

*“With pleasant speech, who gives and guards  
with powerful Liberal hand, He sees the world  
obedient all to his command”* – KURAL

***Hon’ble Speaker Sir,***

**I** rise to present the Budget for the year 2012-13. The Annual Financial Statement, Demands for Grants and Explanatory Memorandum for the year 2012-13 are being circulated to Hon’ble Members of this August House.

**2.** I am placing this budget, on the path shown by Perunthalaivar Kamarajar, to the people of the Union Territory of Puducherry for showing their unstinted co-operation to my Government. As in the past, I assure this House and

Hon'ble Members that my Government would work tirelessly for uplifting the economic well being of the people of this Union Territory. I am happy to inform that the Planning Commission was kind enough to allocate ₹ 3,000 crores as this year's outlay for implementing welfare and infrastructure oriented programmes.

**3.** I am happy to inform that out of this amount, ₹ 100 crores each has been allocated to Government Medical College and Thirunallar Temple Town Project. The Thirunallar Temple Town Project would be a hassle free scheme because of the outright grant without any loan component. My Government would utilize the amount in full so as to complete the project and generate revenue for its future development. This would further increase the inflow of tourists to Karaikal region.

**4.** Hon'ble Members are well aware that the Plan budget is ₹ 3,000 crores out of which the Central Assistance will be ₹ 620 crores. Under Non-Plan budget, the provision is ₹ 2,450 crores, out of which ₹ 585 crores will be the Non-Plan Central Assistance including ₹ 72 crores as loan. The Centrally Sponsored Schemes accounts for ₹ 90 crores. The State Plan of ₹ 3,000 crores as per the approval of Planning Commission consists of Union Territories Own Resources ₹ 735.72 crores, Union Territories Net Borrowings ₹ 844.28 crores, Central Assistance ₹ 620 crores, Post Thane Rehabilitation measures by availing ACA from World Bank ₹ 800 crores.

**5.** Hon'ble Members are well aware that my Administration has prepared a Vision document for the 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan to take

the Union Territory economy forward in line with Planning Commission / Government of India Approach. The main aim is —

- v to increase the productivity of the identified sectors with special reference to agriculture and fisheries,
- v to improve the infrastructure needs of the Union Territory and to find ways and means to improve the internal resources beside tapping resources from various Central Ministries to meet the increasing requirements under Plan.

**6.** My Government is aware of the increasing unemployment problem in the Union Territory. The educated youth population should be made employable by upgrading their skill to the requirement of the existing and the upcoming industries, and to this effect, a policy

formulation is on the anvil. The Union Territory of Puducherry has made double digit growth, thanks to the sustained growth in the services sectors throughout Eleventh Five Year Plan, despite the fact that the global economic meltdown has brought down the India's growth around 7 percent. During the 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan, the same tempo would be maintained with vigour in increasing the productivity in primary sector.

## **AGRICULTURE**

**7.** The Union Territory of Puducherry has been experiencing a significant shift in its economy. The GSDP from Agriculture & Allied activities now accounts for less than 5 percent as against 30 percent in the 80s. The key objective of agriculture development now is to achieve a balanced and sustainable growth in

all the regions of this Union Territory with a more diversified agriculture base integrated with infrastructural safeguards. During 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan, my Government has determined to double the GSDP in the primary sector from the present level. Given the limited area under crops thrust would be given to high value crops, and promote development of nursery seed villages to get higher remunerative returns. Since paddy occupies more than 86 percent of land area in the Union Territory, the System of Rice Intensification (SRI) would be promoted further. Separate market for organic produce in vantage villages would be established. Hon'ble Members are aware that my Government has taken timely action for mitigating the sufferings of the farmers affected by 'Thane' cyclone and disbursed ₹ 35.49 crores worth of benefit to the affected farmers in Puducherry and Karaikal regions.

**8.** Post Thane rehabilitation has become the first priority now. Since the Thane cyclone has played havoc in putting Puducherry backwards, hence a special strategy needs to be adopted to help the farmers who have lost their perennial crops such as coconut and other fruit bearing trees. It is proposed to distribute coconut and fruit bearing saplings, free of cost to the willing farmers. In order to maintain them input like bio/organic fertilizer worth about ₹ 500 per tree per annum will be given for two years. It is proposed to establish two new Uzhavar Sandhais at Thirunallar and Nedungadu in Karaikal region. Food-processing industry is proposed in Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Puducherry. I am happy to inform the Hon'ble Members that intake of B.Sc. (Agriculture) seats in PAJANCOA Karaikal has been increased to 80 during current

academic year. Action will be taken to set up an Agricultural University during the 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan in Puducherry.

**9.** By availing central assistance under RKVY five paddy planting machines will be given to Krishi Vigyan Kendra. Out of these three for Puducherry and two for Karaikal. Sugarcane harvesting machine will be supplied to the Pondicherry Co-operative Sugar mill. 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. The rate of subsidy will be increased to the paddy seed growers. Accordingly, the subsidy amount will be increased from ₹ 5 to ₹ 8 per kg. for certified seeds. For the foundation seeds the subsidy



will be increased from ₹ 8 to ₹ 12 per kg. In respect of pulses and groundnuts for certified seeds the subsidy will be increased from ₹ 6 to ₹ 10 per kg. and in respect of foundation seeds the subsidy will be increased from ₹ 8 to ₹ 15 per kg.

**10.** I am happy to inform that an Action Plan on Greening Puducherry has been prepared by Forest Department for sustainable development through tree planting programme on the aftermath of 'Thane' cyclone. It is proposed to plant about three lakhs saplings to bring more green cover in an area of 75 hectares.

#### **ANIMAL HUSBANDRY**

**11.** Livestock supplements the income of the womenfolk in rural areas. Since the agricultural land have shrunk due to

transformation as house sites, the natural vegetation fodders have also been shrunk. Hence, the household income earned through livestock has also decreased. In view of this above, it is imperative that their income has to be supplemented by way of subsidies and supply of fodders at concessional rates. 680 livestock and poultry farmers affected due to loss of livestock and poultry by 'Thane' cyclone have been compensated to the extent of about ₹ 0.78 crore.

**12.** In order to enhance the meat production, 5 female goats and 1 male goat will be distributed to 250 general category BPL beneficiaries at 75 percent subsidy of ₹ 12,000, 150 Scheduled Caste category BPL beneficiaries at 100 percent 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 100 percent subsidy for setting up of mini dairy unit of three high yielding cows with a unit cost of ₹ 1 lakh. In order to enhance milk production under the scheme RKVY, 560 beneficiaries will be given crossbred milch animals and 400 beneficiaries will be given subsidy for setting up of mini dairy of 3 crossbred milch cows at 50 percent subsidy at a total cost of ₹ 2.70 crores in this year.

## **FISHERIES**

**13.** Fisheries sector plays a vital role in increasing the share of primary sector in the State's GSDP. Considering the quantum of loss of livelihood of fisherfolk during fishing ban

period, the relief assistance being granted to nearly 21,500 families at ₹ 2,750 per family has been enhanced to ₹ 4,000 from the current financial year. Construction of Fishing Harbour at Mahe is in full swing and is expected to be completed by March 2013. Expeditious action will be taken to waive the loans availed by fisherfolk under Rajiv Gandhi Tsunami Rehabilitation Package under housing and Co-operative sectors. Based on the request of fish vending women, they will be supplied ice box in order to sell the fish afresh to the consumers. As a first phase during current year about 500 fish vending women will be benefited.

**14.** Funeral assistance presently granted to the families of deceased old age fishermen pensioners is low and hence now I have proposed to enhance from ₹ 2,000 to ₹ 5,000.

In order to encourage the fish farmers in the emerging field of Integrated Fish Farming, subsidy is proposed to be granted at ₹ 10,000 per acre. To promote prawn culture in the brackish fish farms of this Union Territory, ₹ 10,000 per acre is proposed to be granted as subsidy assistance. Due to scarcity of timber for making wooden catamaran, the small scale fishermen are proposed to be granted with subsidy assistance at ₹ 25,000 for each procurement of FRP non-motorized crafts with nets, as a measure to fulfill their long felt demand. In order to revamp the fishing activities after 'Thane Cyclone', compensation to a tune of ₹ 18.18 crores is getting disbursed to undertake repairs/replacements of 5 numbers of fully damaged mechanized boats, 189 numbers of partially damaged mechanized boats, 97 numbers of fully damaged FRP motorized

crafts, 456 numbers of partially damaged FRP motorized crafts and 136 numbers of partially damaged non-motorized FRP crafts. 115 fish farmers were granted with compensation. Relief assistance is being extended to about 500 fully damaged wooden catamarans. In addition 12,415 fishermen families affected by 'Thane' were granted with cash assistance to the tune of ₹ 3.72 crores at ₹ 3,000 each for loss of livelihood. The old age pension given to fishermen will be increased from ₹ 1,150 to ₹ 1,250.

**15.** In order to encourage Fish Farmers to undertake Integrated Fish Farming by practising Fish culture along with rearing of Hen, Sheep and Planting of Plantain trees so as to get more benefit by way of increasing food production, it is proposed to extend subsidy of ₹ 10,000 per acre. It is proposed

to extend input subsidy of ₹ 10,000 per acre to Prawn Farmers who undertake pathogen free “Lepto peneaus vannamai” in the Brackish water. Guide lights will be installed in the Ariyankuppam river mouth and also to Arasalar river mouth so as to facilitate the fishing boats for safe return to the Fishing Harbour area at Thengaithittu, Pondicherry and Karaikal respectively. The existing fish landing quay length of 330 mts. at Thengaithittu Fishing Harbour is not sufficient to berth all fishing boats. Therefore, it is proposed to extend further length of 200 mts. quay so as to accommodate all fishing boats. The Government of India sanctioned ₹ 2.50 crores, to Union Territory of Puducherry towards implementation of the special scheme called as “National Mission for Protein Supplement (NMPS)”. Under this scheme, cages will be installed in the water bodies of

Puducherry, Karaikal and Yanam and fish culture will be undertaken by involving Fish Farmers and Fishermen.

## **CO-OPERATION**

**16.** It is proposed to provide funds to modernise and to enhance the production capacity of the Pondicherry Co-operative Sugar Mill and effective functioning of both the Co-operative Spinning Mills in Puducherry and Karaikal regions. I have proposed to increase the rainy season subsidy to the weaver members under co-operative fold from ₹ 2,000 to ₹ 3,000. As we are facing shortage in milk production, my Government has aimed to augment milk production by encouraging the farmers to supply milk to the Co-operative Societies so as to supply the local consumers.



It is proposed to give 75 percent feed subsidy for cattle feed and calf feed to the members of this Co-operative Milk Society. In order to improve the standard of living of the tribes, it is proposed to assist them for setting up of mini dairies. The pension given to the weavers at present will be increased from ₹ 1,250 to ₹ 1,350 per month.

## **RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**17.** The Swarnajayanthi Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) scheme has been restructured by Government of India as National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) and implemented in this Union Territory from 2012-13 onwards. Under NRLM, Self Help Groups federation will be formed at Village / Block and District level. Under NRLM, financial assistance will be given for capacity building and skills training and one

time grant for corpus fund for sustainability and effectiveness of federations. To improve cleanliness and hygiene in rural areas construction of toilets is most important. To achieve better coverage of sanitation in rural areas, it is proposed to dovetail central fund available under Total Sanitation Campaign (renamed as Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan) scheme implemented by DRDA, with the Chief Ministers Sanitation Scheme of Puducherry Slum Clearance Board during the current financial year with a goal to make all the villages of Puducherry free from open defecation.

## **ELECTRICITY**

**18.** My Government is taking all steps for providing uninterrupted and quality power supply to Puducherry. As a part of this, 67 MW of power from Koodankulam Nuclear Power Plant

and 15 MW power from Neyveli expansion Thermal Plant will be available during the current financial year to Puducherry. One MW Solar Power Plant will be established at Karaikal through private entrepreneur selected under the scheme Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission of Government of India after fixation of tariff by JERC and the entire power utilised to meet the power demand of Karaikal region.

**19.** I am also happy to announce to this House that an MoU has been signed with the Power Grid Corporation of India Limited for establishment of a Smart Grid Pilot Project in Puducherry without any financial burden either to the Government or to the consumers of Puducherry. On implementation of this project, the consumer in the pilot project area at any point of time will know the exact billing amount and accordingly manage the power usage.

The Electricity Department will also be able to monitor online, the energy usage pattern by the consumer and trace any malpractice and theft of energy and also to bill power tariff and collection of dues online. This project on successful implementation will be extended to other areas of Puducherry.

**20.** Under the 'Restructured Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (RAPDRP)' ₹ 4.50 crores of loan has been availed from Power Finance Corporation to implement IT infrastructure development, the work would be completed within a period of one year. The scope of the work covers Consumer Indexing, GIS Mapping, Metering of Distribution Transformers and Feeders and Automatic Data Logging. I am happy to inform that a customer care centre is proposed to be set up in Electricity Department shortly which will function round the clock.

**21.** To provide better operating facilities and to extend the life period of the existing Villianur, Marapalam, Thirubuvanai and Sorakudi EHV Sub-stations, renovation and modernisation works are proposed to be carried out during the current financial year. For setting up of a 110/22 KV Sub-station in Lawspet, the required land to the extent of 1.30 acre has been acquired. Hon'ble members have complained the non-functioning of street lights. In order to maintain the street lights properly, a scheme will be implemented with private partnership.

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**22.** The Department of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India has approved the e-District Project at a cost

of ₹ 12.18 crores and this will be implemented during current financial year. The Back End Computerization of high volume citizen centric services, for delivery of services online, will be taken up under e-District. The State Services Delivery Gateway and State Portal will be implemented for enabling the citizens to submit online applications for availing services. 25 acres has been earmarked to set up an Electronic Park in Truck Terminal Area, Mettupalayam for which a consultancy is being appointed. A tripartite MoU would be entered between the Department of Telecommunications, Government of India, Bharat Broadband Network Limited and Government of Puducherry under the 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**

**23.** I am happy to inform that the Sub-Regional Science Centre and Planetarium Project would be completed during this financial year and will be thrown open to the public with the objective to disseminate the knowledge and create awareness in terms of astronomy, solar system and various other celestial phenomena. This would make the city of Puducherry at par with very few State capitals who has such a Planetarium facility. The National Council for Science Museums, Kolkata has been entrusted with the work of setting up of Sub-Regional Science Centre and Planetarium at a cost of ₹ 3.75 crores. On the lines of climatic changes enunciated by the Government of India, a scheme has been formulated in the Union Territory of Puducherry to reduce the impact of climatic changes. In order to

improve the science knowledge among the students it is proposed to give Science Kits to 100 schools.

## **INDUSTRIES**

**24.** The contribution of secondary sector comes next to services sector towards GSDP. A new Industrial Policy has been formulated which will be announced shortly. This policy was prepared after extensive consultations with all the stake holders Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Chamber of Commerce, Small Scale Industries (SSI) Association, etc., and it will facilitate growth of employment oriented, but non-power/ non-water intensive and non-polluting industries. My Government would tap Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode, to provide adequate



infrastructure for accelerated growth of Industries with increasing slant on export. Road infrastructure would be provided by creating bye-pass roads, linking nearby towns by four lane, thereby attracting the industries to set up their units in this Union Territory. Puducherry is witnessing more unemployment problem during the last couple of years, which needs to be tackled. To ensure at least 50 percent of jobs to the citizens of Puducherry in the industries establishing their units in the Union Territories, the technically qualified graduates and diploma holders need to be trained in the productive process by identifying activities suited to their skills. My Government will work out a scheme, based on the cluster/location specific area approach in consultation with the Planning Commission for implementation. Special focus would be given to improve the status of the industrial estates which are in a state of

neglect. In order to market our products, Buyer-Seller meetings would be periodically arranged. In order to facilitate the Buyer-Seller meet and to focus Puducherry as a hub of Industrial/Trade activities, my Government has proposed to establish a Trade Centre in Puducherry under PPP mode.

## **LABOUR**

**25.** The Vocational Stream in the 10 and +2 will be strengthened by certifying all students under that stream under the Modular Employable Scheme of the Directorate General of Employment and Training (DGET), Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India and providing them with a NCVT certificate which brings them at par with the ITI students and ensures equality in employment and opportunity to employment. A conducive labour policy, in

line with the industrial policy, will be framed in order to retain the existing industries and to bring new industries. It is proposed to introduce e-filing of applications seeking renewal of license and Statutory Returns in the first phase. Provision would also be made for monitoring of the status of applications submitted in the Inspectorate. My Government would provide concession in the Bus Fare to the Trainees of Government. ITIs under Craftsman Training Scheme (CTS) and Apprentices covered under Apprentice Training Scheme (ATS) during the period of their training. This would benefit 450 trainees under ATS and 900 trainees under CTC.

**26.** Skilled and competent workforce is a crucial factor in growth and development of industry and economy. To keep pace with the ever increasing demand for skilled people, who

are trained in the latest technology, Government of Puducherry proposes to set-up a Multi Skill Development Centre (MSDC) under the new Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Ministry of Labour and Employment. This Centre would generate high quality skilled manpower in close association with industries. The project cost would be equally shared between Central Government and Union Territory Government. In addition, Union Territory Government would be providing five acres of land to set up the Centre.

**27.** Government of Puducherry is conducting a Skill Survey and Mapping with the objective to match the skills with the requirements of the industries. M/s. Datamation Consultants Private Limited, New Delhi has been awarded the project to conduct the survey.

## **LOCAL ADMINISTRATION**

**28.** Local Administration Department has to perform multifarious civic activities both in rural and urban areas. Removal of garbage and keeping Puducherry green and clean is vital for attracting both foreign and domestic tourists. The present inadequate generation of revenue in the Municipalities and Commune Panchayats are not sufficient to meet the increasing civic requirements. Plan funds are provided every year to Local Administration Department which is not adequate to meet the growing needs. All the Hon'ble Members are aware that we have been requesting Government of India to devolve funds to the Union Territory of Puducherry as in the case of States. So far, we could not get any fund. During the Annual Plan discussions on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at Planning Commission, I have reiterated the need to provide adequate funds under devolution and

requested Planning Commission to take this issue with Ministry of Finance, till such time, a Special Assistance has been requested. In this aspect, my Government has proposed to set up fourth State Finance Commission to look into these issues and prepare a report to be taken up with Government of India for availing funds to meet the needs of Local Bodies. A Committee will be constituted to study the feasibility to upgrade the existing Commune Panchayats as Municipalities. In order to distribute purified water in the rural areas, drinking water purification centres will be set up in each Commune Panchayat.

## **EDUCATION**

**29.** Hon'ble Members are aware that in the Union Territory of Puducherry, Education has made remarkable progress. My Government have been implementing a number of student welfare

programmes. I have proposed to provide additional two sets of uniforms over and above the two sets already provided as part of welfare measure for enrolling students and to retain them. The scheme of free supply of school bags to the students studying up to 8<sup>th</sup> Std. which has been introduced last year has been extended up to 12<sup>th</sup> Std. during the current year. The students studying in Government schools from 1<sup>st</sup> Std. to 5<sup>th</sup> Std. will be provided colour pencil, free of cost. The students studying in Government schools from 7<sup>th</sup> Std. to 10<sup>th</sup> Std. will be provided Geometry box, free of cost. The Students studying in LKG and UKG Stds. in Government schools will be supplied books, free of cost. The students of Balbhavan will be given an incentive amount of ₹ 250 per annum and about 2,000 students will be benefited.

**30.** Under the bus pass scheme, it is proposed to add 50 buses, in addition to 63 buses already plying, so as to enable students to reach schools without any transport difficulties. Cash award presented to each 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 Public Examination, has been enhanced to ₹ 2 lakhs from ₹ 1 lakh. State Council for Educational Research and Training (SCERT) would be established during the current financial year to evolve educational policies for the Union Territory of Puducherry, to strengthen the teacher education and enrichment of academic standard in our educational system, provision of facilities to teacher community to undertake research programmes. A State Resource Centre will be established in order to prepare weak



students at the level of S.S.L.C. and Higher Secondary Public Examination. 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. Soap will be provided to the school students for hygienic washing of hands before and after meals. 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. It is proposed to install incinerator for disposal of Sanitary Napkins hygienically. A new scheme for provision of Insurance coverage to benefit the school students and parents will be implemented.

**31.** In line with the National goal to Education, the Puducherry Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Rules, 2011 has been notified. Under the Rules, School Committee with representatives of Parents and Teachers will be constituted for preparing Development Plan for Schools. 25 percent of seats will be reserved for socially and economically and physically disadvantaged children in unaided, non-minority Private Schools. Fees charged by such Private Schools will be reimbursed by the Government. To protect the rights of children, State Commission of Protection of Children will be constituted. To assess the students' Scholastic and Co-scholastic skills and development, a Continuous Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) will be introduced for I to VIII standards from the academic year 2012-13. Fifty Government schools

will be converted as “Green School” to develop environmental values among the students. By using solar panel, green energy would be produced in green schools and will be used to operate electrical appliances existing in the schools. 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.

**32.** I am happy to announce that the arrears of tuition fee reimbursement for the last two years and for the current academic year to the Students admitted into Engineering and Medical Colleges through CENTAC amounting to ₹ 58 crores will be given in this year. Pondicherry’s Higher Education system has become a major pillar of strength. Not only has it provided a highly educated local

workforce, but it has also been a major centre of learning for people from outside the Union Territory. A strategy will be evolved to harness Pondicherry's comparative advantage in higher education. Pondicherry University will be set up during current plan period. My Government will introduce Ph.D. (Economics) course at Kanchi Mamunivar Centre for Post Graduate Studies, Puducherry. B.Arch., M.B.A. courses will be started in the Pondicherry Engineering College from the next year. Land will be acquired for Kasthuri Bai Women's Arts College, Villianur during this year.

## **ART AND CULTURE**

**33.** It is proposed to form a 'Sculpture Park' exhibiting the talented works of Bharathiar Palkalai Koodam students, adjacent to Bharathiar Manimandabam, in coordination with the Tourism Department so as to attract the tourists visiting the Bharathiar Manimandabam. It is proposed

to modernize the Romain Rolland Library with collection of more books for the benefit of students exclusively participating in competitive examinations.

## **SPORTS**

**34.** As a part of developing the sports infrastructural facilities in the Union Territory of Puducherry it is proposed to construct a new Multi Purpose Indoor Hall at Lawspet, Puducherry at a cost of ₹ 6 crores with the financial assistance from Central Government. This Multi Purpose Indoor Hall will include Squash Court, Ball Badminton, Table Tennis, Basketball, Volley-ball, Handball court, weightlifting and Power lifting. It is proposed to construct 5 Volley-ball Synthetic Court in the Union Territory of Puducherry at a cost of ₹ 1 crore with the financial assistance from Central Government.

The court is to be constructed at 5 places *viz.*, Indira Gandhi Sports Complex, Uppalam, Bahour, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam during the current financial year. In order to develop the sports and games activities in rural areas, it is proposed to construct a new stadium at Villianur. To strengthen the sports and youth activities at rural areas, it is proposed to constitute a Committee at Village level to form playgrounds for conducting the sports activities. The Coaching Centre scheme to encourage sports, will be reintroduced, during the current financial year.

## **HEALTH**

**35.** I am happy to inform this august House that an amount of ₹ 100 crores has been earmarked exclusively towards Government Medical College to take up infrastructure related

works. Preventive Health Care will be the prime importance during the current financial year and in the 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan. Construction work of new building for Primary Health Centre, Neravy will be started. Procurement of multi-slice CT scanner for the Indira Gandhi Government General Hospital and Post Graduate Institute, Puducherry. Single slice CT scanner for the ultrasound machine for the Government General Hospital, Karaikal, construction work of Trauma Care Unit at Government General Hospital, Mahe would be taken up. A General Nursing and Midwifery School is planned during this year at Karaikal with an intake of 60 students. It will replace the Auxiliary Nurse Midwife School. This is part of the initiative of Government of India to increase the nursing personnel in the country. In order to give speciality services of Orthopaedic and Cardiac surgery to the people of Puducherry, it is

proposed to avail the services of expertise from Chennai to conduct surgeries in our Government Medical College. I am happy to inform that my Government has started an OPD exclusively for Diabetics at Indira Gandhi Government General Hospital and Post Graduate Institute, Puducherry. An Infertility clinic and Endocrinology laboratory for hormone estimation will be started at Rajiv Gandhi Government Women and Children Hospital, Puducherry. The insurance scheme implemented for BPL families in Karaikal will be extended to Mahe and Yanam also with the same terms and conditions. The upper limit of financial assistance under Pondicherry Medical Relief Society will be raised from ₹ 1.5 lakhs to ₹ 2 lakhs. 108 Ambulance services will be upgraded this year with the inclusion of services of Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Technician in each Ambulance. An Air-conditioned



state TB drug store will be started at Government Hospital for Chest Diseases for storing special drugs for TB. Newer technique of LED Microscoping for TB diagnosis will be started this year. A sophisticated laboratory for faster diagnosis of multi-drug resistant TB will be started at Government Hospital for Chest Diseases.

## **TOURISM**

**36.** With its 32 kms. Coastal line, Ashram, Auroville and Beaches, Puducherry is an ideal place for spending holidays with families. In fact tourism will be key arena in augmenting the revenue of the Puducherry economy, thereby increasing the GDP. In next 10 years of time, Puducherry with its fascinating name has great attraction for tourists. Government has been taking steps to develop Thirunallar where the Lord Saneeswara Temple is situated as a

Temple Town. I am happy to state that in order to develop Thirunallar Temple Town Project, an amount of ₹ 100 crores has been earmarked as grant and the Thirunallar Temple Town Project during the current financial year and revenue would be generated to take care of the recurring needs of the project in future.

**37.** The Government has been increasingly encouraging the private sector to establish tourist resorts and hotels with attractive incentives. All these things have boosted up the number of tourists both domestic and foreigners visiting the Union Territory. During the 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan period, tourism facilities available in Puducherry will be showcased to attract more foreign and domestic tourists. Creating awareness kiosks for tourists to provide tourism and travel information under PPP model

would ensure better connectivity at low cost and attract more foreign tourist into the Union Territory.

**38.** Land will be identified for development of 'Wayside Amenities' at the entry points of Murungapakkam, Madagadipet, Kanagachettikulam and Kanniakoil in Puducherry and Poovam in Karaikal for the benefit of tourists. Tourist Cab services will be introduced in PTDC. Feasibility study to develop a 'Tourism Skyway' from Rajiv Gandhi Signal, ECR to Manapet so as to connect all tourism infrastructure facilities coming up in the next five years. Feasibility of 'Rope Car' facilities between New light house and Veerampattinam beach will be taken up. It is proposed to construct a lake view hotel at Ossudu lake and Wellness Centre at Seagulls premises.

**39.** I am happy to announce to the House that the Ministry of Civil Aviation has given provisional licence to operate smaller type of aircrafts from Puducherry Airport, the Airport will become operational from this year. It is proposed to provide tourism infrastructure like convention hall, club house, amusement park and adventure water sports under PPP mode in Hotel Ashok.

## **TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING**

**40.** The Rajiv Awaas Yojana will be implemented with a vision to declare the entire Union Territory of Puducherry as 'Slum Free Union Territory' by the end of 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan. The Rajiv Awaas Yojana requires developing a robust database on slums which is critical for implementation and in order to prepare a Slum Free City Plan of Action, the

Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation has approved a fully Centrally Sponsored Scheme viz., 'Slum Free City Planning'. Survey of all slums household and livelihood surveys in each of the slum will be done using GIS software. The database will be integrated with the online MIS system development by National Building Organisation. Improvements to the existing Night Shelter and New Night Shelter in the prime location of Puducherry will be constructed for the shelterless platform dwellers. During 2012-13, 6,250 slum dwellers will be benefited by providing basic amenities in the urban slums of Puducherry.

## **JNNURM**

**41.** Under "Comprehensive Underground Sewerage Scheme", collection and conveyance system in Mudaliarpeta, Lawspeta, Reddiarpalayam

and Moolakulam Zones are in progress and pipe line for 55 kms. have been laid. Pipe line for additional 140 kms. will be laid during this financial year and the works in the above zone will be completed. Sewerage Treatment Plants at Lawspet and Dubraypet are under construction. Under Augmentation of Water Supply scheme for Yanam, laying of pipe lines has been completed for 54 kms. out of 66 kms. and pump house work is also under progress. The remaining works will be completed during this financial year and put into use to public. At Karaikal, out of 432 dwelling units, 144 dwelling units will be finished before the end of this financial year. The city development plan for Puducherry prepared during 2007 will be reviewed using participatory approach. Based on the launch of JNNURM Phase-II by the Ministry of Urban Development, City Development Plan for Karaikal will be prepared.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

**42.** Installation of a Desalination Plant at Kalapet is proposed at a cost of ₹ 10 crores. Augmentation of Water supply to Muthirapalayam (Zone VII) will be taken during this year. Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme for Sudhana Nagar and adjoining areas, Puducherry is proposed for an amount of ₹ 34.56 crores. It is proposed to construct overhead tanks at Perungalur, Suthukeni, Vambupet, Bahour and Irulanchandai under Rural Drinking Water Scheme. It is proposed to reintroduce the maintenance and rehabilitation of tanks through farmers association. Improvements to Puducherry – Cuddalore / Puducherry – Villupuram road will be taken up through MORTH as this work is proposed under NHDP Phase-IVA. The DPR for junction improvement with fly over at Rajiv Gandhi road junctions has been finalized at ₹ 48 crores and will be proposed under

MORTH fund. Widening and improvements to RC-19 and RC-20 Maducarai Road from Ch.5/550 from Kariamanickam junction to Ch.24/050 at Thavalakuppam of NH 45 A, Puducherry is in progress at a cost of ₹11.20 crores under CRF. Construction of Kamarajar Manimandapam at Puducherry has been revised to accommodate CENTAC office along with Civil Service Examination Coaching Centre and Library at a cost of ₹42 crores. Water Supply Scheme to South Zone Karaikal is proposed at a cost of ₹49.95 crores. Formation of Western bye-pass road in Karaikal (Phase –I North of Thirunallar road) at a cost of ₹20.56 crores is proposed under the Thirunallar Temple Development Project.

**43.** The scheme of setting up of Reverse Osmosis plant in over head tank will be extended to other parts of Puducherry and



Karaikal region also. Laying of drinking water pipe lines at a cost of ₹ 1.54 crores has been taken up in Mahe connecting Cherukkallayi and Ambalaparamba. The third phase of beach and river side beautification work at Mahe has been taken at a cost of ₹ 5.67 crores. 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**

**44.** An amount of ₹ 485.70 crores has been earmarked under SCP component in the Budget for 2012-13. To improve the performance of Scheduled Caste students studying from VI Std. to XII Std., special evening coaching classes in 210 centres are being imparted through experienced teachers and unemployed

graduates. About 5,000 students will be benefited under this scheme. Financial assistance will be given to Scheduled Caste students who have been admitted in Professional Courses run by Institutions/Colleges of Central/State/Union Territory Governments on their own merit with a view to mitigate the financial hardship in pursuing their higher studies. About 1,750 students will be benefited under this scheme during this current financial year. About 500 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. It also proposed to grant utensils and clothing in addition to the relief paid by the Revenue Department during the natural calamities occurs in the Scheduled Caste habitation. New hostels

are proposed in all the regions to accommodate the Scheduled Caste students whose numbers are growing every year.

## **SOCIAL WELFARE**

**45.** It is proposed to give ₹ 1,000 per month as special grant to the mentally retarded children for their maintenance. It is proposed to open a new observation home exclusively for female children who need care and protection in the Puducherry region under the Integrated Child Protection Scheme. 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 as is being in Education Department. My Government has proposed to grant ₹ 1 lakh

to the Anandarangapillai Government Special School for Visually Handicapped and Hearing Impaired, Pillaichavadi since they have produced 100 percent result in S.S.L.C. public examination. The disabled pension given to the disabled people under different categories will be increased equally by ₹ 100. An amount of ₹ 10 crores has been allocated for distribution of free cycles to the school students covering last year and this year.

## **WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT**

**46.** 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' shall be increased from ₹ 15,000 and ₹ 20,000

respectively to ₹ 25,000 from the current financial year. Also the incentive under the 'Grant of 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. A training centre will be established for the Anganwadi workers and helpers. It is proposed to increase the financial assistance to family of the deceased old age pensioners, widow pensioners, destitutes, spinster and transgender from ₹ 2,000 to ₹ 5,000. The old age pension will be increased from ₹ 1,000 to ₹ 1,100. The financial assistane of ₹ 1,200 now given under "Aravanaippu Scheme" and ₹ 500 given under 'Kula Vilakku" will be merged together and an amount of ₹ 6,000 will be paid for six months at the rate of ₹ 1,000 per month *i.e.*, 3 months before delivery and 3 months after delivery.

## **CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

**47.** The Department is in the process of issuing Aadhaar Integrated Biometric based 'Smart Cards' to all the ration card holders. Enrolments to the extent of 85 percent for Puducherry and entire Mahe regions have been successfully completed. Enrolment camps at Karaikal and Yanam are under progress for Aadhaar and Smart Card with an aim to complete the process by August 2012.

## **REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT**

**48.** During current year it is proposed to implement Rajiv Gandhi Jana Shree Bima Yojana (Aam Admi) scheme under Rajiv Gandhi Social Security scheme with following benefits to the beneficiaries; in case of Natural Death ₹ 30,000, in case of Unnatural Death ₹ 75,000, in case

of Permanent Disability due to accident ₹ 75,000 and in case of Partial Disability due to accident ₹ 37,500.

**49.** Government of Puducherry has signed the e-stamping agreement with M/s. Stock Holding Corporation of India Limited which facilitate e-stamping as an alternative way of Stamp Duty collection *in lieu of* convention impressed stamp papers. In the first instance, e-stamping will be implemented on pilot basis in Puducherry Sub-Registry for a period of three months, and thereafter, it will be rolled out to other Sub-Registries after review.

**50.** Re-survey and settlement is proposed to be conducted during the 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan 2012-17 using the latest technologies like Aerial Photogrammetric, High Resolution Satellite Images. Usage of Global Positioning System

and Electronic Total Station to have land records with GIS layers. Maps will be scanned, vectorised and linked to the satellite imaginaries of the Union Territory of Puducherry for the purposes like Planning, Disaster Management, Agricultural purposes, etc. by various departments and also for public by the end of calendar year 2013.

## **POLICE**

**51.** I am happy to inform that Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India have accorded sanction of further three more Coastal Police Stations under Phase – II, 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.



## **OTHERS**

**52.** Infrastructure development in many crucial areas like road and traffic would be taken up priority basis, to facilitate a fast and sustainable development in the Union Territory of Puducherry. My Government is aware of the traffic congestion in the town due to increase in vehicular traffic. Efforts will be taken to setright this.

**53.** After the Thane devastation due to the combined efforts of the departments immediate relief was provided to the affected people restoring water supply, power and vehicular movements. However, the havoc caused by the Thane cyclone under various sectors require long-term restoration / reconstruction work. The only Botanical Garden available in Pondicherry which was devastated by Thane cyclone will be restored back to its original

glory. More than 300 trees have been uprooted and the infrastructure amenities in the Botanical Garden have also suffered. Apart from this, damages caused to the Tourism infrastructure like Seagulls restaurants on Beach road, Boat house at Chunnambar. Ossudu lake have to be restored. Government buildings like Raj Nivas, Chief Secretariat, Police Housing Quarters, Government Staff Quarters, Law College, Jail and other buildings have also suffered intensive damages.

**54.** In order to restore the infrastructure my Government has estimated ₹ 9.90 crores for Agriculture, ₹ 20.80 crores for Tourism, ₹ 52.40 crores for Electricity and ₹ 593.90 crores for Public Works. Since the green cover of Puducherry has been totally wiped of allocation is also worked out for Forest Department for ₹ 10.90 crores. Planning Commission have

approved an Additional Central Assistance of ₹ 800 crores towards 'Thane' restoration works for availing required assistance from the World Bank under Externally Aided Project.

**55.** Due to the smallness of the territory and with the State's finance under limited scope, my Government, in order to tap funds under Centrally Sponsored Scheme, has set aside outlay to provide State's share for implementing CSS programmes. To start with funds to an extent of ₹ 3.75 crores has been provided to the Tourism Department in order to get timely Central Matching Share for the tourism related projects.

**56.** My Government have been taking all out efforts in augmenting revenue by collection of past arrears on war footing basis besides finding way to mobilise additional revenue.

As the State's fiscal deficit need to be brought down as per Government of India's instruction, my Government has proposed to reduce the loan component under Plan in a phased manner.

**57.** Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I commend the budget for the approval of this august House.

***VANAKKAM !***

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