

Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiative (TANII) - Minutes of the State Planning Commission on the appraisal of the Innovative proposals 2015-16.

I) One of the themes of “Vision Tamil Nadu 2023” is making Tamil Nadu the Innovation Hub of the country and to encourage a culture of Innovation in Government and Government Agencies. Accordingly, the “Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiative” has been established in the State Planning Commission and an “Innovation Fund” has been set up by restructuring the existing Part-II schemes from the financial year 2015-16.

II) The first round of proposals received from the Government Departments has been appraised in the State Planning Commission in meetings held between 7th January 2015 and 9th January 2015. During the appraisal meeting, the proposals which are not considered sufficiently beneficial have been weeded out and a shelf of recommended proposals prepared. The details of the decision/recommendation of the State Planning Commission is as follows:

Higher Education Department

Eleven proposals have been received from Higher Education Department for funding from the Innovative fund. After detailed discussion, eight proposals are weeded out as not beneficial and three proposals are recommended as detailed below:

1) Design Development and Implementation of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles for Disaster and Societal Application

Higher Education Department has proposed the project to promote commercialisation of new UAS-related research products and thereby providing civilian technology services while bringing new UAS- related business ventures to Tamil Nadu, in turn increasing the participation in National, International UAV Aerospace Projects. It has been informed that Anna University has applied for patent. The State Planning Commission has initially decided to suggest this project as a venture capital. However, for the project’s initial take off, Anna University is to have infrastructure facilities, and therefore State Planning Commission has decided to support the project so that Anna University can commercially develop UAS-related Products and Services and market to suitable agencies including Government of India. The project is identified as an Innovation Initiative and therefore recommended for funding from the innovative fund at a total cost of Rs.20.00 crores for a period of three years. The project is recommended subject to the following condition/ modification:-

(a) before sanctioning the project, all the mandatory approvals from the appropriate authority including the DGCA, privacy issues, Government

departments such CRA, DGP, Commissioner of Geology and Mining, Disaster Management has to be obtained.

(b) approvals from the statutory bodies for all the ingredients of the projects for its commercial applications has to be obtained and an appropriate governance structure developed.

2) Provision of Mobile Access in Tamil for Agriculture and Tamil Nadu Government G.O. information.

Higher Education Department has proposed this project at a cost of Rs.35.40 lakhs for a period of 3 years which includes the staff cost of Rs.16.00 lakhs. In this proposal it is proposed to develop a mobile phone application which provides information access to general public such as farming community in question answer mode in the domains of agriculture and Tamil Nadu Government G.O. During the discussion, the members have expressed their concern that many such projects are developed in the past but do not take off. Further, Anna University has not discussed this project with the stakeholders like TDC department, I.T. department etc. State Planning Commission is hesitant to recommend this proposal since Government has no mechanism in place to monitor these projects in the long run. State Planning Commission has suggested that the project be developed from the University's own fund and hence not recommended the proposal.

3) Traffic Rule Violation Detecting System using Video Analytic.

The project proposed by Anna University under Higher Education Department is to develop and deploy a 24 hours traffic monitoring and surveillance system to alert the traffic police personnel on duty in case of traffic violation at a junction which can be detected with the proposed system of TRVDS at a total cost of Rs.39.56 lakhs for the period of 3 years which includes staff cost of Rs.18.40 lakhs. During the discussion, the members have brought to the notice of the State Planning Commission that two years ago Government has already sanctioned Rs.125.00 crores for a similar project. Therefore State Planning Commission has advised the Secretary, Higher Education to approach the Chennai City Police and suitably accommodate the present proposal along with the already sanctioned proposal. The Secretary, Higher Education has agreed with the suggestion and the State Planning Commission has therefore not recommended this proposal.

4) Cost effective Tele-conferencing Solution to the Government Departments and Public Institution in Tamil Nadu.

This proposal is placed by the Higher Education Department at the total cost of Rs.14.00 lakhs for the period of 3 years. This issue is considered as

behavioural, and the State Planning Commission after detailed discussion has suggested that Anna University can do this as a pilot within the University from its own fund so that Government may consider it later for its replication based on its success. Therefore State Planning Commission has not recommended the proposal.

5) Reformation of Technical Education to achieve Global Standards.

It is stated that there is a wide gap between the global needs and education delivery system and in order to bridge the gap, Higher Education Department has proposed this proposal as an Innovative Initiative. The proposal involves modifying curriculum, planning syllabus, teaching and learning process besides evaluation at a total cost of Rs.91.00 lakhs which is wholly staff cost. The State Planning Commission after detailed deliberation has found that there is no innovation in this and suggested that this proposal can be funded from the University's own fund. The Secretary, Higher Education has instructed to put it before the syndicate of the University for approval for its own funding. Therefore, State Planning has not recommended the proposal.

6) Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) to Enhance Communication Skills

This is the proposal of Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education under Higher Education Department. The objective of the project is to expose the language skills through core subjects to empower students to read and comprehend the content in English. The total cost is Rs.65.10 lakhs for the period of three years. During the discussion, it is pointed out that the present impediment is the focus on literature rather than language. The State Planning Commission has decided to implement the scheme as a pilot and therefore recommended the proposal, subject to the modification that budget of the programme such that no honorarium should be allowed to the Foreign Experts and their travel cost for domestic and local alone be allowed. Therefore, State Planning Commission has recommended Rs. 62.40 lakhs.

7) Developing Strategies for School Students to mitigate child sexual abuse in Tamil Nadu and finishing school for graduates and youths to deliver specific skills as a preparation for entry in to better employment.

The project is intended to carry out a study on the nature of child sexual abuse and to identify and classify the different forms of child sexual abuse in India by organising/conducting consultations/workshops. The total project cost is Rs.23.46 lakhs which includes Rs.16.21 lakhs as staff cost. The State Planning Commission has suggested the Higher Education Department to have a discussion with all the stakeholders in the first instance. The State Planning

Commission has found no innovation in the Rs23.46 + Rs.307.75 lakhs projects. Therefore State Planning Commission has not recommended these projects..

8) Establishment of Smart classes

The Directorate of Collegiate Education has identified 39 colleges to be provided with Smart Class Room facilities in the campus to enable the students to understand the latest technological advancement in the teaching/ learning process and effectively use the priceless laptops provided to them by Government of Tamil Nadu. The scheme is more like a scaling up rather than any innovation. Therefore, after due deliberation, State Planning Commission has not recommended the proposal.

9) e-skilling Tamil Nadu. MOOCs and mobile Skill Stations/Kiosks

It is proposed to establish a 10,000 sq.ft. Skill Station/ Kiosk (SS/K) in each of the 32 Constituent Community Colleges (CCC) of the University with the objective to create open course are for skill development and to disseminate sector-wise skills through an assortment of instructor-led as well as independent technology-enabled learning environments. The total cost is Rs.1.13 crores. The Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation is having adequate fund and therefore Tamil Nadu Open University is requested to approach Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation. The proposal is not recommended by State Planning Commission.

10) Improving Web Access to the Digitalised Records of the Tamil Nadu Archives

This is the proposal of Tamil Nadu Archives under Higher Education Department. Tamil Nadu Archives has already completed digitalising and microfilming of records of the period 1670 to 1899. Now it is in the process of digitalising post 1900 records. It is therefore proposed to locate web-servers in ELCOT's data centre at Perungudi so that the entire management system of documents may be handled professionally to be funded from the Tamil Nadu Innovative Fund at a total cost of Rs.67.00 lakhs. The State Planning Commission after due deliberation is of the view that the Public Service delivery can be substantially enhanced by making systemic improvement in Tamil Nadu Archives. Therefore, this scheme is recommended as an Innovative Initiative.

Tourism Department

Six proposals has been received from Tourism Department for funding from the Innovative fund. After detailed discussion, four proposals are weeded out as not beneficial and two proposals are recommended as detailed below:

11) Promotion of Adventure Tourism

The Tourism, Culture and Religious Endowment Department, with the view to promote water sports activities in the Bay of Bengal to attract youth and foreign tourists has proposed this as an Innovation Scheme for a total cost of Rs.20.00 lakhs. The State Planning Commission after detailed deliberation has advised that funding can be availed from the Tamil Nadu Urban Infrastructure Development Fund. The State Planning Commission has not recommended this proposal.

12) Conducting Tamil Nadu Festival at Martial to attract Indian Diaspora.

As a publicity campaign abroad for promoting Tamil Nadu Tourism, this proposal has been included in the Innovative Initiatives at a total cost of Rs.35.00 lakhs. During the discussion, it is found that this is nothing but a global investor's meet and also a regular ongoing scheme. Already there is budget for Rs.10.00 crores to Tourism Department for advertising. State Planning Commission has not recommended this proposal.

13) Employee Quality Improvement Programme for Stakeholders in Tourism sector (EQUIP)

Even though this scheme is included in the TANII proposal, it has no details. Basically, it looks like a Skilling Programme. Therefore, State Planning Commission has requested Tourism Department to resubmit the proposal. The resubmitted proposal is for Rs.20.00 lakhs towards imparting training of 400 persons of tourism stakeholders who are in direct interaction with the tourist as a measure of capacity building to ensure eco-friendly and tourist-friendly visitor services. The State Planning Commission after detailed discussion found no innovation in the revised proposal and therefore not recommended the proposal.

14) Digitalisation and e-publication

The Department of Museums has stated that all the publications of Government Museum, Chennai, have been digitized and hosted in a web-portal so as to facilitate use by the public. In this proposal it is proposed to transform all the remaining and upcoming publications. Accession registers of the Government Museum and files pertaining to the treasure-trove objects, including approximately 20000 pages are to be digitized and hosted to the Museum Server for ready reference and for the benefit of the researchers and general public. The State Planning Commission, after detailed discussion, recommended the proposal at a total cost of Rs.5.00 lakhs.

15) Publication of Epigraphy book titled Tamil Nadu Inscription Volume VIII and Ten Students monographs

Department of Archaeology has been publishing the contents of large number of inscriptions which are found mainly in temple walls and also in rocks, tanks and ponds in remote villages all over the state in book form. Accordingly, so far, 6,426 inscriptions were published in 44 volumes. Therefore, in the same series, it is proposed to publish the selected inscriptions as a book on "Tamil Nadu Inscriptions Vol-VIII. Similarly, it is also proposed to publish 10 students Monographs (each 1000 copies). The total cost is Rs.11.50 lakhs under the Tamil Nadu Innovative Initiative Scheme (TANII). The State Planning has recommended the proposal.

16) Familiarization Tour (Marketing Tour) for important Overseas tour operators

The State Planning Commission has not recommended this proposal. A detailed market study has to be conducted.

Handlooms, Handicrafts, Textiles and Khadi Department

Twelve proposals have been received from Handlooms, Handicrafts, Textiles and Khadi Department for funding from the Innovative fund. After detailed discussion, five proposals are weeded out as not beneficial and seven proposals are recommended as detailed below:

17) Purchase of Electronic Jacquard operated through Pneumatic Drive System for Handloom

This project is proposed by Handlooms, Handicrafts, Textiles and Khadi Department as an Innovative Initiative at a total cost of Rs.6.00 crores for a period of 3 years to create new designs and to improve the quality of weaving and production of silk sarees in the Handloom sector. Members expressed their concern on the introduction of this technology in the Handloom Sector. It was clarified to State Planning Commission that the technology proposed is applicable to design operation only and this will not alter the structure of the Handloom. There are about 81 Handloom Co-operative Societies and after detailed discussion, State Planning Commission has agreed to implement the same on pilot basis in select societies. However, the State's liability is to be limited to 60% (Rs.360.00 lakhs) and the balance 40% is to be borne by the Societies.

18) Supply of Pneumatic Handloom for Weavers

This Pneumatic Mechanism is developed to mechanise the two primary motions of shedding and beat up and extra weft of strain in manual weaving. The State

Planning Commission, taking into account the weaver's physical strain during the operation of these motions has approved this scheme as an Innovative Initiative and recommended the proposal on 60:40 basis to be shared between Government and Societies. Accordingly, the State's commitment is restricted to Rs.135.00 lakhs for the period of three years.

19) Installation of Tub Dyeing Units with Six Arms Dying Machines.

This technology is being introduced in lieu of manual dyeing which is hazardous. The proposal is recommended for funding on 80:20 basis between the Government and Societies. The State's commitment is Rs.90.00 lakhs for a period of 3 years.

20) Purchase of Washing Cum Rinsing Machine for Silk dyeing units.

This technology is being introduced in lieu of manual washing and rinsing which is hazardous. The proposal is recommended for funding on 80:20 basis between the Government and Societies. The State's commitment is Rs.9.00 lakhs for a period of 3 years.

21) Development of Natural Bio-Polymer Coated Textile for Bedridden Elder.

The new innovations for textile products by applying the natural bio-polymer solutions in the textile materials which is being used for the bedridden elders is being developed by Thiru A. VikramSuthakhar, Marshall Marine Products, who is the Member of the National Small Industries Corporation. The Handlooms, Handicrafts, Textiles and Khadi Department has proposed to introduce this as an Innovative Initiative in Handloom Sector by provision of Rs.200.00 lakhs as a grant. In the course of the discussion, it is informed that no patent has been applied for this technology. The State Planning Commission has suggested to obtain patent in the first instance. The proposal has to be resubmitted duly consulting Health and Family Welfare Department and therefore not recommended.

22) Repositioning Co-optex as a premium brand through launch of niche boutiques.

It is proposed for launching five "Co-optex niche boutiques" by Co-optex at a total cost of Rs.150.00 lakhs which includes Rs.25.00 lakhs as staff cost. The State Planning Commission initially decided that the scheme has no innovation component and suggested that Co-optex can incorporate this into its ongoing modernisation programme. However, based on the detailed discussion, State Planning Commission has agreed to establish the same in 4 locations including Delhi. This can be done utilising existing locations only and no leasing of land is required. Subject to this modification, State Planning Commission has recommended the proposal at a total cost of Rs.120.00 lakhs.

23) e- Repositioning of Artisans and their skills.

The details of Artisans and their crafts are not available and therefore Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Development Corporation has proposed to create a common portal for the Artisan families in the State for world wide access. The members during the discussion have stated that such data can be available with the Statistics Department. Further, State Planning Commission is of the view that a feasibility study be done before sanctioning the project. Subject to these remarks, State Planning Commission has suggested to revise and resubmit the proposal.

24) End to End Computerisation

The Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Development Corporation in order to share the information across its various units has proposed end to end computerisation at a total cost of Rs.13.01 crores. The State Planning Commission is of the view that it is a very expensive proposal. The Chairman and Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Development Corporation has informed that it is only a rough cost and if trimmed, the cost would be much lesser. The State Planning Commission has accepted the proposal in principle and advised to resubmit the proposal duly reworking the cost.

25) Training to trainers to train children with special needs in handicrafts.

The Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Development Corporation has to examine the proposal for a tie up with Sarva Siksha Abiyan (SSA). However, State Planning Commission is of the view that the special needs children are to be directly benefited by this scheme and accordingly accepted this proposal in principle. The Handicraft Development Corporation is requested to rework the proposal in accordance with the discussion.

26) Design, Research and Development Centre (DRDC)

The Handloom Development Corporation is unable to market the traditional crafts due to lack of product development. Therefore it is proposed to establish the Design, Research and Development Centre at a total cost of Rs.510.00 lakhs which includes Rs.134.80 lakhs towards staff cost. Staff component cannot be met out from the Innovation Fund. The State Planning Commission has accepted the proposal in principle and requested the Handloom Development Corporation to rework the proposal. Accordingly the revised proposal of Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Development Corporation Ltd. is for Rs.308.45 lakhs which includes Rs.140.00 lakhs (recurring) towards salaries and fees for the proposed DRDC centre. As the revised proposal still contains staff component which is against the guidelines, therefore the State Planning Commission has recommended the proposal for Rs. 168.45 lakhs by excluding

the staff cost of Rs.140.00 lakhs. The Handloom development Corporation on its own is to meet the staff cost.

27) Interest Subsidy Scheme for Sericulture Farmers.

An amount of Rs.10.00 crores has been proposed for sanction from the Innovative Fund as interest subsidy to Sericulture farmers as they are unable to pay the interest. Any form of subsidy is not an innovation, and State Planning Commission rejected the proposal outright.

28) Seri – Tourism

Considering the lack of exposure of silk worms rearing activities for farmers, it is proposed to develop a Exhibition cum Demonstration Centre at a total cost of Rs.425.00 lakhs. The State Planning Commission after detailed discussion has recommended the proposal for Rs.250.00 lakhs only and the balance cost be borne by the other collaborating departments.

Energy Department

Four proposals has been received from Energy Department for funding from the Innovative fund. After detailed discussion, two proposals are weeded out as not beneficial and two proposals are recommended as detailed below:

29) Solar Village

The Tamil Nadu Energy Development Agency has proposed to install 170 KWp Grid Connected Solar Photovoltaic Power Plants (Without Battery) at Irumbai village of Vanur Taluk, Villupuram District. The proposed pilot project is expected to demonstrate how rural areas can be provided with 24x7 uninterrupted electricity in a sustainable manner and will therefore act as a model that can be implemented on a large scale. This project comes under Renewable Energy domain. This 170 KWp SPV power plant will operate only during day time (8 hrs per day and 300 days per annum). The total cost of Rs.229.33 lakhs is to be funded from the Innovative Fund. The State Planning Commission is of the view that this project demonstrates that villages can self generate their entire electricity requirement through Solar at near grid prices and this project model can be replicated in all rural areas of Tamil Nadu. Therefore, the State Planning Commission has accepted this proposal in principle subject to the modification that 10% of the total project cost has to be contributed by the Local Body and any village can be selected by TEDA in consultation with Rural Development Department on pilot basis.

30) Procurement of Motorised Hydraulic Pressure Testing Kit

This proposal of Chief Electrical Inspectorate involves only purchase of Electrical kit and no innovation involved. Therefore, State Planning Commission has not recommended the proposal.

31) Demonstration Project on Energy Efficiency among Public Sector Rice Mills.

This is the project proposed by the Chief Electrical Inspectorate. Steam generation for the process in rice mills is achieved through boilers in all the par boiled rice mills. In most of these boilers, the flue gas from the boiler outlet is leaving to the atmosphere at temperature of 160-180 degree Celsius . This heat energy can be recovered by installing waste heat recovery systems like efficient heat exchangers and air preheater thereby promoting plant efficiency and reduction in fuel consumption. The total cost of Rs.69.00 lakhs is to be funded from the Innovative Fund for 23 units. This project can be considered as Innovative and the State Planning Commission after detailed deliberation has suggested to implement it for 10 units. Therefore, State Planning Commission has recommended this proposal with the revised cost of Rs.30.00 lakhs for 10 units during 2015-16.

32) Creating awareness on energy efficiency and conservation

The total project cost is Rs.24.00 lakhs towards awareness activities of Energy Conservation. The State Planning Commission has not recommended the proposal as it is not considered as an Innovative one.

Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department

Sixteen proposals have been received from Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department for funding from the Innovative fund. After detailed discussion, twelve proposals are weeded out as not beneficial and four proposals are recommended as detailed below:

33) Cycle Track, Pedestrian Walking track and Landscape Garden arrangements in Tiruchirappalli Corporation

A separate and safe passage is required for the benefit of pedestrians of Tiruchy Corporation and accordingly, Director of Municipal Administration has proposed for the provision of Cycle track, Pedestrians walking track and landscape garden arrangement at Anna Nagar Link road, Race course-I & II, Kela South Uithra Street and Mela & North Uithra Street at a total cost of Rs.385.00 lakhs. The State Planning Commission, considering the public utility, has recommended this proposal.

34) Providing Aquarium in the green park at Panjapur of Tiruchirappalli Corporation.

The State Planning Commission has considered no innovative component in this proposal and therefore not recommended this.

35) Establishment of Green way Resale Park at Panjappur of Tiruchy Corporation to facilitate buying and selling of pre-used vehicles spares and goods to free from traffic congestion.

The State Planning Commission has find no innovation in the Rs.37.44 crore project of Director of Municipal Administration. Therefore, the State Planning Commission has not recommended this project.

36) Providing Heritage pathway at Railway Junction to Meenakshi Amman Temple at Madurai Corporation

In order to facilitate the tourists visiting Madurai, the Director of Municipal Administration has proposed to provide pathway along the approach roads i.e. from railway station and Periyar bus stand to Thirumalai Nayakkar Mahal connecting Meenakshi Amman Temple at a total cost of Rs.4.00 crores and the State Planning Commission considering the public utility recommended this proposal.

37) Construction of Multilevel Car Parking at Madurai Corporation at Tamukkam and North Avani Moola Street

The State Planning Commission has found no innovation in the Rs.3.75 + Rs.8.20 crores project of Director of Municipal Administration. Therefore, the State Planning Commission has not recommended this project.

38) Construction of Modern Fish Aquarium at Rajaji Children Park and providing walking track at Naganakulam canal

The State Planning Commission has found no innovation in the Rs.3.00 + Rs.1.00 crores project of Director of Municipal Administration. Therefore the State Planning Commission has not recommended this project.

39) Generation of Enrich bio gas as an alternative fuel for corporation vehicles

The main objective of this project is to provide a techno-economic solution for the Thoothukudi Municipal Corporation to find a better way in biomethanation of the available degradable Municipal Solid Waste as an alternative to the present solid waste and organic effluent management activity. This project at a total cost of Rs.1.34 crores guaranteed the production of highest volume of biogas per kilogram of degradable feedstock to feed the Tuticorin Corporation's e-HRAD. The State Planning Commission after due deliberations has recommended this proposal.

40) Revival of Rehabilitation and Management of Strategy for two water bodies (Pandarampatti and Mullikalam) and improvement of Roche Park and establishment of Aquarium

The State Planning Commission has found no innovation in the water bodies Rs.0.89 +Rs.10.00 crores Aquarium & Roche park project Thoothukudi Municipal Corporation submitted by Director of Municipal Administration. Therefore, the State Planning Commission not recommended this project.

41) Providing under Water Aquarium (Tunnel Aquarium) at VOC Park and providing Cycle Track and Footpath at Kuruchikulam in South Zone at Coimbatore Municipal Corporation.

The State Planning Commission has found no innovation in Aquarium Rs.10.00+Rs.18.00 crores Cycle Track and Footpath park Project Coimbatore Municipal Corporation submitted by Director of Municipal Administration. Therefore the State Planning Commission has not recommended this project.

42) Artificial Ground Water Recharge through linear structural feature along the SwedhaNathi

The proposal of TWAD Board is only a study at a cost of Rs.1.87 crore. The State Planning Commission has not recommended this proposal as this is not an innovation.

43) Conjunctive use of Ground and surface water along with rain water harvesting to ensure 24x7 drinking water supply in Lagampalayam Gram Panchayat of Nambiyur Union in Erode District.

This is the project for Rs.0.99 crore submitted by the TWAD Board for funding from the Innovation Fund. The State Planning Commission has considered it as a pilot and suggested to take it as a model project subject to metering and also subject to harvesting the rain water in that village as a whole by suitably providing rain water harvesting structures. The rain water should be stored and supplied besides recharging. This proposal has been recommended by the State Planning Commission as an innovative initiative.

44) Establishment of Tamil Nadu Wetland and Enviro Centre

The Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department has forwarded this proposal of "Chennai River Restoration Trust" at a total cost of Rs.21.00 crores (Rs.20 crores TANII + 1crore TNUIFSL fund) as a Innovative Initiative for assistance from the Innovative Fund. The State Planning Commission during the discussion has come to the conclusion that the proposal requires huge maintenance. After due deliberations the State Planning Commission has decided to accept this in principle and accordingly advised the Municipal

Administration and Water Supply Department to come out with the detailed project proposal.

Tamil Development, Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowment and Information Department

Eight proposals have been received from Tamil Development, Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowment and Information Department for funding from the Innovative fund. After detailed discussion, no proposals are considered as innovative and presently not recommended as detailed below:

45) Spell Checker and Grammar Checker

This is a proposal for developing a software for spelling/grammar checking in computers at a total cost of Rs.2.00 crores. The entire cost is for staff which is not permissible under Innovative Initiative. The State Planning Commission is of the view that there is no guarantee for continued service after developing the software. Normally, softwares are being developed by private agencies and if the department desired, it can be developed commercially for obtaining patent by tying with ELCOT and should be implemented in a way that it is commercialised and earning revenue to the Government. Accordingly, the proposal is accepted in principle and the Department is to revise and resubmit the proposal.

46) Interactive Cinema Museum

The total cost of Rs.18.00 crores is towards construction and purchase of machinery. Construction and purchase of machinery alone does not constitute an innovation. The department has to prepare a detailed project report and revert back. The scheme is presently not recommended by the State Planning Commission as it is only for a commercial purpose.

47) Makkalai Nokki

The proposal is to run mobile book stalls named Makkalai Nokki at an ultimate cost of Rs.1.00 crore. The State Planning Commission is of the view that the proposal is essentially an exhibition and there seems no innovation. The State Planning Commission has not recommended this proposal.

48) Printing of Tamil Lexicon

The Rs.1.50 crore project submitted by the Department is identical to dictionary project. It is an ongoing scheme and not a new scheme of innovation. However, the State Planning Commission has advised the department to revert back with details.

49) Setting up of a press in Central Prison at Puzhal

The total project cost is Rs.12.87 crores for establishing a printing press in Central Prison at Puzhal. The State Planning Commission has been informed that there is a scheme for modernisation of the prisons and this particular schemes has to be suitably accommodated in that schemes. The Fourteenth Finance Commission may also have a recommendation on this. The department has not explained comprehensively as to how it is economically viable when the press is established in the prison. Therefore, the State Planning Commission is of the view that this proposal has to be resubmitted after duly consulting the Home Department.

50) Ancient Women Folk In Ancient Tamils Livelihood Gallery

The project aims to expose Socio, economic, religious and cultural status literary talent, Domestic Administration and Cultural talents of Ancient women. The total project cost is Rs.2.00 crores. The State Planning Commission has been informed that there is an identical existing scheme for which the tender has been invited and the tender is in the course of finalisation. Therefore, it was concluded that the component of this scheme may be entrusted to the selected tenderer as an additional scope.

51) Thirukkural at Every Home

The scheme aims to distribute Thirukkural book to approximately two crore families in Tamil Nadu at the total cost of Rs.14.08 crores. The State Planning Commission has decided to recommend this proposal without staff cost. Therefore, the department has to revise and resubmit the proposal.

52) AyalagaTamilar Kalanciam/Ayal Manila Tamilar Kalanchiam

This project is for preparing an Encyclopaedia and the total cost is Rs.1.00 crore. The State Planning Commission has decided to recommend this proposal without staff cost. Therefore, the department has to revise and resubmit the proposal.

Animal Husbandry and Dairying Department

Two proposals has been received from Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries Department for funding from the Innovative fund. After detailed discussion, two proposals are approved as detailed below:

53) Establishment of Bio-safety level-III (BSL-III) Laboratory

The Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University is not having the BSL III Laboratory facilities for research activities to develop newer and better detection methods and prophylactic measures against some of the high risk category organisms such as bird flu, hitherto, could not be performed due to the

absence of a BSL III facility in the state. It is stated that the zoonotic and economic implications of avian influenza outbreaks can affect the poultry farmers severely, it is the responsibility of the government and institutions such as TANUVAS to address the lacuna. Therefore, it is proposed to establish BSL-III lab at the Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University at a total cost of Rs.12.75 crores to be funded from the Tamil Nadu Innovative Fund. The State Planning Commission during the discussion has suggested that this project can be developed as a business model. The State Planning Commission is of the view that if it is capable of commercialisation in future the governance mechanism regarding, how the University is going to market it and how much revenue is to be contributed to State exchequer, needs to be worked out. The required manpower has to be redeployed from the University. The cost of Rs.12.75 crores is for construction and for equipment. In accordance with the discussion held during the meeting the Animal Husbandry Department has to rework the proposal and revert back.

54) **Establishment of Aquatic Rainbow Technology Park**

Tamil Nadu occupies the second position in ornamental fish export from India. It is stated that Kolathur has vibrant ornamental fish production and trade activities, there are many constraints for the fish farmers and traders to sustain the present level in fish farming and for the future development. The challenges requiring immediate attention are stated as viz. (i) *Infrastructure and technical expertise for 'mass production of high value ornamental fish species* (ii) *Assured supply of quality fishes in bulk quantities at any given point of time.* (iii) *Uninterrupted supply of live feeds* (iv) *Disease diagnosis and treatment mechanism – knowledge and affordability.*

In order to address these issues it is proposed to establish “Ornamental Fish Technology Park” called Aquatic Rainbow Technology Park to be funded from the Tamil Nadu Innovative Fund at a total cost of Rs.10.31 crores.

During the discussion it has been informed that the domestic market for ornamental fish is high whereas in respect of export market the people were not aware of this inspite its high potential. The indigenous varieties have to be promoted/popularised significantly. Unless the stakeholders are taken into confidence the scheme may not work. The Management Strategies on maintainance and operational aspects has to be established clearly. Therefore, the State Planning Commission has asked the Department to revise the proposal. According to the revised proposal, the operation and maintenance of the project is through “**Special Purpose Vehicle**” (SPV) mode, to be decided by obtaining ‘Expression Of Interest’ (EOI). Further, it is stated that a ‘Corpus Fund’ shall be created by the University and a portion of profit be refunded to

the State. The State Planning Commission after detailed discussion has accepted the revised proposal at a total cost of Rs. 10.31 crores.

Agriculture Department

Nine proposals has been received from Agriculture Department for funding from the Innovative fund. After detailed discussion, three proposals are not considered as innovative and six proposals are recommended as detailed below:

55) Ultra High Density Orchardring for Mango, Guava and Moringa modern method of fruit cultivation using dwarf tree with modified canopy

This scheme of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University envisages a five fold increase in production of Mango, Guava and Moringa through technology mainly achieved by ultra high density planting. The total project cost is proposed as Rs.231.50 lakhs for three years. The State Planning Commission has been informed that once it is funded, the technology will be tested in three years and the yield is anticipated from the second year. The State Planning Commission is of the view that the projects needs to popularise among the farmers through expansive machinery. This project should be our Demo model for farmers. The State Planning Commission therefore suggested to reframe the proposal. The revised proposal of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University is for Rs.167.00 lakhs for the period of three years (i.e.) Rs.50.00 lakhs for cultivation expenses, Rs.100.00 lakhs for purchase of machineries and Rs.17.00 lakhs for borewell. The State Planning Commission has recommended the revised cost of Rs.167.00 lakhs.

56) Farm-Pond Allied Integrated Enterprises for sustainable Livelihood

This project aims to promote Farm pond allied diversification enterprises as a business for sustainable livelihood of small and marginal farmers. The department has proposed 200 farm ponds at a total cost of Rs.299.68 lakhs. The State Planning Commission after due deliberations has decided to make it as pilot project and recommended to scale it down to 10 units. Accordingly the revised cost would be Rs.15.00 lakhs.

57) Bio-enrichment of soil by intercropping Green Manure Crops in Rice Agro-ecosystem

The Department of Agriculture proposes for cultivating Green manure along with paddy and incorporating *in situ* at the age of 30 days shall be promoted to motivate the farmers to adopt eco-friendly crop cultivation measures. This will help the farmers to take up both the crops simultaneously, utilise space and

time effectively, reduce weed infestation, improve the organic content of the soil and increase the fertilizer use efficiency that will in turn increase the productivity of rice. The scheme proposes to distribute 800 seed drill and 16MT of green manure seeds at the total cost of Rs.60 lakhs. The State Planning Commission has recommended this scheme subject to the condition that the schemes may be shared on 50:50 basis between the Government and the farmers. Therefore the State's commitment will be Rs.30 lakhs only.

58) Capacity building on Crop Residue Management for Eco-sustainable Agriculture

The Agriculture Department has proposed to create awareness on the ill effects of residue burning and management of residues in a productive and profitable manner and the total cost proposed is Rs.60.00 lakhs. The State Planning Commission after detailed discussion is of the view that this scheme may be taken up under regular ongoing scheme and it need not required funding from Innovative Fund. The State Planning Commission has not recommended this scheme as it is not an innovative one.

59) Increasing the crop yield potential besides stress management by application of Pink Pigmented Facultative Methylo trophs (PPFM) in Ramanathapuram District.

It is stated that Spraying of PPFM once in 15 days from the vegetative stage could help in protecting the crop from solar radiation and enhancing the growth and yield by mitigating water stress. Therefore, this is proposed as innovative initiative at a total cost of Rs.55 lakhs. Considering the current year rainfall, the State Planning Commission has decided to hold this proposal until next year (if there is a drought) and recommended accordingly.

60) Effective control of Rodents in Paddy Crop for increased Rice Production

The State Planning Commission has found no innovation in this Rs.30.93 lakhs proposal and not recommended this.

61) Promotion of organic farming through intensification of Bio-pesticide production

The Agriculture Department is focussing on increased adoption of cost effective and eco-friendly cultivation practices for which Bio-control agents are produced at a total cost of Rs.54.26 lakhs. The State Planning Commission based on the elaborated discussion has decided to support only for the Nuclear Polyhedrosis Virus (NPV) component. Accordingly, the revised cost of Rs. 44.15 lakhs has been recommended by the State Planning Commission.

62) On-farm soil fertility enrichment in sugarcane fields using Bio- mineraliser

To give due impetus to Crop Residue Management Policy which is currently being contemplated by Government of India, Agriculture Department has decided to promote the concept of recycling sugarcane trash among the minds of sugarcane growers and to popularise the concept of crop produce residue compost using bio-mineraliser. The total proposed project cost is Rs.75.00 lakhs. Considering the labour cost involved in this proposal the State Planning Commission has recommended the proposal with an outlay of Rs.50.00 lakhs for distribution of bio-mineralisation.

63) Rhizotron based plant –microbe- soil interaction for yield sustainability

This proposal is for monitoring of plant roots grown in soil under non-destructive way as influenced by microbial interactions to pave the way to understand the nutrient dynamics in soil in relation to plant root exudation pattern by which the nutrient use efficiency of the crops can be identified. The total project cost proposed by TNAU was Rs.17.00 crores. The innovation of this proposal has been discussed in detail by the State Planning Commission along with the scientists of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University. The project cost include staff salary, recurring costs like chemicals, consumables, contingency etc amounting to Rs.8.00 crore and the State Planning Commission is not in favour of staff cost etc., which is not as per the guidelines. Therefore, excluding the staff cost the project may be funded and accordingly the State Planning Commission has recommended the scheme with a revised cost of Rs.9.00 crores

Information Technology Department

Eight proposals has been received from Information Technology Department for funding from the Innovative fund. After detailed discussion, seven proposals are weeded out and one proposal is recommended as detailed below:

64) Cloud Services for Students

It has been informed in the meeting that this is already approved as a regular scheme. Therefore, funding for the proposal under Innovative Initiative does not arise and the State Planning Commission has not considered the proposal.

65) Citizen e-wallet Card Solution

The Rs.1.00 crore proposal is to facilitate the citizen to use cashless card for making government payments. The subject was discussed and it was concluded that Government can only facilitate the process. Hence the Department has to tie-up with the Banks for its implementation. The State Planning Commission has not recommended this proposal.

66) Integration of big data base with Aadhar for registration department

The proposed data base framework aims at bringing a modified engineering approach to store and process data for Registration Department by integration with Aadhar at a total cost of Rs.250.00 lakhs. This appears one of the SRDH application. The utility of the scheme is not established. For registration Aadhar is not mandatory. The State Planning Commission has advised ELCOT for a comprehensive study with the connected stakeholders and come up with fresh proposals. As of now the State Planning Commission has not recommended this proposal.

67) On Screen Marking (OSM) of answer sheets

The Rs.750.00 lakhs proposal is for evaluation of answer scripts and compilation of results online. The proposal is accepted in principle. ELCOT has to have consultation with TNPSC, Director of Government Examinations and other stakeholders and to come forward with revised proposal on pilot basis with a suitable partner agency.

**68) Literature, History, Art and Culture Heritage of Tamil Nadu on Web
Tamilar Tagavalaatruppadai.**

During the discussion, it has been informed by Finance Department that similar proposal is already been considered in Tamil Development Department. Therefore the State Planning Commission has advised Finance Department to sort out the issue.

69) Development of Tamil computing and software

The Tamil Virtual Academy has proposed this proposal to identify, establish and promote the solutions for Tamil computing requirements as there is no webhosting facilities for tamil software. The total project cost is Rs.10.65 crores. The proposal has tremendous commercial value, however, a demand has to be created and the capacity of the organisation to deliver this is not known. Further, the most effective way of implementing this also not established. Initially, the State Planning Commission has approved the proposal for development of the software for mobile phones of Rs.1.00 crore and for development and supply software for students for Rs.50.00 lakhs. Accordingly, the State Planning Commission recommended this proposal for the cost of Rs.1.50 crore only.

70) Massive Open online course to bridge urban and rural divide among students

This is the proposal ICTACT for developing the interacting software for enrichment of teaching – learning process at a total cost of Rs.539.98 lakhs

which includes the staff cost of Rs.232.60 lakhs. This is the programme identical to MOOC. Therefore, Information Technology Department has to identify one agency as nodal so that there is no duplication. The department has to discuss with the Director of Technical Education, Anna University, Collegiate Education and come back with the fresh proposal.

71) Provision of Television services through multiple platforms and internet services

The total project cost is Rs.15.42 crore of Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation. Only after obtaining the required licence the proposal may be taken up for consideration.

Law Department

Seven proposals has been received from Law Department for funding from the Innovative fund. After detailed discussion, six proposals are weeded out as not beneficial and one proposal is recommended as detailed below:

72) e-Governance

In this proposal the Directorate of Legal Studies has proposed to interlink the seven Government Law Colleges in the State with the Directorate of Legal Studies which will serve as a central location for e-Governance at a total cost of Rs.29.80 lakhs. The State Planning Commission discussed the proposal in detail. No public issue/problem identified in this proposal and no innovation is involved. The entire funding proposed is towards machinery and seems like internal connectivity and not e-Governance. Further the internal connectivity is to be provided by BSNL which is against the open tender policy. The State Planning Commission has not recommended this proposal.

73) Provision of Video Conference, CCTV, Public Address System and Modular Office

The above four projects of Video Conference, CCTV, Public Address System and Modular Office are the routine requirements to be provided by the Department from the regular Budget duly obtaining approval from the Government. Therefore, the cost of Rs.12.16 lakhs for Video Conference and Rs.11.21 lakhs for CCTV, Rs.21.36 lakhs for Public Address System and Rs.12.15 lakhs for Modular Office are not recommended by the State Planning Commission as there is no innovation in these proposals.

74) Protecting Invaluable Siddha Medicines through Patent Upliftment of Rural Economy.

The project aims to promote and protect Indian Medicinal Systems by providing adequate legal protection and incentives to the Siddha Medical Practioners,

researchers and students for their stable and beneficial profession with the help of patent protection at a total cost of Rs.3.00 crore. The proposal has been discussed in detail by the State Planning Commission. It is obvious that traditional medicines cannot be patented. The Indian System of Medicine is under the Administrative Control of the Directorate of Indian Medicine. Even though the State Planning Commission has agreed to this proposal in principle the Ambedkar Law University has to demonstrate it in one or two case before put down a detailed scheme and then upscale it. Accordingly, the Ambedkar Law University has to revisit.

75) Understanding your Rights- Law (UYR LAW)

The Tamil Nadu National Law School, Trichy has proposed to establish an in-campus Law Studio at a total cost of Rs.1.55 crores with the aim to create knowledge among the public the legal content on the basic rights and opportunities envisaged by the Indian Constitution. The State Planning Commission based on the discussion is not against idea however suggested as a pilot and Government may fund for creating the content and the Law School has to work out the Budget for creating the content and also to tie-up with DIPR/Arasu Cable TV and accordingly come up with the fresh proposal. The revised cost submitted by the Tamil Nadu National Law School is for Rs.5.96 lakhs per module and the total cost for 12 modules of 30 minutes is Rs.71.52 lakhs. The State Planning Commission after detailed discussion has recommended the revised proposal.

Finance Department

Two proposals has been received from Finance Department for funding from the Innovative fund. After detailed discussion, both the proposals are considered as one and recommended as detailed below:

76) Creation of Audit Information Management

The Audit Management System provides an end-to-end functionality for managing the complete audit life cycle including audit planning, scheduling and generation of audit reports. The total cost proposed is Rs.248.16 lakhs. The State Planning Commission based on the discussions has recommended Rs.200.00 lakhs for both Co-operative Audit and Local Fund Audit. The Directorate of Co-operative Audit is to be the Nodal Department for implementing this.

Health and Family Welfare Department

Eleven proposals have been received from Health and Family Welfare Department for funding from the Innovative fund. After detailed discussions,

nine proposals are weeded out as not beneficial and two proposals are recommended as detailed below:

77) Upgradation of Sick Newborn Care Unit (SNCU)- 18 centres

The total cost of the project is Rs.1000.08 lakhs. The Directorate of Medical Education has proposed to upgrade SNCU intensive care in order to reduce NMR in the State. Based on the discussions the State Planning Commission has recommended this proposal. A suitable evaluation component may also be taken up separately to measure the outcomes.

78) Strengthening of Neuro Surgical ward in Government Medical College Hospitals catering to road traffic accident victims- 7 Medical College Hospitals

Even though the proposal of Medical Education Directorate is for strengthening the neuro surgical ward, ultimately it is purchase of machinery for Rs.12.03 crores and staff cost for Rs.2.36 crores which is recurring. Government is providing funds to the Medical Institutions towards purchase of machinery and the State Planning Commission wondered why the proposed machinery was not prioritised. Further, the State Planning Commission has also suggested for an independent evaluation for utilisation of funds in the Medical Institutions. The proposal was not recommended.

79) Palliative care homes for the people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIVs) in 4 regions

The State Planning Commission considers that the proposal can be implemented as a regular ongoing scheme from its regular budget. It was recommended that an independent evaluation may also be taken and the State Planning Commission has not recommended the proposal as there is no innovation.

80) Technology to achieve Zero stigma and discrimination

The project cost is Rs.20.28 lakhs which includes Rs.10.23 lakhs as staff cost. The State Planning Commission discussed the proposal in detail and it was decided to recommended the proposal without staff cost. Therefore the State's commitment would be only Rs.10.05 lakhs.

81) Purchase of new computers and provision for Mobile ICTC services

These two schemes proposed by Tamil Nadu AIDS control Society at a cost of Rs.180.00 lakhs and Rs.77.50 lakhs respectively are not considered as innovative by the State Planning Commission and therefore not recommended.

82) Establishment of Drug Testing Laboratory at Coimbatore

This is a proposal of Director of Drugs Administration Control for a lab at Coimbatore at a cost of Rs.20.00 crore. Already there is a lab at Chennai therefore establishing similar lab at regional centres will eventually lead for creation of post only. Therefore, the State Planning Commission has not recommended this proposal, as there is no innovation in establishing such a lab which is a statutory requirement.

83) Construction of office buildings, Purchase of computer/printer/xerox machine/ laptop and purchase of 1232 nos. of steel senior plain cupboard

The above proposal of Department of Food Safety and Drug Control Administration at a total cost of Rs.75.92 lakhs is not considered and not recommended by the State Planning Commission as this is a routine expenditure to be meted out from the department's budget and there is no innovation.

84) Implementing Community Mental Health Project at St. Antony's Shrine, Puliampatti.

The above proposal at a total cost of Rs.116.94 lakhs is not considered as the proposed activities are to be taken up inside the premises of the shrine, Puliampatti. Further, it is suggested to implement the scheme on a camp-based approach with a suitable evaluation component. Accordingly the proposal may be revisited

Highways and Minor Ports Department

Fifteen proposals has been received from Highways and Minor Ports Department for funding from the Innovative fund. After detailed discussion, thirteen proposals are weeded out as not beneficial and two proposals are recommended as detailed below:

85) Study on performance of bituminous pavement laid over stabilised subbase

The Highways and Minor Ports Department in this scheme has proposed for stabilised subbase in pavement layers reduce the thickness of the bituminous layer thereby reduction in the construction cost at a total cost of Rs.2.63 crores. The State Planning Commission finds this project as an Applied Research and decided to recommend the same.

86) Study on relationship between maximum dry density, optimum moisture content and compaction energy

This project at a cost of Rs.7.80 lakhs is not considered by the State Planning Commission.

87) Study on use of Glass fibre in Bituminous concrete mix

This project on study at a cost of Rs.1.50 lakh is not considered by the State Planning Commission as an innovative initiative and therefore not recommended.

88) Study on behaviour of Reinforced cement concrete using copper slag

This project on study at a cost of Rs.35.00 lakh is not considered by the State Planning Commission as an innovative initiative and therefore not recommended.

89) Study on effect of Surface Roughness on the speed of the vehicle in various categories of roads

This project on study at a cost of Rs.37.40 lakh is not considered by the State Planning Commission as an innovative initiative and therefore not recommended.

90) Study on the behaviour of traffic at busy junctions through atomised data collection

This project on study at a cost of Rs.40.66 lakh is not considered by the State Planning Commission as an innovative initiative and therefore not recommended.

91) Accident study for vulnerable road users

The study is for determining the cause and pattern of accidents, plight of the pedestrian their vulnerability to Road Traffic Accidents considering to increase in road accidents. The total cost of the project is 20.70 lakhs. After detailed discussions, the State Planning Commission decided to recommend the proposal.

92) Identification and Mapping of Prone Areas of Surface Water logging and developing a correlation to the condition of Road.

This proposal is for identifying the pockets that are lying low topologically. The total cost is Rs.278.00 lakhs. The State Planning Commission after detailed discussion has requested the department to rework the cost and come back.

93) Developing an accident prediction model on important corridors

Considering the increase in number of accidents it is proposed to take a study on the causes for the occurrence of the road accidents. After detailed discussion the State Planning Commission has suggested to propose for funding from the Tamil Nadu Urban Infrastructure Development Fund.

94) Study of congestion in urban corridors within Chennai City

Congestion causes delays in the travel time and is an important aspect of the traffic engineering. The Highways Department has proposed for the study of congestion in urban corridors within Chennai City at a total cost of Rs.168.00 lakhs. After detailed discussion the State Planning Commission has suggested to propose for funding from the Tamil Nadu Urban Infrastructure Development Fund.

95) Upgradation of computational facilities for innovative bridge design

This project is for Rs.120.00 lakhs for upgradation of computational facilities for innovative bridge design. The State Planning Commission after detailed discussion has requested the department to reconcile the proposal and come back.

96) Providing 45 KWp GRID TIE SPV power system for Hostel building in HRS campus

The cost of the project is Rs.58.00 lakhs and the State Planning Commission after discussion decided not to recommend the proposal.

97) Providing 50 KWp GRID TIE SPV power system for Integrated Chief Engineer office in HRS campus

The cost of the project is Rs.62.00 lakhs and the State Planning Commission after discussion decided not to recommend the proposal.

98) Providing 30 kWp GRID TIE SPV power system for Training Centre in HRS campus

The cost of the project is Rs.38.00 lakhs and the State Planning Commission after discussion decided not to recommend the proposal.

99) Construction of office building with solar energy and purchase of computers and accessories

The cost of the project is Rs.467.00 lakhs and the State Planning Commission after discussion decided not to recommend the proposal.

III) The details of the schemes recommended and not recommended by the State Planning Commission subject to the remarks indicated in para 2 (SI.Nos.1 to 99) has been given as Annexure I & Annexure II to this minutes. The Government is requested to sanction the implementation of the schemes as recommended by the State Planning Commission as in Annexure-I duly following the procedure prescribed in G.O.Ms.No.124/PD & SI Department, dated: 24.10.2014. Government after approval may consider to issue a detailed order for the schemes sanctioned, so that the order

will indicate all the scheme details like period of funding, staff component, implementing agency mandatory/statutory approvals required to be obtained the specific innovation of the project, the public issue to be addressed by the project etc.

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D.O. Letter No. 3747/PC/SPC/14, Dated: .01.2015

Dear Sir,

Sub : Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiatives (TANII) – State Innovation Fund – Shelf of proposals recommended for the year 2015-16 – minutes sent - reg.

Ref : 1. G.O.(MS).No.93 Planning, Development and Special Initiatives (SP.1) Department, dated: 26.09.2014.
2. G.O.(MS).No.124 Planning, Development and Special Initiatives(SP.1) Department, dated: 24.10.2014.
3. G.O.(MS).No.153 Planning Development and Special Initiatives (SP.1) Department, dated : 23.12.2014.
4. From the State Planning Commission, D.O. Letter No.3747/SPC/PC/2014, dated : 31.10.2014

I am to invite kind attention to the references cited.

2) I am to state that, consequent on the establishment of the “Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiative (TANII)” in the State Planning Commission, by restructuring existing Part–II schemes, proposals were called for from the Departments for funding the Innovative schemes for the year 2015-16. Accordingly the State Planning Commission has appraised the proposals received from the Departments during the meeting held between 07.01.2015 to 09.01.2015 with the concerned Secretaries and Heads of Departments

3) The State Planning Commission after detailed deliberation had with the Secretaries and Heads of Departments has weeded out seventy eight schemes as not beneficial and recommended thirty two schemes for implementation. The detailed minutes containing remarks and recommendation of the State Planning Commission is enclosed to this letter. The shelf of schemes recommended by the State Planning Commission for implementation from the Innovation Fund and the schemes not recommended are enclosed as Annexure – I & II respectively to the minutes. The recommended schemes as in the Annexure – I to the minutes contain the details of total cost and cost for the initial year as well as subsequent years.

4) I am to request the Government to sanction the innovative schemes as recommended by the State Planning Commission for 2015-16. The total outlay for the recommended schemes is Rs.8484.45 lakhs for the period of three years and the year wise cost is as follows:

Sl.No.	Year of Implementation	Amount (Rs. lakhs)
1	2015-16	6340.56
2	2016-17	1673.08
3	2017-18	470.81
	Total	8484.45

I am also to state that the scheme wise remarks of State Planning Commission in the minutes enclosed with this letter is only abstractive and not exhaustive and therefore while according sanction for implementation, Government may issue detailed orders as per the guidelines prescribed in the Government Orders second referred above, duly obtaining detailed project proposals from the departments and the sanction may also indicate the year wise cost of implementation. The Project cost may be sanctioned as per the accounting procedure approved in the Government order third referred above. A copy of the Government Order issued be marked to State Planning Commission.

Yours sincerely,

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