

Chief Secretary, Northern / Eastern province

Guideline on Villages with Special Needs

Introduction

Allocation details on the Villages with Special Needs have been informed to you by my letter No. FC/3/2/2018, FC/06/01/2018 and dated 2017.11.10 and broad directives to be followed under this were included in the Guideline for Provincial Annual Development Plan - 2018.

In addition to that further directives are provided herewith for the implementation of the above programme and accordingly, you are kindly requested to plan and implement the programme adhering to this guideline.

Identification of villages with special needs

This programme should be focused on a certain village or cluster of adjoining villages, those have Special Needs which have not yet been met with the intervention of previous investments of both Provincial Council and Central Government. Hence, it is necessary Deputy Chief Secretary (Planning) to play a major role in identification of villages on priority basis using appropriate criteria.

It is important to pay attention to villages where creation of basic infrastructure such as rural roads, bridges, drinking water, electricity, commodity collection and sales centers, common centers which contribute to value addition to productions, etc. are essential for the improvement of the socio-economic level of the people in the villages.

Planning

It is expected to properly make aware the political authority and relevant provincial officers with project concept papers and financial estimates on the selected projects. It is also desirable to identify development priorities through a participatory approach with rural communities. The Concept Papers should be forwarded to the Secretary, Finance Commission for concurrence in principle.

The development plans prepared based on the respective concept papers should be approved by the Chief Secretary or the Deputy Chief Secretary (Planning) on behalf of Chief Secretary with the recommendation of the relevant sectoral heads.

The allocation of this programme should not be used for providing any personal direct grants (roofing sheets, sewing machines, squatting pan, home appliances, etc.) to beneficiaries or providing any items such as furniture, sound systems, cooking equipment and tents for community organizations.

Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation

It is important to achieve the goals of the programme by implementing project activities through an intergraded and inter-sectoral approach. It should be encouraged to obtain the community contribution whenever possible. Projects have to be identified within the allocated amount for this programme and any project should not be divided into stages. Required total amount for a particular project has to be allocated within this year.

Overall monitoring of this programme should be carried out by the Deputy Chief Secretary (Planning) with coordination of relevant sectoral agencies. Accordingly, managing this provision under the Chief Secretary or Deputy Chief Secretary (Planning) would be more appropriate.

A proper monitoring process has to be established to evaluate the progress of the project, and results achieved. You are kindly requested to report me the overall progress of this programme for awareness.

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Secretary Finance Commission

Copy :- Deputy Chief Secretary (Planning) - For necessary action please.