

# ₹700 crore sanctioned for development projects in Mohali

**SAS NAGAR:** For various development projects in SAS Nagar and other adjoining urban estates, ₹702 crore was sanctioned by the authorities. Houses for the poor under 'Housing for all' and other social housing schemes will be constructed to an amount of ₹540 crore.

In SAS Nagar, the amount will be spent to development of Sectors 76 to 80 City Centre, surroundings of Aerocity, Medi City at Mullanpur and development of Sector 88 and 89. Land will be acquired at Mullanpur and for construction of various master plan roads in SAS Nagar.

The expenditure was discussed during the meeting of the Finance and Accounts Committee held here on Thursday. The spendings of all the seven development authorities of Punjab falling under the department of housing and urban development was discussed in the meeting.

Development authorities including that of SAS Nagar, Lud-

hiana, Amritsar, Jalandhar, Patiala, Bathinda and Punjab Urban planning and Development Authority (PUDA) submitted their budget estimates for the year 2017-18 for approval.

Budget estimates implied the total receipt of the department at ₹5246 crore and expenditure proposed to be incurred at ₹5260 crore. Likewise capital expenditure and revenue expenditure have been included in the total estimated expenditure indicated above.

The development authorities were asked to prioritize expenditure in such a manner that water supply, electricity and construction of roads get priority over any other expenditure. Authorities were also asked to focus on recovery of amount outstanding towards allottees, promoters and other categories of consumers.

Authorities have been advised to identify sites for development of new urban estates and acquire land under land pooling scheme.

The capital expenditure indicated in the budget estimates amounting to ₹4806 crore would be incurred on the planned urban development in the state. Out of this amount, ₹664 crore have been proposed to be spent on the acquisition of land.

During the year 2016-17, the expenditure incurred was ₹3360 crore as compared to proposed expenditure of ₹5260 crore for the year 2017-18.

Additional chief secretary of the department directed the development authorities to conserve water through Rain Water Harvesting System.

Besides the rooftop rain water, possibility will be explored to utilise rain water at surface run off. The authorities were advised to equip maximum number of projects with solar panels. Also, to ensure healthy and clean environment in the state, sewage treatment plants will be constructed on Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode.

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