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ANNUAL PLAN 2008-09

6.1 ANNUAL PLAN 2008-09

A sum of Rs.2000 crore has been proposed for the Annual Plan 2008-09. The major development-wise proposed outlay is as follows:

Table 6.1

(Rs.in Lakh)

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SI. No.	Major Head / Minor Heads of Development	General Programmes	HUDCO	JNNURM	TSUNAMI	TOTAL	OF WHICH SCSP
(0)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
I	AGRICULTURE & ALLIED ACTIVITIES	14595.00			450.00	15045.00	1315.00
II	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	6967.77				6967.77	1360.00
III	IRRIGATION & FLOOD CONTROL	4513.00			1300.00	5813.00	704.00
IV	ENERGY	10190.00			130.00	10320.00	915.00
V	INDUSTRY & MINERALS	10203.63				10203.63	301.00
VI	TRANSPORT	7430.00	4000.00		5600.00	17030.00	1850.00
VII	SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT	3470.00			100.00	3570.00	
VIII	GENERAL ECONOMIC SERVICES	5273.60				5273.60	178.00
IX	SOCIAL SERVICES	70812.00	20700.00	15300.00	7365.00	114177.00	16780.00
Χ	GENERAL SERVICES	7531.00			4069.00	11600.00	
	GRAND TOTAL	140986.00	24700.00	15300.00	19014.00	200000.00	23403.00

6.2 PROPOSALS FOR THE ANNUAL PLAN 2008-09

Agriculture

One Uzhavar Sandhai, one Rural Market and one Rural Godown is proposed to be established for the development of infrastructural facilities. Herbal Mineral water unit, Green House, Orchardium for cultivation of orchids and Hitech Horticulture sales centre will be established. Loan and subsidy assistance will be given to 5 number of unemployed graduates to set up Agri Business Enterprises. Relief fund to be set up to ensure quicker and timely assistance to the farmers during natural calamities. Insurance, Educational, Marriage and old age pension assistance will be provided to the Agricultural Workers family according to their eligibility. Soil Health card / Green leaf card will be issued to 3000 farmers. Under organic farming 30 Ha of area will be covered and 1000 ha area will be covered under Hitech Horticulture through precision farming and technological intervention.

Animal Husbandry

1,25,000 Rozen Semen straw will be procured for artificial insemination. Mobile artificial insemination facility to be established at all Veterinary Dispensaries. It is proposed to enhance the financial assistance being given under the Kamadhenu Padukappu Thittam and merit subsidy for construction of cattle shed. It is also proposed to provide medical equipments to unemployed Veterinary graduates. 3000 animals will be insured. Distribution of fodder at 50% will be given and subsidy to an extent of Rs.5000/- will be issued per acre for fodder cultivation to farmers. Compensation to be provided to livestock owner for death of livestock which are not covered under insurance. 75% subsidy will be issued for establishment of 6 animal dairy unit for unemployed youths. Feed subsidy to an extent of Rs.2/- per kg will be issued to the Members of Milk producers Co-operative Society which will be extent to all milk producers. 50 % cattle feed subsidy will be given to BPL farmers for 5000 milch animal per year @ 75 kg for 4 month period. The target proposed for the 30,000 Girirani/Giriraja chicks and 5000 turkey poults and 5,000 units 15 nos. of layer pullets at the age of 18 week (75,000 birds) are to be distributed.

Fisheries

295 acres of Fresh water area will be brought under fish culture by granting input subsidy @ Rs.5000/- per acre besides covering 25 acres for fresh water prawn farming. Ornamental fish culturists will be encouraged by granting subsidy for ornamental fish breeding & keeping and backyard ornamental fish culture. Fresh water fish seed rearing in happa will be encouraged. Sea weed / mari culture will be taken up besides mud crab culture. 10 boat operators will be granted with subsidy for conversion/ modernization of existing fishing boats. 1700 klts of HSD oil will be reimbursed towards payment of sales tax at the prevailing rate on procurement of diesel oil for fishing boats. 16000 nos. of fishermen will be supplied with life saving appliances at free of cost. 20 nos. of fishermen will be granted with subsidy for the procurement of FRP Vallam & Kokinada Nava with nets. 50% Subsidy for purchase of mopeds with Ice box will be granted to 12 fishermen beneficiaries. 50% Subsidy for purchase of Auto goods carrier, Mini truck, Mini lorry will be granted to 20 fishermen beneficiaries for transport of fish Subsidy for purchase of Insulated fish van will be granted to 2 fishermen beneficiaries. 2 nos. of Ice-plant cum cold storage units with 10 ton capacity one each at Karaikal and Mahe will be established in the Fishery Harbour Complex. Fishermen study tour and fish farmers meet will be conducted to create awareness and provide Technical knowhow in latest fisheries Technologies. Fish Fest show will be conducted to encourage the aquarists in ornamental fish breeding & keeping in all the four regions. 120 nos, fisherwomen will be imparted with short term training on Aquarium fish keeping, Value added products & co-operative management etc., Fishermen, fisherwomen co-operative societies will be extended with financial subsidy for fair price shop, managerial, furniture, setting up of hygienic fish sales KIOSK, Share Capital contribution etc., Rs.88.00 lakhs worth of Fishery requisites at subsidized cost will be distributed to fishermen through fishermen co-operatives. 21,000 fishermen families will be assisted with free rice and free clothing during lean season besides distribution of 100 kgs of rice & Rs.750 as cash per family during ban period. 31,000 & 3900 Marine/Inland fishermen respectively will be benefited under SCRF scheme. 5500 Old aged fisherfolk will be granted with Old Age Pension @ Rs.750/- per month. Other welfare measures will be extended under Puducherry Fishermen Welfare & Distress Relief Society. Two Fisheries Training Institutes will be established. Land will be acquired to construct pucca houses for the Tsunami affected fisherfolk besides supply of life jacket & Ice boxes to fishermen at free of cost, under Tsunami rehabilitation programme.

Forestry and Wildlife

Rescue centre will be set up for birds/animals like emu, Orstrich, turtle, fox and other small animals. Roadside Park at Chunnamber will be established. Botanical Garden and Children's Park will be setup at Karaikal. It is proposed to develop Manapet Forest Land as an eco-tourism centre with bird watch tower. Mangrove vegetation area at Yanam will be developed. Forest Museum and Forest information centers will be established. Branch office at Karaikal will be set up.

Co-operation

It is proposed to assist two marketing societies to expand the business activities by erection of par boiling unit and modernization of hulling unit. The Land Development Bank will be provided financial assistance to open its branches in rural areas. It is proposed to assist the Pondicherry State Cooperative Bank by providing financial assistance for construction / remodeling its branches and to provide subsidy for the insurance premium paid by the farmers under NAIS. Further 50% of the insurance premium paid by the farmers will be reimbursed by Government. In order to ensure smooth flow of credit to farmers at 7% the Government will provide interest subsidy of 2.5% to the PSCB. As a measure of providing safety net for farmers in the event of failure of crops due to natural disasters as well as pest attacks, assistance in the form of outright grant will be provided for building up of National Agricultural Insurance Scheme. One apex level institution, i.e., Pondicherry State Co-operative Consumers Federation, 16 primary consumer stores and two fair price shop employees co-operative societies are functioning in the Union Territory of Puducherry. Apart from the above, the Pondicherry Cooperative Sugar Mills Limited and 47 miscellaneous and industrial co-operative societies are functioning in this Union Territory of Puducherry. Grant in aid/subsidy will be provided to these institutions to start new type of retail units, modernization, rent, managerial, exhibition subsidies, rebate on sale, purchase of auto rickshaw, tools and equipments, machineries and other infrastructural amenities.

REAP

Young Energy Guards (YEG) will be nominated in various schools to implement Energy Conservation measures and 10 Nos. of Renewable Energy Kit will be supplied to them. To create awareness and to promote the concept of renewable energy, it is proposed to conduct seminar / workshop / exhibitions on renewable energy sources. 6000 Nos. of improved chulhas, 5000 Nos. of compact fluorescent lamps, 1000 Nos. of LED bulbs, 50 nos. of bio gas plant, 20 nos. of community chulhas will be given at subsidized rate. 20% subsidy will be given for improved brick kiln / potters kiln on the cost of the machinery. 10,000 LPD solar water heating systems will be installed. 100 Nos. of solar lanterns, 10 nos. of solar cookers will be distributed at subsidized rate. 30 Nos. of solar street lights, 10 nos. of solar home lighting systems and 10 nos. of solar panel will be supplied at 50% cost. One number of bio diesel extraction unit will be purchased. State Level Energy Education Park will be Subsidy amount of Rs.5,000/- & Rs.2,000/- for Registered and Uncompleted. Registered Battery Operated two wheelers respectively and Rs.40,000/- for Battery Operated four wheelers and Rs.20,000/- for BOV (Three wheelers) will be granted. Energy Conservation Fund is proposed to be created under State Plan. This fund will be utilized for promotion of programmes relating to renewable energy sources and energy conservation technologies. Creation of awareness on renewable energy and energy efficiency among the students, self help groups and village panchayats. 50% subsidy for 1 KV Biomass Gasifier for thermal / electrical applications. solid waste to coal project will be taken up in selected municipalities. 10,000 LPD solar water heating systems, 30 nos. of solar street lights and 50 nos. of solar high mast lights will be installed. 1 no. of Bio diesel extraction unit will be purchased. State level Energy Education Park will be completed and will be completed.

Community Development

It is proposed to setup a quality control and internal audit wing at the Directorate to monitor the functioning of the Local Bodies. It is also proposed to setup a branch office at Karaikal to facilitate the smooth functioning of the Rural Local Bodies in Karaikal region. The works identified by the MLAs will be executed. And in Karaikal District, the works of construction of revetment and protection wall in

Poovam, Varichikudy villages providing drainage facilties in Thiruvetakudy, Poovam villages, Construction of revetment and protection wall in Sethur, Ambagarathur villages have been proposed. It is proposed to take up 134 No. of works in all the ten commune panchayats including the construction of modern slaughter house at Ariankuppam, Dhobigana at Nonankuppam, Anganwadi at Kamaraj Nagar and Sudhana Nagar, Community Halls at Manamedu, Kuruvinatham and Dhobikana at Kuruvinatham, Soriankuppam, Community Halls at Madagadipet palayam, Chinna pet and Katerrikuppam, and a market at Madagadipet, Construction of the office building for Commune Panchayat, Shopping centres at Kariyamanikam, a Cycle stand at Madukarai, a bus stand at Villianur, a Market and multi-purpose hall at T.R. Pattinam, Market at Ambagarathur etc., It is proposed to construct a Shopping Complex at Nedungadu.

36 Rural Development Centres will be set up. Acquisition of land for construction of office building for Dte.of Rural Development /DRDA/BDO Ariankuppam/ Madakadipet Construction of New/Spillover Community Halls, Construction of Recreation Centre 2 Nos, Construction of Play Field 3 Nos, Grant-in-aid to Mahila/Yuvak Mandals 240 Nos, Cash Award to Mahila/Yuvak Mandals 175 Nos, Incentive to SHG for women 702 Nos, Special Incentive Awards to Mahile/Yuvak Mandals Block Level 14 Nos, Special Incentive Awards to U.T. Level 2 Nos. Const. of Village Level Workers Quarters are some of the works proposed. 100 Groups will be given Revolving fund assistance of Rs.15.00 lakhs each. 80 groups will be given subsidy assistance for taking up economic activities. Under TSC, intensive IEC and advocacy with participation of NGOs/resource organizations will be undertaken to bring about the desired behavioural changes.

Minor Irrigation

Construction of bed dam across Sankaraparani river and construction of tail end regulator across Pravadaiyanar river below Nagore road bridge, augmentation of Storage Capacity of Nandalar tail end regulator phase I in Karaikal, Construction of coastal protection wall in Pattinacherry, Karukkalacherry, Akkaraivattam, Vakku Vanjore and Keezhavanjore in Karaikal region will be taken up. Formation of Mini lakes at Paduthar Kollai, Thenoor, Sethur, Mullipallam, Pathakudy and Andoor and

forming Recharge Pond across the drainage course of Kalitheerthalkuppam will be taken up.

Power

In order to maintain reliable power supply in Puducherry region, it has been envisaged to commission the new 230 KV line between the proposed 400 KV substation and Bahour 230 KV sub-station. It is also proposed to renovate the existing 110 and 22 KV structures by lattice structures in 110 /22 KV Kurumbapet sub-station. It is proposed to commission 82 nos. of new distribution transformers of various capacities and enhance the capacity of 76 nos. of existing distribution transformers. To erect 20.500 Kms. Of new HT lines and 101.000 Kms of new Lt lines and also strengthen 5,600 Kms of existing HT lines and 45.000 Kms of existing LT lines. With the completion of the above, it is proposed to connect 9000 nos of domestic services 1500 nos of commercial services, 55 nos of agricultural services, 25 nos. of HT Industrials services, 150 nos. of LT Industrial Services and 1000 nos of OHOB services. 2000 nos. of new street lights were also proposed to be energized during this period. It is also proposed to lay and energize 7,000 Kms of new HT cables and 32.000 Kms of new LT cables to convert 1800 nos of OH services and 150 nos. of OH street light into U.G. cable system. It is proposed to give internal training to 30 officers and 40 staffs and to give external training to 10 officers and 5 staffs respectively. It is also proposed to upgrade the existing computer systems network, procure additional computer systems and system software packages. It is also proposed to introduce computerized spot billing system in all the regions of Union Territory of Puducherry. Establishment of call centers for attending Fuse off call complaints round the clock. Setting up of Integrated Voice Recording System with computer and Telephone facilities. To maintain uninterrupted power supply, dedicated mobile communication is proposed to establish amongst the officers of the department under caller user group (CUG) scheme. To maintain reliability of the .supply and to meet growing demand of power and domestic and commercial consumers in the urban areas of Puducherry, the existing 11 KV ring Main System has been proposed to modernize with the installation of compact Sub-station and replace the existing oil Switch gars with compact VCBs.

Industries

It is proposed to set up Silk Villages with Silk Weaving Units and Coir Village in Puducherry. To make the industry sustainable, Transport subsidy and Power subsidy, Fuel Subsidy, Foreign Trade Subsidy & Infrastructure subsidy are proposed. A port based Special Economic Zone is to be set up at Karaikal. An Information Technology Park in the notified IT Corridor area in Puducherry is proposed to be established. An Apparel Park is proposed to be set up in Puducherry. Share capital assistance will be released to PIPDIC for IT Park, Electronic Park and Special Economic Zone. For setting up of Special Economic Zone in Puducherry, acquisition of land will be completed shortly. A Unit of Pondicherry Distilleries Ltd. (Govt. of Puducherry undertaking) is proposed to be set up in Karaikal. The Industrial Guidance Bureau with E-platform will be vitalized. Policies envisaged in the Micro Small Medium Enterprises Act, 2006 will be implemented. Since Karaikal is formed as a separate District, an independent District Industries Center will be opened in Karaikal. It is proposed to form Small & Medium Enterprises (SME) Clusters in collaboration with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and to provide modern marketing, appropriate technology and to achieve quality products.

Information Technology and e-Governance

e-Group services and PSWAN will be established. Consultants for various IT related activities will be appointed. State Data Centre, Rajiv Gandhi Knowledge Park, Jawahar Knowledge Centre will be set up. Common Service Center (Puducherry 67, Karaikal 22, Mahe 6 and Yanam 5) to deliver Govt. services to citizens will be established.

Handlooms

At present the Pondicherry State Weaver Cooperative Society [PONTEX], Pondicherry Cooperative Handloom Export Development Project [PONFAB], 13 primary Weaver Cooperative Societies and one Pondicherry Cooperative Textile Processing Society Ltd. are functioning in the Union Territory of Puducherry. Two Cooperative Spinning Mills one at Pondicherry and the other at Karaikal which are

taking care of supplying the entire needs of yarn to the Handloom Weavers through the 14 Primary Weaver Cooperatives, apart from sales in the outside market. Handloom Development Programmes aim at strengthening the structure of weaver Cooperative Societies, improving the quality of Handloom fabrics, modernisation of the handloom, upgradation of the weaving skills of the craftsmen and creation of more processing facilities. Further Market Development Assistance is given to facilitate the sale of Handloom products. Assistance to PONTEX/PONFAB for modernization of Showroom, for market study in foreign countries for the Export of handloom fabrics, purchase of yarn at concessional rate is contemplated during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period. Working capital assistance is extended to the Two Cooperative Spinning Mills for business Expansion, Modernisation-cum-Rehabilitation Programmes and for better performance. In addition to the Handloom Development Scheme, Schemes such as assistance to weaver during rainy season, pension to weavers, grant of assistance to purchase house-sites to the houseless weavers, issue of free dhothies and sarees, assistance to promote small family norms among handloom weavers, E.S.I. coverage and Insurance Scheme are covered under weavers welfare scheme.

Ports

It is proposed to undertake conversion of metre gauge railway sidings at the Old Port into Broad Gauge. Puducherry and Karaikal ports will be developed through private investment on BOT basis. It is also proposed to acquire land for the development of Puducherry/Karaikal Ports. Consultancy service will be utilized for the development Puducherry/Karaikal port projects.

Road & Bridges

Improvements and construction of retaining wall to Pannithirru road from Ambedkar statue to Hospital junction in B.C, widening the existing bridge across Bangaru channel at Karayambuthur, reconstruction of U drain in Eastern side at Bahour erikarai road opposite to Mariamman koil at Bahour, improvements to the RC.19 from Sembiyapalayam Embalam and including construction of side drain at Emabalam village in N.C, widening and Improvements to the link road road connecting Rc.19 @ Kalamandapam and Eripakkam via Electriction sub station MRF in N.C.

Construction of retaining wall and widening of road from Kuruvinatham to Soriankuppam in B.C, construction of high level bridge across Tennpennaiyar river at Manadmedu village in B.C. Widening the existing two lane carriageway on both sides of NH45A from ch.31/400 to ch33/000 ie from Sulthanpet to Arumparthapuram level crossing in Pondicherry, providing drainage arrangements with cover slab on both sides of NH45A at Vadamangalam Pondicherry. Construction of 'U' drain in between ch.44/825 to ch.46/000 of NH45A at Thavalakuppam in Ariyakuppam commune Pondicherry, construction of Sub way near JIPMER gate No 4 on NH66 road are some of the works proposed. Dismantling and reconstruction of Marapalam bridge, Puducherry, construction of a Regulator Cum Bridge (Manjakkal Kallayi at Mahe including land acquisition, widening and Improvements to the RC.4 road from Koonimudakku Thirukkanur. Providing concrete road in car street Villianur, Pondicherry. Widening of RC.22 Sedarapet road from Mailam road in. Upto Thondamanatham Village including strengthening of the road, periodicals renewals to the Thettampakkam road from RC 4 to RC Imrprovements to bridge across river Vanjiar at Sorakudy road in Serumavillangai in Karaikal will be taken up. Land Acquisition of Western Byepass road in Karaikal, reconstruction of existing old bridge across Guduvaiyar near Uruvaiyar village, construction of high level bridge across Tenpennaiyar river across Sooriankuppam, construction of high level bridge across Tenpennaiyar river across Manamedu will be taken up.

Scientific Research, Ecology and Environment

Pondicherry Council for Science & Technology (PCS & T) will be strengthened. A Science Park, Stationary Planetarium and a Sky Watching Centre in Puducherry will be established under the auspices of PCS & T. The tuition fees to the bonafide students of UT of Puducherry pursuing higher education in IITs will be reimbursed. Administrative grant to Pondicherry Pollution Control Committee will be released. Information will be disseminated to the public through electronic mass media about the date on air and water quality of different areas of Puducherry. A monitoring and an assessment cell to assess the performance rate of the industries on the basis of the pollution standards and suitably rate them into various categories by providing separate colour codings.

Secretariat Economic Services

Plan Formulation Unit will be strengthened with required manpower. Human Development Index for Puducherry will be prepared. Evaluation studies will be undertaken through independent agencies. Regional units will be strengthened in Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam. State Training Institute will be set up.

Statistics

Units such as State Income, Industrial Statistics, Economic Survey and Evaluation Cell will be strengthened. A study on the industrial units engaged in the software production in Puducherry will be conducted.

Tourism

Development of Water Park, Five Star Resort, Development of Arts and Crafts Village are proposed at Murungapakkam vilalge. In addition, beautification of Ossudu lake, Family Entertainment Centre, Laser Show Complex, Beach Resort and Lake Resort, beautification of beach at Chunnambar, construction of Institutional Building for Puducherry Institute of Hotel Management and Catering Technology are proposed. Further, celebration of various festivals such as Karaikal Carnival, Mangani Tourism Festival, World Tourism Day, Independence Day, Tamil New Year Celebration, adventure tourism activities, conduct of french dramas are proposed to be done at Puducherry and Karaikal.

Under Building sector, it is propsed that renovation of Yatri Nivas, Le Cafe Restaurant, renovation and beautification of Botanical Garden, development of Aricamedu Archeological site, Special Tourism Zone at Manapet, Rural Tourism at Alankuppam, construction of Swimming Pool, Guest House, Three Start Hotel, additional VIP suit are in Karaikal proposed.

Civil Supplies

LPG connection with a stove and one Cylinder will be supplied to 10,000 BPL families at free of cost. Share Capital assistance will be released to PAPSCO for distribution of essential items at subsidized cost.

School Education

LKG classes will be started in 9 Schools and UKG classes will be started where LKG classes are running. Grant will be given to DIET to start "Nursery Education Diploma Course" with an intake of 50 students. Abacus will be introduced in Teachers Education. It is proposed to construct 6 central kitchen, 2 each in Puducherry and Karaikal and One each in Mahe and Yanam. State share of Sarva Siksha Abhiyan will be increased from 25% to 50%. 4 Primary schools will be upgraded into Middle Schools, 2 Middle schools will be upgraded into 2 High Schools and 4 High Schools will be upgraded into Higher Secondary Schools. Under free supply scheme, 1,49,912 general students and 47,778 SC students will be benefited. Incentive awards will be given to 1815, +2 Students belonging to poor and weaker sections. Scholarship will be given to 16,900 OEBC students. A committee will be constituted to prepare syllabus/Curriculum based on current trend and a separate Board for secondary and higher secondary will be setup. LCD projectors and Multi media equipments will be provided to all Higher Secondary schools. A sovereign of Gold will be given to best vocational education teacher at All India level. It is proposed to acquire land for the construction of Cricket ground and Swimming Pool in Puducherry and establishment of District Sports Council for Karaikal. Setting up of Cricket Play ground complex, Sports complex, indoor and outdoor stadium at Karaikal. DIET will be established in Karaikal. In-service training will be imparted to 1500 teachers.

New courses viz, M.Phil(Corporate course) and Part time P.hd. (Home Science) will be started at Bharathidasan Govt. College for Women and B.Sc (Bio-chemistry) will be started in Arignar Anna Govt. Arts College, Karaikal. Introduction of M.Ed course at Govt. Teacher Training college at Karaikal. Diploma in Fashion Technology will be started in Women's Polytechnic. Launching of Edustat programme in the

Polytechnic. Land will be acquired for setting up of Puducherry State University at Puducherry. Engineering college has been established at Karaikal.

New course viz, LLB (3 years) will be started in Law college. A Hi-tech library will be established at Puducherry. Setting up of medium level Public libraries 5 in Puducherry, one in karaikal, Archaeological/Antiques museum at Karaikal and Mahe. Starting of Bharathiar Palkalaikoodam with hostel facilities at Karaikal. Promotion of Art Mela activities in the Union Territory of Puducherry.

Higher and Technical Education

It is proposed to set up State University at Puducherry, Community College at Karaikal and Special Education Zone. Provision of computers at free of cost to the students belonging to BPL families pursuing B.Tech. (Computer Science) and M.C.A. admitted through CENTAC and M.Sc. (Computer Science) in the Govt. Colleges will be supplied. Setting up of language laboratory in all Govt. /Society College, New Polytechnic College will be established at Nettapakkam Commune Panchayat. A Quality Assurances Monitoring Cell with statistical and research analysts will be set up in the Directorate. Branch office of the Directorate of Higher and Technical Education will be established at Karaikal. Govt. will take special attention for obtaining autonomy status from UGC for Avvaiyar Govt. College for Women, Karaikal. Reputed agencies in Personality Development and communication skill improvement sector will be encouraged in Govt. /Society college for preparing our students in employment market. Starting of IAS coaching Centre in B.Ed. College. Establishment of Karaikal School of Management with M.A. (Social Work), M.A. (Public Administration), M.B.A. and PG Diploma in Management Studies.

Health

Acquisition of land and construction of building for some of the sub-centres will be taken up. It has been proposed to construct building for PHC, Villianur and to provide Lab facilities in all the PHCs. Services of Physiotherapist will be provided in all the urban and rural PHCs. It is proposed to conduct General and O&G surgeries in the CHCs. CHCs will be strengthened through procurement of essential equipments

like ultra-sound scan, Semi Auto, Analyzer, X-Ray Machine, ECG Machine, Pediatric & Neo natal monitor etc., Special clinics will be continued in all the CHCs. It is proposed to open a Drug De-addiction Centre and new Departments for Neuro & Neuro Surgery units, Gastro Endrologty, Cardiology & Cardio Thoracic surgery units in the Indira Gandhi Govt. General Hospital & Post Graduate Institute, Puducherry. Robotic surgery will be introduced in the Indira Gandhi Govt. General Hospital & Post Graduate Institute, Puducherry. Renal Transplantation surgeries will be continued and Lithotripsy equipment will be added to the Urology Department to remove stones from the Kidney / urinary bladder. General Hospitals in all the four regions will be equipped with latest medical equipments to provide better and immediate treatment to the patients. In order to ensure the improvement of ante-natal, neo-natal an post natal child care services and to achieve 100% institutional deliveries the women and children Hospital at Ellaipillaichavadi, Puducherry will be strengthened in terms of technical personal and infrastructure facilities. To ensure availability of medicines to all institutions round the year, it has been proposed to centralize the purchase of medicines and other Hospital supplies. This centralized purchase system will be implemented through the Government Pharmacy, (now supplying medicines to all PHCs only) which will be cost effective, easily monitorable and time saving. Adopting centralized purchasing system will also ensure fiscal discipline.

A target of 11,000 cataract surgeries has been aimed during the Annual Plan 2008-09 and about 55,000 school children will be screened. Post Graduate programmes in 3 more specialities and Ph.d programme will be started in the Mahatma Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Dental Sciences. In the treatment of Tuberculosis, conversion rate more than 90% and cure rate more than 90% will be achieved. The present micro filarial rate of 0.17 and infection rate of 0.01% will further be reduced to less than 0.1% and 0% respectively through anti-larval and anti-adult measures. Having achieved good progress in the elimination of communicable diseases in our Union Territory, the focus will be on stabilizing the ever increasing trends in non-communicable diseases like diabetes, hypertension and Ischemic Heart Diseases through intensified Health Education, early detection and life style modification. This requires creating public awareness through intensified IEC activities and setting up of Training Institute for Health Personnel. It is proposed to start an exclusive Diabetic Care Centre at Puducherry, to provide comprehensive guidance and medical services, guide and help

diabetics to live a healthy life. Service of a Diabetologist will be utilized for this purpose. It has been proposed to start functioning of the Medical College from July 2008. It is proposed to construct a Multi Specialty Hospital at Karaikal. Financial assistance to the below poverty line families will be continued for supporting treatment for life threatening diseases under the scheme 'Pondicherrry Medical Relief Society for Poor'.

Urban Development

Construction of shopping Complex, providing Highmast lighting, development of Satellite Market, improvement to Bus stand, digitization of Development Plans for Karaikal & Yanam have been proposed.

It is proposed to construct Bus shelters near G.H, M.G.Road, Muthialpet, reading room at Pakkamudiyanpet, Thirunallar, Muthirapalayam, Multi-purpose hall at V.P.Singh Nagar, recreation centre at Jeevanandapuram. Works identified by the MLAs will be executed. The Employees quartes at Dahveed pet will be reconstructed. Employees quarters will be constructed in Karaikal & Yanam. Setting up of state training centre in Puducherry and four training classes wil be organized one in each quarter. It is proposed to assist 2500 beneficiaries and generation 1 lakh mandays of employment under UWEP. Augmentation of water supply to the coastal villages of Bahour commune (south zone, Phase-II), improvements to the existing Water Supply System at Kothalampet, Thirunagar Pet, Periapet, Kallaraipet and Patchoor Pet in Karaikal Urban limit. Provision of underground sewerage facilities in Puducherry and Karaikal region. Construction of recharging Ponds at sewage farm Lawspet, Pondicherry have been proposed.

Improvement to important roads and bus stand, development of parks, provision of Highmast Lighting System, extension of a package of basic services to urban slums, preparation of development plan for Commune Headquarters, construction of bus shelters and provision of roadside furnitures at important locations are the programmes envisaged for the Annual Plan 2008-09.

Temple lands in Thattanchavady, Villianur and Murungapakkam Revenue Villages will be purchased and developed them into housing plots for allotment to people of different income categories. 96 LIG flats will be constructed at Suthanthira Ponvizha Nagar and Murungapakkam out of the seed capital granted to the Puducherry Housing Board 10,000 families of below poverty line will be financially assisted with a subsidy of Rs.one lakhs each for conversion of huts into pucca houses. Subsidy of Rs.10,000/- will be given to 2,500 BPL families for constructing sanitary latrines. To habilitate houseless urban poor 1,300 tenements will be constructed by availing financial assistance under JNNURM.

Water Supply and Sanitation

Iron removal plant will be installed in various place to improve the quality of the bore well. Distribution grid within the boulward of Puducherry town. Will be replaced. An office room and store room will be constructed in the ground floor and first floor of the Uppalam OHT. Sinking borewell at Kundupalayam and surrounding areas will be taken up. Construction of 20 lakhs litres capacity OHT at Thanthaiperiyar nagar, Puducherry. An OHT and sump at Angalamana Nagar pumping station site will be constructed to distribute the water for the area of Ganesh nagar, Angalamman nagar, VOC nagar, Kuruchikuppam, Vaithikuppam, Vazhaikulam, and the surrounding area at Muthialpet Puducherry. Land will be acquired for construction of pumphouse and borewell at various places in Kizhoor, Sivaranthagam, and Sathamangalam Village. 20 lakhs litres capacity collection well will be constructed at Thirukanji head works Puducherry. Construction of ground level reservoir at Muthirapalayam, Puducherry. Augmentation of water supply (Construction of OHT and allied works) to Sudhana nagar, and its surrounding colonies in Murungapakkam and Southern side of ECR and Western side of Krishna nagar and surrounding areas Puducherry will be taken up. Land at Komapkkam pet will be acquired for construction of OHT and sump. Comprehensive water supply scheme for Periyapet, Valluvan. pet, Vuthiravanipet, and part of Kanuvapet, at Villianur will be taken up. 20 lakhs litre capacity collection well will be constructed at Kanuvapet pumphouse. Water supply distribution line from S.V. Patel salai to north zone reservoir Puducherry will be replaced. Construction of source well and pumping arrangements for Cherikunnu at Palloor, acquisition of land for

construction of ground level reservoir at Kanakalapeta water works, Yanam have been proposed.

It is proposed to take up works like replacement of damage drinking water supply lines, purchase of generator sets and motors, vehicles mounted with water tanks to supply water. Replacement of water taps in R.K. Nagar in Ariankuppam, construction of hand pumps in Aragnoor in Bahour, construction of OHT in Irulanchandai, construction of OHT at Thirubuvanani, replacing the pipelines in Eripakkam, Nathamedu, and construction of OHT at Thamanakudy in Thirunallar Commune Panchayat have been proposed and construction of OHT at Ponbathy, Thittakudy. It is proposed to engage Self-Help Groups for maintenance of Solid Waste Management in Rural areas. Besides, it is proposed to modernize toilets with modern facilities in places including Arunthathipuram, Toll Gate, Manamedu, Maducarai, Senthanatham, Sivaranthagam, Perungalur in Puducherry Region. In Karaikal District, Public Toilets will be constructed in Arul pillai chetti pet in Kottucherry, and near ITI in T.R. Pattinam and Surakudy in Thirunallar.

Housing

Construction of quarters for Government servants of various departments including Health personnel, Fire station personnel and Fire Stations in all the four regions have been proposed. Maintenance and improvement for Govt. Servant quarters at Karaikal region Construction of VAO office / quarters at Varichikudy, Thalatheru. Construction of 1 unit of type-VI quarters & type – V quarters at Lawspet Construction of 3 blocks of type-IV quarters, 4 blocks of type-III quarters, 6 blocks of type-II quarters at Lawspet. Construction of staff quarters at Primary Health Centre, Nedungadu (Type I – 4 units, Type IV – units). Construction of staff quarters at Primary Health Centre in Vizhidiyur. (Type I – 3 units, Type II – 2 units). Improvements to the toilets of type-I, II & III qrts., improvements to Doctors quarters, Drivers quarters, GH Mahe. Improvements to the toilets of type-I, II & III qrts. Have been proposed.

Construction of Reddiarpalayam Police Staton after demolition the existing old buildings at Dhanvathri Nagar and Bahour Circle Inspectors' Offices have been

proposed. All Women Police Station at Yanam, construction of New barracks as an additional floor at D'Nagar Police Station, Vehicle Sheds at Police Stations at Mudaliarpet, Ariankuppam, Karayamputhur O.P., Police Complex, Yanam will be taken up. Pucca RCC Strong rooms in all Police Stations in Karaikal region. Construction of Auditorium and Convention Centre for Police Department at PAP Complex, Gorimedu have been proposed.

Development of Housing plots in Odiampet Revenue village, construction of 150 tenements and Upgradation of slums in urban areas have been proposed. . Managerial subsidy to Housing Board for construction of LIG/MIG/HIG flats, subsidy of Rs.1,00,000/- each to 10,000 BPL families will be given. It is proposed to provide 1,200 free house sites to poor landless labourers in rural areas who have no dwelling units of their own.

Labour Welfare

4 Seminars on Industrial Harmony are to be conducted. A separate Cell for Eradication of Child Labour/ Rehabilitation of Children at Karaikal will be opened. 1126 Trainees are to be given training in various trades. 2000 Workers are to be enrolled under the Puducherry Unorganised Labourers' Welfare Society. 42 Physically challenged trainees are to be trained in the of Book Binding and proposed to start new trade in "Fashion Technology". Unemployment allowance of Rs.1000 per month will be paid to all educated unemployed youths and 5000 youths will be covered.

Social Welfare

Supply of 15 kg rice per month to disabled persons, distribution of sarees and dhothies to the disabled persons, supply of one blanket and a pair of chappals to senior citizens free of cost. Supply of Motorized Tricycles to disabled persons, Group Insurance coverage to disabled persons, Free supply of Barber kits, Iron Boxes and Musical Instruments to the poor Artisans, are some of the Welfare schemes implemented for different section of the society. Funds will be provided for different institutions / under the control of the social welfare department such as observation homes and special schools and beggar homes and voluntary organization. Grant in Aid

to the Pondicherry Backward Class Commission will be released. Free Distribution of Bi-cycles to IX std. Students. Coaching classes for the BC students appearing for the entrance test for professional courses.

Special medical camps will be conducted in all the four regions of this U.T. for issue of medical certificates to the Mentally Retarded. Patients belonging to all other communities, who are suffering from severe chronic diseases like AIDS, TB, hemophilia will be provided with medical assistance of Rs. 500/- per month. Transport allowance for the Disabled persons from Rs.50 to Rs.100 p.m.

Marriage incentive for marriage between Disabled person and normal person from Rs.20,000 to Rs. 25,000/- will be enhanced. Incentive for eye donors is to be increased from Rs.2,000 to Rs.5,000 per eye. Award to be instituted for meritorious blind students who are studying in Tamil medium and obtaining first three ranks @ Rs.15,000, Rs.10,000 and Rs. 5,000/- respectively. Strengthening of the Government "Special Schools for Visually Handicapped and Hearing Impaired" and "Homes for Orthopaedically Handicapped".

"Special Schools for Visually Handicapped and Hearing Impaired" and "Homes for Orthopaedically Handicapped" will be upgraded into Higher Secondary Schools. Computer training for blinds will be given. Grant in Aid to Voluntary Organisations for maintenance of the children/Orphans, destitute etc. will be enhanced from Rs.250 to Rs.500 per month per inmate. Cost of operations for physically handicapped persons especially polio affected, cleft palate, ear operations, cataract etc. will be reimbursed. Financial assistance given to physically handicapped persons to Rs. 1,250 in respect of 100 % disabled persons, Rs. 1,000 in respect of 75% to 99% disabled persons and Rs. 750 for those with 40% - 74% disability. Will be enhanced. T.V. will be given free of cost to all BPL families.

Women and Child Development

407 Brides are to be given Rs. 15,000/- under the scheme Marriage allowance to daughter of widows. 1545 pregnant women are to be given Rs.500/- under Kulavilakku scheme. 1421 lactating mothers are to be given Rs. 1200/- under Aravanaippu scheme.

940 poor parents are to be given Rs. 15,000/- for their daughter's marriage. 79283 Old Age persons, Widows and destitute women were provided monthly assistance of Rs. 400/-. 300 OAP beneficiaries will be provided Rs.200/- as medical assistance. Free supply of saree, blouse, lungi and towel sets to poor people. 28519 children and 9210 mothers are being provided supplementary nutrition under ICDS scheme.

Nutrition

It is proposed to introduce a new scheme called, "Provision of Nutrition food to the students of X and XII standard in the evening as an incentive to attend special classes beyond school hours". 20,000 students are expected to be benefited under the scheme.

Public Works

Construction of a new Assembly Complex at Thattanchavady, Puducherry. Construction of Jail Complex at Kalapet (Phase II). Construction of building for Science and Technology Department, construction of new collectorate at Karaikal, Construction of sub-jail at Yanam, construction of Manimandapam for Perunthalaivar Kamarajar at Karuvadikuppam. Extension of Second floor in the existing building of Jawan Bhavan have been proposed.