

## Chapter-3

### District Planning and Financial Management

#### 3.1 District Planning Committee and District Plan

The 74<sup>th</sup> amendment to the Constitution mandated the establishment of District Planning Committees (DPC) for consolidating the plans prepared by Panchayats and Municipalities in the district into an integrated district plan for the district as a whole. The Government of Punjab (GOP) enacted (November 2005) "The Punjab District Planning Committee's Act, to provide for the constitution of the District Planning Committees with a view to consolidate the plans prepared by the Panchayats and the Municipalities in the Districts and to prepare the draft development plan for the Districts as whole in the State and for the matters connected therewith and incidental thereto.

In Ludhiana district, the DPC was formed as late as in June 2009. It was to meet every three months to review/monitor the progress of implementation of the schemes. Audit, however, noticed that only six meetings as against required 11 meetings of the Committee were held till March 2012. On being pointed out the delay in formation of DPC, the Deputy Economic and Statistical Advisor, Ludhiana intimated (January 2013) that the delay was due to non conducting of timely election of members of the Committee.

#### Recommendation

The Government/ District Administration may consider to:

- timely constitute District Planning Committee (DPC) and to prepare holistic integrated annual action plan for the District for planned development.

#### 3.2 Financial management

The position in respect of funds released and expenditure incurred in respect of certain significant schemes/programmes during 2007-12 was as under:-

**Table 1: Position of funds received and expenditure incurred in respect of various schemes**

(₹ in crore)

Sr. No.	Name of the programme/scheme <sup>1</sup>	Funding from	Funds provided	Expenditure incurred
1.	National Rural Health Mission	CSS	46.60	42.68
2.	Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan	CSS	80.36	71.15
3.	Mid Day Meal	CSS	53.41	51.01
4.	Water Supply and Sanitation	CSS/State	79.18	80.09
5.	Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme	CSS	11.97	8.96
6.	Indira Awas Yojna	CSS	20.13	18.36
7.	National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme	CSS	27.03	25.56
8.	Old Age Pension Scheme	CSS/State	174.01	173.08
	<b>Total</b>		<b>492.69</b>	<b>470.89</b>

(Source-Departmental figures)

Audit analysis revealed that there was a gap between the funds received and expenditure incurred during the review period in the programme. Significant portion of the funds allotted remained unspent in respect of MPLAD (25.15 per cent) and SSA (11.46 per cent) indicating that Departments did not take adequate steps to provide appropriate services/infrastructure to beneficiaries despite availability of funds as discussed in the succeeding paragraphs.

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