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Minutes of the meeting held on 31.10.2014 under the Chairmanship of Lt. Governor alongwith Hon'ble Chief Minister in connection with the review of progress of expenditure on Plan is sent herewith for necessary action.

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Director

To

1. Secretaries / Spl. Secretaries to Govt.
2. All Heads of Departments dealing with Plan
3. Director of Accounts and Treasuries
4. Under Secretary to Govt. (Finance)
5. Budget Officer, Finance Department
6. Deputy Director, Ways and Means

Copy to:

1. PS to Lt. Governor
2. PS to Chief Minister
3. PS to Chief Secretary
4. PA to Development Commissioner
5. PA to Director (Plg.)

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PLAN 2014-15 REVIEW MEETING CONVENED UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF HON'BLE LT. GOVERNOR ALONGWITH HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER ON 31.10.2014 IN CONFERENCE HALL, CHIEF SECRETARIAT, PUDUCHERRY.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor, alongwith Hon'ble Chief Minister reviewed the progress of Plan expenditure for the period ending 30th October 2014 in the Annual Plan 2014-15. Chief Secretary, Development Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Finance), Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Works), Commissioner-cum-Secretary(Transport), Secretary (Education), Secretary(Welfare), Secretary to Lt. Governor, Inspector General of Police, District Collector-cum-Special Secretary (Personnel) and Special Secretary(Higher & Technical Education) attended the meeting. A list of the Heads of departments who were also present is appended.

2. At the outset, Chief Secretary welcomed Hon'ble Lt. Governor and Hon'ble Chief Minister and all other participants. Thereafter, Development Commissioner summarized the Plan expenditure details through a power point presentation. He briefed about last 2 years Plan as well as Non-Plan expenditure particulars. He stated that the overall financial achievement as on date is Rs. 942 crore as against the approved Outlay of Rs. 2400 crore in the Current Financial Year 2014-15, which works out to nearly 40%. He highlighted that in the previous years, fund were released for CSS directly to the implementing departments/agencies concerned by the respective Ministries. However, based on the Planning Commission guidelines, the fund for CSS has been brought under the State Consolidated Fund from the Annual Plan 2014-15 onwards. Development Commissioner stated there were certain constraints which have limited the quantum of expenditure so far in the current financial year. Firstly, due to General Elections for Parliament, only 50% of the Outlay was earmarked in Vote on Account and hence most of the departments could not obtain bulk sanctions / block sanctions to book major expenditure. Secondly, full Budget was passed only in last week of September 2014. Thirdly, an amount to the tune of Rs. 223 crore is yet to be received from Govt. of India under JNNURM.

3. Development Commissioner further stated that the major 3 issues viz., (i) Devolution of funds under 13th Central Finance Commission which could yield a net addition of Rs. 250 crore in 2014-15, (ii) Waiver of legacy loans to the tune of Rs. 3289 crore and (iii) Enhancing the Delegation of financial powers of U.T.

Administration pertaining to sanction of projects/schemes and PPP projects are regularly being taken with Government of India.

4. Then, the department-wise detailed review was taken up by the Chair and the major points which emerged are as follows:

AD Welfare

Director (AD Welfare) stated that 50% of expenditure will be incurred within December 2014 soon after getting the block sanction.

Agriculture

Director (Agriculture) stated that the grant-in-aid under RKVY is yet to be released and the expenditure will be booked in phased manner. He assured that 70% of outlay will be utilized within December 2014.

Co-operative

Most of the outlay allocated for this department is meant for GIA / Share Capital. The requirements of the Institutions have not yet been received by the department and it is expected only after convening of their Board meetings.

DRDA

Chairman (DRDA) stated that proposals to a tune of Rs. 27.00 crore have already submitted to Govt. of India and the funds are yet to be released.

Education

While replying a query to Lt. Governor in connection with the infrastructure facilities available in Schools, Secretary (Education) stated that some of the private schools in urban areas do not have the play ground facility due to land constraint. Notice was issued to the Schools to adhere to the norms strictly else their recognition would be suspended. Lt. Governor advised that Banks/Corporate Institutions may be approached for their contribution to fulfill the basic requirements of schools.

Higher & Technical Education

Lt. Governor observed that the infrastructure facilities in Bharathidasan Government College for Women are inadequate and the available facilities are also in poor condition. Fund may be earmarked at least in the next financial year to them to improve the facilities and for renovation of the college building. Further, Lt. Governor advised that a Central Scheme viz. RUSA, which provides assistance for colleges, may be tapped to get the fund.

Fisheries

Director (Fisheries) stated that new building for Fish Market was inaugurated and will be handed over to Municipality. It is expected that the Fish Market will functional from January 2015.

Health

Lt. Governor pointed out that adequate infrastructure/basic amenities required for a standard health institution are not available in the Rajiv Gandhi Women & Children Hospital. LG advised Secretary (Health) to visit the hospital and initiate action to provide the required facilities in a phased manner.

Local Administration

Director (LAD) stated that under MLA-LAD programme, Rs. 15 crore was earmarked during the last financial year as against the requirement of Rs. 30 crore. The outlay allocated under this scheme for the current year is Rs. 15 crore and that too will be utilized to settle the last year liabilities. He requested for additional Rs.30 crore for MLALAD scheme in the current year. Proposals regarding up gradation / setting up of new slaughter houses in Puducherry have already been sent to Govt. of India to get 50% funds. The remaining 50% would be covered through Negotiated Loan. The clarifications sought by Govt. of India regarding NULM will be attended to get the fund immediately.

Public Works

Chief Engineer (PWD) stated that nearly 78% of expenditure has been incurred under Grant and the low expenditure is because of less utilization of

Negotiated Loan. He stated that out of Rs. 154.55 crore earmarked under Negotiated Loan, the total expenditure in this year would be around Rs. 90 crore.

Revenue

Secretary (Revenue) stated that as against the current year release of Rs. 88.97 crore under EAP, an amount to the tune of Rs. 27.96 crore has been incurred so far and the remaining will also be utilized.

Science & Technology

Director (S&T) stated that the outlay earmarked is meant for grant-in-aid and will be released in phased manner without any shortfall.

Transport

Commissioner (Transport) stated that the formation of railway line between Puducherry and Cuddalore is in progress and the acquisition of land is in final stage.

Town & Country Planning

Chief Town Planner stated that the outlay earmarked under Negotiated Loan has been fully utilized. Regarding the JNNURM the State Share was fully exhausted and the Central release of Rs. 223.78 crore is yet to be obtained. Action has already been taken to get the fund from the Govt. of India. Lt. Governor advised to examine the possibility for introduction of some pilot projects in the U.T. and the same may be apprised to the Ministry concerned for the implementation as the U.T. is small and compact.

5. Before concluding, as requested by Chief Secretary, Director (LAD) presented a comprehensive Action Plan on Swachh Bharat Abhiyan which involved the activities of Public Works, Science & Technology, School Education, Town & Country Planning and Local Administration departments. In this connection, Lt. Governor advised that action may be initiated to implement the scheme, at the first instance, in all educational institutions, health institutions, tourist places and Government offices to set up an example.

6. The Chief Minister requested all the Heads of Departments to book 80% of expenditure within December 2014. At this juncture, Lt. Governor stated that the departments which will not book the targeted level of expenditure in time,

their funds may be diverted to other needy departments at the RE stage so as to attain 100% expenditure achievement in the current financial year. Further, Lt. Governor advised all Heads of Departments to closely monitor the expenditure booking on a monthly review basis so as to avoid surrender/savings. He also suggested the Head of Departments to conduct mid-term review of all the Plan schemes to make any mid-course corrections. Heads of Departments may initiate action to examine the possibility for getting fund from various Central Schemes which are yet to be implemented in the U.T.

7. Lt. Governor expressed that although the public issues / grievances being raised in the media are getting redressed at appropriate levels in the Government, Government's views and action taken are not getting highlighted to the extent required. He stressed upon the fact that the Government departments, specially the Information and Publicity Department must highlight the good work done by the departments and properly show the action taken on any matter of public importance being raised in the media by being proactive. Finally, Lt. Governor expressed his greetings on the eve of celebration of Puducherry Liberation Day-2014.

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

Annexure

List of participants who attended the Plan review meeting held on 31.10.2014 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Lt. Governor alongwith Hon'ble Chief Minister

1. Sub-collector, Revenue
2. Director, Adi-Dravidar Welfare
3. Director, Agriculture
4. Director, Animal Husbandry
5. Director, Art & Culture
6. Director, Civil Supplies
7. Commissioner, Commercial Taxes
8. Director, DAT
9. Project Director, DRDA
10. SAO, DRD
11. Director, Higher & Technical Education
12. Supdt. Engineer-I, Electricity
13. Director, Fisheries
14. Director, Health & Family Welfare Services
15. Director, Industries & Commerce
16. Director, Information Technology
17. Director, Information & Publicity
18. Chief Supdt. of Jail
19. Secretary, Legislative Assembly
20. Director, Local Administration
21. Chief Engineer, Public Works
22. Director, Science, Tech. & Environment
23. Director, Tourism
24. Chief Town Planner, Town & Country Planning
25. Commissioner, Transport
26. Director, Women & Child Development
27. Under Secretary (Finance)
28. Budget Officer
29. Dy. Director (Ways & Means)