

Non-Profit Institutions in U.T.Puducherry

Introduction:

The Periplus of the Erythrean Sea” written in the 1st Century and the Geography of Ptolemy 2nd Century reveal ‘Poduke’ as a Port town in the Coromandal coast. The identification of a Roman trading centre in the immediate vicinity adds weight to the equation of Poduke with Puducherry. The ruins of this port town were identified at Arikamedu near Kakkayanthoppu about 6 km from Puducherry state.

Puducherry the French Heritage town situated 160Kms south of Chennai bearing peaceful atmosphere and charming Indian town with few enduring pockets of French culture, and an ashram adding feather to the beauty crown of Puducherry the other French enclaves are Karaikal, Mahe, and Yanam forms the Union Territory of Pondicherry.

Pondicherry and Karaikal are enclaves in the South Arcot and Nagapattinam District in Tamil Nadu state respectively. Yanam is the small part in the East Godhavari district in Andhra Pradesh where as Mahe is an enclave in Kannur district of Kerala state. Puducherry covers an area of 479 Kms with a Population of 9.74 lakhs according to 2001 census. These are former French possession transferred to Indian Union in 1954 later de jure transfer took place in 1962.

2.Need for Satellite Accounts on NPI

The contribution of the NPI sector is included in the Sector wise State Income Estimates which is useful for many analytical purposes. However it is difficult to gain a comprehensive view of the entire universe of the NPI from the State Income Estimates. Hence Compilation of Satellite Account of Non-Profit Institutions is essential in order to shed further light on data feature needed for specialized analysis that are not contained in the State Income frame work.

- NPI constitutes a significant and growing economic presence in countries throughout the world accounting for 7 to 10 percent of Non-Agricultural employment in many developed countries and considerable shares of the employed force in developing countries as well:
- NPIs are increasingly a focus of policy attention as Governments seek to divert social function to provide groups which has increased the need for better information on NPIs;
- Existing treatment by folding NPIs into other sectors reduces the incentives to make the special efforts needed to capture NPI fully in current data;
- NPIs have distinct features that give them production functions and other characteristics that differ significantly from those of other entities included in the corporate and Government sectors to which they are assigned under current usage.
- Existing sectoring rules are hard to apply given in the increasing complexity of the NPI universe. Considerable variation in treatment may consequently occur among countries.

Act:

An Act to provide for the registration of literary, scientific charitable and other societies in the U.T.of Puducherry.

- This Act may be called the Societies Registration Act 1960.
- It extends to whole of the U.T. of Puducherry.
- It shall come into force on such (date) as the State Government may by notification in the Official Gazette appoint.

Definitions:

In this Act unless the context otherwise requires,

- a) 'Governing body' means the governors, council, directors, committee, trustees or other body to whom by the rules and regulations of the society the management of its affairs is entrusted.
- b) 'member' means a person who, having been admitted to membership of a society in accordance with the rules and regulations there of, shall have paid his subscriptions and shall have signed the roll or list of members there of , and shall not have resigned in accordance with such rules and regulations but in all proceeding under this Act no person shall be entitled to vote to be counted as a member whose subscription at the time shall have been in arrear for a period exceeding three months; "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act;
- c) "Registered society" means a society registered or deemed to be registered under this Act.
- d) "Registrar" means such officer as the as the State Government may, by notification appoint to perform the duties and functions of the Registrar under this Act in such areas as may be specified in the notification and where no such officer is appointed the Registration.
- e) "year" means the year ending on the 31st Day of December or in the case of any society or class of societies the accounts of which are made up to any other data with the previous sanction of the Registrar , the year ending with such date.

Purpose of the Registration of Societies Act 1960

The Registration of Societies Act 1960 envisages the registration of societies for:

- The promotion of Charity
- The promotion of education science literature or the fine arts;
- The promotion of sports
- The instruction and diffusion of knowledge relating to commerce or industry or of any other useful knowledge;
- The diffusion of political education;

- The foundation and maintenance of libraries or reading rooms for general use among the members or open to the public or of public museums and galleries of paintings and other works of art.
- The promotion of conservation and proper use of natural resources and scarce infrastructural facilities like land power, water forest and such other resources and infrastructural facilities as may be notified by the State government from time to time
- The collection of natural history mechanical and philosophical inventions instruments or design and which intends to apply their profits if any or other income in promoting their objects and prohibits the payment of any dividend among their members.

Conditions of registration:

No society other than a society of which the State Government is a member which does not consist of at least seven persons above the age of eighteen years shall be registered under this Act.

Mode of forming societies:

Any seven or more persons above the age of eighteen years associated for any purposes specified in section 3 may, by subscribing their name to a Memorandum of Association and otherwise complying with the requirements of this Act and the rules made there under, in respect of registration form themselves into a society under this Act.

Requirement with respect to memorandum:

- a) the name of the society
- b) the objects of the society
- c) the name and occupations of the members of the governing body to whom by the rules of the society the management of its affairs is entrusted.
- d) the place at which the registered office is to be situated.
- e) there shall be registered with the memorandum of association
- f) the memorandum and rules and regulations of the society shall be printed or typewritten be divided into paragraphs numbered consequently and be signed by each subscriber.

No society shall be registered by a name which in the opinion of the Registrar is undesirable. A name which is identical with or too nearly resembles a society in existence which has been previously registered may be deemed undesirable by the Registrar under this section.

Non-Profit Institutions- Execution

Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation at the instance of the Planning Commission and the United States Statistical Division has undertaken a project to computerize the list of Non-Profit Institutions (NPIs) registered under Societies Registration Act 1960 and Bombay Public Trust Act . The information collected from this NPI survey will be used to compile the accounts of NPI in the country. The outcome of the project will be useful to the policy planners at various levels of administration in the country.

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has planned to execute the project through the State Directorate of Economics and Statistics. The National Accounts Division has been given the responsibility of the said work and for the purpose a “Task force on compilation of Satellite Accounts in respect of Non-Profit Institutions in India” has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Additional Director General National Accounts Division, CSO New Delhi..

Registration of Societies Act 1960 in Puducherry

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Coverage:

The Registration of Societies Act under 1960 was considered as Non-Profit Institutions. The information was collected from 14,646 from the Registrar of Societies Puducherry, all the regions of Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam also registering their societies in Registrar of Companies in Puducherry.

Information collected during the First Phase

The Information collected in the first phase of the survey is in the format prescribed by the National Accounts Division of the Central Statistical Organization. The information is collected on year of registration name and address of the Non-Profit Institution act under which NPI is registered activity purposes etc., The Officials of the Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Puducherry went to the Registrar of Societies office and collected directly from the Register. There are about 9 tables were generated. The summary of the first phase survey findings as follows;

- a) About 14,646 societie's basic data were taken from the Registrar Office, of which 14,090 societies were registered under Registration of Societies Act 1960, and 556 societies were registered under Public Trust Act.
- b) The societies registered under Public Trust Act were taken from Registration Department Government of Puducherry; about 556 Societies were registered under this Act.
- c) Of the 14,646 total number of Non-Profit Institutions about 10,447 institutions were established in Urban Area and 4199 institutions in rural areas (Table - 1)
- d) As per the year of Registration about 191 Institutions were registered from 1966 to 1970, and 832 Institutions were registered during 1971 to 1980, (5.68%) 1898 Institutions were registered during 1981-1990(12.96%) 3554 Institutions were registered in 1991-2000, (24.27%) and 8171(55.79%) Institutions were registered in 2001 to 2008. (Table - 2)

- e) By observing the main activities of the societies about 56.16% i.e. 8225 societies were registered under Social Service sector and 1573, 1165 societies were registered under Development of Housing and Business Associations. About 1286 societies were registered under culture and recreation.
- f) It is interesting to note that Puducherry is taking major share of 12537 societies, Karaikal is having 1622 societies in Mahe 211 societies and in Yanam 276 societies were registered . Mahe and Yanam are declared as Urban in Puducherry U.T.
- g) The total number of societies registered under Education and Research is 888 of which 714 societies were registered in Puducherry region. In this sector major contribution is from Sports side, and recreation also having considerable portion in this sector.
- h) The total number of societies registered under Development and Housing sector is 1573. Out of which Puducherry is having 1099 Karaikal is having 468 societies only 3 societies were registered in Mahe and Yanam.
- i) Only negligible portion of total number of societies registered under in Health Sector about 146 societies were registered, of which Pondicherry contributes 137 societies where as in other regions negligible share in this sector.
- j) The total number of societies registered under Law Advocacy and Politics sector is 96, in Pondicherry about 85 societies were registered and 11 societies were registered in other regions.
- k) The total number of societies registered under Philanthropic Intermediaries group is 56. Out of which 46 societies were registered in Puducherry.
- l) The total number of societies registered under International Activities sector is 22. This is because of French connection with this Union Territory.
- m) The total number of societies registered under Religion sector comes about 366; the Pondicherry region contributes 280 in urban areas and 21 in rural areas.
- n) The total number of societies registered under Business and Professionals comes about 1165; the Pondicherry region contributes

935, societies and in Karaikal 183 societies, and in Mahe, Yanam 28 and 10 societies were registered respectively.

- o) There is another category of 'Not Elsewhere Classified' in which societies are registered without proper objectives and aim about 748 societies was registered under this category. In Puducherry 692 societies were registered and 23 societies registered in Karaikal.

Conclusion

The total number of Non-Profit Institutions in the U.T. Puducherry is 14,646, out of which 14,090 institutions were registered under Societies registration Act and 556 Institutions were registered under Public Trust Act. The outlying region of Puducherry like Karaikal, Mahe, Yanam societies registered in Puducherry office. In Puducherry in all four regions about 10,449 societies were registered in Urban areas and 4199 societies were registered in Rural areas the comes about 71.34% secondly rural areas occupies 28.66% the major contribution is mainly due to Pondicherry occupies pre dominant position in total no. of societies Mahe and Yanam contributes considerable in urban areas.

The growth of registration of societies during 1966 -70 is 191 (1.30%) where as it was risen to 55.75% during 2001-2008, this indicates peoples awareness and doing social welfare activities had been increased to many folds.

When we compare the growth of registered societies according to growth of estimated population 2008 it was only negligible in size that is 1.32 % to the total population of 11, 09,976. In Puducherry it was about 1.49% in Karaikal 0.85% .

The awareness and the involvement towards social work to be developed considerable, for that these societies taking important role in the society.