

## 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 with two berths and the Port operations commissioned since June 2009. The Port has been handling various cargoes like coal, cement, sugar, copra, fertilizers, urea, etc. and so far 29.87 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 of additional three berths completed in Phase-II and coal handling mechanization is in progress. A Captive Marine Terminal Facility promoted by M/s ChemplastSanmar, 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 2014-15, the above facility has handled so far 68,547 tons of Ethylene and Caustic Soda and the Port Department has earned Rs.20.28 lakhs as revenue. 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. The revenue realized through this Port by the Government of Puducherry and Government of India is as follows:

(₹ in crores)

Income Head	Revenue so far from June 2009 to March 2014	Revenue 2014-15
Service Tax paid to GOI *	102.26	18.35
Customs Duty paid to GOI	984.18	238.94
Railway Freight paid to Railways	730.04	184.61
Sales Tax paid to GOP *	16.70	2.79
Property tax paid to GOP	0.3	0
Royalty paid to GOP	25.48	5.58
Lease Rentals - paid to GOP	1.13	0.28
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1860.09</b>	<b>450.55</b>

\* GOI denotes Government of India and GOP denotes Government of Puducherry

Apart from the above, the department is also carrying out the works of Dredging of the new port channel to facilitate free movement of fishing vessels. The livelihood of the fishermen community depends on the navigability of the channel of Ariyankuppam River. Since the mouth portion of the Ariyankuppam River is common both to the Commercial Harbour and Fishing Harbour, the issues of the dredging activities are taken care by the Port department from its own budget, Maintenance of Lighthouses at Karaikal and Mahe for navigation of vessels at sea, Civil and Electrical maintenance in the Old and New port area and Renting of the Slipway to private firms to carry out ship repair works.

## OUTLAY AT A GLANCE

Sector : PORTS

No. of Scheme : 1

Department : PORT

(₹ in lakh)

Annual Plan 2013-14 Actual Expenditure	:	359.84
Annual Plan 2014-15 Approved Outlay	:	400.00
Annual Plan 2014-15 Revised Outlay	:	898.00
Annual Plan 2015-16 Approved Outlay	:	1450.00

(₹ in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Annual Plan 2013-14	Annual Plan 2014-15		Annual Plan 2015-16	
		Actual Expdr.	Approved Outlay	Revised Outlay	Approved Outlay	Of which Capital Content
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1.	Infrastructure Maintenance & Development of Ports and Light Houses.	359.84	400.00	400.00	907.00	--
	Negotiated Loan	--	--	498.00	543.00	--
<b>Total</b>		<b>359.84</b>	<b>400.00</b>	<b>898.00</b>	<b>1450.00</b>	<b>--</b>

**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 Arianakupam 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. Settlement of fee to the counsels of the Government of Puducherry in the ongoing Arbitration with the erstwhile private developer of Puducherry port, enhanced compensation amount to the erstwhile land owners of Karaikal is based on the directions of the Court and creation of New Establishment of Port at Karaikal are also proposed.

**3. Actual Physical Achievements made in the Annual Plan 2013-14 :**

- Maintenance dredging in the sand trap and mouth portion of the Arianakupam River of the new port using hired Excavators.
- 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.
- 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.

#### 4. Physical Achievements 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 hired Excavators and Grab mounted Crane.
- Maintenance dredging in the sand trap, mouth portion and inner channel of the Ariankuppam River of the new port using Outsourced Dredger and discharge the sand into the sea between Old Port and Gandhi statue in the B.E and also in anticipation of loan from HUDCO.
- Annual Maintenance of Karaikal Light House.
- 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.
- Maintenance of Electrical and Civil structures in the Old and New Port area in Pondicherry Port and in Karaikal Lighthouse.
- Maintenance of Tractor.
- Maintenance dredging in the sand trap, mouth portion and inner channel of the Ariankuppam River of the new port using Outsourced Dredger.
- Annual Maintenance of Karaikal Light House.
- Maintenance of Electrical and Civil structures in the Old and New Port area in Pondicherry Port and in Karaikal Lighthouse.
- Settlement of fee to the counsels of the Government of Puducherry in the ongoing Arbitration with the erstwhile private developer of Puducherry port in anticipation of Loan from “HUDCO”
- Enhanced compensation amount to the erstwhile land owners of Karaikal is based on the directions of the Court in anticipation of Loan from “HUDCO”

#### 5. Proposed Physical Targets for the Annual Plan 2015-16 :

- Maintenance dredging in the sand trap, mouth portion and inner channel of the Ariankuppam River of the new port using department Dredger /hired Excavators.
- Maintenance dredging in the sand trap, mouth portion and inner channel of the Ariankuppam River of the New port using Outsourced Dredger and discharge the sand into the sea between old Port & Gandhi Statue, using the fund allotted in the Budget Estimate and also in anticipation of loan from ‘HUDCO’
- Annual Maintenance of Karaikal Light House.
- Repairs and maintenance of Winch and Cradle assembly, Slipway facility.
- Repairs and maintenance of 60 Tons Electronic Weigh Bridge.
- 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, Towing launch, Tractor etc.
- Creation of New Establishment of Port at Karaikal.
- Civil/ Electrical maintenance and repairs of Executive Engineer Office building, Director Office building, Port Staff quarters, etc.
- Procurement of Cutter Motor for the Dredger “Karaikal”
- Procurement of HDPE Floaters assemblies and Dredge hoses
- Repair and reconditioning of Sand Pump System

**6. Remarks** : Continuing Scheme