

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
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No. 1/1/PSPB-ROB/RO(HUD)/16531
Dated, Chandigarh, the 7th November, 2006

Sub: Additional Central Assistance(ACA) of Rs. 20.78 crore for Rail Over Bridge (Domoria Bridge), Jalandhar

Sir,

The then Prime Minister, Sh. Inder Kumar Gujral who represented Jalandhar in the Lok Sabha had announced the construction of Rail Over Bridge at Domoria (Domoria Bridge), Jalandhar. The Ministry of Railways had included this project in the supplementary demands of 1997-98 but the project could be finally sanctioned by the Ministry of Shipping Road Transport & Highways vide their letter No. NH 28014/4/99/PB/OR/NH-1 dated 7/12/2001 for Rs. 26.11 crore. The share of Ministry of Railways and Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) was fixed at Rs. 5.33 crore and Rs. 20.78 crore respectively. The state government normally bears the expenditure of construction of non railway portion of RoB, but in this case an exception was made and MoRTH was asked to bear the expenditure of Rs. 20.78 crore, in view of the fact that the announcement for construction of RoB by Gol was made by the then Prime Minister. Sh. NK Singh, Secretary to the then Prime Minister Sh. Atal Bihari Vajpayee vide his letter dated 15/4/99 confirmed the commitment made by Sh. IK Gujral the previous Prime Minister and asked the Ministry of Railways to honour it.

2. The Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar is executing this project and as of now a sum of Rs. 18.33 crore has been spent on the project. Ministry of Railways has released a sum of Rs. 2 crore out of their share of Rs. 5.33 crore but MoRTH has not released any amount from their share of Rs. 20.78 crore. As a result, Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar had no choice but to raise loans from Punjab Infrastructure Development Board (PIDB) and continue the construction of the project.

3. Secretary, MoRTH vide his DO No. 28014/6/99/PB/OR-Vol. 1 dated 25/9/2006 has asked the state government to access the amount of Rs. 20.78 crore under the Central Road Fund (CRF) scheme. CRF funds are placed at the disposal of the state government as a matter of policy and no approval of Gol is required for accessing these funds. The request of the state government and the commitment of the Gol as committed by two ex-Prime Ministers had been that Gol would bear the entire expenditure for the construction of the RoB. This meant that a sum of Rs. 20.78 crore would be provided by Gol as a special assistance separate from CRF scheme. The

state is not in a position to divert its meager share under CRF scheme for this work. It is accordingly requested that a sum of Rs. 20.78 crore may be provided as Additional Central Assistance (ACA) for completing this project as per announcement of the then Prime Minister, Sh. IK Gujral.

Yours sincerely,

(Satish Chandra)
Secretary Planning

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A copy of above is forwarded to Sh. Vijay Singh, Secretary to Government of India, Department of Road Transport & Highways, New Delhi in continuation to Chief Secretary to Govt. Punjab's DO letter dated 24/10/2006 (Copy enclosed)

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Secretary Planning

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