ANNEXURE-IV

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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT
(HOUSING BRANCH 1)

NOTIFICATION

Dated Chandigarh, the 31/3/05

No. 13/23/2001-5HG2/ 3066 . Whereas the Punjab Government, in pursuance to the decision of the Council of Ministers, has framed the Optimum Utilisation of Vacant Government Lands (OUVGL) Scheme, being executed by the Punjab Urban Planning & Development Authority (PUDA), and

Whereas the Council of Ministers has approved certain amendments and modifications in the aforesaid Scheme in its meeting held on 10.3.2005,

Now, therefore, in exercise of powers vested in him under section 40 (1) of the Punjab Regional & Town Planning & Development Act, 1995, read with section 43 (1)(a), Section 49 (1) (d), Section 49 (2) (d) and Section 28 and Section 14 thereof, and all other powers enabling him to act in this behalf, the Governor of Punjab is pleased to direct as under:-

(a) No change shall be made with regard to functioning and powers of Empowered Committee already constituted under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary to Government of Punjab.

(b) In order to avoid lengthy valuation procedure and save PUDA from the burden of payment of full price ahead of sale of Government properties, the decision already taken to transfer these properties at notional price of Re. 1/- per acre shall be allowed to continue.

(c) Status quo with regard to powers of the Chief Minister, Punjab to transfer any Government land and vesting of such lands/properties to PUDA at his discretion shall be maintained.

(d) The decision of Council of Ministers for creation of separate fund by the name of the Punjab Infrastructure Fund (PIF) is hereby reversed in view of legal difficulties involved in the framing of PIF Rules.

(e) The Notification issued by Housing and Urban Development Department vide No. 13/23/2001-5HG-II/676 dated 28.2.2001 for creating the Punjab Infrastructure Fund (PIF) and constituting a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Chief Minister, Punjab to regulate the PIF is hereby withdrawn.

(f) A separate head of account "PUDA - OUVGL A/C" shall be allowed to be maintained by PUDA wherein all receipts and expenditure relating thereto shall be credited/ debited. Separate Bank accounts and separate Books of Accounts for OUVGL Scheme shall also be maintained by PUDA.

(g) No new major projects/expenditure shall be assigned/incurred by PUDA till the accounts under this scheme are squared up. However, in exceptional cases, the Empowered Committee, if it deems necessary, may allow taking up of any new project. The expenditure on the on-going projects shall be allowed to be incurred till their completion. However, the Chief Minister, Punjab, shall be fully authorised to sanction any capital expenditure against the OUVGL account, in any case, he deems fit.

(h) In view of the existing debit balance on the OUVGL Account, PUDA is hereby authorised to divert its own funds to the OUVGL Account as a temporary measure to meet the excess expenditure against income and subsequently recoup the deficit, including capitalization of interest, as per approved rate, in the case the income is in excess of the expenditure.

(i) The existing arrangement for conducting audit of all receipts and expenditure under OUVGL Scheme by a firm of Chartered Accountants by PUDA for its own accounts shall be allowed to continue.

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(i) After the Accounts of OUVGL Scheme are squared up, the net sale proceeds of Government lands/Properties, after deducting all expenses made or liable to be made, including 0.5% PUDA's commission, shall be remitted to the State Government for depositing the same into Consolidated Fund of the State through the Government Treasury.

2. The Governor of Punjab is further pleased to direct the Chief Administrator, PUDA to secure the implementation of the above decisions.

(Karan Bir Singh Sidhu)
Secretary Housing & Urban Development

Endst. No. . 13/23/2001-5HG2/ 3067 Dated Chandigarh, the 31/3/05

A copy with a spare copy of the above is forwarded to the Controller, Printing & Stationery, Punjab, Chandigarh with the request to publish this Notification in the Punjab Government Gazette (Extra Ordinary) and 10 copies thereof may be supplied to this Department (Housing 1 Branch)), Mini Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh, immediately after its publication, for office use.

Secretary Housing & Urban Development

Endst. No. . 13/23/2001-5HG2/ 3068 Dated Chandigarh, the 31/3/05

A copy is forwarded to all the Financial Commissioners/Principal Secretaries/Administrative Secretaries in the State for information and necessary action.

Joint Secretary Housing & Urban Development

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Joint Secretary Housing & Urban Development

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Endst. No. . 13/23/2001-5HG2/ 3070-73 Dated Chandigarh, the 31/3/05

A copy is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:-

1. Chief Administrator, PUDA, SAS Nagar (Mohali).
2. Chief Town Planner, Punjab, Chandigarh.
3. Chief Architect, Punjab, Chandigarh
4. Secretary/Housing & Urban Development Minister for kind information of HUDM

Joint Secretary Housing & Urban Development

Endst.No.13/23/2001-5HG2/ 3074-75 Dated, Chd. the 31.3.05

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1. Superintendent, Cabinet Affairs Branch with reference to their I.D.No. Dated
2. Superintendent, Finance Expenditure 2 with reference to their I.D.No. Dated

Surjit Singh Bale
Superintendent.