

SECRETARIAT ECONOMIC SERVICES

Planning and 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 details 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 to the departments dealing with Plan schemes.

The size of the Plan has increased manifold as a result of implementing various welfare schemes including infrastructure development project schemes. In the beginning of XII Plan formulation, the Zero Based Budgeting exercise has been taken up to reduce the sizable number of Plan 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 and 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, Plan Co-ordination and Plan Monitoring 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 and 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:

- Evolving appropriate policies and programmes towards reduction of regional imbalances in the development of Union Territory of Puducherry.
- Application of Zero Base Budgeting techniques for effective implementation of Plan Schemes.

- Implementation of Public Private Partnership Projects / Programmes in the U.T. of Puducherry.
- To liaison with various central ministries and closely monitor the implementation of CSS and to avail more financial assistance by covering additional CSSs.

Further, 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. The State Innovation Council has been setup in the UT of Puducherry under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister. The sectoral sub-committee was also constituted recently. Necessary budget provision has to be made available for strengthening the activities of State Innovation Council.

It is proposed to impart training to different categories of officials working in the line 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 and Research Department by engaging an experienced Retired Officer on contract basis having experience in organizing/ conducting various Plan development programmes.

Government of India had identified 34 Centrally Sponsored Government Schemes across 51 districts in 18 States / Union Territories of the country from 01.01.2013 / leveraging the Aadhaar identity platform. Pondicherry was one of the pilot districts identified for the Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme through Aadhaar Enabled Payment System. Out of 24 Centrally Sponsored Schemes amenable to Direct Benefit Transfer System, 16 schemes had been identified from Puducherry district and two schemes viz. Post Metric Scholarship for SC Students (158 beneficiaries) from Adi Dravidar Welfare Department and Post Metric Scholarship for OBC students (445 beneficiaries) from Social Welfare Department had been launched for rolling out by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Puducherry on 02.01.2013. UIDAI Implementation Cell was set up in Planning and Research Complex for monitoring the Aadhaar related work. Special camps are being conducted to gear up the Aadhaar enrollment of the beneficiaries. Presently there are 5 numbers of Permanent camps are functioning in Puducherry region, 3 numbers in Karaikal, one each in Mahe and Yanam regions for Aadhaar enrollment to the public.

OUTLAY AT A GLANCE

Sector : SECRETARIAT ECONOMIC SERVICES

No. of Scheme : 1

Department : PLANNING AND RESEARCH

(₹ in lakh)

Annual Plan 2012-13 Actual Expenditure	:	36.96
Annual Plan 2013-14 Approved Outlay	:	1550.00
Annual Plan 2013-14 Revised Outlay	:	27.70
Annual Plan 2014-15 Proposed Outlay	:	280.00

(₹ 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.	Strengthening of State Planning Machinery.	36.96	50.00	27.70	30.00	--
	State share to CSS	--	1500.00	--	--	--
	Negotiated Loan	--	--	--	250.00	250.00
Total		36.96	1550.00	27.70	280.00	250.00

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Sector : SECRETARIAT ECONOMIC SERVICES

Implementing Department :

PLANNING AND RESEARCH

- 1. Name of the Scheme** : Strengthening of State Planning Machinery
- 2. Objective of the Scheme** :

Plan formulation and monitoring of plan schemes to achieve the target fixed in the Annual Plan and conduct of impact studies on Plan programmes. Imparting training to departmental officials on various topics like rural development, management etc. Strengthening of State Innovation Council.

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

- A “Public Private Partnership (PPP) Cell” was constituted for giving approval in principle for the PPP Projects undertaken by the departments concerned.
- An “UID Implementation Cell” was set up to roll out Aadhar Enabled Payment Services (AEPS) for various welfare schemes in Puducherry District.
- Review Meetings were conducted.
- Draft Annual Plan 2013-14 documents was prepared.
- Two Impact studies viz. i) Implementation of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) and ii) functioning of Community Health Centres (CHC) were undertaken.
- Government of India scheme of Direct Cash Transfer was launched for Puducherry District for two schemes initially.

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

- Review Meetings were conducted
- Draft Annual Plan 2014-15 document is to be prepared.
- One Impact study on ”Functioning of Rural Labour Centre” was completed.
- Government of India scheme of Direct Cash Transfer was launched for Puducherry District for 2 schemes.

- State Planning Board meeting was conducted.
- 5 Nos. of Permanent Camps in Puducherry, 3 Nos. in Karaikal, 1 each in Mahe and Yanam regions are functioning for Aadhaar enrollment to the public.

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

- Draft Annual Plan 2015-16 document will be prepared.
- A Public Private Partnership (PPP) policy and guide lines will be formulated.
- Four Impact Studies on selective welfare oriented plan schemes will be undertaken.
- Evaluation of plan schemes will be conducted.
- Four training programmes will be conducted in Puducherry and outlying regions.
- Review Meetings will be conducted.
- Strengthening of State Innovation Council.

6. Remarks : Continuing Scheme