

## **1.1. Introduction**

**1.1.1.** Over the ten five year plans implemented since Independence, Tamil Nadu has demonstrated a strong record of all-round development. It has been a trail-blazer in ensuring social justice and inclusiveness, and this emphasis on economic and social equity has resulted in sustained improvements in the living conditions of all sections of society. The challenge for Tamil Nadu in the Eleventh Plan is to give a further impetus to inclusiveness and equity, while achieving a high rate of growth.

**1.1.2.** The state has a relatively a modern economy compared to other states. The state is undergoing a structural transformation. The services sector grew at the rate of 8.73 % during the 10<sup>th</sup> plan period with 56.04 % share in the State Gross Domestic Product (GSDP) in 2004-05. The contribution of the agricultural sector, dwindled as a share of State Gross Domestic Product from 23.78 % in the 1994-95 to 13.28 % in 2004-05. The industry sector roughly maintained its share in the economy.

**1.1.3.** The Annual Plan 2007-08 is the first in the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan. The broad objectives and the strategies of the 11<sup>th</sup> Plan are detailed in the following paragraphs after reviewing the physical and financial performance of the State during the 10<sup>th</sup> Plan period. The Annual Plan 2007-08 broadly follows the objectives of the 11<sup>th</sup> Plan. An outlay of Rs. 80,000 crore has been tentatively estimated for the 11<sup>th</sup> Plan, of which Rs. 14,000 crore has been allocated for the Annual Plan 2007-08.

**1.1.4.** A highly participatory process involving not only Working Groups but also local consultations with stakeholders in the districts is being followed in formulating the 11<sup>th</sup> Plan. These discussions are still underway. The sectoral outlays and programmes discussed in this document are therefore subject to revision after completion of the consultative process.