



**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
LT. GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT**

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PRESS RELEASE

Based on an e-mail complaint received from a resident of Indira Nagar Constituency alleging that the T.B. quarters constructed about six / seven decades ago is in dilapidated condition and has not been maintained well, Hon'ble Lt. Governor dedicated the 112th Weekend Morning round for visit to T.B. Staff Quarters at Gorimedu.

Dr. Govindarajan, State T.B. Control Officer and Medical Superintendent (i/c) of Chest Disease said that the Quarters was constructed, when T.B. Sanatorium was an isolated hospital situated away from the main town for the staff to reside. Over the years, the complexion of the city has changed and with increased HRA component many of the staff have moved out. Presently, out of 42 quarters, only about 10 are occupied. He said that proposal was mooted for demolition of the unoccupied quarters and in lieu a communicable disease Hospital be established.

It was also reported that a distinct Mental Hospital wasn't there in the U.T. of Puducherry and therefore patients were required to be referred to Chennai and Bangalore for certification under Mental Ill Health Act. The Week marking the celebration of World Mental Health Day on Oct 10, it was suggested that the proposal for construction of Hospital by demolishing the quarters could be for Mental Health along with Infectious disease. Hon'ble Lt. Governor welcomed the proposal for construction of Communicable Disease & Mental Hospital. However, it was a long term solution and immediate short term plans had to be put in place by cleaning up the area.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor asked PWD to hold co-ordination meeting with Commissioners of Oulgaret Municipality and Puducherry Municipality to identify problem areas and work out solutions. The Assistant Engineers and Junior Engineers of PWD and Municipality have to take responsibility of assigned areas and identify on their own areas that require immediate attention. The Resident Welfare Associations and voluntary agencies need to be co-opted for effective solutions to civic issues.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor observed that every part of the city has to be provided with minimum basic amenities. U.T. of Puducherry would be a smart city in its real concept when the development is holistic touching every part of the Union Territory.

At the site, Hon'ble Lt. Governor was received by Shri Shanmugasundaram, Chief Engineer, PWD, Mr. M.S. Ramesh, Commissioner, Oulgaret Municipality, Dr. Govindarajan, State TB Control Officer and other officers. Hon'ble Lt. Governor was accompanied by Mr. R. Sridharan, Mr. Baskaran, Inspector of Police / Grievance Officer and Mr. Karthikeyan, Additional ADC to LG

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