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The minutes of the Plan Review Meeting held on 14th May 2012 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister to review the progress of plan expenditure upto April 2012 with reference to vote on account provision of four months are sent herewith for information and the required follow-up action.


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Director

Encl : As stated

To

1. Commissioner-cum-Secretaries / Secretaries / Special Secretary to Govt., Puducherry.
2. Heads of Departments implementing Plan Schemes,
3. Budget Officer, Finance Department
4. Deputy Director (Ways & Means), Finance Department

Copy to:

1. Private Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister
2. Private Secretaries to Hon'ble Ministers
3. P.S. to Chief Secretary
4. P.A. to Development Commissioner
5. P.A. to Director (Planning).

MINUTES OF THE PLAN REVIEW MEETING HELD ON 14.05.2012 UNDER THE CHIRMANSHIP OF HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER

A meeting to review the progress of Plan expenditure upto 30th April, 2012 with reference to Vote on Account provision for 4 months was held on 14.05.2012 at 11.00 a.m. under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister in the Conference Hall of the Chief Secretariat attended by Council of Ministers, Chief Secretary, Commissioners-cum-Secretaries / Secretaries / Heads of Departments.

At the outset Chief Secretary welcomed Hon'ble Chief Minister and Council of Ministers. Chief Secretary pointed out that the performance during last financial year (2011-12) upto Dec 2011 was below 66% which caused reduction in the Additional Central Assistance at RE stage to the extent of Rs.96.00 crores. Hence Chief Secretary has requested the Secretaries / Heads of Department concerned to book major expenditure during the 1st quarter itself so as to avail further additionality at the RE Stage.

Chief Secretary instructed the Heads of Departments to prepare DPR now itself and send the same to Deputy Director (Ways & Means) Finance Department to avail Negotiated loan.

Director (Planning) has stated that our resources for 2012-13 has been arrived at ₹ 1925 crores. Based on this, the vote on account provision of ₹ 641.68 crores for four months (April - July'12) has been approved in the Assembly. An amount of ₹ 112.53 crores has been spent upto 30th April, 2012 which works out to 17.64%. He further informed that the Ministry of Home Affairs have requested our Administration to incur major portion of funds under ACA during the 1st quarter itself so as to seek additional plan fund at RE stage.

Then, Chief Secretary took up the department-wise review :

Adi-draavidar Welfare

- Director(AD Welfare) has sought for modification of Plan funds to the tune of ₹ 6 crores under the Welfare of SCs Sector.
- Block Sanction proposals under Scholarship schemes to the tune of ₹ 5.50 crores were sent to Govt for sanction and proposals are on hand to the tune of ₹ 5.00 crores.

Social Welfare

- Director (SW) informed that bills are on hand for an amount of ₹ 5.50 crores for purchase of bi-cycle for distribution to the 9th std. students pertaining to the financial year 2010-11. Additional amount of ₹ 10.84 crores is required for the purchase of bi-cycle for 2011-12 and 2012-13.

Women & Child Development

- Grant-in-aid to the tune of ₹ 8.83 crores would be released to the Women Development Corporation for the payment of salaries and wages to Anganwadi Workers / Helpers.
- For disbursement of Old Age Pension an average of ₹ 12 crores is required per month.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister directed that the Old Age Pension should be disbursed by 8th of every month.
- Department has requested additional amount of ₹ 18 crores during the current financial year 2012-13.

Tourism

- Director (Tourism) informed that proposals for an amount ₹ 5.66 crores was sent to Govt for sanction for settlement of Aricamedu land acquisition, purchase of luxury buses and purchase of water sports equipments.
- Under building programme, an amount of ₹ 1.60 crores for renovation of Catering College was sent to Govt. of sanction.

Agriculture

- Sanction has been issued for ₹ 1.60 crores for release of Grant-in-aid to Puducherry Market Committee.
- Proposals for an amount of ₹ 10.66 crores was sent to Govt. for sanction for release of grant-in-aid to PASIC (₹ 3.00 crores); PAJANCOA (₹ 6.66 crores) and Sugar Mill (₹ 1.00 crore).
- Hon'ble Chief Minister instructed Director (Agriculture) may locate funds to the extent of ₹ 2.00 crores under Plan for releasing it to Puducherry Co-operative Sugar Mill at the earliest for settlement of arrears of cane growers.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister observed that the Department should incur essential expenditure only and to avoid unnecessary / unproductive expenditure in the backdrop of shrinkage of cultivable agriculture land and also change in the land use pattern.

Animal Husbandry

- Director (AH) informed that the department has incurred ₹ 3.98 crores and out of which the major portion pertains to grant-in-aid to Rajiv Gandhi College of Veterinary Sciences, Puducherry.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister desired to have a separate meeting on the supply of cattle feed with all concerned.

Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs

- Chief Secretary informed that Smart Cards were distributed under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister only in one Fair Price Shop. CS wanted to know the action taken by Civil Supplies Department for the distribution of smart cards in all other Fair Price Shops. Director (CS&CA) informed that by August 2012 all the Smart Cards will be distributed.

Co-operation

- Co-operative dept. has proposed to release G.I.A. within the Vote on Account Provision as detailed below through appropriate modification :

Co-operative Sugar Mill	₹ 2.00 crore
JPCOSPIN, Karaikal	₹ 1.00 crore
SPINCO	₹ 2.21 crore

School Education

- Director (School Education) informed that the major portion of plan funds meant for Salaries and Wages and there is no problem in booking of Plan expenditure during 2012-13.
- As regards meeting expenditure for various plan posts, CS instructed Director (Education) that necessary order for causing the transfer of plan posts to non-plan head may be pursued with Finance Department since necessary provision has already been made by Budget Section as has been reported by them.
- While reviewing the building programmes of School Education dept. Chief Engineer (Public Works) has sought for additional allocation of funds for completion of electrical and spill over works for Sports Stadium at Karaikal (₹ 2.00 crores) and renovation of Puducherry Sports Stadium (₹ 2.50) crores.
- Chief Secretary has instructed Project Director (PIA) to release the fund to the tune of ₹ 1.25 cores to Public Works Department for completion of Sports Stadium at Karaikal since the construction of stadium was taken under Tsunami fund.
- Chief Engineer (PW) informed that ₹ 50.00 lakhs provision for Puducherry Stadium is not sufficient to complete all the renovation works and hence requested for an additional amount of ₹ 2.00 crores.

Higher & Technical Education

- Director(Higher/Tech. Education) has sought for additional allocation of ₹40 crores towards financial assistance to poor students admitted in professional colleges through CENTAC.

Electricity

- Hon'ble Chief Minister directed Supdt. Engineer(Electricity) to take care of street lights in rural and urban areas and make necessary arrangements for power connection to the affected farmers during the recent 'Thane cyclone' for which Supdt Engineer(Electricity) replied that supply order has been placed for the procurement of transformers, poles, etc. and it will be resumed shortly.
- SE - I informed that an additional amount of ₹ 11.00 crore is required for erection of substation at Thondamanatham.

Fisheries & Fishermen Welfare

- Chief Secretary asked Director(F&FW) to get the details of welfare schemes implemented by Govt. of Tamilnadu for the welfare of fishermen during bal/ lean period so as to study and examine the same for implementing in the U.T.

Industries

- Director (Industries) informed that an amount of ₹ 10.08 crores was incurred upto April, 2012 which relates mostly the release of GIA to AFT & Swadeshee-Bharathree Textile Mills.

Local Administration

- Secretary (LA) has requested for an additional allocation of ₹ 25 crores for settlement of due to M/s. PMSPL for carrying out garbage cleaning for 2011-12 and ₹ 24.00 crores for the current financial year.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister enquired about the vacant posts of Commissioners in Municipality / Commune Panchayats. It was informed that two commissioner's posts are vacant in Commune Panchayats of Karaikal region and Chief Minister instructed the Local Administration department to fill up these vacancies immediately for smooth functioning of Commune Panchayats.

Public Works

- Chief Engineer(Public Works) has stated that as against the Vote on Account provision of ₹ 115.89 crores, expenditure incurred upto April, 2012 was ₹ 38.17 crores, (32.94%).
- An amount of ₹ 60 crores is required for replacement of pipelines in urban areas under Water supply & sanitation sector during 2012-13 whereas only ₹ 10.00 crores is available in the Vote on Account provision for four months .
- Under Rural Roads scheme, an amount of ₹ 5.00 crores is required to complete the spill over works in Puducherry region (10 works) and Karaikal Region(15 works).

- Reconstruction of Kumaramangalam bridge (200 years old) and Sivarandhagam Bridge in Puducherry are to be taken up during the current financial year and construction of bridge across river Vanjiar in Karaikal is in progress.
- Hon'ble Agriculture Minister requested that Melakasakudy to Thirunallar Bus Stand link Road may be taken up during the current financial year itself on priority basis. He has suggested that Bed Dams may be constructed in all the rivers in Karaikal region with minimum height at regular intervals like in Tamilnadu.
- Hon'ble Electricity Minister requested that a Bed Dam may be taken up near Soriankuppam over bridge.

Town & Country Planning

- Hon'ble Electricity Minister observed that under ₹ 1 lakh Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Housing scheme, many beneficiaries are yet to be given the 2nd and 3rd instalments. Hence he suggested that before implementation of ₹ 2 lakh housing scheme all the pending cases may be cleared at the first instance.

Observation of Hon'ble Welfare Minister

- Hon'ble Welfare Minister has pointed out that Adi-draavidar Welfare Department should distribute Washing Machine to the deserving Adi-draavidar community, Laptops to Adi-draavidar professional College Students, bi-cycles and rain-coats to the school-going students in time.
- Lack of co-ordination between secretariat departments and concerned departments causes delay in obtaining expenditure sanction for the welfare oriented schemes / programmes. As a result, there is delay in implementation of these programmes.
- Hon'ble Welfare Minister observed that the SCSP fund has not been properly monitored by AD Welfare department since the funds are diverted to other general programmes.
- Chief Secretary replied that an amount of ₹ 2,750 crores was budgeted for 2011-12, it was reduced to ₹ 1,664 crores in R.E. stage based on the availability of resources which caused reduction of SCSP outlay in proportion to R.E 2011-12.

Observation of Hon'ble Chief Minister

- The works taken by the concerned departments should be completed within the time limit to avoid cost escalation.
- All the Welfare programmes should be implemented properly without any difficulties especially Old-age / Widow pension, disabled pension should reach the beneficiaries on or before 8th of every month.

- Whenever the proposals are sent to Secretariat by Heads of Departments, they should submit the proposals with proper justification along with relevant orders and Secretariat departments should speed up the processing and send it to FD for concurrence.
- More concentration should be given on the prioritized works instead of concentrating on non-prioritized works so as to take more number of urgent / needy works with limited resources.
- Local Administration Department should clear garbage through Municipality and Commune Panchayats respectively.
- The incomplete / pending works of last year should be carried out in the financial year and completed.
- Local Administration, Tourism and Public Works Departments should work in close coordination to keep the U.T clean to attract more number of Tourists.

Vote of Thanks was proposed by Director (Plg.)