

## **DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES**

### **Developmental programmes proposed to be implemented by the Government of Puducherry during the year 2008-09**

#### **Agriculture**

One Uzhavar Sandhai, one Rural Market and one Rural Godown are proposed to be established for the development of infrastructural facilities. Herbal Mineral water unit, Green House, Orchardium for cultivation of orchids and Hi-tech Horticulture sales centre to be established. Loan and subsidy assistance will be given to five numbers of unemployed graduates to set up Agri Business Enterprises. Relief fund to be set up to ensure quicker and timely assistance to the farmers during natural calamities. Insurance, Educational, Marriage and old age pension assistance will be provided to the Agricultural Workers family according to their eligibility. Soil Health card/Green leaf card will be issued to 3000 farmers. Under organic farming 30 Ha of area will be covered and 1000 ha area will be covered under Hitech Horticulture through precision farming and technological intervention.

The Planning Commission has identified the reversal in the trend of agricultural growth as one of the major challenges of the XI Five Year Plan and stressed the need for a second green revolution to raise the growth rate of agriculture GDP to around 4%. This task is even more onerous in respect of the Union Territory of Puducherry, as the current GSDP of the Union Territory in respect of agriculture is much less than the national GDP of 2%.

To achieve the projected target, the Planning Commission has advocated measures on both demand and supply side. Some of the steps proposed to achieve the goal are crop diversification, strengthening of agriculture extension through Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA), encouraging private participation etc. Constraints in increasing the agricultural productivity will be identified through the Task Force constituted for this purpose and remedial measures will be taken accordingly. As recommended by the National Commission for Farmers, effective links will be established with research institutions and best practices. Crop insurance will help in indemnifying farmers against damages caused by natural calamities. Crop diversification will be supported by effective marketing linkages including promotion of private markets and contract farming.

The study on "Master Plan for the Development of Horticulture in Puducherry and Karaikal Regions" has been entrusted with Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru College of Agriculture and Research Institute (PAJANCOA), Karaikal. Necessary action will be taken up for the implementation of the recommendations as per the feasibility by the Agriculture Department.

To popularize the medicinal plants among the public, valuable and rare medicinal plants are being conserved at the Medicinal Plants Interpretation Centre, Madagadipet, Puducherry under the project "Improvement and Conservation of Medicinal Plants". Discussion/Training on local health tradition, medicinal/herbal plants is being arranged at this Centre. To know the correct species suited for Puducherry region, Agriculture Department undertook a study through an organization known as FRLHT "Foundation for Revitalization of Local Health Tradition" which is involved in research on the various aspects of rich medical heritage of India. M/s. FRLHT have short-listed 32 medicinal plants, which are commercially important and fit for cultivation in Puducherry Region. The Agriculture Department is finding the suitability of the recommended crops for cultivation in different locations of Puducherry Region.

The Production of high value cut flowers orchids under Hi-tech floriculture has been introduced since 2003. The enterprise has evoked good interest among farmers and household garden owners.

Eventhough the yield levels of the Union Territory of Puducherry are higher than the national average in respect of most of the crops, the Government of Puducherry felt necessary to take steps to further increasing the productivity levels in view of the depleting land and water resources. Accordingly the Government has constituted a "Task Force to increase the Agricultural Productivity" under the chairmanship of the Secretary (Agriculture). The task force is working towards identifying the technical, social, economic and institutional constraints in the cultivation of various crops with an objective of suggesting future strategies/policies for improving agricultural productivity. The draft report prepared by the Task Force is posted on the Agrinet of the Department for the benefit of the extension workers, who have been asked to conduct village-wise meetings to discuss the contents of the draft report with a wide spectrum of farmers. Based on the interaction with the extension workers and the farmers, the task force will submit the final report for implementation.

In order to ensure the convergence of the activities of all the allied Departments for the common benefit of the farming community, the Government of Puducherry is about to implement the new extension reforms suggested by the Government of India by establishing the "Agricultural Technology Management Agency". The implementation of these reforms are expected to radically overhaul the extension services and bring about significant improvement in technology dissemination methodologies to meet the specific needs of the farmers. The Inter Departmental Working Group & Governing Body of ATMA have already been notified for two districts viz. Puducherry and Karaikal. The Strategic Research Extension Plan (SREP) and State Extension Work Plan (SEWP) are under the final stages of completion and will be

submitted to the Government of India soon. An amount of Rs.16.00 lakhs has been released by the Government of India.

The Government of Puducherry is implementing National Agricultural Insurance Scheme in collaboration with the Agriculture Insurance Company of India Limited. At present crops such as paddy and sugarcane are being covered and it is proposed to extend the same to other crops such as cotton, groundnut and banana. Farmers who obtain loans from the Nationalized / Cooperative Banks alone are covered under the scheme. Action has been initiated to extend the same to those farmers who obtain jewel loans for agricultural purpose and also to non-loanee farmers. As a result, the no. of farmers being covered at present under the insurance scheme is expected to increase from 6,000 to 20,000. It is proposed to extend 100% subsidy on the insurance premium being paid by the farmers.

The Agriculture Insurance Company of India Limited has introduced a new seasonal Rainfall Insurance Scheme "Varsha Bima". It is proposed to implement this scheme for the benefit farmers of the Union Territory of Puducherry. Action has been initiated to install one rain gauge in each of the 33 Uzhavar Udhaviyagams (Farmers' Help Centres) functioning in the Union Territory for implementing the 'Varsha Bima' scheme.

The Union Territory of Puducherry has made significant progress in increasing the productivity of the important crops through dissemination of latest technologies and timely distribution of all agricultural inputs. In this respect, it is felt that an effort should also be made to conserve and improve soil fertility for which farmers are required to be encouraged to go for Organic Farming. Organic Farming in addition to helping in conserving the soil resources will also help farmers in fetching higher revenue for their produce. The scheme will involve conducting of demonstration as well as taking up certification of Organic farmers.

Under self-employment programme for unemployed agricultural graduates, a number of agriculture graduates who are coming out of the PAJANCOA & RI are remaining unemployed because of lack of adequate posts in the Government and private sectors. It is proposed to provide financial assistance in the form of loan as well as subsidy for setting up of plant health clinics.

The Government of India has circulated a draft Agricultural Marketing Act in order to bring uniformity in the agricultural marketing legislation throughout the country. Establishment of private regulated market yards and encouraging contract farming is proposed by suitably amending the Pondicherry Agricultural Marketing Act.

## **Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA)**

The Agricultural Extension system in the Union Territory of Puducherry is revitalised by modifying the Training and visit system to "Farmers Help Centre" (Uzhavar Udaviyagam) which is first of its kind in the country established with the aim of functioning as information hubs and also to deliver all the extension services focusing on major food crops at a single point. Against this backdrop, it is necessary to revamp the existing extension system in such a way to reach the farmers as well as **"To Facilitate and Adopt the Farming System Approach in a Holistic Manner"**.

### **The aims and objectives for which the ATMA is formed are:**

1. To identify location specific needs of farming community for farming system based agricultural development
2. To set up priorities for sustainable agricultural development with a Farming Systems Approach
3. To draw plans for production based system activities to be undertaken by farmers/ultimate users
4. To execute plans through line departments, training institutions, NGOs, farmers organisations and allied institutions
5. To coordinate efforts being made by various line departments, NGOs, farmers organisations and allied institutions to strengthen research extension – farmers linkages in the district and to promote collaboration and coordination between various State funded technical departments.
6. To facilitate the empowerment of farmers/producers through assistance for mobilisation, organisation into associations, cooperatives etc. for their increased participation in planning marketing, technology dissemination and agro-processing etc.
7. To facilitate market interventions for value addition to farm produce.

ATMA is supported by Governing Board (GB) and Management Committee (AMC). The GB is a policy making body and provide guidance as well as review the progress and functioning of the ATMA. The Management Committee would be responsible for planning and executing the day-to-day activities of ATMA.

## **Animal Husbandry**

1,25,000 Frozen Semen straw will be procured for artificial insemination. Mobile artificial insemination facility to be established at all Veterinary Dispensaries. It is proposed to enhance the financial assistance being given under the Kamadhenu Padukappu Thittam and merit subsidy for construction of cattle shed. It is also proposed to provide medical equipments to unemployed Veterinary graduates. 3000 animals will be insured. Distribution of fodder at 50% will be given and subsidy to an extent of Rs.5000/- will be issued per acre for fodder cultivation to farmers. Compensation to be provided to livestock owner for death of livestock, which are not covered under insurance. 75% subsidy will be issued for establishment of 6 animal dairy unit for unemployed youths. Feed subsidy to an extent of Rs.2/- per kg will be issued to the Members of Milk producers Co-operative Society, which will be extend to all milk producers. 50 % cattle feed subsidy will be given to BPL farmers for 5000 milch animal per year @ 75 kg for 4 month period. The target proposed for the 30,000 Girirani/Giriraja chicks, 5000 turkey poults, and 5,000 units 15 nos. of layer pullets at the age of 18 week (75,000 birds) are to be distributed.

## **Minor Irrigation**

Construction of bed dam across Sankaraparani river and construction of tail end regulator across Pravadayananar river below Nagore road bridge, augmentation of Storage Capacity of Nandalar tail end regulator phase I in Karaikal, Construction of coastal protection wall in Pattinacherry, Karukkalacherry, Akkaraivattam, Vakku Vanjore and Keezhavanjore in Karaikal region will be taken up. Formation of Mini lakes at Paduthar Kollai, Thenoor, Sethur, Mullipallam, Pathakudy and Andoor and forming Recharge Pond across the drainage course of Kalitheerthalkuppam will be taken up.

## **Fisheries**

295 acres of Fresh water area will be brought under fish culture by granting input subsidy @ Rs.5000/- per acre besides covering 25 acres for fresh water prawn farming. Ornamental fish culturists will be encouraged by granting subsidy for ornamental fish breeding & keeping and backyard ornamental fish culture. Fresh water fish seed rearing in happa will be encouraged. Seaweed/Mari culture will be taken up besides mud crab culture. 10 boat operators will be granted with subsidy for conversion/modernization of existing fishing boats. 1700 klt of HSD oil will be reimbursed towards payment of sales tax at the prevailing rate on procurement of diesel oil for fishing boats. 16000 nos. of fishermen will be supplied with life saving appliances at free of cost. 20 nos. of fishermen will be granted with subsidy for the procurement of FRP

Vallam & Kokinada Nava with nets. 50% Subsidy for purchase of mopeds with Ice box will be granted to 12 fishermen beneficiaries. 50% Subsidy for purchase of Auto goods carrier, Mini truck, Mini lorry will be granted to 20 fishermen beneficiaries for transport of fish Subsidy for purchase of Insulated fish van will be granted to 2 fishermen beneficiaries. 2 nos. of Ice-plant cum cold storage units with 10 ton capacity one each at Karaikal and Mahe will be established in the Fishery Harbour Complex. Fishermen study tour and fish farmers meet will be conducted to create awareness and provide Technical knowhow in latest fisheries Technologies. Fish Fest show will be conducted to encourage the aquarists in ornamental fish breeding & keeping in all the four regions. 120 nos. fisherwomen will be imparted with short term training on Aquarium fish keeping, Value added products & co-operative management etc., Fishermen, fisherwomen co-operative societies will be extended with financial subsidy for fair price shop, managerial, furniture, setting up of hygienic fish sales KIOSK, Share Capital contribution etc., Rs.88.00 lakhs worth of Fishery requisites at subsidized cost will be distributed to fishermen through fishermen co-operatives. 21,000 fishermen families will be assisted with free rice and free clothing during lean season besides distribution of 100 kgs of rice & Rs.750 as cash per family during ban period. 31,000 & 3900 Marine/Inland fishermen respectively will be benefited under SCRF scheme. 5500 Old aged fisherfolk will be granted with Old Age Pension @ Rs.750/- per month. Other welfare measures will be extended under Puducherry Fishermen Welfare & Distress Relief Society. Two Fisheries Training Institutes will be established. Land will be acquired to construct pucca houses for the Tsunami affected fisherfolk besides supply of life jacket & Ice boxes to fishermen at free of cost, under Tsunami rehabilitation programme.

### **Forestry and Wildlife**

Rescue centre will be set up for birds/animals like emu, Ostrich, turtle, fox and other small animals. Roadside Park at Chunnamber will be established. Botanical Garden and Children's Park will be setup at Karaikal. It is proposed to develop Manapet Forest Land as an eco-tourism centre with bird watchtower. Mangrove vegetation area at Yanam will be developed. Forest Museum and Forest information centers will be established. Branch office at Karaikal will be set up.

### **Co-operation**

It is proposed to assist two marketing societies to expand the business activities by erection of par boiling unit and modernization of hulling unit. The Land Development Bank will be provided financial assistance to open its branches in rural areas. It is proposed to assist the Pondicherry State Cooperative Bank by providing financial assistance for construction/remodeling its

branches and to provide subsidy for the insurance premium paid by the farmers under NAIS. Further, 50% of the insurance premium paid by the farmers will be reimbursed by Government. In order to ensure smooth flow of credit to farmers at 7% the Government will provide interest subsidy of 2.5% to the PSCB. As a measure of providing safety net for farmers in the event of failure of crops due to natural disasters as well as pest attacks, assistance in the form of absolute grant will be provided for building up of National Agricultural Insurance Scheme. One apex level institution, i.e., Pondicherry State Co-operative Consumers Federation, 16 primary consumer stores and 2 fair price shop employees' co-operative societies are functioning in the Union Territory of Puducherry. Apart from the above, the Pondicherry Cooperative Sugar Mills Limited and 47 miscellaneous and industrial co-operative societies are functioning in this Union Territory of Puducherry. Grant in aid/subsidy will be provided to these institutions to start new type of retail units, modernization, rent, managerial, exhibition subsidies, rebate on sale, purchase of auto rickshaw, tools and equipments, machineries and other infrastructural amenities.

## **REAP**

Young Energy Guards (YEG) will be nominated in various schools to implement Energy Conservation measures and 10 Nos. of Renewable Energy Kit will be supplied to them. To create awareness and to promote the concept of renewable energy, it is proposed to conduct seminar/workshop/exhibitions on renewable energy sources. 6000 Nos. of improved chulhas, 5000 Nos. of compact fluorescent lamps, 1000 Nos. of LED bulbs, 50 nos. of bio gas plant, 20 nos. of community chulhas will be given at subsidized rate. 20% subsidy will be given for improved brick kiln/potters kiln on the cost of the machinery. 10,000 LPD solar water-heating systems will be installed. 100 Nos. of solar lanterns, 10 nos. of solar cookers will be distributed at subsidized rate. 30 Nos. of solar street lights, 10 nos. of solar home lighting systems and 10 nos. of solar panel will be supplied at 50% cost. One number of bio diesel extraction unit will be purchased. State Level Energy Education Park will be completed. Subsidy amount of Rs.5,000/- & Rs.2,000/- for Registered and Un-Registered Battery Operated two wheelers respectively and Rs.40,000/- for Battery Operated four wheelers and Rs.20,000/- for BOV (Three wheelers) will be granted. Energy Conservation Fund is proposed to be created under State Plan. This fund will be utilized for promotion of programmes relating to renewable energy sources and energy conservation technologies. Creation of awareness on renewable energy and energy efficiency among the students, self help groups and village panchayats. 50% subsidy for 1 KV Biomass Gasifier for thermal / electrical applications. Municipal solid waste to coal project will be taken up in selected municipalities. 10,000 LPD solar water heating systems, 30 nos. of solar street lights and 50 nos. of solar high mast lights will be

installed. 1 no. of Bio diesel extraction unit will be purchased. State level Energy Education Park will be completed.

## **Power**

In order to maintain reliable power supply in Puducherry region, it has been envisaged to commission the new 230 KV line between the proposed 400 KV sub-station and Bahour 230 KV sub-station. It is also proposed to renovate the existing 110 and 22 KV structures by lattice structures in 110/22 KV Kurumbapet sub-station. It is proposed to commission 82 nos. of new distribution transformers of various capacities and enhance the capacity of 76 nos. of existing distribution transformers. To erect 20.500 Kms. Of new HT lines and 101.000 Kms of new Lt lines and also strengthen 5,600 Kms of existing HT lines and 45.000 Kms of existing LT lines. With the completion of the above, it is proposed to connect 9000 nos of domestic services 1500 nos of commercial services, 55 nos of agricultural services, 25 nos. of HT Industrials services, 150 nos. of LT Industrial Services and 1000 nos of OHOB services. 2000 nos. of new streetlights were also proposed to be energized during this period. It is also proposed to lay and energize 7,000 Kms of new HT cables and 32.000 Kms of new LT cables to convert 1800 nos of OH services and 150 nos. of OH Street light into U.G. cable system. It is proposed to give internal training to 30 officers and 40 staffs and to give external training to 10 officers and 5 staffs respectively. It is also proposed to upgrade the existing computer systems network, procure additional computer systems and system software packages. It is also proposed to introduce computerized spot billing system in all the regions of Union Territory of Puducherry. Establishment of call centers for attending Fuse off call complaints round the clock. Setting up of Integrated Voice Recording System with computer and Telephone facilities. To maintain uninterrupted power supply, dedicated mobile communication is proposed to establish amongst the officers of the department under caller user group (CUG) scheme. To maintain reliability of the supply and to meet growing demand of power and domestic and commercial consumers in the urban areas of Puducherry, the existing 11 KV ring Main System has been proposed to modernize with the installation of compact Sub-station and replace the existing oil Switch gars with compact VCBs.

## **Industries**

It is proposed to set up Silk Villages with Silk Weaving Units and Coir Village in Puducherry. To make the industry sustainable, Transport subsidy and Power subsidy, Fuel Subsidy, Foreign Trade Subsidy & Infrastructure subsidies are proposed. A port-based Special Economic Zone is to be set up at Karaikal. An Information Technology Park in the notified IT Corridor area in Puducherry is proposed to be established. An Apparel Park is proposed to be set up in

Puducherry. Share capital assistance will be released to PIPDIC for IT Park, Electronic Park and Special Economic Zone. For setting up of Special Economic Zone in Puducherry, acquisition of land will be completed shortly. A Unit of Pondicherry Distilleries Ltd. (Govt. of Puducherry undertaking) is proposed to be set up in Karaikal. The Industrial Guidance Bureau with E-platform will be vitalized. Policies envisaged in the Micro Small Medium Enterprises Act, 2006 will be implemented. Since Karaikal is formed as a separate District, an independent District Industries Centre will be opened in Karaikal. It is proposed to form Small & Medium Enterprises (SME) Clusters in collaboration with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and to provide modern marketing, appropriate technology and to achieve quality products.

### **Information Technology and e-Governance**

E-group services and PSWAN will be established. Consultants for various IT related activities will be appointed. State Data Centre, Rajiv Gandhi Knowledge Park, Jawahar Knowledge Centre will be set up. Common Service Centre (Puducherry 67, Karaikal 22, Mahe 6 and Yanam 5) to deliver Govt. services to citizens will be established.

### **Industrial Policy**

An Industrial Policy aimed at achieving a sustained and balanced development of industrial sector is evolved in this Territory. In order to facilitate rapid industrialization in the region, several sectors were identified as the Key Growth Engines for the UT.

### **Industrial Master Plan**

The Department of Industries and Commerce (DOIC) is the nodal agency responsible for promotion of industrial growth in Puducherry. Keeping in view the prevailing socio-political and economic trends, especially in light of the rapid globalisation of the national economy, the DOIC formulated a comprehensive Industrial Master Plan for a period of ten years, for the Union Territory of Puducherry for sustained industrial growth.

This Master Plan has been prepared chalking out the strategies and goals for future industrial growth of Puducherry with the main objective of achieving a growth rate of 10 to 14%.

## **IT Hardware Policy**

This administration has also brought out a comprehensive Hardware Policy for Puducherry in order to retain the status of Hardware Capital of India and to attract further investments in this sector.

## **Industrial Guidance Bureau (IGB)**

An Industrial Guidance Bureau (IGB) has been constituted in order to ensure timely, simplified and single point contact system for issue of clearances for setting up of an industry. The important feature of the IGB is that it is proposed to act on the e-platform. The entrepreneurs desirous of investing in Puducherry shall be extended all facilities through the IGB in the process of obtaining clearances from various departments in a time bound manner. This will expedite the course of setting up of projects, saving time and resources. The important functions of IGB are:

- Act as single point contact avoiding the present system of multi point contact.
- Devise a revised application form fulfilling the requirement of all departments dealing with statutory and non-statutory clearances.
- Facilitate filling up of the common application form by the entrepreneurs through escort officers
- Take a prime role in suggesting policy changes and procedural reforms to remove bottlenecks in setting up of industrial units in Puducherry.
- Associate with related institutions (ex, PIPDIC, Banks, PKVIB, NSIC etc) and suggest policy prescription for proper dissemination of information about the industrial climate and opportunities in Puducherry
- Continuously strive to improve the processing mechanism of applications eventually leading to use of electronic means in the process completely.

## **Industrial Promotion Committee (IPC)**

An Industrial Promotion Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Ind & Com) and Head of the Departments of DSTE, LAD, Agriculture, Labour Dept, Electricity Dept. TCP, PPA and Director of industries as members has been constituted under IGB to issue In-Principle clearance for the Orange & Red category industries and to review the progress of issue of clearances to Green category industries. This Committee would convene meetings once in a month.

## **TRAINING FOR EDUCATED UNEMPLOYED**

### **INPLANT TRAINING: (Industries & Service oriented)**

Under this programme, it is proposed to impart training to the unemployed youth in selected trades which have good potential of providing employment opportunities to them. The training will be provided in the actual field of working nature of the respective trades in the Service Providing/Manufacturing unit, which would gear up and help the trainees for their employment/starting Self venture. The period of training is 1 year.

### **VOCATIONAL TRAINING: (Institution oriented)**

Few trades like tailoring & Embroidery, Beauty Parlour, Arts & Design, Computer operations, etc.. provides employment opportunities broadly. Imparting training in these trades tend to create more employment opportunities for the unemployed youths to pursue career opening widely besides self ventures. Therefore, it is proposed to impart training in these trades to the unemployed youth. This is an institution based in general. The period of training is 6 months.

### **TRAINING TO ENTREPRENEURES (MANAGEMENT TRAINING)**

Under the scheme, it is proposed to impart management training to the entrepreneurs and industrialist or their representatives in the various disciplines namely, financial management, Marketing management, Personnel Management, Quality control and Productivity etc. Under the scheme 90% of course fee to be paid by the entrepreneur/industrialists or their representative for undergoing the management training programme will be given as subsidy.

### **ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME:**

It has been proposed to arrange Entrepreneurship Development Programmes for them to establish their own ventures. The programmes contain motivating the prospective entrepreneurs, highlight respective projects, the course of actions to be taken by them for setting up and successful running there unit.

### **INSURANCE SCHEME FOR ARTISANS:**

An important welfare measure for the craft persons is to cover the artisans under Insurance. This insurance cover for each artisan would be followed by pattern of Janashree Bima Yojana, LIC/ any other suitable policy. The premium amount per artisan will be shared both by the

Government and the artisan proportionately at the rate of 80:20. There are about 2000 artisans and it is proposed to cover about 200 artisans every year, which includes renewal every year.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE GRANT AND GRANT TO HANDICRAFT SOCIETIES**

The Puducherry Pudumai Handicrafts Artisans Co-operative Society Ltd., is playing major part in marketing of Handicraft products of the Artisan in Puducherry. To enable the society to participate in the exhibition arranged by others or to conduct exhibition of its own for sales cum display of their products in the important places of India, for which Grant of Rs.10 lakhs per annum is provided to Pudumai society.

It has also been proposed to give upto Rs.2.00 lakhs per annum as grant to all other Handicrafts society in the Union Territory of Puducherry to enable them to organize or to participate in exhibitions to promote marketability of Handicrafts products as per the terms presented hereunder.

### **Incentives to infrastructure developers**

Pondicherry UT is to be developed in the IT sector at par with other States. In this connection, development of infrastructure is one of the bottlenecks. To sort out the issue the Infrastructure developers (those who develops minimum of 50,000 sq ft constructed area with all amenities) will be given a subsidy of 25% of the fixed assets subject to a maximum of Rs 1 crore. Infrastructure developers for jewelry sector will be granted 25% subsidy on the fixed assets subject to maximum of 25 lakhs. 25% Infrastructure subsidy subject to maximum of 25 lakhs on approach road, gas lines, power lines, water lines, etc. will also be granted with a view to promoting growth of industries in this UT for both new & existing industries

### **Development of jewellery industries**

In order to improve the jewelry sector in the UT, the small-scale industry engaged in the manufacture of gold/studded jewelry in mechanized way will be given 25% investment subsidy on plant & machinery subject to maximum of Rs 25 lakhs.

### **10% capital investment subsidy for modernisation**

The Ministry of Industry, Govt. of India is implementing a scheme for the grant of 15% subsidy under credit linked capital subsidy scheme for modernisation. 10% additional over and above the GOI scheme will be granted by the UT Government.

### **Special package of incentives for Mega Industries**

For mega IT industries (Investment above Rs 25 Crore), a special package of incentives will be devised on case to case basis by the IGB based on its economic contribution to the UT.

### **Encouraging Tissue culture, Ornamental fish export units**

The setting up of units for Tissue culture and ornamental fish exporting will be encouraged by providing 35% capital investment subsidy subject to a limit of Rs 30 lakhs.

### **NEW PROGRAMMES/PROJECTS PROPOSED**

- \* Silk Villages with Silk Weaving Units and Coir Village will be set up in Puducherry.
- \* To make the industry sustainable, Transport subsidy and Power subsidy, Fuel Subsidy, Foreign Trade Subsidy & Infrastructure subsidies are proposed.
- \* A port based Special Economic Zone is to be set up at Karaikal.
- \* An Information Technology Park in the notified IT Corridor area in Puducherry is proposed to be established.
- \* An Apparel Park is proposed to be set up in Puducherry.
- \* For setting up of Special Economic Zone in Puducherry, acquisition of land will be completed shortly.
- \* A Unit of Pondicherry Distilleries Ltd. (Govt. of Puducherry undertaking) is proposed to be set up in Karaikal.
- \* The Industrial Guidance Bureau with E-platform will be vitalized.
- \* Policies envisaged in the Micro Small Medium Enterprises Act, 2006 will be implemented.
- \* Since Karaikal is formed as a separate District, an independent District Industries Center will be opened in Karaikal.
- \* It is proposed to form Small & Medium Enterprises (SME) Clusters in collaboration with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and to provide modern marketing, appropriate technology and to achieve quality products.
- \* Govt. owned textile mill, namely, Pondicherry Textile Corporation and Swadeshee-Bharathee Textile Mills Ltd are to be supported by the Govt. Reforming the Public Sector Undertakings is another priority.
- \* The employment potential in IT, ITES and other service sectors will be fully utilized by giving training to the educated youth.

## **Handlooms**

At present, the Pondicherry State Weaver Cooperative Society [PONTEX], Pondicherry Cooperative Handloom Export Development Project [PONFAB], 13 primary Weaver Cooperative Societies and one Pondicherry Cooperative Textile Processing Society Ltd. are functioning in the Union Territory of Puducherry. Two Cooperative Spinning Mills one at Pondicherry and the other at Karaikal which are taking care of supplying the entire needs of yarn to the Handloom Weavers through the 14 Primary Weaver Cooperatives, apart from sales in the outside market. The Handloom Development Programmes aim at strengthening the structure of weaver Cooperative Societies, improving the quality of Handloom fabrics, modernisation of the handloom, upgradation of the weaving skills of the craftsmen and creation of more processing facilities. Further Market Development Assistance is given to facilitate the sale of Handloom products. Assistance to PONTEX/PONFAB for modernization of Showroom, for market study in foreign countries for the Export of handloom fabrics, purchase of yarn at concessional rate is contemplated during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period. Working capital assistance is extended to the Two Cooperative Spinning Mills for business Expansion, Modernisation-cum-Rehabilitation Programmes and for better performance. In addition to the Handloom Development Scheme, Schemes such as assistance to weaver during rainy season, pension to weavers, grant of assistance to purchase house-sites to the houseless weavers, issue of free dhothies and sarees, assistance to promote small family norms among handloom weavers, E.S.I. coverage and Insurance Scheme are covered under weavers welfare scheme.

## **Ports**

It is proposed to undertake conversion of metre gauge railway sidings at the Old Port into Broad Gauge. Puducherry and Karaikal ports will be developed through private investment on BOT basis. It is also proposed to acquire land for the development of Puducherry/Karaikal Ports. Consultancy service will be utilized for the development of Puducherry/Karaikal port projects.

## **Scientific Research, Ecology and Environment**

Pondicherry Council for Science & Technology (PCS & T) will be strengthened. A Science Park, Stationary Planetarium and a Sky Watching Centre in Puducherry will be established under the auspices of PCS & T. The tuition fees to the bonafide students of UT of Puducherry pursuing higher education in IITs will be reimbursed. Administrative grant to Pondicherry Pollution Control Committee will be released. Information will be disseminated to the public through electronic mass media about the date on air and water quality of different areas of Puducherry.

A monitoring and an assessment cell to assess the performance rate of the industries on the basis of the pollution standards and suitably rate them into various categories by providing separate colour codings.

### **Statistics**

Units such as State Income, Industrial Statistics, Economic Survey and Evaluation Cell will be strengthened. A study on the industrial units engaged in the software production in Puducherry will be conducted.

### **Tourism**

Development of Water Park, Five Star Resort, Development of Arts and Crafts Village are proposed at Murungapakkam village. In addition, beautification of Ossudu lake, Family Entertainment Centre, Laser Show Complex, Beach Resort and Lake Resort, beautification of beach at Chunnambar. Further, celebration of various festivals such as Karaikal Carnival, Mangani Tourism Festival, World Tourism Day, Independence Day, Tamil New Year Celebration, adventure tourism activities, conduct of french dramas are proposed to be done at Puducherry and Karaikal.

Under Building sector, it is proposed that renovation of Yatri Nivas, Le Cafe Restaurant, renovation and beautification of Botanical Garden, development of Aricamedu Archeological site, Special Tourism Zone at Manapet, Rural Tourism at Alankuppam, construction of Swimming Pool, Guest House, Three Star Hotel, additional VIP suit are in Karaikal proposed.

### **Education**

State share of Sarva Siksha Abhiyan will be increased from 25% to 50%. A committee will be constituted to prepare syllabus/Curriculum based on current trend and a separate Board for secondary and higher secondary will be setup. It is proposed to set up State University at Puducherry, Community College at Karaikal and Special Education Zone. Provision of computers at free of cost to the students belonging to BPL families pursuing B.Tech. (Computer Science) and M.C.A. admitted through CENTAC and M.Sc. (Computer Science) in the Govt. Colleges will be supplied. Setting up of language laboratory in all Govt./Society College, New Polytechnic College will be established at Nettapakkam Commune Panchayat. A Quality Assurances Monitoring Cell with statistical and research analysts will be set up in the Directorate