

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
(Local Plan Division)**

To

- i) All the Special Chief Secretaries/Additional Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/Administrative Secretaries
- ii) All the Heads of the Departments
- iii) All the Deputy Commissioners-cum-Chairperson District Level Committees.

Memo No. PM-26/ARO(LPD)-2025/ 1546-48

Dated: Chandigarh the 30/04/2025

Subject :- Guidelines for utilization of funds under the new “Rangla Punjab Vikas Scheme” in the State.

1.0 Kindly refer to the subject cited above.

2.0 To build a State that is inclusive, progressive and brimming with opportunity for all, Rangla Punjab Vikas Scheme (RPVS) has been launched in the year 2025-26. Under the Rangla Punjab Vikas Scheme, funds will be provided for important local every day development needs of the people of the district. For the first FY 2025-26, Rs. 585.00 Crore has been allocated for this scheme.

3.0 A copy of Guidelines for utilization of funds under this scheme as approved by the Council of Ministers in its meeting held on 24/04/2025 is enclosed for information and necessary action please.

Debjani
Director Planning

Endst No. PM-26/ARO(LPD)-2025/ 1549

Dated: 30/04/2025

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Debjani
Director Planning

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Director Planning

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Director Planning

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Director Planning

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Dated: 30/04/2025

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1. Accountant General(A&E), Punjab, Chandigarh.
2. Accountant General(Audit), Punjab, Chandigarh.
3. Director Treasury and Accounts, Department of Finance, Punjab
4. District Deputy Controller(T&A), Internal Audit Organization.
5. All District Treasury Officers
6. Director Special Component Sub Plan, Department of Social Justice, Empowerment and Minorities, Punjab.
7. Joint Director, Directorate of Statistics, Punjab
8. Finance Department (FE-6), Punjab.


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GUIDELINES
RANGLA PUNJAB VIKAS SCHEME

1.0 To build a State that is inclusive, progressive and brimming with opportunity for all, Rangla Punjab Vikas Scheme (RPVS) has been launched in the year 2025-26. Under the Rangla Punjab Vikas Scheme, funds will be provided for important local every day development needs of the people of the districts. For the first year FY 2025-26, Rs 585 crore has been allocated for this scheme.

2.0 Operational Guidelines

2.1 The funds will be administered at the district level through the District Level Committee¹ and will be spent based on the recommendations of the MLAs, community organizations, citizen groups and public spirited citizens. The suggested/ proposed list of works along with preliminary estimates would after due consideration be recommended for approval/rejection, as per the extant guidelines of the Rangla Punjab Vikas Scheme, by the District Level Committee chaired by the Deputy Commissioner of the district to the Nodal Minister² of RPVS for the district, as appointed by the Chief Minister.

2.2 Administrative Approval (AA) for the works recommended by the District Level Committee shall be accorded by the Nodal Minister of the district for RPVS.

2.3 The District Level Committee will get the appropriate agency at the district level to prepare proper technical and financial estimates for the approved works.

2.4 Financial Sanction (FS) for the works approved by the Nodal Minister shall be accorded by the Deputy Commissioner of the district, as chairperson of the District Level Committee. Technical Sanction (TS) for the works will be accorded by the concerned implementing agency, as per extant guidelines.

2.5 The District Level Committee will undertake regular monitoring of physical and financial progress of the sanctioned works and ensure their timely execution and submission of utilization certificates (UCs) thereafter.

2.6 The minimum amount sanctioned under the Scheme for any individual work shall, normally not be less than Rs. 1 lakh. If however, the District Level Committee is of the considered view that the said work of lesser financial outlay is of overwhelming public interest, it may recommend the same expressly stating reasons thereof in the sanction letter.

¹ "District Level Committee" for the purposes of these guidelines will have the same constitution as notified in the Punjab Nirman Guidelines issued vide Memo no. 2/1-PSPB-DD-(LPD)-2021/4071 of 29 June 2021.

² "Nodal Minister" will be the Minister-in-Charge of the District under the Rangla Punjab Vikas Scheme, as appointed by the Chief Minister.

2.7 The funds can be used for repair and renovation of immovable assets. Provided that renovation of the asset can be taken up only after a reasonable gap of time since its original construction or last repair.

2.8 In rural areas, convergence with MGNREGS funds, wherever possible, shall be desirable. In such cases, RPVS funds shall be used only for procuring material component for the projects that have been approved by the competent authority. The Gram Panchayat shall be the Implementing Agency for such projects.

2.9 The sanction letter issued by the District Level Committee shall stipulate a time limit for completion of the work by the Implementing Agency, which should generally not exceed one year. In exceptional cases, where the implementation time is likely to exceed one-year, specific justification for the same shall be incorporated in the sanction letter.

2.10 The District Level Committee shall make the selection of an appropriate Implementing Agency through which a particular work is to be executed. The selection of the Implementing Agency shall be undertaken in accordance with the State Government rules/guidelines applicable for the purpose. If funds are not being utilized by the implementing agency in time or in the case of delay, the agency may be changed at the level of the District Level Committee.

2.11 The District Level Committee shall, before issuing the sanction letter, ensure that all statutory and regulatory clearances for such works have been obtained from the competent authorities and that the work conforms to these Guidelines.

2.12 The District Level Committee, before sanctioning any work, would also obtain an undertaking in writing from the User Agency concerned about their willingness to bear the operation and maintenance cost of the proposed asset from their own resources.

2.13 If for some compelling reasons, stoppage/ abandonment of a work in progress become inevitable; the matter shall be referred to the State Government with full justification. The State Government shall fix responsibility and take necessary disciplinary action against the erring officials.

2.14 Funds received under Centrally Sponsored Schemes can be augmented for specified works from RPVS funds over and above the Central and State share, while specifically indicating the geographical area/asset where the additional amount is to be used along with justification thereof.

2.15 The District Level Committee shall maintain proper accounts for the recommended works, follow proper procedure for estimation, sanction and implementation of the proposed works as per the established administrative procedure of the State and shall obtain utilization certificates for such works and submit the DC Bills within the stipulated time period.

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2.16 The Implementing Agencies, while executing the works shall follow the established work scrutiny process and procedure of the State Government, shall examine the technical feasibility, undertake financial estimation of work as per the Schedule of Rates and its execution through open and transparent bidding process in accordance with the provisions of The Punjab Transparency in Public Procurement Act, 2019 and Rules made there under, and shall be responsible for timely implementation of such works. Technical approvals for works above Rs. 1 cr will be required to be taken by the Implementing Agency from the Technical Advisor as per extant guidelines.

2.17 All movable assets purchased out of Scheme funds shall be the property of the concerned user Department. In the meeting of the District Level Committee called for sanctioning the purchase of movable assets under RPVS, the Committee shall invite a representative of the concerned Department and/or such other person(s) as may be nominated by the Deputy Commissioner. User charges if any, to be paid by the beneficiaries for use of the movable assets sanctioned by the District Level Committee, shall be fixed by the same Committee.

2.18 The District Level Committee will ensure that public notices are displayed at prominent places for works executed under the RPVS providing details of the work etc.

2.19 As per the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005 and the Rules framed there under, all citizens have the right to information on any aspect of the Scheme and the works recommended, sanctioned, or executed under it. The Implementing Agencies will be responsible to provide such information to the public in the manner as required under the Right to Information Act, 2005

3.0 Monitoring

3.1 A State Monitoring Committee would be set up under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary comprising the Administrative Secretary, Planning and Administrative Secretary, Finance to review the implementation of RPVS, including the utilization of funds. The Administrative Secretaries of all the Line Departments would be special invitees to the Committee and would be required to participate in such meetings.

3.2 In case of any material breach of Scheme Guidelines by any individual/authority concerned, he/she shall become liable for disciplinary/penal action. The Government shall fix responsibility and take necessary disciplinary action against the erring/delinquent officials, implementing agencies, vendors, etc, in all such cases of material breach and willful non-compliance of Scheme Guidelines, viz., allowing non-permissible works, diversion of funds, inordinate delays, negligence, leakages with intentional delinquency etc.

3.3 An Online Dash board shall be created for monitoring and implementation of the scheme within 2 months of scheme launch.

4.0 Role of State Nodal Departments

4.1 The State Nodal Department shall authorize its officers, not below the rank of Deputy Secretary/ Executive Engineer or equivalent, to inspect works by making regular field visits. Officials of the State Nodal Department should inspect a minimum of 1% of the works by value in every district each year.

4.2 An inspection register should be maintained at the State Level and follow up action should also be taken on the findings of such inspections. They may also check and review the number of works inspected by the District Authorities.

4.3 In addition to the inspection by its own officers, the State Nodal Department shall each year also undertake third party inspection, including physical audit and quality check, of works in each District as per the following criteria: all works costing Rs. 25 lakh and more will be compulsorily covered; 50% of all works in each District costing between Rs. 15 to 25 lakh must be covered; and for the remaining works, a sample of at least 50 works shall be drawn up entailing a judicious balance of various parameters.

5.0 Role of District Level Committee

5.1 They shall be responsible for overall monitoring and supervision of the works under the scheme at the district level.

5.2 They shall inspect at least 10% of the works under implementation every year. They shall maintain the work-registers that will also contain the photographs of the various stages of work, from inception till completion.

5.3 The District Level Committee shall ensure geo-tagging of all works being executed under RPVS in the district.

6.0 Role of Implementing Agencies

6.1 It shall be the responsibility of the officers of the Implementing Agencies to regularly visit the work-site to ensure that the works are progressing satisfactorily as per the prescribed procedure, specifications and time schedule.

6.2 They should also maintain the work register/online dashboard showing details of the physical and financial progress of projects being undertaken by them. This register/online dashboard should also contain the details of work-site visit made by the Implementing Agencies. They must inspect 100% of the works.

6.3 Submission of utilization certificates as well as DC Bills of utilized amount within stipulated time period would be the responsibility of the officers of the Implementing Agencies.

7.0 Main Sectors to be covered under Rangla Punjab Vikas Scheme:

- I. Education – School, Higher and Technical
- II. Health
- III. Animal Husbandry, Dairy and Fisheries
- IV. Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

- V. Sports
- VI. Public and Community Assets in rural and urban areas
- VII. Public Conveniences, Safety and Security
- VIII. Drinking Water and Sanitation
- IX. Energy, including Renewable Energy and its projects
- X. Equipment and infrastructure for differently-abled persons
- XI. Housing (Individual Beneficiaries)
- XII. Water Resources including Drainage and Irrigation

8.0 Selection of Works

8.1 List of Permissible Works

S. No	List of Permissible Works under Rangla Punjab Vikas Scheme
I	EDUCATION
A	Government Educational, Vocational & Training Institutes
1.	Provision of drinking water facilities
2	Toilets
3	Additional rooms
4	Setting up of Laboratories,
5	Purchase of Sanitary Pad vending machine,
6	Kitchens and pantries (in schools)
7	Purchase of IT systems, including hardware and software for educational purposes
8	Purchase of smart boards, visual display units and projectors
9	Purchase of training equipment
10	Purchase of vans and buses (four and three wheelers) (subject to recurring expenditure as well as O & M by user agency)
11	Purchase of furniture and fixtures for educational purposes
B	Libraries
12	Purchase of vehicles for Govt. operated mobile libraries <u>subject to recurring expenditure as well as O & M by user agency</u>)
13	Construction of Public Libraries and reading rooms and in addition Grant-in-aid to Libraries (only in Government-run-libraries) for the purchase of books and capital goods like Almirahs, Book racks, Computers and peripherals etc.
II	HEALTH (Govt. Hospitals, Dispensaries, PHCs, CHCs, and Family welfare centres, ANM centres)
14	Provision of drinking water supply,
15	Toilets,
16	Waiting rooms
17	Additional rooms
18	Other infra improvements
19	Purchase of hospital equipment
20.	Purchase of ambulances (subject to recurring expenditure as well as O & M by user agency)
III	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRY AND FISHERIES
21	Provision of drinking water supply in Govt. Veterinary Hospitals and Dispensaries

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22	Toilets Govt. Veterinary Hospitals and Dispensaries
23	Waiting rooms in Govt. Veterinary Hospitals and Dispensaries
24	Additional rooms in Govt. Veterinary Hospitals and Dispensaries
25	Other infra improvements in Govt. Veterinary Hospitals and Dispensaries
26	Purchase of equipment in Govt. Veterinary Hospitals and Dispensaries
27	Purchase of ambulance by govt veterinary institutes to transport sick and injured animals (subject to recurring expenditure as well as O & M by user agency)
28	Construction of building for artificial insemination and breeding centers
29	Construction of buildings and providing fixed assets for semen banks
30	Construction of shelters for animals
31	Setting up mobile labs and clinics for animals
32.	Setting up processing plants, cold storages, ice plants, freezing and packing plants for fish and fisheries products for community use
IV	AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE
33	Setting up farmers training and assistance centers
34	Setting up soil testing laboratories
35	Installation of fixed weighing scale machine for agricultural and horticultural purposes
36	Purchase of stubble clearing and super seeder machines for community use
37	To lay underground pipe line and construct 'Pucca Khalas' for conservation of water for Agriculture purposes;
V	SPORTS
38	Infrastructure for promotion of sports and games, including gyms (in public parks, panchavat land.)
39	Construction of Govt. buildings for sports facilities
40	Construction of buildings for Govt. training institutions
41	Construction of Govt. buildings for multi-gym and provision of equipments
42	Construction of playgrounds and stadiums
43	Installation of fixed open air gym equipment(in parks, panchavat land)
44	Laying of synthetic turfs for hockey in Govt. Stadiums
VI	PUBLIC & COMMUNITY ASSETS

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S. No	List of Permissible Works under Rangla Punjab Vikas Scheme
45	Repair/ reconstruction of public Dharmshalas, Community Centres and Panchayat Ghars, Anganwadi Centres and Crches, in both rural and urban areas and purchase of equipment for the same
46	Crematoriums or structures on burial/ cremation grounds for public convenience and in addition Provision of drinking water and shelter in cremation grounds
47	Purchase of hearse van (subject to recurring expenditure as well as O & M by user agency)
VII	DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
48	Augmenting or operationalising existing drinking water supply schemes
49	Provision of compost pits
50	Disposal of sullage water
51	Sanitation projects
52	Provision of drainage and disposal system in rural and urban areas
53	Purchase of mobile water tankers
54	Installing community drinking water plants
55	Providing garbage collection and disposal systems
56	Purchase of mobile sanitation equipment
57	Setting up community effluent treatment or sewerage treatment plants
58	Setting up community gobar gas plant
59	Purchase of bio digesters for community use
VIII	PUBLIC CONVENIENCE, SAFETY & SECURITY
60	Purchase of Sanitary Pad vending machine in Jails
61	Construction of Streets in rural areas
62	Construction of new culverts on roads for disposal of rainwater, phirnis, small bridges, construction of missing links and link roads/kutcha roads; and in addition construction of pedestrian staircase to access road over-bridge
63	To construct new or to repair link roads;
64	Construction of Streets in urban areas;
65	Shifting of Electric Transformers/Poles and laying of Underground Cable;
66	Setting up of electric vehicle charging stations
67	Construction of cycle tracks and segregated non-motorized vehicle lanes
68	Construction of bus queue shelters/ bus stands
69	Purchase of fire tenders for Government run institutions
70	Providing CCTV camera system for security of public areas
71	Construction/ Beautification/ Renovation of Parks & Roundabouts (Chowk) in both Urban & Rural Areas.
72	Repair/ renovation of Historical Monuments and in addition retrofitting, preservation or conservation of heritage and archeological monuments and buildings

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73	Common work sheds for artisans
IX	HOUSING (individual benefit)
74	Houses to the houseless (maximum limit as well Rs 2.00 lakh , subject to the condition that he has not obtained similar benefit under any other Scheme)
75	Financial assistance for repair and renovation of houses belonging to Scheduled Caste/Backward Classes and other weaker sections, subject to a minimum of Rs. 10,000/- but not exceeding Rs. 35,000/- per household (subject to the condition that he has not obtained similar benefit under any other Scheme)
76	Construction of Night Shelters for Homeless
X	Energy including New & Renewable
77	Street lighting and urban connectivity including provision of Solar and Non- solar lights in both Urban and Rural areas (Functionality and O & M to be ensured by user/Implementing agency)
78	Setting up public non-conventional energy projects
79	Purchase of non-conventional energy system and devices for community use
XI	SUPPORT TO DIFFERENTLY ABLE PERSONS(individual benefit)
80	Purchase of prosthetics, wheelchairs, tricycles (manual or motorized), electric scooters, hearing aids, Purchase of other aids/ devices required for physically/ mentally/ visually/ hearing impaired for differently-abled deserving persons provided that such beneficiaries are identified and approved by a Committee under the Civil Surgeon. The said Committee will also certify the reasonability of rates. No recurring expenses or cash grant will be admissible. (Through Red Cross)
XII	WATER RESOURCES INCLUDING DRAINANGE & IRRIGATION
81	Installing tube-wells and borewells
82	Construction of water tanks
83	Construction of public irrigation facilities
84	Establishing public lift irrigation projects
85	Establishing public ground water recharging facilities
86	Renovation of ponds and lakes
87	Construction of rainwater harvesting structures

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Note: The list of aforesaid works is only indicative and not exhaustive. In future if
any kind of correction/amendment is required in the said Guidelines the same
will be done with the approval of Hon'ble Chief Minister.

8.2 Works not Permissible under Rangla Punjab Vikas Scheme

1. The funds under the Scheme shall not be used for operation and maintenance of any nature but may be used for one-time repair and renovation..
2. All works involving commercial and private establishments.
3. Any grants and loans to beneficiaries, individual or otherwise (Except under sub sectors Housing & Support to Differently-Abled Persons).
4. Contribution to any Centre and State/UT Relief Funds.
5. Acquisition of land or any compensation for land acquired.
6. Works of religious nature, or within the places/ premises of religious worship, and on land belonging to or owned by religious faith/ group.
7. Recurring expenditure of any kind.

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