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A copy of the Summary Record of the meeting between the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission and Chief Minister of Pondicherry held on 05.06.2003 to finalize the Annual Plan (2003-04) of the Union Territory is circulated herewith.

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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE MEETING BETWEEN THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE CHIEF MINISTER, PONDICHERRY HELD ON 05.06.2003 TO FINALISE THE SIZE OF THE UT ANNUAL PLAN 2003-04.

A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission in New Delhi on 05.06.2003 to finalize the Annual Plan (2003-04) of Pondicherry.

2. The list of participants is given in Annexure-II.
3. While appreciating the performance of Pondicherry in the implementation of programmes relating to Health and Family Welfare, the Deputy Chairman requested the UT Administration to utilise the available infrastructure and manpower effectively to improve the quality of health service further.
4. He expressed concern over the over-exploitation of ground water in Pondicherry and felt the need for effecting regulatory frame work for checking the same. He emphasized the need to have a complete resource mapping of the area to study the salinity of water and chalk out remedial policy measures like afforestation and farm forestry to check intrusion of saline water. As agriculture and allied sectors continued to be an important source of livelihood efforts should be made for development of this sector.
5. He emphasized that loss making Public Sector Enterprises of the Union Territory needed to be revived or closed.
6. He noted that the estimated average tariff for the current year, exceeded the average cost of power supply. This trend should be maintained. However, the low level of agricultural tariff called for immediate revision for facilitating better management of the scarce water resources.
7. While referring to the tourism potential of the UT, the Deputy Chairman observed that infrastructure development could be encouraged in the private sector to ensure dispersal of tourist centres in different parts of the UT.
8. It was emphasized that there was need for constant upgrading of services in the areas of public health, water supply, garbage and sewerage management as well as integrated rural-urban planning because of migration of large number of population from the neighbouring States.
9. Deputy Chairman emphasized the need for early Gram Panchayat elections in the Union Territory which was long pending. With the above observations, he invited the

Chief Minister of Pondicherry to put forward his views on the Annual Plan (2003-04) and other related issues.

10. Thanking the Deputy Chairman, the Chief Minister of Pondicherry pointed out that the UT Administration was implementing the plan programmes effectively and the benefits therefrom were reaching the needy beneficiaries. He further mentioned that an outlay of Rs.400 crore approved for Annual Plan 2002-03 included a one time ACA of Rs.12 crore earmarked for certain specific priority schemes/programmes which was utilized satisfactorily. He highlighted in brief the achievements made in various sectors. The Chief Minister assured that the Panchayat elections would be held early next year. ??

11. Member (SPG), Planning Commission enquired about the chapter on demography in the "Vision 2020 Document" of Pondicherry. He also requested the UT Administration to send their feed back on employment situation in the UT.

12. After detailed discussions, the Annual Plan outlay for 2003-04 of the UT of Pondicherry was approved at Rs.452.77 crore. The aggregate plan resources comprise of Rs.241.95 crore of UT's Own Resources and Rs.210.82 crore of Central Assistance. The Normal Central Assistance is Rs.186.00 crore. Central Assistance for Externally Aided Projects is kept at Rs.5.22 crore. Other Central assistance of Rs.19.60 crore includes Rs.4.65 crore for PMGY, Rs.1.00 crore for Slum Development, Rs.0.54 crore for National Social Assistance Programme, Rs.1.15 crore for Initiative for Strengthening of Urban Infrastructure, Rs.0.26 crore for Nutrition Programme for Adolescent Girls and Rs.12.00 crore of one time ACA for priority schemes to be indicated by the UT Administration. The scheme of financing the Annual Plan 2003-04 of Pondicherry is given at Annexure-I.

13. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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ANNEXURE -I

**Approved Scheme of Financing for Annual Plan 2003-04: PONDICHERRY**

S. No.	<u>Item</u>	<u>Annual Plan 2003-04</u>
		(Rs. crore) <u>2003-04 Estimates</u>
<b>A.</b>	<b>UT's Own Resources</b>	<b>241.95</b>
	1. Balance from Current Revenues	0.00
	2. Loans against Small Savings	85.40
	3. ARM	156.55
<b>B.</b>	<b>Central Assistance</b>	<b>210.82</b>
	4. Normal Central Assistance	186.00
	5. Assistance for Externally Aided Projects	5.22
	6. Others	19.60 @
<b>C.</b>	<b>Aggregate Plan Resources</b>	<b>452.77</b>
<b>D.</b>	<b><u>Approved Plan Outlay</u></b>	<b><u>452.77</u></b>

@ Includes Rs.4.65 crore for PMGY, Rs.1.00 crore for Slum Development, Rs.0.54 crore for National Social Assistance Programme, Rs.1.15 crore for Initiative for Strengthening of Urban Infrastructure, Rs.0.26 crore for Nutrition Programme for Adolescent Girls and Rs.12.00 crore of one time ACA for priority schemes to be indicated by the UT Administration. †

Annexure -II

List of Participants of the Meeting on Annual Plan (2003-04) of Pondicherry held on 05.06.2003 under the Chairmanship of Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission

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PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Shri K.C. Pant, Deputy Chairman
2. Dr. S.P. Gupta, Member
3. Shri N.K. Sinha, Secretary
4. Smt. Krishna Bhatnagar, Pr. Adviser (Agri.)
5. Dr. N.J. Kurian, Adviser (FR)
6. Dr. Rajan Katoch, Joint Secretary (SP)
7. Shri B.C. Munda, Director (SP-Kerala)
8. Shri M.N. Lothe, Director (FR)
9. Shri O.P. Sharma, S.R.O. (SP)

National Commission for Population

Shri Surendra Nath, Member Secretary

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

Shri N.A. Viswanathan, Financial Adviser  
Shri P.K. Jalali, Joint Secretary (UTs)  
Shri S.B. Doval, Under Secretary

GOVERNMENT OF PONDICHERRY

Shri N. Rangaswami, Chief Minister  
Dr. R. Padmanabhan, Chief Secretary  
Shri B. Vijayan, Secretary (Plg.)-cum- D.C.  
Shri M. Sreedharan, Director (Planning)  
Shri S. Gopalan, Private Secy. to Chief Minister  
Shri Emile Ranjit, Asst. Liaison Commissioner