

learning in the Government functioning. To introduce greater purpose and accountability in the administration's working a District Performance Dashboard would also be prepared to monitor the performance of districts on various indicators.

93. In furtherance of the objective of good governance, we propose to set-up "State Institute for Smart Governance and Financial Management", a dedicated institute to assist the State Government in developing a governance model based on a holistic approach with the underlying objectives of bringing efficiency, effectiveness, transparency, accountability and sustainability in the system thereby giving 'Visibility to Governance'.

94. A Government without authentic data is like a doctor without stethoscope. Punjab is one of the pioneering States to have a comprehensive State Data Policy. The State aspires to nurture a culture of data-driven and evidence-based decision making. Through implementation of Punjab State Data Policy, 2020, the State would leverage data and technology to optimize service delivery chains of various program/schemes through e-governance systems. A State Data Steering Committee under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary would be set up to monitor the implementation of State Data Policy. A State Data Integration Platform (SDIP) is being planned which would facilitate access and management of data across all departments, stopping the culture of thinking in silos.

HOME DELIVERY OF ATTA

95. Our Government is extremely sensitive to the cause of poor and downtrodden and has decided to ensure door-to-door delivery of well packaged atta in place of wheat to 1.58 crore beneficiaries under National Food Security Act/ Smart Ration Card Scheme to ensure

availability of good quality of food to them. We expect a positive impact of this scheme on the lives and livelihood of the beneficiary. There would be no need for beneficiaries to stand in queues, lose their daily wage and spend money to convert grains into atta. Other intended outcomes include plugging leakages, stopping recycling of grains. For this special initiative of our Government, I propose ₹497 crore in the current financial year.

96. PUNSUP was reeling under the burgeoning debt availed on account of Atta-Dal Scheme. Due to paucity of funds, PUNSUP could not repay its Short Term Loan of ₹350 crore and resultantly slipped into the NPA category. To provide respite to the corporation, the State Government proposes a bailout package of ₹350 crore in FY 2022-23 for settling the NPA accounts of PUNSUP.

NRI AFFAIRS

97. AAP Government believes that our NRI brothers and sisters are significant stakeholders in the development of the State. In order to mobilize NRI community to partake in the developmental initiatives, under the guidance of our Hon'ble Chief Minister Sardar Bhagwant Singh Mann Ji, "Punjab Sikhya te Sehat Fund"- a trust to assist capital asset creation in health and education sector will be set up during the course of the year and Government will provide a token assistance initially as seed money to it during FY 2022-23.

FREEDOM FIGHTERS

98. The Government remains committed to the welfare of great freedom fighters and their families and I propose an allocation of ₹16 crore for FY 2022-23.

DEFENSE WELFARE

99. The Government, while bowing its head to the martyrs, and other defense personnel who laid their life for the Nation, has doubled the ex-gratia assistance from existing ₹50 lacs to ₹1 crore. An allocation of ₹130 crore has been earmarked in FY 2022-23 i.e. an increase of 11.00% over FY 2021-22.

100. My Government accords due reverence to its ex-servicemen and with firm commitment towards their welfare, adequate assistance for setting up of old-age home for the ex-servicemen at Mohali would be provided during FY 2022-23.

TOURISM & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

101. We believe that Punjab is a State with enormous tourism potential, which unfortunately has not been harnessed. Tourism contributes significantly to the growth of States like Rajasthan, Kerala, Gujarat, etc. but its contribution is minuscule in Punjab. Our Government desires to make Punjab into a sought-after tourist destination. Efforts have already started to develop places with high tourism potential and attract private investment. The Government would be concentrating mainly on eco-tourism, rural tourism, cultural and religious tourism.

102. Recognizing the huge potential of tourism in our Birsa and Forests, our Government proposes to develop all Birsa and Forests for eco-tourism which may prove to be a great source of revenue for the State of Punjab.

103. In order to pay homage to the great sons of the soil, this Government of Sardar Bhagwant Singh Mann Ji would hold iconic

events to celebrate 75th anniversary of India's freedom. Various events would be organized on the Birth Anniversary/Martyrdom Day of our Freedom Fighters Lala Lajpat Rai Ji, Shaheed-e-Aazam Bhagat Singh Ji, Shaheed Udham Singh Ji and Shaheed Sukhdev Thapar Ji in schools, colleges and universities across villages and cities.

POLICE MODERANISATION AND LAW & ORDER

Speaker Sir,

104. Peace and development go hand in hand. Punjab has long hostile international border that poses constant threat to peace and tranquility in our State. In addition, Punjabis are facing a fresh challenge from Gangsters, who were unheard of a decade ago. Our Government firmly resolves to maintain constant vigil, fight and obliterate the evil forces that threaten peace, unity and integrity of my State. A full-fledged anti gangster task force has been formed to wipe out gangsters operating in Punjab, and I am hopeful of positive results very soon.

105. **Modernization of Police Forces:** To strengthen the police forces and equip them with latest gadgets, technology and tools to tackle crime, maintain law and order and create a peaceful atmosphere in the State, an allocation of ₹108 crore is proposed during the current FY 2022-23. Further, Cyber-crime control rooms shall be set up in all districts with an outlay of ₹30 crore.

106. Police have to develop new strategies to deal with crime and criminals. It is important that Punjab police personnel learn about new strategies. Therefore, the Government has undertaken the initiative of building the capacity of police personnel by organizing international training programmes during FY 2022-23.

107. **Safety & Security of Common People:** We accord top priority to the safety and security of our men and women. During our tenure, the entire State would be covered with CCTV network to check the crime and tap criminals. To start with, ₹5 crore is hereby proposed for installation of CCTV cameras at Mohali and similarly CCTV cameras will be installed in Police Mahila Mittar Kendras during FY 2022-23.

108. Jails had become safe havens for criminals over the years. Our Government has already announced the closure of VIP cells in Punjab Jails and promised strong action against those offering and enjoying special facilities inside jail premises. Further, for construction of modern District Jail in Sahibzada Ajit Singh (S.A.S) Nagar (Mohali), land measuring 17.5 acres has been identified at village Kurara and initially ₹10 crore is proposed during FY 2022-23.

SOCIAL WELFARE AND JUSTICE

109. Inclusiveness is the guiding principle of a welfare Government. We have deep allegiance towards the upliftment, protection and promotion of the interests of all the vulnerable sections of the society. AAP Government would continue extending all kinds of support needed under various welfare schemes currently operational. Further, appropriate actions would be taken in due course to make them more effective and efficient. We propose a budgetary allocation of ₹7,437 crore for the FY 2022-23.

110. **Social Security Cover:** The budgetary allocation for Social Security pensions is proposed to be increased from ₹4,071 crore during 2021-22 (BE) with coverage of 28.12 lakh beneficiaries to ₹4,720 crore in FY 2022-23 with a target of covering 31.23 lakh beneficiaries.

111. **Mata Tripta Mahila Yojana:** An allocation of ₹46 crore is proposed in FY 2022-23 for this purpose.

112. **Poshan Abhiyaan:** I am proposing a budgetary provision of ₹53 crore for FY 2022-23 to cover 11.20 lakh children between 0-6 years age and 1.80 lakh pregnant women and lactating mothers.

113. **Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme:** I propose an allocation of ₹640 crore for providing scholarship to 2.50 lakh students approximately.

114. **Ashirwad Scheme:** An allocation of ₹150 crore is hereby proposed in FY 2022-23.

115. **Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY):** I propose an outlay of ₹200 crore in FY 2022-23.

116. Our Government is committed to the welfare and development of our Scheduled Caste brothers and sisters. I propose to make a budgetary allocation of ₹12,992 crore in FY 2022-23 towards Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP) which is an increase of 12.29% over the previous year. This budgetary outlay would provide support in undertaking socio-economic development; improvement of living conditions; provision of basic services such as primary schools, health centres, veterinary centres, community halls, nutrition centres, extension of electricity and common work places/ facility centres, etc.

117. Further, the Government proposes for setting up of Dr. B. R. Ambdekar Bhawan at Sahibzada Ajit Singh (S.A.S) Nagar which shall house all the offices under one roof to provide welfare services related to the Scheduled Caste population.

INFRASTRUCTURE

118. Infrastructure is of singular importance for economic growth of any region. Economic and social infrastructure like roads, power, railways, critical supply lines, schools, hospitals, transport, holistic rural and urban development etc. are pre-requisites for development of an area and bring new opportunities for the people residing in those areas. I propose an allocation of ₹23,498 crore for FY 2022-23 across infrastructure sectors in Punjab.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYATS

119. Punjab's 63% population still live in villages, therefore it becomes essential to ensure "Pindan da Vikaas" in a holistic way. An allocation of ₹3,003 crore is being proposed in FY 2022-23 for development of rural areas in the State. An anti-encroachment drive is already underway to get panchayat land back from illegal occupants. As per latest records, illegal occupants were removed from approximately 6100 acres of panchayat land, worth several thousand crore of rupees.

- a. A special repair program to repair 2,217.35 km length of Link roads is proposed in FY 2022-23 at an estimated cost of ₹361 crore. Also, under the ongoing projects, it is proposed to complete works of New Construction/ Widening/ Special Repair on the balance 4,800.66 Kms road length with an estimated expenditure of ₹757 crore.
- b. An allocation of ₹600 crore is being proposed in budget of FY 2022-23 under MGNREGS.
- c. Under Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM), 8 Clusters in 7 districts covering 246 villages were selected for development to make our rural areas socially, economically and

physically sustainable. I propose an allocation of ₹145 crore in FY 2022-23 towards this scheme.

- d. To realize the dream of every Punjabi building his/her own home, our Government has resolved to provide assistance for the completion of construction of 17,117 houses for which I propose a budgetary allocation of ₹292 crore under 'Housing for All' by 2024 programme for the FY 2022-23.
- e. I propose a budgetary allocation of ₹20 crore to treat 28,867 hectare area covered under Kandi districts for constructing check dams, wire crate structures, run of control structures, stone masonry retaining wall, renovation of ponds, percolation tanks, farm ponds etc.
- f. For proper disposal of solid and liquid waste and cleaning of ponds of the villages before the onset of monsoon season, ₹33 crore has been allocated for this purpose in FY 2022-23.

WATER RESOURCES

120. It is a fact that agriculture success in Punjab would not have been possible without adequate irrigation facilities. Presently, there is a need to expand, rejuvenate and mix surface water irrigation with ground water irrigation. This judicious mix of surface and ground water for irrigation has a potential to solve both water logging and water depletion problems. I propose an allocation of ₹2,547 crore for undertaking various water resources projects in FY 2022-23, some of which are listed below:

- a. **Shahpur Kandi Dam Project:** A budgetary outlay of ₹189 crore is being provided in FY 2022-23 for construction of the remaining work of main dam on River Ravi and it is expected to be completed by year 2023-24. On completion it would generate 1,042 million units of

Hydro-electricity with an installed capacity of 206 Megawatts and create additional irrigation potential of 37,173 hectares as well as intensive irrigation of 1.18 lakh hectares under Upper Bari Doab Canal system.

- b. **Relining of Rajasthan Feeder and Sirhind Feeder:** A budgetary outlay of ₹780 crore is proposed in FY 2022-23 for execution of works which are expected to be completed by June, 2024. It would save seepage losses of 752 cusecs from Rajasthan Feeder and 256 cusecs from Sirhind Feeder and would also help in arresting water logging in south-western districts of Punjab.
- c. **Kotla Branch Part-II Project:** For lining of watercourses under this project, an allocation of ₹18 crore has been proposed in this budget. The work is expected to be completed by 31.03.2025 whereby 1.43 lakh hectares of land in district Bathinda, Mansa, Sangrur and Barnala would be getting better irrigation facilities.
- d. **Drainage:** Flood protection works are being executed along Indo-Pak border on river Ravi and its tributaries Ujh under “River Management Activities and works related to Border Areas” for which suitable outlay has been provided for in FY 2022-23.

WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION

121. The State Government is committed to provide safe drinking water through piped distribution network and sanitation facilities to all households of the State. An allocation of ₹2,374 crore is proposed in this financial year with an increase of 48.94% over 2021-22 (RE). Overall 98% of 12,009 villages have been declared 'Har Ghar Jal' villages with 100% Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) coverage.

- a. **Arsenic-cum-Iron Removal Plants:** To ensure long term mitigation measures in arsenic affected habitations, 51 Arsenic-cum-Iron Removal Plants based on adsorption technology using Nano materials developed by IIT Madras in 72 arsenic affected habitations at a cost of ₹400 crore would be undertaken in FY 2022-23 and work in remaining 62 habitations covered under this scheme would be completed.
- b. **Community Water Purification Plants:** An outlay of ₹51 crore is being proposed for undertaking activities to provide potable drinking water through Community Water Purification Plants (CWPPs) and Decentralized Household Purifiers in arsenic affected habitations and also for installation of fluoride removal in fluoride affected habitations of the State.
- c. **Maintenance of Existing Infrastructure:** Special emphasis is being laid on the repair and maintenance of infrastructure on water supply schemes for which an allocation of ₹18 crore is proposed and also construction of Jal Bhawan at Sahibzada Ajit Singh (S.A.S) Nagar at a cost of ₹10 crore is hereby proposed to be undertaken during the current financial year.

ROADS & BRIDGES

122. During my visit of Bathinda as a part of “Janta Budget” exercise, the demand of bridges at Janta Nagar and Multania Road was brought to my attention. I assure sufficient funds for the construction of bridges in Bathinda in the FY 2022-23.

123. The Government proposes to develop Kandi Area which stretches from Chandigarh to Pathankot. A Highway from Chandigarh to Pathankot along the Shivaliks is proposed to be developed, which

would bring new opportunities to this sub-mountainous Kandi Area and for which the Government shall take up the matter with National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) and Government of India.

124. Our Government would provide world class infrastructure in the form of new safe and sustainable roads and bridges and would also work to maintain the existing ones. Efforts are already on, to check wasteful expenditure, eliminate market failure, and ensure transparency and accountability in this sector. The allocation for new construction and maintenance of existing roads, bridges and building in FY 2022-23 is proposed to be ₹2,102 crore.

TRANSPORT

125. Transport sector in Punjab has been infamous for established monopolies by powerful politicians, loss of State revenue due to faulty policies and inefficient and weak State transport corporations. My Government pledges to provide safe and affordable public transport facilities to common people while simultaneously ending the so called transport mafia in the State. We would work to bring quality and equity in this sector and promote new technological interventions such as electric vehicles, CNG operated vehicles to provide comfort to the riders and solace to the environment. Further, construction of 45 new bus stands and renovation of 61 bus stands of PUNBUS and PRTC would be initiated during FY 2022-23.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

126. Studies show that India's urban population would double by 2050 and Punjab is expected to be one of the fastest urbanizing States in India. This Government is aware of the growing aspirations of Urban Punjab and therefore would place our cities/towns at the core of our

economic and developmental framework. We aspire to make our cities sustainable engines of economic growth and cultural transformation, i.e. *The Harbingers of Modern Punjab*. An allocation of ₹6,336 crore is being provided in FY 2022-23. It is also an objective of this Government to empower urban local bodies, making them self-sufficient and professional in their approach.

- a. **Smart Cities Mission:** The cities of Ludhiana, Amritsar, Jalandhar and also the holy city Sultanpur Lodhi are being developed as Smart Cities and an allocation of ₹1,131 crore is being proposed this year.
- b. **Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT):** Under AMRUT Mission projects amounting to ₹2,785 crore for 16 Towns of Punjab are being carried out. This years' allocation of ₹1,100 crore is being proposed for undertaking major projects including 24x7 Surface Water Supply Schemes for Jalandhar & Patiala; Rejuvenation of Buddha Nallah, Ludhiana; Rejuvenation of Badi Nadi & Choti Nadi, Patiala; Canal Based Water Supply project in Amritsar and Ludhiana with the assistance of the World Bank Financing besides others.
- c. **Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban:** I propose a budgetary allocation of ₹180 crore for undertaking activities under this Mission including Solid Waste Management; Horticulture Waste Management and Jiva Amrit/ Bacterial Culture for expediting composting process.

HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT

127. Urban planning is the core requirement for development in this era of hyper urbanization. Unplanned urban development becomes a bane, reducing urban clusters into chaotic places. Moving ahead in the direction of planned urban development, it is heartening to tell that

44 Master Plans covering 79 towns have been notified and further 70 Master Plans are currently being prepared. This Government would work on city mobility plans, making urban transport a priority sector.

128. My Government believes that access to basic civil infrastructure is the right of every Punjabi irrespective of their economic status. Therefore, with a view of promoting equity and inclusivity in our cities, we resolve to construct 25,000 EWS houses in phases.

129. E-governance initiatives in this sector are being brought, for the ease of stakeholders; IT initiatives such as Online Building Plan Approval System, GIS mapping of properties, scanning of property records are underway, which would bring transparency and accountability in this field.

REVENUE AUGMENTATION

Speaker Sir,

130. Today we stand at an inflection point, where fiscal wisdom calls for surplus revenue generation, especially when GST compensation shall end on 30th June. We have to moderate our revenue expenditure while elevating our capital expenditure and implement policies that would result in sustained GDP growth, leading to overall development of the State.

131. With this premise in mind, I will begin with the revenue roadmap to achieve our expenditure goals in priority sectors this year. This is a welcome departure from previous budgets, where Governments had only focused on announcement of Schemes and theoretical budget allocations, without backing them up with real revenue collections. I would like to convey that we have already initiated revenue augmentation measures. I expect our revenue receipts in 2022-23 to

increase by 17.08% compared to RE 2021-22, contributing ₹95,378 crore to the State exchequer. **Hallmark to this ambitious feat is that this would be done without imposing any New Tax on the people of Punjab.**

132. The new excise policy would be a “game changer” policy, which would break monopolies/ oligopolies that have developed in this sector over the years. We are hoping for enhancement in our excise revenue to ₹9,648 crore, which would be a whopping increase of 56% over FY 2021-22. Again efforts are already on to plug loopholes in GST collections, I expect a buoyancy of about 27% in GST collections in FY 2022-23, which would add around ₹4,350 crore more to the State kitty.

133. Our Government is determined to repeat the enhancement story in the Non Tax Revenue sector as well. New policies in various sectors including mining are expected to uptick State’s Non-Tax Revenue by ₹636 crore that is a 11% increase compared to last financial year.

134. Besides, share of Central taxes and Grants-in-aid from Centre are estimated at ₹14,757 crore and ₹28,731 crore respectively.

Hon’ble Speaker Sir,

135. Right intentions have the potential to transform challenges into opportunities. I, on behalf of every member of my party assert that our intentions are pure and sanguine. This Budget covers all sections of society including workers, famers, youth, small businessmen, industrialists, ex-servicemen, disadvantaged people, women, children, and both urban and rural areas. We would work day and night to create a Punjab of our dreams coinciding with the dreams of our forefathers and freedom fighters. The road ahead might be tough, but our resolve

is much stronger to overcome any road block. As tall and great buildings can only be built on strong foundations, the Budget, I am presenting today focuses on the basic foundations of our Punjabi society and economy.

136. I wish to record my gratitude to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Punjab, Sardar Bhagwant Singh Mann Ji and thank him for his steadfast support and guidance. Further, I would like to thank all Members of this august House and expect thoughtful discussions and civilized debates in this assembly for the betterment of Punjab.

137. Last but not the least, I wish to record my appreciation for the Officers and staff working in the Finance and Planning Department, who have worked with full devotion to complete this complex task with high standards of efficiency and accuracy. On behalf of the Government, we are indebted by the regular insights received from the office of Principal Accountant General, Punjab which has helped us to improve our systems.

138. With this, I commend the Budget Proposals for the Financial Year 2022-23 to this august House for approval and want to conclude with a most celebrated hymn written by Guru Gobind Singh Ji, which has guided me and would keep on guiding this Government through thick and thin...

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Jai Hind