

FORESTRY AND WILD LIFE

Union Territory of Puducherry does not have any forest area / land, however, the Department of Forestry & Wild Life is implementing afforestation programme in urban and rural areas by planting saplings in waste lands, tank beds and banks of rivers, canals, roadside and coastal areas and also distributing saplings to the public. Conservation and creation of mangrove plantations in the backwater areas, creation of bio-wall plantations in coastal areas, sand dune stabilisation, Promoting Agro Forestry, distribution of Clonal High yielding varieties to the Farmers and taking up plantation in Industrial sites are being implemented. Parks and gardens has been developed under Recreational forestry in the urban areas as well as rural areas to add green cover, control air and noise pollution and serve dual purpose educative and recreational.

Creating awareness about conservation of natural resources and inculcate scientific and Wildlife Conservation temper, Vanamohotsava, Wildlife week and World Forestry Day celebrations were conducted every year. The Ossudu lake which has been declared as a Bird Sanctuary during the year 2008, is to be developed as one of the Eco-tourist centre with interpretation Centre, Library and Audio-visual centre of International standard. Houses for the various rescued animals for protection and rehabilitation are constructed. An arboretum comprises of more than 100 species of tree varieties at Manapet is being developed. To encourage Eco-tourism and attract tourists, development of Thengaithittu Mangrove area is essential.

The Coastal Bio wall / Bil shield plantations including Mangrove and non-Mangrove plantation play a role in reducing the impact of Tsunami and demands by the Coastal community to have vegetation around their village as a protective cover against natural disaster.

ACHIEVEMENTS DURING 2009-10:

- 8000 numbers of seedlings were planted along the roadsides at Puducherry and Karaikal.
- 1,50,000 numbers of seedlings have been distributed to Public, Private and Government Institutions, Industries and formers for planting.
- Mobile Protection Squad was constituted and periodical raids were conducted both in Puducherry and Karaikal.

- Forest Conservation Squad has been formed for periodical raids to protect and conserve Mangrove Forests in Yanam region.

LIKELY ACHIEVEMENTS DURING 2010-11:

- More than 10000 nos. of Seedlings are proposed to be planted along the roadside and in Forest lands at Puducherry and Karaikal.
- Nearly 1,50,000 nos. of seedlings will be distributed to Public, Private and Government Institutions, Industries and Farmers for planting.
- Clonal seedlings of Casuarinas Junghuniana will be raised in farmer's field in an extent of 40 acres.
- Protection measures in Oussudu Bird Sanctuary.
- Training to farmers on agroforestry, cultivation of medicinal plants, etc.
- Setting up of Mini Zoo.
- Conduct of Vanamahotsava, Wildlife Week and World Forestry Day.
- Floating of tableau to create awareness among the public and students.
- Participation in the Farm Fest.

PROPOSED TARGETS FOR 2011-12:

- It is proposed to distribute 1,50,000 Seedlings to the Public, Farmers, Government Institutions and Industries for plantation.
- 50 ha of Public and Government land under Afforestation Programme will be covered.
- Development of Bio-fencing along side Karaikal Coastal areas (III phase-left out areas).

STRATEGIES PROPOSED AND POLICY FOCUSED FOR 2011-12 :

- To identify the waste land / Govt. Poromboke lands to promote tree planting.
- To identify the lands available in the Tanks, Riverbeds, Coastal villages through the Village and Commune Panchayats for tree planting.
- To create awareness and promote urban forestry in the new developed Residential areas.
- Introduction of Puducherry Preservation of Tree Bill -2010

OUTLAY AT A GLANCE

Sector : FORESTRY AND WILD-LIFE

No. of Schemes : 5

Department : FORESTRY AND WILD-LIFE

(₹ in lakh)

Eleventh Five Year Plan 2007-12 Approved Outlay	:	2047.37
Annual Plan 2007-09 Actual Expenditure	:	390.35
Annual Plan 2009-10 Actual Expenditure	:	140.21
Annual Plan 2010-11 Approved Outlay	:	200.00
Annual Plan 2010-11 Revised Outlay	:	200.00
Annual Plan 2011-12 Proposed Outlay	:	290.00

(₹ in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Eleventh Five Year Plan 2007-12	Annual Plan 2007-09	Annual Plan 2009-10	Annual Plan 2010-11		Annual Plan 2011-12
		Approved Outlay	Actual Expdr.	Actual Expdr.	Approved Outlay	Revised Outlay	Proposed Outlay
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
1.	Social Forestry in Panchayats	850.00	231.71	118.42	100.00	145.00	185.00
2.	Preservation, Conservation, Protection and Development of Forests and Wildlife	438.00	15.10	4.05	21.00	21.00	21.00
3.	Forestry Extension and Implementation of Improved Technologies.	169.37	5.98	1.53	4.00	4.00	4.00
4.	Strengthening of the Directorate of Forests and Wildlife.	290.00	37.58	16.21	75.00	30.00	80.00
5.	Creation of infrastructural facilities in Tsunami affected areas (Bio-Wall Plantations)	300.00	99.98	--	--	--	--
Total		2047.37	390.35	140.21	200.00	200.00	290.00