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PLANNING AND RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

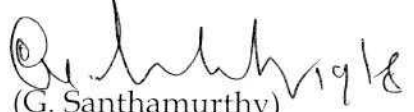
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Minutes of the meeting held on 23.07.2014 under the Chairmanship of
Chief Secretary in connection with the review on progress of Plan including SCSP
expenditure is sent herewith for necessary action.


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To

1. Heads of Departments concerned (As per list)
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7. PA to Director (Plg.)

MINUTES OF THE PLAN / SCSP REVIEW MEETING HELD ON 23.07.2014

A meeting to review the progress of Plan including SCSP expenditure under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary was held on 23.07.2014 in the conference hall of Chief Secretariat. Secretary(Transport), Director(Census Operations), Secretary(Power), Secretary(Health), Secretary (Welfare), District Collector(Puducherry), Spl. Secretary(Personnel) and Heads of Departments implementing Plan/SCSP schemes attended the review meeting (list appended).

At the outset Chief Secretary welcomed all the participants and the expenditure upto June, 2014 in the Vote-on-Account 2014-15 were taken up for review. The department-wise/sector-wise expenditure were presented by Director(Plg.) through a power point presentation. Ideally, 50% of expenditure has to be booked after the completion of 3 months in the Vote-on-Account 2014-15. On perusal of the expenditure statement, Chief Secretary observed that some of the departments did not incur any expenditure and the financial achievements in most of the departments were less than 50%. Then, the detailed review on the departments which have not booked the expected level of expenditure has been taken up and the important points emerged in the meeting are as follows:

- (i) Secretary (Welfare) stated that the proposals in connection with the construction of hostel and house construction subsidy are pending with Finance Department and after the receipt of the same, Rs. 35.00 crore will be booked. Under Housing Sector, Director (AD Welfare) stated that the work order for Rs. 2.00 crore was released two months back and the fund will be booked soon after the receipt of UC from PADCO.
- (ii) Chief Secretary advised Finance Department that the expenditure sanction may be cleared with the approval of the Link Secretary.
- (iii) Director(Agriculture) stated that as on date 31% of expenditure has been incurred and the proposal to the tune of Rs. 12.00 crore are pending with the Agriculture/Finance Secretariat. 90% of expenditure out of 50% of the outlay earmarked in the Vote-on-Account 2014-15 will be booked within September 2014. Under Minor Irrigation the expenditure to the tune of Rs. 1.50 crore will be booked after the beneficiaries were identified.

- (iv) Director (Art & Culture) stated that so far the financial achievement is 39.78%. Action has been initiated to disburse GIA to Bharathiar Palkalaikoodam and has also requested Executive Engineer (PWD) to book the expenditure under building programme for which the work is in progress. An MoU is signed in respect of renovation of Museum.
- (v) Deputy Director (CS&CA) stated that Rs. 83.00 lakhs has been booked as on date and for release of GIA the proposal from Institution is yet to be received. The expenditure will be booked in phased manner.
- (vi) RCS informed that after attending the query, the proposal has been re-submitted to Finance department for release of GIA to SPINCO, Jaiprakash Narayanan Spinning Mill and Puducherry Co-op. Sugar Mill. In addition the expenditure sanction to the tune of Rs. 7.20 crore is awaited.
- (vii) Under NREGA, Rs. 4.50 crore was released by the Ministry and the expenditure will be booked after the communication from DAT. Under Housing programme Rs. 50.00 lakh was transferred to AD Welfare Department for providing housing subsidy.
- (viii) Director (Education) informed that after the clearance of rate approval file, the bills pending with PAPSCO will be booked. Advance payment will be made usually in the month of November/December to AFT towards the purchase of uniforms.
- (ix) Superintending Engineer (Electricity) stated that pending bills to the tune of Rs. 1.20 crore will be booked shortly. Proposal to the tune of Rs. 2.65 crore under SCSP towards the acquisition of land for setting up of sub-station at Lawspet is pending in AD Welfare department. Chief Secretary suggested S.E. (Electricity) to apprise the Hon'ble Welfare Minister to get the sanction else any suitable activities may be identified by Electricity department to utilize the fund under SCSP.
- (x) Director(LAD) stated that as the allocation of fund has been wrongly earmarked under "Tied Fund", a proposal for necessary modification of fund from "Tied Fund" to other Heads has been initiated. Most of the outlay allocated to LAD meant for release of GIA to Municipalities/Commune Panchayats and it will be utilized in phased manner.

- (xi) Chief Engineer(PWD) stated that as per Court Order an amount of Rs. 15.92 crore from National Pension Scheme is received by DAT which is payable to the Mazdoors in PWD from whom the said amount has been collected as monthly contribution as per the direction of NPS. But the fund has not been reflected in the current year Budget, which needs immediate action. Chief Secretary advised Budget Officer to resolve the problem immediately. CE(PWD) further stated that the work of construction of building for RTO at Karaikal with an estimated cost of Rs. 2.93 crore had already been awarded and the work has been started and now is in progress. Necessary fund is required urgently to meet out the pending bills which works to around Rs. 1.00 crore. Transport Commissioner responded that the required fund will be provided after the communication of full budget. In this connection, Chief Secretary observed that as the work has already started and the bills are also pending for settlement, Transport Commissioner has to initiate necessary action to provide adequate fund in the Vote-on-Account 2014-15 itself, instead of waiting for communication of full budget.
- (xii) Senior Town Planner mentioned that the major portion of the outlay pertains to GIA which is to be released to Housing Board, Slum Clearance Board, Municipality and LAD and will be disbursed after the communication of full budget. Rs. 7.7 crore to be released to PRTC towards the purchase of buses under JNNURM programme. He further added that the fourth installment for Underground Sewage System is yet to be released by Govt. of India.
- (xiii) Finally, while reviewing the expenditure status under SCSP, Secretary(Welfare) stated that out of 20 implementing departments 15 departments have not incurred the expenditure to the expected level. He informed that as the National Commission for SC is visiting Puducherry during the month of September 2014, the SCSP implementing departments have to host the notable achievements made under SCSP for the last 5 years in public domain and the relevant data have to be updated alongwith the photographs in a presentable manner so that all the stakeholders to know about the developments made under SCSP.

With these the meeting came to an end.

**List of participants In the Plan /SCSP Expenditure Review Meeting
held on 23.07.2014.**

1. Director of AD Welfare
2. Director of Agriculture
3. Joint Director of Animal Husbandry
4. Director of Art & Culture
5. Registrar of Co-operative Societies
6. Commissioner of Commercial Taxes
7. Conservator of Forests
8. Deputy Director of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs
9. Director of School Education
10. Director of Higher & Technical Education
11. Divisional Fire Officer of Fire Services
12. Superintendent Engineer of Electricity
13. Director of Economics & Statistics
14. Director of Fisheries
15. Director of Health & Family Welfare Services
16. Commissioner of Hindu Religious Institutions
17. Director of Industries
18. Director of Information Technology
19. Commissioner of Labour
20. Director of Local Administration
21. Chief Engineer of PWD
22. Superintendent of Police (HQ)
23. SAO of Rural Development
24. Director of Social Welfare
25. Director of Science & Technology
26. Director of Stationery & Printing
27. Director of Survey & Land Records
28. Director of Tourism
29. Commissioner of Transport
30. Senior Town Planner of TCP
31. Director of Women & Child Development
32. Director of Accounts & Treasuries
33. Under Secretary to Govt. (Finance)
34. Budget Officer, Finance Department
35. Deputy Director, Ways & Means