

## WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Food, Consumer Affairs & Public Distribution which reviewed the working of Weights & Measures Department of the Ministry has expressed concern in its 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> reports over the pace of modernization of State laboratories and desired an overall improvement in the performance of the state Weights & Measures Department. The Committee has also desired that State Governments should monitor the working of the Department regularly and strictly enforce the laws relating to Weights & Measures. The Committee has also noted that the consumers in the country cannot be empowered unless and until the Weights & Measures laws are implemented with missionary zeal and the equipments and gadgets used by the enforcement authorities modernized.

In order to supplement the effort of the Department of Consumer Affairs of the Government of India, the Department of Legal Metrology, Puducherry, has proposed to interlink all the outlying regions of Union Territory of Puducherry with the Headquarters and a web based software supporting the functions of Legal Metrology as well as excise matters with Puducherry office hosting the website with a data centre.

The proposed software will enable for effective monitoring, online filing of applications, e-payment, SMS facilities etc. Hence, it has been proposed to develop interactive web based software on the functions of Legal Metrology and Excise with the help of NIC. The approximate budgetary requirement for carrying out this project is estimated by NIC at ₹ 22.09 lakhs. The project once materializes will pave way for a fair, transparent and efficient functioning of the Department.

During the year 2012-14, a sum of ₹ 4.84 lakhs was spent for purchase of hardware for launching website in respect of Excise and Legal Metrology Department to automate its function including e-payment etc., During the year 2014-15, a sum of ₹ 15.00 was spent for purchase of hardware to additionally support the website functions of Legal Metrology including e-payment etc., and for meeting the expenses for manpower for software development.

## OUTLAY AT A GLANCE

Sector : **WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

No. of Scheme : 1

Department **LEGAL METROLOGY**

(₹ in lakh)

Annual Plan 2013-14 Actual Expenditure	:	--
Annual Plan 2014-15 Approved Outlay	:	15.00
Annual Plan 2014-15 Revised Outlay	:	15.00
Annual Plan 2015-16 Approved Outlay	:	15.00

(₹ 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 Weights & Measures	--	15.00	15.00	15.00	--
<b>Total</b>		<b>--</b>	<b>15.00</b>	<b>15.00</b>	<b>15.00</b>	<b>--</b>

**Scheme No. 1**Sector : **WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**Implementing **LEGAL**  
Department : **METROLOGY**1. **Name of the Scheme** : Strengthening of Weights & Measures2. **Objective of the Scheme** :

To strengthen the administrative and technical machinery to keep pace with the tempo of the development in the field of Weights and Measures and to modernise the State Laboratories

3. **Actual Physical Achievements made in the Annual Plan 2013-14** : --4. **Physical Achievements for the Annual Plan 2014-15:**

- Purchased Hardware for launching of website in respect of Excise and Legal Metrology Department to automate its functions including e-payment etc.,

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

- Purchase of one vehicle for the Office of the Controller of Legal Metrology, Puducherry, for stamping purpose and Inspection.
- Purchase of one Auto rickshaw meter verifying machine.

6. **Remarks** : Continuing Scheme