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To

1. The Secretary to Government (Animal Husbandry, Agriculture, Health), Puducherry
2. The Secretary to Government (Finance, Revenue), Puducherry.
3. The Secretary to Government (LAD, Forest, Industries, Education, S,T&E), Puducherry.
4. The Secretary to Government (Transport, Power, Planning), Puducherry.
5. The Secretary to Government (Public Works), Puducherry.
6. The Secretary to Government (Fisheries), Puducherry.
7. The Conservator of Forests, Department of Forests and Wildlife, Puducherry.
8. The Assistant General Manager, NABARD, Puducherry.

Sir,

Sub: DSTE – PCCC – Circulation of Minutes of the 13th meeting of the State Level Steering Committee on Climate Change on the review of revised draft State Action Plan on Climate Change (SAPCC 2.0) for the U.T. of Puducherry - Reg.

The minutes of the 13th meeting of the State Level Steering Committee on Climate Change under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary held on 12.07.2024 at 04:00 P.M in the Chamber of the Chief Secretary, Puducherry for the purpose of review and approval of Revised State Action Plan on Climate Change (SAPCC) for the U.T. of Puducherry is enclosed. The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi is requested to revise the draft accordingly for obtaining the approval of the Government of Puducherry.

Yours sincerely,



(YASAM LAKSHMI NARAYANA REDDY)
DIRECTOR

Copy to:

1. The P.S. to Chief Secretary, Puducherry – For kind information of Chief Secretary.
2. Standing Guard File.

Minutes of the 13th meeting of the State Level Steering Committee (SLSCCC) for preparation of U.T. of Puducherry Action Plan on Climate Change convened under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Puducherry for the review and approval of the draft revised State Action Plan on Climate Change held on 12.07.2024 at 04:00 P.M. in the Chamber of the Chief Secretary, Puducherry.

The 13th meeting of the State Level Steering Committee for preparation of U.T. of Puducherry Action Plan on Climate Change (SLSCCC) was convened under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Puducherry on 12.07.2024 at 04:00 P.M. in the Chamber of the Chief Secretary, Puducherry for the purpose of review and approval of the draft Revised State Action Plan on Climate Change (SAPCC 2.0). The list of Officials attended the meeting is enclosed as Annexure-I.

At the outset, the Secretary (Science, Technology and Environment) welcomed the Chairman and members of the SLSCCC and briefed the committee on the process of revision of SAPCC undertaken by DSTE. Subsequently, Dr. Suruchi Bhadwal, Director, Climate Change Division, TERI, New Delhi made a detailed presentation on the revised SAPCC. Her presentation outlined the common framework for revision of SAPCCs provided by MoEFCC and its adaptation for Puducherry's SAPCC. She presented the overview of climate and vulnerability profiles of all the four regions of the U.T. and proposed mitigation and adaptation strategies across various sectors devised after extensive consultation with the line Departments and other stakeholders. These strategies were categorised into Short-term actions (2021-2023), Medium-term actions (2024-2025) and Long-term actions (2026-2030). Further, the mitigation and adaptation strategies were refined and revised in terms of their targets, timelines and the beneficiaries as recommended in the 12th SLSCCC meeting.

Following in depth discussions and deliberations, the Steering Committee recommended the following changes:

- i. The revised SAPCC will incorporate long-term strategies aligned with national goals like Viksit Bharat 2047 and India's Net Zero emissions target by 2070. Distinct timelines for short-term (2021-2025), medium-term (2026-2030) and long-term (2031-2047) actions will be adopted.
- ii. In the Transport Department's mitigation activities list, wherever the term e-vehicles appear, the same shall be rephrased as electric / hybrid vehicles.
- iii. The use of terms like "purchase" shall be replaced with "use" or "deployment" for activities such as acquiring Early Warning Systems or drones.
- iv. All departments shall align their annual budgets with the activities outlined in the revised SAPCC. Departments shall also identify additional funding sources within the

U.T. Budget to address any budgetary gaps. Concerned Secretaries to Government shall ensure the same.

- v. All departments shall prioritize and integrate climate action into their projects, initiatives and policy-making processes, guided by the principles of the SAPCC.

The Steering Committee concluded that, DSTE shall prepare the final draft of the revised SAPCC 2.0 by incorporating the above recommendations, get it approved by the Government of Puducherry and submit to the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change for final approval.

The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks to the Chair.


(YASAM LAKSHMI NARAYANA REDDY)
DIRECTOR

List of Participants

Chaired by:

Dr. Sharat Chauhan, I.A.S, Chief Secretary, Government of Puducherry.

Members:

1. Thiru. M. Raju, I.A.S., Secretary to Government (Animal Husbandry, Agriculture, Health), Puducherry.
2. Thiru. Ashish Madhaorao More, I.A.S., Secretary to Govt. (Revenue, Finance), Puducherry.
3. Thiru. P. Jawahar, I.A.S., Secretary to Government (LAD, Forest, Industries, Education, ST&E)
4. Dr. P. Muthumma, I.A.S., Secretary to Govt. (Transport, Power, Planning), Puducherry.
5. Thiru. Jayanta Kumar Ray, I.A.S., Secretary to Govt. (Public Works, Tourism), Puducherry.
6. Thiru. R.V. Sidharthan, DDM, NABARD, Puducherry – *representing CGM, NABARD, Chennai.*
7. Shri. Yasam Lakshmi Narayana Reddy, Director, Department of Science, Technology & Environment, Puducherry. -- *Convenor.*

Government Officials:

1. Shri. Arulrajan, I.F.S., Conservator of Forests, Department of Forests & Wildlife, Puducherry.
2. Dr. R. Sagaya Alfred, Senior Scientific Officer, DSTE, Puducherry.
3. Shri. K. Kalamegam, Environmental Engineer, DSTE, Puducherry.

TERI Officials:

1. Dr. Suruchi Bhadwal, Director, Climate Change Division, TERI, New Delhi.
2. Smt. Veena CP, Research Associate, TERI, New Delhi.