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**Chandigarh, July 24: Mr. Shivraj V. Patil, Governor of Punjab and Administrator, UT, Chandigarh, has sought liberal release of funds from the Centre for on-going projects, expeditious settlement of the issue of Chandigarh's share in the BBMB, restoration of the unallocated quota of nine percent of power to Chandigarh, and early sanction of additional posts to make good the shortage of staff in critical areas.**

**While speaking at the 55<sup>th</sup> meeting of the National Development Council in New Delhi today, Mr. Patil said that Chandigarh has undertaken ambitious projects aimed at inclusive growth which called for flow of funds. He raised the long-pending issue of Chandigarh's share in the BBMB, and informed the Council that the UT Administration had already taken up the matter with the Union Ministry of Power.**

**Mr. Patil said that since Chandigarh did not generate power, it depended on other sources through long-term and short-term agreements. He requested the Central Government to restore and continue the unallocated quota of nine percent of power to Chandigarh.**

**He said that Chandigarh faced acute shortage of manpower, especially in the critical fields of health, education, power and other public-oriented services. Pointing out that a large number of cases for creation of posts were pending with different Ministries, he impressed upon the Central Government to expedite finalization of the recruitment rules to facilitate early filling up of the sanctioned posts.**

**"One of the major areas of concern in the health sector is non-sanction of posts of doctors and paramedical staff. We have taken some noteworthy initiatives to provide quality health services to the people which need sufficient number of doctors and staff", Mr. Patil added.**

**Referring to the ambitious 'Chandigarh Metro' Project, he said that the UT Administration had prepared a Comprehensive Mobility Plan for the entire region, having a metro rail system. Shortly, the Administration will hand over the project report to the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation. He requested the Central Government to extend whole-hearted support to this ambitious project.**

**Listing out the achievements of Chandigarh, the UT Administrator said that the growth rate of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) at current prices ranged between 15 and 19 percent.**

**“While Chandigarh is way ahead in many fields, there is need to make efforts to achieve balanced development between urban and rural areas, slum and non-slum localities”, he said.**

**Mr. Patil disclosed that the UT Administration had taken some noteworthy initiatives. These include strengthening of the School Health Scheme; making Chandigarh a slum-free city; e-Governance in various departments; and creating better infrastructure in health and education sectors.**

**Having its eyes set on the emphasis in the Mid-term Appraisal, the UT Administration has already set in motion the process of upgrading infrastructure in health, education, roads, transport, water supply and sewerage and power. “We focus on the targets and priorities, especially in three areas- HDR, infrastructure and environmental protection contained in the National Common Minimum Programme”, Mr. Patil said.**

**Out of the total approved outlay of Rs. 2132 crore for the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan, the three areas have been allocated over 87 percent of the total allocation. The financial performance of Chandigarh in the five-year plan has been close to 100 percent, he added.**