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

The Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Puducherry called upon the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India today the 15th June 2015 to appraise him about the developmental and other issues related to U.T. of Puducherry.

The Hon'ble Lt. Governor appraised him of the progress in implementation of the flagship schemes of "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan" and the three Social Security Schemes. He also appraised the announcement of the Government of Puducherry to make the premium contribution to cover all account holders under Pradhan Mantri Bima Suraksha Yojana. He made a request for inclusion of Puducherry under HRIDAY Scheme for restoration of the heritage structures and its upkeep.

On the infrastructure front, request was made to consider the double track railway link between Pondicherry and Cuddalore, and to improve connectivity from Pondicherry to Chennai and Villupuram. Consider the expansion of the Air Port favourably, which would go a long way towards boosting the economic growth of Puducherry.

To promote investment, request for special incentive package of Tax Holidays for Income Tax for new and non-polluting Industries and increase in exemption limit of Excise Duty was placed for consideration.

The Hon'ble Lt. Governor presented to the Hon'ble Prime Minister the request of the Government of Puducherry to waive the balance outstanding legacy loans by Government of India.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister assured that he will look into the submissions placed and cause to expedite the requests for overall development of Puducherry.

The Hon'ble Lt. Governor also met the Hon'ble Union Home Minister on 14th June, 2015 and briefed him on the developmental issues and sought for the co-operation of the Ministry in expediting the developmental programmes. He also made a request that the Committee constituted to evolve action plan for devolution of finances to Puducherry may expedite its recommendations. Hon'ble Union Home Minister while acceding to look into the issues, stated that he would desire to visit Puducherry soon.