

## **EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN**

The Department of Women and Child Development implements various welfare oriented schemes for the benefit of Children from 0 to 6 years, Pregnant Women, Lactating Mothers, Widows/destitute, Adolescent Girls, Poor families and Old Aged persons.

The Women Development Corporation is an agency under the Department that promotes entrepreneurship among Women. To achieve this object, trainings and loans are provided. Apart from this, the Corporation is extending service to women by providing Hostel accommodation to Working Women and Day Care Centre for safe stay of Children of Working Women. This Corporation is also arranging for formation of Self Help Groups in various villages of Puducherry and Karaikal Region. The Corporation offers handholding services to Self Help Groups, introducing them to the banks for account opening, assisting in account maintenance and recommending viable groups for obtaining loans from Public Sector Undertaking Banks.

The “Puducherry Women’s Commission” which is funded by this Department works for the upliftment of women’s status in these U.T. Unfair practices are enquired and resolved by the commission.

8 family counseling centres are being run for women in all the four regions of Puducherry, Karaikal, Mahe & Yanam. They deal with family disputes and suggest suitable remedial measures. Two Hostels are being run for Working Women in Puducherry and Karaikal

A number of welfare oriented schemes intended to benefit pregnant women, lactating mothers, daughters of widows/destitutes, widows, poor girl students and poor brides are implemented.

### **PERFORMANCE DURING 2007-08**

420 pregnant women were granted assistance of Rs. 500/-, 278 lactating mothers were granted assistance of Rs. 1200/-, 142 widows were granted financial assistance of Rs. 15,000 /- , 3 widows were granted Rs. 15,000/- in the form of National Saving Certificate as an incentive for their remarriage. 476 brides belonging to poor families were granted Rs. 15,000/- under the scheme Grant of Financial Assistance for Performance of Marriage of Poor Brides Living below Poverty Line. 31 families having one girl/two girl children and

parents who have undergone family planning were benefited. An amount of Rs. 15,000/- was deposited in the name of the girl child in the case of family with one girl child and in the case of family with two girl children, Rs. 7500/- was deposited in the name of each girl child. 31 families were benefited through the scheme Grant of Financial Assistance to the Poor Parents having One Girl Child Who is Studying 8th to 10th Standard by financial assistance of Rs. 25,000/- in the form of National Savings Certificates.

### **LIKELY ACHIEVEMENTS DURING 2008-09**

3471 pregnant women are to be granted assistance of Rs. 500/-, 1354 lactating mothers are to be granted assistance of Rs. 1200/-, 494 widows are to be granted a financial assistance of Rs. 15,000/- under the scheme Grant of Marriage Allowance to Widow's Daughter. 9 widows are to be granted Rs. 15,000/- in the form of National Saving Certificate as incentive for their remarriage. 700 brides belonging to poor families are to be granted Rs. 15,000/- under the scheme Grant of Financial Assistance for Performance of Marriage of Poor Brides Living below Poverty Line. 184 families having one girl/two girl children and parents who have undergone family planning are to be benefited. An amount of Rs. 15,000/- will be deposited in the name of the girl child in the case of family with one girl child and in the case of family with two girl children, Rs. 7500/- will be deposited in the name of each girl child. Further 288 families are to be benefited under the same scheme at an enhanced amount of assistance of Rs. 20,000/-(One girl child)/Rs. 10,000/-(Two girl children). 145 families are to be benefited through the scheme Grant of Financial Assistance to the Poor Parents having One Girl Child Who is Studying 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Standard by a financial assistance of Rs. 25,000/- in the form of National Savings Certificates.

### **PROPOSED TARGET FOR 2009-10**

During the Annual Plan 2009-10, 3500 pregnant women are to be granted assistance of Rs. 500/-, 1500 lactating mothers are to be granted assistance of Rs. 1200/-, 500 widows are to be granted a financial assistance of Rs. 15,000/- under the scheme Grant of Marriage Allowance to Widow's Daughter. 10 widows are to be granted Rs. 15,000/- in the form of National Saving Certificate as incentive for their remarriage. 2000 brides belonging to poor families are to be granted Rs. 15,000/- under the scheme Grant of Financial Assistance for

Performance of Marriage of Poor Brides Living below Poverty Line. 400 families having one girl/two girl children and parents who have undergone family planning are to be benefited. An amount of Rs. 20,000/- will be deposited in the name of the girl child in the case of family with one girl child and in the case of family with two girl children, Rs. 10000/- will be deposited in the name of each girl child. 200 families are to be benefited through the scheme Grant of Financial Assistance to the Poor Parents having One Girl Child Who is Studying 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Standard by a financial assistance of Rs. 25,000/- in the form of National Savings Certificates.

Under the social defense programme, 81426 beneficiaries are provided a monthly pension of Rs. 600/- through the scheme “Financial Assistance to Old Aged Persons, Widows, Destitute Women and Eunuchs” till 2007-08. During 2008-09, from the month of August’08, 8938 new beneficiaries were added to the scheme, raising the total number of beneficiaries to 90364. The Government of Puducherry has lowered the age limit of the pensioners to 55 years. As a result, further more beneficiaries are anticipated to be added during the year 2009-10. Two sets of clothing consisting of One Saree, Blouse bit, Lungi and towel are to be issued to all BPL card holders during the year 2008-09 and 2009-10.

## OUTLAY AT A GLANCE

Sector : WOMEN AND CHILD  
DEVELOPMENT

No. of Schemes : 13

Department : WOMEN AND CHILD  
DEVELOPMENT

*(Rs. in lakh)*

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|---|---|----------|
| Eleventh Five Year Plan 2007-12 Approved Outlay | : | 55251.01 |
| Annual Plan 2007-08 Actual Expenditure          | : | 8883.02  |
| Annual Plan 2008-09 Approved Outlay             | : | 9106.53  |
| Annual Plan 2008-09 Revised Outlay              | : | 9087.13  |
| Annual Plan 2009-10 Proposed Outlay             | : | 11050.00 |

*(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.      | Strengthening of DWCD                    | 860.00                          | 14.60               | 22.74               | 27.50          | 30.58               |
| 2.      | Other Programmes for welfare of children | 20.00                           | 2.77                | 3.30                | 3.30           | 3.30                |
| 3.      | Service Home for Destitute Women         | 0.01                            | --                  | 0.01                | --             | --                  |
| 4.      | Hostel for Working Women                 | 45.00                           | 1.75                | 2.65                | 2.65           | 3.00                |
| 5.      | Other Programmes for Welfare of women    | 2031.01                         | 117.38              | 639.98              | 410.58         | 800.00              |
| 6.      | PCW&HP                                   | 4992.48                         | 1416.50             | 1646.50             | 1746.50        | 3019.39             |
| 7.      | Setting of State Commission for Women    | 150.00                          | 30.00               | 60.00               | 50.00          | 60.00               |

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| (1)          | (2)   | (3)                             | (4)                 | (5)                 | (6)            | (7)                 |
| 8.           | Financial assistance to OAP   | 20000.00                        | 5821.76             | 5863.88             | 6238.11        | 6506.21             |
| 9.           | Distribution of free rice to poor and economically backward people        | 22000.00                        | 986.28              | 0.01                | --             | --                  |
| 10.          | Distribution of free clothing to poor and economically backward people    | 4000.00                         | 350.00              | 840.00              | 581.07         | 600.00              |
| 11.          | Construction of Anganwadi centres/ CDPO offices/ Hostel for working women | 50.00                           | 2.00                | 10.00               | 10.00          | 10.00               |
| 12.          | State commission for children   | 60.00                           | --                  | 0.02                | --             | 0.01                |
| 13.          | Shelter Home for street children  | --                              | --                  | 0.02                | --             | 0.01                |
| 14.          | Family Counselling centers  | 42.50                           | 5.16                | 6.50                | 6.50           | 6.50                |
| 15.          | Free supply of uniforms to pre-school children in Anganwadi centres       | 1000.01                         | 9.82                | 10.92               | 10.92          | 11.00               |
| 16.          | Creation of Infrastructural facilities in Tsunami affected areas          | --                              | 125.00              | --                  | --             | --                  |
| <b>Total</b> |   | <b>55251.01</b>                 | <b>8883.02</b>      | <b>9106.53</b>      | <b>9087.13</b> | <b>11050.00</b>     |