## पंकज चौधरी PANKAJ CHAUDHARY



## वित्त राज्य मंत्री भारत सरकार MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Dear Shri Sahney Ji,

17 SEP 2024

Please refer to the Special Mention raised by you in the Rajya Sabha on  $08^{\rm th}$  August, 2024 regarding 'request for financial assistance under 50 year interest free loan to Punjab'.

- 2. I would like to inform you that an amount of Rs. 55,000 crore is earmarked for Part-I (united) of the 'Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment 2024-25'. Out of this, an amount of Rs. 994 crore is allocated to the State of Punjab in proportion to its share in central taxes and duties as recommended by the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission. In addition, the Scheme has various reform—centric and sector specific parts too.
- 3. The State Government of Punjab has submitted a proposal for an amount of Rs. 583.93 crore under Part·I (united) of the scheme. After examining the proposal, capital expenditure amounting to Rs. 548.93 crore has been approved by competent authority. In addition, the State Government of Punjab may also avail funds for capital projects under reform centric and sector specific parts of the scheme too subject to carrying out the stipulated reforms or submitting sector specific projects.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely,

(Pankaj Chaudhary)

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