

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 CSS 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.

Consequent on the establishment of NITI Aayog in lieu of Planning Commission, Government of India has conceived new innovative initiatives on the developmental activities all over the country in co-ordination with the States/UTs Governments. After convening of the first meeting of Governing Council of NITI Aayog, Govt. of India has been communicating its various types of development instructions and request the details from States/UTs for further course of action which are prioritized in the UT Administration and also time bound in nature:

- i) Swachh Bharat Mission (Clean India)
- ii) Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (Save Girl Child, Education Girl Child)
- iii) Pradhan Mantri Krishisinhayee Yojana (PMKSY)
- iv) Make in India
- v) Skill India
- vi) Digital India
- vii) Housing for all
- viii) Smart City
- ix) Jan Dhan Yojana

The size of the Plan has increased manifold as a result of implementing various welfare schemes including infrastructure development projects/schemes. In the beginning of on 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 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 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 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:

- i) Evolving appropriate policies and programmes towards reduction of regional imbalances in the development of Union Territory of Puducherry.
- 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 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, 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 and Research Department.

It is proposed to impart training to different categories of officials working in lean departments like Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries to improve their efficiency and also raise productivity in agriculture and to 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 over run 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 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 are implemented now and the other schemes will be implemented in a phased manner. UIDAI Implementation Cell was set up in Planning and Research Department 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.

The Branch Office of the Planning & Research Department, Karaikal is the Nodal department working in Co-ordination with the District Collector for the development of Karaikal District which participates in developmental activities of all the departments in Karaikal. “ Karaikal District Development Co-ordination Committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of the Member of Legislative Assembly, T.R.Pattinam Constituency in order to suggest measures to remove constraints if any, for speedy implementation of Plan programs in Karaikal District and to prioritise and propose the important proposals for Karaikal to be included in the Draft Annual Plan proposals.

OUTLAY AT A GLANCE

Sector : SECRETARIAT ECONOMIC SERVICES

No. of Scheme : 1

Department : PLANNING AND RESEARCH

(₹ in lakh)

Annual Plan 2013-14 Actual Expenditure	:	27.20
Annual Plan 2014-15 Approved Outlay	:	30.00
Annual Plan 2014-15 Revised Outlay	:	25.00
Annual Plan 2015-16 Approved Outlay	:	2030.00

(₹ 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.	Strengthening of State Planning Machinery.	27.20	30.00	25.00	30.00	--
	State Share for Centrally Sponsored Schemes implemented by all departments	--	--	--	2000.00	--
Total		27.20	30.00	25.00	2030.00	

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** :

Plan formulation and monitoring of plan schemes will be undertaken. Imparting training to departmental officials on various topics like rural development, management etc., Conduct of impact studies on select Plan programmes.

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

- A G.O. was issued for enhancement of income ceiling limit from ₹24,000/- to ₹1,00,000/-to families living Below Poverty Line for the purpose of availing benefits under Pondicherry “ Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Centenary Housing Scheme” implemented by the Union Territory of Puducherry.
- State Planning Board was conducted under the Chairmanship of Hon’ble Lt.Governor for the finalization of the size of the Annual Plan,2014-15.
- Review Meetings were conducted
- Draft Annual Plan 2014-15 documents were prepared
- Government of India scheme of Direct Cash Transfer was launched for Puducherry District.
- One training programme on ‘Gender Budgetting’ was conducted in Puducherry.

4. **Physical Achievements for the Annual Plan 2014-15:**

- Review Meetings were conducted
- Draft Annual Plan 2015-16 document is to be prepared
- One Impact study on “Functioning of Rural Labour Centre” was completed.
- A G.O. was issued for enhancement of annual family income ceiling limit of families from ₹24,000/- to ₹75,000/- as household income per annum only for availing welfare measures in the UT of Puducherry.
- Government of India scheme of Direct Cash Transfer was launched for Puducherry District for 2 schemes.
- State Planning Board meeting was conducted under the Chairmanship of Hon’ble Lt.Governor to finalise the size of the Annual Plan,2015-16.
- 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 2015-16 :

- Draft Annual Plan,2016-17 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
- Government of India scheme of Direct Cash Transfer will be implemented for Puducherry District for the remaining schemes in a phased manner.

6. Remarks : Continuing Scheme