Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of State Level Committee Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) held on 03-12-2014 at 12:00 noon under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Punjab

List of participants is at Annexure ‘A’

At the outset, Secretary Welfare apprised the Committee that the scheme "Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP)" was conceived as a special initiative of the follow up action on the Sachar Committee recommendations. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) (Centre 75 : State 25) approved by the Government in the beginning of the 11th Five Year Plan and launched in the year 2008-09 in 90 Minority Concentrations Districts (MCDs).

2. In Punjab, the Scheme was introduced by Ministry of Minorities Affairs, Government of India, during the year 2013-14 in Six Minority Concentration Blocks in District Sangrur (Malerkotla-1, Malerkotia-2), District Gurdaspur (Gurdaspur, Dera Baba Nanak, Kalanaur and Dhariwal).

3. The Ministry has allocated a total Rs.46.37 crores as Central share during 12th plan period. Out of this, 10% i.e. Rs.04.63 crores have been earmarked for Skill Development Component. During the year 2013-14, project proposals of Rs.21.11 crores as Central share and Rs.2.04 crores as State share were sanctioned by the Ministry and 1st instalment of Rs.10.54 crores for projects and Rs. 0.32 crores for other components such as Base Line Survey, Orientation Programme, appointment of Block Level Facilitators and setting up of IT cells etc. was released to the State Govt. Now the project proposals for the balance amounts have to be submitted to the Ministry.

   In view of the above, the State Level Committee considered the proposals and took following decisions as per agenda items:-

Agenda No. 1

a) Confirmation of the minutes of 1st meeting of State Level Committee held on 12-07-2013
   Confirmed

Agenda No. 2

b) To consider the project proposals under Multi-Sectoral Development Programme (MsDP)

   The State Level Committee considered the proposals and took decisions as follows:-

A. DISTRICT GURDASPUR

   The project proposals of Distt. Gurdaspurpertained to an amount of Rs.26.10 crores for construction of Anganwadi Centres in four blocks. This being 100% Centre share were approved.
B. DISTRICT SANGRUR:-

It was decided that DC Sangrur shall submit revised project proposals in order of priority.

Regarding proposal for construction of link roads, it was observed that every village in Punjab has been adequately covered by link roads. Therefore, the proposal of missing links was dropped.

Principal Secretary, School Education suggested that priority may be given for construction of school buildings declared unsafe and for toilets for boys and girls in schools in these blocks. The proposal for this to be submitted by Principal Secretary School Education was approved in principle.

OTHER DECISIONS

i) The Skill Development Component under this programme should be transferred to State Skill Development Mission, set up in Department of Technical Education. Secretary, Technical Education informed that Skill Development Projects for the six blocks amounting to Rs.30.08 crores (for 3 years) shall be submitted to the Department of Welfare. The Committee decided to approve these proposals for onward transmission to Ministry of Minority Affairs.

ii) Secretary Welfare informed that in Punjab, a unique Model has been implemented in which orientation training has been conducted with the help of Directorate of Census. District Level Training for District Sangrur and Gurdaspur have been conducted on 21st November and 25th November, 2014 respectively. The Block Level Trainings shall be conducted shortly.

iii) Chairman, Punjab State Minorities Commission suggested that other blocks and towns having concentration of minority population may also be included under this programme. The committee asked the department to take up the matter with the ministry.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.