

Minutes of the meeting of State Level Screening Committee (SLSC) of Border Area Development Programme (BADP) held on 11/09/2008 at 3.30 P.M. under the Chairmanship of S. Ramesh Inder Singh, Chief Secretary, Punjab.

List of participants is as per Annexure 'A'.

Item No. 1- Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting of State Level Screening Committee held on 27/04/2007.

No comments were received from any quarter. Hence, the minutes were confirmed.

Item No.2- Action Taken Report on the decisions taken in SLSC meeting on 27/04/2007.

The SLSC mainly discussed the status of utilization of funds for the year 2006-07 which was as under:

(Rs lac)

SN	Component	Funds Sanctioned	UC Sent	Balance UC to be Sent
1	Normal SCA			
(i)	Amritsar	151.98	151.98	
(ii)	Tarn Taran	194.78		194.78
(iii)	Ferozepur	484.83	484.83	
(iv)	Gurdaspur	247.41	244.39	3.02
	Total:	1079.00	881.20	197.80
	Model Villages			
(i)	Ladhu Ka Pind (Ferozepur)	124.35	108.20	16.15
(ii)	Chawarianwali (Ferozepur)	87.75	87.75	
(iii)	Sounti Tarf Narot (Gurdaspur)	149.43	53.50	95.93
(iv)	Kakar (Amritsar)	150.75		150.75
(v)	Rajoke (Tarn Taran)	103.00		103.00
	Total:	615.28	249.45	365.83

The funds amounting to Rs 194.78 lac were released as normal SCA to District Tarn Taran. Out of these funds the Utilization Certificate of Rs 128.31 lac has been received. Chairman, SLSC asked the Deputy Commissioner, Tarn Taran to send the Utilization Certificates of the remaining amount of Rs 66.47 lac by 30/09/2008 so that Government of India may not impose any cut in the further release of funds during 2008-09. In addition, he may mention about the enquiries/investigation going on in respect of some of the works/utilization of funds

under BADP. District Gurdaspur shall also send the UC of Rs 3.02 lacs by 30/09/2008.

The Chairman also desired that Deputy Commissioners of border districts shall ensure that all UCs of Model Villages of 2006-07 are sent by 31/10/2008 positively.

(Action by all DCs of border districts).

Item No.3- Utilization of funds 2007-08.

The status of the utilization of funds and target dates fixed by the State Level Screening Committee for completion of works are as under:-

1. Normal SCA

(Rs lac)

District	Funds released	Amount utilized upto 30/06/2008	Funds yet to be utilized	Target date for the completion of works.
Amritsar	257.53	116.17	141.36	31/10/2008
Tarn Taran	345.72	0.00	345.72	31/10/2008
Ferozepur	839.03	297.87	541.16	15/11/2008
Gurdaspur	427.72	76.71	351.01	31/10/2008
Total	1870.00	490.75	1379.25	

During discussion, Sh. KJS Cheema, PSO/DIG, BSF Jalandhar Cantt. pointed out that some of the schemes sent by the BSF are not being included in the work plan proposals submitted by Deputy Commissioners and those approved last year have not been implemented so far. It was clarified that the funds released for security related schemes during 2007-08 are yet to be utilized as indicated from the details given above. Chairman, SLSC Punjab asked the DCs/ADCs of the border districts to take up and implement the work plan proposals sent by BSF as per the guidelines of the BADP.

2. Special Project – Ujh River

SLSC noted that Rs 303.94 lac were released by GoI for special project “Protection of erosion of soil on the banks of river Ravi & Ujh in Block Bamial in District Gurdaspur” at the fag end of 2007-08. The State Government has released the funds on 8/05/2008 in 2008-09. SLSC decided that the works shall be completed and UCs submitted by 31/12/2008.

(Action by Deputy Commissioners of the border districts).

Item No.4- Allocation of funds during 2008-09.

Sh. S.S.Panesar, Deputy Secretary, Home Affairs observed that large number of small schemes like street and drain, sullage water, ponds in villages etc. have been included in the Work Plan Proposals of District Tarn Taran which are not admissible as per the revised guidelines of Border Area Development Programme and in district Ferozepur, their nomenclature indicate them as schemes of private benefits. He drew the attention of SLSC to the observation made by his predecessor in the last meeting of SLSC and to para No.6 of of BADP guidelines (2008) which reads as under:-

The smaller schemes, which are for the direct benefit to specific villages, need to be addressed by the State Government under their normal developmental initiatives. On the other hand, gap funding of larger projects/schemes would be funded under BADP.

Chairman, SLSC pointing to the Annexure II of the guidelines, observed that the DCs of the 4 border districts should not include small schemes like desilting of ponds, streets & drains etc. under the Border Area Development Programme which could be taken up by Mandi Board and under normal State/Centrally Sponsored Schemes. The big schemes which have visible impact upon the development of the Border Areas of the state may be taken up under BADP as per the guidelines of Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

After the discussion, the following District-wise allocation/proposals were approved:

(Rs lac)

SN	District	Allocation as per Criteria	Proposals sent by Border District	Proposals approved	Proposals inadmissible (4-5)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Amritsar	305.46	305.46	305.46	
2	Tarn Taran	410.06	410.06	89.69	320.37
3	Ferozepur	995.16	997.63	977.74	19.89
4	Gurdaspur	507.32	507.32	507.32	
	Total	2218.00	2220.47	1880.21	340.26

However, DC, Gurdaspur requested the Committee to provide additional funds amounting to Rs 18.00 lacs for the completion of Bus Stand Sounti Turf Narot taken up as a part of model village scheme. SLSC decided that DC, Gurdaspur may drop small proposals of equal amount to meet the requirement of bus stand. DCs/ADCs were asked to send the fresh proposals in place of proposals not admissible under the BADP guidelines by 30/09/2008.

Chief Secretary, Punjab being the Chairman of SLSC was authorized to approve the revised proposals of the border districts for 2008-09 before submission to the Government of India for release of funds.

Item No.5- Special Project-Repair of Madhopur, Hussainiwala & Harike Headworks (2006-07).

SLSC took note of the position as under:-

(Rs lac)

Detail of utilization of funds for headworks					
Name of Headwork	Funds released by GoI	Funds released by State Govt.	Funds Utilized	Funds yet to be utilized	UC Sent
Madhopur (Gurdaspur)	641.00	641.00	641.00	0.00	641.00
Hussainiwala (Ferozepur)	443.00	443.00	442.48	0.52	442.48
Harike (Ferozepur)	910.00	442.79	349.46	560.54	349.46

(1) Hussainiwala Headworks

The alternate proposal of Rs 0.52 lac, saved from the project of Hussainiwala Headworks, for construction of approach road from border road to Canal Rest House, Hussainiwala was approved by State Level Screening Committee. District Ferozepur has deposited this amount in the Government Treasury. Finance Department shall release the funds of Rs 0.52 lac during 2008-09 for the purpose.

(2) Harike Headworks

Principal Secretary Irrigation stated that an amount of Rs 560.54 crore was yet to be utilized. The funds amounting to Rs 42.54 lacs would be utilized and the work for the repair of Harike Headworks would be completed by 31/10/2008. The proposals amounting to Rs 5.08 lac have been approved by the GoI, Ministry of Home Affairs on 22/08/2008 for the alternative works allied to Harike Headworks with the target date of 31/12/2008 for their completion. The project shall be completed by the targeted date. Finance Department shall sanction/release the balance funds amounting to Rs 467.21 lacs for this project out of total of Rs 910.00 lacs already received from GoI during 2006-07.

(Action by Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur/Department of Irrigation, Planning & Finance).

Item No.7- Special Projects submitted to Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs.

SLSC was informed about the following Special Projects submitted to GoI:

- (i) Providing of Additional Assistance for Valtoha Block, District Tarn Taran amounting to Rs. 137.52 crore on the basis of Comprehensive Development Plan formulated by the Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar.
- (ii) Construction of bridge over river Ujh in District Gurdaspur amounting to Rs. 13.77 crore .
- (iii) Release of funds for the special project “Augmentation and Extension of Water Supply and Sewerage for Border Areas Towns in Punjab”, amounting to Rs. 134.52 crore .

Chairman desired that power project proposal of Rs 312 crore should also be included as special project taken up with the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India and the matter may be followed up.

Deputy Secretary, Home Affairs informed that the allocation under Border Area Development Programme is fixed i.e. Rs 22.18 Cr for the State of Punjab during 2008-09 and it can not be enhanced. They could, however, consider allocation for special projects if additional funds are received by Ministry of Home Affairs or there is a surplus funds available from other states’ allocations at the end of the year.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

Annexure-‘A’

List of Participants of the Meeting of State Level Screening Committee of Border Area Development Programme held on 11/9/2008 at 3.30 P.M in the Committee Room Punjab Civil Secretariat under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Punjab.

SN	Name of the officer Sarav Shri	Designation
1	B.C. Gupta	Principal Secretary Home
2	D.S.Kalha	Principal Secretary Finance
3	Suresh Kumar	Principal Secretary Irrigation
4	S.S.Panesar	Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, GoI
5	Tejveer Singh	Special Secretary Planning
6	Gurkirat Kirpal Singh	Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur
7	Khushi Ram	Deputy Commissioner, Tarn Taran
8	KJS Cheema	PSO/DIG, BSF
9	Paramjit Singh	ADC, Amritsar
10	H.S.Pabla	ADC(D), Ferozepur
11	H.S.Gill	Additional Director Panchayat, Rural Development and Panchayats
12	Ashok Malhotra	Chief Engineer Irrigation
13	Jasbir Singh	Director Planning
14	P.K.Kaushal	Director Planning
15	Lakhwinder Singh	Dy. ESA, Tarn Taran
16	R.S.Goyal	Research Officer Planning