



NO. SO(LPs) (LG)4-4/2017
GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
LOCAL GOVT. & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT

Dated Lahore the 08th January, 2018

To,

The Advocate General,
Punjab, Lahore.

Subject:

FILING OF APPLICATIONS FOR VACATION OF STAY ORDERS
GRANTED BY DIFFERENT BENCHES OF LAHORE HIGH COURT
AGAINST DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES UNDER LGDP 2017-18

Government of Punjab in LG&CD Department has launched a Local Government Development Package ("LGDP"). Under this Package, all Union Councils and each Ward of Municipal Committee have been provided Rs. 2.5 million and Rs.05 million, respectively, for undertaking development schemes. In order to execute the above schemes in efficient and transparent manner, different roles have been assigned to Deputy Commissioners, Chairman District Councils, Mayors Metropolitan Corporation/Municipal Corporations, Chairmen Municipal Committees and Chairmen Union Councils by constituting a Joint Tehsil Steering Committee for each Tehsil and a Joint Steering Committee for each District. Moreover, a Provincial Steering Committee has also been constituted to provide guidelines for implementation of LGDP and KPSDP.

2. That a Planning Commission (PC-1 Form) has also been prepared for execution of the LGDP (**Annex-R/1**). According to which the package covers 4015 Rural and urban Union Councils/3587 Wards of Municipal Committees all over the Punjab; sponsoring Authority is LG&CD Department; execution and Implementation Agency is the respective District Councils and Local Government Department. The scope of the package is:

1. Construction and rehabilitation of streets and drains; this will include soling, PCC etc.
2. Cleanliness of swamps and elimination of stagnant water.
3. Construction of boundary wall of small graveyards.
4. Construction of waiting and shade area for bus stops.
5. Provision of electricity LT poles without transformer.

For the purpose of execution and implementation of plan, the PC-1 form provides that the Schemes will be identified by Local Bodies representative of Union Council's and Joint District Steering Committee notified by the Government will clear the schemes. Final approval of the schemes will be given by the District Development Committee of the concerned District.

3. The LG&CD Department after approval of the Competent Authority constituted a joint Tehsil Steering Committee for each tehsil to steer the LGDP and KPSPD; District Steering Committee for each district to steer the above programmes; and a joint Provincial Steering Committee to provide guidelines for implementation of LGDP and KPSPD; supervise and monitor the execution of both programmes according to the timelines; ensure timely release of fund; **keep close liaison with all stakeholders and to resolve issues arising during execution of the programmes**; and undertake periodic review meetings to oversee the progress of the targeted actions **(Annex-R/2 to R/4)**. The LG&CD Department also established a Special Cell for LGDP which, inter alia, is responsible to resolve the issues arising during the implementation of the Programme/Project.

4. It is pertinent to mention here that the LGDP is being sponsored out of the Provincial Government's funds and it falls within the ADP 2017-18 of the Provincial Government. It is not a development scheme of a Local Government to be executed under the provisions of the Punjab Local Government Act, 2013 nor is funded by the Local Governments established under the Act *ibid*.

5. In view of the policy of the Government, the District Steering Committees issued tender notices for execution of the schemes in the Union Councils of their respective Districts but certain writ petitions were filed by the Chairmen of Union Councils claiming that the schemes identified by the House of the Union Council concerned have not been included in the tender notices, whereupon stay orders have been granted by different Benches of the Lahore High Court **(List enclosed)**. Since it is a sensitive issue as the completion of the LGDP is a time bound exercise i.e. to be concluded till 28.02.2018, it is expedient that necessary instructions may be issued to the concerned Law Officers deputed by the AG office to different Benches of the Lahore High Court to file applications for vacation of stay orders. Deputy Commissioners of the concerned District / Co-Convener of the District Steering Committees will coordinate with the concerned Law Officers.


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