

PARTICULARS OF ORGANISATION

The Government of India notified the constitution of Auroville Foundation as a statutory body on 29 January 1991 as per the Auroville Foundation Act 1988, under the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development.

The Foundation consists of three authorities, namely: (a) the Governing Board; (b) the Residents' Assembly; and (c) Auroville International Advisory Council.

The Governing Board is vested with the powers and the authority for general superintendence, direction and management of the affairs of the Foundation.

FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF AUROVILLE FOUNDATION

1. Maintaining Register of Residents under the Auroville Foundation Act 1988.
2. General Superintendence and Management of undertakings of Foundation, through the Working Committee and Funds & Assets Management Committee of Residents Assembly of Auroville.
3. Authorising Land Board for land purchase/ Sales and protecting the lands for Auroville and obtain lands for completion of Auroville. Arranging the Patta transfer in respect of Auroville lands.
4. Convening Meetings of Governing Board, Finance Committee and International Advisory Council and follow up of the decisions.
5. Furnishing of Annual Reports / Scientific and Social Science Research Reports and also Foreign Exchange Returns to various Govt. Departments and the nodal Ministry.
6. Facilitating registration and Visa extensions of presently about 1500 foreigners, who are staying in Auroville either permanently or on long-term basis.
7. Liaison with Government of India and State Governments and other agencies in India.
8. Also mostly Embassies of India abroad for the multifarious activities of the International Cultural township that is constantly growing, with about 3303 people from 60 countries,

situated in a backward area of Villupuram Dist. of Tamil Nadu and partly (*very small portion*) in Pondicherry.

9. Organising reports and accounts for C.A.G. audit and its follow-up and submission of printed Annual Reports and Audited Accounts in English and Hindi to be placed before both the houses of Parliament every year.
10. Co-ordinating submission of Income Tax Returns and arranging all the materials for obtaining Tax Exemptions and duty exemptions for the Auroville Foundation.
11. Defending the Auroville Foundation in all legal matters at Munsif Court, District Court, High Court and Supreme Court for various disputes arising from land matters and other issues.
12. Facilitating VVIP Visits to Auroville.