

Subject: Needs of Border Areas of Punjab-Information sought by Planning Commission in pursuance of discussions held on 20/11/2006.

There are 4 border blocks. The brief details are:

S N	District	District as a whole				Border blocks			
		No of Blocks	No of villages	Population 2001	No of House Holds	No of Blocks	No of villages	Population in 2001	No of House Holds
1	Amritsar	8	707	10,54,940	170926	2	286	262168	44207
2	Tarn Taran	8	478	8,36,886	146985	3	191	302714	50163
3	Ferozepur	10	968	12,95,382	222938	6	628	793519	138693
4	Gurdaspur	16	1532	15,68,788	272471	7	733	586239	99754
	Total	42	3685	47,55,996	813320	18	1838	1944640	332817

The details of 18 border blocks are annexed herewith.

2. The information sought on the 4 points is as under:

(1) **Rural toilets in 18 Border Blocks-** 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 54,598. The Districtwise break-up is as under:

SN	District	No of toilets	Total cost (Rs. in crores)
1	Amritsar	3107	1.96
2	Tarn Taran	3107	1.96
3	Ferozepur	28458	17.93
4	Gurdaspur	19926	12.55
	Total	54598	34.40

(2) **Link roads in 4 border districts-** All the villages are connected with the block headquarters and there is no requirement of construction of any new link road in the border districts under PMGSY. However link roads of 521.27 Kms needs to be

strengthened, widened and upgraded in the four border districts at an estimated cost of Rs. 233.10 crore which qualify for upgradation under PMGSY. The district-wise break-up is as follows:

SN	District	Length of Roads (In Kms)	Estimated cost(Rs in crore)
1	Amritsar	46.62	23.33
2	Tarn Taran	29.81	36.68
3	Ferozepur	129.26	82.78
4	Gurdaspur	295.58	90.31
	Total	501.27	233.10

(3) Primary /Elementary Schools in Border Districts- 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. 16.36 crore.

In addition 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. The total requirement is therefore for Rs. 39 crore.

(4) Health Centres- 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	15.60
2	Tarn Taran	-	-
3	Ferozepur	8	10.40
4	Gurdaspur	6	7.80

	Total	26	33.80
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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 crore)
1	Amritsar	88	1.32
2	Tarn Taran	62	0.93
3	Ferozepur	79	1.19
4	Gurdaspur	114	1.71
	Total	343	5.15

3. Summary of Proposals- The summary of proposals is as follows:

SN	Item	Amount required (Rs. crore)
1	Construction of rural toilets	34.40
2	Strengthening and widening of link roads	233.10
3	Upgradation of Primary Schools to Elementary Schools Upgradation of infrastructure in Schools	16.36 22.40
4	New Primary Health Centres and Upgradation of Subsidiary Health Centres	38.95
	Total	345.21