

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

To

- i) All the Financial Commissioners/Principal Secretaries/ Administrative Secretaries;
- ii) All the Heads of the Departments;
- iii) All the Deputy Commissioners-cum-Member Secretaries,
District Planning and Development Boards.

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**Subject: Guidelines for utilisation of funds under the new Programme namely
“Punjab Nirman Programme” in the State.**

Kindly refer to the subject cited above.

2. The State Govt. has decided to launch a special project namely ‘Punjab Nirman Programme’ for improving the conditions of people of Punjab and to address their felt developmental needs. An outlay of Rs.400.00 crores has been earmarked under this programme for the current Financial Year (2005-06) and the next Financial Year (2006-07).

3. A copy of guidelines for utilization of funds under this programme is enclosed for information and necessary action.

Special Secretary Planning

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Special Secretary Planning

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Guidelines for the implementation of schemes/projects to be covered under the 'Punjab Nirman Programme'.

The State Govt. has decided to launch a special project namely 'Punjab Nirman Programme' for improving the living conditions of people of Punjab living in rural and urban areas and to address their felt developmental needs more effectively at the grass root level in consultation with the local area representatives. The process of re-allocation of funds between the Departments and from one scheme to another being complicated and time consuming, it has been decided to provide the funds at the District level for expeditious identification, and execution of essential works relating to different Departments. This will not only expedite the fulfillment of the felt needs of the people but will also ensure the participation of the elected representatives of the people at grass-root level and encourage decentralization and delegation, in the Planning process. This programme does not intend to replace ongoing schemes of various Departments which will go on unabated. Works under this programme will complement and supplement the regular schemes of the Departments and will help expediting their implementation.

2. An amount of Rs. 400.00 crores is being provided under the Programme to be disbursed during the current Financial Year (2005-06) and the next Financial Year (2006-07). The district wise break-up of the allocation of Rs.400.00 crore calculated on the basis of ratio of population of the district to the total population of the State is enclosed at Annexure-I. Rs.100.00 crores will be released during the current financial year and Rs.300.00 crores during the financial year 2006-07 for implementation of this programme.

3. The indicative list of infrastructure works which can be undertaken in Rural/Urban Areas under the Programme is given below:-

- a) Sanitation projects.
- b) Houses to the houseless
- c) Provision of drinking water facilities, toilets and additional rooms etc. in Govt. schools.
- d) Provision of drinking water and shelter in cremation grounds.
- e) Street Lighting and urban connectivity.
- f) Provision of drinking water supply, toilets, waiting rooms and other improvements in Govt. Hospitals, Dispensaries, PHCs, CHCs and Veterinary Hospitals and Dispensaries.
- g) Provision of compost pits.
- h) Repair/reconstruction of Dharmshalas, Community Centers and Panchayat Ghars in rural areas.
- i) Augmenting or operationalising existing drinking water supply schemes.
- j) Provision of drainage and disposal system in rural and urban areas
- k) Any other infrastructure connected with above facilities.

4. The funds earmarked under the 'Punjab Nirman Programme' will be utilized in accordance with the following guidelines:-

- a) Special Component initiatives aimed at the welfare of Scheduled Castes and weaker sections should be given due weightage, keeping in view, the norms/guidelines of Government of India and State Government in this regard.
- b) Schemes to be undertaken with these funds should be completed with the available funds.
- c) The projects/schemes to be covered under the Programme should be integrated and holistic. Thin and scattered distribution of resources should be avoided.
- d) Works under the Punjab Nirman Programme should supplement and complement the programmes undertaken under the Municipal and Village Development Funds as also the regular schemes of the Departments including CSSs.
- e) Works under the Punjab Nirman Programme including their location will be approved in the first instance by the District Planning Committee concerned. Till such time as the District Planning Committees are constituted, the works under the programme will be approved by the District Planning Boards.
- f) Deputy Commissioner will refer the proposals of works approved by the District Planning Committees/Boards to the Department of Planning for approval of the State Government and release of funds.
- g) Schemes will be implemented through Government/Local Body Agencies as may deemed appropriate by the District Planning Board / Council.
- h) Deputy Commissioner in his capacity as Member Secretary of the District Planning Board/Committees will ensure prompt release of funds to the executing agencies, in addition to proper maintenance of accounts, utilisation of funds and audit of the same in one year of the expenditure having been incurred. Funds released for any specific project / scheme should be spent within a maximum period of 6 months and the Utilisation Certificate be sent to the Department of Planning within 15 days of the completion of work.
- i) Quarterly physical and financial progress reports will be sent by the Deputy Commissioner concerned to the Department of Planning latest by the 15th of the month following the quarter.