

PORTS

During 2005-06, it is envisaged to continue the dredging operation at the port channel, Repair / Dry-docking of dredgers, Improvements & maintenance of light houses at Karaikal and Mahe, attending to repairs, upkeep and maintenance of existing assets, computerization of port activities, providing a Broad gauge railway sidings link to the New port, laying of BT approach roads in the New port area, provision of navigational aids in the channel, providing lighting arrangements to transit sheds in the Old / New port. Apart from the above, a new dredger of higher capacity and cargo handling equipments has been proposed to be procured. The extension / construction of cargo quay to augment the existing infrastructure facilities is proposed.

Joint Venture Project for development of infrastructure facilities in the Port will be implemented up to substantially increase the Port traffic.

An ambitious project named "Sagar Mela" was announced by the Prime Minister on the occasion of the 56th Anniversary of India's Independence for rapid capacity expansion and modernization of Ports along India's west and east coast. The project is estimated to cost more than Rs.1,00,000 crores and will cover all facets of maritime transport including ports, shipping and inland waterways with a aim to fully realize the potential of sea borne trade and inland water systems which will play catalytic role in the speedy development of our country. The project among other things include setting up of new ports, modernization and expansion of existing ports, improvements in draft, improvement in hinterland connectivity, development of coastal shipping, provision of navigational aids, maritime training facilities, ship building and development of inland waterways. The Pondicherry Port fulfills the above requirement of Sagar Mela Project.

OUTLAY AT A GLANCE

Sector : PORTS

No. of Schemes : 3

Department : PORT

(Rs. in lakh)

Tenth Plan 2002-07 Approved Outlay	:	2000.00
Annual Plan 2003-04 Actual Expenditure	:	574.83
Annual Plan 2004-05 Approved Outlay	:	1000.00
Annual Plan 2004-05 Revised Outlay	:	1000.00
Annual Plan 2005-06 Proposed Outlay	:	4323.65

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	2003-04	2004-05		2005-06
		Actual Expenditure	Approved Outlay	Revised Outlay	Proposed Outlay
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1.	Infrastructure development and improvement to Pondicherry Port.	326.83	662.80	659.45	3439.30
2.	Port improvement, operation and maintenance (Pondicherry, Karaikal & Mahe)	248.00	337.15	340.50	884.30
3.	Formation of Port Development Corporation	--	0.05	0.05	0.05
Total		574.83	1000.00	1000.00	4323.65

Scheme No. 1

Sector : PORTS

Implementing Department : PORT

1. **Name of the Scheme** : Infrastructure Development and Improvement to Pondicherry Port.
2. **Objective of the Scheme** :

The existing infrastructure both in the old and new Port will be strengthened and new facilities will be provided. In order to attain better, cheaper and hinterland connectivity, it is proposed to convert the existing Meter gauge railway sidings in Old port to Broad gauge and further extend it to New port. To protect the shoreline and regain the lost beach along the coast of Pondicherry "Artificial beach nourishment" will be executed in conjunction with the dredging operation. Navigational aids are proposed for safe entry and exit of vessels using the backwaters of the new Port.

A new dredger of higher capacity is proposed to be procured. Laying of BT roads in the new port area, providing lighting arrangements to the transit sheds at Old/New port, computerization of various port activities, improvements to the Old pier, providing security arrangements to the port and its facilities and purchase of cargo handling equipments are the other works contemplated under this scheme.

The "Sagar Mela" project announced by the Prime Minister will be taken up as the Pondicherry port fulfills the requirement. As per the decision taken in the fifth Maritime States Development Council Meeting (MSDC) the surplus and unserviceable equipments available in the major Ports will be transferred to the minor ports for their use on mutually agreeable terms. Accordingly, Tuticorin Port Trust has offered to transfer cargo handling equipments like cranes, fork lift truck, water barge, etc. for which outlay has been proposed under the scheme. The extension/construction of cargo quay to augment the existing infrastructure facilities and necessary security measures for the same are proposed.

3.(a) Actual physical Achievement 2003-04 :

1. Construction of power room, supply and erection of booster pumps.
2. Installation of Electro-Mechanical Weighbridge of 60 Tonne Capacity.
3. Construction of Flag mast in Old Port.
4. Purchase of pipes (DI) for shore nourishment.
5. Computerization of various port activities.
6. Conversion of railway sidings from Meter gauge to broad gauge at Old port
7. Improvement to transit shed no.5, 6 & 7.
8. Preparation of port facility Security Assessment (PFSA) and Port Facility Security Plan (PFSP) through Indian Registrar of Shipping and duly approved by Director General Shipping, Ministry of Shipping, Government of India.

(b) Anticipated Physical Achievement 2004-05 :

1. Purchase of New Dredger of higher capacity.
2. Providing Navigational Aids.
3. Computerization of various Port activities.
4. Maintenance of Railway sidings line.
5. Improvements to Old Pier.

6. Extension of railway siding from Old port to New port including the cost of land acquisition.
7. Strengthening of trestle.
8. Providing and Laying BT Road from Veerampattinam to Beach Western Side.
9. Providing and Laying BT Road from Light House to Northern Groyne.
10. Providing Lighting arrangements to Transit Sheds at New Port and Old Port.
11. Providing lighting arrangement at mouth portion.
12. Improvements to road along northern side of godowns at Old port.
13. Providing and laying BT road in New port.
14. Improvements to the port staff quarters at Old port.
15. Undertaking various works concerning Security of the Port and its facilities as advised by Indian register of Shipping for complying the ISPS code.
16. Provision of High mast lighting.
17. Purchase of Cargo handling equipment.
18. Development of Port under "Sagar Mela Project"
19. Laying of DI pipes and erection of Booster engine pump and conducting test trails of commissioning the system.
20. Extension constructions of Cargo quay at New Port.

(c) Programme envisaged for Annual Plan 2005-06:

1. Extension of railway siding from old port to new port.
2. Repairs and Improvements to Old Pier.
3. Strengthening of Trustle at Old Port.
4. Laying of BT road from Veerampattinam to Beach Western Side.
5. Improvements to Port Department.
6. All works relating to Implementation of ISPS Code as recommended by IRS and approved by DG Shipping, Ministry of Shipping, Government of India.
7. Providing and laying BT Road in New Port.
8. Improvements to road along Northern Side of Godown at Old Port.
9. Providing vehicle parking shed at office of the Executive Engineer.
10. Repairs to store yard.
11. Post construction anti-termite treatment.
12. Repairing the rolling shutters in Transit sheds.
13. Providing vehicle parking shed at New Port.
14. Improvements to Loco Shed and adjoining workshops.
15. Painting the signal mast.
16. Extension of Cargo quay at New Port

4. Remarks : Continuing scheme.

As per Hon'ble Chief Minister's Budget speech, it is proposed to construct one cargo quay in New Port for which a sum of Rs. 500 lakhs has been provided. The work is proposed to be executed by PWD as they posses expertise and staff set up for execution of the nature of work.

Scheme No. 2

Sector : PORT

Implementing Department : PORT

1. **Name of the Scheme** : Port improvement, operation and maintenance (Pondicherry, Karaikal and Mahe)

2. **Objective of the Scheme** :

During the year 2004-2005, dredging operation in the port channel, dry-docking / repair of dredgers, repairs, upkeep and maintenance of assets like equipments and machineries, buildings, vehicles, street lighting, slip way, launches etc. are proposed under this scheme. Apart from the above, replacement of old vehicles, maintenance of light house at Karaikal and Mahe are the other works contemplated.

3.(a) Actual physical Achievement 2003-04 :

1. Improvements and maintenance of Karaikal and Mahe light houses.
2. Dredging operation of Ariankuppam river channel.
3. Dry-docking and Repairs to dredgers "Pondicherry" and "Karaikal".
4. Repairs to existing assets such as equipments, machineries, buildings, vehicles, Port Launches , street lights, slip ways etc.

(b) Anticipated Physical Achievement 2004-05 :

1. Improvements and maintenance of Karaikal and Mahe light houses.
2. Dredging operation of Ariankuppam river channel.
3. Dry-docking and Repairs to dredgers "Pondicherry" and "Karaikal".
4. Repairs and improvements to existing assets such as equipments, machineries, buildings, vehicles, street lights, slip ways, launches etc.
5. Replacing of old vehicles.
6. Servicing and repairs of Coles Crane model 1610 No. PYZ 8928 and trailers.

(c) Programme envisaged for Annual Plan 2005-06 :

1. Purchase of New Dredger
2. Dredging of Inner Channel, mouth portion and sand trap including maintenance of dredgers, dry docking of dredgers and purchase of spares, floaters etc required for dredging activities.
3. Providing Navigational Aids.
4. Provision for Hydrographic Survey.
5. Maintenance of Karaikal Light House.
6. Maintenance of Mahe Light House.
7. Purchase of crane spares
8. Purchase of new water pump.
9. Reconditioning of two numbers of trailers.

4. **Remarks** : Continuing scheme.

Scheme No. 3

Sector : PORT

Implementing Department : PORT

1. **Name of the Scheme** : Formation of Port Development Corporation.

2. **Objective of the Scheme** :

In order to give fillip to the activities of the Pondicherry Minor Port, it has been proposed to establish a Port Development Corporation during the Annual Plan period 2001-2002 itself. The schemes under this sector are mainly for the development of Pondicherry Port.

3.(a) **Actual physical Achievement 2003-04** :

Establishment of Port Development Corporation.

(b) **Anticipated Physical Achievement 2004-05** :

Establishment of Port Development Corporation.

(c) **Programme envisaged for Annual Plan 2005-06** :

A token provision has been earmarked for this scheme.

4. **Remarks** : Continuing scheme.