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Principal Secretary (Tourism)Plot No 3, Sector 38 A,
Chandigarh (U.T.)**Subject: Progress Report on Ecocab Operations in Punjab-June 2011****Kind Attn:** Ms. Geetika Kalha, IAS

Respected Madam,

In continuation to our last month progress report on Punjab Ecocabs, please find enclosed herewith the detailed progress report on various activities being undertaken in various cities of Punjab in the month of June 2011 by the concerned local NGO's and District administrations for the Implementation and operations of Ecocabs. The GWAF coordinated with these various activities as per the respective requirements.

Sincerely Yours,



Secretary (Admin)



District Wise-Progress Report

1. LUDHIANA DISTRICT

The distribution of Ecocabs has been started in Ludhiana. A special display by the various Ecocab manufacturers about their ecocabs models were organized at different zones of Municipal Corporation Ludhiana. Based upon the model selected, application were received and forwarded to various banks for the loan. A Single door clearance system for ecocabs at each municipality zone has also been established to facilitate Ecocabs registration.

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Reference: <http://www.tribuneindia.com/2011/20110623/dh1.htm#6>

2. FEROPUR DISTRICT

Fazilka Ecocabs- BSNL as Telecom Partner

On 6th of June AGM (enterprise business) vide BSNL letter Number EB/PB/04/FZR/65 issued directions to GM (Telecom Ferozpur) for associating BSNL with GWAF's project Fazilka Ecocabs as Telecom Partner. Under this 900 one series number under pre-paid close user group (CUG) network will be issued under "Sara Anant" plan, a free SIM with lifetime validity will be given to Ecocab operators and a special tariff under of 1 paisa per second calling rate to any landline/mobile phone across the country. These 900 connections will have free group calling facility as well.

Reference: <http://www.bhaskar.com/article/PUN-OTH-1429572-2178315.html>
<http://www.tribuneindia.com/2011/20110612/bathinda.htm#6>

Ferozpur District Road Ecocab Road Show

A road show of the Ecocab Model was organized in the Ferozpur district. Rickshaw union members, NGO's and other concerned were called to show them the new model of Ecocabs. SDM, Jalalabad (W) Mr Rajeev Parashar took special interest and invited Rickshaw union members to invite their opinion about the concept. The road show was conducted in three cities of Ferozpur District, Mainly Jalalabad (W), Fazilka and Abohar.

3rd Anniversary of Fazilka Ecocabs celebrated

On 19th June five Ecocabs were handed over to five needy rickshaw operators by the Graduates Welfare Association Fazilka (GWAF). The rickshaw bank was started for them, under which their own ecocabs management will monitor its operation, collect daily installments, purchase of new ecocabs etc. This will be done under the supervision of GWAF. Registration for free BSNL mobile connection also started and Mr Manjinder Singh appointed as manager for the Ecocab operations at Fazilka.

Ferozpur Deputy Commissioner's Initiative to provide loan under DRI to Ecocab operators

A meeting was chaired by Mr Kamal Kishor Yadav, Deputy Commissioner Ferozpur on 30th June 2011, with the representatives of 27 banks and their 238 branches falling within

Ferozpur district. D.C Ferozpur instructed all banks to provide loan for new ecocabs under Differential Rate of Interest (DRI) as soon as possible. First list of 25 ecocabs operators for loan has been handed over to the lead bank for loan at 4% rate of interest under DRI by the Deputy Commissioner Ferozpur. Five ecocabs operators from each city of Ferozpur district has been selected mainly Zira, Ferozpur, Jalalabad (W), Fazilka and Abohar.

3. MUKATSAR DISTRICT

Malout City

On 11th June Moga ADC Mr Darshan Singh Grewal inaugurated the ecocabs and as per the Instructions of D.C. Mukatsar, process of registration of ecocabs operators for load under DRI has been started by the administrations. In Malout the ecocabs project will be jointly promoted by Malout Welfare Club and City Awareness Society, Malout. Mr Rohit Kalra is working is coordinator for Malout Ecocabs Project.

Shri Mukatsar Sahib City

On 11th Morning in association with Mukatsar Rickshaw Union under the supervision of their president Major Singh, a test ride and trial was organised at Mukatsar Rickshaw Stand for the traction men by M/s Safari Bikes Limited, Ludhiana.

4. MOGA DISTRICT

On 26th June Moga DC Mr V N Zade inaugurated the first batch of five ecocabs to the needy at 4% DRI scheme through Punjab and Sind Bank. Every bank in Moga district has been asked to finance at least five eco-cab rickshaws. Second lot of ecocabs will be launched soon.

Reference: <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Moga-launches-eco-rickshaw-cabs/articleshow/9007749.cms>

5. ROPAR DISTRICT

On 2nd June in a joint meeting held between PHTPB & Rotary Club, Ropar. Ropar soon will start the eco-cab service on the lines of existing ones in Fazilka, Amritsar and Patiala. The Punjab Tourism Development Board in collaboration with the Rotary Club, Ropar will launch the eco-cabs at Ropar.

Reference: <http://www.tribuneindia.com/2011/20110603/punjab.htm#16>

6. HOSHIARPUR DISTRICT

In a meeting held on 28th May 2011, under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Hoshiarpur, Mr Dharamdat Tarnach instructed the concerned official to introduce Ecocabs on Priority. Concerned official assigned for further study to implement the same at the earliest.

Reference: <http://www.bhaskar.com/article/PUN-OTH-1405814-2140086.html>

7. JALANDHAR DISTRICT

A joint meeting with all stakeholders of Ecocab project mainly local NGO's, Local Industry, Municipal Body, Lead Banks and others was called on 7th June 2011 at Jalandhar to introduce ecocabs in

Jalandhar district. Due to some unavoidable circumstance the meeting was further rescheduled till further notice. Details about the complete ecocabs project have been sent to Asstt Commissioner, Jalandhar and Mrs Sarojini Gautam, ADC (Development), Jalandhar District.

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8. DISTRICT SANGRUR: for MALERKOTLA and SANGRUR City

In continuation to the previous month progress, after inviting quotations from various ecocabs manufacturers, the order of 25 ecocabs has been placed by ADC (D), Sangrur to M/s Safari Group, Ludhiana. Registrations of the ecocabs operators have been started. The Inauguration is likely to be due in the month of July 2011.

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9. STATEWIDE ECOCAB OPERATIONS : PUNJAB TOURISM

On 25th June 2011, the Fatehgarh sahib district also joined the list of "eco rickshaw cab" districts of Punjab by handing over 50 eco cabs to poor rickshaw operators of city here during a function organized by administration. Fathegarh Sahib Deputy Commissioner Yashvir Mahajan in a formal function flagged off the fleet.

The State Bank of Patiala (SBOP) has financed the all eco cabs under its DRI scheme and has spent total Rs 5 lakhs to purchase these new eco friendly rickshaws for city residents. The SBOP has spent Rs 10,000 on the purchase of each eco cab and has fixed 36 monthly installments of Rs 300 per month for all rickshaw operators to recover its loans given to each purchaser of eco cab.

Reference: <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/ludhiana/Fatehgarh-gives-eco-cabs-to-rickshaw-pullers/articleshow/9015644.cms>

10. PATIALA DISTRICT

A separate report on Patiala Ecocab operations shall be submitted by "The Patiala Foundation" promoter of Patiala Green Cabs in Patiala to the department.

11. STATEWIDE ECOCAB OPERATIONS : PUNJAB TOURISM

In continuation with the meeting with Mr Churchill Kumar, IFS, Nodal Officer, Ecocab with Punjab Heritage and Tourism Promotion Board On 29th April 2011 at Chandigarh a proposal suggesting the amendments in the applicable "The Cycle Rickshaw Act 1976" had submitted by GWAF. Principal Secretary (Tourism) forwarded the same to the concerned Local Body department for further action.

A draft proposal to sign Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Graduates Welfare Association Fazilka and Punjab Heritage & Tourism Promotion Board for the promotion of Ecocab activities across the Punjab State has also finalized and submitted for further perusal.

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