

No. 1/9 (AP-2008-09) PSPB-RO (PC-II) 2007/9321

**Government of Punjab**  
**Department of Planning**  
(Plan Coordination Division)

To

All the Financial Commissioners,  
Principal Secretaries and  
Administrative Secretaries,  
(concerned with Plan)  
(As per list enclosed)

Dated: Chandigarh                      17, Sept., 2007.

**Subject:-      Formulation of Annual Plan 2008-09.**

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Sir/ Madam,

Kindly refer to the subject cited above.

2.                      The meeting between the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission of India, and Chief Minister, Punjab regarding finalization of the size of the Annual Plan 2008-09 is likely to be held in the month of December, 2007. It is, therefore, necessary to initiate the work regarding formulation of Annual Plan 2008-09 on priority basis, so that the whole plan process is completed well before the said meeting.

3.                      The following points may be kept in view while preparing the plan proposals for the Annual Plan 2008-09:-

- (1)                      Allocation for committed liabilities like salaries, court cases, ACA/ One Time ACA, 12<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission, AIBP/APDRP, State Share of CSSs, NABARD and EAPs should be given top priority.
- (2)                      Preference should be given to the projects/schemes, which can be funded through External Assistance, Financial Institutions, and Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode etc to supplement the resources of the State.
- (3)                      Efforts should be made to include new Centrally Sponsored Schemes after going through the Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented in the other States.
- (4)                      Priority should be given to the projects/ schemes, which are of high importance and nearing completion to avoid cost overruns.
- (5)                      Special attention needs to be given to the employment generation and skill development programmes/schemes with special emphasis on empowerment of women.

- (6) Special emphasis should be given to the educational, health, sanitation environment improvement and employment generation programmes especially for the weaker section of the society to enable the State Government to allocate funds for SCSP as per their population.
- (7) The new schemes may be included to the minimum and that too by dis-continuing the existing schemes, which have outlived their utility.
- (8) Proposals involving creation of new staff need to be restricted to the minimum. In case of unavoidable circumstances, the proposals should be sent with full justification after carrying out the exercise regarding restructuring/redeploying of staff as directed by the State Government.
- (9) The Heads of Department (s) under your control may be asked to send proposals through the concerned ADs. The proposal sent directly by the HOD(s) will not be entertained.

4. You are, therefore, requested to send 10 copies of the proposals for the Annual Plan 2008-09 each in English and Punjabi in enclosed Annexure-1 and Annexure-II alongwith detailed write up to the Planning Department by 15<sup>th</sup> Oct., 2007 positively.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-

( Satish Chandra)

Secretary Planning

Endst. No. 1/9 (AP 2008-09) PSPB-RO(PC-II)2007/9322 Dated:17Sept., 2007.

A copy is forwarded to the PS/ Finance Minister, for the kind information of Hon'ble Finance Minister, Punjab.

Sd/-

Special Secretary Planning

Endst. No. 1/9 (AP 2008-09) PSPB-RO(PC-II)2007/9323 Dated:17 Sept., 2007.

A copy is forwarded to the PS/ VC, PSPB for the kind information of Vice Chairman, Punjab State Planning Board.

Sd/-

Special Secretary Planning

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A copy is forwarded to the PS/ CS, for the kind information of Chief Secretary, Punjab.

Sd/-

Special Secretary Planning

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A copy is forwarded to the Principal Secretary Finance, for information.

Sd/-

Special Secretary Planning

Endst. No. 1/9 (AP 2008-09) PSPB-RO(PC-II)2007/9326 Dated:17 Sept., 2007.

A copy is forwarded to all the Heads of the Departments (concerned with Plan) for the information and necessary action.

Sd/-

Special Secretary Planning

Endst. No. 1/9 (AP 2008-09) PSPB-RO(PC-II)2007/9327 Dated:17 Sept., 2007.

A copy is forwarded to all the Directors and Deputy Directors, PSPB for information and necessary action. They are requested to ensure that the Plan proposals from the concerned departments are received in the Planning Department by the due date positively.

Sd/-

Special Secretary Planning

CC:

- (i) PS/SP
- (ii) PA/SSP