

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BUDGET 2012 – 2013

Planning

- ✦ The Gross Budget Estimate for 2012-13 is ₹ 5,540 Crores, which includes a plan outlay of ₹ 3,000 Crores, Non-Plan provision of ₹ 2,450 Crores, and Centrally Sponsored scheme ₹ 90 Crores.

Agriculture

- ✦ Coconut and fruit bearing tree saplings will be distributed free of cost to the farmers affected by 'Thane'.
- ✦ B.Sc. (Agriculture) seat in PAJANCOA, Karaikal has been increased to 80 during current academic year.

- ✦ Action will be taken to set up an Agricultural University during the 12th Five Year Plan in Puducherry.
- ✦ It is proposed to plant about three lakhs saplings to bring more green cover.
- ✦ Under RKVY scheme five paddy planting machines and one Sugarcane harvesting machine will be purchased.
- ✦ To revamp the PASIC, an amount of ₹ 15 crores will be provided.
- ✦ In order to clear the sugarcane dues to the farmers, an amount of ₹ 5 crores will be given to the Pondicherry Co-operative Sugar Mill.
- ✦ Subsidy amount will be increased for paddy, pulse and groundnut seed growers.

Animal Husbandry

- ✦ For the purchase of goat, 250 general category BPL beneficiaries will be given subsidy to the extent of ₹ 12,000 and 150 Scheduled Caste category BPL beneficiaries will be given subsidy of ₹ 16,000.
- ✦ Compensation will be paid to the BPL livestock owners to an extent of ₹ 15,000 for the death of their uninsured cow / buffalo / bullocks.
- ✦ Scheduled Caste widows will be given ₹ 1 lakh for setting up of mini dairy unit of three high yielding cows.
- ✦ To enhance milk production 960 beneficiaries will be given crossbred milch animals and mini dairy subsidy at a total cost of ₹ 2.70 crores.

Fisheries

- ✦ During fishing ban period, the relief assistance has been raised to ₹ 4,000.
- ✦ Fish vending women will be supplied icebox free of cost.
- ✦ Funeral assistance presently granted to the families of deceased old age fishermen pensioners has been raised to ₹ 5,000.
- ✦ Subsidy towards Integrated Fish Farming and to promote prawn culture is proposed to be granted at ₹ 10,000 per acre.
- ✦ The old age pension given to fishermen will be increased to ₹ 1,250.

Co-operation

- ✧ It is proposed to increase the rainy season subsidy to the weaver members under co-operative fold to ₹ 3,000.
- ✧ The pension given to the weavers at present will be increased to ₹ 1,350 per month.

Electricity

- ✧ One MW Solar Power Plant will be established at Karaikal, through PPP mode.

Information Technology

- ✧ It is proposed to set up an IT Park in Truck Terminal Area, Mettupalayam.

- ✦ National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN) project to connect all the gram panchayats through Optical Fibre cable for providing services such as e-governance, e-learning and e-health etc.

Science and Technology

- ✦ Sub-Regional Science Centre and Planetarium Project will be thrown open to the public shortly.
- ✦ It is proposed to give Science Kits to 100 schools.

Industries

- ✦ It is proposed to establish a Trade Centre in Puducherry.

Labour

- ✦ It is proposed to set up a Multi Skill Development Centre (MSDC) with the financial assistance from the Ministry of Labour and Employment.

Local Administration

- ✦ Drinking water purification centres will be set up in rural areas.

Education

- ✦ It is proposed to provide two sets of uniforms additionally to the school students.
- ✦ It is proposed to be extended the supply of school bags to the students studying from 9th Std. to 12th Std.

- ✪ Under the free bus scheme, it is proposed to add 50 buses, in addition to 63 buses already plying.
- ✪ It is proposed to raise the cash award to ₹ 2 lakhs to the Government school, which achieve 100 percent result in urban areas, above 90 percent result in rural areas, in the Public Examination of S.S.L.C. and Higher Secondary.
- ✪ A dedicated Educational T.V. Channel will be launched for development of School Education.
- ✪ In order to encourage the students to score higher marks in S.S.L.C. and Higher Secondary Public Examination, it is proposed to provide

incentive awards of ₹ 5,000 and ₹ 3,000 for the first two top rankers in Government schools.

- ✦ Free Laptops will be given to students of Government schools who secure above 75 percent in the Higher Secondary Public Examination from the ensuing academic year.
- ✦ A new scheme for provision of Insurance coverage to benefit the school students and parents will be implemented.
- ✦ Fifty Government schools will be converted as “Green School” to develop environmental values among the students.

- ✪ To encourage the students of Balbhavan 2,000 students will be given an incentive amount of ₹ 250 per annum.
- ✪ It is proposed to set up Pondicherry University during 12th Five Year Plan.
- ✪ The Government Middle School at Ariyankuppam will be upgraded as High School and the Theerar Sathiyamoorthy Government High School at Murungapakkam will be upgraded as Higher Secondary School.
- ✪ CENTAC Students will be given arrears of tuition fee reimbursement pertaining to the last two years.

- ✧ It is proposed to supply colour pencil to the students studying in Government schools from 1st Std. to 5th Std., free of cost.
- ✧ It is proposed to supply Geometry box to the students studying in Government schools from 7th Std. to 10th Std., free of cost.
- ✧ It is proposed to supply books to the Students studying in LKG and UKG Stds. in Government schools, free of cost.

Art and Culture

- ✧ It is proposed to form a 'Sculpture Park' exhibiting the talented works of Bharathiar Palkalai Koodam students.

Sports

- ✦ It is proposed to construct a Multi Purpose Indoor Hall at Lawspet, Puducherry at a cost of ₹ 6 crores.

Health

- ✦ A General Nursing and Midwifery School is planned to open during this year at Karaikal with an intake of 60 students.
- ✦ It is proposed to avail the services of expertise from Chennai to conduct Orthopaedic and Cardiac surgery to the people of Puducherry in Indira Gandhi Government Medical College.
- ✦ It is proposed to set up an Endocrinology laboratory for hormone estimation at Rajiv Gandhi Government Women and Children Hospital, Puducherry.

- ✦ The upper limit of relief under Pondicherry Medical Relief Society will be raised to ₹ 2 lakhs.
- ✦ LED Microscoping for TB diagnosis will be started.
- ✦ The Health Insurance Scheme implemented for BPL families in Karaikal will be extended to Mahe and Yanam also with the same terms and conditions.

Tourism

- ✦ Puducherry Airport, will become operational for smaller type of aircrafts, during current year.
- ✦ To develop Thirunallar Temple Town Project, an amount of ₹ 100 crores has been earmarked.

Public works

- ✦ It is proposed to construct overhead tanks at Perungalur, Suthukeni, Vambupet, Bahour and Irulanchandai under Rural Drinking Water Scheme.
- ✦ Installation of a Desalination Plant at Kalapet is proposed at a cost of ₹ 10 crores.
- ✦ Improvements to Puducherry – Cuddalore / Puducherry – Villupuram road will be taken up through MORTH.
- ✦ The scheme of setting up of water purification plant in overhead tank will be extended to other parts of Puducherry and Karaikal region also.

- ✦ It is proposed to construct a new building for Dr. Ambedkar Polytechnic College in Yanam. It is proposed to construct additional class rooms in Kamala Nehru Government Girls High School, Yanam.

Adi-Dravidar Welfare

- ✦ ITI students will be given a stipend at an increased rate of ₹ 300 from this financial year.
- ✦ It is proposed to enhance the cash award of ₹ 15,000 to the Six Scheduled Caste top ranking plus two students to ₹ 30,000.
- ✦ New hostels are proposed in all the regions to accommodate the Scheduled Caste students whose numbers are growing every year.

Social Welfare

- ✧ It is proposed to give ₹ 1,000 per month as special grant to the mentally retarded children for their maintenance.
- ✧ It is proposed to upgrade Government Middle Special School for Deaf and Dumb in Karaikal as High School.
- ✧ It is also proposed to introduce best teacher award to the teachers working in special schools under Social Welfare Department.
- ✧ It is proposed to distribute cycles to the students for the last year and this year with an estimated expenditure of ₹ 10 crores.
- ✧ The disabled pension given to the disabled persons under different categories will be increased by ₹ 100.

Women and Child Development

- ✧ The quantum of assistance under the schemes 'Grant of financial assistance for performance of marriage of poor brides living Below Poverty Line' and 'Grant of marriage allowance to the daughter of destitute widows' will be increased to ₹ 25,000.
- ✧ Incentive to the family having one girl child/ two girl children and parents who have undergone family planning shall be increased from ₹ 20,000 to ₹ 30,000.
- ✧ It is proposed to increase the financial assistance to family of the deceased old age pensioners, widow pensioners, destitutes, spinster and transgender to ₹ 5,000.

- ✦ The old age pension will be increased to ₹ 1,100.

Revenue and Disaster Management

- ✦ It is proposed to introduce e-stamping on trial basis.

Police

- ✦ It is proposed to construct Coastal Police Stations one each at Puducherry, Mahe and Yanam.
- ✦ The Coastal Police Station at Karaikal and the Rural Traffic Police Station in Kirumampakkam will be opened shortly.



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