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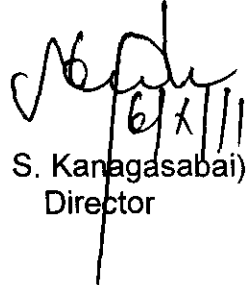
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Sub: PRD – Minutes of the Plan Review meeting held on 20.09.2011
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The minutes of the Plan review meeting held on 20.09.2011 to review the Plan expenditure upto August 2011 under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary in the Conference Hall of Chief Secretariat are sent herewith for information and the required follow-up action.

Encl:- As Stated


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To

1. All Secretaries / Special Secretaries to Government
2. All Heads of Department dealing with Plan
3. Joint Secretary(Finance), Finance Department
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**MINUTES OF THE PLAN REVIEW MEETING HELD ON 20.9.2011 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF
CHIEF SECRETARY**

A meeting to review the implementation of Plan schemes (upto August 2011) was held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary on 20.9.2011 in the Conference Hall of the Chief Secretariat. This meeting was attended by Secretary (Plg), other Secretaries / Special Secretaries/ Heads of Departments / Offices implementing Plan schemes.

At the outset, Secretary (Plg) thanked the Chief Secretary for taking up the Plan Review meeting. Chief Secretary has stated that the budgeted amount of ₹.2750 crores consists of ₹.1708 crores as grant including central assistance and ₹.1042 crores as loan (Market Borrowing, Negotiated Loan and EAP). Chief Secretary observed that the expenditure of ₹.460 crores works out to 16%. As the expenditure performance is below than the norm of 25% for the 5 month period ending August 2011, Chief Secretary requested all the Heads of departments to hasten the process of Plan implementation to make good the shortfall by October 2011.

The department-wise review under the grant portion was taken up:

Adi-dravidar Welfare: Outlay: ₹. 106.13 crores Expdr: 6.22 crores/5.87%

- Chief Secretary felt that the performance was very low.
- Director (AD Welfare) informed that various policy announcements made on the Floor of the Assembly are getting initiated with ₹.20 crores worth of proposals such as distribution of washing machine, lap-top, enhanced housing subsidy. Director (AD Welfare) informed that for want of beneficiary list, FD has returned the proposals and this is being attended to. Chief Secretary observed that Finance Department need not ask the list of beneficiaries as the same comes under the domain of the implementing department / concerned Secretariat. Accordingly, Chief Secretary instructed the Finance Department to dispense with such practice in future. The concerned Department would be fully responsible for identification of correct beneficiaries as per the scheme. Also Chief Secretary instructed AD Welfare department to release the allocated amount to local bodies for taking up various civic works and this amount should not be utilized for salary purposes of local bodies.

Agriculture: Outlay: ₹. 85.48 crores Expdr: ₹.14.39crores/16.84%

- Director (Agriculture) informed that the proposals worth of ₹. 59.10 crores are getting ready as the prime agricultural season has started now. The percentage of the Plan expenditure would go up by the end of November 2011.

Animal Husbandry: **Outlay: ₹.25 crores** **Expdr: ₹.6.64 crores/ 26.57%**

- Director (AH) informed that already an amount of ₹. 5 crores has been released to Veterinary College and another ₹. 5 crores will be released shortly. The department has initiated proposals worth of ₹. 6 crores for implementing new components as announced on the Floor of the Assembly which would be sent to Secretariat for sanction.

Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs: **Outlay: ₹.17.42 crores**
Expdr: ₹.2.06 crores/11.84%

- Director (CS&CA) informed that ₹.7.70 crores is meant for Food subsidy, ₹. 5 crores towards smart-card work and ₹.2 crores towards supply of free sugar to card-holders during festival season. All the allocated fund would be spent within 2 months.

Co-operative : **Outlay: ₹.40.17 crores** **Expdr: ₹.3.06 crores/7.62%**

- RCS informed that as on date the department has booked ₹. 7 crores. As the major portion is providing GIA to Societies, sugarmill, SPINCO etc., there would not be any problem in spending.

DRDA: **Outlay: ₹.1.4 crores** **Expdr: NIL**

- Chief Secretary wanted to know the reasons for Nil expenditure under Community Development and housing sectors of DRDA. Project Director(DRDA) informed that within another one week, action will be initiated to book major portion of Plan expenditure. Chief Secretary expressed displeasure for not having initiated any action during the past 6 months. CS has directed PD(DRDA) that in the next plan review, the Agency should report substantial progress.

School Education: **Outlay: ₹.165.53 crores** **Expdr: ₹ 41.95/ 26.57%**

- Director(School Education) informed that an additional amount of ₹.2.29 crores is required under plan towards the provision of school bag and additional egg. Further ₹1.57 crores is additionally required under Non-plan towards incentive scholarship to students.

Higher Education: **Outlay :₹.83 crores** **Expdr: ₹.26.75 crores/ 32.24%**

- An additional amount of ₹. 21 crores is required to meet the commitment under CENTAC scheme and ₹.20.93 crores towards 6th CPC arrears to PIPMATE, PEC, Karaikal Engineering College and Society Colleges.

Fisheries: **Outlay: ₹.26 crores** **Expdr: ₹.9.40 crores/36.16%**

- Chief Secretary instructed the Fisheries department to implement the pension scheme immediately.

Health: **Outlay: ₹.207.93 crores** **Expdr: ₹.60.08 crores/28.89%**

- Representative from Health informed that ₹. 50 crores has been earmarked towards infrastructure development of Government Medical College for which the Dean has been requested to prepare the Detailed Project Report as required by Planning Commission for availing Central assistance from Govt. of India. Director (Planning) informed at this juncture that by availing an amount of ₹ 50 crores (being 30%) of additional central assistance, the State Share to an extent of ₹.116.50 crores (being 70%) is to be provided by the Health Department as State Share either within the available grant portion by availing the negotiated loan.

Local Administration: **Outlay: Rs74.47 crores** **Expdr: ₹.1.77 crores/2.38%**

- Chief Secretary observed that the performance of Local Administration is abysmally low. Director (LA) replied that proposals under the MLA-LAD has been called for from the MLAs through Commissioners of Commune Panchayats and Municipalities for sending the proposal to Secretariat for sanction. This would substantially increase the plan performance of the department. Chief Secretary instructed Director (LA) to initiate immediate action for getting sanction for other civic proposals to speed up the expenditure.

Public Works: **Outlay: ₹.263.80 crores** **Expdr: ₹.70.87.7 crores/26.87%**

- Chief Engineer (PW) has informed that the provision of ₹. 50 crores of Central Assistance is part of the overall outlay which would be utilized for the following major works:
 - a) For Uppar drain
 - b) RoB across Arumbarthapuram railway gate.
 - c) RoB across railway gate in 100 feet road.
 - d) Formation of bye-pass roads, one at Arumbarthapuram, Puducherry and another at Karaikal (Western Bye Pass)

Director (Planning) requested Chief Engineer (PW) to send the DPR for availing Central Assistance to Planning Commission and to the Ministry of Surface Transport immediately to avail the loan by indicating the remaining 70% of our Share under State Plan programme.

HRI: **Outlay: ₹.2.26 crores** **Expdr: ₹.073 crores/3.24%**

- Collector requested for additional provision of ₹. 5 crores for which Chief Secretary informed that the available provision of ₹.2.26 crores need to be spent at the first instance before asking for any additionality as the expenditure upto August 2011 was very low.

Social Welfare: **Outlay: ₹.48 crores** **Expdr: ₹.13.59 crores/28.32%**

- Director(SW) has requested for an additional provision of ₹ 3.70 crores to meet free distribution of rice and ₹.3.60 crores towards financial assistance to disabled persons. Special Secretary (Welfare) informed that as regard free supply of bicycles to IX Std. students, a decision has been taken by Hon'ble Welfare Minister that during this year X Std students may be distributed free cycles.

Tourism: **Outlay: ₹.32.70 crores** **Expdr: ₹.2.39 crores/7.32%**

- Chief Secretary observed that the progress of expenditure is very poor in Tourism sector and the Plan expenditure needs to be stepped up. Director (Tourism) has pleaded for State Share to avail central share under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme. Director (Plg) has informed that the requirement of state share of tourism department would be considered and accordingly he has asked Director (Tourism) to furnish the exact States Share requirement.

Town & Country Planning: **Outlay: ₹.135.25 crores** **Expdr: ₹.0.12crores/0.09%**

- Chief Secretary wanted to know the reason for poor performance of Town & Country Planning Department. Senior Town Planner (i/c) informed that an amount of ₹ 75 crores has been provided under JNNURM Scheme which would be spent based on the release of central share by Government of India. Further he informed that Town & Country Planning Department has initiated proposals worth of ₹ 16 crores for sanction. Chief Secretary instructed the department to initiate proposals fast so as to incur more expenditure by the end of October 2011.

Transport: **Outlay: ₹.11 crores** **Expdr: ₹.4.12 crores/37.52%**

- Transport Commissioner informed that the GIA for an amount of ₹.7 crores has been provided to PRTC out of which ₹ 5 crores has already been released. He informed further that ₹ 2 crores is meant for developing land for Government Automobile Workshop at Karaikal and another ₹ 2 crores is towards salary and Establishment expenditure of Transport department.

Women and Child Development:

Outlay: ₹.134.04 crores

Expdr: ₹.59.30 crores/44.24%

- The progress shown by Women and Child Development is satisfactory. Director (W&CD) has requested for an additional amount of ₹ 20 crores to meet the committed liability under Old Age Pension based on the enhancement from ₹750 to ₹ 1000 per month.

As regards availing funds under loan component, the department-wise review was taken up:

Adi-dravidar Welfare:

Outlay: ₹.67.68 crores

Expdr: ₹.27.60 crores/40.79%

- Director (Plg) informed that the expenditure booked by ADW department was based on the sanction of previous year by HUDCO. Director (ADW) informed that for the current financial year fresh proposals would be sent to lending agencies to avail the funds fully.

School Education:

Outlay: ₹.62.12 crores

Expdr: ₹.2.44 crores/3.94%

- Director (School Education) informed that the School Education department is interested in availing the loan for taking up construction of classrooms for Higher Secondary classes.

Higher & Technical Education:

Outlay: ₹. 40 crores

Expdr: Nil

- Director (H&TE) has stated that proposals for more than ₹.100 crores has been sent to Ways & Means section, Finance Department to avail funds from NABARD. Deputy Director, (W&M) informed that proposals worth of ₹.11 crores has already been sent to NABARD for consideration. The remaining proposals will be sent based on the prioritization. Chief Secretary suggested that the proposals may be sent at the earliest so that NABARD could be able to appraise the projects for early sanction.

Co-operation:

Outlay: ₹.10 crores

Expdr: Nil

- RCS informed that the department has proposed to avail loan from NCDC for modernizing the Puducherry Co-operative sugar mill.

Electricity: Outlay: ₹.93 crores Expdr: Nil

- SE (Electricity) informed that as against ₹.93 crores of loan component, the Power Finance Corporation has sanctioned ₹.27.53 crores. The remaining amount would be availed to take up various power infrastructure related works.

Fisheries: Outlay: ₹.10crores Expdr: ₹.4.27 crores/42.7%

- Chief Engineer (PW) requested that more amount need to be provided to the Fisheries sector under loan component to take up the Mahe Fishing Harbour work as major chunk of the outlay is required under State Share. Besides, he wanted additional loan provision for Yanam Region under Flood Protection Scheme towards States Share.

Health: Outlay: ₹.68.06 crores Expdr: Nil

- As against the provision of ₹.68.06 crores, ₹ 25 crores is meant for settlement of arbitration award towards M/s Nagarjuna Construction pertaining to Rajiv Gandhi Women & Children Hospital. Another ₹.43 crores is meant towards infrastructure related works of Govt. medical College. This loan is proposed to be availed from HUDCO.

Local Administration: Outlay: ₹.70 crores Expdr:Nil

- Director (LA) informed that NABARD has sanctioned for an amount of ₹. 5.32 crores towards rural road works. Chief Secretary instructed Director (LA) to send the shelf of projects immediately to NABARD through Ways & Means section of Finance Department for early appraisal and sanction.

Public Works: Outlay: ₹.360.87 crores Expdr: ₹.23.10 crores/6.40%

- Chief Engineer (PW) informed that all major proposals will be sent by September 2011 end and the remaining proposals by the end of October 2011.

Revenue: Outlay: ₹.100 crores Expdr: Nil

- An amount of ₹. 100 crores has been provided to avail funds from World Bank for the ETAP. Director (Plg) informed that already Revenue Department has availed ₹.75 crores from World Bank and part of the amount has been utilized. World Bank would give more fund on reimbursement basis based on the UC furnished by the UT administration.

Tourism: Outlay: ₹.60 crores

Expdr: Nil

- Director (Tourism) informed that for taking up Thirunallar Temple Town Project, HUDCO has already sanctioned ₹.163 crores, out of which ₹. 26 crores has been released in 2009-10. This year ₹. 60 crores is proposed to be availed from HUDCO.

Town & Country Planning:

Outlay: ₹.67.33 crores

Expdr:_Nil

- The amount of ₹. 67.33 crores provided would be availed from HUDCO towards States Share to complete the on-going mission and sub-mission projects under JNNURM.

Transport:

Outlay: ₹.18 crores

Expdr: Nil

- Transport Commissioner informed that the department would avail loan for strengthening PRTC. Since financial performance of PRTC is far from satisfaction, no financial institution is willing to give loan to PRTC, unless the proposals are guaranteed by State Government.

While concluding, Chief Secretary informed that ₹.1708 crores of fund is from State Estimated Resources coupled with Central Assistance. Unless full State Estimated resources are generated it would be difficult to meet the grant portion. Chief Secretary desired that all Revenue Generating Department should examine proposals for enhancement of Tax, Fee, charges etc,. As regards ₹ 1042 crores of loan component budgeted, all the 14 departments need to avail fully to improve the plan performance. During the last 4 years our achievement was hovering around 60-65% due to non-availing of the loan component fully and not generating adequate internal resources. The mind-set of the departments need to be changed in respect of availing loan component. Chief Secretary has stated that in the next Plan review, the departments lagging in Plan expenditure should show substantial progress.