

Minutes of the Review Meeting of State Level Screening Committee (SLSC) of Border Area Development Programme (BADP) held on 21/01/2010 at 3.00 PM under the Chairmanship of Sh. S.C. Aggarwal Chief Secretary Punjab.

List of Participants is as per Annexure 'A'.

Initiating the discussion, Principal Secretary Planning apprised the Chairman & Members that the Meeting was being conducted as per the revised guidelines of BADP (Feb. 2009) to review the progress made under Border Area Development Programme, assess the gaps and issue necessary instructions for effective implementation of the programme in a time bound manner.

Detail of item-wise discussion and decisions taken by SLSC are as follows:-

Item No.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting of State Level Screening Committee held on 19/08/2008.

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 19/08/2008.

Noted and approved.

Against the allocation of Rs 21.88 Cr during the current year GoI has released Rs 20.87 Cr (Rs 18.72 Cr as 1st installment and Rs 2.15 Cr as 2nd installment). 1st installment of Rs 18.72 Cr has been released to the border districts. 2nd installment of Rs 2.15 Cr is being released by FD shortly. GoI is in the process of releasing the balance amount of Rs 99.50 lac against the revised proposals of district Ferozepur and Gurdaspur approved by SLSC. It was suggested that the GoI may be requested to release Rs 1.50 lac of 2007-08 as well since the amount has been recovered from the defaulting Sarpanch and the same shall be utilized within next one month.

Item-3 Review of Progress of Schemes and Quarterly Progress Reports.

It was noted that the quarterly progress report for the quarter ending 31/12/2009 has been sent to GoI on 15/01/2010. Deputy Commissioners were asked to ensure timely completion of remaining works/ projects.

Item No.4 Status of Utilization Certificates.

It was observed that all UCs of Normal SCA of Rs 18.70 crore and of special project of Rs 3.03 crore released under BADP during 2007-08 had already been sent to GoI. DC, Gurdaspur intimated that the misappropriated amount of Rs 1.50 lac (2007-08) has been recovered and the same would be utilized immediately.

Detail of utilization of funds released during 2008-09 is as under:-

(Rs. lac)

SN	District	Funds sanctioned/ released	Amount utilized up to 15/01/2010	Balance UC's
1	Amritsar	301.33	301.33	-
2	Tarn Taran	404.50	404.50	-
3	Ferozepur	981.69	620.78	360.91
4	Gurdaspur	500.48	426.46	74.02
	Total	2188.00	1753.07	434.93

While District Amritsar and Tarn Taran had already utilized 100% amount Gurdaspur and Ferozepur districts assured that they shall be sending the balance UCs before February 2010.

Item No.5 Baseline Survey.

State Level Screening Committee was apprised that only GNDU, Amritsar has submitted the concept paper for conduct of Baseline Survey for two districts namely Amritsar and Tarn Taran and formats were also being prepared by Planning Department. Principal Secretary Planning desired that the matter may be discussed with GoI.

Item No.6 Convergence of Plan Scheme.

Chief Secretary stressed upon convergence of Centrally Sponsored /Flagship schemes of GoI and State Plan schemes to maximum extent and to avoid duplication of expenditure. However, Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur intimated that it was not possible to demarcate the works as same work can be covered under different programmes. It was suggested that Border area development works should be preferably covered under the existing css. The remaining works should be proposed under BADP.

Item No.7 Monitoring Evaluation and Inspection of BADP works.

State Level Screening Committee noted that four teams of officers from Department of Planning have conducted inspection of works undertaken under BADP in the Border districts. Districts have been asked to comply with the suggestions given in the report & rectify the lapses.

Deputy Commissioner Gurdaspur informed that they were in the process of hiring third party for inspection and district Amritsar informed that they have already hired Guru Nanak Dev University for this purpose.

Principal Secretary Planning proposed that single agency for carrying out third party inspection/evaluation of BADP works should be hired at the Headquarters to ensure uniformity.

Item No.8 Inventory of Assets.

Deputy Commissioner of Border districts were directed to prepare inventory of assets and supply soft copies of the photographs of important works undertaken under BADP for our record and also to forward the same to GoI. Principal Secretary Planning also asked the districts to put up proposals for maintenance of assets already created under BADP as per guidelines.

Item No.9 Operationalization of works done under BADP.

Deputy Commissioners were directed to ensure the implementation/ operationalization of works already completed in border districts. Special Secretary Education informed that all the Adarsh Schools would be made fully functional from next academic session i.e. April 2010. However he emphasized that the funds sanctioned for furniture & fixtures of Adarsh schools should be released at the earliest. The Deputy Commissioners were asked to release the balance amount of Rs 50.00 lac (and also the interest accrued) pending with them.

Item No.10 Formulation of Annual Action Plan 2010-11.

The Deputy Commissioners were directed to send the Annual Action Plan for 2010-11 strictly in accordance with the revised guidelines of BADP not later than 15/02/2010.

Item No.11-12 Ex-post Facto Approval for the change of works 2007-08, 2008-09 & 2009-10.

Approved.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

Annexure 'A'

List of Participants of the Meeting of State Level Screening Committee on Border Area Development Programme held on 21/01/2010 at 3.00 P.M. in the Committee Room, Punjab Civil Secretariat under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Punjab.

SN	Name of the Officer Sarav Shri/Smt.	Designation
1	J.S. Sandhu	Financial Commissioner, Rural Development & Panchayats.
2	Satish Chandra	Principal Secretary Planning
3	Vikas Partap	Secretary Finance
4	Krishan Kumar	Special Secretary Education
5	S.K. Sood	D.I.G BSF, Punjab Frontier
6	Dr. Karmjeet Singh Sra	Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur.
7	M.R. Aggarwal	Special Secretary Home
8	P.K. Kaushal	Director Planning
9	N.K. Dhir	S.E Water Supply and Sanitation
10	Rajneesh Kumar	Deputy Director, Social Security
11	Bahadur Chand	Deputy Director Planning
12	Lakhwinder Singh	Deputy ESA, Tarn Taran
13	Anupam	Research Officer Planning
14	Charanjeet Singh	Research Officer, Amritsar
15	Ashok Chatani	Research Officer, Ferozepur