

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

(A) FIRE SERVICE

The main objective of the Fire Service is to modernize the fire service activities in order to cope up with the present trend. Strengthening the fire stations by creating various technical posts.

ACHIEVEMENTS DURING 2007-08

988 fire calls were attended of which 42 were major, 623 houses, 13 industries, 150 others, etc. Property value of Rs.14.08 crores were saved.

LIKELY ACHIEVEMENTS DURING 2008-09

4 new fire stations (Puduchery – 3 & Karaikal – 1) will be opened. Permanent Training Centre will be created. Purchase of various equipments viz. Brontus SKy, HASMT Van, Breathing apparatus sets, air compressor and BA Van, etc. will be procured. Formation of Fire Prevention Wings units in outlying regions and inland water rescue crew with boats and accessories.

PROPOSED TARGET FOR 2009-10

It is proposed to form a modernized control room with digital mapping system and a Specialized Disaster Mitigation Crew.

(B) ACCOUNTS AND TREASURIES

The nomenclature of the Pay Accounts Officer was changed as Director of Accounts and Treasuries in the year 1983. It is proposed to upgrade the post of Director of Accounts & Treasuries as Controller of Accounts on par with NCT of Delhi. He will exercise over all control over the proposed new schemes viz. Ways & Means, L.F.A., Pension, Training Institute, Audit as well as the existing scheme of Rationalisation. Consequent upon the notification of the Government of Pondicherry (Custody of Public Money) Rules, 2006 with effect from 10.05.2006, the Union Territory Government is empowered to raise Public Debts and issue Guarantees to maintain a separate Public Account for the Union Territory of Puducherry. Further, the Union Territory has to maintain a separate minimum cash balance with Reserve Bank of India. Since so far, the Union Territory of Puducherry did not have a

separate Public Account and the Public Account of this Union Territory is merged with the Public Account of Government of India, the need to watch the cash balance on day-to-day basis has not arisen. Having notified amendments to the Union Territory Act and constituted a separate Public Account for the Union Territory of Puducherry, the cash balance have to be watched on day to day basis for which a Current Account section has to be created in the DAT with one Deputy Director and complimentary staff.

THRUST AREAS (Strategic and policy related issues)

The Directorate's major functions are effecting payments to the Government Departments after pre-audit with reference to rules and regulations and other orders of the Government of India, issue of PPOs, pension payments and maintaining the Accounts.

ACHIEVEMENTS DURING 2007-08

- 10 audits were conducted during the year 2007-08.
- 20 Temple audits were conducted along with 2 special audit programmes.
- 9 Audits were conducted in the Municipalities and Commune Panchayats during the year 2007-08.
- Totally 32 audits programmes were conducted during the year 2007-08 along with 3 special audit programmes.

LIKELY ACHIEVEMENTS DURING 2008-09

- Out of 14 Nos. of Audits proposed during the year 2008-09, 7 Audits were conducted so far in first 2 quarters in the Statutory / Other Govt. Organisation / Govt. Departments/Offices. Further, 3 Nos. of Special Audits were also conducted so far.
- 7 Audits were conducted in first 2 quarters so far in the Temples.
- 9 Audits were proposed during the year 2008-09. Out of which 4 audits were completed during the first 2 quarters.
- Totally 24 audits were proposed during the year 2008-09 (2 Audits per month), out of which 16 audits were conducted so far along with 3 special audit programmes.

PROPOSED TARGET FOR 2009-10

It is proposed to construct additional block of the Directorate of Accounts and Treasuries, to accommodate the IAW, the LFA section and to accommodate the newly created posts, as the existing accommodation itself is very congested.

(C) COMMERCIAL TAXES

The Value Added Tax (VAT) system is under implementation from 1st July 2007. Government of India has agreed to appropriate the collections under the services tax 33 services to the UT Administration during the year 2008-09. This will augment the total revenue position. The Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers considering the views expressed by various States has decided that the Government of India may continue the present arrangement of collection and transferring of revenue from 33 services and eventually the 33 services along with another 44 services will be transferred to UTs / States for the collections of service taxes. Therefore, it would be necessary that advance preparations should be started in this regard in the year 2008-09 itself.

(D) REVENUE

During the period, the Revenue Department was reorganized and 2 new Taluks one in Puducherry and the other in Karaikal were created and Puducherry Sub-Division was bifurcated as North and South Sub- Division 2 Sub-Taluks were upgraded as Taluks. In order to meet the requirements due to the reorganization, a minimal of 11 posts in various categories were created.

Computerization of certificate issue process was introduced in Taluk Office, which makes speedy disposal of cases and storage of data for further retrieval and scrutiny. A scheme for issue of Permanent caste Certificate to the Scheduled Caste and Other Backward Class was implemented on pilot basis in one Taluk, by which caste certificate with digitally captured image of the applicant with fully laminated ones are issued to the general public. Now, in lieu of Permanent Caste Certificate, Permanent Integrated Certificate comprising Nationality, Nativity/Residence, Income and Caste Certificate is being issued to the students studying in 9th to 12th Std., of this U.T

Earlier a scheme for grant of Financial assistance of Rs.20,000/-, 25,000/- and Rs.50,000/- under Jana Shree Bhima Yojana Scheme through L.I.C was implemented with effect from 5-2-2004 by which members of BPL families benefited in the event of unnatural and natural death, permanent and partial disability or death by accident of any of the family members. This scheme was replaced by Rajiv Gandhi Social Security Scheme for poor families with effect from 5-2-2005 and implemented directly through the Department of Revenue and Disaster Management by which Members of BPL families are benefited in the event of natural death, partial disability, permanent disability or accidental death of the family to a tune of Rs.25, 000/- and 50,000/- alongwith a scholarship Scheme for the dependent children of all BPL families. In the wake of various private financial institutions cheating public, their hard earned money, a new legislation viz. “Puducherry Protection of Interests of Depositors in Financial Establishments Act 2005” was introduced and to meet the statutory requirements of this Act, 7 posts were created. Subsequent to the creation of new District, District Collector, Puducherry and District Collector, Karaikal have now been designated as District Election Officer under Election Laws, hence separate Election Cell is proposed to be created with sufficient posts to man the Election Cell both in Puducherry and Karaikal Districts.

Disaster Management

In view of the repeated occurrence of catastrophic disasters like Tsunami, Floods and cyclone, the name of the Revenue Department itself was changed as Department of Revenue and Disaster Management which itself denotes the increased role of the department in managing the disasters/calamities. Consequent to the Disaster Management Act, 2005 coming in to force in the U.T. of Puducherry various statutory authorities need be constituted as follows:

- State Disaster Management Authority (1 No).
- District Disaster Management Authority (2 Nos.)-(Puducherry and Karaikal)
- State Executive Committee/Advisory Committee

Resultantly these authorities are to be strengthened with the creation of posts and appropriate personnel and machineries. The proposals in this regard have already been sent to the Government of India for approval after getting clearance from the Planning and Research Department. The Act also provides for the establishment of following funds:

- State Disaster Mitigation fund

- District Disaster Mitigation fund
- State Disaster Response fund
- District Disaster Response fund

The aforesaid funds are to be provided for the coming years. It may vary from 20.00 Crores to 50.00 Crores p.a. and this fund will be transferred to Public Works, LAD, PIA and other line Departments dealing with Disaster Management, relief and rescue operation for providing infrastructure facilities.

Project Implementation Agency (PIA):

Consequent to the Tsunami devastation on 26-12-2004, in order to re-build and re-construct the damaged infrastructure various aid were offered and funds has been received. To co-ordinate all such activities and to implement to the same a society by name Project Implementation Agency was constituted. The officials from all technical side like Engineers, Agriculturist, Fisheries Experts, Consultants, Financial Advisors, Administrators are appointed in this Agency to carry out tsunami reconstruction activities with the funds available from MPLADS, Plan, Prime-Minister Relief Fund, External Aid, etc. Under ETRP only 60% & 75% of the Project cost is released to Housing Sector, Incremental Operating Cost respectively. As such the remaining share is to be met out from State funds.

In the wake of disasters, in the various parts of the country, Govt. of India has enacted Disaster Management Act 2005, which envisages a proactive role of the Govt. department/agencies. Emergency operation centres are to be located at District Head Quarters at Puducherry and at Karaikal. Land Acquisition for EOC in Puducherry is in progress. Similar action has been initiated for EOC in Karaikal also

ETRP:

Under the External Aided Programme, World Bank has approved for the release of Rs.185.10 Crores for implementation of Emergency Tsunami Reconstruction Project by an agency specifically constituted for this purpose namely the aforesaid Project Implementation Agency, Puducherry.

Under this programme an amount of Rs. 75.00 Crores was received during the last financial year 2005-2006 and the balance amount about Rs.110.10 crores is to be obtained in the financial year 2009-2010

As the World Bank funds ETRP on one time basis, natural disasters being recurring event sufficient funds have to be provided under plan head to fulfill the requirements mandated in the Disaster Management Act.

Modernization of Registration Department

Registration Department is being computerized and it has taken up Computerization of Registration process christened as "e-Pathiram" with the assistance of NIC, Puducherry. Presently workflow module of e-Patharam is implemented in all Sub-Registries. The manual filing sheet system has since been dispensed with on the implementation of this module. The document will be scanned and stored in electronic media for future retrieval.

Mitigation and Relief Fund under Disaster Management

Disaster Management Act, 2005 have been brought into force with effect from 01.08.2007 in all the States/UTs including Puducherry Union Territory. The statutory requirements such as the State Disaster Management Authority, District Disaster Management Authorities and State Executive Committee have already been constituted. As per the provisions of Disaster Management Act, 2005, basically there are two types of fund namely "Response Fund" and "Mitigation Fund" at both District and State level which are to be constituted. Regarding the immediate relief on occurrence of any calamity, the U.T. administration is following CRF norms/guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi. During natural calamities, relief assistance is to be extended to the affected and for such preventive rescue and relief measures sufficient funds are to be provided.

(E) OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTER

To improve and inpulse the quality of works among the staff by creating additional post in the Office of the Council of Minister. As, the function of the Council of Ministers under various portfolios are multifarious and it goes on increasing day by day, the present staff position are not sufficient to bear with the work load entrusted to them. Hence, the Post of Secretary to Chief Minister and Private Secretary to Chief Minister / Ministers were created / upgraded after getting approval of the Administrative Secretary and their pay and allowances are met from the above said Plan Head.

(F) HINDU RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

In the Union Territory of Puducherry, there are many temples positioned in the A.D. colony/economically weaker section areas, which are not coming under direct control of HRI. Considering the prayer of the local residents/devotees, the Government extends financial assistance as one time grant for attending the renovation/special repair works to those temples. During the commencement of the year, the quantum of financial assistance released to a temple is Rs.1,25,000/- (in two instalments). During the course of the year the quantum has been enhanced to Rs.2,00,000/- considering the hike in the cost of building materials.

It is proposed to grant of financial assistance to 20 number of temples @ Rs.2,00,000/- located in the economically weaker section areas / Adi Dravidar Colonies for carrying out renovation and repair works, grant of assistance under Oru Kala Pooja scheme to 60 temples @ Rs.15,000/- besides extending assistance for payment of current/water consumption charges. Further, grant of assistance to nearly 50 temple employees @ of Rs.500/- per month, under the new scheme "Assistance to retiring temple employees" are proposed. Setting up of branch office at Karaikal and creation of an Internal Audit Wing and necessary posts are proposed.

(G) PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS WING

To familiarize the Government officials/staff on latest rules and regulations, the Administrative Reforms wing is organizing training programmes to various categories of Government Staff. It is proposed to establish a separate State Training Institution to meet the training needs of various categories of Government Staff. Workshops and seminars are also being organized to improve the efficiency of Government staff and for better utilization of manpower. Necessary posts will be created to strengthen the A.R wing of the Chief Secretariat. State Service Commission will be established to recruit manpower required for various Government departments.

(H) JAIL

Purchase of agricultural equipments to engage 100 convicts at a time for farming, cultivation and for gardening work and establishment of training school exclusively to train

Jail Security Staff and its faculty and purchase of Closed Circuit TV (CCTV) for surveillance of the inmates will be done.

(I) LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

This Assembly Secretariat is expected to cater to the multifarious requirements of the MLAs with a view to rendering them timely assistance in the discharge of the Parliamentary functions. The Officers and staff are entrusted with duties to serve the House, Speaker, Deputy Speaker and MLAs. With the existing staff strength, the Secretariat is facing many difficulties to cater to the needs of members and in the Committee activities. For more than two decades, no post was created in this Secretariat. To cope up the increasing work load and to provide adequate security to the Legislative Assembly, this Secretariat felt to create necessary posts for smooth functioning of Legislative Assembly. To strengthen the Legislative Assembly Secretariat by creation of new posts and for modernization of Legislative Assembly Secretariat in the wings of Library and Security etc.

(J) LAW

It is proposed to strengthen the Law Department by purchasing with the latest technology like computerisation and office equipments.

(K) JUDICIAL

To develop infrastructural facilities to the Judiciary and to strengthen the Courts with the latest Technology like computerization, Video Conferencing, setting up of server room and VSAT facility. It is proposed to construct new building for Criminal Courts, Legal Aid Block, Common Facility Block including Bar Association and to provide new furniture to the new Block. It is proposed to constitute additional Courts on the direction of Supreme Court. It is necessary to create the post of Judicial Officers and Ministerial Staff.

ACHIEVEMENTS DURING 2007-08 AND LIKELY ACHIEVEMENTS DURING 2008-09

Construction of New Court Complex at Swadeshi Cotton Mill Complex, Cuddalore Road, Puducherry was completed during the year 2007 – 08. The building will be handed

over to the Judicial Department by the PWD, Pondicherry at the end of this month. The court will function in the New Court Complex in the last week of November 2008.

Purchase of Furniture for Ten Civil Court Halls including Chambers for Thirteen Judges, Record room and Barricade with wicket gates. Purchase of Fax Machines, Photocopier machine, Law Books and Journals, CD Rom and UPS for computers Installation of R.O. Plant in the New Court Complex.

PROPOSED TARGET FOR 2009-10

- Construction of Criminal Courts and Legal Services Authority Block.
- Construction of Common Facility Block including Bar Association Block.
- Construction of Six Judicial Officers Residential Quarters at Lawspet.
- Setting up of a separate Video Conference room.

CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEME

The following Centrally Sponsored Schemes are implemented :

(Rs. lakhs)

Sl. No.	Scheme Name	2008-09		2009-10 Proposed Outlay
		Agreed Outlay	Anticipated Expdr.	
Fire Service				
1.	Strengthening of fire and emergency services	--	300.00	300.00
Police				
1.	Enforcement of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989	58.87	58.87	64.08
Judicial				
1.	Strengthening of Courts (Providing infrastructural facilities to the Judiciary)	--	--	1000.00
	Total	58.87	358.87	1364.08

OUTLAY AT A GLANCE

Sector : OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

No. of Schemes : 25

- Department :
1. FIRE SERVICES
 2. ACCOUNTS & TREASURIES
 3. COMMERCIAL TAXES
 4. POLICE
 5. REVENUE
 6. PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS WING
 7. JAIL
 8. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT
 9. O/o THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
 10. LAW
 11. JUDICIAL

(Rs. in lakh)

Eleventh Five Year Plan 2007-12 Approved Outlay	:	24053.37
Annual Plan 2007-08 Actual Expenditure	:	6378.33
Annual Plan 2008-09 Approved Outlay	:	14264.16
Annual Plan 2008-09 Revised Outlay	:	18976.16
Annual Plan 2009-10 Proposed Outlay	:	21123.00

(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)

FIRE SERVICE

1.	Modernisation of Fire Service	1500.00	201.72	215.00	215.00	400.00
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ACCOUNTS & TREASURIES

2.	Rationalization of Directorate of Accounts & Treasuries	615.00	79.85	80.00	80.00	100.00
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		Approved Outlay	Actual Expdr.	Approved Outlay	Revised Outlay	Proposed Outlay
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
3.	Directorate of Ways and Means	45.00	--	--	--	10.00
4.	Directorate of Local Fund Accounts	50.00	--	--	--	5.00
5.	Setting up of Training Institute	40.00	--	--	--	4.98
6.	Directorate of Pension & Pensioners Welfare	40.00	--	--	--	0.01
7.	Directorate of Audit	30.00	--	--	--	0.01
	Sub Total	820.00	79.85	80.00	80.00	120.00
COMMERCIAL TAXES						
8.	Monitoring and support services for generating resources enforcement of VAT	350.00	109.83	70.00	70.00	80.00
POLICE						
9.	Modernisation of Police force and e-governance initiatives	5547.77	571.74	575.12	575.12	1480.00
10.	Setting up of Forensic Science Laboratory	692.23	--	0.04	0.04	20.00
	Sub Total	6240.00	571.74	575.16	575.16	1500.00

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)

REVENUE

11.	Modernisation of Revenue Administration & Disaster Management	6212.68	98.03	125.00	125.00	148.00
12.	Creation of infrastructure facilities for Tsunami affected areas	3525.00	5142.00	2000.00	3500.00	7500.00
13.	Tsunami Emergency Reconstruction Project, Pondicherry (EAP)	2700.00	--	11000.00	11000.00	11000.00
14.	Modernization of Registration Dept.	50.00	--	--	--	--
15.	Flood Relief	--	--	--	3212.00	--
	Sub Total	12487.68	5240.03	13125.00	17837.00	18648.00

HINDU RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

16.	Strengthening of Administration	135.00	1.20	4.00	4.00	10.00
17.	Financial Assistance to Religious Institutions for carrying out renovation and special repairs	125.00	28.50	26.00	26.00	50.00

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)
18.	Oru Kala Pooja Scheme	45.00	5.25	5.00	5.00	9.00
19.	Assistance to retiring temple employees	20.00	--	--	--	1.00
	Sub Total	325.00	34.95	35.00	35.00	70.00

**PERSONNEL &
ADMINISTRATIVE
REFORMS WING**

20.	Strengthening of Personnel and Administrative Reforms Wing	15.00	25.80	5.00	3.00	3.00
21.	Implementation of RTI Act 2005	885.00	--	--	2.00	2.00
	Sub Total	900.00	25.80	5.00	5.00	5.00

JAIL

22.	Strengthening of Jail Administration	420.69	29.44	74.00	74.00	120.00
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**LEGISLATIVE
ASSEMBLY
SECRETARIAT**

23.	Strengthening of Legislative Assembly Secretariat	210.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	100.00
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		Approved Outlay	Actual Expdr.	Approved Outlay	Revised Outlay	Proposed Outlay
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**OFFICE OF THE
COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS**

24.	Strengthening of office of the Council of Ministers.	150.00	21.97	30.00	30.00	35.00
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LAW

25.	Strengthening of Judicial wing in the Secretariat	150.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	5.00
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JUDICIAL

26.	Strengthening of Courts	500.00	25.00	15.00	15.00	40.00
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Total	24053.37	6378.33	14264.16	18976.16	21123.00
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