XIII. THRUST AREAS

The following are the thrust areas for accelerated growth of the UT of Puducherry.

- 1. The highest priority will be given to development of infrastructure facilities to attract investment for
 - a. Industrial development
 - b. Tourism, and
 - c. Promotion of IT/ITES
- 2. Special attention will be given for skill development and manpower planning to meet the requirements of existing and new industrial units in the territory;
- 3. Public Private Partnership (PPP) will be encouraged in areas where huge investment is required for development of infrastructure facilities for speedy economic growth;
- 4. High investment on education and health will be sustained to achieve human development indices;
- 5. The comparative advantage in the Puducherry economy will be harnessed in higher education;
- 6. Allocation will be stepped up for upgradation of rural roads, better drinking water supply, housing, slum upgradation, primary and secondary education, primary health care services, nutrition and public distribution system;
- 7. Welfare programmes for upliftment of disadvantaged groups like agricultural labourers, handloom weavers, fishermen, rural artisans, scheduled caste, scheduled tribes and other backward classes will be implemented with great vigour.