

EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN

Government have been implementing various welfare schemes for the benefit of Children adolescent girls, brides belonging to poor families, daughters of widows, pregnant women, lactating mothers, Widows/Destitute Women. The Pondicherry Corporation for the Development of Women and Handicapped Persons Ltd., is functioning under the purview of the Department. The Puducherry Corporation of Women and Handicapped person extends helping hand to women by promoting formation of women Self Help Groups, extending them subsidized loans for self employment and conducting job oriented trainings. Two Working Women's Hostels are run by this Department and four Working Women's Hostels are run by the Corporation. The Puducherry Women's Commission is a statutory body funded by this department. It enquires and resolves unfair practices and atrocities against women. It also creates awareness about acts and laws among women. Eight Family Counselling centres located across four regions are run by this department to provide counseling in regard of family disputes and suggesting suitable remedies.

ACHIEVEMENTS DURING 2007-11

- 7,893 pregnant women were granted assistance of ₹ 500/- under Kulavilakku scheme.
- 3,627 lactating mothers were granted an assistance of ₹ 1,200/- under Aravanaippu scheme.
- 1,532 widows were granted a financial assistance of ₹ 20,000/- each under the scheme Grant of Marriage Assistance to Widow's Daughter.
- 23 widows were granted ₹ 20,000/- in the form of National Saving Certificate as an incentive for their remarriage
- 5,462 brides belonging to poor families were granted ₹15,000/- each under the scheme Grant of Financial Assistance for Performance of Marriage of Poor Brides Living below Poverty Line
- 1,177 families were benefited through the scheme "Incentive to family having one girl/two girl children and parents undergone family planning"
- An amount of ₹ 20,000/- was deposited in the name of their girl child/children. Through the scheme "Grant of Financial Assistance to the Poor Parents having

One Girl Child who is Studying 8th to 10th Standard” 489 families were provided ₹ 25,000/- in the form of National Savings Certificates.

- 22,063 new beneficiaries were given Old Age, Widow and Destitute Pension in addition to 97,770 existing beneficiaries.
- The pension amount was increased from ₹ 600 to ₹ 1,000/- with effect from June 2011.
- The Women Development Corporation is effectively arranging for formation of Self Help Groups in various villages of Puducherry and Karaikal Region.
- Periodical camps are being arranged to Self Help Groups in various villages with a view to increase social awareness, development of leadership qualities and towards building up of self confidence among women.
- Training on Health, Nutrition, Legal Awareness, Self Confidence, Accounts Maintenance, Leadership Quality, Human Understanding etc., are being given to Self Help Groups.
- The Puducherry Women’s Commission safeguards the status of women in the Union Territory of Puducherry.
- A special drive was conducted by the commission to issue marriage registration certificates.

LIKELY ACHIEVEMENTS DURING 2011-12

- Issued one set of Clothing item free of cost to 2,52,000 Ration Card Holders. Further the department of anticipates the following achievements.
- 1,200 pregnant women will be granted assistance of ₹ 500/- under Kulavilakku scheme. 800 lactating mothers will be granted an assistance of ₹ 1,200/- under Aravanaippu scheme.
- 400 widows will be granted a financial assistance of ₹ 20,000/- each under the scheme Grant of Marriage Assistance to Widow’s Daughter.
- 7 widows will be granted ₹ 20,000/- in the form of National Saving Certificate as an incentive for their remarriage
- 1,363 brides belonging to poor families will be granted ₹ 15,000/- each under the scheme Grant of Financial Assistance for Performance of Marriage of Poor Brides Living below Poverty Line.

- 650 families having one girl/two girl children and parents who have undergone family planning will be benefited.
- An amount of ₹ 20,000/- will be deposited in the name of the girl child in the case of family with one girl child and in the case of family with two girl children, ₹ 10,000/- will be deposited in the name of each girl child.
- 115 families will be benefited through the scheme Grant of Financial Assistance to the Poor Parents having One Girl Child Who is Studying 8th to 10th Standard by a financial assistance of ₹ 25,000/- in the form of National Savings Certificates.
- 1,19,148 beneficiaries will be given Old Age Pension @ ₹ 1,000/- per month.

PROPOSED TARGETS FOR 2012-13

- Financial Assistance to Old Age Pension shall be bifurcated into into Financial Assistance to Old Age Persons and Finanacial Assistance to Widows, Destitute Women & Eunuch.
- The Old Age part shall be transferred to Social Welfare Department along with the scheme Distribution of Free Clothing to poor and economically backward people.
- Integrated Child Protection scheme, hitherto operated by Social Welfare Department shall be transferred to this department.

OUTLAY AT A GLANCE

Sector : EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN AND
DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN

No. of Schemes : 11

Department : WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

(₹ in lakh)

Eleventh Five Year Plan 2007-12 Approved Outlay	:	55251.01
Annual Plan 2007-10 Actual Expenditure	:	28641.07
Annual Plan 2010-11 Actual Expenditure	:	10195.69
Annual Plan 2011-12 Approved Outlay	:	13204.23
Annual Plan 2011-12 Revised Outlay	:	14100.00
Twelfth Five Year Plan 2012-17 Tentative Outlay	:	44041.00
Annual Plan 2012-13 Proposed Outlay	:	8693.67

(₹ in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Annual Plan 2010-11	Annual Plan	Twelfth Plan 2012-17 (Tentative Outlay)	Annual Plan 2012-13
		Actual Expr.	Approved Outlay	Proposed Outlay	Proposed Outlay
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1.	Strengthening of DWCD	38.80	47.59	--	--
2.	Other Programmes for welfare of children	3.28	3.30	--	--
3.	Service Home for Destitute Women	--	0.01	--	--
4.	Hostel for Working Women	1.29	1.60	--	--
5.	Other Programmes for Welfare of women	539.54	532.00	--	--
6.	PCW&HP	2374.54	2428.25	--	--
7.	Setting up of State Commission for Women	75.00	80.00	--	--
8.	Financial assistance to OAP	7142.48	9529.56	--	--
9.	Distribution of free rice to poor and economically backward people	--	450.00	--	--

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
10.	Construction of Anganwadi centres/ CDPO offices/ Hostel for working women	5.00	110.00	--	--
11.	State commission for children	--	0.01	--	--
12.	Family Counselling centers	4.84	10.99	--	--
13.	Free supply of uniforms to pre-school children in Anganwadi centres	10.92	10.92	--	--
<i>Schemes for 2012-13 & 2012-17 after the Zero Based Budgeting Exercise</i>					
1.	Strengthening of DWCD Implementation of welfare scheme to SC students	--	--	50.00	10.00
2.	Other Programmes for welfare of children	--	--	18.50	3.70
3.	Other Programmes for Welfare of women	--	--	2750.00	550.00
4.	State commission for children	--	--	50.00	0.01
5.	Hostel for Working Women	--	--	25.00	3.50
6.	Setting up of State Commission for Women	--	--	250.00	50.00
7.	Women Development Corporation	--	--	13250.00	2650.00
8.	Financial assistance to Widows, Destitute Women & Eunuchs	--	--	25150.00	5027.64
9.	Construction of Anganwadi Centres	--	--	550.00	110.00
10.	Free supply of uniform to pre-school children in anganwadi centres	--	--	55.00	10.92
11.	Integrated welfare programme for the children	--	--	1892.50	277.90
Total		10195.69	13204.23	44041.00	8693.67

Note: The number of schemes indicates with reference to Draft Annual Plan 2012-13.