

MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE FOR PREPARATION OF U.T. OF PUDUCHERRY ACTION PLAN ON CLIMATE CHANGE HELD ON 05.07.2011 AT 10.00 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE HALL OF THE CHIEF SECRETARIAT

At the outset, the Chief Secretary, the Chairman of the Steering Committee welcomed all the members and Senior Officers of the Government Departments for their participation in the 1st meeting of the Steering Committee. This was followed by a presentation on the draft policy document on Action Plan on Climate Change for U.T of Puducherry by the Special Secretary (Envt.).

During the discussions with all the participants, the Chairman emphasized creation of a "Climate Change Cell" in the Department of Science, Technology and Environment. He insisted all the Secretaries to review all ongoing schemes sector wise in their respective Department Plan Budget of 2011 – 2012 and also for the next Five Year Plan (2012 – 2017) and formulate their respective Action Plan so as to minimize carbon foot print. The same shall be communicated within a week time for inclusion in the draft policy document on Action Plan on Climate Change for U.T. of Puducherry. It was emphasized that the action plan shall be at micro level and time bound. The Directors/ Senior Officers of the Departments were requested to upgrade their knowledge and skills about the Climate Change, so as to identify the action points and provide supplementary ideas on each and every mission. Encouraging village bio-diversity register, concentrating awareness program to the school children, energy auditing, promoting star rating of electrical and electronic appliances are some of the suggestions put forth by the members. Experts from Universities, Colleges and Research and Development sectors of the U.T of Puducherry who have wide knowledge in the field of Climate change shall be involved in the endeavor.

The Steering Committee in general approved the draft Action Plan prepared by the DSTE and decided to recommend it to the Govt. after incorporating suggestions received if any from the participating departments. Chairman requested the department to prepare monitorable and time bound action points / activities sector wise and incorporate suitably. In this regard, Chairman suggested that like GNCT of Delhi, Puducherry could also prepare a concrete Action Plan National Mission mode wise relevant to the territory. The Steering Committee decided to place the final Action Plan before the Cabinet for approval before the next budget session so that it could be announced in the Chief Minister's Budget Speech.

Finally the meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.