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Planning

- ❖ The gross Budget Estimate for 2013-14 is ` 5,890 crore, with a break-up of ` 2,000 crore for Plan, ` 3,750 crore for Non-Plan and ` 140 for CSS and other programmes.

Agriculture

- ❖ ` 9.50 crore is provided as relief assistance to the drought affected farmers of Karaikal Region.
- ❖ Construction of farm ponds in poramboke land in Karaikal region will be taken up.

- ❖ It is proposed to encourage home gardening in the urbanites of Puducherry. Inputs, planting materials, garden tools etc. will be provided at a subsidized cost.
- ❖ ₹ 15 crore is allocated to implement various schemes under RKVY.

Animal Husbandry

- ❖ 50% subsidy will be provided for distribution of 30,000 chicks for dual purpose poultry. It is targeted to distribute each 5 layer pullets to 3,000 BPL farmers to encourage backyard poultry keeping.
- ❖ The fodder development programme will be implemented under RKVY.
- ❖ A new livestock insurance will be implemented for milch animal with the assistance of Government of India.

Fisheries

- ❖ 668 mechanized boat operators will be assisted with reactivation charges at the rate of ` 20,000 for wooden mechanized boats and ` 10,000 for FRP boats.
- ❖ Input subsidy will be granted to fresh water fish farmers @ ` 5,000 per acre.
- ❖ The inland fish production will be increased from 3.5 MTs to 4.5 MTs per annum for which 250 acres will be covered under inland fish culture activity.
- ❖ Fishery requisites will be disbursed to fishermen through Fishermen Co-operative Societies at subsidized cost.

- ❖ Efforts will be taken to construct a new quay opposite to the existing quay at the Thengaithittu Fishing Harbour with the Central Assistance.
- ❖ Pondicherry Fishermen and Fisheries Development Corporation will be established during the Current Financial Year.
- ❖ Instead of reimbursement of Sales Tax on HSD oil, it is proposed to give exemption for Sale Tax on HSD oil purchased from authorized diesel bunks to the registered fishing crafts owners on the spot.

Commercial Taxes

- ❖ The dealers remitting tax of one lakh and above have to mandatorily remit through e-payment facilitating instant realisation.

Co-operation

- ❖ The Pondicherry Co-operative Spinning Mill has restarted its production and the average production has increased to 9,500 kgs. thread per day.
- ❖ All efforts are under way to increase the production and productivity in the Sugar Mill.
- ❖ Efforts will be taken to strengthen the sick Co-operative Societies.

Forestry and Wildlife

- ❖ It is proposed to distribute 2.50 lakh seedlings under “Greening Puducherry” Campaign.
- ❖ A proposal at a cost of over ` 10 crore for ‘Scientific management of Oussudu Sanctuary’ under National Wetland

conservation programme has been submitted to Government of India for Assistance.

Electricity

- ❖ Construction of 110/11 KV sub-station at Venkata Nagar is under progress.
- ❖ Construction of 110/22 KV sub-station at Lawspet will be taken up.
- ❖ It is proposed to enhance the existing capacity and erection of additional power transformers in Thirubuvanai, Kurmbapet and Villianur sub-stations.

REAP

- ❖ It is proposed to notify the Renewable energy policy shortly.
- ❖ Setting up of 3 Solar Power Plants of 5MW capacity each under PPP mode is under active consideration.

Information Technology

- ❖ 53 government offices including 30 offices of the Police department will be brought under PSWAN connectivity in Phase-II.
- ❖ Permanent Enrolment Centres for updation of Aadhaar will be setup 2 in Karaikal, one each in Mahe and Yanam regions.
- ❖ An IT-SEZ in 25 acres of land in Mettupalayam, Puducherry region will be set up.
- ❖ Under the e-District project, work flow automation of 61 services covering 12 departments will be taken up for enabling online delivery of services.

Science, Technology and Environment

- ❖ Installation of online ambient air quality monitoring at Raja Theatre signal and Housing Board complex in

Puducherry and three in Karaikal region will be set up with the assistance of Central Pollution Control Board.

- ❖ Highly pollution potential units are directed to install online monitoring stations for assessing round the clock emission level.
- ❖ The Planetarium project and the sub-regional science centre will be completed and open to public.
- ❖ A comprehensive water policy and action plan on climate change will be released.

Industries

- ❖ A new Industrial Policy will give priority to industries which are energy efficient, low water intensive eco-friendly, employment intensive,

export oriented, sustaining on local resources, high technology and knowledge based.

- ❖ The procedure for issue of clearances under single window clearance will be streamlined.
- ❖ In order to promote MSME sector, incentives like technology acquisition fund, skill enhancement fund, quality certification subsidy, intellectual property protection support, market development support will be given to the new industries.
- ❖ A monitoring and consultative mechanism will be set up for curtailing procedural delays so as to promote industrial growth.
- ❖ An amount of ` 500 crore has been sought for from Government of India as special grant to restart Anglo-French Textiles Mill.

Labour and Labour Welfare

- ❖ A web enabled employment exchange portal has been taken up as one of the National e-Governance Project.
- ❖ The second phase module for online renewal of Registration will be launched during this year.
- ❖ As a part of skill development initiative, training on Modular Employable Skill Courses to 1,500 persons will be given in all the Government ITI's to meet the industrial requirements of skilled personnel.
- ❖ The Government ITI (Women), Vambakeerapalayam and Government ITI (Men), Karaikal have been taken up for upgradation by Government of India wherein training will be imparted in upgraded trades and additional blocks will be constructed.

- ❖ It is proposed to extend the Swalamban Yojana scheme to the unorganized workers registered in the Puducherry Building and other Construction Workers Welfare Board and Puducherry Unorganized Labourers Welfare Society.

Local Administration

- ❖ It is proposed to introduce online payment for property tax.
- ❖ Fresh delimitation of wards will be taken up.
- ❖ It is proposed to undertake construction of commercial complexes and multi level parking in municipal areas of Puducherry, Oulgaret, Karaikal through PPP mode.
- ❖ Puducherry Municipality proposes to renovate the Marie Building through World Bank assistance.

School Education

- ❖ Setting up of an Expert Committee to prepare perspective plan and to examine feasibility to start CBSE pattern of education in all Government Schools will be proposed.
- ❖ Block Resource Centre will be functioning from this financial year for providing special training to differently abled students.
- ❖ It is proposed to construct mini stadia at Bahour and Koodapakkam.
- ❖ Moral education will be imparted to school students from this academic year.
- ❖ It is proposed to revise the existing menu of the mid-day meal scheme to provide the required nutrition.

Higher and Technical Education

- ❖ Under Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Financial Assistance scheme an amount of ₹ 57 crore has been provided in this budget for payment of tuition fees.
- ❖ It is proposed to set up a committee for revamping the courses and to have a centralized placement cell for all the Arts and Science colleges.
- ❖ It is proposed to construct buildings for the Arts and Science colleges functioning under PONSHE society.

Health and Family Welfare

- ❖ Whole population will be tested for diabetes and starting of diabetes registry and supply of drugs through all peripheral health institutions will be done.

- ❖ As a part of Rural Health Mission activity, 5,000 pregnant mothers will be given assistance.
- ❖ Through the immunization programme, 36,250 BCG vaccines and 14,500 DPT (3rd dose) will be administered; 15,000 cataract surgeries, 14,500 IOL implantation will be done.
- ❖ Construction of new buildings for the Sub-Centres at Sandai Pudukuppam, Andiarpalayam and Thattanchavady will be taken up.
- ❖ Construction of new building for the community health centre at Palloor, Mahe.
- ❖ It is proposed to establish Primary Health Centre at Guirampet and new sub-centre at Savitri Nagar, Yanam.

Indian System of Medicine and Homeopathy

- ❖ Special ayurvedha therapies like Panchakarma, Naturopathy and Yoga units with modern facilities will be made available to foreign tourist for promoting medical tourism.
- ❖ It is proposed to open separate OPD for senior citizens in General Hospitals and community health centres.
- ❖ It is proposed to setup herbal / medical plant garden in all regions by utilising the funds under CSS.

Tourism

- ❖ The projects under the central assistance such as Art and Craft Village at Murungapkkam, beautification of Chunnambar, renovation of

Botanical Garden in Puducherry, development of Nallambal lake at Karaikal, development of Kottucherry Tamaraikulam pond and Nedungadu Panchacharam tank as tourist spots, heritage precinct, walkway Phase-II in Mahe, eco-cottages, botanical garden in Yanam will be taken up during the current year.

- ❖ The process of implementation of PPP projects under the Tourism department such as entertainment centre at old distillery premises in Puducherry and projects at Manapet will be initiated.
- ❖ To develop beach tourism activities like musical fountain, laser show, food courts, cultural programmes and adventure sports activities are proposed to be initiated with private participation.

- ❖ The Tower project in Yanam is likely to be completed in the current year.
- ❖ Destination promotion will be undertaken with full vigour by going in an integrated media campaign both nationally and internationally.
- ❖ To take up comprehensive water supply system and underground sewerage project with treatment plant, solid waste management exclusively for Thirunallar Town the Government will be approaching for central funding under various Ministries of Government of India.

Town and Country Planning

- ❖ Adequate funds have been provided in the budget for resuming Kamarajar Housing Scheme.

- ❖ Under the Slum Upgradation Programme, it is proposed to provide roads, drains and other basic amenities in the slum areas.
- ❖ Improvement works in the New Bus Stand, installation of mini / high mast lights in important road junctions will be taken up.
- ❖ It is proposed to carry out the underground drainage scheme including sewer lines and conveyance system in Mudaliarpet, Nellithope, Lawspet, Thattanchavady, Muthirapalayam, Reddiarpalayam and Moolakulam zones and for the ongoing works of sewerage treatment plants at Lawspet, Dubrayapet and Kanageneri under JNNURM scheme.
- ❖ It is proposed to carry out the balance infrastructure works in respect of 168 dwelling units which were handed over at Kuruchikuppam.

- ❖ 800 dwelling units out of the 1,136 dwelling units at Lambert Saravanan Nagar, Reddiarpalayam will be completed.
- ❖ In Karaikal, rehabilitation of water supply system in core urban areas at a cost of over ` 150 crore and comprehensive sewerage project at a cost of over ` 175 crore are proposed to be submitted to Government of India for availing funds under JNNURM.

Public Works

- ❖ DPRs for the rehabilitation of water supply system in the peri-urban areas of Puducherry at a cost of over ` 300 crore will be sent to Government of India shortly to avail funds under JNNURM.

- ❖ Augmentation of water supply scheme to Sanarapet and adjoining areas in Muthirapalayam and Viswanathan Nagar and adjoining areas are proposed at a cost of over ` 20 crore.
- ❖ Construction of bridge on the downstream side across river Thirumalairajanar in Karaikal Town on NH45-A section is taken up.
- ❖ ` 3.50 crore has been allotted towards land acquisition for the western bye-pass Phase-II in Karaikal.
- ❖ Land acquisition for forming inner ring road on the southern side of Thirunallar Town is also proposed to be taken up.
- ❖ Construction of high level bridge across Uppar drain at Puducherry, anicut and high level bridge across Sankaraparani connecting Kaikalapet and Suthukeny are proposed to be taken up in the current financial year.

- ❖ By availing Central Road Fund, reconstruction of bridge at Uruvaiyar, Mangalam, providing improvements to road from Ariyur to Abishegapakkam connecting NH45-A at Thavalakuppam junction is proposed in the current year.
- ❖ Efforts will be taken to restart the construction of Kamarajar Manimandapam in Puducherry.
- ❖ It is proposed to take up the project interlinking French channel in Yanam region at a cost of over ₹ 20 crore.

Transport

- ❖ It is proposed to take up laying of 100 feet road parallel to the newly proposed railway line connecting Puducherry and Cuddalore.

- ❖ It is proposed to construct a Regional Transport Office Complex at Keezhavely, Karaikal at an estimated cost of around ₹ 3 crore.

Adi-dravidar Welfare

- ❖ It is proposed to grant subsidy of ₹ 4 lakh each to Scheduled Caste beneficiaries for construction of pucca shelter.

Social Welfare

- ❖ As a part of social security, strengthening of child protection units at Karaikal will be taken up.

Women and Child Development

- ❖ Under Old Age Pension Scheme presently, 48,229 beneficiaries are paid financial assistance through Aadhaar Payment Bridge under the Direct Benefit Transfer scheme.

Revenue and Disaster Management

- ❖ The District Disaster Management / Response fund will be created to fund the small projects on mitigation of disaster and to meet the expenditure on immediate response to disaster.

Excise

- ❖ The Web based software developed in the Excise Department will help the licence holders to apply for various permits through online and remittance of duties by e-payment mode.

Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs

- ❖ Single boiled rice will be supplied to all card holders of Puducherry and Karaikal Regions during the current Financial Year.

General

- ❖ During the current year, it is proposed to recruit 420 Home Guards in the Police department.
- ❖ For strengthening the coastal security, six patrolling motor boats for coastal police station will be inducted.

RATIONALISATION OF TAXES

Value Added Tax

Sl. No.	Name of the commodity	Present rate %	Proposed rate %
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	Fertilizers, pesticides, insecticides and weedicides.	1	Exempted
2	Footwear costing less than ` 200.	5	Exempted
3	All kinds of cooked food including sweets, savories and mineral water.	10	2

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
4	All kinds of two wheelers	10	8
5	Generators	10	5
6	Wet grinders	10	5
7	PVC pipe for agricultural purpose.	5	3
8	Plastic furniture and unbranded steel furniture.	10	5
9	School bags	14.5	5
10	Edible oil, vegetable oil, oil cake and deoiled cake.	3	1
11	Medical equipments	5	3
12	Building materials namely timber, plywood, hardware items, electrical goods, paints, sanitarywares and fittings, glasses, tiles, marbles and granites.	10	8
13	Building materials sold by the Puducherry Co-operative Building Centre.	10	Exempted

STATE EXCISE

A. Indian Made Foreign Liquor (excluding wine)

(i) Excise Duty

Sl. No.	Declared price per case containing 8.64 / 9 / 12 bulk litres (In Rupees)	Excise Duty per proof litre (In Rupees)
1	Upto 399	63
2	From 400 to 599	73
3	600 and above	80

(ii) Additional Excise Duty

Sl. No.	Declared price per case containing 8.64 / 9 / 12 bulk litres (In Rupees)		Additional Excise Duty per bulk litre (In Rupees)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	From	To	
1	Upto	399	30
2	400	449	40

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
3	450	499	50
4	500	549	52
5	550	599	55
6	600	699	61
7	700	799	66
8	800	899	71
9	900	999	76
10	1,000	1,099	81
11	1,100	1,399	91
12	1,400	1,699	107
13	1,700	1,999	122
14	2,000 and above		181

B. Wine

(i) Excise Duty : ₹ 10 per bulk litre

(ii) Additional Excise Duty :

Sl. No.	Declared price per case containing 8.64 / 9 / 12 bulk litres (In Rupees)		Additional Excise duty per bulk litre (In Rupees)
	From	To	
1	Upto	799	34
2	800	999	38
3	1,000	1,499	51
4	1,500	1,999	71
5	2,000 and above		99

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