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ஆராய்வான் செய்க வினை. – **குறள்**

*“Who swells the revenues, spreads plenty  
o’er the land, Seeks out what hinders  
progress, his the workman’s hand”.*

– **Kural**

**Hon’ble Speaker and Hon’ble Members of  
Legislative Assembly,**

**I** rise to present the budget for the financial year 2022-23 before this august House. I owe this opportunity to the people of this Union Territory who have given me this privilege to present my second budget in the fifteenth Legislative Assembly. Hon’ble Members have been provided copies of the Annual Financial Statement, Demands for Grants, and Explanatory Memorandum for the year 2022-23.

**2.** The Union Territory of Puducherry is firmly advancing towards the goal of good governance, peace, harmony, and economic development. Steps are being taken to make it the BEST (Business, Education, Spirituality, Tourism) Puducherry as per the vision given to us by our beloved Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji. I am happy to inform that I am committed to continuing the welfare schemes despite the acute financial position.

**3.** The expenditure incurred during the last financial year 2021-22 was ₹ 9,793.29 crore which works out to 94.04% of the Revised Estimate. As the Hon'ble Members are aware, only Vote on Account was passed by this House to meet our routine and essential expenditure for five months from 01-04-2022 to 31-08-2022 for this financial year. The Budget size for the financial year 2022-23 would be ₹ 10,696.61 crore. The allocation of expenditure is proposed to be ₹ 8,675.65 crore under the Revenue head and ₹ 2,020.96 crore

under Capital Head. Out of the total receipts, Union Territory's own revenue receipts is estimated at ₹ 6,557.23 crore. The Central Assistance will be ₹ 1,729.77 crore, with an additional ₹ 20.00 crore from the Central Road Fund and ₹ 500 crore allocation under Centrally Sponsored Schemes. The Government of India has approved borrowings to the extent of ₹ 1,889.61 crore to help bridge our fiscal deficit. The total outstanding debt of the Union Territory of Puducherry as on 31st March 2022 is ₹ 9,859.20 crore.

4. Hon'ble Members are aware that a major portion of our financial resources goes to meeting the committed expenditure such as salaries, pension, repayment of past loans, and interest payments. Out of the Budget Estimate of ₹ 10,696.61 crore for the year 2022-23, ₹ 2,312.77 crore is allocated for salaries (21.62%), ₹ 1,122.32 crore for pensions (10.49%) and ₹ 2,311.61 crore for debt servicing (21.61%) *i.e.*, payment of loan and payment of interest, and ₹ 1,440.00 crore for power purchase (13.46%).

Other major expenditure of the Government includes Old Age Pension and other welfare schemes to the tune of ₹ 1,400 crore (13.09%), Grant-in-aid to society-run Higher Educational Institutions, Public Sector Undertakings, Local Bodies, Co-operative Institutions and others to the extent of ₹ 1,333.19 crore (12.46%).

**5.** With this preface, I shall present Department-wise proposals for the year 2022-23.

## **AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE**

**6.** Hon'ble Members are well aware that the role of Agriculture is a key for economic development of a State. Various infrastructure facilities need to be created to develop and to improve the economic growth in consuming lands. In order to boost agricultural activities and to motivate the general public both in urban and rural areas for cultivation of vegetables in roof tops, horticulture inputs *viz*, seeds, seedlings, horticulture tools, shade net to the tune of ₹ 5,000 are being distributed at free of cost on cluster

approach with 15 to 30 members per group through PASIC under the scheme "En Veedu En Nilam". Around 5,000 units are proposed to be distributed during this year.

7. It is proposed to implement "Integrated Horticulture Development Programme through Diversification in Agriculture" under the scheme "Distribution of Vegetable Seeds @ 50% Subsidy" in order to promote the area under horticulture crops and to motivate the farmers for cultivation of vegetables.

8. A sum of ₹ 137.54 crore has been allocated to this Department in 2022-23.

## **FOREST AND WILDLIFE**

9. It is proposed to upgrade the Central Forest Nursery both in Puducherry and Karaikal. 5 Nos. of Sea Turtle Hatcheries will be setup along the coast of Puducherry region to conserve the "Olive Ridley

Turtle" which is Scheduled-I species of Wildlife Protection Act 1972. It is also proposed to setup 2 Nos. of "Van Vigyan Kendra (VVK)" at Puducherry and Karaikal in coordination with Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB), Coimbatore. In order to implement Bio-diversity Act, 2002, it is proposed to form "Bio-diversity Management Committee (BMC)" in all local bodies under National Bio-diversity Authority (NBA). It is proposed to conduct scientific study on supply and demand on wood and wood based products and ensure efficient management and Wood Based Industries Guidelines, 2021.

## **ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND ANIMAL WELFARE**

**10.** Hon'ble Members are well known that more than two-third of the rural community people depends their livelihood on livestock and its allied activities. In order to obtain maximum milk production and to increase the farmers' income, it is proposed to continue to purchase sex sorted semen to produce female desired future stock. Further, with the financial



assistance from Government of India, it is proposed to implement 'Mobile Veterinary Clinic with Call Centre facility'. Under Goat rearing programme, "Goat Rearing Scheme" will be implemented at 90 per cent subsidy.

**11.** It is proposed to distribute 4,000 milch animals to the interested farmers of the Union Territory of Puducherry at 25 per cent subsidy for General and 33 per cent subsidy for Scheduled Castes beneficiaries. To strengthen the animal husbandry in the Union Territory of Puducherry, training will be imparted around 500 Nos. of Dairy farmers through Animal Husbandry Department.

**12.** Technical Skill oriented training for 2-7 days, will be imparted to the interested farmers to establish Sheep/Goat and Poultry farm by utilising the services of experts from the Institute of RIVER. Loan facility will be arranged from Nationalized Banks through Entrepreneurship Development and Employment Generation (EDEG) scheme. A new Postgraduate course M.Sc. (Bio-technology) with 20 seats as approved

by Pondicherry University will be started at RIVER which will benefit the students of B.Sc. in different subjects under Biology Sciences.

**13.** Giriraja chicks are regularly produced and sold for local households in this year also. The Institute has set up a special unit to protect native breeds of poultry like Kadaknath and Aseel birds and the day-old chicks are sold to the poultry rearers and it will be expanded in future.

**14.** A sum of ₹57.57 crore has been allocated to this Department in 2022-23.

## **ART AND CULTURE**

**15.** Hon'ble Members admit that Art and Culture bring communities together. In order to promote cultural activities among the students community, Tagore Cultural Complex at a cost of ₹14.18 crore which is under construction will be completed at Bharathiar Palkalaikoodam Campus, Ariyankuppam.

**16.** Reference and career guidance books for the benefit of the youth will be purchased for Puducherry and Karaikal regions and ₹ 10 lakh is proposed to be spent for this purpose exclusively for the libraries located in Scheduled Caste densely populated areas. The Government Branch Libraries functioning in rented buildings will be shifted to Government buildings. Renovation will be taken up for the Government Branch Library buildings which are in damaged condition located at Seliamedu, Sellipet and Sedarapet. Basic amenities will be ensured in all libraries. The vacant posts of Librarian will be filled-up very soon. The awards "Kalaimamani", "Thamizhmamani" etc., will be conferred to artistes/scholars.

#### **CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

**17.** It is well known to the Hon'ble Members that the conduct of Constituency-wise Grievances Mela has brought good results and many of the village folks are benefitted by the on-the-spot solution. Hence, as per the request of Hon'ble Members of this House, more such Melas will be convened.

**18.** A sum of ₹ 237.38 crore has been allocated to this Department in 2022-23.

## **CO-OPERATION**

**19.** The co-operative movement in our country has immensely benefitted all the sections of society particularly the farming community, who had played a crucial role in making the country self-reliant in food production. Steps will be taken to strengthen the sick oriented co-operative societies in Puducherry and Karaikal regions, for which an amount of ₹ 30.00 crore will be provided.

**20.** At present, 50% of our daily requirement of Raw Chilled Milk is purchased from Outstation Co-operative and Private Dairies. In order to meet our demand it is proposed to set up Dairy Unit at PONLAIT land at Ariyur at a project cost of ₹ 1.90 crore.

**21.** To ease the farmers in getting loan, PONLAIT in coordination with State Bank of India (SBI), has launched SAFAL (Simple and Fast Agriculture Loan)

for meeting the Dairy farming needs of Puducherry farmers. 'Krishi Safal Dairy Loan' allows eligible milk pouring farmers to apply without having to visit their bank branches. As an additional facility, Dairy farmers can apply for the Easy Ride loan *via*. the SBI YONO app for an amount from ₹ 20,000 to ₹ 3.00 lakh with a maximum loan tenure of 4 years.

**22.** Hon'ble Members are well known that in Karaikal region, the milk and by-products are marketed through 17 Nos. of milk booths in five Communes and running on 24 hours service. In order to increase the sales volume, it is proposed to start five numbers of booths with an estimated cost of ₹ 12.50 lakh. In the milk pasteurisation unit, it is proposed to strength the existing 3,000 litres into 5,000 litres per hour capacity with online cream separator at an estimated amount of ₹ 20.00 lakh.

**23.** I am happy to share that it is proposed to open a new centralized retail outlet for sale of all varieties of rice, small grains and other food products

with attractive packings in the premises of Pondicherry Central Co-operative Processing Supply and Marketing Society. Erection of stainless steel silos in the modern rice mill premises for scientific storage of paddy will be made and opened and also proposed to erect new oil mill plant (Chekku Oil) and to provide good and pure chekku oil to public through its retail outlets. Steel and Cement selling branches will be established additionally in Karaikal region. Further, it is also proposed to develop its fertilizer business by opening more sales centres throughout the Karaikal region. Agriculture Schemes viz., tissue culture, horticulture, agro processing, medicinal plants, bio-technology and aquaculture will be introduced with the financial assistance of the Pondicherry Co-operative Central Land Development Bank. It is proposed to re-open the Lingareddipalayam Co-operative Sugar Mill with the assistance of private sector; and also to convert the PONCOS Higher Secondary School which is under the administrative control of the Lingareddipalayam Co-operative Sugar Mill as Government Higher Secondary School.

**24.** A sum of ₹ 53.01 crore has been allocated to this Department in 2022-23.

## **SCHOOL EDUCATION**

**25.** Hon'ble Members well known that school education plays a vital role in implementing quality education and improving the knowledge among students. The existing various welfare schemes to the students community viz., free supply of text books, note books, uniforms, breakfast, midday meals, concessional transport facility and scholarship will be continued. "Sports and Youth Services" which is functioning under the administrative control of the Directorate of School Education will be established as a separate Department and for which a tune of ₹ 3.00 crore will be allotted in the current financial year.

**26.** In order to upgrade the standard of Education in all Government Schools, all the existing class rooms will be converted as "SMART CLASSES". Further, to improve the quality of education, it is

proposed to establish "School Education Monitoring Centre" to monitor the students learning capacity as well as teachers teaching capacity.

**27.** A sum of ₹ 802.92 crore has been allocated to School Education in 2022-23.

### **HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

**28.** The goal of Higher and technical education plays a vital role in human resource development by creating skilled manpower, enhancing industrial productivity and improving the quality of life. In order to extend the financial support to the students who are pursuing professional courses through CENTAC, my Government provides financial assistance continuously as in the past. Accordingly, 12,214 students will be benefitted during this year and for which sufficient fund is allocated. Construction of additional classrooms at Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Arts College, Kalitheerthalkuppam will be undertaken; and also to construct Academic Block in the new campus of Kasturibai College for Women, Villianur.



**29.** To fulfil the long pending demands of people of Yanam region, it is proposed to start new classes in Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Government Engineering College at Yanam in this academic year.

**30.** Action will be taken to establish Multidisciplinary Institution by clustering of Colleges and multiple exit and entry at the Under Graduate Level in all the Colleges will be introduced.

**31.** The Women Polytechnic College which is functioning at Lawspet, Puducherry has been upgraded as Women's Engineering College with the approval of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi. Now, students can pursue their B.Tech. degree from this Academic year in four courses viz., Architectural Assistantship, Computer Science and Engineering, Electrical and Electronics Engineering and Electronics and Communication Engineering. A total of 240 students can enroll in the engineering degree course with an approved intake of 60 seats

in each course. Apart from this with the approval of the Pondicherry Central University, 60 students can pursue B.Com. degree course.

**32.** In order to establish National Law University in Puducherry, necessary land has already been allocated. In this regard, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji was invited to lay foundation stone.

**33.** A sum of ₹ 300.78 crore has been allocated to Higher and Technical Education in 2022-23.

## **ELECTRICITY**

**34.** It is proposed to implement Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) in the Union Territory of Puducherry in order to provide uninterrupted power supply to all the current consumption consumers. Under RDSS, it is proposed to provide ₹ 4.06 lakh Smart pre-paid Energy meters at an estimated cost of ₹ 282 Crore to all the existing consumers through M/s. Power Finance Corporation Consulting Limited (PFCCL) under TOTEX model.

**35.** Further, to strengthen the existing Distribution system networks in the Union Territory of Puducherry, a project at a cost of ₹ 276 crore by way of various system improvement works such as (i) loss reduction at a cost of ₹ 156 crore, and (ii) Modernisation works at a cost of ₹ 120 crore will be undertaken. Accordingly, Replacement of old conductors, Distribution Transformers, conversion of overhead lines into under ground cable system, provision of Aerial bunched cables, HV distribution system, provision of Capacitor banks at various Substations, establishment of new 33/11 KV Sub-stations in Puducherry and Karaikal regions, augmentation of Power Transformer capacity including Renovation and Modernization of Substations *etc.*, are covered under this project.

**36.** Optical Ground Wire (OPGW) based reliable Communication and Data Acquisition will be initiated and the objective is to provide OPGW based Reliable Communication and Data Acquisition in the existing 7 Nos. of 110/22 KV Sub-stations in Puducherry and

in all the 110 KV Sub-stations in outlying regions of Union Territory of Puducherry. The sanctioned project cost is ₹ 7.38 crore will be met out in the pattern of assistance of 50:50.

**37.** In addition, it is proposed to establish new 110/22 KV Gas insulated sub station with 2 x 25 MVA Power Transformers at Lawspet in Puducherry under Smart City Mission Project at a project cost of ₹ 28.70 crore. To augment the existing capacity of Power Transformers with 25 MVA Power Transformers at Villianur, Kalapet, Korkadu, Thirubuvanai and Thethampakkam sub stations at a total project cost of ₹ 29.92 crore will be carried out. Further, it is proposed to lay 110 KV Under Ground Cable from Vengatta Nagar 110/22-11 KV sub station to proposed JIPMER Gas Insulated sub station at a total project cost of ₹ 21.64 crore. Acquisition of land will be made for establishment of new 110/22 KV Gas insulated sub station with 2 x 25 MVA and Power Transformers each one at Lawspet sub station and Thavalakuppam sub station in Puducherry.

**38.** For the ensuing financial year 2022-23, under Capital Schemes, around ₹ 25.00 crore is provided to execute the following works:-

- (i) Energization and enhancement of 50 Nos. of new distribution transformers of various ratings.
- (ii) Erection of 15.00 Kms. of HT lines and 50.00 Kms of LT Lines and to strengthen 5.00 Kms. of existing HT lines and 15.00 Kms. of existing LT lines.
- (iii) To effect 10 Nos. of HT Industrial services, 50 Nos. of LT Industrial services, 40 Nos. of Agricultural pump sets, 12,000 Nos. of Domestic Services, 1,700 Nos. of Commercial Services and 250 Nos. of New Street Lights.
- (iv) Under Cable Conversion works, it is proposed to lay 5.00 Kms. of HT and LT Under Ground Cables and to convert 50 nos. of LT Over head services into Under Ground Cable System.

- (v) 10,000 Nos. of defective / stuck up Electro Mechanical Meters are proposed to be converted into Electro Static Meters.

**39.** In order to conduct the statutory inspections effectively, a separate Electrical Inspectorate (Licensing Board) for the Union territory of Puducherry will be started its functioning in the current financial year onwards. As per the directions of Government of India, Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises, Electricity Department, Puducherry has been designated as the Nodal Agency for the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (EVCI) for the Union Territory of Puducherry. The Scheme involves setting up of Ten charging stations in Puducherry Municipality and Oulgaret Municipality.

**40.** The Street Lights and High Mast Lights which have already been fitted by the PWD, LAD, PADCO and Tourism Department will hereafter be maintained by the Electricity Department. Further, operation and

maintenance of Street Lights and High Mast Lights henceforth be comes under the purview of Electricity Department.

**41.** A sum of ₹ 1,697.33 crore has been allocated to this Department in 2022-23.

### **FIRE SERVICE**

**42.** It is proposed to open new fire stations at Thavalakuppam, Karaiyambuthur, Lingareddipalayam in Puducherry region; and T.R. Pattinam in Karaikal region. New building is to be constructed for the office of the Divisional Fire Officer at Shanmugapuram Fire Service Complex, Gorimedu and to set up of mini workshop. To modernize the department, it is proposed to procure 54 meters of sky lift, wireless sets, fire unit service equipments viz., hydraulic jacks and air compressor, digital mapping system with required technical posts and 18 Nos. of new water tender to all fire stations against the condemned vehicles. It is further propose to set-up a permanent training centre for fire service personnel with adequate man power consist of 10 personnel.

**43.** In order to strengthen the department, it is proposed to fill-up the vacant post of 52 Fireman, 12 Fireman Drivers and 4 Station Officers. Further, steps will be taken to create 38 technical post for Aerial Ladder Platform and 3 Assistant Divisional Fire Officers to various fire stations.

**44.** A sum of ₹ 31.05 crore has been allocated to this Department in 2022-23.

#### **FISHERIES AND FISHERMEN WELFARE**

**45.** It is an admitted fact that fishing sector plays an important role for the employment and economic development of the fishermen community people. Hon'ble Members are also fully aware that my Government is implementing various measures for the welfare of the fishermen community.

**46.** Preliminary work for creation of Fisheries Data Base was completed and "EFFORTS" app under trial run in the Department of Fisheries and



Fishermen Welfare with the technical assistance of NIC, Puducherry for implementation of schemes in a time bound manner and easy access for the stakeholders. This app will be put into public domain shortly.

**47.** Communication equipments like Transponders will be fixed in all the registered mechanized boat in the Union Territory of Puducherry for safety and security of the fishermen. Induced Breeding Centre (IBC), Thirunallar at Karaikal will be brought into fully operational with the technical assistance of Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Aquaculture (RGCA), MPEDA, Sirkazhi. 50% subsidy with a Unit cost of ₹12,000 will be extended to 100 Nos. of fish farmers registered in Fish Farmers Development Agency (FFDA) at a cost of ₹6.00 lakhs for purchase of Drag net. 50% subsidy @ ₹75,000 each for procurement of 50 Nos. of FRP catamaran to a tune of ₹37.50 lakh will be extended to the fishers in Karaikal region. In order to support the artisanal fishermen, fishing nets worth of ₹5,000

will be supplied to all registered non-motorised fibre cattamaram owners in the Union Territory of Puducherry at a cost of ₹ 42.50 lakh. Diesel/Kerosene outlet in Mahe fishing harbour premises will be established through Pondicherry State Fishermen Co-operative Federation (PSFCF) for catering to the needs of fishermen. Expeditious action will be taken to commence the fishing harbour operations at Mahe after completion of the construction of Fishing Harbour Project at Mahe.

**48.** "Fish Auction Hall" at Panithittu, Poornankuppam – Pudukuppam will be reconstructed with a financial implication of ₹ 80.00 lakh. Special repair works to 13 Nos. of existing work shelters at Puducherry to a tune of ₹ 40.00 lakh. Techno economic feasibility study will be conducted to establish a mini fish landing centre at Panithittu. The existing 100 Nos. of registered fish ponds of FFDA @ ₹ 5,000 per acre to a tune of ₹ 5,00,000 will be renovated. Enhancement of Input subsidy from ₹ 7,500 per acre

to ₹ 8,500 per acre to a tune of ₹ 10,20,000 for 120 acres of water spread area will be given. Repair works for the existing Ice plant at Big market at Puducherry will be carried out at an estimated cost of ₹ 40.00 lakh. Action will be taken for conduct of Technoeconomic feasibility report for dredging the river mouth of Thirumalairajan river and for construction of mini fishing harbour at T.R. Pattinam at Karaikal by approaching Government of India. A techno economic feasibility study will be conducted for construction of Bait curve in the fishing villages wherever required in the Union Territory of Puducherry.

**49.** Under the PMMSY Central Sector Scheme, four number of Fish Farmer Producers Organization (FFPO), one each in Puducherry, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam region will be set up to economically empower the fishers and fish farmers. River ranching of common carp seeds will be carried out and released in the existing bed dams in the Union Territory of Puducherry to enhance the fish stock.

**50.** Floating Jetties will be constructed at Thengaithittu Puducherry, Pattinacherry, Arasalar river and Yanam with a financial implication of ₹9.81 crore for Thengaithittu Puducherry, ₹5.83 crore for Pattinachery Floating jetty, ₹9.14 crore for Arasalar river floating jetty and ₹9.34 crore for Yanam under Sagar Mala Scheme. To provide alternative livelihood to fishermen, it is proposed to conduct the feasibility study for identification of potential sites and suitable species for sea weed culture in Puducherry and Karaikal and for which a detailed project report with an estimated cost of ₹97.00 lakh was received from Central Institute. After receipt of approval from Government of India, necessary study will be conducted and implemented. Subsidy will be provided for construction of two Bio-floc ponds with a unit cost of ₹14.00 lakh per unit. To improve fish health and ensure international standards of quality of fishes, an Aquatic Referral Laboratory will be established at the Estuarine fish farm at Thengaithittu and in Karaikal at an estimated cost of ₹1.00 crore.

**51.** To safeguard the safety and security of the fishermen at sea, it is proposed to procure four numbers of 5 ton rescue-*cum*-patrolling boats for the Puducherry Marine Police to a tune of ₹ 7.82 crore @ ₹ 1.86 crore each. Camp offices set up in all the coastal fishing villages in the Union Territory of Puducherry will be strengthened by deploying Sagar Mitra Officer.

**52.** A sum of ₹ 124.93 crore has been allocated to this Department in 2022-23.

## **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**53.** Hon'ble Members will admit that Health care services should be within the reach of every citizen. For providing basic health facilities to all people, my Government is implementing various health schemes and programmes.

**54.** Hon'ble Members know that Rajiv Gandhi Government Women and Children Hospital is extending excellent services especially to the

Women and Children. Solar Power Plant installed in this Hospital Roof Top will be functioning very soon. Ultrasound-*cum*-ECHO machine is procured and commenced its function for Cardiac Screening of Newborns and ABG Machine put into use in Anaesthesia Department to cater to the need of critically ill patients.

**55.** To improve the service activities further, it is planned to implement e-Hospital services under Smart City projects both in Indira Gandhi Government General Hospital and Post Graduate Institute as well as in Rajiv Gandhi Government Women and Children Hospital, Puducherry.

**56.** In addition to the existing Health Centres, 4 Nos. of new Urban Health Facilities will be opened by National Health Mission. Further, it is proposed to establish a fire safety system and construction of effluent treatment plant at Indira Gandhi Government General Hospital and Post Graduate Institute, Puducherry.

**57.** It is proposed to construct a new block for Out-Patient Department and Registration Department for Government General Hospital at Karaikal at a project cost of ₹55.00 crore. Further, It is also proposed to construct a new building for Government General Hospital at Karaikal at a project cost of ₹80.00 crore by acquiring suitable land. Medical College is propose to construct at Karaikal as per the norms of National Medical Council.

**58.** In order to enhance facilities in Yanam region, a modern laundry will be set-up at Farampeta PHC premises. Existing old OPD block will be renovated and Conversion of old office room into fully equipped modern lab to accommodate RNTCP, AIDS Control, Filaria, Malaria, *etc.* In addition, some of the life saving health equipments will be procured which includes 2 Ambulances, Colour Doppler USG and 500 MA Digital X-ray.

**59.** In order to procure machineries and medicines in a centralized manner, it is proposed to implement centralized purchase system on procurement of

machineries and equipments viz., MRI, X-Ray, CT, Ultra Sound, lab items, hospital equipments, etc., to all health institutions through Government Pharmacy, Puducherry at a project cost of ₹ 75.00 crore.

**60.** It is proposed to construct a new building for setting up of Radio Therapy Department at Indira Gandhi Medical College and Research Institute, Kadirkamam, Puducherry, at a project cost of ₹ 77.00 crore and setting up of a Trauma Care Centre. Construction of Auditorium and installation of new equipments at Mahatma Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Dental Sciences, Gorimedu as per Dental Council of India norms at an estimate of ₹ 23.00 crore.

**61.** It is proposed to construct a new building for Rajiv Gandhi Ayurvedha Medical College and Hostel at Chalakkara, Mahe.

**62.** A sum of ₹ 1,036.51 crore has been allocated to Health Department in 2022-23.



## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**63.** Hon'ble Members are well aware that Information Technology can play a vital role in streamlining the functioning of the day-to-day activities of the Government. Hence, in order to utilize the technology at an optimum level, my Government has proposed to implement various new schemes/programmes in the current financial year through the involvement of IT specialists.

**64.** To achieve the vision of Paperless governance, it is proposed to utilize the full potential of the ICT tools in the e-governance areas in Puducherry Administration. The Government will implement, e-Vidhan to make our Legislative Assembly truly paperless legislature, e-Office web application to automate the file processing by the Departments, e-HRMS as an e-tool for Human Resource Management. The Puducherry Union Territory has signed MOU for e-Vidhan and preparation of Detailed Project Report is in progress. The Project Assessment Report for e-Office is also under preparation. The Government of Puducherry

will also implement Digital Document Wallet Digilocker to access authentic digital documents and Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance, UMANG to facilitate single point access to all major government services through mobile app anytime, anywhere.

**65.** To support these endeavours, a Core Technical Team in emerging technologies will be created in Puducherry e-Governance Society with a budget of One Crore Rupees to cater to the needs of all departments in emerging technologies such as Data Science, Block Chain Technology and Artificial Intelligence / Machine Learning *etc.*, Digital INTERNSHIP SCHEME will also be introduced for fresh Engineering Graduates to provide them an opportunity, with token remuneration, to secure practical work experience in ICT applications and emerging technologies under the guidance of qualified and experienced Mentors.

## **HINDU RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS**

**66.** It is proposed to modernize and strengthen the Department of HRI and Wakf. Steps will be taken to digitalize all the documents relating to idols,

gold and silver ornaments of the temples, status of deity and other movable properties of all temples coming under the purview of HRI. Survey of land will be made in order to protect all immovable properties of all temples. Fair rent will be fixed for all temple properties which includes leased out properties. Renovation work is under progress for 15 temples coming under the purview of HRI and 17 temples which are not coming under purview of HRI.

## **INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE**

**67.** The Department of Industries and Commerce is playing a vital role for Industrial Development and it also the backbone of economic development to enhance employment opportunities to the youth. Under the Ease of Doing Business Scheme it is proposed to establish full-fledged online single window system and make it compulsory for all firms concerned. Further, it is proposed to simplify the procedure for obtaining license to start the business. To provide support to export the manufacturing goods and to obtain incentives, all guidance will be provided to the entrepreneurs.

**68.** In order to keep pollution free environment, it is proposed to encourage manufacturing of e-vehicles, vehicle batteries and charging stations. Marketing assistance for display-*cum*-sale of product by Industrial units/Handicrafts will be arranged. Further, in order to setting up of new industries all required permission from various Departments will be arranged through Industrial Guidance Bureau.

**69.** A sum of ₹ 107.80 crore has been allocated to this Department in 2022-23.

## **LABOUR WELFARE**

**70.** The role of Labour plays a vital role for economic development of the nation. Taking into consideration, my Government is proposed to revise the minimum wages to all non-Government Organizations in order to improve and fulfill their minimum needs of livelihood. As per the provisions contained in Labour Act/Rules, it has been implemented for provision of services *viz.*, registration, renewal, license,

and plan approval through online website. For the benefit of college students, it is proposed to conduct "Aptitude Development and Reasoning Skills" through online. Further, a Studio will be setup in the premises of Employment Exchange to conduct online programmes and recording the same and uploading it on the "YOU TUBE" channel. For the welfare of Women, it is proposed to conduct Five Skill Development Training Programmes for 75 beneficiaries in various trades viz., Aary work, Jewel making, Sabeena and Phenol making, etc., "AIMBON Labour Welfare Society" will be constituted in the current financial year and for which a sum of ₹ 10.00 lakh will be provided.

**71.** Under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) Scheme, the labour welfare centre in Madagadipet will be converted as Training Centre. It is further proposed to shift the existing two Doctors Dispensary functioning in a rented building at Ariyankuppam to the newly constructed building belongs to Central Government.

**72.** To provide employment opportunities to the youth of our Union Territory of Puducherry, six Employment Melas were conducted after lockdown period due to corona, from which 1722 job seekers got opportunities in various firms. It is also proposed to conduct Job Fair in association with Industries and Private Organisations for job opportunities.

**73.** At present, Model Career Guidance Centre is functioning only in Puducherry. With the approval and financial assistance of the Government of India, these Model Career Guidance Centres will be extended in Karaikal at an estimate amount of ₹ 34.74 lakh, Mahe at ₹ 37.60 lakh and in Yanam at ₹ 44.84 lakh.

**74.** In order to improve Skill Development in Government Industrial Training Institutes (ITI), ITI for Women in Puducherry has been upgraded with 60 computers in the air-conditioned room at an estimate amount of ₹ 50.00 lakh and functioning since last month. Likewise, it is also to propose to extend the

same in Government ITI, T.R. Pattinam, Karaikal at a cost of ₹ 30.00 lakh, in Government ITI, Nettapakkam at ₹ 20.00 lakh and in ITI, Mahe at an estimated amount of ₹ 10.00 lakh. Further, to extend the same, two training centres in ITI, Mettupalayam for ₹ 1.50 crore will be opened and function in due course.

**75.** Under SANKALP Scheme of Government of India, it is proposed to enhance the skills of youth in the Union Territory of Puducherry for proper placement. For which, an Agency has been engaged for a period of three years on contract basis to impart skill training for various category of job seekers.

**76.** To bring all the unorganized working force into one umbrella, Government of India has launched the e-SHRAM portal for registration of unorganized workers. With the continuous efforts of Labour Department, so far 1,75,761 unorganized workers have registered so far. Further, it is expected that more number of unorganized labourers will register in the e-SHRAM portal.

## **LOCAL ADMINISTRATION**

**77.** Hon'ble Members are aware that the local bodies play a vital role in the maintenance of cleanliness of Puducherry. My Government has taken steps to implement Solid Waste Management as per the rules laid down in Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016. The Integrated Solid Waste Management is proposed to be implemented in all Commune Panchayats of Puducherry and Karaikal regions; and in Karaikal Municipality at an estimated cost of ₹ 30 crore. Similarly, the Integrated Solid Waste Management will be implemented in Puducherry and Oulgaret Municipality limits at the estimated cost of ₹ 48 crore after the work related to re-use and re-cycling of the garbage already collected is completed.

**78.** As the Union Territory of Puducherry has already been declared to have provided 100% functional tap connections to all the households, the work related to augmentation of water and improving the



quality of water is proposed to be undertaken at an estimated cost of ₹26 crore under Jal Jeevan Mission during the current financial year.

**79.** Various infrastructural activities are being carried out under AMRUT. In order to augment the water supply, it is proposed to undertake the works in the current financial year in Nainarmandapam, Sudhana Nagar, Thengaithittu areas at an estimated amount of ₹20 crore; and Dr. Radhakrishnan Nagar in Puducherry, Nehru Nagar, Thalatheru in Karaikal region and various places in Yanam regions at an estimated cost of ₹60 crore. It is proposed to undertake the works related to construction of Individual Household Latrines, solid waste management and re-cycling of used water at an estimated cost of ₹72 crore during this current financial year.

**80.** In order to augment the revenue sources of local bodies, it is proposed to utilize the idle properties and land belonging to the Municipalities into income generating properties with Private Public Partnership.

Further, in order to ease the payment of Property Tax by general public, it is proposed to establish facilities for payment of Property Tax through Common Service Centres and Nationalised Banks.

**81.** Under MLA-Local Area Development Scheme, it is proposed to grant ₹2 crore for each Member of Legislative Assembly to undertake basic infrastructural work during the current financial year.

### **SMART CITY**

**82.** Under SMART CITY Mission, various development works are being taken up for which estimate amounting to ₹1,828 crore has been prepared and approval of the Government of India has been obtained. Based on this, various works under the following sectors *viz.* Tourism and Heritage, Electricity, Affordable Housing Scheme, Education, 24x7 Water Supply, Sewage, e-Health, Solid Waste, Urban Drainage, Optical Fibre, Urban Transport, Economic and Industries, e-Transport and surveillance have been carried out and it will be completed before June 2023.

**83.** Construction of mini Sports Stadium for an estimated amount of ₹9.66 crore at Anna Thidal is in progress. Further, construction of 220 dwelling house at Chinnayapuram for economically weaker section under affordable housing project for an amount of ₹18.03 crore is under progress. Decorative LED lighting from Kargil War Memorial to Northern Reef and from Duplex Statue to Pier (Old Port) are being installed with an estimate amount of ₹53.00 lakh. Reconstruction of Pappammalle Koil canal at an estimated amount of ₹3.54 crore has taken up. Improvements of Ammankulam Pond under Villianur, Purakulam in Uppalam, Marappalam Pond in Mudaliarpet are taken up with a cost of ₹1.29 crore and the work will be completed in due course.

**84.** Under Storm Water Drain Project, improvement works of minor 'U' drains of Muthialpet, Uppalam, Ariyankuppam, Urleanpet, Nellithope and Villianur at a cost of ₹5.36 crore have been taken up and the works are in progress. Further, strengthening buds, improvement of drains, construction of drain and

culvert with an estimated amount of ₹ 58.16 crore have been carried out in Murungappakkam, Kalyanasundramurthy Nagar, Sivagami Nagar, Boomianpet, Marapalam, Jaya Nagar will be taken up. Further, a sum of ₹ 20.00 crore has been allocated for the improvement of drains in Rainbow Nagar and Karauvadikuppam.

**85.** The works *viz.*, improvement to the Botanical Garden, Eco Tourism Development of the Urban Forest Area of Swadeshi Mill, improvement and beautification of the Grand Canal, improvement to the existing Bus Stand in Maraimalai Adigal Salai, New Bus Stand at ECR and dismantling and reconstruction of Goubert Market has been entrusted through National Building Construction Corporation with an estimate amount of ₹ 313.30 crore.

**86.** Under the Central Government Urban Investment Scheme for Sustainable Development Integrated with Innovation (CITIIS) a separate project draft has been submitted for ₹ 99.71 crore in order to carry out 42 construction works in 26 places of Puducherry

and Oulgaret Municipality. Under which 1,152 dwelling units constructed by Slum Clearance Board retrofitted in Kurusukuppam, Boomianpet, Kan Doctor Thottam and Mottaitoppu. It is proposed to construct affordable housing with an estimate amount of ₹ 52.55 crore at Kumaragurupallam.

## **POLICE**

**87.** One of the primary aim of my Government is to extend optimum protection to the people of Union Territory of Puducherry and make them to lead their life peacefully. To strengthen the existing protection, a new Anti Human Trafficking Units will be set-up in the Union Territory of Puducherry during this year. Purchase of 2 Wheelers and 4 Wheelers including one Jammer Vehicle will be procured for an amount of ₹ 5.50 crore.

**88.** It is proposed to purchase additional Cyber tools in connection with prevention of Cyber Crime against Women and Children. Installation of Emergency

Response Support System (ERSS) will be completed this year at a cost of ₹57.70 lakh for effective communication. Further, it is proposed to setting up of Women Help Desks in the required Police Station and also to strengthen in the existing Women Help Desks for an estimated amount of ₹40.66 lakh. It is proposed to procure additional life saving equipments like Life Jackets, Life Buoys at a cost of ₹20.51 lakh.

**89.** In order to improve the infrastructure facilities, it is proposed to construct Office of the Superintendent of Police (West), Reddiyarpalayam Police Station, Karikalampakkam Out Police Station, Villianur Traffice Police Station and in Karaikal Vizhuthiyur Out Police Station. Further, it is also proposed to reconstruct the old dilapidated Quarters at Gorimedu, Shanmugapuram and other required places. Further, it is also proposed to undertake repair/renovation works to the needy Police Quarters. Quarters to Senior Superintendent of Police and Superintendent

of Police, Karaikal will be constructed. Further Office of the Senior Superintendent of Police at Mahe will be constructed. It is also proposed to install traffic signal facilities in 37 places both in Puducherry and Karaikal regions.

**90.** At present 390 newly recruited Police Constables are under training for a period of one year. Further, 48 Sub Inspector of Police, 307, Police Constables, 415 Home Guards, 200 Home Guards (Coastal), 35 Drivers, 34 Cook / Helpers / Washermen and 5 Bugler will be recruited under direct recruitment.

**91.** A sum of ₹ 342.95 crore has been allocated to this Department in 2022-23.

## **PORT**

**92.** Action are being taken to start ferry service between Karaikal Port – Kankesanthurai Port in Srilanka this year. Under Sagarmala Scheme, it is proposed to commence commercial cargo handling operation

in Puducherry Port, in association with Chennai Port Trust this year. It is also proposed to construct barrier between drainage channel and navigational channel. For operating passenger and Cargo ship and promoting other allied activities in Puducherry Port for its development, it is proposed to invite Expression of Interest (Eoi) from interested firms.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

**93.** Hon'ble Members admit that Infrastructure investment is mandatory for economic development. To strengthen the same in the Union Territory of Puducherry under Smart City Project, constructions/ Improvements of 6 drainage works at various places in Puducherry with an estimated cost ₹ 67.20 crore will be taken up. Supply, Installation and Commissioning of SCADA for Zone-I water supply system, Puducherry will be carried over with ₹ 2 crore and 1.00 MLD R.O. Plant at Kattamanikuppam and Nadesan Nagar, Puducherry will be commissioned with the cost of ₹ 14.08 crore under AMRUT Scheme. Left out portion



of sewerage scheme to the newly developed areas of Sundarajan Nagar, Jansi Nagar, Indhu Nagar and adjoining areas in Zone-III Puducherry at a cost of ₹5.38 crore will be started.

**94.** Under RURBAN Mission, improvements to the existing water supply at the coastal village in Bahour Commune will be implemented at an estimated cost of ₹7.70 crore. ₹14.17 crore is estimated to implement the projects viz., augmentation of water supply scheme to Nedungadu Village, Karaikal and improvements to Agalancannu regulator at Thirunallar Commune, Karaikal.

**95.** Construction of check dam across river Sankarabarani near Sellipet Village in Mannadipet Commune and construction of single lane across Bahour surplus weir and formation of tank bund road around Bahour tank will be implemented with the financial assistance from NABARD at an estimated cost of ₹20.70 crore and ₹7.71 crore respectively. 8 projects at Karaikal region with Negotiated Loan

under NABARD to a tune of ₹ 49.66 crore will be taken up. With the financial assistance from NABARD, water supply scheme at various segments in Puducherry at an estimated cost of ₹ 23.34 crore will be carried out; and in Karaikal, 6 projects will be taken-up with the overall estimated cost of ₹ 43.43 crore.

**96.** With the financial assistance from Central Road Fund (CRF), 2 works with the cost of ₹ 13.50 crore is proposed at Karaikal region. Widening of Road and reconstruction of culvert in Karaikal region for the NH45A connecting Villupuram – Nagapattinam Road will be undertaken with the cost of ₹ 11.60 crore. Under PMGSY, 2 road works at the cost of ₹ 7.00 crore will be taken up.

**97.** Augmentation of water supply scheme will be implemented in 3 various places at Karaikal with the estimated cost of ₹ 17.14 crore under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). Various kinds of 24 road works in Puducherry region will be taken up with an estimated

cost of ₹ 296 crore. It is proposed to undertake improvement works of various damaged works at 25 places in Puducherry region for ₹ 3.70 crore. Constructions of new class rooms and improvements to the existing building will be carried over in Bharathidasan College, Thirukanur High School and Jeevanantham Government Higher Secondary School with an outlay of ₹ 12.50 crore.

**98.** Under Irrigation sector of Karaikal region, 8 works will be taken up at ₹ 23.41 crore. Under Water Supply and Sanitation Sector, 10 works will be carried over with a cost of ₹ 107.59 crore. In Mahe region, various kinds of 26 works are proposed to undertake with an estimated cost of ₹ 94.32 crore and ₹ 188.32 crore will be utilized in Yanam region to execute 7 works under various projects/scheme. Underground Drainage Scheme will be implemented in the left out areas of Union Territory of Puducherry.

**99.** A sum of ₹ 554.45 crore has been allocated to Public Works Department in 2022-23.

## **SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT**

**100.** In order to create balance between developmental needs of this Union Territory and protection of its coastal resources and communities, Government of Puducherry has submitted a project proposal to Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) for implementing the World Bank assisted Enhancing Coastal and Ocean Resource Efficiency (ENCORE) project in the coastal areas of the Union Territory of Puducherry. Several interventions related to conservation of coastal resources, pollution management and enhancing the security and livelihood of coastal communities is planned to be undertaken in this project at an estimated cost of ₹112 crore. The proposal has been approved by MoEF&CC and the final nod of Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs is awaited. British High Commission of United Kingdom engaged Puducherry Pollution Control Committee (PPCC) for the Twin City Marine Litter Initiative. It is proposed to construct own building for this Department. Various measures with

awareness activities are implemented to completely phase out Single Use Plastic in the Union Territory of Puducherry.

## **TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING**

**101.** In order to provide adequate civic facilities to the downtrodden people, various improvements/strengthening civil works amounting to ₹ 1.13 crore are proposed to carry out in the current financial year.

- (i) Improvements to Pudhu Nagar Main Road at Reddiyarpalayam, Puducherry and internal roads at Athangaraipet, Karaikal.
- (ii) Formation of internal roads at Kanchipuram – Kovilpathu in Pillaitheruvasal, Karaikal.
- (iii) Improvements to the existing drain at beach road and providing cement concrete pavement to lane behind Achuthan Ananthan Memorial Library and reading room at Parakkal, Mahe.

**102.** Under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Scheme (PMAY), it is proposed to complete ongoing project of construction of 2,500 houses in the current financial year 2022-2023. Awareness programmes will be conducted to motivate the non-starter beneficiaries for commencement/completion of houses.

## **TOURISM**

**103.** It is well known to Hon'ble Members that Tourism has emerged the role of major economic activity having direct and indirect impact with all other sectors in our Union Territory. The primary mission of this Government in Tourism is to promote as a means of economic growth and to enhance the image of Puducherry as a universal tourist destination.

**104.** Development and beautification of beaches at Vambakerapalayam, Kalapet, Nallavadu, Puthukuppam, Murthikuppam, Veerampattinam and Karaikal will be taken up. In addition, "Tamil Park" with Bharathiar Statue, Recreational Park and Entertainment Zone at

Pondy Marina will be created. Digital Museum and Tourist Experience Centre will be developed at the new museum building in the Art and Craft Village. A Toy Museum and Natural History Museum will also be proposed at Murungapakkam to attract more tourists.

**105.** The temple at Veerampattinam and the iconic religious places in Karaikal will be developed and pilgrim facilities will be created in those places with the assistance of Government of India. Sound, Light and Multimedia Shows will be developed in Puducherry and Karaikal. It is proposed to develop Bahour lake, Mullodai Lagoon, Kanakan lake, Oussudu lake and Check Dam at Chunnambar, Alankuppam lake, *etc.*, for Eco Tourism activities. The Tourism Department is having 100 acres of beach front land at Manapet Village in Puducherry which is ideal to develop multi tourist attractions. The basic amenities such as road and power are already provided by the Department. It is proposed to develop (i) Theme Parks, (ii) Resorts, (iii) Convention Centres, (iv) Film Studios, (v) Adventure Sports, *etc.*, with the private participation.

**106.** Besides, it is proposed to make suitable amendments in the Water Sports Policy to attract more private participation. The beaches at Kalapet, Puthukuppam and Nallavadu has been identified for developing beach shacks for local entrepreneurs. A detailed guideline will be notified in this year. Tourism promotional events based on Calendar of Events will be celebrated and the Union Territory will be promoted across the country. Film Festival, Indo-French Festival, Yoga Festival, Food Festival, Heritage Festival, MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions) Conclave, International Tourism Business to Business (B2B) conference, Wedding Expo and Adventure Festivals will be organized this year.

**107.** Puducherry is known for Arikanmedu and temples under Archaeological Survey of India. A tour covering all these places will be introduced. The Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) and Veterinary College (RIVER) area will be promoted as Agri-Tourist Spot. The rural livelihood, farming, sericulture practiced at the place will be showcased to the tourists and a Model Village would be setup.



**108.** Puducherry has GI tag for terracotta and Paper Mache. Further, it is also famous for Glazed Ceramics, Agarbattis, Scented Candles, Paper Shade Lamps, *etc.*, Our handicrafts will be promoted aggressively by online sales. It is no doubt that this will give a boost to the local artisans and promote their livelihood. Similarly, art galleries will also be promoted. To attract the younger crowd, new technology driven initiatives like augmented reality statues, laser shows, digital museum, audio guided tours, QR Code based signage, aggressive digital marketing, online ticketing *etc.*, will be promoted.

**109.** A sum of ₹ 22.74 crore has been allocated to this Department in 2022-23.

## **TRANSPORT**

**110.** In order to improve the revenue collection and for the convenience of passengers, 50 numbers of new buses will be procured for PRTC by replacing the existing 36 local buses and 14 interstate buses in Puducherry and Karaikal regions with an estimated cost of ₹ 25.00 crore.

**111.** In order to encourage public towards utilization of Public Transport facilities, it is proposed to operate new 25 e-Buses and 50 e-Autos under SMART City Mission. To control road accident and to ensure safety measures to women and children, it is proposed to install GPS instrument in Government and Private Transport Buses which will be monitored by the Control Room of the Transport Department.

#### **ADI DRAVIDAR AND SCHEDULED TRIBES WELFARE**

**112.** Hon'ble Members agree that my Government is very keen to secure the weaker sections of the society especially Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes by protecting them from all aspects. An amount of ₹ 396 crore has been earmarked under SCP component this year.

**113.** Under prevention of Atrocities Act, the Central Government is granting an amount of ₹ 8.25 lakh as compensation to the affected victims either by death or loss of body parts who belongs to Scheduled

Caste and Scheduled Tribes people. Now, it is proposed to rise this amount to ₹10.00 lakh as compensation.

**114.** In order to meet out the medical expenses to the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe people who have completed 18 years of age and under treated for prolonged disease, a sum of ₹3,000 per month is being paid to them at present. Now, it is proposed to eliminate age limit and the benefit will be extended from Childhood onwards.

## **SOCIAL WELFARE**

**115.** My Government is implementing various welfare measures through Social Welfare Department to differently abled persons, children, aged persons and other weaker sections of the society. At present, 20,147 differently abled persons are being benefitted under various welfare schemes. Out of the total budget estimate of this department, more than 70%

are being utilized for the welfare and benefit of the differently abled persons. Similarly, the other important schemes *viz.*, Marriage assistance, reimbursement of educational expenses, fuel subsidy, funeral expenses, free bus pass in the Government buses will continue to be implemented.

**116.** It is proposed to enhance the transport allowance from ₹100 to ₹300 per month for the benefit 3,500 differently abled persons. It is also proposed to enhance incentive from ₹25,000 to ₹1,00,000 for marriage between differently abled person and with normal persons. From this scheme 25 persons will be benefitted and for which ₹25,00,000 is allotted in the current financial year. Similarly, it is also proposed to enhance incentive from ₹50,000 to ₹2,00,000 for marriage between differently abled person with another differently abled person. For which a sum of ₹20,00,000 is allotted in the budget for the benefit of 10 persons.

**117.** At present Children, Women, Differently abled persons, Mentally disordered persons, Aged persons and person affected in other ways who are staying in the residential homes run by Non-Government Organisation are receiving ₹ 500 per month to meet out the day to day essential expenses. Based on the hike in price of commodities, it is proposed to increase the amount from ₹ 1,500 per month, since it has not been raised for the last so many years.

## **WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT**

**118.** Hon'ble Members well aware that this Government always shows special attentions on the welfare of Women and Children. To enhance the socio economic growth of the children who have attains 18 years of age and come out from the Child Care Institutions (CCIs), may be identified and explore providing reservation and job opportunity through the employment Exchange. HIV/AIDS infected 77 Children were identified in this Union Territory and it is planned to provide financial assistance under sponsorship/Foster Care Scheme at ₹ 2,000 per month.

**119.** It is proposed to implement a new Open Shelter for Boys and Home for Physically Challenged children at Puducherry region. Further, Open Shelter and Child Care Institutions will be opened in Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam region.

### **GENERAL**

**120.** It is proposed to issue free laptop for 11th and 12th Standard students studying in Government and Government Aided Schools in a phased manner. Further, it is also proposed to re-implement free distribution of bicycle scheme to the students studying in 9th standard both in Government and Government Aided Schools.

**121.** My Government is decided to extend financial assistance of ₹ 1,000 per month for women (Head of Family) living below poverty line whose age is between 21 to 55 years, and also not benefitted any monthly financial assistance from this Government.

**122.** Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana Health Insurance Scheme has been implemented in the Union Territory of Puducherry covering all the BPL families. Accordingly, it is proposed to extend the Scheme to the eligible for APL families from this year which includes renal transplantation also.

**123.** The pending Old Age Pension Applications received from the General Public will be granted in the forth-coming month onwards.

**124.** The employees working for more than 10 years in Government and Government Institutions will be regularised.

**125.** Hon'ble Speaker Sir, the Government is providing quality education, healthcare, sanitation and all ongoing welfare schemes for which funds have been adequately provided for in this budget. Further, infrastructure facilities are being targeted to boost tourism and necessary provision has been made in this regard.

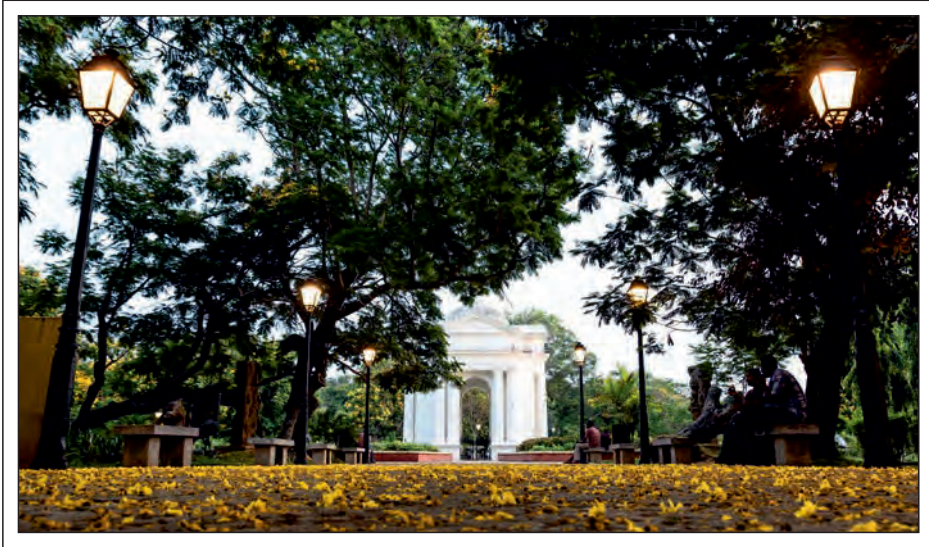
**126.** With this, I am presenting the Budget amounting to ₹ 10,696.61 crore for the financial year 2022-23 before this House and solicit the support of the Hon'ble Members in this regard.

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