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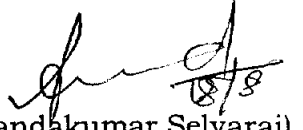
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Sub: State Planning Board – Minutes communicated – Reg.

Minutes of the State Planning Board meeting held on 21.7.2014 under the Chairmanship of HE the Lt. Governor is sent herewith.

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To

The Chairman and Members of the State Planning Board.

**MINUTES OF THE STATE PLANNING BOARD MEETING
HELD ON 21.07.2014 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF
HIS EXCELLENCY THE LT. GOVERNOR AT CONFERENCE HALL,
CHIEF SECRETARIAT, PUDUCHERRY**

The State Planning Board meeting was convened on 21.07.2014 under the Chairmanship of His Excellency the Lt. Governor to finalize the size of the Draft Annual Plan proposals 2014-15.

2. Hon'ble Chief Minister. Hon'ble Ministers for Agriculture, Welfare, Local Administration, Electricity, Leader of Opposition, Chief Secretary, Development Commissioner and all Secretaries to Government attended the meeting. Besides, MLAs from Mahe and Yanam assembly constituencies attended the meeting as Special Invitees.

3. Secretary (Planning)-cum-Member Secretary welcomed the Chairman, Members, Special Invitees & other officials and submitted a note on the agenda of the meeting through a Power Point Presentation which was covered in two parts, viz. Background note and Agenda for Draft Annual Plan 2014-15. The presentation covered the following main topics:

- Major Head-wise Outlay and Expenditure for the past five years (2009-14).
- Committed expenditure vis-à-vis Welfare & development for the past four years.
- Creation of a separate Public Account in 2007 and targets under the Fiscal Road Map.
- Achievements of Puducherry and outlying regions for 2013-14.
- Consultative process for the Draft Annual Plan 2014-15, trends of GSDP, per-capita income, tax /non-tax revenue receipts.
- Proposed resources for BE 2014-15, Major head of Development wise and SCSP outlay for 2014-15.
- Targets of Puducherry and outlying regions for 2014-15.
- Additional funds requirement by the Departments for the Annual Plan 2014-15 and constraints in resource mobilization.

4. His Excellency the Lt. Governor in his welcome address appreciated the administration on the high quality of life and the neat and clean city of Puducherry. While observing the higher per capita income and the growth of GSDP, he expressed his optimism to sustain the planning process so as to fulfill the requirements of all sections of the society, especially the poorer section. Due to shortage of resources, the required level of outlay could not be proposed in the Annual Plan. His Excellency has suggested to approach the Ministry of Home Affairs / Planning Commission for waiving of loans along with the interest accrued, enhancement of Normal Central Assistance, etc. so as to meet actual need of the UT. He also suggested that regional representative and special invitees may approach the Hon'ble Chief Minister for the issues pertaining to their respective regions.

5. His Excellency the Lt. Governor-cum-Chairman initiated the discussions and invited suggestions from the Members.

6. The suggestions submitted by the participants are given below:

Shri Malladi Krishna Rao, MLA, Yanam

- (i) The list of restructured 66 Centrally Sponsored Schemes should be made available to all the MLAs for information, guidance and follow-up action.
- (ii) Enough funds may be provided for linking the channel to fulfill the need of Agriculturists of Yanam in the B.E. 2014-15.
- (iii) Importance should be given to improve Education and Health facilities in Yanam Region.
- (iv) Technical institutions like IIT or other higher education institution to be established at Yanam
- (v) Steps to be taken to start admission in Community College for the academic year 2014-15, which was already approved by Government of India.
- (vi) A Multi/Super Specialty hospital is most essentially needed in Yanam.

- (vii) Construction of building for ANM School to be included in the proposed targets. The transfer of land is pending due to non-payment of compensation.
- (viii) Government of India has sanctioned projects under National Highways i) approach road to Draksharama ii) approach road to Mettacuru - Ambedkar nagar for which sufficient funds have to be provided.
- (ix) Laying of Dowlaiswaram pipeline project require funds for completion.
- (x) 1600 SC beneficiaries applications are pending with PADCO for want of sufficient funds. These backlogs may be cleared during the current year.
- (xi) 1.7 acre of land was transferred to PADCO for construction of multi-storeyed tenements. This work may be taken up in the current year.
- (xii) State share towards the pending payment to contractors to be provided for SSA schemes implemented in Yanam region.
- (xiii) 10 to 15 years tax holiday may be given like the neighbouring State of Andhra Pradesh, which will attract new entrepreneurs to start industries in Yanam region.
- (xiv) Adequate fund may be provided for fishermen during the ban period.
- (xv) Vacancy posts may be filled up.

7. His Excellency the Lt. Governor-cum-Chairman stated that the suggestions are of long-term nature which can be met in a phased manner and requested the Chief Minister to address them.

Shri E. Valsaraj, MLA, Mahe

- (i) Adequate funds may be provided for completion of existing projects rather than initiating new projects.
- (ii) Emphasis to be given for repairing the damaged roads and widening of roads.
- (iii) Infrastructure development to be given due importance.

- (iv) Adequate funds to be provided for Ayurvedic Medical College towards salary of the staff and creation of infrastructure facilities.
- (v) River side walk way is an attractive site for tourists. Funds are required for completion of the phase III of the river side walk way.
- (vi) Action to be taken to complete Trauma care unit.
- (vii) Construction of new VIP Guest house may be taken up in the current year.
- (viii) Industrial policy with tax benefit may be framed to retain the existing industries and to attract the new industries to the UT of Puducherry.

8. His Excellency the Lt. Governor-cum-Chairman observed that priority would be given to old schemes for completion and manufacturing industries may be given importance as they generate employment opportunities.

Shri V. Vaithilingam, Hon'ble Leader of Opposition

- (i) Power cut problem in urban/ rural areas to be regulated and solved.
- (ii) Drinking water is not adequate. Government should take some alternative ways to solve this problem.
- (iii) Sewage and drainage facility should be addressed on priority in Puducherry.
- (iv) Corrective measures have to be taken for low lying areas such as Kamaraj Nagar, Oulgaret affected by flood during rainy season.
- (v) Housing is a big problem for the slum dwellers in Urban area. Necessary schemes may be formulated and implemented.
- (vi) Action to be taken to transfer the posts from Plan to Non-plan side so as to reduce the financial burden in the Plan side and to allocate more funds for development activities.
- (vii) All the posts which are existing in the administration have to get the approval of Government of India so as to get the required fund from them to meet the recurring expenditure.

9. Replying to some of the issues raised by the Hon'ble Members, the Chief Engineer, PWD stated that to address the shortage of drinking water in the urban areas, a new scheme "Source Augmentation scheme for Urban Water supply utilising surface water from Oussudu tank at Puducherry" under JNNURM has been approved by the High Level Committee and it will be implemented in the current financial year. Secondly, the reason for non-completion of Trauma Centre is due to increase in floor area which has resulted in the cost of project going upwards from Rs.5.75 crore to Rs.12.50 crore. Efforts will be made to complete the project in this year.

10. Hon'ble Chief Minister in his remarks stated that the projected size of Rs.2,400 crore for the Draft Annual Plan 2014-15 will be utilized fully in time with the co-operation of officials and political parties.

11. It was unanimously resolved by the State Planning Board to have a Plan size of Rs.2,400 crore for the Draft Annual Plan 2014-15 which could be put forth before the Planning Commission along with the Non-Plan Budget of Rs.3,700 crore.

With this resolution, the Development Commissioner thanked all the participants for their valuable contribution and the Chairman declared the meeting closed.