

WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Under Legal Metrology, it is proposed to modernize the laboratories of the Legal Metrology of the UT. The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Food, Consumer Affairs & Public Distribution which reviewed the working of Weights & Measures Department of the Ministry has expressed concern in its 7th and 8th reports over the pace of modernization of State laboratories and desired an overall improvement in the performance of the state Weights & Measures Department. The Committee has also desired that State Governments should monitor the working of the Department regularly and strictly enforce the laws relating to Weights & Measures. The Committee has also noted that the consumers in the country cannot be empowered unless and until the Weights & Measures laws are implemented with missionary zeal and the equipments and gadgets used by the enforcement authorities modernized.

To supplement the effort of the Department of Consumer Affairs of the Government of India, the Department of Legal Metrology, Puducherry, has proposed to interlink all the outlying regions of Union territory of Puducherry with the Headquarters and a web based software supporting the functions of Legal Metrology as well as excise matters with Puducherry Office hosting the website with a data centre. The proposed software will enable for effective monitoring, online filing of applications, e-payment, SMS facilities etc.,

For the purpose of site inspection by the Inspectors of Legal Metrology, and to ensure that all articles or goods which are to be sold by weight, measure or number in all the four regions should either be weighed, measured or counted accurately in the presence of the purchaser, purchase of vehicles are essentially required.

ACHIEVEMENTS DURING 2007-11

- As per the recommendations of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on consumer affairs, Food & Public Distribution in its 7th & 8th Report, the Secondary Standards Laboratory of Legal Metrology, Puducherry was modernised.

LIKELY ACHIEVEMENTS DURING 2011-12

- It is proposed to develop interactive web based software on the functions of Legal Metrology and Excise with the help of NIC. NIC has already given Project Report for Rs. 22 lakh.

PROPOSED TARGETS FOR 2012-13

- All the outlying regions of Union territory of Puducherry are proposed to be interlinked with the Headquarters and a web based software supporting the functions of Legal Metrology as well as excise matters with Puducherry Office hosting the website and a data centre is proposed.

OUTLAY AT A GLANCE

Sector : WEIGHTS & MEASURES

No. of Schemes : 1

Department : LEGAL METROLOGY

(₹ in lakh)

Eleventh Five Year Plan 2007-12 Approved Outlay	:	37.75
Annual Plan 2007-10 Actual Expenditure	:	11.49
Annual Plan 2010-11 Actual Expenditure	:	5.00
Annual Plan 2011-12 Approved Outlay	:	5.00
Annual Plan 2011-12 Revised Outlay	:	8.65
Twelfth Five Year Plan 2012-17 Tentative Outlay	:	40.00
Annual Plan 2012-13 Proposed Outlay	:	14.00

(₹ 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 Weights and Measures	5.00	5.00	40.00	14.00
Total		5.00	5.00	40.00	14.00