

**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM  
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

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**UNTIED FUND**

The **Revised Guidelines** for approval and implementation of schemes for the year 1995-96 and onwards (issued in supersession of the guiding principles issued under letter No. PD/DCP/49/88/70, dated 31-3-89 and amendments issued thereto)

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**1. OBJECTIVE OF UNTIED FUND :**

Untied Fund is being placed at the disposal of every district/Sub-Division with a view to providing the Sub-Divisional Planning & Development Committee a certain measure of financial freedom and to encourage them to plan some schemes in their discretion. This is an earmarked fund for the purpose of encouraging Local Level Planning. The schemes under untied fund should be of local nature. It is desirable that such schemes help either production or employment generation or both.

**2. THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN MLA'S AREA DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES AND UNTIED FUND SCHEMES**

With the introduction of MLAs Area Development Schemes in the State in the line of MP's Local Area Development Scheme, it has become necessary to draw a line of distinction between MLA's Area Development Schemes and Untied Fund Schemes in the matter of drawing up the schemes.

The Untied Fund shall not in any way be divided among Legislative Constituencies and the selection of schemes is also not to be constituency wise in view of the fact that requirement of MLA's for their respective constituencies is not being taken care of by the fund under MLA's Area Development.

**3. SHARE OF UNTIED FUND FOR URBAN AREA:**

Over 50% of Untied Fund allocated for a Sub-Division/District for a year may be spent for development in Urban Area in view of the fact that on the one hand as rural area investment has been stepped up of late tremendously through Rural Development Programmes and most of the schemes earlier covered under Untied Fund are now taken up by the DRDAs, and on the other, no special funds are available to take care of special problems of local nature in Urban Areas which can be met by minor investments from the untied fund.

**4. SALIENT FEATURES OF UNTIED FUND SCHEMES:**

The works under untied fund shall primarily for asset creation and no purchase of inventory of revenue expenditure should be allowed. The Untied Fund Schemes shall be prepared on the basis of the following criteria:

- (i) The type of works should be such that can be completed in one or two working seasons i.e. within the same financial year.
- (ii) The schemes should lead to the creation of durable assets.
- (iii) The scheme should be for development works based on local felt needs.
- (iv) The scheme should be productive/remunerative /revenue earning and economically viable.
- (v) Each individual work should be conceived and completed with the onetime fund allocated for the purpose.
- (vi) The scheme should be of such type that helps removal of some problem of the area.
- (vii) The scheme should be visible and may also help infrastructure development.

**5. THE FOLLOWING TYPE OF WORKS,IN PARTICULAR, SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED UNDER UNTIED FUND :**

- (a) Works which do not fall within the scope of the district plan.
- (b) Works belonging to commercial organization trusts, registered ,societies, private institutions of cooperative institutions.
- (c) Repair and maintenance works of any type as distinct from expansion and renovation works.
- (d) Grants and loans.
- (e) Memorials and memorial buildings.
- (f) Purchase of inventory or purchase of any type.
- (g) Acquisition of land or any compensation for land acquired.
- (h) Assets for an individual benefit, except those which are part of approved schemes.
- (i) Places of religious worship.

**6. MAINTENANCE OF UNTIED FUND SCHEMES:**

Deputy Commissioner should ensure that provision for maintenance of scheme taken up under untied fund will be forthcoming from the concerned local body/agency department.

**7. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY:**

Untied fund scheme will be implemented by the respective Government Department/Agency. However, if necessary, depending upon the circumstances, implementing committee may be constituted under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner and such committee should be made accountable to the district authority and to Audit and Accounts. Completion of the work should be certified by the technical officers of the implementing department concerned. Implementation Officers of the implementing department concerned. Implementation of the schemes should start only after clearance of planning and development department is obtained.

## **8. APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT:**

All schemes under the untied fund should be passed by the SPDC and these schemes should be clearly recorded in the minutes. Only those scheme which are recorded in the minutes, will be approved by the Planning & Development Department.

While forwarding schemes for clearance of the P & D Deptt., Deputy Commissioner s should certify that schemes are taken up as per guidelines, along with observations, if any . All schemes forwarded by the Deputy Commissioners for approval of planning & Development Department should be accompanied by appropriate justification. Every schemes must have a stated objective, physical targets and other benefits, if any ,outlay, specific location and time required for completion.

In the area of location of the schemes a signboard or even a handwritten poster may be hung in an appropriate place depicting the amount that will be spent and the likely benefit derived there from for the information of the public.

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