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Sub: Minutes of the State Planning Board Meeting - Communicated - Reg.

Minutes of the State Planning Board meeting held on 19.02.2015 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Lt. Governor is sent herewith.

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To

The Chairman and Members of the State Planning Board.

**Minutes of the State Planning Board Meeting held on 19.02.2015 under the
Chairmanship of Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor at 4.30 P.M
in the Conference Hall, Chief Secretariat, Puducherry**

The State Planning Board Meeting was convened on 19.02.2015 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor to finalise the size of the Draft Annual Plan 2015-16.

2. The Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Ministers for Agriculture, Welfare, Local Administration and Electricity, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Leader of Opposition, Chief Secretary to Govt., Development Commissioner and Commissioners-cum-Secretary to Govt., all Secretaries to Govt., Special Secretaries to Govt., Heads of Departments concerned attended the meeting Besides, Member of Legislative Assembly for Yanam constituency also attended the meeting as a special invitee.

3. At the outset, Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor welcomed the Chief Minister, Ministers, Member of Parliament, Leader of Opposition, special invitee and the Secretaries to Govt. He informed that the Planning Board has assembled to finalise the size of the Plan for the ensuing year 2015-16.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor in his opening speech, remarked about the following points.

- During the last 10 months, many good changes have taken place in U.T. of Puducherry and the present Government is the reason for all of them.
- The basic thrust of the NITI Aayog is towards co-operation between the State and Centre. India will prosper only when both the Centre and the States cooperate with each other.
- Each State competes with the other to show more productivity and competitiveness to attract more investments.
- Hon'ble Lt. Governor observed that there are problems in every State, but, comparatively the people of Puducherry are living in a reasonably good status since the present Government have implemented various

welfare/social oriented schemes and UT, as a whole, has better social and economic indicators.

- Further, he enquired about the purpose of availing banking loan from HUDCO/NABARD, the loan amount per year and the requirement of the loan for next year so as to balance the budget.
- The non-official members, being absent may be changed, if they are not interested in the State Planning Board.
- During the First Governing Council of NITI Aayog on 08.02.2015, it was decided that all the States / UTs would constitute following 2 Task Forces to have a better understanding of the concerned sector / issues:-
 - (i) Poverty Alleviation.
 - (ii) Status of Agriculture.

Accordingly, HLG advised CS to initiate action on composition of the 2 Task Forces in UT of Puducherry also.

4. Secretary (Planning)-cum-Member Secretary, State Planning Board welcomed the Chairman, Members, special Invitee and other officials and submitted a note on the agenda of the meeting through a power point presentation which was covered in two parts, viz. Achievements in 2014-15 and Draft Annual Plan 2015-16. The presentation covered the following main topics:

- State Planning Board - Composition.
- Status report on the minutes of the last State Planning Board meeting held on 21.07.2014.
- Achievements & Action taken / underway in important Budget Announcements of 2014-15.
- Major achievements in 2014-15.
- Draft Annual Plan 2015-16.
- Growth of Plan and Non Plan Expenditure over 4 years.
- Details of Expenditure under Plan and Non Plan.
- Public Account and details of Public Debt and scope for further borrowings.
- Gross Borrowing limit upto 2018-19, Revenue Receipts.

- Resource assumptions taken for funding Annual Plan 2015-16.
- Proposed resources for BE 2015-16, Proposed Outlay for Annual Plan 2015-16.
- Major Proposals for 2015-16

5. Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), while welcoming the proposed Draft Annual Plan 2015-16 commended the UT Government for taking all possible steps for the welfare of the people.

6. Thiru. Malladi Krishna Rao, M.L.A., Yanam, Special Invitee, presented his request / demand in the meeting.

- Top priority to be provided for Pushkaram celebrations in Yanam.
- Under free rice Scheme, instead of Rs. 300/- per month, rice to be provided to people of Yanam.
- An amount of Rs. 2.00 crore to be provided towards the renovation of Venkateswara Temple.
- Earth filling and ground levelling works to be completed for Yanam Tower.
- An amount of Rs. 2.00 crore may be provided under SCSP Component to build houses for the homeless Scheduled Caste families of Yanam Region.
- An amount of Rs. 1.00 Crore may be provided for land acquisition for the purpose of school playground.
- Reimbursement of the premium required under Fisherman Insurance Scheme for FRP boats.

7. Hon'ble Lt. Governor enquired about the industries sector in Puducherry. He suggested to provide electricity subsidy, drinking water subsidy, infrastructure facilities for setting up of new industries. Secretary(Industries and Commerce) replied that there were plans to set up three industrial estates and Land development for the same is under progress.

8. Hon'ble Lt. Governor also enquired about the variation in outlay of the Local Administration Department in 2015-16 vis-a-vis current year. Chief Secretary clarified that for the past two years, MLA Local Area Development Fund could not be provided fully due to budget restrictions. Also, on a query about the source of

MLALAD fund of Rs.30.00 crore in 2015-16, Chief Secretary replied that the whole fund was allotted by the UT Government and not by the Central Government.

9. Secretary (Revenue) informed that Rs.38.00 crore was provided to Project Implementation Agency for underground cabling and projects relating to Fisheries. Hon'ble Lt. Governor enquired whether the provision of fund was for all the four regions or only for Puducherry. Chief Secretary clarified that the fund is meant for Puducherry and Karaikal.

10. Hon'ble Lt. Governor enquired about the resources for the construction of Assembly Secretariat. Chief Secretary replied that the acquisition of land was under litigation but in the budget, token provision has been made for the last 2 years.

11. While replying to a query raised by the chair about the air connectivity of Puducherry with Bengaluru, Secretary (Tourism) informed that they are working out a proposal in consultation with the Civil Aviation Ministry.

12. After discussions, State Planning Board unanimously approved the Plan size of Rs. 2,800 crore for the Draft Annual Plan 2015-16 alongwith Non-Plan of Rs.4,000 crore which could be put forth before the Government of India for prior approval of the President of India before placing the same in the ensuing Budget session of the Legislative Assembly.

13. With this resolution, Hon'ble Lt. Governor thanked the Chief Minister, Ministers, Chief Secretary and other members for their valuable contribution and concluded the meeting.

14. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.