

## SECRETARIAT ECONOMIC SERVICES

Planning & Research Department under Secretariat Economic Services, performs the task of preparation of draft document for the Five Year Plan / Annual Plan in the formats prescribed by Planning Commission by collecting all relevant materials from as many as 50 Departments implementing Plan Schemes. These materials have been scrutinized in detail with reference to the objective of the scheme and physical target achieved / likely to be achieved, application of Zero Based Budgeting, sufficient provision as State Share for C.S.S. etc; then Sector / Scheme-wise consolidation of schemes are done and tentative outlay with reference to resource position is arrived at. These documents after having considered in the State Planning Board are sent to Planning Commission for approval and allocation of Plan Outlay.

The size of the Plan has increased manifold as a result of implementing various schemes including infrastructure development projects. As the XII Plan formulation is on, the Zero Based Budgeting exercise has been taken up to reduce the total number of schemes which are considered as redundant. In view of increasing technical work, an absolute necessity has arisen to upgrade the technical manpower of the Planning & Research Department to scrutinize the proposals received from the line departments for assessment of fund requirement and advise them to adopt better management techniques and to get optimum return on Plan investment. The Plan formulation and Plan Co-ordination units will be strengthened with additional manpower. The department will also be modernized with latest computer systems and other electronic equipments to increase the efficiency of the organization and for optimum utilization of manpower.

It is stated that Plan Formulation in all the States has been entrusted to the respective State Planning Boards whereas in the Union Territory of Puducherry State Planning Board is not engaged with that function. Instead it is looked after by Planning & Research Department in addition to normal Plan works. As a result, undivided attention could not be shown for important areas like augmentation resources etc.

Besides, over the years the following issues need specific attention for which the State Planning Board is the proper platform :

- (i) Evolving appropriate policies and programmes towards reduction of regional imbalances in the State.

- (ii) Application of Zero Base Budgeting for effective implementation of Plan Schemes.
- (iii) Implementation of Public Private Partnership Projects / Programmes in the U.T. of Puducherry.
- (iv) To liaise and closely monitor the implementation of CSS and to avail more assistance by covering additional CSS.

Accordingly the State Planning Board need to be strengthened, to augment the UTs resource position and implement the schemes based on the felt needs of the people, instead of creating any regular post. Hence, a retired Senior Officer with vast experience in Plan Formulation, Monitoring especially from Planning and Research Department may be engaged on contract basis. The expenditure can be met from the budgetary head of the Planning & Research Department.

It is proposed to impart training to different categories of officials working in Plan departments like Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries to improve the productivity in primary sector. Likewise officials of Industries department, DIC, Labour etc., will be provided training. Engineers of key departments like Electricity, Public Works, Town & Country Planning are proposed to be updated with latest engineering techniques to avoid time / cost overrun so as to implement the Plan Schemes effectively. At present there is no Training Institute in the Union Territory. Hence it is proposed to set up a Training Institute at Puducherry, 'State Planning Machinery' under the Secretariat Economic Services. The Training Institute is proposed to be looked after by Planning & Research Department by engaging an experienced Retired Officer on contract basis having experience in organizing / conducting various Plan development programmes.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS DURING 2007-11**

- Eleventh Plan 2007-12 and Annual Plan documents were prepared.
- Review meetings on the plan performance were conducted.
- National Savings Scheme draws were conducted annually.
- World Thrift Day function was held annually; incentives to investors and NSS agents were paid.
- Ten training programmes were conducted for officers and staff of plan implementing departments.

- Software for online monitoring of plan expenditure with the co-ordination of NIC was done.
- State Development Report for Puducherry was released.
- Release of share capital contribution to Pudukkottai Bharathiar Grama Bank.

### **LIKELY ACHIEVEMENTS DURING 2011-12**

- “Working / Core Group” has been constituted to prepare a Vision Document in connection with the formulation of 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan (2012-17)
- The “State Planning Board” was reconstituted.
- World Thrift Day was conducted on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2011.
- Plan Review Meeting under the Chairmanship of Hon’ble Chief Minister was conducted on 25.01.2012 besides three review meetings under the Chairmanship of Development Commissioner / Chief Secretary.
- An “Innovative Council” has been set up under the Chairmanship of Hon’ble Chief Minister as per the directions of Govt. of India.
- One “Impact Study” on the functioning of Anganwadis was conducted and Draft Report prepared.
- To release 15% share capital to “Pudukkottai Bharathiar Grama Bank” as a part of recapitalisation process.
- Proposed to conduct two training programmes.
- The “State Planning Board” will be convened in February,2012.
- Formulation of Draft Annual Plan 2012-13 Sectoral proposals.

### **PROPOSED TARGETS FOR 2012-13**

- Preparation of XII Five Year Plan 2012-17 document.
- Setting up of “State Training Institute” by engaging a retired officer on contract basis, having experience in organising / conducting various developmental programmes and conduct of a minimum of 6 Training programmes
- Strengthening of State Planning Board by engaging retired senior official with expertise in Plan formulation / resource augmentation.
- To conduct four impact study each year.
- To conduct 6 Plan Review Meetings.
- To Conduct World Thrift Day.

## OUTLAY AT A GLANCE

Sector : SECRETARIAT ECONOMIC SERVICES

No. of Scheme : 2

Department : PLANNING AND RESEARCH

(₹ in lakh)

Eleventh Five Year Plan 2007-12 Approved Outlay	:	420.69
Annual Plan 2007-10 Actual Expenditure	:	154.72
Annual Plan 2010-11 Actual Expenditure	:	202.86
Annual Plan 2011-12 Approved Outlay	:	1615.00
Annual Plan 2011-12 Revised Outlay	:	82.35
Twelfth Five Year Plan 2012-17 Tentative Outlay	:	10625.00
Annual Plan 2012-13 Proposed Outlay	:	2125.00

(₹ in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Annual Plan 2010-11	Annual Plan 2011-12	Twelfth Plan 2012-17 (Tentative Outlay)	Annual Plan 2012-13
		Actual Expdr.	Approved Outlay	Proposed Outlay	Proposed Outlay
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(6)	(7)
1.	Strengthening of Plan Formulation, Monitoring, Planning Board Mechanism and Development of Training under the State Planning Machinery	202.86	1615.00	625.00	125.00
2.	State Share towards CSS	--	--	10000.00	2000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>202.86</b>	<b>1615.00</b>	<b>10625.00</b>	<b>2125.00</b>