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## **GENERAL BRIEF**

### **Geography**

Yanam is situated on the east coast of the Indian Peninsula between 16° 42' N Latitude and between 82° 11' & 82° 19' Eastern Longitude bounded on all sides by the East Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh State. The town of Yanam lies on the spot where the River Coringa (Atreya) branches off from Gauthami into two parts. The region is bounded on the east and south by river Gowthami Godavari which discharges itself into Bay of Bengal after flowing almost 14 kms. towards South East from Yanam.

### **History**

The French occupied Yanam in 1723. It ranks third in the antiquity of the Five former French Settlements

- i) Chandernagor - Year 1673
- ii) Pondichery - Year 1674
- iii) Yanam - Year 1723
- iv) Mahe - Year 1725
- v) Karaikal - Year 1739

The tiny town's history therefore dates back to 1723 when the *Compagnie des indes* of France established here a trading post of theirs. It was vacated after four years because their commercial operations did not produce the desired results. It was seized again in 1731 during the time of Dupleix. A PARWANA from Haji Hassan Khan authorised the French Representative Fouquet, then Chief of the Company at Machilipatnam (325 kms. away from Yanam) to set up a '**loge**' at Yanam in the year 1731.

Musafar Jung, the Nizam of Hyderabad in 1750, confirmed the sovereignty of the French over the territory. The place was formally ceded to them only two years later. Like all other settlements, Yanam too fell thrice into the hands of the British. After the Napoleonic War, Yanam along with the factory at Machilipatnam was finally returned to the French early in 1817.

### **Demography**

The region that covers an area of 30.0 sq. kms. has a population of 31,362 according to the 2001 census and 40987 approx. as on 01.01.2008. The entire region consisting of Yanam town and eight villages is treated as a Municipality for the purpose of local administration. The fishermen community lives mainly in Agraharam, Mettakur, Kurasampeta and Guerempeta.

The literacy rate of Yanam is 63.325 (Male 67.70 and Female 58.95). The sex ratio is 975 females per 1000 male. The SC population is 5802, accounting for about 18.5% of the total population of Yanam region (2001 census).

The labour force of Yanam is about 9909 workers. Males account for 8315 and Females account for 1594. The number of households in Yanam region is 7226 (2001 census).

### **Culture & Occupation of people of Yanam**

Yanam has a mixed culture of French and Dravidian. They speak Telugu languages as their Mother Tongue. However, many of the Yanam people know Tamil, English and French. There are about 60 French Nationals in Yanam who are drawing pension from French Government.

The major occupation/business in Yanam region are

- \* Coconut dwelling
- \* Rice mills
- \* Fishing
- \* About 3% of the population are working in Govt. sectors.

## **Approach**

There is no railway line in Yanam region. The nearest railway station is at Kakinada (Headquarters of East Godavari District) which is 26 kms. away on the East. It is an important trade centre and port town and there is a District road connecting it to Yanam. Yanam is also linked by another road on the west of Ramachandrapuram and Rajahmundry. A new bridge, forming part of NH 214, was constructed across river Gauthami connecting Yanam with Yedurlanka. This bridge, thrown open to the public, now serves as an important way of approach to Yanam.

## **Soil**

The soil in Yanam region is alluvium consisting of sand clay and gravel. The soil is grayish black and is essentially clayey in composition. A few thin layers of sandy clay or sand, not exceeding 0.3 meter in thickness are intercalated with the clayed soil. The river sands on the bank of Gauthami Godavari consists predominantly of quartz, feldspar and muscovite mica. A few grains of monazite are also found in the black streaks.

## **Irrigation**

Ground water occurs both in water table as well as in confined conditions in the granular beds in the alluvial deposits. The ground water development is by means of shallow filter point well within a depth of nine meters. However, Yanam receives water for irrigation through a canal, which starts from Dowleswaram Head Works (Sir Arthur Cotton Barrage on the river Godavari down stream Rajahmundry). This canal runs towards east upto Pillanka, a small village near Yanam. This serves the irrigation needs as well as drinking water needs of the area west of Coringa River. Built by an agreement entered in 1949 between the then French Government and the Government of India, it is popularly known as "**French Channel**".

After merger, steps were taken to provide irrigation facilities for about 560 Ha. of dry land in the eastern side of Coringa River by providing a new irrigation canal called "Adavipolam Channel" from the tail end of Tallarevu south canal and at the starting point of Neelapalli channel on the right side. The work was taken for execution by the Andhra Pradesh Public Works Department as a deposit work in 1964 and was completed and commissioned in June, 1966. The water from this channel is used for drinking purpose also, as in the case of French Channel.

### **Climate & Rainfall**

Yanam experiences a climate which is characterized by high humidity over 70% in the mornings and over 60% in the evenings throughout the year. It experiences an oppressive summer season and a good rainfall. It enjoys the benefit of both the South-West and North-East monsoon. The average rainfall in a year is about 1226 mm.

### **Temperature**

From February, temperature starts rising rapidly till May which is the hottest month with the mean maximum around 37<sup>o</sup> C and mean minimum around 28<sup>o</sup> C. Humidity being high, the heat is very trying. The maximum temperature on some days in May or early June before the onset of the South-West monsoon touches about 47<sup>o</sup> C. Pre-monsoon thundershowers may at times bring welcome relief. With the onset of the monsoon in June, the mercury falls down bringing some sort of relief. The moderate temperature continues upto September. The months of December & January, falling in the winter season (Cold Weather Season) are the pleasant months.

## **Humidity**

The air is generally humid throughout the year with relative humidity – over 70 percent in the mornings and over 60 per cent in the evenings during all the months.

## **Cloudiness**

The sky is generally heavily clouded to overcast during the south-west monsoon months. There is moderate cloudiness in the post monsoon months. During the rest of the year, the sky will clear or lightly clouded.

## **Surface Winds**

In the summer season winds blow from directions between South-East to south-west. During the monsoon season, they blow mainly from south-west to west. During October to February, winds are usually from North-East in the mornings, veering towards south-east in the afternoons. Winds are generally light to moderate during the whole year.

## **Special Weather Phenomena**

The storms and depression which form in the Bay of Bengal in the pre-monsoon month of May, and during September to November, cross the east coast, and affect the region and the neighbourhood, causing thunderstorms, heavy rain, tidal waves and strong winds. Occasional thunderstorms associated mainly with the onset of the south-west monsoon occur in April, May and June.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SET UP, STAFF STRENGTH, VACANCIES**

Regional Administrator is the administrative head of the region. The following departments have full fledged offices.

1. Office of the Regional Administrator
2. Office of the Deputy Collector (Revenue)
3. Govt. General Hospital
4. Agriculture Department
5. Public Works Department
6. Animal Husbandry Department
7. Fisheries Department
8. O/o Delegate to DSE
9. Town & Country Planning Department
10. S.T.P.P.Govt. Junior College
11. Dr.S.R.K.Govt. Arts College
12. Commercial Taxes Department
13. District Industries Centre
14. Yanam Municipality
15. ESI
16. ISM
17. N.S.C.B.Govt. ITI
18. Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Polytechnic College
19. Sub Court

The following departments have their units in Yanam region for which Regional Administrator is the Head of Office.

1. Civil Supplies Unit
2. Transport Unit
3. Tourism Unit
4. Information & Publicity Unit
5. Fire Service Unit
6. Art & Culture Unit
7. Planning & Research Unit
8. Economics & Statistics Unit
9. Rural Labour Welfare Centre
10. O/o Jt. Block Development Officer
11. O/o Asst. Inspector of Labour
12. Social Welfare Department
13. Women & Child Development Department
14. Cooperative Department
15. Town Employment Exchange

Apart from the above, the Regional Administrator is the Head of Office for the office of the Regional Administrator. He is also functions as Deputy Collector (Revenue)-cum-Sub Divisional Magistrate and he is the overall incharge of all revenue matters.

The total strength of employees in Yanam region is 1455 (1222 regular & 233 contingent). Out of this, 336 (308 regular & 28 contingent) no. of posts are vacant.

The details of staff strength and vacancies are given below:

## **YANAM MUNICIPALITY**

The Yanam Municipality is a body created in accordance with the Pondicherry Municipalities Act. The Municipality is functioning under the purview of Municipal Council. In the absence of elected local body, the Special Officer (Regional Administrator) appointed by the Government is exercising all the powers and functions of the Municipal Council.

The Commissioner of the Yanam Municipality, appointed by the Government is the Chief Executive of the Municipality. He acts as the Registrar of Births and Deaths. The Yanam Municipality however comes under the overall control of the Director of Local Administration Department, Pondicherry. The Director of LAD functions as the Chief Registrar of Birth & Deaths for the U.T. of Pondicherry.

Yanam Municipality comprises of 10 wards i.e. 1. Mettakur, 2. Ambedkar Nagar, 3. Vishnalayam, 4. Pillaraya, 5. Gurempeta, 6. Farampeta, 7. Pydikondala, 8. Pedapudi, 9. Agraharam, 10. Kanakalapeta. The length of roads in town is 19 kms. and the villages is 34.25 kms. The length of drains in town is 24 kms. and villages 25 kms. Majority of the people of this Municipality depend upon agriculture and fishing and few are employed in industries.

The Yanam Municipality attends to the work of maintenance of Hygiene and sanitation. In addition to the above the Municipality is also attending 24 hours cleaning of entire town by entrusting work to the Yanam Peoples Voluntary Service Organization at the cost of the Government and providing civic amenities, drinking water supply, maintenance of community halls, maintenance of burial grounds, registration of births and deaths and issue of licenses/permissions to the industrial factories/establishments. The Municipality has also maintaining burial grounds of all hamlets with creating a beautiful atmosphere and taking action to avoid pollution. The Municipality has also let out the Kalyanamandapam at nominal price for the public use not only Yanam people but also adjacent villages of Andhra Pradesh.

The main source of revenue is from house tax, profession tax, license fee, entertainment tax, market fee and rent from Municipal complex shops. The Registration Department is also releasing the duty on transfer of property to Municipality.

## **GENERAL HOSPITAL**

The General Hospital, Yanam is at present having bed strength of 100. The General Hospital in Yanam provides medical care not only to people of Yanam but also to the people of neighbouring villages and towns of Andhra Pradesh.

At present the Specialist post of Surgery have been filled up by regular doctor and contract specialist in Ortho, Anesthesia and ENT. The remaining six specialist posts of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics, Ophthalmology, T.B. and Radiology are vacant. Presently there are 11 no. of contract GDMOs and 11 nos. of regular GDMOs including Assistant Director and Deputy Director.

One operation theatre with two operation tables are available. Life saving equipments like Ventilator, Cardiac Defibrillator and NIBP Monitor are available. One generator 100 KV is available. Five ambulances and another one more vehicle with three regular Drivers and one Daily-rated Driver is available for round the clock service. The Govt. quarters consists of 4 housing quarters for Medical Officers, out of which three quarters are occupied and one quarter is dilapidated condition and 11 Group C quarters, out of which 9 are occupied and 2 are dilapidated condition, and 12 Group -D quarters, out of which 4 are occupied and 8 are dilapidated condition.

The daily outpatient attendance is about 600 patients. The in patient bed occupancy is on average 53% per annum over the last 3 years. 391 major and 194 minor operations were performed during the last year. 111 cataract operations and 6 sterilization operations were performed during the last year. The average number of deliveries per annum is 550 in the last three years.

In addition to the above, the Yanam Hospital is equipped with Telemedicine facility, introduced from March 2004, which is non-functional at present. Laboratory facilities are also available functioning under one regular Senior Lab Technician and one Senior Lab Technician under RCH. There is also an X-Ray unit functioning with one Radiographer and 2 Dar Room Assistants.

There are four sub centres functioning in Yanam region.

1. Guirempeta
2. Kanakalapeta
3. Farampeta
4. Dariyalatippa

All are functioning in Govt. buildings.

Apart from the above, there is one ESI Dispensary to cater to the medical needs of the persons covered under this scheme. On an average 50 to 55 persons are availing treatment. It comprises of one Medical Officer and 7 staff members.

In addition, two units of Indian System of Medicine viz., one Ayurvedic unit and one Homeopathic units are functioning in Yanam with qualified Physicians heading the respective units.

## **EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

Yanam stands first in educational activities when compared with the adjacent regions of Andhra Pradesh, so much so the people of Andhra Pradesh are having their children admitted in various Govt./Private Schools

at Yanam for prosecution of their studies. The population of the Government schools in Yanam region is as listed below:

Pre-Primary Schools	-- 10 Nos.
Primary Schools	-- 12 Nos.
Middle Schools	-- 02 Nos.
High Schools	-- 06 Nos.

Among the High Schools, one High School namely Kamala Nehru Govt. Girls High School is exclusively meant for girls. Apart from the above, one Jawahar Mini Bal Bhavan is also functioning with about 210 students registered in it. The particulars of the results of the following Government High Schools for the last three academic years are as follows:

2005-06	: 79.32%
2006-07	: 59.60%
2007-08	: 56.52%

Further, one sports school/hostel is functioning with sanctioned strength of 24 students and 03 coaches in Foot Ball, Kabadi-Kho-Kho, Badminton.

In the Higher & Technical Education front, there is an Engineering College, one Arts & Science College, a Polytechnic and ITI. Also in the anvil is opening of a Medical College.

## **AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT**

The main crops cultivated in Yanam region are paddy and coconut.

Agriculture Department in Yanam is catering to the needs of farming community for the propagation of improved technologies and for the

distribution of inputs i.e. seeds, organic manures, pesticides, improved agricultural machinery like tractors, power tillers, agricultural implements etc. on subsidy. The Department is also looking after the training needs of the farmers and is also organizing seminars, melas, farm festivals, flower shows etc. The Department is also extending relief measures to the farmers whose crops are affected by natural calamities. The Department is maintaining a Mini Experimental Farm of 8 acres wherein seed certification programme is being implemented. The developmental schemes of crop production technology, scheme for diversification in agricultural through horticultural crops and development of infrastructure facilities for agriculture marketing are being implemented in Yanam region. Yanam Market Committee is functioning since 1990 for the benefit of farmers.

In addition to the above, plantation programmes of social forestry scheme, are also implemented for the development of greenery in Yanam region.

### **FISHERIES DEPARTMENT**

Government has proposed for construction of a Mini Fishing Harbour at Savithri Nagar, Yanam for providing various infrastructural facilities to the fishermen of Yanam. The Central Institute of Coastal Engineering for Fishery, Bangalore had conducted a topographic and hydroscopic engineering survey, PWD, Yanam has prepared the cost estimates of 16 crores for its construction.

Necessary administrative approval has been issued vide G.O.Ms.No.14/FY, dated 10.07.2008 for conduct of EIA/EMP studies at Savitrhi Nagar by M/s.West Bengal Fisheries Corporation Ltd., Culcutta for the project of establishment of Fish Harbour at Yanam. Hence, funds have been requested for this purpose for an amount of Rs.13 lakhs and the same is awaited from the Government.

The free distribution of 100 kgs. of rice and Rs.750 cash per family in connection with ban on fishing is yet to be disbursed. Sanction is awaited from the Government.

### **ART & CULTURE WING**

The public library is functioning in its own building and rendering service to the general public in providing the periodicals, reference books etc. for general public. The public library is also maintaining separate section for children. This Department is conducting Fete-de-Puducherry in Yanam every year and other cultural activities during the occasion of Vishnu festival and Telugu New Year (Ugadi) to promote inter cultural activities among the people.

The proposals for construction of Branch Library at Kanakalapet village and additional rooms to the existing Public Library were sent to the Govt. The proposals for creation of posts viz. Library Information Officer - 1 post,

Library Information Assistants – 3 posts, Attender – 3 posts have already been submitted.

## **REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT**

The main activities of the Deputy Tahsildar (Revenue) is collection of revenue such as land tax, water cess, encroachment tax as per demand rolls, issue of various certificates, patta transfers, maintenance of settlement registers, fixation of fair rents, preparation of guidelines register on the usage of lands, attending emergency duties for the disaster management at the time of natural calamities such as heavy rains, fire accidents, enforcement of Excise Act, collection of excise revenue, conduct of excise raids to control illicit arrack, to assist electoral registration officer in preparation electoral rolls etc. The Deputy Tahsildar is also functioning as Executive Magistrate at the time of Emergency.

Computerization of Land Records is under progress. Action is also being taken to computerize the village field maps with the help of Survey Department.

There is another unit Weights and Measurements which controls the illegal weights and measures locally for which one Inspector of Legal Metrology and one Stamping Smith working in this unit. This unit is also collecting fees for stamping on the weights and measures equipments.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The Police Department is functioning with the following units

1. Law and Order with one SI and 25 staff members.
2. PCR Cell with one SI and 3 staff members.
3. Traffic Wing with one SI and 8 staff members.
4. Out post at Dariyalatippa with one SI and 9 staff members.
5. Wire Less unit with one ASI and 6 staff members.
6. I.R. Battalion with one ASI and 36 staff members.
7. Home Guards unit with 42 staff members.

All the above units are functioning under the control of Circle Inspector of Police, Yanam. Under Police modernization scheme the following works are proposed .

- a. Traffic Police Station at Police Complex, Yanam.
- b. All Women Police Station in the first floor of Traffic Police Station.
- c. Police Barracks in the second floor of Traffic Police Station.
- d. Police Out post at Dariyalatippa village, Yanam.
- e. Mini Guest House at Police Complex, Yanam.
- f. Six numbers of Type-II Quarters after demolition of old quarters in IV Block at Police Complex, Yanam.

## **REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT**

The Registration Department in Yanam has been established in the year 1969. The main duties of this Department is registering the documents on various aspects like land transaction, Marriage Registrations, collection of Stamp Duty, issue of encumbrance certificates etc.

Computerization of Land Records has been started from 01.9.2008. All the index entries of old records from the year 1969 have been digitized. A proposal has been submitted to the District Registrar Puducherry for scanning of old copies of Documents for the Administrative approval.

## **FIRE SERVICE UNIT**

The Fire Service unit is functioning in Yanam from 1986 in the own building with fire fighting equipments like two Fire Tenders, one portable diesel pump and bullet motor cycle. The fire fighting equipments available in the Fire Station is enough for effect fire fighting to this region. However, one small Fire Tender is required to attend the fire calls occurred in narrow and small streets in Yanam region.

The Fire personnel are attending the fire accidents occurred in Yanam region and also surrounding villages of Andhra Pradesh if necessary.

The Fire Station building and Drill Ground is lying low than the main road and surrounding areas which leads to accumulation of water during the rainy season, which needs to be earth filled.

## **BLOCK DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**

The Block Development Office, Yanam is functioning under the supervision of Joint Block Development Officer.

The main activities of this Department are implementation of education schemes i.e. distribution of sports articles, conducting of health camps, supply of TV sets to Mahila Mandals/Yuvak Mandals/Self Help Mandals.

In order to promote and strengthening of Mahila/Yuvak Mandals, the following assistance are giving such as grant-in-aid , incentive awards for the best performances, incentives to Self Help Groups, conducting of Rural Development Week and Well Baby Show every year.

Under applied nutrition programme, fruit saplings are being distributed to the members of Mahila Mandal/Yuvak Mandal/Self help groups on free of cost.

The works like construction of Community Halls and recreation centers etc. are taken up with the funds of MP/LAD.

Under Swarna Jayanthi Gram Swarozgar Yojana this office is issuing revolving fund and loan cum subsidy to all Self Help Groups.

## **TOWN EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE**

This office is functioning with three staff members i.e. one Assistant Employment Officer, one Employment information Assistant and one peon. The main activity of this office is registering fresh registrations, renewal of registrations for the previous years, making the additional entries, sponsoring of names to the posts of Group-D and Part-time posts, collection of ER-1 returns and submitting to the Employment Exchange, Puducherry periodically.

One day seminar on Vocational and Carrier Guidance to the Intermediate students is being conducted every year.

The following are the details of the registrants as on 30-09-2008.

Male -	3,593
Female -	2,679
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Total	6,272
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## **RURAL LABOUR WELFARE CENTRE**

This centre is running in a private building. This centre is comprising of four separate units viz. Tailoring & Embroidery, Handicrafts, Child Welfare and Child Labour. The main objectives of these units are as follows:

### **Tailoring & Embroidery unit:**

Imparting training to the rural women for one year in Cutting, Embroidery and Fabric painting. The sanctioned strength is 20 nos.

### **Handicrafts Unit:**

Imparting training in various types of handicrafts like doll making, pot training, wire bags manufacturing, sand painting, nib painting and wool work. The sanctioned strength is 20 nos.

### **Child Welfare Unit:**

Giving nutritious diet to the children (age group between 3 to 5 years). The sanctioned strength is 50 children per working day.

### **Child Labour Unit:**

Giving nutritious diet to the child labour (age group upto 14 years). The sanctioned strength is no limit.

## **SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT**

The Social Welfare Department, Yanam, sub-office is implementing various schemes for the welfare of the Back Ward classes, physically handicapped, minorities by providing financial assistance to disabled persons and providing various aids to the physically handicapped beneficiaries. It is also providing scholarship to disabled, grant of funeral expenses, free supply of dhotis, saris, rain coats, 15 kgs. of Rice per month, 50% fuel subsidy to motorized tricycles, transport allowance and bus pass to the disabled, financial assistance for the marriage of disabled persons. It is also providing scholarships to the students of minority communities.

This Department is also maintaining a BC hostel in a rented building under the Socio Economic Development and Protection scheme to the back ward class community with a sanctioned strength of 40 students. It is also proposed to start a Home for mentally retarded children and aged persons.

## **DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT**

The Department of Women & Child Development, Yanam, sub-office is implementing various welfare schemes for the benefit of women and children and supplementary nutrition and health support for the pregnant women, lactating mother and children under ICDS programme.

The Women and Child Development Department is implementing the old age and widow pension schemes for the benefit of 2457 BPL beneficiaries, providing saris and dhotis, financial assistance for remarriage of widow, marriage of poor bride, for the families observed small family norms and having one or two girls, for the purchase of gold for the Mangalyam, supply of rice to BPL families during the time of natural calamities and it is also conducting the women's week and women's day.

## **ECONOMICS & STATISTICS DEPARTMENT**

The regional office was set up in Yanam in October 1997. This regional office works under the control of Regional Administrator, Yanam.

The main activities of this office is collection of agriculture statistics, collection of agricultural census, conducting of crop cutting experiments, collection of industrial production, collection of agricultural labour wages, collection of farm prices of agricultural commodities, collection of price collection, collection of rainfall report, collection of housing and building statistics and conducting of material sample survey etc.

This office is functioning in a Govt. building i.e. in Mini Civil Station with one Statistical Inspector and two Field Supervisors.

## **GENERAL PROBLEMS AND ISSUES**

1. The first of the problems as well as complaint is that there are many **bogus voters** in Yanam. It is always complained that many people residing in nearby Andhra Pradesh villages are having votes in Yanam and that those people who are genuinely residing in Yanam are not having votes.

With large scale inclusion of voters who are genuinely residing and large scale deletion of the voters who are not genuinely residing during the past three revisions after a thorough verification under the strict supervision by Election Commission of India and under able guidance of the Chief Electoral Officer, **this problem has been resolved to maximum extent.**

2. The second of the problems as well as complaint is that there are many **bogus ration cards in Yanam especially BPL cards.** It is always complained that those who are not residing in Yanam are having ration cards whereas those who are genuinely residing in Yanam are not having ration cards. Further, it is always complained that those who are eligible are not given red ration cards and those who are not eligible have been given red ration cards.

During the past two years door to door verification was conducted 4 to 5 times with the help of 25 staff members. The details and particulars of all the families were collected. As many as 500 cards were identified as bogus and they will be deleted in due course after following proper procedures. Further, after thorough enquiry new yellow cards were issued. No red card was issued during the past two years. Because of these actions, **this problem is also resolved to maximum extent.**

3. The third of the problem as well as complaint is about **pattas**. It is always complained that those who are not eligible were given pattas and those who are eligible were not given pattas. Further, it is complained that no proper enquiry is being done at the time of issuing pattas and those who have obtained pattas are having properties in Andhra Pradesh region.

No new pattas were assigned during the past two years excepting regularization of the encroachments, transfer of pattas in the name of the legal heirs or sub division etc. Field level verification was done and details were collected about those people who have sold their pattas. **All such pattas would be cancelled in due course after following usual procedures.**

4. Another problem as well as complaint is about **control and regulation of essential commodities such as rice and petroleum products such as LPG, petrol, diesel and kerosene etc.**

The prices of petrol and diesel in Yanam are less when compared to the same in Andhra Pradesh. Because of the price difference, many vehicles from Andhra Pradesh fill fuel in Yanam region. At the same time the bunk owners also try to sell these products in Andhra Pradesh so as to get more profits. As this results in loss to the petroleum companies such as IOCL, BPL, HPCL, they are regulating the supply of petroleum products to the dealers in Yanam region. Because of this, sometimes there is scarcity of these products in Yanam. **This matter was taken up with the petroleum companies and they were requested to ensure proper supply.**

As far as LPG is concerned, the same problem was there earlier. However, now with the price of LPG higher in Yanam region when compared to Andhra Pradesh region no such cross border activities are happening. However, these LPG companies are also regulating the supply of LPG based on the sale of commercial cylinders. As such, sometimes there is scarcity in the market. **These companies were also requested to ensure regular supply delinking the supply of domestic cylinders based on the sale of the commercial cylinders.**

**At present the Civil Supplies Unit consists of one CSO and one CSI. The staff is very meager to enforce and regulate these commodities and petroleum products. There is a strong need for setting up of a complete food cell as well as enforcement machinery.**

5. The next of the problem as well as the complaint is about IMFL and arrack. The IMFL prices are less in Yanam when compared to the same in Andhra Pradesh region. As such there is always cross border movement of these goods. As this affect the excise tax collections of Andhra Pradesh, the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh has established check posts on all exits around our border.

The related issue is that of illicit arrack. The trade of arrack is banned in the neighbouring Andhra Pradesh as well as in Yanam region also. The tail end of the East Godavari District where the Godavari River joins the sea has got many islands. These islands provide a suitable terrine for manufacture of illicit arrack. In these islands arrack is manufactured and smuggled to Yanam as well as other regions of Andhra Pradesh.

In Yanam region, there is one such island but and it has been brought under strict control. With the existing staff whenever it comes to the notice of the administration that illicit arrack is being transported or being sold, rides are being conducted and efforts are being made to control the same. **For further enforcement, setting up of excise squad in Yanam region is essential. Also the Govt. may examine the auctioning of the arrack shops.**

6. **The last but not the least of the problem is the complainant nature prevalent in Yanam. Yanam consisting of approximately 12000 families can be best described as big village. Being very small, every individual knows the every individual. The main reason for these complaints is personal differences or petty rivalries or political animorities between two or more individuals. These complaints do not reflect any public cause but only serve as a vehicle to breath out the grievances.**

## **HYDROCARBON EXPLORATION AND PROCESSING UNITS**

To boost the hydrocarbon exploration in the country, Govt. of India has introduced new exploration policy i.e NELP in the year 1997-98. The main objective of NELP is to attract latest technology and investments to the exploration sector of national and international NELP companies. Till date 167 blocks have been awarded under 6 rounds of NELP. At present 158 blocks are under operation. Out of this, the blocks and discoveries in KG basin are of a matter of importance for us. The details of discoveries made in the KG basin are given below.

As it can be seen, the following are a major players in exploration of hydrocarbons in KG basin i.e. M/s.RIL, M/s.ONGC and M/s.GSPC. The companies have to set up on shore facilities. As the land in Yanam region is not adequate, already M/s.RIL has set up on shore facility in Gadimoga, a nearby village to Yanam. M/s.GSPC has set up on shore facility at P-Mallavaram. However, the Land Fall Point for all these companies falls at Yanam and pipelines need to be laid. The block valve stations should be constructed in Yanam.

As these are major projects of national importance, the role of Govt. of Puducherry in giving permissions for laying pipelines, establishment and operation of block valve stations assumes significant interest.

## **FINANCIAL POSITION**

The receipts and expenditure from 2005 to 2008 are as follows:

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Receipts</u></b>	<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>
2005-06	31,54,73,568.00	24,69,38,296.00
2006-07	37,46,10,973.00	34,92,86,246.00
2007-08	110,48,93,638.00	110,48,93,638.00

Similarly, the Plan and Non-Plan expenditure from 2005 to 2008 is as follows:

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>	
	<b><u>Plan</u></b>	<b><u>Non-Plan</u></b>
2005-06	45,23,87,000.00	12,12,56,000.00
2006-07	45,09,59,000.00	17,03,93,000.00
2007-08	40,21,09,000.00	13,99,87,000.00

The current outlay i.e. 2008-09 budget is Rs.13446.53 lakhs. Rs.11900.63 lakhs is Plan component and Rs.1545.90 lakhs is Non-Plan component. The details are given below:

## **ISSUES RAISED BY HON'BLE LOCAL MLA**

### **IRRIGATION**

Recently the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh has accorded permission for drawing of 30 cusecs of water for drinking and irrigation purposes instead of 19 cusecs of water as was earlier. For utilizing this water, there is a need to connect French channel and Adavipolam channel which would be providing irrigation to additional 500 acres of land.

### **DRINKING WATER**

1. Recently 55 acres of land from Govt. of Andhra Pradesh has been acquired for enhancing the drinking water Ground Level Reservoirs capacity in Yanam region. Further, the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh has accorded permission for laying of drinking water pipeline from Dowleswaram. This project is utmost importance to solve the drinking water shortage problem to the people of Yanam region during the summer months.
2. For further enhancing the Ground Level Reservoirs capacity to avoid summer shortage, 25 to 30 acres of land in Dariyalatippa is required. The said land has to be acquired.
3. Additional 12 acres of land is proposed to be acquired from Govt. of Andhra Pradesh for which an addition fund of Rs.2 crores is required. Also there is a court stay regarding 2 acres of land. It should be ensured that the court stay is vacated.

### **FLOOD CONTROL**

The revetment and ring bund work to Island No. 3 has to be taken up.

## **EDUCATION**

Presently, there is a shortage of nearly 50 classrooms in view of the increased students strength. Immediate effort should be taken to construct the classrooms.

## **HOUSING**

It is proposed to construct multistoried tenements in 8 acres of land acquired at Kurusampeta and nearly 2 acres of land at UKV Nagar.

## **SPORTS**

The indoor stadium should be completed very soon by providing necessary funds.

## **GENERAL**

1. The low lying areas in Savithri Nagar and Giriampet should be earth filled.
2. Widening of Vishnalayam Street and Pillaraya Street has to be taken up in view of the increasing traffic.

## **TOURISM**

1. Permissions may be given for constructions along the beach front for development of tourism.
2. Eco tourism projects have to be taken up in Island Nos. 1 and 2.

3. The present Sri Venkateswara Temple which is constructed 600 years back has to be reconstructed as per vedic rituals, as water is inundating during the rainy season.

## **CONCLUSION**

Yanam was a sleeping village 10 years back. During the past 10 years Yanam region witnessed tremendous development. At present it looks like a mini town with full fledged infrastructural facilities.

Recently, the hydro carbon exploration processing majors such as M/s.RIL, M/s.ONGC and M/s.GSPC have transformed nearby sleeping villages in Andhra Pradesh into hubs of industrial activity. Yanam is also influenced by these developments.

### INFRASTRUCTURAL PROFILE

1.	Area	20 Sq. Km
2.	Population Density (projected)	1569 (2001 census)
3.	Total Population	42,603 as on 01.01.2008
4.	Urban Population	31,394 (2001 census)
5.	No. of Males	15,893 (2001 census)
6.	No. of Females	15,501 (2001 census)
7.	No. of Towns	1
8.	No. of Revenue Villages	6
9.	Revenue Villages – Commune wise	Mettakur, Yanam, Kanakalapeta, Francetippa, Adavipolam, Isukatippa
10.	Annual average rainfall	1011 mm
11.	Main crops grown	Coconut, Paddy
12.	Total no. of Cultivators	320
13.	No. of Pre-primary Schools	Government - 10 SSA - 5
14.	No. of Primary Schools	Government - 12
15.	No. of Middle Schools	Government - 2
16.	No. of High Schools	Government - 6 Govt. Aided - 1 Private - 4
17.	No. of Higher Secondary Schools	Government - 1 Private - 2
18.	Navodaya Vidyalaya	1
19.	No. of Arts Colleges with PG courses	1
20.	Polytechnic	1
21.	B.Ed. Colleges	1 (Private)
22.	T.T.C. Colleges	2 (Private)
23.	No. of I.T.Is	1
24.	No. of Fair Price Shops	18
25.	No. of Family Ration cards	12590 (5209 APL + 5299 BPL + 2082 AAY)
26.	No. of Tiny Industrial Units	120

No. of Small Scale Industrial Units	70
No. of Medium Scale Industrial Units	3
No. of Large Scale Industrial Units	3