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P R E S S R E L E A S E

His Excellency the Lt. Governor chaired the State Planning Board Meeting held on 20th February 2012 to formulate the Draft Annual Plan for the year 2012-13.

His Excellency in his opening remarks stated that since we are stepping into the 12th Five Year Plan period, the formulation of the Draft Annual Plan for the year 2012-13 should spell out the Vision and Mission statement which must be within the realms of possibility of achievement for bringing in true development. His Excellency exhorted the Members and the Officers to break away from the traditional methods to adopt more innovative methods and path breaking ideas in planning for development of Puducherry.

His Excellency drawing the attention of the Members of the Planning Board to the Plan Size fixed at Rs.3961 crores , gave a comparative picture of the previous year's outlay and the proposed outlay. While agreeing to the increase in outlay in respect of Health, Education, Renewable energy, Tourism etc., since they are the engines of development, he urged that the phenomenal increase in the outlay of certain other sectors should be revisited. His Excellency, however, sounded a note of caution that the outlay should be realistic and in consonance with the resources that the UT can mobilise.

His Excellency made suggestions to develop infrastructure by adopting PPP mode. Similarly, Departments should seize upon CSS projects to tap central resources. He urged that more importance needs to be attached to the growth of Primary and Secondary sectors and also that the Market Borrowings should be utilized for productive purposes so as to increase the GDP of the UT.

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