

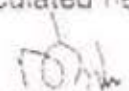
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A copy of the Summary Record of discussions at the meeting held between Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission and Chief Minister of Pondicherry on 25.01.2005 to finalise the Annual Plan 2005-06 of Pondicherry is circulated herewith.


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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE MEETING BETWEEN THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN,
PLANNING COMMISSION AND CHIEF MINISTER, PONDICHERRY HELD ON
15.01.2005 TO FINALISE THE SIZE OF THE UT'S ANNUAL PLAN FOR 2005-06.

1. A meeting was held in New Delhi on 25.01.2005 chaired by the Deputy Chairman
Planning Commission to finalize the Annual Plan for 2005-06 of Pondicherry.

2. A list of participants is enclosed at Annexure II.

3. Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission welcomed the Chief Minister and officers
of the Govt. of Pondicherry. Discussion on finalization of the Plan outlay of Pondicherry
for 2005-06 was preceded by a presentation by the UT administration of certain aspects
and issues relating to Plan performance. Footage of the damage caused by the recent
tsunami in 17 coastal villages in Karaikal region was also shown. While appreciating the
performance of Pondicherry in utilizing Annual Plan funds, the Deputy Chairman
expressed concern at the loss of lives and the damage caused to public and private
property by the recent tsunami. He requested the UT administration to maintain the
pace of ongoing developmental activity despite the huge reconstruction requirements to
bring back normalcy in the UT.

4. The Chief Minister highlighted the performance of the UT in the fields of health,
education, power and water supply. He also touched upon the government's proposal
for establishing a data centre as a part of its e-governance initiative. He sought funds for
important schemes like establishment of a special economic zone, improvement of the
port, extension of the runway for airport development, improvement of the temple town
of Karaikal, expansion of the storage capacity of ground level reservoirs at Yanam and
upgrading roads and bridges. He also sought Planning Commission's help in getting
external funding for implementing projects for the development of infrastructure in
Pondicherry. He impressed upon the Deputy Chairman the lack of power for the UT
administration for market borrowing and negotiated loans. The UT was also not able to
tap financial assistance under the Accelerated Power Development Reforms
Programme since a Regulatory Commission for the UT had not been set up.

5. Member (AH) emphasised the importance of tourism in Pondicherry. He felt the
need for increasing the availability of tourist accommodation. He requested the UT
administration to meet the needs of the industrial sector through infrastructure
development, maintain the ecological balance and beautify the city.

6. Member (AS) requested the UT administration to keep in mind the needs of the
coastal zone while rehabilitating fisherfolk. He felt the need for developing dormitory
facilities in Pondicherry city to meet the requirements of outstation people seeking
treatment in the medical colleges in the UT.

7. In response to the demand of the government of Pondicherry for construction of a wall along Karaikal sea coast, the Chairman of the Core Group on tsunami was of the view that massive plantation activity along the sea coast was preferable to construction of a concrete wall, as an eco-friendly solution.

8. The representative of the Ministry of Home Affairs was requested to expedite action to permit the UT to maintain its public account and be eligible for raising developmental loans (as done by States) from the open market.

9. Deputy Chairman emphasized the need for continuation of ongoing programmes while prioritising reconstruction activities of a pressing nature to rehabilitate victims and provide them sustainable income generating activity. He assured the UT administration all help and support from the Government of India and other NGOs in this hour of crisis.

10. After detailed discussions, the Annual Plan outlay for 2005-06 for Pondicherry was approved at Rs.810 crores. Aggregate Plan resources comprise Rs.428.34 crores of the UT's Own Resources and Rs.381.66 crores of Central assistance. Resources from net small savings were agreed to at Rs.138.34 crores. Under Central assistance, the normal (formula-based) Central assistance is Rs.208.91 crores. Approved additional Central assistance for Externally Aided Projects (EAPs) is Rs.3.67 crores. Other Central assistance amounting to Rs.169.08 crores include the following:

- (a) Rs.4.65 crores for the Prime Minister's Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY),
- (b) Rs.28 lakhs for the Nutrition Programme for Adolescent Girls (NPAG),
- (c) Rs.1 crore for slum development,
- (d) Rs.1.15 crores for the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP),
- (e) Rs.2.02 crores for roads and bridges,
- (f) Rs.160 crores as one-time Special Plan Assistance (SPA) of which Rs.100 crores would be for tsunami related reconstruction work and Rs.60 crores for general Plan programmes in view of the continuing problems faced by the UT in raising loans.

The detailed scheme of financing of the Annual Plan for 2005-06 of the UT as approved in the meeting is given in Annexure I.

11. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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ANNEXURE-I

Approved Schema of Financing for Annual Plan 2005-06: PONDICHERRY

S. No. Resources	Annual Plan 2004-05
	(Rs. crore) 2005-06 AP
A. UT's Own Resources (1 to 13)	428.34
1. Balance from Current Revenues	180.00 *
2. Contribution of Public Enterprises	-
3. State Provident Funds (net) (of which impounding of DA)	-
4. Misc. Capital Receipts (net)	-
5. Plan Grants under EFC	-
6. Net Small Savings	136.34
7. Net Market Borrowings (SLR based)	-
8. Negotiated loans	-
9. Bonds/Debentures (Non-SLR based)	-
10. ARM	150.00
11. Adjustment of Opening Balance	33.00
12. Net Surplus of Local Bodies	-
13. Reimbursement of CST Collections	77.00
B. Central Assistance (14 to 16)	381.66
14. Normal Central Assistance	208.91
15. ACA for EAP	3.67
16. Others	169.08 *
C. AGGREGATE PLAN RESOURCES (A+B)	810.00
* Ignored for the purpose of Plan funding	

\$ Details:

a) Prime Minister's Gramodaya Yojana	4.85
b) Nutrition Programme for Adolescent Girls	0.25
c) Slum Development	1.00
d) National Social Assistance Programme	1.15
e) ISUI	-
f) Roads and Bridges	2.02
g) One-time ACA	0.00
h) Special Plan Assistance	150.00 **
Total (a to h)	169.08

** One-time Special Plan assistance of Rs.160 crores of which Rs.100 crores would be for tsunami related reconstruction work and Rs.60 crores for general Plan programmes in view of the continuing problems faced by the UT in raising loans.