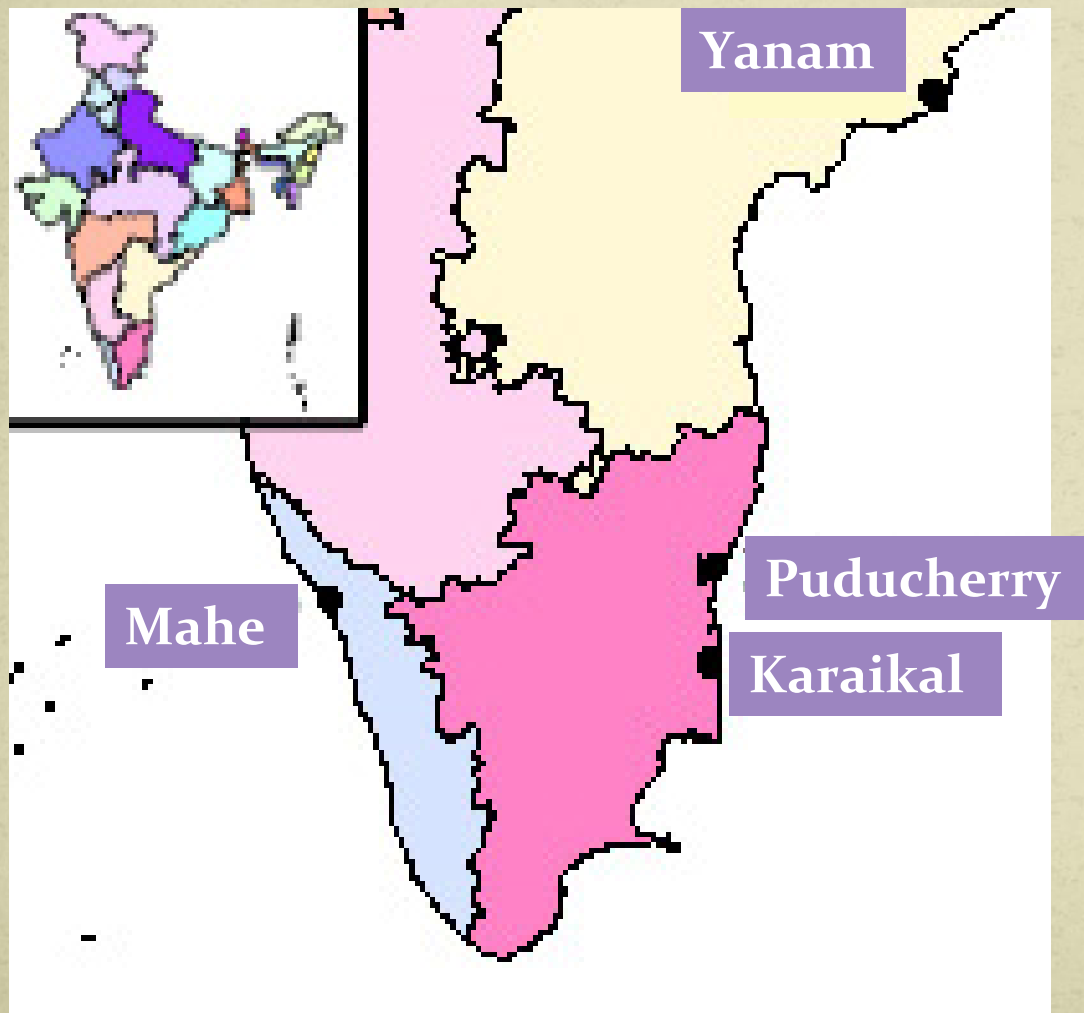


CM Level Discussion with Dy. Chairman, Planning Commission on 25-06-2012 at Yojana Bhavan



Action Taken Report on the points raised while finalising the Annual Plan 2011-12 between Dy. Chairman, Planning Commission and Chief Minister, Puducherry

Action Point	Action Taken
<p>1) Deputy Chairman suggested that since Tourism was the potential source of revenue in Puducherry, the non operational Airport was to be developed preferably under PPP to attract more tourists which would in turn improve the revenue of the U.T. U.T. should try to attract high end tourism and raise appropriate infrastructure to support tourism.</p>	<p>License from the DGCA has been obtained for operating flights from Puducherry Airport. Government of Tamil Nadu has been requested to provide the minimum land required for expansion of Puducherry. The matter has been discussed with the Executive Director(Planning), AAI at New Delhi on 13.02.2012.</p> <p>To develop high end tourism, pre-Feasibility Report has been prepared for developing Family Entertainment Centre, Special Tourism Zone at Manapet in Puducherry and Five Star Resort, Water Park at Murungapakkam, Puducherry.</p>

Action Point	Action Taken
<p>2) Member, Planning Commission stated that the full potential of Tourism was yet to be tapped in Puducherry and hence a vision document in respect of the UT for at least next 5 to 10 years was needed to bring Puducherry on international Tourism map.</p>	<p>M/s. Darasha & Co. Chennai is the consultant for preparation of Master Plan for development of Tourism (10 year Vision Plan)</p>
<p>3) Deputy Chairman suggested that Government of India would extend the required support for the construction / completion of Govt. Medical College and necessary proposal at the earliest may be sent to the Planning Commission / Health Ministry.</p>	<p>A Detailed Project Report (DPR) prepared by Perunthalaivar Kamaraj Medical College Society was sent to the Planning Commission in December, 2011 for release of ₹ 100 crores of ACA to take up the infrastructure requirement of Medical College. However, ₹69.32 crores only has been released as ACA. Further requirement for assistance has been taken up with Planning Commission in the Annual Plan 2012-13.</p>

Action Point

- 4) Senior Advisor(RD) informed that NABARD has agreed to consider the following in respect of the U.T. of Puducherry.
- NABARD will accept large shelf of projects of Puducherry.
 - NABARD will simultaneously appraise the proposal received from U.T. of Puducherry without waiting for clearance from Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Finance.
 - NABARD was ready to consider the proposal of Puducherry beyond the capping applied for the U.T. But, since this comes under the purview of the Ministry of Finance they may be approached for relaxing the caps.

Action Taken

- NABARD has already accepted large shelf of projects for this UT and sanctioned projects worth of ₹164.12 crores under RIDF XVII (2011-12)
- Welcome Suggestions

Action Point	Action Taken
<p>5) Member Secretary pointed that there was a proposal in the UT for providing funds to the Councillors to undertake small developmental works called Councillors-lads, the pattern of MLA LADS. She strictly cautioned that UT not to proceed with such a scheme since it was not being followed anywhere else.</p>	<p>No fund has been allotted to the Councillors to undertake small developmental works.</p>

UT OF PUDUCHERRY – STRENGTH & WEAKNESS

STRENGTH

- Double digit growth in GDP.
- Higher per capita income.
- Availability of Quality Power & Water supply.
- 100% Birth & Death Registration.
- Educational Hub of South India.
- High literacy level of 86.55%.

- Skilled / Unskilled Manpower.
- Availability of adequate Health Infrastructure.
- Upcoming Airport connectivity to further the Tourist arrival.
- Immense tourism potential.
- 100% financial inclusion has been achieved during 2011-12 in Puducherry.
- Religious harmony and tolerance.

WEAKNESS

- Non contiguous regions.
- Limited land supply.
- Heavy urbanisation resulting into environment / pollution related issues.
- Heavy inflow of floating population – leading to traffic congestion.
- Precarious Financial position due to high debt – GSDP ratio.
- Denial of share to the UT under devolution by successive Finance Commission.
- Mounting unemployment problem among the educated youth.

PUDUCHERRY VISION DURING THE 12TH FIVE YEAR PLAN

Puducherry Administration have proposed strategies in the form of “Vision Document” in tandem with the 12th Five Year Plan approach document. The overall vision is:

- (a) To increase the contribution of primary sector to 10% GSDP
- (b) To bring in less intensive water usage and soft skill industries to solve the unemployment problem.
- (c) To increase the tourist arrival by focussing on tourism infrastructure.

The sectoral strategies would be on:

- Horticulture/ Floriculture with due focus on Medicinal / Aromatic plants and on (i) Establishment of a Certification Agency for Organic Farming, (ii) Promotion of Contract Farming and (iii) Issue of Kisan Smart Cards to Farmers.
- Implementation of rain water harvesting schemes and also water conservation schemes like adoption of drip/sprinkler irrigation and precision farming.
- Deepening of all the existing 82 tanks in Puducherry region and construction of more number of bed dams to augment ground water recharge.

- Fishing Harbour in Mahe region will be completed
- Promotion of Alternate Livelihood Practices for fisherfolk.
- Enhancing the Capacity and skills of the youth to generate more employment.
- To ease traffic congestion and stress on Road / Road over Bridges are proposed.
- Arikamedu an ancient Indo-Roman archaeology site would be developed besides Science City, Dino-Park, Recreational Parks, preservation of heritage monuments, marine park, cultural complex etc.
- Since Puducherry has been selected as a Pilot Project for Bay of Bengal large marine eco system UT Government would give focussed attention towards wealth based fisheries management, sustainable livelihood approach, etc.

- 1,00,000 neo-literates in the age group 14 – 45 under a new programme “Kamarajar Literacy Mission” will be covered. Higher education system in Puducherry has been a huge pillar of strength to the Puducherry Economy. **Setting up of Govt. Medical College in Puducherry and National Institute of Technology in Karaikal are the landmark achievements.** Our vision is to empower the youth to choose and lead a life appropriate to his / her talents by ensuring facilities for higher education to all those who pass their school education.
- “Better Health Care at low cost” to the general public and “Better Health Care at no cost to BPL families” will be the policy.

THRUST AREAS

Primary Sector

- Production of high value crops like vegetables and flowers.
- To promote development of nursery villages and seed villages.
- Precision farming under more acreage specially for horticulture crops.
- Setting up of Agro Processing Centres.
- Protected cultivation under poly houses or shaded net.
- Setting up of Organic producers market in vantage locations.

- Storage and Marketing will be strengthened by establishing cold storage houses, more farmers markets (Uzhavar Sandhai) and more retail outlets with a view to prevent post harvest losses and to ease the marketing problems.
- Integrated Dairy and Goat farming.
- Major infrastructure development such as fishing harbour, ice plants for preserving fish and market yards will be strengthened significantly to harness the full potential of the sector.
- Alternate livelihood options by introducing seaweed culture and ornamental fish culture.

Secondary Sector

- Public-Private Partnership (PPP) will be tapped to provide good infrastructure for accelerated growth of industries with increasing slant on exports.
- A conducive labour policy manual in sync with the industrial policy is proposed.
- Imparting skills in the vocational stream.
- To promote more number of industries, with special reference to IT industries, Income Tax exemption may be considered as a special case for Puducherry for the existing as well as for new industries. This would increase employment opportunities to the available skilled manpower and thereby increase in GSDP.

- Proposed to expand the existing Gas Power Plant by 100 MW.
- To maintain reliable and stable power supply, it has been proposed to provide improved power distribution network of high reliability with least Transmission and Distribution losses.

Services Sector

- To provide decent accommodation for visiting tourists, incentives are given to Star category / heritage hotels.
- Preparation of a comprehensive master plan to promote Puducherry as a week long tourist destination.
- “Special Tourism Zone” at Manapet to be developed under PPP mode.
- Airport linkage to Puducherry & Karaikal.
- Organizing Carnivals, international yoga festivals, etc.
- Conservation and improvement of heritage buildings and monuments to promote heritage tourism.
- Mapping of cultural assets and registry on inventory will be prepared.
- Proposed to eliminate entry permit for other State vehicles and the same will be focused for tourism promotion.

Thrust areas in infrastructure projects

- Construction of Road over Bridges, Fly Overs at various locations in Puducherry to ease out the traffic congestion (₹148 crores)
- Construction of western bypass at Karaikal (₹ 25 crores)
- Construction of conventional Centre / Kamarajar Manimandapam at Puducherry / Completion of Stadium work at Puducherry and Karaikal(₹ 27 crores)
- Thirunallar Temple Town Project(₹ 100 crores)
- Completion of required infrastructure facilities at Government Medical College(₹ 100 crores)

UT OF PUDUCHERRY – RESOURCE PROJECTIONS FOR THE ANNUAL PLAN 2012-13

(₹ in Crore)

Resources	2012-13 Proposed Outlay
1. UT's Own Resources	535.72
2. Small Savings	25.00
3. a) Market Borrowing	600.00
b) Negotiated Loan	155.00
4. Central Assistance	609.28
5. ACA requested for Thane relief and other specific infrastructure projects	1100.00
Total	3025.00

Requirement of funds under ACA

	Amount (₹ in Crores)
➤ Request for Special Central Assistance for taking up reconstruction / rehabilitation of the infrastructure under socio-economic sectors heavily damaged by “Thane cyclone”.	687.00
➤ Establishment of Government Medical College .	100.00
➤ Construction of Road over Bridges, fly-over, bye pass and stadia.	200.00
➤ Thirunallar Temple Town Development Project.	100.00
Total	1087.00

Break-up for Thane requirements

Agriculture	9.90 crore
Forest	10.00 crore
Tourism	20.80 crore
Electricity	52.40 crore
Public Works	593.90 crore
Total	687.00 crore

Issues concerned to U.T. of Puducherry

a) PPP / Joint Venture Projects – Transfer of Govt. Land

- Sale / Lease / Licensing of Govt. Land to Public Sector Undertaking / Private Firm for Public Private Partnership (PPP) projects require approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Lt. Governor, Puducherry is vested with full powers and authorized under article 239 of (1) of the Constitution subject to lease agreement / contract not exceeding ₹ 5 crores. Since the value of lease agreement is always more than ₹5 crores on PPP related infrastructure project(s), approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs is required.

b) Availing funds under Centrally Sponsored Schemes

- Union Territory of Puducherry is small in size and the State finance is limited, Government of India may fully fund all the Centrally Sponsored Schemes with flexibility to suit the local requirements.
- Also some of the Flagship Programmes require more State Share due to varied pattern of funding prescribed by GOI. 100% funding may be considered for the U.T. of Puducherry for all flagship programmes.

c) Devolution of Funds

- U.T. of Puducherry does not receive a share of devolution formula as the U.T. is not covered under the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Central Finance Commission.
- In view of no devolution to the U.T. of Puducherry, Planning Commission may recommend for Special package to the U.T. to carry out development works in Local Bodies.