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Minutes of the meeting held on 05.12.2016 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister in connection with the review on progress of expenditure on Plan/CSS is sent herewith for information and necessary action.


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To

1. Development Commissioner/Secretaries/Spl. Secretary to Govt.
2. Director General of Police, Puducherry
3. All the Heads of Department implementing Plan/CSS
4. Director, Dte. of Accounts & Treasuries
5. Under Secretary (Finance-I&II), Finance Department
6. Budget Officer, Finance Department
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1. Private Secretary to Hon'ble CM
2. All Private Secretary to Hon'ble Ministers
3. P.S. to Chief Secretary
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING TO REVIEW THE PROGRESS OF EXPENDITURE ON PLAN/CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES (CSS) HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER ON 05.12.2016 AT THE CONFERENCE HALL OF CHIEF SECRETARIAT.

A meeting to review the progress of expenditure on Plan/Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSSs) for the month ending November 2016 in the Budget Estimate 2016-17 was held on 05.12.2016 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister in the Conference Hall of the Chief Secretariat. Hon'ble Ministers, Chief Secretary, Development Commissioner, Secretary (Finance), Secretary (Health), Secretary(Personnel), Secretary(Public Works), Secretary(Fisheries), Secretary(Agriculture), Secretary(Law) and Heads of Department concerned attended the meeting. A list of Heads of department who attended the meeting is annexed.

2. At the outset, Chief Secretary welcomed all the participants and stated that Hon'ble Chief Minister has convened this review to know the progress of fund utilization and the achievements on Plan schemes/CSS since the inception of new Government.

3. Secretary(Plg.) through a Power Point Presentation explained the Pattern of funding for the current financial year and outlined the expenditure status of Plan, Non Plan and CSS components. Though the expenditure booking on plan side was only 52.52% at the end of November, it would reach the prescribed 60% at the end of December. However, the overall expenditure at 60.74% is a healthy indicator. Secretary(Plg.) also added that the revenue receipts upto November 2016 has shortage of Rs.267.68 crore. If the present scenario continues, nearly Rs.450 to Rs.500 crore will be the shortfall and this may impact the planned expenditure.

4. Thereafter, the department-wise review was taken up and the major points emerged during the course of review are as follows:-

AD Welfare

- Apart from the financial achievement of 46% as on date, bills to the tune of Rs.7.00 crore presented to DAT and sanctions have already been obtained for Rs.39.00 crore.
- Rs.52 crore is additionally required over and above the remaining amount of Rs.37.00 crore available under Plan side.
- 90% of achievement reached in most of the welfare schemes.
- Rs.5.00 crore is additionally required to meet out the financial assistance to Engineering / Medical SC Students.

Agriculture

- 60% of expenditure will be incurred within December 2016.
- Rs.1.60 crore is received and Rs.3.00 crore is expected from GoI under CSS for the current financial year. Accordingly, the accrued fund likely to be assumed as Rs.8.00 crore(including opening balance of Rs.3.40 crore) as against the budget estimate of Rs.10.64 crore.
- Rs.19.94 crore is additionally required under Plan side to meet the expenditure towards the following items:-
 - (i) Crop Insurance – Rs.1.00 crore
 - (ii) Power Subsidy - Rs.1.90 crore
 - (iii) Sugar Mill - Rs.2.00 crore
 - (iv) PASIC - Rs.10.00 crore
 - (v) PAJANCOA - Rs.5.00 crore

Animal Husbandry

- Rs.42.12 lakhs received from GoI under CSS and incurred expenditure of Rs.26.58 lakhs as on date as against the available amount of Rs.88.56 lakhs. Rs.49.00 lakhs will be utilized for the Insurance scheme out of the unspent balance of Rs.62.00 lakhs.
- Rs.13.50 crore has already been released to Veterinary College and Rs.2.36 crore will be the additional requirement to meet out the remaining 2 months salary expenditure in this financial year.
- Rs.9.60 crore will be additionally required for the department to meet the remaining 3 months' salary and for other welfare programmes including cattle feed.

Art & Culture

- Out of the requirement of Rs.1.15 crore, Rs.88.00 lakhs is essentially required.
- Rs.5.90 crore is additionally needed to meet out the expenses like renovation works, computerization of libraries, pension, etc.

Civil Supplies

- Though the supply order for rice was given already, due to non-supply from the supplier, the free rice could not be provided continuously. Hindrance in supply of rice is due to escalation of cost as well as the prevailing demonetization.

- Chief Secretary suggested that a notice/reminder may be issued to the supplier to effect the supply within 15 days and in case of default, alternate solution by way of floating fresh tender may be initiated.
- Distribution of monthly free 500ml refined oil to the ration card holders was not effect since May 2016. As the total cost of the supply will be only around Rs.2.00 crore per year, it is suggested that this may be continued without any break.

Co-operation

- Bills to a tune of Rs.5.00 crore submitted to DAT, as such 50% of expenditure has been incurred.
- Under Dairy Development sector, Rs.2.50 crore is additionally required over and above the allocated fund of Rs.5.00 crore to meet out the cattle feed subsidy.

DRDA

- Rs.3.00 crore received for MGNREGA programme has been fully utilized and it is expected that an amount of Rs.9.00 crore will be released by GoI on submission of UCs and Audit Certificate for which action has already been initiated.

Education (School)

- As on date, 60.4% of expenditure was incurred and remaining outlay meant for Salary (Rs.30 crore), Sanction issued items (Rs.22 crore) and proposals/bills on hand (Rs.23 crore) will be utilized.
- Further, additionality of Rs.13.00 crore is required to meet out the expenditure in connection with the salaries of the Teachers (Rs.9.00 crore), Mid-day Meals (Rs.4.00 crore) and for construction of Sports Stadium at Karaikal (Rs.4.00 crore).
- Hon'ble CM observed that Teachers-Students Ratio is not maintained proportionately with the student's strength of the schools and advised to submit a comprehensive report after a detailed survey to the Minister concerned so as to sort out the issue.
- For disbursement of sports, cash award and to purchase sports articles, Rs.5.86 crore is the additional requirement.

Education (Higher & Technical)

- Rs.19.00 crore is required over and above the allocated outlay towards the salary component (Rs.4.00 crore) and to disburse financial assistance to CENTAC students (Rs.15 crore).
- Hon'ble Chief Minister observed that Principal/Vice-Principal posts are kept vacant in most of the Educational Institutions and it should be filled up in a time bound manner for effective functioning of institutions.

Electricity

- Action has already been initiated to entrust the work to the private concern for replacing the existing street lights by LED Bulbs and its maintenance.
- Tender for laying of underground cable at Villianur is under preparation and will be floated soon.
- As far as the allocation under Loan component, proposal to a tune of Rs. 25.00 crore and Rs.17.00 crore were submitted to Power Finance Corporation(PFC) and Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) respectively and as such the allocation will be booked without any shortfall.

Fire Services

- Out of the existing 26 vehicles, nearly 50% of the vehicles are under repair for which Rs.1.00 crore is required additionally.

Fisheries

- 72.3% of allocation under plan was utilized and Rs.16.29 crore is needed for the rest 3 months so as to implement pension to the fishermen, pending lean period assistance, subsidy to steel and mechanized boat, etc.

Forestry

- The proposal for augmentation of drinking water from Ousudu Lake has been cleared by Environment Ministry and the work will be taken under Negotiated Loan.
- The suitable revision of plan sketch for construction of Community Hall near Ousudu Lake has to be sorted out in consultation with the Forest department by PWD so as to start the work quickly.
- The abnormal delay in getting permission for Tree cutting may be examined and required action initiated to give early permission.

Food & Drugs Testing

- The quality of food supplied in Restaurants, Hotels, etc should be checked and monitored to ensure hygienic supply of food to public and tourists.
- Action should be initiated to fill-up the vacant Food & Drugs Inspector posts for the effective functioning.
- Chief Secretary directed Secretary(Health) to submit a comprehensive report to Hon'ble Chief Minister in respect of availability of quality foods and drugs in this U.T.

Health

- Rs.90.00 crore is additionally required for release of GIA to Govt. Medical College and Dental College over and above the allocated fund in B.E. 2016-17.
- As against the actual requirements of Rs.14.00 crore to purchase of 92 items of medical equipments, only Rs.3.5 crore was provided in the Budget.
- Purchase of ambulance, setting up of ICU in General Hospital, Karaikal and Mahe, Rs.5.21 crore is needed additionally.

Information Technology

- The required UCs for Rs.50.00 lakhs will be issued within this week to get further fund from GoI under NeGAP scheme.
- Out of 56, 50 CSCs are functioning in the U.T of Puducherry. Setting up of CSC one each at every Village Panchayat has already been finalized and will be functional from January 2017 by which around 100 services pertaining to both State and Central will be provided for utilization of public.

Industries & Commerce

- The New Industrial Policy 2016 was notified and action has been initiated to constitute Single Window Committee to ease the Investor for setting up of Industries in the U.T of Puducherry.
- A wide publicity regarding the available facilities for investors/ entrepreneurs to start new Industries on the introduction of New Industrial Policy 2016 may be extensively made through Mass Media.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister advised Industries department to initiate necessary action to participate in the Investors/CEOs meet proposed to be organized by CII in Chennai.

Information & Publicity

- To settle the pending advertisement bills, Rs.2.00 crore is additionally required.

Labour

- Out of budgeted outlay, 90% is meant for salaries. 67% have been booked as on date. Additional requirement of Rs.1.00 crore is required for salaries.
- Modernization of Employment Exchange (Rs.14.99 lakhs) has been proposed.
- In order to modernize the ITI, Mettupalayam a comprehensive proposal to a tune of Rs.5.00 crore was sent to GoI.

Local Administration

- Hon'ble Chief Minister advised that under MLAs LAD Scheme, atleast Rs.15.00 crore should be booked during this current financial year @ Rs.50.00 lakhs per MLAs.
- Hon'ble PWD Minister recommended for sanction with advance drawal permission.

Police

- Rs.8.00 crore is additionally required towards salary component for January and February.
- No fund released from GoI under CSS programme "Modernization of Police Force" towards the Budgeted Estimate of Rs. 8.00 crore. Hon'ble CM advised to expedite the action to avail the fund within the financial year.

Port

- Work order issued for dredging and the allocated fund of Rs.5.00 crore under NL will be utilized.
- MoU with Chennai Port will be placed soon before the cabinet.

Public Works

- As on date, 53% funds have been booked and the remaining outlay will be utilized without any shortfall.
- Rs.102 crore under Demand No.16 and Rs.25.00 crore under Negotiated Loan are additionally required.

Social Welfare

- Rs.15.00 crore additionally demanded to meet out the expenditure for pension, free rice for disabled, supply of sarees, dhoties, blankets and tri-cycle,value to disabled persons.

Tourism

- As the project approved and the financial assistance was sanctioned during 2010 under CSS programme, matching state share to an extent of 20% i.e. Rs.3.00 crore is additionally required to complete the project.
- Rs.10.00 crore is the additional requirement under NL for Recreation park at Yanam Tower.

Town & Country Planning

- Rs.10.00 crore is expected from GoI under CSS programme soon. However, 22.00 crore is additionally required under Housing and Urban Development sector.
- To disburse the GIA-Salary to Slum Clearance Board, Rs.4.00 crore is required additionally.
- Based on the recent survey, the overall requirement for Housing is 56,000 nos. The financial requirement for housing may be arrived by dovetailing the CSS Housing programme with State Housing scheme.

Women & Child Development

- Rs.55.00 crore is the additional requirement over and above the allocated B.E 2016-17 to meet out the various welfare programmes.

5. The interventions of Hon'ble Chief Minister during the course of review is mainly focused on improving the quality of the service to the public and to accelerate the expenditure booking including responsive and efficient administration. The important observations of Hon'ble Chief Minister are as follows:

- (i) Supply of Free Rice (ii) disbursement of Old Age Pension and (iii) Financial assistance to the students who are pursuing professional courses through CENTAC, are priorities of his Government.
- Out of the outstanding power consumption arrear amount of Rs.306.00 crore, nearly 50% of the arrear is lying with Government departments which should be settled at the earliest.
- Every department should examine the staff structure and conduct necessary Cadre Review immediately.
- As the fund availed from GoI under CSS programme will reduce the burden of expenditure on State, the Secretaries/the Heads of department should bestow their attention and follow up with Ministries of GoI to avail more fund.
- Status on the implementation of Budget Assurances/Announcements made in the floor Assembly would be reviewed soon.
- Approval of Projects/Proposals should be in accordance with the provisions of the Puducherry Business Rules and violation if any, should be viewed seriously.

6. In his concluding remarks, Chief Secretary reiterated the points observed by Hon'ble Chief Minister, especially on smart administration and informed that the fund remaining unspent by the departments beyond December 2016 will be allocated to the deserving departments.

7. With this, the meeting came to an end with vote of thanks to the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

Annexure

List of participants who have attended the review meeting on Plan/CSS held on 05.12.2016 in the Conference Hall, Chief Secretariat, Puducherry

1. Conservator of Forests
2. Director, Agriculture
3. Director, Animal Husbandry
4. Director, Adi-Dravidar Welfare
5. Director, Art & Culture
6. Director, Civil Supplies
7. Commissioner, Commercial Taxes
8. Registrar of Co-operative Services
9. Director, Accounts & Treasuries
10. Project Director, DRDA
11. Director, School Education
12. Director, Higher & Technical Education
13. Supdt. Engineer-I, Electricity
14. Divisional Fire Officer, Fire Services
15. Director, Fisheries
16. Director, Health & Family Welfare Services
17. Commissioner, HRI
18. Director, Information Technology
19. Director, Industries & Commerce
20. Director, Information & Publicity
21. Commissioner, Labour
22. Secretary, Legislative Assembly
23. Director, Local Administration
24. Supdt. of Police (HQ)
25. Chief Engineer, Public Works Department
26. Director, Science, Technology & Environment
27. Director, Economics & Statistics
28. Director, Social Welfare
29. Director, Welfare of Backward Classes & Minorities
30. Director, Stationery & Printing
31. Director, Tourism
32. Chief Town Planner, Town & Country Planning
33. Commissioner, Transport
34. Director, Women & Child Development
35. Registrar, Registration Department
36. Under Secretary (Finance - I & II)
37. Budget Officer
38. Dy. Director(Ways & Means)