

Second Tranche Release

The Asian Development Bank released PDSSP's Second Tranche on 8th November, 2007. The Tranche contains two loans and includes a DFID grant; in all amounting to US\$ 55 million. This release took place subsequent to rigorous assessment of the Second Tranche Policy Actions by various ADB Departments and the ADB lawyers. The ranking status finally awarded by the ADB to the 12 Second Tranche Actions (STAs) was:

Ranking	STAs
Fully Complied With	10
Substantially Complied With	1
Partially Complied With	1
Total	12

The STA ranked “Substantially Complied With” was earlier ranked as “Fully Complied With”. It was essentially a matter of interpretation that caused this slight change. The STA in this case was the “Adoption” of Monitoring Committees By-Laws.

The STA ranked as “Partially Complied With” related to the development of a PPP strategy for the social sector in the Punjab. It was the inevitable consequence of the time line against which the three international consultants are working as their time line extends right up to the end of November, 2007. So the partial compliance ranking was the best that could be achieved.

Fully Complied With STAs

- Medium-term Strategic Plans for the 4 Sectors (MTDF)
 - ASPs– Development & Approval by Local Councils (89 in all)
 - TS Powers to TMAs & Strengthening of TMAs
 - PFC Review of Conditional Grants
 - Signing of MOU with LGs
 - Filling of 50% Essential Vacant Positions
 - Costed Monitoring Strategies for the 4 Sectors
 - Behaviour Change & Communication Campaign
 - Minimum Service Delivery Standards for all the 4 Sectors
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