

11.1.4 An outlay of Rs.1398.00 crore and Rs.243.00 crore has been provided under this new scheme for 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan and Annual Plan 2012-13 respectively.

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## **11.2 RURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND**

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### **RDF-1 Rural Development Fund**

*Outlay – Rs. 500.00 crore*

11.2.1 Punjab Rural Development Board came into existence on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 1987 under Punjab Rural Development Act, 1987 and as per section 3 of the Act, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Punjab is its Chairman and the following are the members of the Board:-

1. Finance Minister, Punjab
2. Agriculture Minister, Punjab
3. Revenue Minister, Punjab
4. Rural Development & Panchayats Minister, Punjab
5. Financial Commissioner, Revenue, Punjab
6. Financial Commissioner, Development, Punjab
7. Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Finance

11.2.2 As per section 5 of the Punjab Rural Development Act, 1987, the income of the Board is from Rural Development Fee which is levied on ad-valorem basis at the rate of Rs.2/- for every one hundred rupees in respect of agricultural produce, bought or sold in the notified market area.

11.2.3 As contained in section 7 of Punjab Rural Development (RDF) Act, 1987, the Rural Development Fund can be used for the following purposes-

- (1) To promote better agriculture for higher production
- (2) To grant relief for loss and damage to agricultural produce due to natural calamities
- (3) For augmenting storage facilities for storing agriculture produce
- (4) For providing well equipped rest houses for dealers and purchasers of agricultural produce
- (5) To promote and accelerate comprehensive rural development including the construction of rural roads
- (6) Establishment of medical and veterinary dispensaries in rural areas

- (7) For making arrangements for supply of drinking water and for improving sanitation in rural areas
- (8) For promoting welfare of agricultural labourers and rural artisans
- (9) For carrying out such other purposes as may be considered necessary by the Board in the interest of and for the benefit of the persons paying the fee including the dealers.

11.2.4 RDF is mainly spent on comprehensive rural development, rural electrification, construction of link roads, development of agriculture for natural calamities and development of research & education.

11.2.5 Against an expenditure of Rs 2908.00 crore during the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan , an outlay of Rs 2500.00 crore has been provided in 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan. Against an expenditure of Rs.724.66 crore during 2011-12, an outlay of Rs.500.00 crore is provided in the Annual Plan 2012-13.

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### **11.3 PUNJAB INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

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#### **On Going Scheme**

#### **State Funded Scheme**

#### **PIDB-1 Creation of infrastructure in the State**

*Outlay Rs 1208.51Cr*

11.3.1 To fill the infrastructure gaps in roads, airports, drinking water, health services, education, sewerage etc. is a gigantic task, involving huge investments. It is not possible to fully provide for infrastructure development out of the limited resources of the state. It is, therefore, important to attract private investment into infrastructure development. Punjab Infrastructure and Development Board was set up in 1998 under the Punjab Infrastructure Development Ordinance, 1998. This was replaced by a comprehensive Punjab Infrastructure Development and Regulation Act, 2002. PIDB is funded by infrastructure fee of 2% on agricultural produce except fruit and vegetables and Rs. 1 on every liter of petrol. The PIDB has also been declared as a nodal agency for development of vacant and surplus government lands under Optimum Utilisation of Vacant Government Lands(OUVGL) scheme. Punjab Infrastructure Regulatory Authority (PIRA) has recently been set up. In 2012-13 PIDB anticipated a receipt of infrastructure fee to the tune of Rs. 720.00 Cr.