

**Government of Punjab**  
**Rural Development & Panchayat Department**  
**Vikas Bhawan, Sector -62, SAS Nagar**  
**(Planning Branch)**

The Governor of Punjab pleasantly agree to release an amount of Rs. 551.25 lakh from Rs. 918.75 lakhs, under plan scheme RDO (S)-18 For the construction of one Shamshanghat in villages. Under 4515-Other Rural Development Programs and Capital Expenditure, 103-Rural development during the year 2016-17.

1. This amount will be drawn from the budget provision prescribed for the Plan Scheme RDO(S)-18 Construction of the One Cremation Ground in the villages during the current financial year 2016-17. The Controller of Panchayati Raj Finance, Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar will be the Drawing and Disbursing Officer of this scheme.
2. Funds will be withdrawn from the treasury according to the rules and regulations of the Punjab Government.
3. This amount should be a single cremation ground instead of more cremation ground in the village and it should be complete in every respect so that if there are more than one cremation in the villages, if they agree to make an ammuniton, for that purpose Panchayat of that village will get Rs.5 lakh grant should be provided.
4. This amount is admissible issued in the light of the Finance Department with the letter no. F.D./F.E-3 / Senior Assistant-3 / SGS Number 313401, date 23.8.2016.
5. This amount will be converted into direct panchayats accounts with the consent / consent of the Panchayats received through District Development Panchayat Officers as per the instructions of the scheme.
6. The expenditure under this scheme Demand No.-23, Major Head 4515-Other Rural Development Program and Capital Expenditure, Minor Head-103 Rural Development, Major Head-00, Sub Major Head-37, Detail Head-99, SOE-53 for year 2016-17 budget provision will be done.

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7. Powers are released in the light of Letter No. 10/4515/DDOPower/2016-17/885-932 of the Accountant General.

Dated : 21.09.2016

**Deepinder Singh**  
Secretary, Government of Punjab  
Rural Development & Panchayat  
Department.

End. No.13/1/2016/P-3/3406-11      Dated : 23.9.2016

1. Special Secretary, Government of Punjab, Finance Department (FE-3 Branch)
2. Accountant General, Punjab, Chandigarh (A & E Audit)
3. Accountant General, Punjab, Chandigarh (Audit)
4. Controller Panchayati Raj (F) Rural Development & Panchayat Department.
5. District Treasury Officer, SAS Nagar.
6. Supdt. Budget (A & A Branch) to written for sending accounts and reconciliation branches to make the budget online.

**Special Secretary-cum- Director**  
**Rural Development & Panchayat**  
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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

**Subject: R.D.O. (S)-18: Regarding construction of Single Cremation Ground in Village.**

On date 23.08.2018 meeting was held by Deputy Director Panchayat (V) and Additional Director Panchayat with Hon'ble Minister for Village Development & Panchayat, and views were exchanged for R.D.O.(S)-18: Regarding construction of Single Cremation Ground in Village Scheme. Hon'ble Minister for Village Development & Panchayat has mentioned that he has consented/approved to start the scheme and has ordered that for release of funds and coordination be maintained with Planning/ Finance Department.

R.D.O. (S)-18: Regarding construction of Single Cremation Ground in Village Scheme has been prepared as following:-

In some of the villages in State of Punjab there is tradition of different cremation grounds among different communities. In many villages there are more than one cremation grounds. Because of it in some village mutual brotherhood is at declining

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side. Therefore Government is taking special steps to upsurge more mutual affection and mutual brotherhood. The main crust of this scheme is upsurge more brotherhood.

Many of the villages are there where there are different cremation grounds of different religions/ populations and out of these no cremation ground is itself complete and they have to face a lot of problems for cremating bodies of their deceased ones. To strengthen the brotherhood among the villagers it is necessary that there should be one single cremation ground instead of different cremation grounds and that should be complete in all respects and all the facilities should be there for cremation of bodies of deceased ones. Therefore, it has been approved by the Department that in the villages where there are more than one cremation grounds and if they are agreed for a single cremation ground then grant of Rs.5 Lakh will be provided to that Gram Panchayat. This work was to be done stage-wise. Every year from every Block 5 villages will be selected for this purpose. In this way in the State 147 Blocks will be covered 5

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villages along with 735 villages every year under this scheme. Following basic facilities will be provided for these cremation grounds:-

#### Drinking Water

It is a basic facility. Therefore, special attention will be paid for drink water facility in every cremation ground and hand-pump tap will be installed.

#### Electricity Facility

Boundary wall of cremation ground will be constructed and adequate arrangement of electricity will be provided.

#### Cemented road leading to cremation ground

Cemented or concrete road leading to cremation ground will be constructed. Platform at cremation ground will be constructed of cement along with overhead shed.

#### Shady Trees

Along with the boundary wall of cremation ground shady trees will be planted. For the year of 2016-17 this scheme as R.D.O. (S)-18: Single Cremation Ground construction in villages scheme was planned. In the year of 2016-17 budget of Rs.3675.00 Lakh was provided.

It is also clarified here that in the year of 2016-17 this scheme as R.D.O.(S)-18: Single Cremation Ground construction in villages scheme was introduced. In the year of 2016-17 budget of Rs.3675.00 Lakh was provided. But at the time of finalization the plan amount of this scheme was reduced to 918.75 Lakh. The bill for this amount were presented at treasury but these were not passed by Treasury Office.

In the year of 2017-18 Treasury Office was written for the provision of Rs.918.75 Lakh under head of this scheme's annual plan.

It is also clarified here that Shri Hari Chand, Advocate has filed a Civil Writ Petition 2955 of 2018 at Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court in which he has demanded that for construction of single cremation grounds in the villages the funds should be released to concerned Gram Panchayats. In this petition the petitioner has demanded the grant for construction of cremation ground.

This matter is concerned with Civil Writ Petition. The petitioner has filed Civil Writ Petition No.2955 of 2018 at Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court for release of approved

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budget Rs.2955.00 Lakh. The next date of hearing regarding this case in Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court is 06.09.2018. Therefore, keeping in view the importance of this case it is recommended that to again revise this scheme for the year 2018-19 and Planning Department should be requested for it.

In the year of 2016-17 under this scheme amount of Rs.3675.00 Lakh was approved. Therefore, it is requested to Planning Department the under plan scheme R.D.O.(S)-18: Regarding construction of Single Cremation Ground in Village, it is requested to release the amount of Rs.3675.00 Lakh for the year of 2018-19.

Extra copy of the note shall be kept of the use of Planning Department.

Rajvinder Kaur

29.08.2018

Head: (Planning)

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