

PORTS

Puducherry Port is situated at the East Coast between two major ports namely Chennai & Tuticorin. The Puducherry Port is vested with good departments for anchoring 30,000 to 45,000 DWT, vessels at a distance of 1 km. from the shore. The city has also have good infrastructure facilities like reliable Power Supply and Rail / Road connectivity, good communication and banking facilities.

PERFORMANCE DURING 2007-08

The dredging at the Ariyankuppam River mouth continued. Balance payment for lands acquired has been settled. Maintenance of Karaikal and Mahe Lighthouses has been taken up.

LIKELY ACHIEVEMENTS DURING 2008-09

The targets like dredging at the Ariyankuppam River mouth, dry-doc repair works, creating a new port establishment wing at Karaikal, civil works and annual maintenance of Karaikal and Mahe Lighthouses are fixed.

PROPOSED TARGET FOR 2009-10

New Broad Gauge to New Port, power supply to New Port annual maintenance of lighthouses at Karaikal and Mahe, dredging at the mouth of New Port and dry-docking of the department dredger and commencement of operations at Karaikal Port by the developer will be carried out.

MEASURES TAKEN FOR IMPROVING THE INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES AT VARIOUS PORTS

The existing infrastructure both in the old and new ports will be strengthened and new facilities will be provided. Provision of power and water facilities to the Puducherry Port is also proposed. The maintenance of various civil structures like Godowns, store yards, office buildings at the Old and New Port which also be taken up. New establishment at Karaikal is proposed. Dredging at the mouth of the New Port will be taken up for navigation for Cargo vessels and fishing vessels.

DEVELOPMENT OF PORTS IN THE U.T OF PUDUCHERRY

A sea port has been declared at Karaikal. To develop Puducherry Port, it is proposed to develop the port through BOT basis. The establishment of bulk carrier terminal in the Karaikal Port will be explored.

VII. PPP PROJECTS IN PORT SECTOR

A Brief on the port development projects at Pondicherry and Karaikal

As part of its ongoing infrastructure development programmes, the Government of Puducherry had taken steps to develop a deep water port with direct ship berthing facilities at Pondicherry and Karaikal through private investment on BOT basis.

1. Karaikal Port Project:

Government of Puducherry had during January 2006 entered into a Concession Agreement with a private developer namely M/s Marg Constructions Limited, Chennai for the development of a deep water port at Karaikal through private investment on BOT basis. The developer intends to develop the port in phases. The construction works of Phase – 1 of the project costing Rs.350 crores is under full swing and is likely to be commissioned in March 2009. Upon commissioning, four million tons comprising of general cargo and coal shall be handled at this green field port. The Concession is for a period of 30 years and during this period, the developer would pay to the Government 2.6% of its Gross Income on an annual basis as Concession Fee. Apart from generating income and foreign exchange to the country, the project would also provide employment opportunities to the local populace thereby paving the way for overall economic growth at Karaikal region. The developer has also submitted a proposal to increase the handling capacity of the Karaikal port to 45 million tons per annum and also set up port related SEZS within the port.

2. Pondicherry Port Project:

On similar lines, the Government of Puducherry had during January 2006 entered into a Concession agreement with a private developer namely M/s Subhash Projects & Marketing Limited, New Delhi for the development of a deep water port at Puducherry through private investment on BOT basis. However, the subject is currently sub judice before the Supreme Court.

OUTLAY AT A GLANCE

Sector : PORTS

No. of Schemes : 1

Department : PORT

(Rs. in lakh)

Eleventh Five Year Plan 2007-12 Approved Outlay	:	4746.28
Annual Plan 2007-08 Actual Expenditure	:	364.00
Annual Plan 2008-09 Approved Outlay	:	364.00
Annual Plan 2008-09 Revised Outlay	:	364.00
Annual Plan 2009-10 Proposed Outlay	:	1000.00

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Eleventh Five Year Plan 2007-12	Annual Plan 2007-08	Annual Plan 2008-09		Annual Plan 2009-10
		Approved Outlay	Actual Expdr.	Approved Outlay	Revised Outlay	Proposed Outlay
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1.	Infrastructure, maintenance and development of Port and Light Houses.	4746.28	364.00	364.00	364.00	1000.00