

PORTS

The Puducherry Port is situated in the East Coast between two major ports viz., Chennai and Tuticorin. Puducherry Port is at about 150 K.M south of Chennai Port. The Port is vested with good depths (10m depth available at 1.2 K.M and 15m depth at 2.5 K.M from shore). As a part of its ongoing economic development plans, the Port Department had awarded the work of Development of Karaikal Ports into deep-water ports with direct berthing facilities through private investment on BOT (Build, Operate, Transfer) basis, to the private developer namely M/s Marg Constructions Limited, Chennai during January 2006.

The Phase I of the project was completed and is in operation since June 2009. The Port has been handling various cargoes like coal, cement, sugar, copra, fertilizers, urea, etc and so far 23.44 million tons of cargo has been handled. The developer has obtained Environmental clearance for Phase-II of the Karaikal Port Project from the Ministry of Environment & Forest (MoEF), GOI, New Delhi and the construction work related to Phase-II is in progress.

A Captive Marine Terminal Facility promoted by M/s Chemplast Sanmar, Chennai is also functioning at Karaikal since September 2007. This facility handles liquid chemicals viz ethylene and caustic soda exclusively for their use. During the financial year 2013-14, the above facility has handled so far 33,000 tons of Ethylene and Caustic Soda.

The Karaikal Port project has started generating revenue to the UT 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.

Apart from the above, the department is also carrying out the works of dredging the new port channel to facilitate free movement of fishing as well as cargo vessels. The livelihood of the fishermen community depends on the navigability of the channel of Ariyankuppam River.

OUTLAY AT A GLANCE

Sector : PORTS

No. of Scheme : 1

Department : PORT

(₹ in lakh)

Annual Plan 2012-13 Actual Expenditure	:	321.63
Annual Plan 2013-14 Approved Outlay	:	400.00
Annual Plan 2013-14 Revised Outlay	:	360.00
Annual Plan 2014-15 Proposed Outlay	:	400.00

(₹ in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Annual Plan 2012-13	Annual Plan 2013-14		Annual Plan 2014-15	
		Actual Expdr.	Approved Outlay	Revised Outlay	Proposed Outlay	Of which Capital Content
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1.	Infrastructure Maintenance & Development of Ports and Light Houses.	321.63	400.00	360.00	400.00	400.00

Scheme No.1

Sector : PORT

Implementing Department : PORT

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

2. Objective of the Scheme :

Maintenance dredging in 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 Outsourced Dredgers Maintenance of Port Machineries viz. dredgers, Tractor, Towing Launch, 60 Ton Electronic Weighbridge, Winch and cradle assembly etc will be continued. Civil and Electrical maintenance of Old Port and New Port will be continued. Purchase of spares and equipments required for dredging are also proposed. Further the Lighthouses at Karaikal and Mahe will be maintained under this scheme. Also maintenance works of Staff quarters at Pondicherry Port and Karaikal Lighthouse would be undertaken.

3. Actual Physical Achievements made in the Annual Plan 2012-13 :

- Annual Maintenance of Karaikal and Mahe Light Houses
- Repairs and maintenance of Winch and Cradle assembly, Slipway facility
- Repairs and maintenance of 60 Tons Electronic Weigh Bridge.
- Repairs and maintenance of Department Towing Launch.
- Civil Maintenance and repairs of Executive Engineer Office building, Director Office building, stores and conservancy building, Port Staff quarters, construction of vehicle parking shed at Old Port and construction of compound walls at Old and New Port, , Repairs of Transit sheds, laying of internal roads at new port, Repair works of Office building and staff quarters of Karaikal Light House etc.
- Electrical Maintenance works at Old and New Port, Providing of High Mast Lights at New Port.
- Maintenance of Port Equipments viz. Dredgers, Tractors, etc
- Development of Puducherry port through private investment on BOT basis.

4. Physical Achievements for the Annual Plan 2013-14:

- Maintenance excavation in the sand trap, mouth portion and inner channel of the Ariankuppam River of the new port using hired Excavators.
- Development of Karaikal Port

- Annual Maintenance of Karaikal and Mahe Light Houses
- Repairs and maintenance of Winch and Cradle assembly, Slipway facility
- Repairs and maintenance of 60 Tons Electronic Weigh Bridge.
- Repairs and maintenance of Department Towing Launch.
- Civil Maintenance and repairs of Executive Engineer Office building, Director Office building, stores and conservancy building, Port Staff quarters, construction of vehicle parking shed at Old Port and construction of compound walls at Old and New Port, Repairs of Transit sheds, laying of internal roads etc.
- Electrical Maintenance works at Old and New Port area.
- Maintenance of Port Equipments viz. Dredgers, Towing Launch, Tractor etc.
- Payment of Consultancy fee to the Indian Maritime University.
- Payment has been made to the Arbitral Tribunal Members as well as Counsels to the Govt. of Puducherry towards the arbitration pertaining to the Pondicherry Port Project.

5. Proposed Physical Targets for the Annual Plan 2014-15 :

- Maintenance dredging in the sand trap, mouth portion and inner channel of the Ariankuppam River of the new port using Department Dredger/Hired Excavaors.
- Maintenance dredging in the sand trap, mouth portion and inner channel of the Ariankuppam River of the New port using Outsourced Dredger.
- Procurement of Cutter Motor for the Dredger “Karaikal”
- Repair and reconditioning of Sand Pump system
- Dry-Dock repair works of the Dredger “Pondicherry”
- Development of Karaikal Port- Creating New Port establishment at Karaikal
- Annual Maintenance of Karaikal and Mahe Light Houses
- Repairs and maintenance of Winch and Cradle assembly, Slipway facility.
- Procurement of HDPE Floaters assemblies and Dredge hoses.
- Repairs and maintenance of 60 Tons Electronic Weigh Bridge.
- Repairs and maintenance of Department Towing Launch.
- Maintenance of Electrical and Civil structures in the Old and New Port area in Pondicherry Port and in Karaikal Lighthouse.
- Annual Maintenance of Port Equipments viz. Dredgers, Tractor etc.

6. Remarks : Continuing Scheme