INITIAL COSTS TO SETTLE IN AUROVILLE

- Taxi from Airport: Rs. 2,400
- Auroville Guest Account Deposit: 500 Rs. (this amount is refunded at the end of the stay)

MONTHLY EXPENSES

- Moped plus petrol: ~ Rs. 2,700 to 3,500 per month or;
- Bicycle: ~ Rs. 650 to 750 per month
- Food: ~ Rs. 4,000 to 8,000 per month according to your diet
- Accommodation (your volunteering hosting unit may contribute to cover the expenses of lodging and food)
  - Guest house: ~ Rs. 9,000 to 25,000 per month.
For Booking an accommodation (and cost inquiry), please contact: guestaccommodation@auroville.org.in Or http://www.aurovilleguesthouses.org/
(it is advised to book much in advance if you wish to come during the months of December to March)

HOW TO REACH AUROVILLE

From Chennai (Madras):
Auroville is 150 Km south of Chennai and 8 Km north of Puducherry (Pondicherry). There are two possibilities for reaching Auroville:

1) By taxi. This is the simplest means – it will take ~3 hours to reach Auroville (from Chennai):
   - A taxi from Chennai airport would cost Rs. 3,500 or more. Taxi drivers from Chennai would take extra time to find any location in Auroville. We strongly advise to book a taxi from Auroville. This is a very reliable service. They know the location of all the Auroville Communities, and it costs only ~ Rs. 2,400. To book a taxi online at the following URL: www.aurovilletransport.com/airport.htm or email your booking to Unity Transport Service: uts@auroville.org.in; Land line phone Number: (0413) 262 3587 or 2622400 or mobile 94433 62218 You can also ask your guest house or volunteering placement to do the booking for you.

2) By bus. This is cheaper but more complicated – it will take ~4.5 hours (from Chennai):
   - From Chennai Airport, take a taxi or an auto rickshaw (3 wheeler) to Chennai Mofussil Bus Terminus (Rs.300-400)
   - Take a bus for Pondicherry. Ask for an express bus along East Coast Road or through Tindivanam (the last one is slightly faster), and go to the main bus stop (~100 Rs.)
   - Take a taxi or an auto rickshaw from the bus stop to Auroville (~ Rs.300).