

# Inspection & Evaluation Study of BADP Projects Tarn Taran District, Punjab



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### Abbreviations

BADP	:	Border Area Development Programme
EOPS	:	Executive Officer Panchayat Samitee
FYP	:	Five Year Plan
GoI	:	Government of India
km	:	kilometre
NABARD	:	National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
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No.	:	Number
SGP	:	Sarpanch Gram Panchayat
Sl.	:	Serial
Sq km		Square kilometre
Xen GP	:	ExecutiveEngineer Gram Panchayat
Xen R & B	:	ExecutiveEngineerRoads& Building

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Border Area Development Programme (BADP) has been started by the Department of Border Management, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India during VII Five Year Plan in Western Region of India. At present BADP covers 362 blocks located in 96 border districts of 17 States on international land border with India's neighbouring countries.

The main objective of the programme is to meet the special developmental needs of the people living in remote and inaccessible areas situated near the international border and to saturate the border areas with the entire essential infrastructure through convergence of BADP/ Central/State/Local schemes and participatory approach.

Punjab has 553 KM long International border with Pakistan that spread along 4 districts viz. Ferozepur, Gurdaspur, Amritsar and TaranTaran (this district was created in April 2006). As many as 19 blocks (Attari block included in 2010-11) with geographic area of 6369.82 Sq.km are being covered under Border Area Development Programme.

The Border districts in Punjab have economically suffered a lot because of three wars with Pakistan during the post independence era, long spells of cross border terrorism and internal disturbances during the last quarter of twentieth century. The border areas also lagged behind industrially as no heavy industry could come up due to their proximity to the international border and uncertainties and security threats.

Border areas lag behind in basic amenities of Education, Health, Sanitation, Potable Drinking Water, Transportation, Roads, etc. The lack of environment for development of industries and marketing infrastructure has further accentuated the difficulties of the people in the border areas.

Major sectors considered for support under BADP scheme are Education, Health, Agriculture, Infrastructure, Social Sector, Security & Miscellaneous activities.

During 2007-08, an amount of Rs.1870 lakhs was sanctioned under normal BADP schemes and Tarn Tarandistrict has received Rs.345.72 (18%).

During 2008-09, an amount Rs.2218.00 lakhs allocated in four districts of Punjab and share of Tarn Taran district isRs.410.06 (18%).

Maximum numbers of projects were sanctioned under infrastructure (79 % in 2007-08 & 65% in 2008-09), which includes construction of roads, approach roads, link roads, drinking water supply, solar streetlights, sport club rooms etc. These infrastructures have enhanced connectivity in the border villages and to the

Border out Posts that facilitated maintaining security in the border area against cross border illicit trafficking of drugs and cross border terrorism.

Social sector projects, which include construction of infrastructure like, Community centre, Anganwadi, centre and rural sanitation (toilets) etc., accounted 6% of projects in 2007-08 and no grant was allotted in year 2008-09.

Agricultural projects which mainly included construction and repair of veterinary aid centre , artificial insemination and breeding centre, and desilting of ponds, etc. account for 11% of projects during 2007-08 and 10% of projects during 2008-09.

Education sector that includes construction of classrooms, verandahs & boundary walls etc account for 4 % in 2007-08 & 12% in 2008-09. The infrastructure created facilitated the schools to hold classrooms and deliver better education facilities to the students

As per BADP guidelines, desilting of ponds, construction of drains & gutters are not eligible items under the scheme. However, almost every village in Tarn Taran district has village ponds & drains are constructed to take the wastewater of the village for depositing the same in the ponds.

Construction of cremation sheds is also not eligible as per BADP guidelines, but almost in every village of TarnTaranDistrict this is an essential social & religious requirement, however it is recommended that these sheds should be constructed from other grants/funds.

Health sector received negligible amount ( only 2% in 2008-09) in BADP programme of Tarn Taran district. There was no allocation of BADP grants in 2007-08. .

Among the blocks, Bhikhiwind block has received minimum share with 24% and 19% of the total allocation in the district during 2007-08 and 2008-09 respectively. On the other hand, Gandiwindblock has received 21 % & 62 % & Valtoha block has received 55% & 19 % in 2007-08 & 2008-09 respectively.

Overall, the infrastructures created under BADP have added utility to the people of the area. Uses and maintenance of assets would definitely enhance the benefits emanated from such assets.

# **PART - I**

## **AN OVERVIEW OF BADP IN TARN TARAN DISTRICT**