

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 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 lacs)
1	Amritsar	24	85.75
2	Tarn Taran	22	104.55
3	Ferozepur	46	66.92
4	Gurdaspur	53	257.78
	Total	145	515.00

(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 54,609. The Districtwise break-up is as under:

SN	District	No of toilets	Total cost (Rs. in lacs)
1	Amritsar	3112	196.00
2	Tarn Taran	3063	193.00
3	Ferozepur	28508	1796.10
4	Gurdaspur	19926	1254.90
	Total	54609	3440.00

(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.