

Right to Information Act :-

Under the Right to Information Act 2005, 17 manuals have been prepared and Web-hosted. DES consists of three regional offices at Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam and the details of Public Information Officers appointed for dealing with RTI Act in DES are as follows:-

Joint Director I	Public Information Officer (Puducherry Region)
Joint Director II	Transparency Officer
Joint Director III	Public Information Officer (Mahe and Yanam Regions)
Deputy Director I	Assistant Public Information Officer (Puducherry Region)
Deputy Director (Karaikal)	Public Information Officer (Karaikal Region)

Under the Right to Information Act, DES received a total number of 8 applications during the year 2012-13 and 5 applications were disposed. 3 applications were transmitted to the Public Information Officers concerned of other departments. There are no cases of information denial during the year 2012-13. A display board incorporating the names of PIOs and Appellate Authority has also been kept in the premises of the DES, Puducherry Quarterly reports have been furnished to the Nodal Officer, RTI, Puducherry for uploading in the website. A Monthly report is also uploaded in the website of the Directorate as per the instructions of the Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.

Director DES has been appointed as the Nodal Officer for uploading RTI returns of all Government Departments. The website is regularly monitored and updated in co-ordination with the departments concerned.

STATISTICAL PUBLICATIONS

In recent years, there is a growing need for Statistics on all Socio-Economic aspects of the State and presentation of such statistics in a meaningful framework. The effectiveness of the Statistical System in a State depends upon the efficiency in the collection and compilation of statistics with high standard of reliability and making them available to users in time. Hence, the Directorate has enlarged its activities not only to cater to the

needs but also to stimulate wider user fields. Directorate is making consistent efforts to gain the respect and confidence of Politicians, Bureaucrats and the Public by presenting up-to-date information in the publications. The Publications of the Directorate also aim at providing important statistics which are generally required for economic analysis as indicated below:

ABSTRACT OF STATISTICS (ANNUAL)

It is the most comprehensive publication of the DES and serves as an important source material for statistical time series data of different sections of the Union Territory of Puducherry. The Publication gives region specific micro level data on Area and Population, Rainfall, Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Industries, Power, State Finance and Banking, Co-operative Societies, Joint Stock Companies, Social Welfare, Tourism, Insurance, Prices, State Domestic Product, Police and Crime, Education, Public Health & Vital Statistics, Housing & Five Year Plans.

ANNUAL SURVEY OF INDUSTRIES (ANNUAL)

The ASI report presents data on salient characteristics of industries like extent of investment, employment, input, output, labour cost, value added etc., and gives a descriptive account of the industrial structure of the U.T. of Puducherry. The ASI data provides statistical information to assess and evaluate objectively and realistically the changes in the growth, composition and structure of the organized industrial sector. It also provides comprehensive, factual and systematic basis for formulation of industrial policy. It gives the contribution of the organized industrial sector to state income of the U.T. of Puducherry.

BUDGET IN BRIEF (ANNUAL)

The publication presents the Budget details in a simple form and vividly brings out the fiscal activities of the State highlighting the comparative growth in the Revenue receipts and Expenditure of the State.

BUDGET AN ECONOMIC-CUM-PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION (ANNUAL)

Various items of Revenue and Expenditure of the State that have

been regrouped and reclassified into meaningful economic categories to facilitate a better understanding of the economic impact of Government transactions are presented in the publication.

CENSUS OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES (ANNUAL)

The Report contains statistics on Employees of Puducherry State Government / Central Government / Local Bodies and Autonomous Institutions and helps to assess the volume of employment and related information in the Public Sector.

ECONOMIC CENSUS (QUINQUENNIAL)

Economic Census provides reliable statistics for the unregistered sector viz., manufacturing, trade, transport, construction, services and helps the Government for formulation of policies and programmes and also for monitoring and evaluation of various schemes in respect of the unregistered sector. The Report on Economic Census provides basic information on the location of enterprises, description of activity, nature of operation, type of ownership, social group of owner, power/fuel used, manpower involved etc.

INDEX NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION (ANNUAL)

Index of Industrial Production prepared and published annually by the DES is the most up-to-date indicator of industrial growth of the U.T. of Puducherry. It is also used by the Planners for framing policies and programmes.

PUDUCHERRY AT A GLANCE (ANNUAL)

This publication presents the key Statistics covering the socio-economic aspects of the U.T. of Puducherry.

PRICE TREND

Price Statistics published by the DES is an important publication of economic statistics. The important use for which the price data are put by official agencies can be divided into two broad categories

- i) Regulatory uses and

ii) Statistical uses.

A regulatory use include, planning, policy making and administrative control and the Statistical use comprises construction of price indices, framing estimates of National Income and analytical studies. Data on prices of agricultural commodities is needed by the Government generally for policy making and administrative purposes and by the traders for their sale/purchase business. The Government needs price data, not only for the formulation of current policy but also for the assessment of progress in the implementation of these policies and plans.

REPORT ON AGRICULTURE CENSUS (QUINQUENNIAL)

The report presents information on area under land utilisation, irrigation, crops and changes in the structure of agriculture such as size, distribution of holdings, extent of tenancy and agricultural resources. It provides benchmark data needed for formulating agricultural development programmes and for evaluating their progress. It also provides the basic frame of households and operational holdings for carrying out future agricultural surveys. The data collected through the Census lay the basis for developing an integrated programme for current agricultural statistics and finally it forms the basis for the Government to frame necessary policies and programmes for the benefit of rural poor in general and small and marginal farmers in particular.

REPORT ON INPUT SURVEY (QUINQUENNIAL)

The report presents data regarding inputs like improved seeds, fertilizers, pesticides and information on livestock, agricultural machinery, organic manure, institutional credit taken for agricultural purpose etc.,

SEASON AND CROP REPORT (ANNUAL)

This report presents data on land use, cropping pattern, productivity, irrigation, agricultural wages etc. The data given in the report are of immense use to Planners, Policy makers, traders etc. The Ministry of Agriculture require these details for taking decision on pricing, procurement, export, import etc., at National level.

STATISTICAL HAND BOOK (ANNUAL)

This Publication gives the factual account of Social and Economic trends of the U.T. of Puducherry based on statistics currently available on various sectors of the State Economy at macro level.

STATE DOMESTIC PRODUCT (ANNUAL)

The Report gives detailed information regarding the State Domestic Product and Per capita Income of the Union Territory of Puducherry both at current and constant prices. The estimates presented in the Publication give a true and dynamic picture of the economic structure of the State.

USER ORGANISATIONS

Central / State Government Departments / Ministries at the Centre / Planning Commission/ Finance Commission/ Ministry of Agriculture and Co-operation/Ministry of Industries/ Labour Bureau, Shimla / Development Commissioner for SSI/Central Government Organisations/ RBI /Lead Bank /National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development/Non-official Agencies/Academic Bodies/Research Scholars/Economists /Entrepreneurs.

ACTIVITIES OF THE STATISTICAL CELLS IN MAJOR DEPARTMENTS

INTRODUCTION

Apart from this Directorate, Statistical Cells are functioning in various Departments/Agencies to look after their statistical requirements. Brief description of their activities in various Departments are given below:

AGRICULTURE

The Statistical Cell in the Directorate of Agriculture comprises of one Statistical Officer, one Statistical Inspector and nine Field Supervisors in Puducherry and one Statistical Inspector and three Field Supervisors in the Office of the Karaikal region. The Cell is responsible for collection of Agricultural Statistics under various schemes operated by the Department. It conducts periodically the crop estimation survey on paddy, groundnut, sugarcane etc., in order to estimate the production. Weekly, monthly, quarterly, and annual reports on agriculture are also prepared and submitted to the Government of India from time to time. Preparation of reports/statements under Plan schemes operated by the Department is also done by the Cell.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

A full fledged statistical unit functions in the Animal Husbandry Department under the charge of Deputy Director (Statistics). He is assisted by one Statistical Officer, one Statistical Inspector and four primary enumerators. One Statistical Inspector and two primary Enumerators are working in the Regional Office, Karaikal. The Cell is mainly engaged in the conduct of integrated sample survey for the estimation of production of the major livestock products. The survey is conducted every year and data on milk and egg production are collected. The data on the estimates of production are compiled and analysed and forwarded to the Government of India. The details of number of animals slaughtered, average quantity of meat obtained per animal, poultry meat production are also collected by the Cell through surveys. Apart from the above, the Cell also collects the retail prices of various feeds and livestock products and details of milk procured

by the Co-operative Milk Societies and furnishes them to the Government Agencies as and when required.

The following reports are also prepared by the Cell:

1. Fortnightly report on the important developmental activities of the Department.
2. Annual Administration Report of the Department.
3. Data on socio-economic indicators under Animal Husbandry Department.

EDUCATION

A statistical Cell comprising of one Statistical officer, four Statistical Inspectors and two Field Supervisors functions in the Directorate of Education, Puducherry. The Cell is primarily engaged in the collection, compilation, tabulation of primary data relating to educational activities being carried out in the State. Reports containing the data on the list of educational institutions, enrolment of students in schools, strength of teaching and non-teaching staff, infrastructure facilities available in schools, statistical tables consisting data on students strength - stage-wise, gross enrolment ratio, teacher - pupil ratio etc., are also prepared by the Cell. Periodical returns are prepared for onward transmission to the Ministry of Education for incorporation in the Publication "Statistics of Education in States". An Annual Report of numerical and financial data of school level education and higher education and examination results are furnished to the Ministry of Human Resources Development.

HEALTH

The Statistical section, functioning in the Health Department with Deputy Director as its Head, consists of three Statistical Officers, six Statistical Inspectors, and four Field Supervisors. Apart from this, three Statistical Officers, one Statistical Inspector, and two Field Supervisors are working in the Offices of the outlying regions. The main functions of the Cell are as follows.

1. Furnishing of reports on Health and Family welfare programmes to Ministry/ Directorate General of Health Services, New Delhi.
2. Preparation of materials for the Conference, Meetings - Annual Plan and Five Year Plan discussions.

3. Constitution of State / District level committees / societies for the implementation of various Health & Family Welfare Programmes.
4. Release of advertisement in News papers/magazines regarding Health and Family Welfare achievements and activities.
5. Monthly periodical review of progress of all programmes.
6. Matters related to pulse polio programme.
7. Preparation of Annual Report - Assembly / Parliament questions related to Health care programmes and follow up actions.
8. Issuing of instructions/circular to the Programme Officers/Health Institutions to take preventive measures to avert the possibility of any out break of diseases.
9. Preparation of monthly report on family welfare and immunization and quarterly report on rural health schemes, and Annual Report on FWP.
10. Consolidation of the statistical particulars in respect of PHC/CHC/District hospital for onward transmission to Government of India.
11. Preparation of quarterly report on a) post partum programme b) FWP c) RCH programmes and furnish the same to the Government of India.
12. Furnishing of particulars for Family Year Book brought out by the Government of India.
13. Preparation of District Action Plan/State Action plan.
14. Preparation of weekly, monthly, annual reports regarding UIP programme.
15. Preparation of monthly report on cholera/gastroenteritis and morbidity and mortality due to diarrhea
16. Evaluation of the UIP programme.
17. Assisting the Deputy Director (Health) and Surveillance Medical Officers for conducting training for re-orientation of AFP cases and correspondence work in connection with AFP cases.
18. Preparation of weekly/quarterly report regarding surveillance of acute flaccid paralysis.
19. Assist the Deputy Director (Health) in the conduct of PPI/IPPI and
20. Preparation of monthly report on communicable diseases and

furnishing of the same to Government of India.

INDUSTRIES

Statistical Section comprises of one Statistical Inspector and three Field Supervisors.

1. Implementation of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme “Collection of data on SSI in Puducherry”
2. Conduct of sample survey on Small Scale Industries.
3. Conduct of diagnostic survey on Small Scale sick Industrial units.
4. Preparation of the publication “Compendium on Industrial Statistics” and “Industrial Directory”.
5. Conduct of comprehensive survey on the development activities of the Industries.
6. Frame List Entry i.e the details of all the permanently registered units in a year such as the product, amount of Investment in plant and machinery, employment and plan capacity have to be entered as per the frame list furnished by the Office of the Development Commissioner, SSI, New Delhi and
7. Submission of quarterly/ monthly/ fortnightly progress report to the Government of India.

LOCAL ADMINISTRATION

A Statistical Cell functions in LAD under the charge of the Deputy Director (Vital Statistics), with one Statistical Officer, two Statistical Inspectors. The LAD functions in the UT of Puducherry as the Office of Chief Registrar of Births and Deaths and Deputy Director (Vital Statistics) is the Additional District Registrar of Births and Deaths. Report on Registration of Birth and Death Act is prepared by the Cell for onward transmission to the Registrar General of India, New Delhi. The work of the Cell is in accordance with the provisions of Registration of Births and Deaths Act 1969. Co-ordination in the matter of registration and collection of vital statistics is maintained by the Cell with the Municipalities. The cell is also responsible for propagating the importance of registering the births and deaths at various places and for making suitable arrangements for the same. It also conducts annual inspection of Civil Registration Centres in the Union Territory of Puducherry and convene the committee on vital statistics

periodically. The Cell is primarily engaged in the collection, compilation and analysis of the data relating to vital statistics. Apart from the above, the Cell also brings out an Annual Administration Report of the Commune Panchayats. It also collects, compiles and furnishes information on statistics relating to local bodies to Government agencies viz., road statistics, health statistics and Accounts etc.,

PUBLIC WORKS

The Statistical Cell in the Public Works Department comprises of one Deputy Director/and one Statistical Inspector. The main functions are as follows

1. Furnishing of monthly progress report on National High Ways on E & I schemes to the Ministry of Surface Transport, New Delhi.
2. Quarterly progress Report on minor irrigation to Ministry of water Resources, New Delhi.
3. Preparation of progress report on Basic Minimum Services, all Plan schemes, all civil works costing more than one crore & Rural Water Supply.
4. Reports on all on going works are also prepared and sent to Govt. of India, New Delhi, and Secretary (Works), Govt. of Puducherry.
5. Intensive Examination reports on materials procured from Central Government, Progress report is also sent to the Vigilance office, Puducherry.
6. Preparation of progress Report on road statistics,
7. Undertaking Minor irrigation census periodically.

SOCIAL WELFARE

The Statistical Cell headed by a Deputy Director consists of one Statistical Officer and two Statistical Inspectors. The main functions of the statistical cell are as follows:

1. Evaluation and Monitoring of schemes.
2. Preparation and submission of periodical reports to the Government of India.
3. Works relating to the position of minorities in the U.T.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING

The Statistical Cell consists of one Statistical Officer.

1. Collection, analysis and submission of secondary data to the Head of Department for preparation of Development Plans for the Urban and Rural settlements in the U.T of Puducherry
2. Preparation of Annual Plan proposals, work related to allocation/re-allocation of funds under various Housing & Urban development schemes implemented by the Department and
3. Monitoring and reporting work related to Land Acquisition.

WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

In the Department of Women and Child Development, five Statistical Inspectors in Puducherry region and one Statistical Inspector in the Office of the Karaikal region are working in the ICDS projects. The main function is to collect the statistical data regarding the centrally sponsored ICDS from the zones, consolidate and furnish the progress reports to the Government of India regularly on monthly, quarterly, half-yearly and annual basis. Apart from this, various other data regarding the activities of the Department are furnished to the agencies concerned as and when required by them.

