

No.4/2/PSPB-RO(BADP)-2006/168-171

**Government of Punjab
Department of Planning
(Border Area Development Programme Division)**

**Top Priority
Time Bound**

To

1. The Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, Punjab.
2. The Secretary, Rural Development & Panchayats, Punjab.
3. The Secretary, School Education, Punjab.
4. The Secretary, Technical Education and Industrial Training, Punjab.

Dated, Chandigarh the 9th January, 2007

Subject:- Additional Central Assistance of Rs.137 crore for the border blocks for the Annual Plan 2006-07.

Sir,

Kindly refer to the subject cited above.

2. Hon'ble Prime Minister of India has announced a special package of Rs.137 crore for improving health and education facilities in the border districts. Accordingly, Planning Commission of India vide letter No.13048/Pb-05/SP(N) dated 19/12/2006 (copy enclosed) has conveyed the approval for the release of Rs.137 crore for the special schemes/programmes for the border blocks of Punjab during Annual Plan 2006-07 as per detail given below:-

SN	Name of Scheme	Amount (Rs. crore)
1	Renovation & Rehabilitation of Dispensaries.	5.15
2	Mobile Dispensaries	5.00
3	Rural Toilets	34.40
4	Upgradation of Primary Schools	16.35
5	Opening of New Public Health Centres	33.70
6	Opening of New Technical Institutions	20.00
7	Additional Class Rooms in Existing schools	22.40
	Total	137.00

The details of the schemes/proposals forwarded to the Planning Commission are enclosed herewith. The funds are likely to be received soon.

3. You may in the meantime – (i) finalize the location (ii) arrange land through purchase/transfer (iii) prepare cost estimates etc. where necessary.

4. Chief Secretary is likely to hold a meeting in this regard around 20-25/1/2007.

Special Secretary Planning

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Dated:-9.1.07

A copy is forwarded to Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar, Ferozepur, Gurdaspur and Tarn Taran for information and necessary action.

Special Secretary Planning

Endst.No. 4/2/PSPB-RO(BADP)-2006/173

Dated:-9.1.07

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Special Secretary Planning

No. 13048/Pb./05-SP(N)
Planning Commission
(State Plan Division)

Yojana Bhawan, Sansad Marg,
New Delhi-110001;
December 19, 2006

To

The Chief Secretary,
Government of Punjab,
Chandigarh

Subject: Additional Central Assistance of Rs.137.00 crore for Annual Plan – 2006-07.

I am directed to convey the approval of the Planning Commission to release of Additional Central Assistance of Rs. 137.00 crore for the following special schemes / programmes for the border blocks of Punjab during Annual Plan 2006-07 as per details given below. This ACA would be in addition to the amount, which has already been provided in the Annual Plan 2006-07.

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2. Consequent upon the approval of Rs.137.00 crore for the above mentioned Special Programme schemes the size of the Annual Plan 2005-06 of Punjab, would increase to Rs.4142.00 Crore including RS. 5.00 Crore ACA sanctioned vide letter of even number dated December 19, 2006.

3. The increase in the outlay will be utilized by the Government of Punjab only for the purpose for which it is approved and it stands earmarked for the same.

4. This Additional Central Assistance should be passed on to the Implementing Agency / Institution immediately.

Encl:*as above.
faithfully,

Yours

Sd/-
(R. Sridharan)
Joint Secretary (State Plan)

Overleaf please -/-

Copy to:

1. Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, North Block, New Delhi.
2. Director (Ms. Vini Mahajan), Prime Minister's Office, North Block, New Delhi.
3. Secretary, Planning Department, Government of Punjab.
4. Adviser FR Division, Planning Commission.
5. Subject Advisers concerned.
6. Director (SP-Coord. Unit)

Sd/-
(R. Sridharan)
Joint Secretary (State Plan)

Subject:- PM's visit to Punjab on 20th December, 2006.

ITEM: II Special Package for Improving Health and Education Facilities in Border districts

Planning Commission, Government of India vide its letter No.13048/Pb/05-SP(N) dated 19/12/2006 (Copy enclosed) has approved Additional Central Assistance of Rs.137.00 crore for Annual Plan 2006-07 for the following schemes:-

(1) Renovation and Rehabilitation of Dispensaries (Rs.5.15 crore)

The State government has recently transferred Subsidiary Health Centres (Village dispensaries) to the Zila Parishads and these have been handed over to Service Providers (MBBS Graduates) on contract basis. These dispensaries are in a dilapidated condition since these were not functioning for want of staff. A sum of Rs. 1.50 lacs per dispensary is required for renovation and rehabilitation. The detailed requirement of funds is as follows:

SN	District	No. of Dispensaries	Amount required (Rs. in crore)
1	Amritsar	88	1.32
2	Tarn Taran	62	0.93
3	Ferozepur	79	1.19
4	Gurdaspur	114	1.71
	Total	343	5.15

(2) Mobile Dispensaries (Rs.5.00 crore) – It is proposed to provide one mobile dispensary for every 2 blocks in the border areas. The total cost at the rate of 50-55 lakh per dispensary works out to Rs. 5 crore for the 10 mobile dispensaries.

(3) Rural toilets in 18 Border Blocks (Rs.34.40 crores)- The State government provides an assistance of Rs. 6300/- per unit for construction of rural toilets in the villages. So far we have released a sum of Rs. 180 crore in the entire State. However this amount is too meager to complete the construction of the required number of toilets. A sum of Rs. 34.40 crore is required for completing the required number of toilets in the 18 border blocks. The total number of toilets required is 54,598. The Districtwise break-up is as under:

SN	District	No of toilets	Total cost (Rs. in crores)
1	Amritsar	3107	1.96
2	Tarn Taran	3107	1.96
3	Ferozepur	28458	17.93
4	Gurdaspur	19926	12.55
	Total	54598	34.40

(4) Upgradation of Primary Schools in Border Districts (Rs.16.35 crores)-

As per the State government policy there should be a Primary school within one kilometer and Elementary School within 3 Kms distance. There is no requirement of any primary school in the four border districts. However 100 Primary Schools are required to be upgraded to Elementary Schools at an estimated cost of Rs. 16.35 crore.

(5) Opening of new Public/Primary Health Centres (Rs.33.70 crores)-

As per Government of India norms, there should be a Primary Health Centre for every 30,000 people in rural areas. There is requirement of 26 new PHCs as are detailed below in the four districts:-

SN	District	No of PHCs	Total cost (Rs. in crore)
1	Amritsar	12	15.55
2	Tarn Taran	-	-
3	Ferozepur	8	10.37
4	Gurdaspur	6	7.78
	Total	26	33.70

(6) Opening of new Technical Institutions (Rs.20.00 crores) –

At present BADP funds can be used for upgradation of facilities in schools only and not in colleges and Technical and Medical Institutions. There is shortage of technical institutions in the border blocks. There are only 5 Polytechnic and 8 ITIs in the 18 border blocks. At least 5 Polytechnic Colleges and 10 ITIs should be opened in the area at an estimated cost of Rs. 20 crore.

(7) Additional classrooms in existing schools (Rs.22.40 crores) -

There is requirement of Rs. 22.40 crore for providing of additional class rooms, development of library and library books and development of play grounds in the existing schools in the border districts.