

Department and come up with proposal to strengthen it. It was pointed out that IIPS has already proposed strengthening of Distance learning Programme in 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan proposal.

**ITEM NO. 5 :**

**Progress of the Institute's Research projects initiated during the year 2010-11.**

Director informed that two projects were initiated during last year and these projects are still going on.

**ITEM NO. 6**

**Approval of XII Five Year Plan 2012-13 to 2016-17.**

Detailed discussions on 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan 2012-13 to 2016-17 proposals were held in the meeting. The Director, IIPS briefed about the discussion held in SFC and mentioned that the proposed plan has been approved by SFC at its meeting held on September 28, 2011.

Director, IIPS was asked to clarify whether any permission is required from UGC to start the new Master of Public Health Course. Director reported that MPH Course would require the permission of UGC as it is not a UGC listed course. Further, it was informed to the Council that IIPS has taken care of course contents and it is equivalent to American and European Universities. Indian experts like Prof. Rakesh Srivastava from M.S. University of Baroda, Dr.