

**Minutes of the Plan Review Meeting held on 23.03.2011 under the
Chairmanship of Chief Secretary**

A meeting to review the progress of plan expenditure upto 22.3.2011 was held on 23.03.2011 at 3.30 p.m. under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary in his chamber. This meeting was attended by Principal Secretary (Plan), Secretary (Public Works) and Heads of Departments concerned.

Chief Secretary took up the review of those departments who have more than ₹ 5.00 crores of unspent balance as on 22.3.2011 under grant portion.

The following observations were made:

Health: Has an unspent balance of ₹ 5.86 crores.

- Principal Secretary (Plan) asked Director(Health) to book the expenditure immediately
- Director(Health) informed that the unspent funds are available to the extent of ₹ 4.21 crores under Health & Family Welfare sector as on 23.3.2001.
- He further explained that the proposals to a tune of ₹ 90.00 lakhs for improvements to General Hospital, Yanam; ₹ 20.00 lakhs for improvements of General Hospitals, Puducherry, Karaikal and Mahe; ₹ 200.00 lakhs for Grant-in-aid to Mother Theresa Institute of Health Sciences, ₹ 55.00 lakhs for advertisement charges; ₹ 56.00 lakhs for Improvements to Women & Children Hospital, Puducherry have been sent to Govt. for expenditure sanction and the expenditure would be booked.

School Education: Has an unspent balance of ₹ 23.10 crores.

- Director (School Education) explained that the proposals to the tune of ₹ 10.70 crores under grant-in-aid to various institutions / activities (₹ 1.43 crores for SSA, ₹ 3.43 crores for RMSA; ₹ 1.20 crores for DIET, ₹ 4.28 crore for Sports activities; ₹ 0.35 crore for Adult Education) would be sent to Govt. for sanction shortly.

- Another proposal for ₹ 7.94 crores for free supply of text books, uniforms including issue of bus pass to the students are being sent to Govt. for sanction.
- It was informed that tender has been approved to a tune of ₹ 1.00 crore for the purchase of furniture and lab articles.
- Principal Secretary (Plan) requested Director (School Education) to send the proposals for the unspent balance of ₹ 2.00 crores under various heads immediately.

Higher & Tech. Education: Has an unspent balance of ₹ 18.64 crores.

- Director (H&TE) informed that the proposal to a tune of ₹ 11.41 crores for land acquisition at NIT, Karaikal was pending for want of clearance from the Govt.
- It was informed that a proposal has been submitted to Govt. to release grant in aid of ₹ 3.48 crores towards Karaikal Engineering College.
- Expenditure sanction to a tune of ₹ 1.21 crore has been received for PIPMATE.
- Sanction was issued to PONSHE for ₹ 2.00 crores for purchase of lab articles and books.

Co-operative: Has an unspent balance of ₹ 11.51 crores.

- Joint Registrar (Co-operatives) informed that the two major proposals (i.e.) Investment Assistance to Pondicherry Co-operative Sugar Mills (₹ 2.04 crores) and Investment Assistance to Co-operative Spinning Mills (₹ 8.02 crores) at a total estimated cost of ₹ 10.06 crores are pending with Govt.
- Principal Secretary (Plan) instructed to Joint Registrar (Co-operatives) to personally follow-up the proposals for obtaining clearance immediately.
- Joint Registrar (Co-operatives) informed that they have proposed to release ₹ 1.38 lakhs under grant-in-aid for Embalam I.T.I. Chief Secretary observed that the grant-in-aid should not be released during the current financial year for the proposed new activities as Model Code is in force.

Town & Country Planning: Has an unspent balance of ₹ 8.37 crores.

- Chief Town Planner was instructed by Principal Secretary(Plan) that savings anticipated to the tune of ₹ 10.00 crores may be given to Local Administration department as grant-in-aid through modification of funds.

Public Works: Has an unspent balance of ₹ 28.70 crores.

- Chief Engineer (Public Works) stated that an amount of ₹ 12.75 crores is required to meet out the completion of ongoing works at Puducherry through inter-regional transfer of funds from Karaikal region.
- Principal Secretary(Plan) informed that inter regional transfer of funds could not be allowed.
- It was informed that modification is required to the extent of ₹ 1.00 to 1.50 crores under CRF in order to book the expenditure in other heads in Puducherry region, which was agreed to. Chief Engineer informed that a file for modification will be sent to Planning & Research Dept.

Adi-draavidar Welfare: Has an unspent balance of ₹ 6.00 crores.

- Chief Secretary advised the Adi-draavidar Welfare department not to park the unspent funds in the Corporation in view of model code.

Agriculture: Has an unspent balance of ₹ 8.26 crores.

- Director (Agriculture) informed that sanction was received to a tune of ₹ 2.13 crores from the Govt. and there is no problem to book the unspent balance amount in the current financial year. No problem in spending is anticipated by Agriculture dept.

Fisheries: Has an unspent balance of ₹ 4.92 crores,

- Director (Fisheries) stated that bills are presented to DAT to the tune of ₹ 3.00 crores and for the remaining unspent balance action is being taken to book the expenditure.
- Chief Secretary advised Director (Fisheries) that the Fisheries department may ensure that the implementation of benefit oriented schemes do not violate the Model Code of Conduct.

- Director(Fisheries) informed that one new component (i.e.) purchase and distribution of ice boxes to the fishermen under the scheme "Development of shore based facilities, ice plants, service unit, infrastructural facilities and quick transport facilities" was implemented in Yanam. The same component could not be implemented in Puducherry and outlying regions due to Model Code of Conduct in force.
- Chief Secretary advised Director (Fisheries) that after finalisation of tender for the purchase of ice boxes, supply order may be placed directly to the supplier instead of Fisheries Federation as proposed by Fisheries dept.

Local Administration: Has an unspent balance of ₹ 7.36 crores,

- Principal Secretary (Plan) instructed Deputy Director(LA) that the department should take action to book the expenditure immediately.
