

**MINUTES OF THE STATE PLANNING BOARD MEETING HELD ON 06.05.2013
UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF H.E. THE LT. GOVERNOR**

The State Planning Board meeting was convened to appraise the members on the Draft Annual Plan proposals 2013-14 under the Chairmanship of H.E. the Lt. Governor on 06.05.2013 at Chief Secretariat, Puducherry.

Hon'ble Chief Minister, Cabinet Ministers and members of the State Planning Board attended the meeting. Apart from the members, MLAs from Karaikal, Neravy, Mahe, Yanam and representative for the UT of Pondicherry at New Delhi attended as Special Invitees.

Secretary (Planning)-cum-Member Secretary welcomed the Chairman, members and Special Invitees and made a power-point presentation.

His Excellency the Lt. Governor-cum-Chairman initiated the discussions and invited the suggestions of the participants.

Minister of State (PMO & Personnel) had sent his suggestions in writing which was circulated to the participants.

The suggestions that emerged from the above meeting are listed below:

- Time bound completion of ongoing important projects such as Fisheries, Public Health, Housing, Tourism, etc. has to be planned.
- Efforts must be taken to mobilize additional resources and to collect outstanding arrears in various departments particularly in Commercial Tax, etc.
- An appropriate PPP policy will help the administration to tap outside resources for implementing large infrastructure schemes.
- All India Service (AIS) Training Centre to enable the youth and students of Puducherry to appear in the prestigious examinations such as IAS, etc. may be opened in Puducherry.
- Skill development and vocational training of the unemployed youth of Puducherry has to be given focus and funds from GOI may be suitably availed.
- Industrial development of Puducherry is undergoing some kind of stagnation for which more thrust to be given for industrial development.

- Innovative measures may be taken to improve the infrastructure in Higher Education and its quality. University Grants Commission and Ministry of Human Resource Development may be approached to provide financial support for setting up of Constituent Colleges, Women University and Community Colleges.
- To convert the Planning Board to a Planning Commission to get technical and professional linkage from experts.
- The impact of the Plan schemes are to be evaluated to eliminate obsolete schemes.
- To set up Public Service Commission for recruitment of various functional and non-functional posts.
- The stakeholders views have to be obtained in advance for the preparation of Draft Plan proposals instead of requesting for suggestions now.
- Ongoing schemes / projects in the pipeline need to be given importance.
- Schemes implemented by various departments with same objective have to be examined and weeded out.
- Diversion of funds allocated to the outlying regions to Puducherry region not to be allowed.
- To evolve a strategy to spend the entire approved XII five year plan outlay for achieving the specific targets.
- The size of the Plan Outlay may be fixed at ₹ 2000 crore for Annual Plan 2013-14.

On conclusion, Chief Secretary clarified the issues raised by the members.

It was unanimously resolved by the board to have a plan-size of ₹ 2000 crore for the Draft Annual Plan which could be put forth before the Planning Commission.

With this, the meeting came to an end.

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