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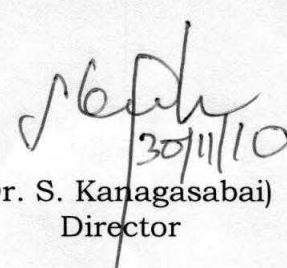
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Sub: PRD – Minutes of the Plan Review meeting held on 16.11.2010 –  
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The minutes of the review meeting held on 16.11.2010 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister in his chamber to review the Plan expenditure upto October 2010 are sent herewith for information and the required follow-up action.

Encl:- AS Stated .

  
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To

1. Secretaries / Special Secretaries to Government concerned.
2. Heads of Departments concerned.
3. Budget Officer, Finance Dept.

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1. P.S. to Hon'ble Chief Minister
2. P.S. to Chief Secretary
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4. P.A to Director(Plg.)

**MINUTES OF THE PLAN REVIEW MEETING HELD ON 16-11-2010 UNDER  
THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER**

A meeting to review the Plan expenditure of major department (upto October 2010) was held on 16-11-2010 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister in his chamber. The following Officers were present:

- (1) Chief Secretary
- (2) Special Secretary (IT)
- (3) Special Secretary (Welfare)-cum-Collector
- (4) Director (Plan)
- (5) Chief Engineer (PW)
- (6) Chief Town Planner
- (7) Superintending Engineer (Electricity)
- (8) Director (School Education)
- (9) Director (Higher & Technical Education)
- (10) Director (Local Administration)
- (11) Budget Officer

2. Director (Plan) has summarized the outcome of the meeting held under the chairmanship of Secretary (Expenditure), Ministry of Finance on 12.11.2010 to finalise the RE 2010 of Plan and Non-Plan for the UT of Puducherry. The R.E. 2010-11 Plan size may come down to ₹ 1800 crores in view of ballooning of Non-Plan expenditure as the same has to be met from the available internal resources. Additionally ₹ 375 crore is required to meet the increased salary and pensioners liability besides pending arrears of 6<sup>th</sup> CPC for college lecturers along with DA arrears. Besides ₹ 260 crore for power purchase has been requested by Electricity Department. But the Ministry indicated that the UT Govt. has to meet the same by raising its own resources. However, it was reiterated by Principal Secretary (Plan) that the cost of purchase of power could not be met from our own resources since the resources are scarce and Govt. of India has to extend its help to the UT of Puducherry. Hence the intervention of Hon'ble C.M. is solicited in this regard.

3. Director (Plan) expressed that eventhough the resource has improved in UT of Puducherry by 25% more than that of the previous year because of the efforts taken by Chief Secretary and Chief Minister, still we fall short of the level indicated by Planning Commission. As already 80% of fund under Non-Plan has been exhausted, the additional requirement of ₹ 635 crore for Non-Plan activities have to be met from the Plan side.

4. On Plan expenditure, Director (Plan) stated that an expenditure of ₹720.70 crores has been incurred up to October 2010 as against the Budgeted Estimate of ₹2500 crores in the Annual Plan 2010-11.

5. Then, Chief Minister took up the major department-wise review on Plan expenditure and the points emerged were as follows:-

**Electricity:**

- Chief Minister asked about the REC borrowing in Electricity Department. Superintending Engineer (Electricity) replied that ₹ 27 crores is proposed to be availed from Power Finance Corporation. As huge deficit is faced by Electricity Department under Non-Plan, Chief Minister suggested to explore the possibility for revision of tariff. Superintending Engineer stated that on fuel / coal price, there are provisions to raise the unit cost under Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for UTs. Accordingly, it is worked out and the proposal to increase 24 paise per unit for all category of consumers is under process.

**Adi-Dravidar Welfare:**

- Special Secretary (Welfare)-cum-District Collector stated that out of ₹ 158 crore approved as negotiated loan in BE 2010-11, proposals for ₹ 45 crores have been moved and loan for ₹ 15 crores has already been obtained from HUDCO.

### **Higher & Tech. Education:**

- Director (Higher & Technical Education) stated that the requirements of fund for disbursement of arrears to Society Colleges have been communicated to Ministry of Human Resource Development, New Delhi. Regarding the reimbursement of fees to students under Kamaraj Education Assistance, Director (T&HE) stated that the amount is disbursed in two instalment, ie. in July and December every year to which the expenditure sanction for first instalment of ₹ 5.00 crores has been issued and the proposal for second instalment to a tune of ₹ 10.00 crores is under process. Chief Secretary suggested that the department should have got the approval from at one go Finance Department rather than moving proposals twice.

### **Public Works:**

- Chief Minister observed that the Sewerage programme under JNNURM is a major project and there is no noticeable improvement in the implementation of the scheme. Chief Engineer (PW) replied that out of 7 zones, 2 zones viz. Lawspet and Mudaliarpet have been taken up at the first instance along with the construction/improvement of 3 Treatment Plants. Construction of Sewer appurtenances and laying of Stoneware pipes are in progress. Due to rainy season, the local people are not co-operating as the road cutting in their area created difficulties for their movements. This is the reason for sluggish progress in the execution of the scheme and will be accelerated after the rainy season.

### **School Education:**

- Director (School Education) stated that the Budget allocation will be utilized within the current financial year and block sanction is awaited for some of the programmes. Soon after the receipt of sanction, the amount available under Nutrition sector will be booked without any surrender.

**Local Administration:**

- Director (LA) stated that out of ₹ 75.00 crore budgeted in B.E.2010 for his Department, as of now 61% of outlay has been utilized and proposals to a tune of ₹ 20.48 crores are under process. So far 3 M.L.A. have not given their proposal under the MLA Local Area Development Fund.