatives:**

The Co-operatives and the Kwara Co-operative Federation as mentioned earlier intensified their efforts in the last fiscal year to reduce the efforts of inflation on the masses. In its efforts to assist the Co-operatives, the State Government bought for the Kwara Co-operative Federation tankers to enable them to distribute edible oil. Cement carriers and cement Silos were also ordered and 4 (four) cement Silos each of 100 ton capacity have been installed. During the year eleven medium sized Co-operative shops were completed at various locations in the State, while the construction of 19 (nineteen) others is going on.

**Agriculture:**

In the Agricultural sector notable progress was made in the execution of various schemes during 1976-77 fiscal year. Apart from having successfully launched and implemented the Operation Feed the Nation Programme, the State Government has also pursued vigorously the execution of various extension services to farmers. Various types of agricultural implements and inputs were distributed to farmers to boost production. More than 5,000 (Five thousand) broiler chicks were sold to the public at subsidized prices while more than 1,900 (one thousand, nine hundred) layers were also distributed to post-primary institutions in the State

The impact of the land development schemes is being felt by various communities in the State. Large hectares of land have been cleared and made available to farmers at between 2 to 3 hectares per farmer. Over 6,000 (Six thousand) farmers have benefitted from this scheme. A total of over 5,000 (five thousand) metric tonnes of fertilizer were purchased and over 3,000 (three thousand) metric tonnes of these have been distributed at subsidized prices to farmers in all the 12 (twelve) Local Government Areas. This arrangement is about 200% performance over the figure for past year.

**Irrigation:**

On irrigation scheme, Government decided to utilize the banks of rivers and streams within the State. In pursuance of this, modern integrated market gardens have been developed in Ilorin, Shao and Ajasse-po. The market farms produce vegetables of all kinds, pine-apples and would produce table-birds and table eggs. Survey of similar scheme has started in Borgu, Oyi, Kogi, Oyun, Ifelodun and Irepodun Local Government Areas for the same integrated market gardening.

**Livestock:**

On Livestock, both the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the Agricultural Development Corporation have intensively pursued programmes which are aimed at increasing and improving the quality of animals and poultry in the State. The Agricultural Development Corporation embarked on the construction of poultry demonstration and holding centres of 2,000 (Two thousand) birds each. The Centres at New-Bussa, Okene, Omu-Aran and Ilorin were all virtually completed.

In order to take advantage of the economy of scale and in response to the challenges of the creation of the Agricultural Development Corporation as a profit oriented establishment, Government has decided that the Agricultural Development Corporation embarks on a commercial Poultry Project. When completed by 1980, the complex is to have among other things, 2 (two) Feedmills, Hatchery, Stores, Workshop, Staff Quarters and to produce a maximum bird population of 370,000 (three hundred and seventy thousand) broilers and 132,000 (one hundred and thirty-two thousand) layers. By the end of 1977, the egg production is estimated at 1.1 million (one point one million) eggs per annum, or 46,000 (forty-six thousand) per day. By 1980, it is estimated that 2.2 million eggs will be produced per annum, or 92,000 (ninety-two thousand) per day. Just now, the Agricultural Development Corporation has installed at Oke-Oyi 7 (Seven) broilers and 6 (Six) layers pens. The 13 (thirteen) pens have a total capacity of 144,000 (one hundred and forty-four thousand) birds. Already over 30,000 (thirty thousand) birds have been collected. Also at the Riverside Poultry Farm in Ilorin, a total of Seven thousand (7,000) layers to produce three hundred (300) dozen eggs daily, and Ten thousand (10,000) broilers at various stages of growth were also maintained. The Corporation has also placed an order for Three thousand six hundred (3,600) layers and for two (2) Units of Funki incubators each with a capacity of Twenty-thousand (20,000) eggs.

Construction work is almost completed on the two blocks of eighty-two (82) units at Ajasse-po Piggery. The construction of the three (3) pig production units with a total capacity of one hundred and sixty (160) pens at Kabba is also virtually completed.

**Education:**

In preparation for the take off of the Universal Primary Education Programme, more than Two thousand four hundred (2,400) classrooms were completed by February, 1977, while Seven hundred (700) others were under construction. In addition, two (2) model Primary Schools meant to accommodate One thousand two hundred (1,200) and Eight hundred (800) children have been completely rebuilt on new sites while a third with 800 (Eight hundred) capacity is being built all at Ilorin to give way to new developments.

**Health:**

Major improvements on existing hospitals including the construction of thirty-four (34) bed wards at Lafiagi, New-Bussa and Lokoja and a thirty (30) bed amenity ward at Offa are nearing completion. Work also commenced on the construction of staff quarters for Okene, Lafiagi, Omu-Aran and New-Bussa General Hospitals. Administrative blocks and stores are being constructed at Omu-Aran, Lafiagi and New-Bussa. The construction of 2 (two) and (3) three bedroom flats for eighteen (18) families to accommodate hospital staff has also commenced at Ilorin. In addition a modern mortuary at Ilorin has been completed and is already in use. Work on the construction of cottage hospitals at Ogori and Koton-Karfe has also commenced and is progressing satisfactorily.

**Industry:**

On industries, loans were approved for 25 (twenty-five) small scale industrialists in the fields of agro-allied, mechanical and building industries. The execution of the Brewery projects at Ijagbo in Oyun Local Government is progressing satisfactorily. Actual brewing is expected to start by December, 1977.

In summary, we can say that inspite of various constraints and the fact that a great deal of time and energy was spent on planning and programming of projects, the State Government has made satisfactory progress in the implementation of its 1976/77 Budget. More importantly, detailed planning has been completed for a number of projects thus facilitating their quick implementation during the 1977/78 fiscal year. An objective examination of the location and distribution of projects in the State in the 1976/77 fiscal year shows that a measure of success has been achieved in ensuring equitable distribution and development throughout the State. This has also been taken into consideration in preparing the 1977/78 Budget.

**Philosophy of the 1977-78 Budget:**

The main principle guiding the preparation of the 1976-77 Budget was CUT YOUR COAT ACCORDING TO YOUR CLOTH. In consonance with this principle, Government refrained from making any promises it could not fulfil. In a situation where we have all witnessed increasing deficits in the capital Budgets of the Federal and State Governments, the need for continued financial prudence cannot be over-stressed.

We are determined to continue to have our priorities judiciously determined and to also exercise due vigilance in the execution of projects in order to get full value for our investments. This, is in keeping with the repeated reminders by the Head of State, Commander-In-Chief of the Armed Forces, Lt.-General Obasanjo that this country is not yet a rich country.

In order to tighten up and maintain financial prudence we would therefore, still maintain our philosophy of "Cutting Our Coat According to Our Cloth" for the 1977-78 fiscal year.

Accordingly, the State Government will pursue the following objectives:

(*i*) Speed up the completion of projects and programmes in the priority areas namely, food production, rural electrification, water supplies, health facilities, co-operatives, markets, State roads, township roads, staff quarters and office accommodation;

(*ii*) continue to ensure an equitable distribution of amenities within the geographical areas of the State;

(*iii*) promote the efficient utilization of the State's minerals and natural resources by the establishment of agro-allied, mineral based and mechanical industries and to attract investors to Kwara State;

(*iv*) continue to develop the basic infra-structures particularly roads which are indispensable for intra and inter-State Commerce as well as the State's industrial development; and finally, it will;

(*v*) continue to supplement the efforts of the Federal Military Government to reduce the inflationary pressure in the economy.

With our objectives now set out and most of our plans already being implemented, we are optimistic that 1977-78 will be a better year. We are therefore on the move and we have no intention of slowing down the pace of development progress which we have now generated. In addition to increasing the scope of provision of water, rural electrification, and markets, we will give prompt attention to areas on which only modest provision was made last year. These are the Transport Sector, construction of post-primary schools and establishment of Industries.

**Outlook for 1977-78 Financial Year:**

The Budget level for the current fiscal year is Three hundred and thirty-nine million, three hundred and ninety-three thousand, five hundred and eighty-seven Naira (₦339,393,587). This comprises a capital expenditure of two hundred and forty-one million fifty-four thousand, five hundred and eighty-seven Naira (₦241,054,587) and a Recurrent Expenditure of Ninety-eight million, one hundred and forty-nine thousand, seven hundred and twenty-five Naira (₦98,149,725). This budget size represents an increase of sixty-one point nine million Naira (₦61.9m.) or twenty-two per cent (22%) over last year's budget level of Two hundred and seventy-seven point five million Naira (₦277.5m.).

The estimated recurrent revenue for the fiscal year 1977-78 is One hundred and nineteen million, seven hundred and eight thousand, one hundred and six Naira (₦119,708,106). This leaves an anticipated surplus of Twenty-one million, five hundred and fifty-eight thousand, three hundred and eighty-one Naira (₦21,558,381). The sum of nineteen million Naira (₦19 million) from the total recurrent budget surplus is therefore estimated as transfer to the Capital Development Fund. The balance of Two million, five hundred and fifty-eight thousand, three hundred and eighty-one Naira (₦2,558,381) will be retained in the Consolidated Revenue Fund. The estimated recurrent revenue is made up as follows:—

(*i*) statutory allocation of sixty-six million, seven hundred and sixty-three thousand, four hundred and thirty-one Naira (₦66,763,431);

(*ii*) revenue from local source amounting to six million, four hundred and twenty-two thousand, eight hundred and sixty Naira (₦6,422,860); and

(*iii*) grants from the Federal Government for the Universal Primary Education Scheme totalling fifty-six million, five hundred and eleven thousand, eight hundred and five Naira (₦56,511,805).

The manpower situation in the Ministries and Parastatals remained relatively stagnant because of the nation wide manpower shortage. In the 1976-77 fiscal year, we need provisions for full establishments. This was done under the presumption that all vacancies will be filled. Since there is no clear indication that the position this year will improve, Government has avoided making financial provisions for the full establishments of the Ministries and Parastatals for 1977-78. To cut down the heavy financial burden on Recurrent Expenditure, Government has approved only an increase of thirty (30%) per cent Financial Provision over the 1976-77 Fiscal Year in such a way that Ministries and Parastatals are encouraged to increase their staffing position up to and including 20% while the remaining 10% would be held in reserve and any increase of staff by Ministries and Parastatals over the 20% would be met on application from the remaining 10%. In this way, it has been possible to reduce financial provision on Recurrent Expenditure and make more money available for Capital Development. On the capital side, therefore the estimated receipts is One hundred and sixty-two million, six hundred and eighty-four thousand, nine hundred and eighty-nine Naira (₦162,684,989). When this figure is compared with the projected Capital Expenditure of Two hundred and forty-two million, fifty-four thousand, five hundred and eighty-seven Naira (₦242,054,587) there is an estimated Capital Budget deficit of Seventy-eight million, three hundred and sixty-nine thousand, five hundred and ninety-eight Naira (₦78,369,598). Taking this deficit together with the Recurrent Budget surplus of twenty-one point five six million Naira (₦21.56 million) where Nineteen million Naira (₦19 million) has been transferred to the Capital Development Fund and Two point five million Naira (₦2.5 million) retained in the Consolidated Revenue Fund, our overall Budget deficit for the 1977-78 Budget Year stands at Fifty-six million, eight hundred and eleven thousand, four hundred and ninety-two Naira (₦56,811,492).

It is the intention of Government to meet the deficit gap by intensifying collection of internal revenue, from domestic borrowings, by soliciting assistance from the Federal Government and from Commercial and Specialised Banks.

Having given you the outlook for 1977/78 Budget I will now state briefly the major policies and programmes in the various sectors:—

**Agriculture:**

Agriculture which is the mainstay of the State's economy, is expected to make further positive contribution to the economy in the present financial year. It is the intention of Government to continue to shift the emphasis of its activities from the traditional and experimental activities to more productive ventures. To this end, a total sum of Nine point sixty seven million Naira (₦9.67m. has been provided in this year's budget for Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry, and Fisheries Development. Special attention will be paid to the land development schemes under which land already acquired will be cleared, stumped, ploughed and be allocated to farmers to enable them to grow their traditional crops more extensively and profitably. The emphasis of the land development schemes will continue to be on the cultivation of food crops notably cassava, yams, maize, guinea corn, rice, cowpeas and vegetables. The development of small scale irrigation schemes for market gardening which was started last year in various parts of the State and which is yielding good results will continue.

The extension services of the Ministry of Agriculture will be intensified through the supply and distribution of fertilizers and improved breeds of seeds at subsidized rates. In addition, the existing 12 agro-service centres in the State will be expanded and fully equipped so as to enable them to provide more efficient services in the fields of land clearing, mechanical cultivation, mechanical crop planting, chemical weed control and other related services.

The "Operation Feed the Nation" which was launched by the Head of State Commander-In-Chief of the Armed Forces last year in Lagos has become a reality and a success in Kwara State. The activities of the Operation Feed the Nation will be stepped up in this financial year, but with a different emphasis. The emphasis of the scheme will be directed towards helping farmers, schools and individuals to rapidly step up their output.

Participation of students in the programme will be voluntary. Government will continue to pay adequate attention to construction and use of the strategic Grains Reserves and to the Federal Government policy aimed at guaranteeing minimum prices of food crops for the farmers.

The Agricultural Development Corporation has been fully re-organized and equipped in the 1976/77 fiscal year and is now poised for major agricultural productive and profitable ventures. The first phase of the Corporation's poultry complex at Oke-Oyi which was started in the last fiscal year will be completed early in the current fiscal year. When completed the poultry population will increase considerably. On its Tada/Shonga rice scheme, the Corporation will cultivate 825 hectares to produce 1,562 tonnes of paddy rice in the 1977/78 fiscal year. On its maize farms at Obbo, Elebu, and Ife Olukotun the Corporation will cultivate a total of 1,000 hectares to produce 2,500 tonnes of maize. The construction of the breeding and harrowing pens at Ajasse is expected to be completed early in the 1977/78 fiscal year. When completed it will have a capacity of 200 sows to produce 2,500 piglets. A total sum of ₦4.7 million is provided for the various projects under the Agricultural Development Corporation.

**Forestry:**

A sum of ₦3,220,000 has been allocated to the various forestry programmes. The programmes to be executed in this financial year include forest regeneration, the establishment of pulpwood plantation, and the establishment of parks and gardens. On forest regeneration, about 600 hectares already cleared and felled in the last fiscal year will be planted in the 1977/78 fiscal year. On pulpwood production, it is expected that about 1,140 hectares will be planted in this financial year. In the current fiscal year, we will intensify our efforts to ensure the completion of the provision of modern recreational amenities in both the Agba Park and the old Yidi centre. The Parks and Gardens Unit of the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources will also be strengthened to enable it to extend its activities to institutions and local government headquarters in the State.

**Manufacturing and Crafts:**

Last year it was difficult for Government to pursue vigorously industrialization on a large scale since the required basic infrastructures were inadequate. Now that the situation has improved higher premium and priority would be accorded to this sector during this financial year. To this end, a sum of Five point seventy five million Naira (₦5.75 million) has been allocated to this sector, to enable the commencement of work on a number of industrial projects in the agro-allied, building, mechanical and metallurgical fields. Increased loans will be made available to further speed up the growth of small scale industries. The Brewery will be completed and adequate staff employed for its successful operation.

**Rural Electrification:**

The State Government would continue during this financial year, to pursue more vigorously the rural electrification programme already begun. Though only 21 towns out of the target of 25 towns set last year are virtually achieved, I am satisfied as I said earlier that the achievement made is commendable. Already work has been completed on the following 11 towns—Egbe, Iyamoye, Igosun, Ikotun, Ojoku, Share, Sharagi, Otte, Okuta, Ife-Olukotun and Yashikira; while work on the following 10 other towns would be completed by early May. The towns are—Kaiama, Babanloma, Ogori, Magongo, Eruku, Koton-Karfe, Shonga, Ejiba, Odo-Ere and Malete. During this financial year, work will commence on other twenty five towns. These towns include the following ten towns selected to replace the ones deleted after the excision of the former Igala Division—Oke-Oyi, Ilesha, Babana, Ejidongari, Oro Agor, Aiyetoro-Gbedde and Edidi. In an effort to ensure that the Phase I of the rural electrification scheme is completed, a sum of Four million Naira (₦4.0m) has been allocated to the Programme. This does not include foreign loan element of ₦5 million Naira (Five million Naira). Another sum of One point Five million Naira (₦1.50m) has been allocated for the commencement of work on Phase II of the Scheme.

**Commerce and Finance:**

A sum of Twelve point sixty two million Naira (₦12.62m) has been allocated for the execution of a number of programmes in the Commerce and Finance sector. Among the projects on which work is to commence are Seven (7) Catering Rest Houses or Motels at Omu-Aran, Offa, Share, Okene, Lafiagi, Kabba and Ilorin, and a 250-bed Hotel in Ilorin. Expansion work on the existing Catering Rest House at Lokoja would also be undertaken. It is also planned to increase the chalets of the Kwara Hotel. The Ministry of Trade, Industry and Co-operatives will intensify its advisory and consultancy services to businessmen during the fiscal year. A Trade Fair Pavilion is scheduled to be built in the fiscal year. A sum of Five hundred thousand Naira (₦500,000) has also been allocated for the establishment of a Market Authority to supervise and manage the affairs of the newly constructed markets and such other future markets as the Authority may establish. This arrangement is without prejudice to the construction and management of markets that Local Governments may wish to undertake.

**Co-operatives:**

The Co-operatives made considerable progress following the increased financial assistance by the Government. The Kwara Credit Investment and Trust Society and the Bank which were launched in February 1977 will be licensed and incorporated. The Co-operative Bank will also commence operation in the year. Tenders have been invited for the construction of the State Co-operative Complex to house the Co-operative Bank, and its construction will soon commence. Work on the first phase of the Co-operative Complex in the Local Government Headquarters will soon commence.

**Anti-Inflation Effort:**

During the financial year Co-operative Division would intensify the anti-inflation effort through the extension of their commodities distribution net work to all parts of the State. Towards this end thirty (30) new district Co-operative Shops will be built and distribution vehicles will be provided for the newly created Local Governments. More Low Cost Food Canteens will also be constructed. To further combat shortages, additional one hundred (100) tonnes capacity silos will be erected in Ilorin and other parts of the State. A sum of Five hundred thousand (₦500,000) has been provided for the construction of Silos and supply of bulk cement.

**Transport:**

As I have indicated earlier, except for the Obehira Magongo-Ogori Road, we deliberately stalled action on the road sector last year because of financial constraint. In the 1977-78 Budget, transport is high on our priorities. Accordingly, emphasis will be placed on the design and construction of inter-State and inter-Local Government roads. This is necessary in order to make the Local Government Headquarters easily accessible to the State Capital and also open up the vast fertile agricultural lands of the State. During this fiscal year, work on the design and/or construction of the following roads will commence:—

1. Obangede — Ihima .. .. .. .. .. .. Okehi
2. Gama — Afon .. .. .. .. .. .. Asa
3. Bode Sadu — Ejidongari — Alagbede — Malete — Alapa— Efue — Eiyenkorin — Afon .. .. .. .. Moro
4. Share — Oke-Ode — Yaru — Igbaja — Ajasse .. .. Ifelodun
5. Ilesha — Gwanara .. .. .. .. .. .. Borgu
6. Ilorin — Shao — Malete .. .. .. .. .. Ilorin
7. Lafiagi — Lade .. .. .. .. .. . Edu

8. Kabba — Olle — Iluke .. .. .. .. .. Oyi
9. Lokoja — Agbaja — Jakura — Chokochoko .. .. Kogi
10. Obehira — Magongo/Ogori .. .. .. .. .. Okene
11. Igbaja — Iji, Isanlu-Isin — Omu-Aran .. .. .. Irepodun
12. Offa — Igosun — Oyo State Boundary .. .. .. Oyun
13. Offa — Ira .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. Oyun
14. Macha — Oke-Ode — Igbaja .. .. .. .. Ifelodun
15. Share — Dumaji — Shonga — Ogudu .. .. .. Edu
16. Okene — Ukpogboro .. .. .. .. .. Okene
17. Oro — Esie — Arandun — Ipetu .. .. .. .. Irepodun
18. Iporin — Oloko — Igbaja .. .. .. .. .. Ifelodun
19. Oke-Ode — Oro Agor — Omu-Aran .. .. .. Ifelodun/ Irepodun
20. Ife-Olukotun — Mopa .. .. .. .. .. .. Oyi
21. Osi — Obbo Aiyegunle — Ondo State Boundary .. .. Irepodun

In addition to the roads listed above, Government plans to reconstruct or rehabilitate 8 kilometre of Township roads in each of the Local Government Headquarters. Maintenance of the existing State Roads will be given full attention. To this end, the operations of the Ministry of Works will be streamlined to achieve a greater degree of efficiency.

A total sum of Forty-one point eighty four million Naira (₦41.84m.) representing seventeen point thirty-five per cent (17.35%) of the capital expenditure has been allocated to road development this year.

**Kwara State Transport Corporation:**

In view of the decisive role which an efficient transport organisation can play in the distribution of essential commodities and the fight against inflation, the State Government will pay greater attention to the operations and funding of the Kwara State Transport Corporation this year. Adequate facilities will be provided for the Corporation to go into haulage business in order to enhance the distribution of scarce commodities such as fuel building materials. A sum of Five hundred thousand Naira (₦500,000) has been allocated to the Corporation.

**Education:**

As in the past year, education which is the source of our manpower supply will be given due attention with special emphasis on teacher training, secondary and technical education. In this regard our efforts will continue to be guided by the guidelines enunciated in the National Educational Policy. The cardinal objective of this policy is to afford all citizens equal opportunity to education at all levels. A total sum of Thirty-eight point ninety-one million Naira (₦38.91m) has therefore been earmarked for the education sector. It is important to state very clearly at this point that the financing of education is the joint responsibility of the Federal, the State, Local Governments, the Communities, tax payers and parents. It is, therefore, expected that the newly established Local Governments and Parents will gladly add their own financial contributions to those being made by the Federal and State Governments in order to ensure quality in education and equal access to education opportunities. Although the school fees remain at Ninety Naira (₦90) per annum per student, it is the experience of parents, educationists and the Government that such personal items provided for students by schools and in particular textbooks, have been treated by students as if they belong to nobody and therefore regarded as items subject to wanton destruction and reduced life span use. School Authorities have found it difficult to replace these books and the cost of replacement where books were even found, has strained Government finances. It is therefore felt that the need for parents to provide books for their children arises. Accordingly, students in grant-aided and Government-owned post-primary institutions in Kwara State will be expected to buy their own textbooks as from the beginning of next school year, that is, September, 1977. In this way, Parents and the School Authorities will be ensuring that students get the best from books purchased for them by their parents. More funds will however, be provided to improve and increase the number and quality of books in the School Libraries.

**Vocational Improvement:**

In view of the importance attached to the production of technica manpower, a new Vocational Improvement and Training Centre will be established at Aiyetoro-Gbedde to train artisans and craftsmen.

**Universal Primary Education Scheme:**

As earlier said, the take-off of the Universal Primary Education in Kwara State in September, 1976 has been very successful. However, twenty-five per cent (25%) classroom requirement to meet the target for 1976-77 are still being built. Many more classrooms will be built in all the Local Governments of the State to meet the increased registration figure. The administration of primary education which is now under the system of Local Schools Board will be re-organised in order to give meaning to the new Local Government Reform.

**State Schools Board:**

The State Schools Board will also be reinvigorated and its functions streamlined vis-a-vis its relationship with the Ministry of Education and the Local Governments.

**Secondary School Education:**

In the current fiscal year work will commence on the construction of 8 (eight) new secondary schools located at Afon, Ipee, Oluke, Share, Yashikera, Agbamu, Idofin and Obangede. Also work will commence on the expansion of 6 (six) Government Secondary Schools and 21 (twenty-one) Voluntary Agency Schools while the Government Secondary Schools, Ilorin, the Ilorin College and Okene College of Commerce will be expanded. All schools for construction and/or expansion when completed are to reach enrolment figure of 1,000 (One thousand) students per school by 1979-80.

**Technical Education:**

Work will commence on the construction of the six (6) new Technical Schools at Jebba, Esie/Iludun, Erin-Ile, Lokoja, New-Bussa and Mopa while constructional work will be intensified on the expansion and equipping of Pategi Technical School this year.

**College of Technology:**

One of the major objectives of establishing the State's College of Technology is the provision of the much needed skilled middle level management and technological personnel, not only for Kwara State but the Federation as a whole. It is regrettable, however, to note that the emphasis has so far been laid on non-technological fields. From now on, emphasis on development in the College will be put on technology so as to increase the availability of technological personnel in both the public and private sectors of the economy. In pursuance of this objective the first phase of the building of the main School of Technology will begin in the current Financial Year. The School of Management and Vocations will also intensify its various training programmes so as to increase their types and the number of trainees. The school will also commence in the 1977-78 fiscal year, a full scale training programme in catering and hotel management in view of the acute shortage of this type of personnel. A sum of Eight million Naira (₦8 million) has been budgetted for the College of Technology this fiscal year.

**Advanced Teachers' College:**

The School of Education of the Kwara College of Technology is to be converted to an Advanced Teachers' College in the current financial year. To this end, the College has already occupied a separate site in preparation for its final take off as an autonomous institution and a sum of One million Naira (₦1 million) will be spent this year to provide for its urgent needs.

**School of Basic Studies:**

The School of Basic Studies has been a department within the College of Technology. Although it will continue to occupy the same site, it will be excised from the College, so as to enable the College of Technology to focus its attention on the training of technological manpower. The School of Basic Studies will aslo be fully expanded to meet the increasing needs for sixth form teaching in the State and to continue to provide high quality materials for the Universities.

**Conditions of Service for Teachers:**

Funds will be made available this financial year to enable teachers in the voluntary agency institutions to benefit from in-service training, both locally and abroad. It is my belief that this will readily improve their skills. Additional funds will also be made available this financial year for vehicle loans to eligible teachers in both primary and post primary institutions in the State.

**Scholarship Award:**

The State Government has streamlined scholarship awards throughout the State. The basic principle of equitable distribution is strictly followed, thus making sure that no part of the State is neglected. It is in conformity with this declaration that the State Government made six hundred and four (604) scholarship awards in various fields of learning for the 1976-77 academic year, while in consonnance with our determination to ensure equity, a total sum of ₦443,800 (Four hundred and forty-three thousand Eight hundred Naira) was paid to some Local Governments as the balance due to them from unused scholarship funds. The Local Governments have been directed to use the funds thus provided only for approved educational purposes.

**Information:**

Last year, I announced that various information services in the State would be expanded. I am happy to note that information workshop and offices being put up in the State are nearing completion and will be put to use during this financial year. The Information Division has also been well equipped to enable it to cover more comprehensively the activities of the State Government. A sum of ₦6.6 million Naira (Six point six million Naira) has also been earmarked for further developments in the Information Sector. Construction work will commence on Civil Centre complex which will house a modern library, the Graphic Arts Studio and a Cultural Centre in Ilorin in the current fiscal year.

**Sports and Social Welfare:**

Construction work on the first phase of the State's Stadium Complex is progressing satisfactorily. The mini-Stadium and the hostels parts of the complex are scheduled for completion by July, 1977.

In order to encourage Sports in all parts of the State, Local Government Areas Sports Committees have been established in the State. Government plans to develop functional Stadia in all Local Government Headquarters. In the

1977/78 fiscal year, Stadia will be developed in Okene, Offa, Omu-Aran, Lokoja and New-Bussa. More Coaches will be trained and employed to raise the standard of sporting activities in the State. In addition a sum of ₦144,000 (one hundred and forty-four thousand Naira) has been provided as assistance to Local Governments for the provision of sporting facilities.

**Pilgrims Welfare Board:**

The conduct of last Hajj by the Pilgrims Board deserves commendation. Following the abolition of the Pilgrim Agency throughout the country, the State Pilgrims' Welfare Board was re-constituted and given new roles to play to ensure an effective control of the conduct of pilgrimage. A substantial grant will be made to the State's Pilgrims Board this financial year to further enhance their activities. The pilgrims transit camp will be built near the Ilorin Airport. This will go a long way to minimising the sufferings of the State Pilgrims.

**Leadership and Citizenship Centre:**

A Leadership and Citizenship Centre will be established at Share during this year. A provision of ₦150,000 (One hundred and fifty thousand Naira) is made for the project.

**Water Supplies:**

A sum of Fifteen point seventy-six million Naira (₦15.76 million) has been allocated for various water development schemes. The pace of work on New-Bussa and Omu-Aran Water Schemes has been slow. The time of completion cannot therefore be determined now. Efforts on the Rural Water Supply Schemes will be intensified in the new fiscal year. Drilling attempts made to provide water through boreholes at Gwanara, Okuta, Kaiama, Iyamoye, Iyara have been unsuccessful. Alternative means of supplying water to these areas where boreholes have been unsuccessful with water have been embarked upon. From borehole drilling efforts carried out throughout the State in the 1976/77 Year, reports show that Edu and Kogi Local Government Areas have proved successful. Government will therefore in this fiscal year intensify efforts on boreholes as a means of providing water for many more places in the two Local Government Areas of Edu and Kogi.

**Sewage and Drainage:**

Disposal of refuse and human waste is becoming a problem particularly in highly populated Urban Centres. In order to forestall development of slums and improve environmental sanitation in Ilorin, Okene, Lokoja, Offa and New-Bussa, work will commence on the study and design of adequate sewage schemes for these towns. A total sum of ₦1.5 million (one point five million Naira) has been allocated to these sewage and drainage projects.

**Housing:**

In order to meet the ever increasing demand for housing accommodation, Government is embarking on a massive housing programme in all the Local Government Areas as a supplement to the Federal Military Government's efforts. The total number of four thousand (4,000) State Housing Units for the 1975-80 period have been distributed as follows to all Local Government Areas except Ilorin, New-Bussa and Lokoja which have been taken care of under the Federal Housing Schemes.

| | 1975-80 | 1977-78 |
|---|---|---|
| Okene .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 500 | 75 |
| Kabba .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 450 | 75 |
| Offa .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 500 | 75 |
| Lokoja .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 400 | 75 |
| Lafiagi .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 400 | 75 |
| Omu-Aran .. .. .. .. .. .. | 400 | 75 |
| Bode-Sadu .. .. .. .. .. .. | 350 | 50 |
| Share .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 350 | 50 |
| Obangede .. .. .. .. .. .. | 350 | 50 |
| Afon .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 300 | 40 |

In this fiscal year, in order to lay-out the areas for construction, survey work and beaconing have already commenced at Lafiagi and the same exercise will soon begin at Okene, Kabba, Offa, Omu-Aran and Share. Because of these pre-construction survey works, only the following housing units can be embarked upon this financial year. Seventy-five (75) units will be constructed in the following towns: Okene, Kabba, Offa, Lokoja, Lafiagi, Omu-Aran; Fifty (50) units in Bode Sadu, Share, Obangede and Forty (40) units in Afon. As is already being done, more efforts will be made to provide residential accommodation for staff of all categories of Government functionaries and parastatals located within the Local Government Areas from the units allocated to each Local Government.

**Town and Country Planning:**

Government will pursue vigorously, measures designed to ensure that the development of the physical environments of our towns and villages are systematically carried out. In this regard, the Area Town Planning Authorities established during the fiscal year have started functioning. Additional Town Planning Authorities will soon be established in other Local Government Areas.

**Layout of Residential Area:**

In order to make building plots available for allocation to intending applicants, lands set aside in the State Capital and in each Local Government

Headquarters will be laid out, surveyed and beaconed during this financial year. In strict compliance with the directive of the Head of State Commander-In-Chief of the Armed Forces as contained in his 1977-78 National Budget Speech. Quote.

"In order to facilitate the utilisation of housing loans for the purpose for which they are intended, State Government will acquire large tracts of land, lay them out and make these available to individuals and Institutions including Government for allocation to their staff for building owner/occupied houses". Unquote.

We will, in addition to the six hundred (600) units at Adewole Housing Owner/Occupier Project currently being undertaken, acquire large parcels of land, for a start, in Ilorin, Okene and New-Bussa for this purpose.

For planning purposes, to ensure compliance with Aviation Regulations and to maintain the aesthetic value of the Airport, it is hereby directed that with immediate effect and except with the permission of the Commissioner for Lands and Housing it will constitute an offence for anybody to build within two hundred metres (200 metres). Of either side of the Ilorin/Ogbomosho Road from Ilorin Grammar School up to and including the forest reserve after the Airport. These areas are declared Government Planning Area for Ilorin. Other areas declared as planning areas for Ilorin are the following parcels of land on both sides of:

(*a*) Ajasse Road between Television Transmitting Station and Unity Hotel, up to the Post Office;
(*b*) Jebba Road, between the College of Technology and the Kulende Housing Estate, up to the Government Secondary School;
(*c*) Kaiama Road, between Federal Government College and Mount Carmel Secondary School.

This arrangement is without prejudice to the ownership of parcels of land in the areas described. Government's intention is to control the quality, quantity and the aesthetic presentation of buildings along these routes to give the State Capital a modern look. Similar arrangements will also be undertaken in some selected urban towns, too.

**Township Roads:**

Work will be speeded up on the construction of a number of township roads in Ilorin. Work on other township and dual carriage roads totalling forteen point one kilometres (14.1 kilometres) will also be speeded up in this financial year. Street lighting will be provided for selected township and dual carriage roads in Ilorin. Work will commence on the township roads totalling eight (8) kilometres in each Local Government area this year. However, because of limitation of funds, only about four (4) kilometres each per Local Government out of the eight (8) kilometres will be undertaken in this financial year. In order to effectively reduce road accidents in towns, permanent Motor Parks and "laybyes" will be constructed. Permanent Motor Parks and garages will also be provided in the major towns.

**Health Services:**

The need to continue to provide health facilities and in particular Health Centres in many parts of the State has become glaringly relevant. However, within our financial resources only a total sum of Ten point fifty-six million Naira (₦10.56 million) has been allocated for the various health programmes in the current financial year. It is our intention to achieve a well organised health care, delivery services, make improvement on the existing health institution, ensure the establishment of the new ones and training of Nurses, Midwives and other Para-Medical staff. Construction work will commence on the two hundred (200) bed hospital each at Okene, Kabba, Jebba early in the fiscal year. Expansion work will also commence early in the fiscal year on the Oro General Hospital to bring the number of beds to two hundred (200) by 1979/80.

The Isanlu Clinic taken over by Government will be rebuilt to an 80-bed cottage hospital. Expansion of the Ilorin General Hospital and the Maternity Hospital will be carried out this financial year. A Health Centre that will be designed for up-grading later to 80-bed cottage hospital will be built in each of the Local Government Headquarters at Bode Sadu, Obangede and Afon. The State Medical Stores at Ilorin will be constructed. Work on the School of Nursing and Mid-Wifery will be commenced also during the financial year.

The pilot scheme on the National Basic Health Services will commence this year with the execution of one basic health complex comprising one comprehensive health centre, primary health centres at Shonga, Agwara, Obbo-Ile, Ihima and Agbaja. The comprehensive health and primary health centres will consist of several health clinics to be spread over 26 villages and settlements. This pilot project will be executed in collaboration with the University College of Ilorin. Adequate arrangement has also been made for the completion and full equipping of the six (6) rural health centres being built at Ilesha, Kaiama, Share, Igbaja, Iyamoye and Okengwen. During the year also the Epidemological Unit will be completed and a Public Health Laboratory will be built at Ilorin. A unit specially equipped to undertake environmental sanitation duties will be set up with an initial allocation of a quarter of a million Naira (₦250,000).

**Health Training Institution:**

The problem of the shortage of health personnel will be tackled and given an increased priority attention. The intake of students for training into the School of Nursing and Midwifery, School of Health Technology will be increased. In order to achieve this increased enrolment, temporary classroom accommodation has been provided at the Adewole Housing Estate in Ilorin. By the time the first set of students from the School of Nursing complete their training this year the problem of supporting Health staff will be eased. Construction work on the School of Technology at Ilorin will commence.

**Voluntary Health Agency Institution:**

On Voluntary Agency Health Institution, it is pertinent to remark that although in the preceding year Voluntary Agency Hospitals at Oro and Koton-Karfe and the Isanlu Clinic were taken over by Government, this year, Government will for now encourage other Voluntary Agency Institutions to continue to operate under their individual proprietorships to ensure high standard for which most of them have been known over the years. They will be re-inforced financially to enable them to undertake the training of Midwives and Community Nurses. In recognition of this added role and the laudable contributions which Voluntary Agencies have made, Government has provided the sum of Six-hundred thousand Naira (₦600,000) as Capital and Recurrent Grants to Voluntary Agency Hospitals.

**Local Government and Community Development:**

Following the conduct of the Local Government Elections in the State and the inauguration of the Councils, the various Local Government have settled down. Construction work on the Local Government Headquarters as well as staff houses has also commenced. In order to ensure that the Emirate and Traditional Councils are established and start functioning in offices befitting their status and roles, a sum of point five million Naira (₦0.5 million) has been allocated for their Secretariats.

Since the Local Governments have the responsibility for the development at the grass-root level, Government will therefore continue to ensure that Local Governments have both the manpower and financial resources to fulfil their obligations to the local communities. To this effect, financial allocation has been made to Local Government. This is based on five per cent (5%) of all the federally retained revenue and 10% of the total retained revenue of the State. A statutory allocation of Fifteen point eight million Naira (₦15.8 million) is therefore, being made to Local Governments during this financial year. This includes our expected allocation of Nine million Naira (₦9.0 million) from the Federal Government and Six point eight million Naira (₦6.8 million) from the retained State Government Revenue. In accordance with the Federal Government directives, special account has been opened for the transfers expected from the Federal Government. Modern markets costing about Ten point five million Naira (₦10.5 million) have been sited in most of the Local Government areas and a proportion of the proceeds from these markets will be passed to Local Government to further boost their revenue when the details are worked out.

During the fiscal year 1977/78, the Government will build Secretariats in four new Local Government Headquarters, namely, Afon, Share, Bode Sadu and Obangede. Office equipment and essential vehicles will be provided for all Local Governments. Government will also build Staff quarters in all the Local Government Headquarters. The estimated total cost of all these projects is Three point six million Naira (₦3.6 million).

The contribution of Community Development projects towards the overall development of the State was appreciable during the last financial year. It is noteworthy that various communities completed about 226 small scale projects costing about Two point six million Naira (₦2.6 million).

It is expected that the Local Government will continue to encourage local initiative and self help.

With the prevailing peaceful political atmosphere in all the Local Government areas, the tempo of development at the grass-root level will no doubt increase. I want to emphasize that the funds made available to Local Government are intended to strengthen the financial capability of local governments to execute approved development programme. It is therefore very important that Local Governments show prudence in their spending and guard against misuse of funds. This is the way to justify the confidence which people have reposed in the Local Governments.

**General Administration and Civil Service:**

An efficient Administrative Machinery is the bed-rock for a result and development-oriented service which is so necessary for the realisation of the yearnings and aspirations of the people. It is therefore gratifying to note the improvements being made in the civil service of this State. The quality and amount of achievements by the civil servants in the past year give us hope for the future. In this respect, Government during this financial year will intensify its efforts in the provision of administrative infrastructure. It will also continue its present policy of giving a good deal of attention to matters which would sustain the morale of the Civil Service.

**Administrative Buildings:**

In order to expand the existing inadequate office accommodation, the design and tender documents for the second phase of the State Secretariat have been completed and construction work is expected to commence early in the new financial year. The construction of six blocks of thirty-six flats to accommodate middle-level Officers will be completed early in the 1977-78 fiscal year. Work will also commence on the construction of more quarters for civil servants.

Because of the importance attached to office and residential accommodation, the sum of about nineteen million Naira (₦19 million) has been provided this year for the construction of the various building programmes under this sector. This includes a provision of point five million Naira (₦0.5 million) for the construction of Phase I of the temporary building for the Legislative Assembly.

**Administration of Justice:**

The Government as in the previous year, will pursue programmes designed to bring justice nearer to the people. It will intensify its efforts to decongest the courts and reduce accidents on our roads through the use of the mobile courts. Construction work will continue on the various Judicial buildings in progress notably the High Court building in Ilorin and the Magistrate and Area Courts in various parts of the State. The construction of staff quarters and Inspectorate Office buildings will also be undertaken during the new fiscal year. A sum of three million Naira (₦3.00 million) has been provided for the various projects in this sector.

**Civil Service:**

In the year just ended, the most welcome development for the morale of the service was perhaps the establishment of two staff management committees namely; the Senior Staff Management Committee and the Professional/Administrative Staff Postings and Promotions Committee. The adoption by the State Government of the Annual Performance Evaluation System will undoubtedly also facilitate the achievement of the objective of fairness and efficiency.

The problem of scarcity of skilled manpower in the range and quantities required remains a considerable bottle-neck to the rapid execution of programmes and projects in the State. The problem has been further compounded by the structure of the new Local Governments which has necessitated Government to second some of its personnel to the Local Governments in order to assist the Local Governments to take-off as painlessly as possible. I am however pleased that in spite of the difficulties arising from shortage of enough hands, the vast majority of the State public servants have continued to make positive response to the demands of the Government as required by the tempo of development around the State.

In order to improve the manpower shortage, considerable attention was paid to staff development during the last financial year. The construction of the first part of the Staff Development Centre which started in the 1976/77 fiscal year is expected to be completed this year. A provision of two hundred and seventy-one thousand Naira (₦271,000) has accordingly been made to complete the first part and commence work on the second part.

**Manpower Training:**

Since manpower training is a long term investment, due emphasis will be placed on this aspect during the fiscal year. The retraining of messengers as typists will continue on a large scale this year as a deliberate effort of the Government to improve the career prospects of this category of staff. In view of the importance that the State Government attaches to the training and retraining of all categories of civil servants, a sum of One point two million Naira (₦1.2 million) has been earmarked for staff training in the current fiscal year.

**Housing Loans:**

Good staff housing is a vital factor in job performance and staff morale. Therefore Government will continue to give financial support to the Staff Housing Loan Scheme which it resuscitated recently. A sum of One point three million Naira (₦1.3 million) has therefore been earmarked for this during the new year in order to assist public servants who desire to own their houses.

**State Owned Corporations and Companies:**

It will be recalled that last year Government decided to improve the operational efficiency of the Parastatals by transferring the responsibility for their supervision from the Military Governor's Office to the various relevant Ministries. Experience during the past year has shown that their performances have been much more satisfactory under this new arrangement.

In order to further ensure that these Parastatals fulfil the roles expected of them by making the desired impact on the overall economy and the development of the State, Government directed its attention to the re-organisation of the Parastatals. Towards this end, a Committee was appointed to examine the structure and functions of all the State Parastatals. The Committee has submitted its reports which Government will soon consider.

**Summary:**

Having given you the financial provisions in the Budget, I shall now give you the summary of the provisions sector by sector:

Agriculture: 9.67 million Naira which is 4.01%.
Livestock: 1.97 million Naira which is 0.83%.
Forestry: 0.72 million Naira which is 0.30%.
Fisheries: 0.66 million Naira which is 0.27%.
Manufacturing and Crafts: 5.75 million Naira which is 2.38%.
Rural Electrification: 5.50 million Naira which is 2.28%.
Commerce and Finance: 12.62 million Naira which is 5.23%.
Transport: 41.84 million Naira which is 17.35%.
Education: 38.91 million Naira which is 16.14%.
Health: 10.56 million Naira which is 4.38%.
Information: 6.60 million Naira which is 2.74%.
Social Welfare and Sports: 9.03 million Naira which is 3.74%.
Water Supply: 15.76 million Naira which is 6.53%.
Sewerage and Drainage: 1.50 million Naira which is 0.62%.
Housing: 20.00 million Naira which is 8.29%.
Town and Country Planning: 25.39 million Naira which is 10.53%.
Co-operatives and Community Development: 15.69 million Naira which is 6.51%.
General Administration: 18.99 million Naira which is 7.87%.

**Conclusion:**

I am happy to observe that during the 1976/77 fiscal year, a modest break-through was made practically in all sectors. For this momentum to be maintained, I enjoin all the citizens of this State to continue to be law-abiding and united in the pursuit of our overall objective of improving the lots and the quality of life for all.

I wish to express my gratitude to the Federal Military Government for its continuous assistance to the State. I also note with deep appreciation the positive contributions of the Press and Mass Media to the efforts of the Government. Many institutions have contributed to the progress of the State and I hereby seize this opportunity to thank them all, including the Principal and Staff of University College, Ilorin, all Federal Parastatals, Commercial Houses and such other persons and organisations who gave us full co-operation. The Army, the Police and other public servants deserve our full gratitude for their loyal support and co-operation. Finally, I wish to thank the Emirs, Obas and Chiefs and the entire people of Kwara State for their support, co-operation, understanding and loyalty which they amply demonstrated during the year. I hope I can continue to count on their support in the tasks ahead.

Thank you and Good night.