

## STATUS OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED AND FUNDS RELEASED TO THE STATE OF PUDUCHERRY

### I. Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan

Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan, a centrally sponsored scheme has been under implementation since 2009-10 with the vision to make secondary education of good quality available, accessible and affordable to all young persons in the age group 15-16 years. The scheme envisages providing a secondary school within 5 kms. of any habitation.

2. During the 11th Five Year Plan, the State of Puducherry has been released a total of Rs.5.65crore including Rs. 3.21crore and Rs. 2.12 crore for interventions of non-recurring and recurring natures respectively. The year wise status of sanctioned and released funds is indicated as under:

(Rs in crore)

Year	Preparatory Activities	Recurring released	Non-recurring released
2009-10	0.32	0.16	1.34
2010-11	0.00	0.00	1.87
2011-12	0.00	1.96	0.00
Total	0.32	2.12	3.21

3. During the 11th Five Year Plan, the sanction has been accorded for following interventions:

(a)	Opening of new secondary schools	:	11
(b)	Strengthening of existing secondary schools	:	67
(c)	Sanctioning additional classrooms	:	22
(d)	Science lab	:	67
(e)	Computer room	:	54
(f)	Libraries	:	67
(g)	Art/Craft/Culture rooms	:	52
(h)	Toilet blocks	:	26
(i)	Drinking water facilities	:	24
(j)	Minor repair	:	348

4. Apart from the above, the status of teachers sanctioned and recruited against new schools and teachers' training and excursion of students and teachers granted during the period is indicated as under:

(a)	New teachers sanctioned	:	54
(b)	Teachers training sanctioned to secondary school teachers	:	2105
(c)	Excursion trips to students sanctioned	:	20424

## **II. Information and Communication Technology in Schools**

The Centrally Sponsored ICT in Schools Scheme was launched in December 2004, and revised in 2010, to promote computer enabled learning and usage of ICT in teaching in Government and Government aided Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools with emphasis on educationally backward blocks and areas with concentration of SC/ST/Minority/weaker Sections. Under the Scheme there is a provision to provide financial assistance to States/ Union Territories to procure computers and other ICT related infrastructure. The grant of Rs. 6.4 lakh (non-recurring) and Rs. 2.7 lakh (recurring) per school is given under the scheme which is shared between Centre and State in the ratio of 75:25 except for North East States where it is 90:10.

Year	No. of schools covered	Funds released	Remarks
2007-08	169	Rs. 169 lakh released in 2008.	Unspent balance of Rs. 169 lakh is lying.
	4 Smart Schools		State govt. to provide the details like location; details of infrastructure available in these schools along with student-teacher ratio

## **III. Inclusive Education for Disabled at Secondary Stage**

The aim of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of IEDSS is to enable all students with disabilities, after completing eight years of elementary schooling, to pursue further four years of secondary schooling (classes IX to XII) in an inclusive and enabling environment. The scheme will cover all children of age 14+ passing out of elementary schools and studying at secondary stage in Government, local body and Government-aided schools, with one or more disabilities as defined under the Persons with Disabilities Act (1995) and the National Trust Act (1999).

During the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan, Puducherry was released an amount of Rs.57.99 lakhs. UC is pending for this from the State Government. No Proposal under the scheme has been received from the State for 2012-13.

## **IV. Vocationalisation of Secondary Education**

The Scheme envisages selection of vocational courses on the basis of assessment of manpower needs. The revised scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education approved by CCA on 15.09.2011 provides financial assistance for imparting vocational education in Classes XI-XII in mainstream schools with a strong partnership with industry/employers. The components include strengthening of existing vocational schools

and establishment of new vocational schools through State Government, assistance to vocational schools under PPP mode, capacity building of vocational education teachers and development of competency based modules for each individual vocational course. Assistance will also be provided to NGOs to run short duration innovative vocational education programmes. Rs.1.58 Lakhs were released to the State Government and UC is pending for this amount. The proposals for 2012-13 are awaited from the State Government.

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