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 All Provincial Ministry Secretaries  
 Deputy Chief Secretaries and  
 Heads of Departments

**Governor's Memorandum - 01/2016**

**Adopting Balanced Development Policy for Planning and Implementing of Annual Development Programmes of EPC**

Secretaries, Deputy Chief Secretaries and Heads of Departments of Eastern Provincial Council are advised to strictly adhere to the balanced development policy within the Province in planning and implementing Annual Development Programmes under the Capital Budget of the Eastern Provincial Council.

- a. In accordance with Section 154 R of 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution, the Finance Commission is expected to formulate the principles in allocating funds to Provinces with the objective of achieving balanced regional development in the country, taking into account - (a) the population of Province; (b) the per capita income of Province; (c) the need, progressively, to reduce social and economic disparities; and (d) the need, progressively, to reduce the difference between the per capita income of Provinces. Such criteria can be used as guidance to be followed within the Province too on resource allocation for development investment to maintain balanced development at sub regional levels (District, Divisions in the Province).
- b. In line with the policy direction of the Government, capital provisions for Provincial Councils have been increased in 2016. Considering this opportunity to minimize socio-economic disparities at sub-regional level and taking in to account the policy direction in financing the Annual Development Programme for 2016, it is advisable to concentrate on all sectors when planning, resource allocation and programming of capital budget are undertaken, keeping to national policy and provincial priorities.
- c. In addition to the sub-regional balance, the community aspiration balance also needs to be ensured to reduce socio-economic disparities and improve harmony and social coherence, as ours is an ethnic sensitive Province
- d. The above policy directions shall be followed by all Provincial Ministries and sector agencies in preparation of Annual Development Programmes and Ministry Secretaries should ensure this under the Ministry Cluster Investment Programmes in 2016

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