EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN

The Department is the nodal agency for the upliftment of Women and Children in the U. T of Puducherry. The department is implementing various welfare schemes as announced by the Government for the benefit of children, adolescent girls, brides belonging to poor families, daughters of widows, pregnant women, lactating mothers, widows / destitute women, old age people, etc. The Women Development Corporation, which is under the administrative control of the department, is effectively arranging for formation of Self-Help Groups in various villages of Puducherry and Karaikal Region. Periodical camps are being arranged to self-help Groups in various villages with a view to increase social awareness, development of leadership qualities and towards building up of self confidence among women. Training on health, nutrition, legal awareness, self-confidence, leadership quality etc., are being given to self-help Groups. The Puducherry Women's Commission safeguards the status of women in the Union Territory of Puducherry.

The department grants various financial assistances as a welfare measures viz., assistance of ₹ 500/- to pregnant women under Kulavilakku scheme; assistance of ₹1,200/under Aravanaippu scheme to lactating mothers: financial assistance ₹ 20,000/- each under the scheme Grant of Marriage Assistance to Widow's daughter marriage; ₹ 20,000/- in the form of National Saving Certificate as an incentive to widow's for their remarriage; assistance of ₹15,000/- to brides belonging to poor BPL families; ₹20,000/- and ₹10,000/- deposited in the name of girl child / two girl child respectively in case of a family undergone family planning; financial assistance of ₹25,000/- in the form of National Savings Certificates to poor parents having one girl child who is studying 8th to 10th standard; assistance of ₹1,100/- per month paid to old aged persons, widow, transgender, destitute. Two sets of free clothing items distirbuted to all Ration Card(red colour) holders except SC/fishermen.

The National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) represents a significant step towards the fulfilment of the Directive Principles in Article 41&42 of the Constitution recognizing the concurrent responsibility of the Central and the State Governments in the matter. In particular, Article 41 of the Constitution of India directs the State to provide public assistance to its citizens in case of unemployment, old age, sickness and disablement and in other cases of undeserved want within the limit of its economic capacity and development.

OUTLAY AT A GLANCE

State Commission for

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Secto	or: EMPOWERMENT DEVELOPMENT				No. of Sch (Plan: 10 +	
Depa	artment: WOMEN AN DEVELOPM					
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	Annual Plan 2014-15	Actual Expenditure		:	18679.	08
	Annual Plan 2015-16	Approved Outlay		:	30429.	58
	Annual Plan 2015-16	Revised Outlay		:	30638.	01
	Annual Plan 2016-17	Approved Outlay		:	38115.	83
					(₹ in 1	lakh)
Sl.	Name of the Scheme	Annual Plan 2014-15	Annual Plan 2015-16		Annual Plan 2016-17	
No.	Name of the scheme	Actual Expdr.	Approved Outlay	Revised Outlay	Proposed Outlay	Of which Capital content
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1	Strengthening of the Directorate	50.15	59.05	52.40	60.80	
2	Other programmes for welfare of children	3.58	4.90	4.90	5.00	
3	Other Programmes for the welfare of women and provision of state share for Rajiv Gandle Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls (SABLA)		779.16	394.64	685.00	
4	State Commission for Women	29.66	50.00	36.72	40.00	
5	Hostel for Working Women	2.10	10.01	10.00	10.01	

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Sl.	Name of the Scheme -	Annual Plan 2014-15	Annua 2015		Annual Plan 2016-17	
No.	Name of the Scheme	Actual Expdr.	Approved Outlay	Revised Outlay	Proposed Outlay	Of which Capital content
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
8	Financial assistance to old age persons, widows, destitute & transgender and distribution of free clothing to poor / economically backward people	12812.09	22615.95	23859.33	30098.58	
9	Construction of anganwadi centres	7.90	40.00	25.00	50.00	50.00
10	Free supply of uniforms to pre-school children in anganwadi centres		12.00		12.00	
	Total (Plan)	16768.26	28094.49	28079.49	35470.58	50.00
	Centrally Sponsored Schemes					
11.	Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls (SABLA)	24.01	50.15	50.15	50.15	
12.	National Social Assistance Programme	928.66	893.68	1117.10	1117.10	
13.	National Mission for empowerment of women including Indira Gandhi Mathritva Sahyaog Yojana (IGMSY)	45.64	91.26	161.94	171.00	
14.	Integrated Child Development Services	912.51	1300.00	1222.33	1300.00	
15.	Swadhar Greh			7.00	7.00	
	Total (CSS)	1910.82	2335.09	2558.52	2645.25	
	Total (Plan + CSS)	18679.08	30429.58	30638.01	38115.83	50.00

Sector: EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN Implementing: WOMEN AND CHILD AND DEVELOPMENT OF Department **DEVELOPMENT**

CHILDREN

1. Name of the Scheme Strengthening of the Directorate

2. **Objective of the Scheme**

To strengthen Department of Women and Child Development.

3. Actual Physical Achievements made in the Annual Plan 2014-15:

- Floating of Tableaux on the Occasion of Republic Day.
- Release of Advertisements of achievements of the Department on various occasions.

4. Physical Achievements for the Annual Plan 2015-16:

- Floating of Tableaux on the Occasion of Republic Day
- Release of Advertisements of achievements of the Department on various occasions.

5. Proposed Physical Targets for the Annual Plan 2016-17:

- Floating of Tableaux on the Occasion of Republic Day
- Release of Advertisements of achievements of the Department on various occasions.

6. Remarks Continuing Scheme :

Scheme No. 2

Sector: EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN Implementing: WOMEN AND CHILD Department **DEVELOPMENT**

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AND DEVELOPMENT OF

CHILDREN

Name of the Scheme

1.

Other Programme for Welfare of

Children

2. **Objective of the Scheme**

The objective of the scheme is to encourage the children enrolled in the Anganwadi Centers by conducting a grand function for them on the occasion of Children's Day and Celebrate the week as ICDS Week.

3. Actual Physical Achievements made in the Annual Plan 2014-15:

Celebration of Children's Day and ICDS Week.

4. Physical Achievements for the Annual Plan 2015-16:

Celebration of Children's Day and ICDS Week.

5. Proposed Physical Targets for the Annual Plan 2016-17:

Celebration of Children's Day and ICDS Week.

6. Remarks : Continuing Scheme

Scheme No. 3

Sector: EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN Implementing: WOMEN AND CHILD AND DEVELOPMENT OF Department DEVELOPMENT

CHILDREN

1. Name of the Scheme : Other Programmes for the welfare of

women and provision of state share for Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment

of Adolescent Girls (SABLA)

2. Objective of the Scheme

The objective of the scheme is to improve the socio-economic status of women in the society by assisting them financially and imparting general awareness. The scheme comprises of 12 components as listed below:

- ➤ Kulavilakku: The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance of ₹ 500/-to below poverty pregnant women after six months of pregnancy.
- Aravanaippu: The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance of ₹ 1200/-to the mothers of newly born girl child, belonging to weaker section of society.
- For a Grant of Marriage Allowance to the Daughter of Destitute Widows: The aim of the scheme is to provide financial assistance of ₹ 25,000/- to the poor widows for performing marriage of their daughters so as to enable them to meet expenses involved in solemnizing marriage of their daughters
- Incentive for Widow's Remarriage: The aim of the scheme is to provide an incentive of ₹ 50,000/- to the poor widows who are getting remarried, in the form of National Savings certificate with an objective to provide financial security.
- For a financial assistance for performance of marriage of brides of economically weaker section: The aim of the scheme is to provide financial assistance of ₹ 25,000/- to the brides belonging to economically weaker section to enable them to meet expenses involved in performing their marriage.

- Frant of incentive to the family having one girl / two girl children and the parents who have undergone Family Planning: One of the specific targets for the Ministry of Women and Child Development is to raise the sex ratio of the age group of 0 to 6 years to 950. Hence, in an effort to raise the sex ratio, an incentive of ₹ 30,000/- is given to families having one girl / two girl children and the parents who have under gone family planning. The amount is deposited jointly in the name of the girl child and the Director, Department of Women and Child Development for a period till the girl child attains the age of 18 years.
- Financial Assistance to the Poor Parents having only one Girl Child who is studying 8th To 10th Std.: The objective of the scheme is to appreciate the poor parents who have only one Girl Child and given them proper schooling to fulfill two of the targets of the Ministry of Women and Child Development i.e., i) to raise the sex ratio and ii) Reduce dropout rate for primary and secondary schooling. The incentive is given in the form of National Savings Certificate for ₹25000/- in the name of the girl child.
- Mangalam Society: Mangalam Project on "Delivery of Gender Justice" to rural women was implemented in Mangalam Village near Villilanur on an experimental basis by the National Commission for women Government of India, in collaboration with the Government of Puducherry, during the year 1994-95, in order to create leadership qualities, legal awareness among women and to render Gender Justice to Rural Women, for dignified living. From the inception of the soceity 18,649 women were trained in legal literacy and leadership camps, awareness camps and follow-up camps. Further, from the inception, 301 camps were conducted in 301 places, covering 3337 women. 460 Self-Help groups formed, 2400 women undergone income generation activities training, 4200 individual women were engaged in income generating activities, to women are training other women in the formation of self-help group linkage with banks and other allied matters and 20 women trained in stuffed doll making.
- Celebration of International Women's Week and Women's Day: The International Women's Week is celebrated form 1st to 8th March every year. This week specially symbolized the crusade of women against injustice and social evils which have so far prevented them from achieving their rightful place in the society, The Women's Week is celebrated with the objective of focusing attention on issues affecting women and it has been the practice to organize programmes like workshops, seminars and cultural activities to highlight the importance of the role of women in the society.
- Parameter The Quami Ekta Week (National Unity Week) is celebrated from 19th to 25th November, every year, with 24th November as "Women's Day" During this day, the importance of women in Indian society and their role in the development of Nation-building is highlighted by conducting a grand function
- Family Counseling Centres (FCC): The objectives of forming the Family counselling centres are to improve inter personal relationship within family,

to develop positive attitudes towards gender equity, democratic relationship within family; to help family members to achieve a relatively stress free qualitative style of functioning and to provide rehabilitative services for women in distress and to protect the rights of women and child. Eight Family counselling centres were set up during the year 2004 in all the four regions of the Union Territory.

- Enforcement of Legislations: The following legislations are enforced by this department:
 - (i) Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961
 - (ii) Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956.
 - (iii) The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act 2005
- State share for Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls (SABLA): Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of (SABLA) is a pilot scheme implemented from Adolescent Girls 2011-12 in Karaikal region only in a funding pattern of 50: 50. The scheme is implemented through anganwadi centers. The objective of is to enable the adolescent girls for self-development and the scheme empowerment, to improve their nutrition and health status, to promote awareness about health, hygiene, nutrition, Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health (ARSH) and family and child care, to upgrade their skills, life skills and tie up with National Development Program (NSDP) for vocational skills, to mainstream out of school adolescent girls into formal/non formal education, to provide information/guidance about existing public services such as PHC,CHC, Post Office, Bank, Police Station, etc
- > Relief and Rehabilitation to the victim of Rape:

Puducherry State Criminal Injuries Releif and Rehabilitation Board and District Criminal Injuries Releif and Rehabilitation Board in Puducherry and Karaikal Districts has been constituted through which financial assistance and support services are provided to victim of rape. Full relief of Rs. 2,00,000/-each, was provided to two victims and preliminary relief of Rs. 70,000/- was granted to four victims in Puducherry.

3. Physical Achievements for the Annual Plan 2014-15:

Sl. No	Name of the Component	Achievement
1	Kulavillakku	1569
2	Aravanaippu	1080
3	Widow's Daughter's Marriage Allowance	695
4	Incentive to Widow's Remarriage	3
5	Financial Assistance to perform marriage of Poor Brides	2710

Sl. No	Name of the Component		Achievement
6	Financial Assistance to family having two girl children and the parents undergone Sterilization		915
7	Financial assistance to family with one girl child studying 8 th to 10 th Std		136
O	SABLA	Nutrition	4500
0	SADLA	Non-Nutrition	8716

4. Physical Achievements for the Annual Plan 2015-16:

Sl. No	Name of the Component		Achievement
1	Kulavillakku		255
2	Aravanaippu	182	
3	Widow's Daughter's Marriag	437	
4	Incentive to Widow's Remar	1	
5	Financial Assistance to perfo	1036	
6	Financial Assistance to family having two girl children and the parents undergone Sterilization		0
7	Financial assistance to family with one girl child studying 8 th to 10 th Std		86
8	CADLA	Nutrition	4500
	SABLA	Non-Nutrition	8092

5. Proposed Physical Targets for the Annual Plan 2016-17:

Sl. No	Name of the Component		Target
1	Kulavillakku and Aravanaip	750	
2	Widow's Daughter's Marriag	500	
3	Incentive to Widow's Remar	riage	4
4	Financial Assistance to perfo	2000	
5	Financial Assistance to fami and the parents undergone S	900	
6	Financial assistance to family with one girl child studying 8 th to 10 th Std		93
7	SABLA	Nutrition	4000
/	SADLA	Non-Nutrition	8750

6. Remarks : Continuing Scheme

Sector: EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN Implementing: WOMEN AND CHILD

AND DEVELOPMENT OF Department DEVELOPMENT

CHILDREN

1. Name of the Scheme : State Commission for Women

2. Objective of the Scheme

The Puducherry State Commission for Women was constituted on 5th October, 2004, with a chairperson and six members. The Commission was constituted with the objective of improving the status of women in the Union Territory and to enquiry into unfair practices affecting women and for matters connected therewith. The most significant contribution of the Commission is educating and inculcating awareness among women about the laws related to women, time to time.

3. Actual Physical Achievements made in the Annual Plan 2014-15:

> Grant-in-aid released to Women Commission.

4. Physical Achievements for the Annual Plan 2015-16:

> Grant-in-aid was released to Women Commission.

5. Proposed Physical Targets for the Annual Plan 2016-17:

Grant-in-aid will be released to Women Commission.

6. Remarks : Continuing Scheme

Scheme No. 5

Sector: EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN Implementing: WOMEN AND CHILD

AND DEVELOPMENT OF Department DEVELOPMENT

CHILDREN

1. Name of the Scheme : Hostel for Working Women

2. Objective of the Scheme :

The objective of the scheme is to provide comfortable and secure stay for women who are working in places away from their homes at low cost. The hostel is functioning in a Government owned building at Puducherry with a capacity of 65 inmates.

3. Actual Physical Achievements made in the Annual Plan 2014-15:

Maintenance of working women hostel with 65 inmates.

4. Physical Achievements for the Annual Plan 2015-16:

Maintenance of working women hostel with 65 inmates.

5. **Proposed Physical Targets for the Annual Plan 2016-17:**

Maintenance of working women hostel with 65 inmates.

6. Remarks **Continuing Scheme** :

Scheme No. 6

Sector: EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN

AND DEVELOPMENT OF

CHILDREN

Implementing: Department

WOMEN AND CHILD

DEVELOPMENT

1. Name of the Scheme Settint up of State Commission for :

Children

2. **Objective of the Scheme**

The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), was set up in March, 2007 under the Commissions for Protection. of Child Rights Act, 2005. The Commission's mandate is to ensure that all laws, policies, programmes and administrative mechanisms are in consonance with the child rights perspective as enshrined in the Constitution of India and also the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

- 3. Actual Physical Achievements made in the Annual Plan 2014-15: --
- Physical Achievements for the Annual Plan 2015-16: --4.
- 5. **Proposed Physical Targets for the Annual Plan 2016-17:**
 - Establishment of State Commission for Protection of Child Rights in the U.T of Puducherry.
- Remarks Continuing Scheme 6. :

Scheme No. 7

Sector: EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN Implementing: WOMEN AND CHILD

AND DEVELOPMENT OF

CHILDREN

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Department

DEVELOPMENT

Name of the Scheme : Women Development Corporation

2. **Objective of the Scheme**

Puducherry Corporation for the Development of Women and Differently Abled Persons Ltd. started during 1993 with the main objective to make every Woman socially and

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economically independent. To fulfill the objective this Corporation is imparting training in various skills and also helping the Women to set-up their own trade or business. Financial assistance through Banks has also been extended to Women for setting up of small business such as Canteens, Fair Price Shops, Tailoring Production Units.

3. Actual Physical Achievements made in the Annual Plan 2014-15:

Training programmes for women were given in Auto rickshaw Driving, Computer Training, Making of Sanitary Napkin, Tailoring etc. Exhibition and Fair were held both at national and state level to market the handicraft items produced by the Women.

4. Physical Achievements for the Annual Plan 2015-16:

Conduct of various training programmes under various income generation activities to deserving women.

5. Proposed Physical Targets for the Annual Plan 2016-17:

Conduct of various training programmes under various income generation activities to deserving women.

6. Remarks : Continuing Scheme

Scheme No. 8

Sector: EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN

AND DEVELOPMENT OF

CHILDREN

Implementing: Department

WOMEN AND CHILD

DEVELOPMENT

1. Name of the Scheme : Financial assistance to old age persons,

widows, destitute & transgender and distribution of free clothing to poor /

economically backward people

2. Objective of the Scheme

The objective of the scheme is to provide monthly financial assistance to Old Aged Persons, Widows, Destitute Women, Unmarried and Eunuchs. To provide two sets of sarees and dhoties to all red card holders other than SC / Fishermen in a year as a measure of social security.

3. Actual Physical Achievements made in the Annual Plan 2014-15:

Payment of monthly pension of ₹1200 to 123148 beneficiaries.

4. Physical Achievements for the Annual Plan 2015-16:

The rates of pension was revised as per the age criteria shown below:

Age	Pension(Rs.) Per month
18-54 years(other than old age persons)	1500/-
55-59 years	1500/-
60-79 years	2000/-
80 & above	3000/-

➤ 21700 new beneficiaries are to be added and the total beneficiaries are 144847

5. Proposed Physical Targets for the Annual Plan 2016-17:

Payment of monthly pension at the corresponding rates to 144847 beneficiaries

6. Remarks : Continuing Scheme

Scheme No. 9

Sector: EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN Implementing: WOMEN AND CHILD AND DEVELOPMENT OF Department DEVELOPMENT

CHILDREN

1. Name of the Scheme : Construction of Anganwadi Centres

2. Objective of the Scheme

The objective of the scheme is to construct Anganwadi centers through Public Works Department, Puducherry.

3. Actual Physical Achievements made in the Annual Plan 2014-15:

Repair works undertaken and compound walls constructed to Anganwadi centers

4. Physical Achievements for the Annual Plan 2015-16:

Repair works were undertaken and compound walls were constructed to Anganwadi centers

5. Proposed Physical Targets for the Annual Plan 2016-17:

Repair works will be undertaken and sites will be identified for construction of new Anganwadi Centers

6. Remarks : Continuing Scheme

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Sector: EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN Implementing: WOMEN AND CHILD AND DEVELOPMENT OF Department DEVELOPMENT

CHILDREN

1. Name of the Scheme : Free supply of uniforms to pre-school

children in Anganwadi Centres

2. Objective of the Scheme

The objective of the scheme is to supply uniform to pre-school children enrolled in Anganwadi centers to eliminate discrimination among the children.

- 3. Actual Physical Achievements made in the Annual Plan 2014-15: --
- 4. Physical Achievements for the Annual Plan 2015-16: --
- 5. Proposed Physical Targets for the Annual Plan 2016-17:
 - Supply of uniforms to 3500 pre school children

6. Remarks : Continuing Scheme

Scheme No. 11

Sector: EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN Implementing: WOMEN AND CHILD AND DEVELOPMENT OF Department DEVELOPMENT

CHILDREN

1. Name of the Scheme : Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment

of Adolescent Girls (SABLA) (CSS)

2. Objective of the Scheme

The objective of the scheme is to enable the adolescent girls for selfdevelopment and empowerment, to improve their nutrition and health status, to promote awareness about health, hygiene, nutrition, Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health (ARSH) and family and child care, to upgrade their home-based skills, life skills and tie up with National Skill Development Program (NSDP) for vocational skills, to mainstream out of school adolescent girls into formal/non formal education, to provide information/guidance about existing public services such as PHC,CHC, Post Office, Bank, Police Station, etc. Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls (SABLA) is a pilot scheme implemented in Karaikal region with 100% funding by GoI. The scheme is implemented through anganwadi centers.

3. Actual Physical Achievements made in the Annual Plan 2014-15:

➤ 4500 beneficiaries under Nutrition component

8716 beneficiaries under Non-Nutrition component

4. Physical Achievements for the Annual Plan 2015-16:

- 4500 beneficiaries under Nutrition component
- 8092 beneficiaries under Non-Nutrition component

5. **Proposed Physical Targets for the Annual Plan 2016-17:**

- \triangleright 4500 beneficiaries under Nutrition component
- 8750 beneficiaries under Non-Nutrition component

6. **Remarks** : **Continuing Scheme**

Scheme No. 12

Sector: EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT OF

CHILDREN

Implementing: WOMEN AND CHILD Department

DEVELOPMENT

1. Name of the Scheme National Social Assistance Programme :

(CSS)

2. **Objective of the Scheme**

In providing social assistance benefits to poor households in the case of old age, death of the breadwinner and maternity, the NSAP aims at ensuring minimum national standards, in addition to the benefits that the States are currently providing or might provide in future. It also aims at ensuring that social protection to the beneficiaries everywhere in the country is uniformly available without interruption.

3. Actual Physical Achievements made in the Annual Plan 2014-15:

- 17,713 persons covered under Indira Gandhi National Old Aged Pension Scheme.
- 9,785 persons covered under Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme.

4. Physical Achievements for the Annual Plan 2015-16:

- 17,713 persons covered under Indira Gandhi National Old Aged Pension Scheme.
- 9,785 persons covered under Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme.

5. **Proposed Physical Targets for the Annual Plan 2016-17:**

- 17,713 persons covered under Indira Gandhi National Old Aged Pension Scheme.
- 9,785 persons covered under Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme.

6.	Remarks	:	Continuing Scheme
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Sector: EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN

AND DEVELOPMENT OF

CHILDREN

Name of the Scheme

1.

Implementing: Department

WOMEN AND CHILD

DEVELOPMENT

National Mission for Empowerment of

Women Including Indira Gandhi

Mathritva Sahyaog Yojana

IGMSY(CSS)

2. Objective of the Scheme

National Mission for Empowerment of Women:

This scheme is an initiative of the Government of India with a view to empower women socially, economically and educationally. The Mission aims to achieve empowerment of women on all these spheres by securing convergence of Schemes/Programmes of different Ministries/Departments of Government of India as well as State Government by its institutional mechanism.

Indira Gandhi Mathritva Sahyaog Yojana:

This scheme is operated in Yanam region only as it is a Pilot Project operated in 52 districts across the country. It is a Conditional Maternity Benefit Scheme with a view to compensate the wage loss of the pregnant women during the maternity period. The benefit is extended to pregnant women who are not less than 19 years old provided she has registered at the nearby Anganwadi Center as soon as the Pregnancy is known and fulfills the prescribed conditions thereafter. A sum of ₹ 6000/- is transferred by ECS to the beneficiary's account in 3 installments covering the pre natal and post- natal period.

Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP)

BetiBachaoBetiPadhao (BBBP) is a new Scheme "Empower the girl child and enable her education" has been approved by the Government of India, in 1000 selected districts on pilot basis across the country. The Scheme seeks to address the issue of decline in child sex ratio (CSR) through a mass campaign across the country targeted at changing societal mindset and creating awareness about the criticality of the issue, focused intervention and multi-sectoral action in 100 districts with low sex ratio.

The objectives of 'Beti Bachao, BetiPadhao' are

- Prevent gender biased sex selective elimination.
- Ensuring survival and protection of the girl child.
- Ensuring education and participation of the Girl Child.

In this regard Ministry of Women and Child Development, New Delhi has communicated that the overall Child Sex Ratio of Puducherry which was 953 in 2001 has declined by 12 points to 941 in 2011. Out of four Districts in the U.T. of Puducherry, 2 districts have shown declining trend. Yanam district having lowest CSR (921) has been selected under BetiBachaoBetiPadhao (BBBP) scheme. A sum of Rs. 18.15 lakh has been released by the GOI during 2015-16 for the implementation of the scheme.

One Stop Centre (OSC)

The Ministry of Women and Child Development, New Delhi has formulated a scheme for setting up One Stop Centre (OSC) to address issues of women affected by violence. These centers will facilitate police assistance, medical aid, provide legal counseling/court case management, psycho-social counseling, temporary shelter and video conferencing facility to facilitate police/court proceedings. These centers are to be made operational in all 640 districts and 20 locations in Metros across the country having necessary and relevant human resource to facilitate effective crisis management.

3. Actual Physical Achievements made in the Annual Plan 2014-15:

Indira Gandhi Mathritva Sahyaog Yojana: 781 beneficiaries

4. Physical Achievements for the Annual Plan 2015-16:

► Indira Gandhi Mathritva Sahyaog Yojana : 552 beneficiaries

5. Proposed Physical Targets for the Annual Plan 2016-17:

Indira Gandhi Mathritva Sahyaog Yojana : 690 beneficiaries

6. Remarks : Continuing Scheme

Scheme No. 14

Sector: EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN Implementing: WOMEN AND CHILD AND DEVELOPMENT OF Department DEVELOPMENT

CHILDREN

1. Name of the Scheme : Integrated Child Development Services

(ICDS)

2. Objective of the Scheme :

The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme is one of the flagship programmes of the Govt. of India and represents one of the world's largest and unique programme for Early Childhood Development.

The objectives of the scheme are:

- i) Improve nutritional and health status of children below six years
- ii) Reduce incidence of mortality, morbidity, malnutrition and school dropouts.
- iii) Nutrition & health education
- iv) Immunization
- v) Health check-up and
- vi) Referral services

The above objectives are achieved through the 855 Anganwadi Centers of the U.T of Puducherry.

3. Actual Physical Achievements in the Annual Plan 2014-15:

➤ 26,030 children and 9440 mothers were covered through 788 Anganwadi centers and 12 Anganwadi- cum –creche.

4. Physical Achievements for the Annual Plan 2015-16:

➤ 26,000 children and 10,000 mothers were covered through 855 Anganwadi centers and 12 Anganwadi- cum –creche.

5. Proposed Physical Targets for the Annual Plan 2016-17:

➤ 32360 children and 12000 mothers to be covered through 855 Anganwadi Centers, 12 Mini Anganwadi -cum -creche.

6. Remarks : Continuing Scheme

Scheme No. 15

Sector: EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN Implementing: WOMEN AND CHILD AND DEVELOPMENT OF Department DEVELOPMENT

CHILDREN

1. Name of the Scheme : Swadhar Greh

2. Objective of the Scheme :

The scheme envisages a supportive institutional framework for women victim of difficult circumstances so that affected women could lead her life with dignity and conviction. It envisages that shelter, food, clothing, health and social security are assured for such women. It also envisions that the special needs of these women are properly taken care of and under no circumstances they should be left unattended or abondoned which could lead to their exploitation and desolation.

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- 3. Actual Physical Achievements in the Annual Plan 2013-14: --
- 4. Physical Achievements for the Annual Plan 2014-15: --
- 5. Proposed Physical Targets for the Annual Plan 2015-16: --

6. Remarks : New scheme

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