

PORTS

The Puducherry Port is situated in the East coast between two major ports viz., Chennai and Tuticorin and is about 150 k.m. south of Chennai Port.

As a part of its ongoing infrastructure development plans, the Port department had awarded the work of development of Pondicherry and Karaikal Ports into deep-water ports with direct berthing facilities through private investment on BOT (Build, Operate, Transfer) basis to two different private developers. The Government of Puducherry entered into a Concession Agreement with a private port developer namely M/s Marg Constructions Limited, Chennai during January 2006 for the development of a deep water port at Karaikal through private investment on BOT basis for a period of 30 years. The Phase I of the project was completed at an estimated cost of ₹417 crores. The Karaikal Port project has started generating revenue to the U.T. of Puducherry in the form of concession fee and land rentals and also to the Government of India through Department of Customs, Central Excise and Southern Railways. It has also provided direct and indirect job opportunities to the local people. The commercial Port at Karaikal handled 6.09 million tones of cargo and received ₹ 7 crore as concession fee and lease charges. A Captive Marine Terminal Facility at Karaikal Port for handling liquid chemicals is in operation and handled 57,000 tonnes of liquid chemicals. The construction works related to Phase-II are in the pipe line.

As far as the Pondicherry port is concerned, the developer would be permitted to commence the construction activities only after obtaining the Environmental clearance from Ministry of Environment and Forest.

Apart from the execution of the two above said projects, the department is also carrying out the following works :

- a) Dredging of the new port channel to facilitate free movement of fishing as well as cargo vessels.
- b) Maintenance of the lighthouses at Karaikal and Mahe.
- c) Renting of the slipway to private firms to carry out ship repair works.

Physical targets envisaged :

Sl. No.	Item	Unit	Eleventh Plan (2007-08 to 2011-12) Actual Achievement	Twelfth Five Year Plan 2012-17 Target	Achievement 2012-13	Annual Plan 2013-14 Proposed Target
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1	Traffic Handled	Million Tonnes	11.97	37.50	6.09	7.000

OUTLAY AT A GLANCE

Sector : PORTS

No. of Scheme : 1

Department : PORT

(₹ in lakh)

Eleventh Plan 2007-12 Actual Expenditure	:	1899.16
Annual Plan 2011-12 Actual Expenditure	:	374.93
Annual Plan 2012-13 Approved Outlay	:	400.00
Annual Plan 2012-13 Revised Outlay	:	321.66
Annual Plan 2013-14 Proposed Outlay	:	400.00

(₹ in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Eleventh Plan 2007-12	Annual Plan 2011-12	Annual Plan 2012-13		Annual Plan 2013-14	
		Actual Expdr.	Actual Expdr.	Approved Outlay	Revised Outlay	Proposed Outlay	Of which Capital Content
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
1.	Infrastructure Maintenance & Development of Ports and Light Houses.	1899.16	374.93	400.00	321.66	400.00	400.00

Sector : PORT

Implementing Department : PORT

1. Name of the Scheme : Infrastructure Maintenance & Development of Ports and Light Houses.

2. Objective of the Scheme :

Dredging the inner channel and mouth portion of the Ariankuppam river will be taken up for easy navigability of the fishing vessels and to safeguard the livelihood of the fishermen community using department dredger/hired excavators and ocean going dredger "SINDURAJ" of Kerala State Maritime Development Corporation Limited, Kerala. Maintenance of Port machineries, civil and electrical maintenance of old Port and new Port will be continued. Purchase of spares and equipments required for dredging are also proposed. Lighthouses at Karaikal and Mahe will be maintained under this scheme.

3. Actual Physical Achievements during Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12) :

- i) Dredging the inner channel and mouth portion of the Ariankuppam river using department dredger carried out.
- ii) Gauge conversion of the metre gauge railway sidings at the old Port into broad gauge.
- iii) Phase-I of the Karaikal Port completed.
- iv) Acquisition of land for the development of Phase II of Karaikal Port completed.
- v) Annual maintenance of Karaikal and Mahe light houses/dredgers completed.
- vi) Dry-Dock repair works of the department dredger Karaikal completed.
- vii) Rectified the damages caused by Cyclonic Storm "THANE"

4. Physical Achievements for the Annual Plan 2012-13:

- i) Annual maintenance of Karaikal and Mahe light houses was done.
- ii) Repairs and maintenance of winch and cradle assembly, slipway facility, 60 Tons electronic weigh bridge and towing launch was completed.
- iii) Maintenance and repairs of the office buildings, staff quarters, construction of vehicle parking shed at old Port/compound walls at old and new Port / repairs of transit sheds was completed.
- iv) Laying of internal roads at new port, repair works of office building and staff quarters of Karaikal light house etc. was completed.
- v) Electrical maintenance works at old and new Port, providing of high mast light at new Port area near brackish water site and other places was done.
- vi) Maintenance of Port equipments viz. dredgers, tractors etc. was done.

5. Proposed Physical Targets for Annual Plan 2013-14:

- i) Dredging in the sand trap, mouth portion and inner channel of the Ariankuppam river will be done.
- ii) Dredging of the mouth portion using the ocean going dredger “SINDURAJ” of Kerala State Maritime Development Corporation Limited, Kerala will be completed.
- iii) Dry-Dock repair works of the Dredger “Pondicherry” will be done.
- iv) Development of Karaikal Port- Creating New Port establishment at Karaikal will be completed.
- v) Repairs and maintenance of winch and cradle assembly, slipway facility, 60 Tons electronic weigh bridge and towing launch will be done.
- vi) HDPE Floaters assemblies and Dredge hoses will be procured.
- vii) Consultancy fee to the Indian Maritime University will be paid.

6. Remarks : Continuing Scheme