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North Block, New Delhi
Dated. the 1st July, 2020

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To,

The Chief Secretary,
Government of Puducherry,
Puducherry.

Subject: Record of Discussion (RoD) of the meeting to review the progress of various administrative and developmental works in Puducherry.

Refrence to file for follow up.
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31/7/20

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the RoD of the meeting to review the progress of various administrative and developmental works in Puducherry, held on 10.07.2020 at 11:30 AM under the chairmanship of Sh. G. Kishan Reddy, Hon'ble Minister of State for Home Affairs, for further necessary action.

2. Action Taken Report may be furnish with this Ministry.

Encl.: as above

Yours faithfully,

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Record of Discussions (RoD)

Meeting to review the progress of various administrative and developmental works in Puducherry

11:30 am, 10th July, 2020; MHA, North Block, New Delhi

A meeting to review the progress of various administrative and developmental works in Puducherry was held via video conference (VC) on 10th July, 2020 in the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), North Block, New Delhi under the chairmanship of Shri G. Kishan Reddy, Hon'ble Minister of State, Home Affairs (MoS). The list of participants is at **Annexure-I**.

2. **Finance Secretary, Puducherry** made a detailed presentation on the status and progress of various administrative and developmental works in Puducherry. The presentation covered details on the UT Finances, Fiscal and GST related issues, status of public sector undertakings, status of Central Relief Package in the wake of COVID-19, and status of Centrally Sponsored Schemes. A detailed discussion on the aforementioned areas were held. A copy of presentation is at **Annexure-II**.

3. Key observations/remarks that emerged from the discussions as follows:

Hon'ble Chief Minister (CM), Government of Puducherry

- i. Timely release of the Central Budget and GST compensation for smooth implementation of various GoI schemes and projects.
- ii. Inclusion of Puducherry under the purview of the 15th Finance Commission. The study report in this regard has been prepared by the Madras School of Economics, and submitted to MHA for consideration.
- iii. Transfer of Special Economic Zone Lands to Pondicherry Industrial Promotion Development and Investment Corporation Limited (PIPDIC).
- iv. Universal Health Coverage in Puducherry under Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY).
- v. Promotion and development of tourism in Puducherry.

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Chief Secretary (CS), Puducherry

- i. Increase in the entitlement amount of beneficiaries under Old Age Pension Scheme, Widow Pension Scheme, Disability Pension etc.
- ii. Increase the grant provided by GoI under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana for construction of houses.

Finance Secretary, Puducherry

- i. Revival of the Public Sector Undertakings in Puducherry and requirement of one-time financial package from GoI in this regard.

Joint Secretary (JS), Union Territories Division, MHA

- i. He noted that the amount being spent on public works is mere 5% in Puducherry.
- ii. He observed that Puducherry is at 95th position in project implementation under Smart Cities Mission (SCM). **Hon'ble CM** assured that SCM would be reviewed alongside other projects and completion of projects would be achieved.
- iii. Privatization of power distribution in the UT of Puducherry as it aims at improving efficiency, reducing financial burden on Government, and strengthens reliability in customer service outcomes. **Hon'ble CM** stated that there are important considerations for the UT and they would need some time to arrive at a decision in this regard.

4. **Hon'ble MoS** observed the following:

- a. UT to utilize funds optimally and ensure effective implementation of all the flagship/developmental schemes for the welfare of people of Puducherry.
- b. UT to accelerate its efforts and improve its performance under PMAY-U (which currently stands at 22%).
- c. Periodic review of status of implementation of schemes to be undertaken, and the UT to demonstrate considerable progress by the next review meeting.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.
