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Sub: Review of progress of expenditure incurred under CSS / CS programmes – Minutes communicated – Reg.

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Minutes of the meeting held on 21.09.2023 & 22.09.2023 under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary to review the implementation of Centrally Sponsored / Central Sector Schemes in the UT of Puducherry is enclosed herewith for kind information and necessary action.

  
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To

The Heads of Departments concerned.

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1. The P.S. to the Chief Secretary, Puducherry.
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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21.09.2023 & 22.09.2023 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO REVIEW THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CENTRALLY SPONSORED/CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEMES IN THE U.T. OF PUDUCHERRY.**

A meeting to review the progress of implementation of Centrally Sponsored and Central Sector Schemes in the U.T. of Puducherry was held in the Chamber of Chief Secretary. The review was taken up with the Administrative Secretaries along with their portfolio Departments on 21.09.2023 & 22.09.2023 as per the scheduled time slot.

2. At the outset, the Secretary(Plg.)-cum-State Nodal Officer(CSS) explained through PPT presentation about the overall progress of expenditure and the fresh receipts from GoI for the period ending August, 2023 in the B.E. 2023-24. On observing the PPT, the Chief Secretary said that the overall Budget provision for CSS/CS is Rs.620 crore in B.E. 2023-24; whereas, Rs.75.00 crore was only obtained from GoI as Fresh Receipts which is very low and correspondingly the physical progress would also be low so far. He also directed that saturation must be achieved in all schemes and target of saturation must be the entire universe of eligible beneficiaries.

3. The Chief Secretary advised all Secretaries and Heads of Department concerned to accelerate the expenditure booking, so as to exhaust the available amount under SNA & Treasury within December, 2023 and to send the required UCs to the Ministries/Departments concerned to get additional fund from GoI. The Chief Secretary advised the Budget Officer, Finance Department to earmark sufficient budget provision in the R.E 2023-24 based on the demand from the implementing Departments as well as the scope of getting funds from GoI, modification of fund in B.E. 2023-24 may be entertained to the needy Departments so as to utilize the available fund under the CSS and subsequently the same may be appropriated in the R.E. 2023-24.

5. The Chief Secretary expressed his concern that the expenditure booking is only Rs.150.00 crore even after the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the financial year. He stated that in the very first Secretaries meeting of current Financial year held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023, all Departments implementing the CSS Schemes were asked to ensure that defaults of past years are not repeated and consistent efforts are taken to improve the performance of CSS Schemes. It was directed that concerned Secretaries must ensure timely submission of proposals, UCs and other necessary documents to the Central Ministries and that the State Level Committee meetings must be held preferably within April and latest by 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023. He asked that action be initiated in case of significant delays in this regard on part of concerned Directors.

6. The State Nodal Officer(CSS)-cum-Secretary (Planning) explained that as per the new guidelines, the Department has to issue the sanction order within 30 days of receipts of fund from GoI for transferring the fund to SNA Account from the Treasury for which the required matching state share, if any shall also be

transferred to SNA simultaneously. In respect of Central Sector Schemes, GoI directly transfers the fund to the CNA Account and it will not reflect in the state budget.

7. Then, the Secretary-wise detailed review was made and the major points emerged in the meeting are as follows:

**Secretary (Economics & Statistics)**

- The Secretary (Economics & Statistics) informed that the Budget provision is Rs.40.00 Lakh and the Opening Balance was around Rs.13.00 Lakh and the expenditure incurred by the Department was Rs.10.00 Lakh. During the corresponding period of last year, 30% of Budget provision was incurred, whereas, for the current year, expenditure incurred is around 60%.
- Secretary further added that all the three schemes are Central Sector Schemes, the budget provision under the schemes are related to staff salary and travelling and administrative expenditure. At present, more than 50 posts of Field Supervisors are vacant and the Department has proposed to fill 27 posts in the next couple of months. Besides, the Department has proposed to procure 15 tabs for the use of field staff for taking survey in the field. He further said that there is no issue in booking of expenditure, as the GOI will release funds in a phased manner.
- The Chief Secretary instructed department to adopt modern methods including undertaking digital surveys rather than regular manual survey by purchasing modern equipments like tabs and operationalizing software modules for the purpose.

**Development Commissioner-cum- Secretary (Industries)**

- The Development Commissioner informed that unspent amount in the PFME will be spent in this financial year and department will seek more additional funds over and above the B.E. The Chief Secretary asked to get more additional funds in R.E, if required for matching share.
- It was informed by the Director Industries that Under RAMP, a 100% Central Share Scheme, Tender is finalized and file has been submitted for which an amount of Rs. 5.00 crore has been earmarked.
- The Chief Secretary advised to check the number of schemes available in the GoI and to explore the possibilities to implement any unimplemented schemes in the UTP.
- Secretary (Industries) said that under PFME, 24 Applications are pending in the banks for more than 30 days and added that the State Bank of India

performance is not upto the mark in many Schemes compared to Indian Bank.

- In this regard, the Chief Secretary directed the DC-cum-Secretary (Finance) to convene meeting with Bank Officers including LBO and also raise the issue in the SLBC meeting and to give suitable directions to the SBI (Regional Business Office) to effectively dispose the pending applications within stipulated time frame.

### **School Education**

- The Chief Secretary has pointed out that under the Scheme SSA, the Budget provision is Rs.2194.99 Lakh, whereas the fund released by the GOI is only Rs.165.60 Lakh. For this query, the Director (School Education) informed that the previous year release was in the fag end of the year and hence the amount released by GoI was less. It was directed that entire allocated funds must be utilized and as repeatedly has been asked all Departments must make efforts to get additional funds also over and above the allocated amount.
- Under the Scheme Padhna Likhna Abhiyan (PLA), the unspent Central share has been refunded whereas State share is to be deposited as the scheme is to be closed.
- Under Mid Day Meals Scheme there were some issues in releasing the fund by GoI. State share was almost used for this scheme and yet the Central Share was not released. Under this scheme there are 9 states which are facing the same problem. The same will be taken up with GOI at higher levels.
- Under the Scheme PM Schools for Rising of India, the first instalment of Rs.58.00 lakh has been received. Though proposal was submitted for 12 schools, 8 schools were only approved for modernization. The Budget Estimate for this year is Rs. 8.05 crore out of which GOI has sanctioned only Rs.3.92 crore. CS asked that the amount be spent at the earliest so that more funds could be sought.
- Under the Scheme Khelo India, Synthetic Athletic Track has to be laid around the swimming pool which will take 3 more months for completion of work. Besides, inside the Football court, marking of lane has to be done.
- For these, the PWD replied that arbitration is going on and tender will be floated by the end of September and the delay is due to the preparation of estimate for the balance work. Chief Secretary instructed PWD to expedite all the projects under CSS and to ensure timely completion.

### **Higher and Technical Education**

- The Director (Hr.&Tech.Education) assured that the unspent amount in the SNA along with State share will be spent within this financial year 2023-24. He added that there are some Administrative issues in respect of Pondicherry Technological University for which the Chief Secretary advised to monitor the issues regularly and ensure that funds allocated are utilized in full. In case any change of proposal is necessitated, same must be done well in time.
- Under RUSA, Rs.1.44 crore will be booked in the last week of September itself.
- An amount of Rs.1.44 crore has been allotted to Kanchi Mamunivar PG Centre for construction of new class rooms and the PWD will execute the work very soon.

### **Port**

- The Secretary (Port) informed that the major work of dredging has been completed and the amount has been settled. First phase has already been completed and for II and III phase, proposal has been submitted to the GOI and sanction is awaited. The Chief Secretary directed to send formal communication to the Ministry through Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Puducherry, for early sanction and execution of work.

### **Secretary (Transport)**

#### **Transport**

- The Secretary (Transport) said that under the Scheme, setting up of Model Inspection and / Certification Centre in the Transport Department, additional amount is required from Govt. of India for settlement of bills and added that 80% of the work is completed and the machineries / equipments will be procured and sent by GoI.
- With regard to Vehicle Tracking Platform i.e., GIS System, after completion of all the works, the balance available is Rs.1.20 crore. The cost of Tender is lesser than the cost which was sanctioned, out of which Rs. 50.00 lakh will be used for expansion, improvement in infrastructure, interior etc. and Rs. 60.00 lakh will be refunded.
- Good Samaritan Scheme is to recognize the works of those first respondents who immediately help the victim of road accidents. The existence of this scheme is publicized through banners and posters which are also first displayed at vantage points.

### **Labour**

- The Secretary (Labour) informed that under the Scheme National Career Services Project, the amount has to be used to set up National Career Centre at Karaikal. The Chief Secretary directed to get more fund after spending the unspent balance and instructed that the Budget Estimate has to be revised in the RE stage accordingly.
- Secretary said that the construction of Model Career Centre is almost nearing completion and the Budget Provision of Rs.1.75 crore will be spent for up gradation of Govt. ITI into model ITIs.
- Under NAPS – Rs.19.64 lakh expenditure has been incurred as on date and the balance of Rs.7.91 lakh is remaining in SNA. The mode of implementation of the scheme has been changed and hence the balance amount will be remitted to GoI.
- For both SANKALP & STRIVE, 1st tranche was received from GoI and UC was also furnished upto the Financial Year 2022-23. Approval has been obtained from Govt. for procurement of machineries and the process will be completed soon. 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche is also expected from GoI. CS desired that second tranche should also be utilized in this Financial Year.

### **Electricity**

- The Secretary (Power) informed that the PSDF – Project I & II have already been completed.
- Under Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), there are four packages. For all the packages, tenders have been floated. Out of which, bids were received for only one package and for the other three packages, bids are yet to be received. The funding pattern of the scheme is 60% grant from GoI and 40% negotiated loan from the financial institutions. CS desired that the progress needs to be expedited.

### **Health**

- The Chief Secretary directed the Health Department should complete the procurements and works at the earliest and try to get the maximum funds from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GoI.
- The Secretary (Health) informed that under Mental Health Programme and Human Resource Programme, fund available under SNA account will be fully utilized.
- Critical Care Unit has to be set up in Karaikal, for which the DPR is under progress, In respect of Puducherry, the construction of Critical Care unit is under Tender process. All civil projects need to be expedited and operationalization of units to be achieved quickly.
- Under National AIDS Control Programme, 2<sup>nd</sup> Installment of fund has been received. The same should be utilized at the earliest.

- The Secretary (Health) informed that the status of TB Control Programme will be improved. PMJAY beneficiary saturation is targeted to reach 100%.

### **Drugs Control**

- Secretary (Health) said that construction of Laboratory is in progress. For many projects, Sanction has been issued and those will be executed very soon.

### **ISM**

- Under the National Mission and Medicinal Plant Scheme, National Mission on Ayush including Mission on Medicinal Plants, proposal will be submitted for purchase of some equipments. The expenditure will be booked accordingly.
- Under the Scheme, Conservation Development of Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants, SNA account balance is meagre which will be spent.
- State Annual Action Plan on ISM will be submitted to GoI as early as possible.
- CS expressed dissatisfaction on inordinate delay in submission of SAAP and delays due to non submission of proper details of funds received, expenditure incurred and complete details of new proposals/initiatives. He asked that responsibility for the delay should also be fixed apart from submitting SAAP at the earliest.

### **Civil Supplies**

- The Director, Civil Supplies informed that under the CSS scheme, Cash Incentive for Kerosene Distribution Reforms, Budget provision will be surrendered in the Revised Estimate as the scheme is no longer in existence.
- State Consumer Helpline is a new Scheme for which sanction has to be obtained from the GoI and proposal has already been submitted.
- Under the Price Stabilization Scheme, the remaining Opening balance has to be returned to the State. If the scheme is continued, amount will be kept, otherwise it will be returned.
- Under State Consumer Welfare (Corpus) Fund, the remaining amount of Rs.5.00 crore could not be spent but it is kept for awareness, Judges salary, and the excess amount will be returned. CS asked Secretary(CS) to ensure maximum possible utilization.
- With respect to the State Scheme on LPG subsidy to card holders, notification under Section 7 was made. New App will be developed and it will be published in the leading News Paper for availing cylinder subsidy for which Aadhar No., Ration Card No. will be mandatory. For the first time, one time entry is made and it will be done regularly.
- Chief Secretary directed Director(Civil Supplies) to implement the Scheme properly and at the earliest. He stated that all Secretaries/HoDs must ensure that there is no delay in implementing the Schemes of UT, so that intended welfare benefits reach the people at the earliest.

### **Women & Child Development**

- Director (WCD) informed that the new Scheme for new born girl child for deposit of Rs.50,000/- is running smoothly and benefits were given to 100 Nos. of infants. LAD has uploaded the birth data in the UDH portal, so whatever data available in the UDH Portal can be taken and benefits will be disbursed accordingly. The Chief Secretary directed digitalization of all Scheme applications instead of manual applications.
- Director (WCD) also stated that the total budget provision in the Anganwadi Services Scheme of Rs.3.90 crore will be spent. Additional amount will be sought from the GoI in the RE stage.
- Under POSHAN ABHIYAAN CSS Scheme, Director(WCD) informed that the existing budget provision is enough to carry out Nutrition Programme and additional fund may not be required. As there is no school dropout among the adolescent girls, the funds will be returned.
- The Department has sent the proposal for an amount of Rs.1.70 crore to the Ministry of Women & Child Department under the National Creche Scheme, for which sanction from GoI is awaited. The same be followed up with GoI.
- Under Mission Vatsalya – the funds received during last financial year has been spent. The State Share will be received only in RE. CS asked that in consultation with Finance Department proposal may be sent for modification before RE stage itself.
- Women Help Line – is to be launched as requisite personnel are being recruited. At present, Child Help Line is operational. C-DAC has to activate the help-line and it will be done in this week. Amount will be spent soon after recruitment.
- Beti Bachao Beti padhao – So far, no amount was received, whereas, Rs.1.10 crore is sought which would be spent for conducting various events.
- Matru Vandana Yojana – Portal is being updated for the entire Nation. Once done, expenditure will be booked.
- State Hub for Empowerment of Women -Recruitment is under process and salary expenditure will be booked under this scheme.

### **Social Welfare**

- Chief Secretary directed the Director, Social Welfare to identify all the remaining unimplemented CSS schemes of the Central Ministry for implementation in the UT of Puducherry.
- Further, under the Drug Demand Reduction, CSS scheme, Chief Secretary observed that the budget provision is insufficient and directed to utilize more funds from the GoI and added that the drugs abuse is an important social



issue which has to be given prime focus and has to be monitored at higher level to curtail drug menace in this U.T.

### **Public Works**

- Secretary (PWD) stated that as the Sixth Sample Survey on Minor Irrigation was already completed, the available amount of Rs.2.09 lakh under SNA will be utilized for the 7<sup>th</sup> Minor Irrigation Census activities.
- The works under CRF is usually executed with the State fund and thereafter the fund will be reimbursed by GoI. For the current financial year, proposal to a tune of Rs.30.00 crore has been sent to GoI and sanction is awaited.
- In B.E. 2023-24, Rs.20.00 crore was earmarked, whereas, 4 projects worth of Rs.30.00 crore were already sent to GoI and hence the requirement will be appropriated in the R.E. stage as Rs.30.00 crore.
- So far an amount of Rs.4.42 crore has been booked and Rs.25.50 crore will be booked within this financial year.
- CS also directed Secretary(PWD) to review and ensure timely completion of civil works of other Departments by PWD so that those Departments do not face any constraint in timely utilization of funds.

### **Tourism**

- Secretary (Tourism) said the unspent amount of Rs.0.75 lakh released for Swadesh Darshan Phase I will be utilized within a week and UC will be furnished.
- As Swadesh Darshan 2.0 has come into operation, Rs.4.00 crore will be released for Consultancy Fees to U.T. of Puducherry. The entire project cost will be disbursed directly by the Ministry to the Project Implementation Agency concerned. Hence, PWD has no role to play in Swadesh Darshan 2.0.

### **Smart City**

- It was stated by Secretary (PWD) that the available balance as on 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2023 is Rs.124.0 crore of which expenditure of Rs.4.68 crore was incurred leaving the unspent amount of Rs.119.33 crore.
- Two projects viz., Construction of Bus Stand at ECR and Construction of Shopping Mall at Old Jail Complex were dropped.
- For the work of construction of Road Over Bridge at Cuddalore Road near AFT Mill, Rs.53.55 crore has been deposited with the Railways Department.
- Works to a tune of Rs.190.00 crore is still at DPR stage. The final timeline for the completion of the Smart City Project as per the Ministry is June, 2024. However, all the programmes will be completed before March, 2024 subject to Finance Department providing state share..
- Chief Secretary directed to expedite the projects completion and asked Finance Department to provide necessary funds as 50% of infrastructure cost is

coming from GoI. He said that otherwise also capital expenditure needs to be enhanced as discussed in Chief Secretaries Conference.

### **CITIIS**

- The funding pattern for the Scheme is 80:20. Accordingly, proposal was prepared with the applicable GST rate of 12%. The subsequent hike in GST rate as 18% has increased the total project cost to Rs.112.72 crore which includes tender excess amount.
- As the Mission grants are tied grant and has no other source of funding, the excess amount due to the increase in GST as well as tender excess amount need to be borne by the State Govt. Accordingly, the State share of Rs.32.72 crore is required to be provided in R.E. 2023-24 as the Mission has to be completed in March, 2024. So far, Rs.40.00 crore was released by GoI and remaining Rs.40.00 crore is expected within this financial year.
- Chief Secretary directed Finance Department to allocate sufficient funds in R.E and if required provide before RE through modification.

### **Secretary(Agriculture)**

#### **Agriculture;**

- Secretary(Agriculture) stated that Rs.14.93 crore has been earmarked in B.E. 2023-24 for CSS programme. Out of unspent balance of Rs.4.37 crore in the SNA Account, Rs.97.16 lakhs has been utilized so far. CS directed that unspent balance amount must be utilized at the earliest.
- Though the Budgetary provision has been made as Rs.14.93 crore in B.E. 2023-24, GoI has tentatively allocated Rs.9.34 crore under 2 schemes viz., (i) KrishonnattiYojana - Rs.6.75 crore and (ii) Rashtriya Vikas Yojana (RKVY) - Rs.2.59 crore. Accordingly, it will be reappropriated in the R.E. stage.
- Secretary said that under Mission for Development of Horticulture Scheme, Rs. 50.00 lakh was received as 1<sup>st</sup>instalment. Last year unspent amount of Rs.16.85 lakh and Rs.20.00 lakh from the current financial year release have already been spent. Another Rs.20.00 lakh would be spent by the end of October and the proposal for 2<sup>nd</sup> installment will be submitted by October 2023. The overall expected expenditure under the scheme will be Rs.1.50 crore. CS desired to enhance the pace of expenditure and make efforts to obtain more funds.
- Under National Food Security Mission (Edible Oils): Out of the last year release of Rs.6.25 lakh, Rs.5.27 lakh have been incurred so far and the remaining Rs.98,000/- will be spent during the month of October 2023. The first installment of Rs.25.00 lakh in the current financial year will be sought from the GoI. CS expressed his dissatisfaction and observed that more installments need to be drawn and asked Secretary to ensure the same.

- Under the Sub-Mission on Seed and Planting Material: An amount of Rs.2.50 crore has been allotted under Annual Action Plan 2023-24 of which Rs.1.50 crore may be spent by March 2024. CS directed that full allotted amount must be spent in the Financial Year.
- Under the Sub-Mission on Agriculture Extension: GoI has released Rs.37.50 lakh as a first instalment of allocated fund Rs.2.00 crore. So far an amount of Rs.79.00 lakh has been spent leaving a balance of Rs.12.80 lakh in SNA account. The same must be spent quickly and next installment should also be utilized within this Financial Year.
- Under RKVY, out of 7 components, one viz., PM-KISAN has achieved saturation.
  - (i) Rs.13 lakhs tentatively allocated for the programme “DPR for Promotion of Nutri-cereals” is expected in the current financial year.
  - (ii) Rs.50.00 lakh released during the year 2016-17 under Soil and Health Fertility Programme to establish a Bio-Fertilizer Quality Control Lab has been taken up now as advised by Hon’ble Minister for Agriculture. The procurement to establish Bio-Fertilizer control lab will be completed by December 2023.
  - (iii) Under the programme “Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana”, the allocated fund of Rs.64.00 lakh is awaited and action has already been initiated through the Support Agency/Regional Council and the entire amount will be spent during this year. .
  - (iv) The spillover amount of Rs.63,000/- has been spent under the programme “PM Krishi Sinchaye Yojana(PMKSY)” and Rs.41.00 lakh is expected this year which will be released in 2 instalments. CS asked that same must be spent and additional amount may also be sought at end of Financial Year.
  - (v) Rs.40.00 lakh has been moved to SNA account from the last financial year for the scheme viz., “National e-Governance Yojana” and it will be utilized by March 2024.
  - (vi) Chief Secretary suggested that the PM Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana is welfare oriented scheme providing pension benefits to the farmers and advised the Secretary to undertake extension activities to create awareness among farming community for more enrollment.

### **Animal Husbandry**

- The Secretary (AH) informed that under the Livestock Management Programme, Rs.11.66 lakh was spent towards the distribution of 10+1 goat unit @ Rs.66,000/- wherein 47 farmers have benefitted. The Chief Secretary directed to create more awareness among the farmers for better uptake.

- Rs.20.20 lakh has been allocated to PONLAIT for purchase of Feed Analysis kit but it could not be materialized due to financial constraints in PONLAIT. CS stated that PONLAIT is now earning profits and asked Secretary(AH) to explore for utilization now.
- Under Rashtriya Gokul Mission, Rs.1.31 crore has been approved for strengthening of AI Network, purchase of Liquid Nitrogen Containers of various size, conduct of 150 infertility camps, calf rally, etc. Once, fund is released the amount will be fully utilized.

### **Forestry**

- The scheme Conservation and Management of Ossudu Sanctuary is revamped for which required sanction is awaited from GoI.
- The CSS Scheme IDWL – I installment was received in August, 2023.
- The Chief Secretary directed Forest & Wild life Department to increase green cover in the UT of Puducherry by effective utilization of funds under CSS.

### **Secretary (Revenue-cum-LAD)**

#### **Revenue & Disaster Management**

- The Secretary (Revenue) informed that under the National Family Benefit Scheme, GoI has released fund in the year 2014-15. Rs.3.8 crore was received and UC was furnished. Thereafter, the GoI has not released any fund under the scheme. The last reminder was sent on 30.5.2023. Further, he said that social security benefits are being disbursed under State fund. CS asked that the matter could be taken up with GoI at higher levels.
- Preparation of Disaster Management Plans – The Department has proposed to prepare the said plan with an outlay of Rs.44.66 lakh. Out of the budget provision, Rs.9.30 lakh has been received from GoI and the budget provision will be booked at the earliest.
- Secretary said that NIRBHAYA Scheme may be transferred from Revenue Department to WCD. Accordingly, the WCD may be requested to send the proposals to GoI for sanction. The same may be processed expeditiously for approvals so that further expenditure can take place at the earliest.

### **LAD**

- The Director, LA informed that as against the opening balance of SNA, under NULM, the expenditure incurred was Rs.113.37 Lakh. The existing fund is sufficient for revolving fund and added that existing budget provision of Rs.200 Lakh will be reduced in the Revised Estimate. CS asked that saturation must be achieved under the scheme at the earliest.

**SBM**

- The Director, LA also informed that in Swachh Bharat (Urban) all Major schemes are implemented by PWD. The major portion of fund is utilized for Used Water Management which is being executed by the PWD. For the current year, the GoI has released Rs.22.24 Crore. Out of which, Rs. 10 crore has been allocated for UWM and the remaining major amount of Rs. 7.96 Crore for Solid Waste Management (SWM). Work Order has been issued for SWM for Puducherry and Karaikal. CS asked Secretary(PWD) and Secretary(LAD) to monitor and ensure full utilization of allocated amount at the earliest within the Financial Year.
- In Yanam Region, the tender is under finalization for STP with regard to UWM. For Mahe, the identified land is not suitable for STP and hence, another land has to be identified as the land already available is being owned by the Fisheries and Animal Husbandry Department. CS asked that formal allotment of the same be ensured at the earliest. Secretary(AH) stated that part of land required for project will be transferred.
- Under SBM(U), the field assessment for ODF+Status and Swachh Survekshan ranking had been completed by MoHUA.

**AMRUT**

- AMRUT – The Project Consultant stated that the total budget provision is Rs.44.42 crore and it is anticipated that the GoI may release 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment before the end of the financial year for SWAP I and 1<sup>st</sup> Installment of SWAP II on or before March, 2023. Due to site issue, part of the work in the project for construction of collection well and pumping main from Velrampet to Abdul Kalam Nagar in Pondicherry Municipalities was held up under AMRUT 1.0. Secretary(PWD) stated that tender for execution of balance work at same site is being floated and work will be completed within this Financial Year.
- It was confirmed that the budget provision under SBM (URBAN) and AMRUT will be spent this financial year. In this connection, Secretary (PWD) informed that a monthly review meeting is being conducted and closely monitored
- Secretary (PWD) stated that, 7 Major works are related to Augmentation of Water Supply. 4 works are in Puducherry. The status of which are;
  - 1st work in Puducherry – 15% physical work achieved.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> work – 2% physical work achieved.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> work – Work order issued for Thirubuvanai work.
  - 4<sup>th</sup> work - Sanction has been received from the Department. Two are in ground level and two are in work order issue stage.
- Karaikal Region - All three works are going well and will be completed in November 2023.

**JJM**

- During the current year, the Ministry has approved only “Training and Water Quality Monitoring” part except retrofitting schemes since UT has achieved 100% target.
- However, Chief Secretary asked to book the unspent available amount of Rs. 5.4 crore at the earliest apart from the outlay allotted by the Ministry.
- The booking 80% of the available unspent amount of Rs.5.4 crore must be done quickly so that necessary proposal is sent to GoI for release of first tranche.

**Survey**

- The Director of Survey and Land Records stated that a meeting was already held with Secretary of India and as required, all the Maps were sent to Survey of India for Scanning and MoU to be signed between Survey of India and U.T. of Puducherry for large scale mapping by using Drone Technology.
- Initially two villages each one in Urban, Puducherry and Rural, Kalapet area were identified for drone survey for which, necessary notification will be issued shortly.
- Agri Stack – Patta Transfer petitions from the farmers have been received for transfer of patta. Specified Officers have been appointed for processing the petitions. All the petitions will be disposed chronologically within October, 2023.
- The Chief Secretary insisted for speedy disposal of petitions and taken actions against concerned Officers for delays, if any.

**Secretary (Personnel)****Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department**

- The Secretary (ADW) informed that available funds under various Scholarship Schemes like Pre-Matric, Post Matric, SC, ST will be utilized without any shortfall.
- Sanction will be issued to meet out the expenditure in connection with the payment of compensation to the victims under 2 schemes viz., (i) Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955, the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, (ii) Grant of incentives to Inter-caste Married Couples.
- Under the PMAY scheme, subsidy will be released to the SC beneficiaries by the TCP Department.
- Under PMAJAY, though approval was already obtained to construct Hostel in Bahour, However, file is under process to identify alternate place instead of Bahour. The same be expedited.

- Work order issued for Karayamputhur Hostel. Construction work of One Hostel completed in Karaikal and the entire amount will be booked.
- PMAGY – Vacational Training Centre; Field staffs were given training only in the last week to enter in the portal and the available fund will be booked soon.

### **Town & Country Planning**

- The Chief Town Planner informed that after scrutinizing the applications, the defaulting beneficiaries in the list of PMAY(U) was deleted and accordingly, the DPR will be submitted to GoI very soon.
- Before December 2023, constructions of 633 houses will be completed and another 1840 houses are in the finishing stage. The housing subsidy will be released based on the performance of the construction by the Slum Board and AD welfare Dept.

### **Law Department**

#### **Setting up of Fast Track Special Courts;**

- Though approval of Ministry was obtained, the construction have not started due to NGT issues. In this regard, Chief Secretary asked Secretary(Law) to convene a meeting with the Judiciary, Revenue and PWD before sending the proposals to GoI.
- Chief Secretary advised to write to concerned authority to get the clearance from National Green Tribunal (NGT) and to expedite construction.

### **Welfare of Backward Classes**

- The Director (WBC) informed that once the Scholarship portal is opened, the entire budget provision will be utilized.
- PM Jan Vikas Karyakram being a new scheme, online portal has been created and project uploaded in GoI Portal for consideration..

### **Police**

- The DGP informed that unspent amount under the Scheme Implementation of Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and SCs & STs Act – 1989 will be spent.
- Rs.1.12 crore expenditure will be incurred by the end of the December and thereafter around Rs.40 or Rs.50 lakh will be booked with this Financial Year.
- Rs.33.45 crore will be booked before November 2023 and the entire amount will be exhausted under the scheme “National Emergency Response System”.
- There is no issue in booking the entire allocation for the scheme “Indian Cyber Crime Co-ordination Centre”.

## **Secretary (Rural Development)**

### **Rural Development**

- As the implementation of CSS/CS programmes have shown good progress by Dept. of Rural Development, Chief Secretary expressed his appreciation.
- The Secretary RD requested to allocate additional budget provision under Central Share Component to implement MGNREGA and NRLM before the R.E. stage so as to park the additional allocation of Rs.42.00 crore and Rs.8.00 crore respectively expected from GoI for the above two schemes.
- Budget Officer(FD) informed that the Rural Development may send modification proposal in the B.E. 2023-24 based on the expected Central Share.

### **Co-operative**

- The Chief Secretary instructed the RCS to expand digitalization to other Cooperative Societies in the UT of Puducherry in addition to Primary Agricultural Co-operative Societies.
- As Rs.67 lakhs is expected from GoI during the current financial year, the outlay of Rs.31.28 lakhs earmarked in B.E. need to be modified accordingly.
- Budget Officer(FD) stated that based on the modification proposal obtained from the RCS, the allocation will be appropriated in B.E 2023-24.

### **Fisheries**


- Director, Fisheries stated that for expansion of fishing harbor under PMMSY, Rs.23 crore was allocated to PWD.
- The PWD has to submit DPR for Technical sanction and tender will be called for grounding the work. The Chief Secretary directed PWD to expedite the tender process and ensure utilization of funds without delays.
- The Director of Fisheries informed that the implementation of components of PMMSY is delayed due to the fact that the beneficiary contribution as of now is 60% for men and 40% for Women/SC/ST. As the beneficiaries find it difficult to arrange for their contribution. The Secretary(Planning) suggested that the UT Administration may provide 30% of the unit cost for each component. The Chief Secretary directed Secretary(Fisheries) to submit suitable proposal in this regard.
- Proposal for Rs.2.00 crore was submitted to GoI for implementation of Sagarmala Project. Reminder will be sent to avail the fund from the Ministry.
- Construction of Fishing Harbour at Karaikal & Yanam is completed. In respect of Mahe, construction is under progress. Balance amount available will be utilized for settlement of bills for Yanam region.



**Art and Culture**

- As the Contractor (M/s RG Associates, Namakkal) has failed to execute the construction work in phased manner towards the new Tagore Culture Complex in BPK, Ariyankuppam, PWD has terminated the contract. A Writ petition against PWD was filed by the contractor and obtained stay order from the Hon'ble High Court, Chennai.
- EE, B&R(North) stated that in the meanwhile, PWD has filed a WMP before the Hon'ble High Court on 15.09.2023 seeking orders to award the work contract to any other contractor.
- The Secretary (Plg.) suggested that a meeting with Law Officers and Secretary(Law) may be arranged by the Secretary(Works) to sort out the issues and to get early Court order to vacate the stay granted.

*This issues with the approval of Chief Secretary, Puducherry.*

  
(R. Sheela)  
Director (Plg)

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