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**MONTHLY MESSAGE SERIES ON PUBLIC SERVICE
DELIVERY – 10TH MESSAGE**

Dear All

Another month has rolled by and I am pleased to convey my message for the month of April 2017 for exchange of thoughts on certain key issues that I would like to draw the attention of the Senior Officers of the Government

1. Reiteration of call made on Civil Services Day.

- I would like to once again thank you all for coming to the Civil Services Day meeting at Raj Nivas at a very short notice.
- Reiterating the call made that day, I trust you will all make “Work as Worship” and work for Puducherry’s future in all respects.
- Also use my limited time here as Lt. Governor to support, promote and strengthen you all.
- Let all of you discharge your duties abiding by the ‘Rule of Law’ with progressive thinking and an open mind to create an image in the eyes of the public that of a decisive officer, as had been advised by Union Home Minister in his speech on Civil Services Day

2. The Ten Point agenda for financial prudence presented in Plan Board Meeting

- At the State Plan Board Meeting held on 29th April 2017, to finalise the draft Annual Plan of 2017-18, I had listed out 10 points of advice, which I reproduced below for kind implementation
 1. We shall have to limit our expenses within the budget plan approved by the Board, which is to keep our expenses within the 6945 Crores.
 2. We have to pay a heavy interest and loan repayment of 1216 Cr which is almost 17 % of our entire budget. Hence scope for going for more borrowing is not an option as it leaves our children in debt. Like these repayments of loans taken from 2007 onwards.
 3. We must do our maximum to use Govt of India funds given as centrally sponsored schemes to fund our projects. Review reveals that it has been under utilised so far.
 4. Be aware and also train yourselves and your staff to make the Detailed Project Reports. To get the funds from GOI.
 5. It is seen that right now we are surrendering funds because of ignorance or lack of interest or lack of training. We must not continue to do this.

6. Out of the entire budget of Rs.6945 crore^e we are left with only Rs.1454 for development & other projects, while the remaining funds are required to meet committed expenses, such as salaries, pensions, power expenses, interest payments etc. Hence before requesting for additional or new scheme / proposal, please ensure that it is part of the plan budget
7. Tourism, Municipal services, Transport etc must generate revenues
8. Loss making units must realise that they have to turn around. As Govt grants may not be available easily.
9. All schemes / proposals must be part of the budget. Hence there is no scope for new expenses. Therefore all of you should be aware of your budgets and plan carefully.
10. Last but not least, be financially prudent.

3. Delay in release of payments

- In the previous month, the delay in payment to Private Contracto by Local Body resulted in the workers of the company going on strike that left the city piled with garbage. Not only did it pose serious hygienic consequences to the residents but painted a wrong picture of Pondicherry to the tourists.
- The Officers may therefore ensure that payments to the Vendors / Contractors is made in timely manner by ensuring due financial compliance and prudence.

4. Brief of achievement of 2016-17.

- It may be recalled that in the last message all the Secretaries to Government were requested to furnish the major achievements in the Departments under their control during 2016-17 for inclusion in the monthly report to President of India.
- If reports have been furnished through proper channel, copy of the same may be marked to Lt. Governor's Secretariat for inclusion in the current monthly report to the President of India

5. Re-call of important points of Earlier Months Message

- In the earlier months, I had written on the importance of undertaking field visits, review of Citizens Charter, review of unutilized and idle public buildings/infrastructure and training your staff, completing Annual Appraisal Reports and the importance of conservation of water.
- Please devote your attention to attend to each of the points mentioned.

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7.5.2017.

To

1. The Chief Secretary, Puducherry
2. The Development Commissioner / All Secretaries to Govt., Puducherry
3. All Head of Departments, Puducherry

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