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MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
(RAJYA SABHA)

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Respected Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman jee,

Subject: Request for Sanction of ₹5,000 Crore Under Special Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure Scheme for Punjab

At the outset, I would like to convey my heartfelt gratitude to your goodself for releasing ₹1,582 crore for the state of Punjab during 2023-24 as a 50-year interest-free loan under the "*Special Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure Scheme*". Your continued support towards strengthening the financial health of Punjab is deeply appreciated.

In this year's Union Budget, your goodself has made a provision of ₹1.5 lakh crore under this scheme, divided into eight parts. Notably, ₹1 lakh crore has been allocated under Part One on a pro-rata basis as per the contribution of the states in taxes and duties, while Parts Two to Eight are dedicated to specific projects such as Urban Planning, Urban Finance, Make in India, One District One Product, and Digitalisation of Libraries at Ward and Panchayat Levels etc.

I would like to make a humble request to your goodself to kindly sanction a minimum of ₹3,000 crore under Part One and ₹2,000 crore under the other parts of the scheme to the state of Punjab as a 50-year interest-free loan for capital expenditure. This support will significantly contribute to infrastructure development and economic growth in Punjab.

Additionally, your esteemed office is also requested to publish fresh guidelines of the scheme for the financial year 2025-26.

Thank you for your kind attention and continued support. I look forward to your positive response.

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