

SECRETARIAT ECONOMIC SERVICES

Planning & Research Department under Secretariat Economic Services, performs the task of preparation of draft Five Year Plan / Annual Plan document in the formats prescribed by Planning Commission by collecting all relevant materials from as many as 54 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 welfare 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 techniques 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 their efficiency and also raise productivity in agriculture and allied sectors. 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.

OUTLAY AT A GLANCE

Sector : SECRETARIAT ECONOMIC SERVICES

No. of Schemes : 2

Department : PLANNING AND RESEARCH

(₹ in lakh)

Eleventh Plan 2007-12 Actual Expenditure	:	439.31
Annual Plan 2011-12 Actual Expenditure	:	81.73
Annual Plan 2012-13 Approved Outlay	:	142.16
Annual Plan 2012-13 Revised Outlay	:	37.04
Annual Plan 2013-14 Proposed Outlay	:	2050.00

(₹ 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.	Strengthening of State Planning Machinery.	439.31	81.73	142.16	37.04	50.00	--
2.	State share to CSS	--	--	--	--	2000.00	--
Total		439.31	81.73	142.16	37.04	2050.00	--

Scheme No. 1

Sector : SECRETARIAT ECONOMIC SERVICES

Implementing Department :

PLANNING AND RESEARCH

1. Name of the Scheme : Strengthening of State Planning Machinery.

2. Objective of the Scheme :

The functions of Plan formulation and monitoring will be undertaken. Imparting training to departmental officials in management topics for better Plan implementation. Conduct of impact studies on select Plan programmes.

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

- i) Eleventh Plan 2007-12 and Annual Plan documents prepared.
- ii) Review meetings on the plan performance conducted.
- iii) National Savings Scheme draws and World Thrift Day functions conducted annually; incentives paid to investors / NSS agents.
- iv) Eleven training programmes conducted for officers and staff.
- v) Software for online monitoring of plan expenditure with the co-ordination of NIC developed.
- vi) State Development Report for Puducherry prepared and released.
- vii) Release of 15% share capital contribution to Pudukkottai Bharathiar Grama Bank as a part of recapitalisation process.
- viii) A Vision Document for XII Plan prepared by the Core Group constituted for the purpose.
- ix) Departmental website launched.
- x) An Innovative Council constituted under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister as per the directions of Govt. of India.
- xi) One "Impact Study" on the functioning of Anganwadis conducted.

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

- i) A "Public Private Partnership (PPP) Cell" was constituted for giving approval in principle for the PPP projects undertaken by the departments concerned.
- ii) An "UID implementation Cell" was set up to roll out Aadhar Enabled Payment Services (AEPS) for various welfare schemes in Puducherry District.
- iii) Review Meetings were conducted.
- iv) Draft Annual Plan 2012-13 document was prepared.

- v) Two Impact studies viz. i) Implementation of Integrated Child Development Services(ICDS) and ii) functioning of Community Health Centres (CHC) were undertaken.
- vi) Government of India scheme of Direct Cash Transfer was launched for Puducherry District for two schemes initially.

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

- i) Draft Annual Plan 2013-14 document will be prepared.
- ii) A Public Private Partnership (PPP) policy will be formulated.
- iii) One Impact Study on the functioning of Rural Labour Welfare Centres will be taken up.
- iv) Evaluation of plan schemes / impact studies will be conducted.
- v) Four training programmes will be conducted.
- vi) Review Meetings will be conducted.

6. Remarks : Continuing Scheme

Scheme No. 2

Sector : SECRETARIAT ECONOMIC SERVICES
 Implementing Department : PLANNING AND RESEARCH

1. Name of the Scheme : State Share to Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS)

2. Objective of the Scheme :

The objective of the scheme is to release state share to centrally sponsored schemes implemented by various departments.

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

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

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

State share will be released to centrally sponsored schemes implemented by various departments.

6. Remarks : Continuing Scheme