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A copy of the Summary Record of the meeting between the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission and Chief Minister of Pondicherry held on 01.02.2002 to finalize the Annual Plan 2002-03 of the Union Territory is circulated herewith.

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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE MEETING BETWEEN THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE CHIEF MINISTER, PONDICHERRY HELD ON 01.02.2002 TO FINALISE THE OUTLAY FOR U.T. ANNUAL PLAN (2002-03).

A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission in New Delhi to finalise the Plan size for Annual Plan (2002-03) of Pondicherry.

2. The list of participants is given at Annexure-II.

3. The Deputy Chairman welcomed the Chief Minister and other officers of the Government of Pondicherry. Initiating the discussions, he complimented the Chief Minister for the excellent health indices and favourable sex ratio achieved by the Union Territory of Pondicherry and for its utilization of entire Ninth Plan funds approved over various Annual Plans. He however, expressed concern over the declining trend in cultivated area in Pondicherry (due to progressive urbanization and other industrial activities) and requested the UT Administration to ensure protection of the interest of the rural farmers. He also wanted the UT Government to expedite enacting the Bill by the Legislature to regulate over exploitation of ground water and take necessary action to hold Panchayat elections which was over due. With regard to the Anglo French Textiles Corporation (which was incurring losses), the Dy. Chairman emphasized the need for its early revival and modernization. Some of the other important issues raised by the Deputy Chairman were :

- (i) Regular review and rationalization of tariff to make it economical,
- (ii) Planting of tree saplings on banks of rivers, channels, tank bunds, road sides and coastal areas to prevent soil and coastal erosion,
- (iii) Provision of infrastructural facilities to the new growth centre,
- (iv) Greater attention to handloom sector having great employment and export potential,
- (v) Exploring the possibility of private sector participation in tourism sector so as to provide world class facilities to the tourists, and
- (vi) Pondicherry to broaden its resource base by introducing user charges in the services provided to the people so as to make its economy self-sustaining.

4. After the above observations, the Deputy Chairman called upon the Chief Minister of Pondicherry to put forward his views on the Annual Plan (2002-03) and other related issues.

Thanking the Deputy Chairman, the Chief Minister of Pondicherry was glad to mention that the Ninth Plan Outlay approved by the Planning Commission were utilized and plan schemes were being implemented efficiently. In course of his speech, the Chief Minister proposed an outlay of Rs.2620 crore for the Tenth Plan and Rs.421 crore for Annual Plan (2002-03) of Pondicherry. He also pleaded for the ratio between UT's Own Resources and Central Assistance to be changed from 56:44 in the Ninth Plan to 65:35 during the Tenth Plan. He also assured that the schemes targeting towards welfare of the poor would be paid due attention during the Tenth Plan and high priority was being contemplated for development of infrastructure facilities like good roads, uninterrupted power supply etc. which were the base for heading towards rapid industrialization, sectoral growth and creation of more and more employment opportunities. Apart from the above, other areas which were prioritized by the Chief Minister were development of tourism, bio-technology and IT related activities (having abundant potential for creation of employment opportunities).

6. Appreciating the observations of the Deputy Chairman, the Chief Minister further mentioned his Government's determination to modernize the Anglo French Textile Mills. There was also a proposal to expand the capacity of the existing Gas Power Plant, Karaikal from 32.5 MW to 132.5 MW during the Tenth Plan. He also highlighted the massive afforestation programmes being undertaken by Pondicherry and the rain water harvesting technique being introduced in the UT. Other observations of the Deputy Chairman, like holding of early elections to the local bodies and broadening the resource base of the UT were taken note of by the Chief Minister and the latter assured to take necessary action thereon. As the UT was likely to incur a revenue loss of about Rs.60 crore, while implementing uniform rate of sales tax, the Chief Minister requested the Deputy Chairman to make good the loss as far as possible.

7. In order to explore the possibility of identifying donor agencies for externally aided projects, the UT Administration was requested to take the guidance of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs). And for utilizing the funds under Pradhan Mantri Grameen Yojana earmarked for village roads, the UT Administration was requested to discuss the issue with the Ministry of Rural Development, highlighting its peculiar position and get the norms (if any), relaxed and utilize the funds under this head for upgradation of village roads as suggested.

8. After detailed discussions on the overall financial and physical performance of the Union Territory, the Annual Plan (2002-03) outlay of Pondicherry was approved at Rs.400 crore on the basis of identifiable resources. The aggregate plan resources to finance the approved Plan consist of Rs.198.68 crore of UT's Own Resources and Rs.201.32 crore of Central Assistance. The UT's Own Resources include Rs.35.00 crore as loans against Small Savings and Rs.163.68 crore through additional resource mobilization (ARM). The ARM includes additional revenues generated from measures initiated by the UT Government during 1998-99 to 2001-02 on a pattern similar to the one adopted for the Ninth Plan. An amount of Rs.176.00 crore has been provided as Normal Central Assistance (NCA). Additional Central Assistance for Externally Aided Projects (EAPs) was agreed at Rs.4.79 crore. Other Central Assistance of Rs.20.53

crore has also been provided, the details of which are given below:

- (i) Rs.5.34 crore for PMGY (other than Rural Roads)- tentative,
- (ii) Rs.2.19 crore for Roads and Bridges- tentative,
- (iii) Rs.1.00 crore for Slum Development - tentative and
- (iv) Rs.12 core as one time ACA for priority schemes indicated by the UT Government, i.e, Rs.3.70 crore for contribution to Govt. of Andhra Pradesh for construction of Yedurlanka bridge over Gauthami river in Yanam region; Rs.3.00 crore for under ground sewerage facilities to Nelliithope zone; Rs.1.00 crore for setting up Duckweed sewage treatment plant and Rs.4.30 crore for sports infrastructure facilities

9. The detailed scheme of financing the Annual Plan (2002-03) of Pondicherry as approved in the meeting is enclosed at Annexure-I.

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

ANNEXURE - I

Approved Scheme of Financing for Annual Plan 2002-03: PONDICHERRY

Annual Plan 2002-03

<u>Item</u>	(Rs. crore)
A. UT's Own Resources	198.68
1. Balance from Current Revenues	0.00
2. Loans against Small Savings	35.00
3. ARM	163.68*
B. Central Assistance	201.32
5. Normal Central Assistance	176.00
6. Assistance for Externally Aided Projects	4.79
7. Others	20.53 @
C. Aggregate Plan Resources	400.00
D. <u>Approved Plan Outlay</u>	<u>400.00</u>

* Includes additional amount of revenue on account of measures initiated by the UT Government during 1998-99 to 2001-02.

@ Includes Rs.1.00 crore for Slum Development-tentative, Rs.5.34 crore for PMGY (excluding rural roads)- tentative, Rs.2.19 crore for roads & bridges- tentative and Rs.12.00 crore as one time ACA of which Rs.3.70 crore for contribution to Govt. of Andhra Pradesh for construction of Yedurlanka bridge over Gauthami river in Yanam region, Rs.3.00 crore for under ground sewerage facilities to Nellithope zone, Rs.1.00 crore for setting up Duckweed sewage treatment plant and Rs.4.20 crore for provision of sports infrastructure facilities.

Annexure -II

List of Participants of the Meeting on Annual Plan 2002-03 of Pondicherry held on 01.02.2002 under the Chairmanship of Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission

PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Shri K.C. Pant, Deputy Chairman
2. Shri S.S. Boparai, Secretary
3. Shri P.K. Mohanty, Pr. Adviser (Energy)
4. Dr. N.J. Kurian, Adviser (FR)
5. Shri P.S.S. Thomas, Adviser (HUD)
6. Dr. Rajan Katoch, JS(SP)
7. Shri M. Lal, Jt. Adviser (Agriculture)
8. Shri M.C. Chawla, Jt. Adviser (WR)
9. Shri B.C. Munda, Director (SP)
10. Shri J.S. Khochher, Dy. Adviser (FR)
11. Shri Anar Singh, R.O. (SP)

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

1. Shri P.K. Jaitli, JS (UTs)
2. Shri G.R. Wadhwa, DFA (Pers.)

GOVERNMENT OF PONDICHERRY

1. Shri N. Rangasamy, Chief Minister
2. Shri T.T. Joseph, Chief Secretary
3. Shri B. Vijayan, Planning Secretary
4. Dr (Smt.) Satbir Silas, Secretary (RD)
5. Shri A. Anbarasu, Secretary (Local Admn.)
6. Shri M. Sreedharan, Director (Planning)
7. Shri Gopal, Personal Secretary to CM
8. K. Emile Ranjit, Asst. Liaison Commissioner