

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The Directorate of Rural Development implements the following 2 schemes through its six Block Development Offices;

- a) Community Development Programme
- b) Promotion and Strengthening of Mahila/Yuvak Mandals

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME:

The scheme envisages to improve the standard of living of among the rural people. Colour TV sets are procured and supplied at free of cost every year for the establishment of Community TV Centres with the objective to promote awareness through visual media in the field of Socio-economic, education, health, environment, entertainment etc. 3 farms at different places in Puducherry and Karaikal regions are maintained. Nutritious fruits and vegetables are cultivated in the gardens and supplied to the Mahalir Mandrams, which run Balwadis and to the Aganwadis. This has helped to increase the quality of foodstuff provided to the poor children in Balwadis and Aganwadis. With the objective of construction of own Block Development Offices, it is proposed to acquire land for Block Development Office at Ariyankuppam, in the first instance.

PROMOTION AND STRENGTHENING OF MAHILA/YUVAK MANDALS :

To encourage rural women and youths to organise themselves into groups/association so as to enable them to carry on socio-economic and Community Development activities.

The activities of Mahila Mandals in the Blocks are encouraged by sanctioning grant-in-aid to enable them to take up permanent activities. Self Help Groups are formed under Swarnajayanthi Grama Sowrozgar Yojana (SGSY) in all villages with the members of BPL families. In order to encourage them to take active part in the Self Help Group (SHG) activities, each woman member of the Group is sanctioned a cash incentive of Rs.500/- in the form of National Savings Certificate (NSC). In the promotion of Mahila Mandals, Yuvak Mandals and SHGs, to assist the field level staff of the Department the services of Sevaks are utilised. They are also helpful in realising recovery of loans sanctioned to the members of SHG by the Banks.

ACHIEVEMENTS DURING 2007-08

- Purchase and installation of 12 TV sets, Purchase and free distribution of Sports articles to 445 Mahila/Yuvak Mandals.
- Maintenance of 3 farms and maintenance of 36 Rural Development Centres, carrying on spill over work of 9 Community Halls/Recreation centre/Play Field, release of grant in aid to 183 Mahila/Yuvak Mandals, issue of cash awards to 97 Mahila/Yuvak Mandals.
- Financial incentive awards to 420 Self Help Group women members.
- Conduct of 6 health/naturopathy camps,

LIKELY ACHIEVEMENTS DURING 2008-09

- Purchase and distribution of Sports articles free of cost to 300 Mahila/Yuvak Mandals. Maintenance of 3 farms and maintenance of 36 Rural Development Centres, carrying on spill over work of 9 /Community Halls/Recreation centre/Play Field, release of grant in aid to 183 Mahila/Yuvak Mandals, issue of cash awards to 97 Mahila/Yuvak Mandals.
- Financial incentive awards to 420 Self Help Group women members.
- Grant of Special incentive awards to 14 best performing Mahila/Yuvak Mandals at the rate of Rs.10,000/- at Block Level and Special incentive awards to best performing Mahila/Yuvak Mandals at the rate of at Rs.15,000/- Union Territory Level. Conducts of 6 health/naturopathy camps will be taken up.

PROPOSED TARGET FOR 2009-10

- Purchase of 405 sports articles for free distribution to Yuvak Mandals/Mahila Mandals.
- Maintenance of 36 Rural Development Centre and maintenance of 3 ANP gardens, release of grant in aid to 228 Mahila /Yuvak Mandals, issue of 110 cash awards to Mahila/Yuvak Mandals
- Financial incentive awards to 530 Self Help Group women members, Grant of Special incentive awards to 14 best performing Mahila/Yuvak Mandals at the rate of Rs.10,000/- at Block Level and Special incentive awards to best

performing Mahila/Yuvak Mandals at the rate of at Rs.15,000/- Union Territory Level.

- Also proposed to complete construction of Multipurpose Community Halls/ Recreation Centres, and Village Level Workers Quarter in dilapidated conditions to be renovated/reconstructed.
- Development of Commune Panchayat Development activities and infrastructure and other essential equipment is also proposed.

DRDA

District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) is the nodal agency at the UT level to oversee the implementation of different anti-poverty programmes. In the UT of Puducherry, there are six Development Blocks, 3 are in Puducherry region, one in Karaikal region and two JBDO level Blocks at Mahe & Yanam regions. State Vigilance and Monitoring Committee headed by the State Rural Minister and District Vigilance and Monitoring Committee chaired by the Member of Parliament/s are functioning to monitor and supervise District Rural Development Programmes.

Rural Employment

The ultimate object is to bring the BPL above the poverty line. This responsibility has been broadly classified in to two heads namely, (i) creation of employment oppurtunites in rural areas and (ii) providing opportunities for income generating activities The next responsibility is provision of basic necessity of human survival i.e., Housing.

Under National Rural Employment Guarantee Act(NREGA),2005, the State Government has to provide 100 days of wage employment in a year to every rural household whose adult members are willing to do unskilled manual work. The scheme started in the U.T. of Puducherry w.e.f. 1.4.2008. As per the guidelins,' Puducherry Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme was formulated. This scheme is applicable only for rural areas. In the U.T of Pududcherry the scheme is implemented in rural areas of Puducherry and Karikal districts. Two blocks in Pududcherry district and Karaikal block in Karaikal district is covered under the scheme. All Gram Panchayats have conducted Grama Sabhas meetings and their proposals have been estimated and the Annual Action Plan is prepared. The administrative

approval has been accorded for execution of works in the U.T. of Puducherry amounting to 725 No. of works at the estimated cost of Rs7.68 crores under NREGA for 2008-09 . Out of that, 157 No. of works at the estimated cost of Rs3.54 crores earmarked for Puducherry district and for Karaikal district allotted 568 No. of works at the estimated cost of Rs4.14 crores. The scheme was implemented in full swing in Karaikal district. 15,547 job cards in 27 Village Panchayats have been issued and approved works started on 9.06.2008. So far 311 channels have been desilted by generating 1.62 lakhs mandays incurring wages of Rs.128.44 lakhs in 27 Village panchayats of Karaikal district under the scheme.12,007 persons have received their wages through the bank accounts. In Puducherry 57,000 persons(46,608 families) have registered under the scheme and photographs has been taken. Job Cards are yet to be issued since bank accounts have not been opened. When the Bank accounts become operational in all three Puducherry district blocks, NREGA works will be taken up in full swing in Puducherry district also.

As this is a Centrally sponsored scheme, for the purpose of implementation of the scheme which shall be managed as per rules prescribed by state Govt. Centre and State sharing of funding will be in ratio of 90:10 respectively. In the 10%, the UT shall meet the cost of :(i) cost of Unemployment allowance;(ii)1/4th of the material cost of the scheme & (iii) Administrative expenses of State employment guarantee Council(Sec22). Additional funds are required from the GOI to start the work in Puducherry. Out of the available funds of Rs. 161.00 lakhs, Rs.128.44 lakhs have been paid to the beneficiaries for work done in the Karaikal in June 2008. State govt. has released the NREGA allocation of rs.2.00 crores for 2008-09 and the allocated state funds would be fully utilized.

Under the self employment scheme, SGSY is being implemented in a holistic manner covering various aspects of self-employment such as the organization of the poor into SHG, training, credit, technology, infrastructure and marketing. The scheme aims at establishing a large number of micro enterprises in the rural areas built upon the potential of the rural poor.

PERFORMANCE DURING 2007-08

Under SGSY, 180 new groups were formed, 240 groups were I graded and out of which 213 groups were given DRDA's share of Revolving Fund, 156 groups were II graded and of which 102 groups were given subsidy and loan for taking up economic activities like milch animal rearing, floriculture, tailoring, construction activity(Lending Mixture Machine&

Centering sheets) and Multi purpose Shops. Special efforts are being made to promote diversification of activities among the SHGs

For the success of any scheme proper training of both the officials and beneficiaries is essential. Hence, mass training programme on Basic Orientation and Capacity Building Training was imparted to 6289 Members of 156 SHGs (Newly formed, Revolving Fund received and second grading completed) in all blocks of the U.T. of Puducherry as on March 31st 2008 at an expenditure of Rs.4.18 lakhs. With a view to promote diversification of activities among SHGs, intensive Skill development training was given to 685 members of SHGs.

DRDA is laying greater thrust on the marketing of items of SHGs with the aim to provide the necessary linkages. The marketing support for the products of SHGs is extended by DRDA by sponsoring the representatives of the SHGs to Exhibition/Melas, “SARAS FAIRS”, Deepavali Bazaar, etc. During 2007-08, 82 members from 74 SHGs have participated in 6 Regional SARAS/Fairs and sold SHG products worth about Rs.8.80 Lakhs.

LIKELY ACHIEVEMENTS DURING 2008-09

It is proposed to form 300 new Self Help groups, 230 SHGs to be released Revolving Funds and economic subsidy will be released to 31 SHGs (based on requirement placed). Construction of 750 individual household latrines. Construction of 4 Community Toilet Complexes. IEC activities under TSC will be taken up. Undertaking IEC activities under various schemes, to meet advertisement costs , Printing of Booklets/forms, and IT related activities. Imparting training to officials/beneficiaries on various schemes implemented under Community Development sector. To meet the administrative expenses like staff salary, maintenance of vehicles, office/equipment maintenance and purchase of vehicles.

The **Puducherry Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGA)** was implemented in full swing in Karaikal district. 17,000 job cards in 27 Village Panchayatshave been issued and approved works started on 9.06.2008. So far 311 channels have been desilted by generating 1.62 lakhs mandays incurring wages of Rs.128.44 lakhs in 27 Village Panchayats of Karaikal district under the scheme. 12,007 persons have received their wages through the bank accounts

PROPOSED TARGET FOR 2009-10

The successful implementation of the SGSY scheme in the U.T has led to the formation of **1,719** Self Help Groups in the U.T and there is increasing demand for Subsidy & Credit by the groups. The training requirements are taken care of. It has been proposed to acquire land and construct for a Marketing Complex for the SHGs at Block levels and to set up a Marketing Agency to assist the SHGs in marketing the products. 230 SHGS will be given Revolving Fund (Rs.11.50 lakhs) Since, granting Eco. Subsidy is a target free, approximately 30 SHGs will be given Economic subsidy during 2009-10(Rs.37.50 lakhs)@ Rs.1.25 lakh and Rs.1.00 lakh for imparting training in Basic Orientation and Skill up gradation. For evaluation purpose 3% fund earmarked. Establishment of RUDSETI in this U.T of Puducherry. Action has already been taken to establish the institution during 2008-09 and efforts will be continued during 2009-10 also.

At present Central Subsidy @ Rs.1,200/- is being given for Construction of 500 individual household latrines It is proposed to enhance the subsidy to Rs.10,000/- by additionally providing Rs.8800/- from state funds on par with other State scheme IEC activities under TSC will be taken up.

Under Puducherry Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, '**Puducherry Employment Guarantee Fund**' is to be setup.

Puducherry Rural Employment Council has to be established.

Under statutory obligation, UT shall meet the cost of :

- (i) entire cost of the Unemployment allowance;
- (ii) 1/4th of the material cost of the scheme &
- (iii) Administrative expenses of State Employment Guarantee Council
 - a) No of families expected to be assisted: 50,000.
 - b) No. mandays expected to be generated: 50 lakhs.

LOCAL ADMINISTRATION

So far GIA has been released to construct Village Panchayat Office Building in 52 places and during this year funds will be released to construct building for the remaining 46 Village Panchayat. Under this sector, funds will be released to Thirunallar Commune Panchayat and Ariankuppam Commune Panchayat to take up Civic Improvements works at Thirunallar and Veerampattinam. It is proposed to release GIA to Village Panchayat to provide basic facilities including roads, compound walls, water supply, cremation sheds, karumadi sheds etc, in all the Village Panchayat. And funds will also be released to the Nedungadu Commune Panchayat, Mannadipet Commune Panchayat, Nettapakkam Commune Panchayat and Bahour Commune Panchayat to fill up the low lying areas at the burial grounds. Computers have been provided in all the Commune Panchayat and Village Panchayat by availing the assistance from the Ministry of Panchayat Raj. Under this sector an amount of Rs.1812.50 lakhs have been provided and various works identified by the MLAs will be executed.

ACHIEVEMENTS DURING 2007-08

- 497 works under MLA's Local Area Development were completed.
- Grants were released to 10 Commune Panchayat to meet the operational cost of water supply system and rural electrification facilities.
- 32 works were completed under grant to Local bodies for construction and improvement of buildings, community centre, market and burial ground.
- One Commune Panchayat was benefited under integrated development of villages for religious importance.
- 3 Commune Panchayats and 98 Village Panchayat were benefitted under Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Village Renaissance programme.
- GIA released to 98 Villages for untied funds to Village Panchayat.

LIKELY ACHIEVEMENT DURING 2008-09

Steps will be taken to computerize the affairs of the Village Panchayat. Funds will be released to the Commune Panchayat in order to provide basic facilities in an area to be selected in consultation with the elected representatives. Grants will be released to Commune Panchayat in order to meet out the operational cost of water supply system and rural

electrification facilities. Grant will be released to Local bodies for construction and improvement of the buildings, Community centre, Market and burial ground. Grant will be released for Commune Panchayat for development of villages under Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Village Renaissance programme.

PROPOSED TARGET FOR 2009-10

It is proposed to release 20 lakhs to each Commune Panchayat and 1 lakh to each Village Panchayat as Untied grant as per the reconciliation of State Finance Commission. And funds will be release to set up disposal yard and Dog shelters in each Commune Panchayat to regulate the slaughtering of animals and to control the stray dog menace.

It is proposed to preserve Birth and Death records through Micro filming. It is proposed to released GIA to 50 village Panchayat to construct their own office buildings. Also, funds will be released to Panchayat to taken up improvement works in the existing Kalyanamandapam at villianur. Besides it is proposed to setup Bio mass gasifiers in the burial grounds maintained by the Panchayat. Also financial assistance will be extended to construct a bus stand at Nedungadu. And the existing market at Villianur will be taken up for reconstruction under PPP mode. At present no Commune Panchayat has proper disposal yard to dispose their garbages. As they have sufficient land, initially it is proposed to release an amount of Rs.20.00 lacs each to Commune Panchayat to setup the Disposal yard.

Funds will be released to Thirunallar Commune Panchayat and Ariankuppam Commune Panchayat to take up Civic Improvements works at Thirunallar and Veerampattinam. It is proposed to release GIA to Village Panchayat to provide basic facilities including roads, compound walls, water supply, cremation sheds, karumadi sheds etc, in all the Village Panchayat. And funds will also be released to the Nedungadu Commune Panchayat, Mannadipet Commune Panchayat, Nettapakkam Commune Panchayat and Bahour Commune Panchayat to fill up the low lying areas at the burial grounds.

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OUTLAY AT A GLANCE

Sector : COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

No. of Schemes : 15

Department : 1. LOCAL ADMINISTRATION
2. RURAL DEVELOPMENT
3. DRDA

(Rs. in lakh)

Eleventh Five Year Plan 2007-12 Approved Outlay	:	37420.73
Annual Plan 2007-08 Actual Expenditure	:	4227.42
Annual Plan 2008-09 Approved Outlay	:	5350.86
Annual Plan 2008-09 Revised Outlay	:	5350.86
Annual Plan 2009-10 Proposed Outlay	:	6990.00

(Rs. in lakh)

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		Approved Outlay	Actual Expdr.	Approved Outlay	Revised Outlay	Proposed Outlay
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)

LOCAL ADMINISTRATION

1.	Strengthening of Directorate of Rural Development	600.00	50.00	59.86	89.99	98.99
2.	Strengthening of Vital Statistical Cell	100.00	7.50	10.28	--	125.00
3.	MLA's Local Area Development scheme	9500.00	3265.00	3800.00	3200.00	3525.00
4.	Grant to meet the operational cost of water supply system & Rural Electrification facilities.	1000.00	27.99	28.08	28.08	778.15

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
5.	Grant for construction of Panchayat building, Community Centre and Market	10000.00	26.28	509.47	689.44	1522.86
6.	Grant for Integrated Development of villages of Religious Importance.	600.00	3.58	3.58	2.31	50.00
7.	Grant for Revival of burial / cremation ground	3500.00	114.04	216.00	--	--
8.	Grant for Commune Panchayats for development of villages under Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Renaissance Scheme.	700.00	127.15	114.59	--	--
9.	Grants under the scheme e-Governance Initiatives.	100.00	129.55	30.00	79.00	--
10.	Financial Assistance to commune panchayats by providing United funds.	1000.00	98.00	49.00	--	--
11.	Creation of infrastructural facilities for Tsunami affected areas.	744.26	--	--	32.04	--

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		Approved Outlay	Actual Expdr.	Approved Outlay	Revised Outlay	Proposed Outlay
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
12.	Grant for Composite scheme for basic civic amenities in the under developed areas.	4500.00	--	--	--	--
13.	Grant for Construction of Staff Quarters for commune panchayat employees	400.00	--	--	--	--
14.	Loans to Commune Panchayats for Remunerative Enterprises	50.00	--	--	--	--
15.	Grant for construction of village Panchayat Offices	734.14	--	--	--	--
16.	Infrastructural Development - Negotiated Loan	--	--	--	700.00	--
	Sub-total	33537.40	3849.09	4820.86	4820.86	6100.00

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17.	Community Development Programme	1079.62	167.54	160.00	160.00	206.00
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		Approved Outlay	Actual Expdr.	Approved Outlay	Revised Outlay	Proposed Outlay
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
18.	Promotion and Strengthening of Mahila / Yuvak Mandals	1725.00	35.98	90.00	90.00	94.00
19.	Creation of infrastructure facilities in the Tsunami affected areas.	--	94.81	--	--	--
	Sub-total	2804.62	298.33	250.00	250.00	300.00
	DRDA					
20.	Swarnjayanthi Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY)	500.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	143.99
21.	Total Sanitation Campaign Programme	100.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	46.00
22.	DRDA Administration	78.71	20.00	20.00	20.00	0.01
23.	Puducherry Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGA)	400.00	--	200.00	200.00	400.00
	Sub-total	1078.71	80.00	280.00	280.00	590.00
Total		37420.73	4227.42	5350.86	5350.86	6990.00