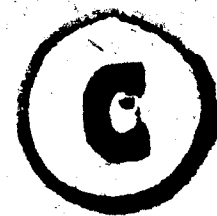


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MY VISION AND MISSION

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"...In Tamil Nadu, we believe in constructive and rapid progress in this area of good governance. Roadblocks if any, will be removed. We are also moving fast, harnessing the power of information technology in creating value added e-governance practices..."

"...Our success in eradicating poverty and improving the standards of living of the people would depend on promoting opportunities, facilitating empowerment, enhancing security and good governance.

What the poor need is an enabling environment that provides them with material opportunities to break free from a life of perpetual destitution..."

"...We are dealing with people here, their fears, voicelessness, vulnerability, hopes and aspirations. Good governance implies reaching out to them and helping them to live their dreams. I am committed to wiping those tears away and bringing smiles to the faces of the poor in Tamil Nadu..."

Hon'ble Chief Minister

Selvi J JAYALALITHA



HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER'S IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS TO FULFIL THE PEOPLE'S NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS (18.5.2004)

any possibility of starvation deaths in Tamil Nadu. **Thus food security as a major priority has already been ensured in Tamil Nadu .**

After a detailed review of the Public Distribution System I have ordered further improvements to the existing system so that the public stand to benefit immensely.

The system of "H" endorsement on Ration cards will be withdrawn with immediate effect. The Ration Card holders with the "H" endorsement can draw commodities to which they were entitled to before getting the "H" endorsement.

The income ceiling of Rs.5000 per month for eligibility to obtain commodities from the Public Distribution System will be done away with.

Several representations have been received from families indicating that they do not have Ration Cards. All such families can apply for new Ration Cards from the 1st of June, 2004 to 30th June, 2004, at the relevant Taluk Office in the Districts and offices of the Assistant Commissioners of Civil Supplies in Chennai. This will be processed immediately and after due verification new cards will be issued.

All existing Ration Cards are valid till 31.12.2004. A detailed schedule for renewing the Ration Cards will be drawn up and announced separately. While renewing the cards a system of separate rice cards including sugar and kerosene, or separate

My Government has always been a people's Government responding to their needs and aspirations. Tamil Nadu has had to face economic hardship due to continuous drought over the last 3 years. This situation was made even more difficult as the previous DMK Government left the State in financial ruin. It has been my effort to set right the position while at the same time keeping the welfare of the people always uppermost in my mind. I am hopeful of a good monsoon and a return to normal seasonal conditions in the coming South West Monsoon period.

My Government has and will always be a people's Government responding to their every need. My Government has ensured that the Public Distribution System in Tamil Nadu is the best in the country. This has been duly acknowledged in detailed studies.

Even during the severe drought my Government ensured that rice was distributed without any breakdown through more than 28000 PDS outlets. Despite the severe financial crisis the price of rice has been fixed at Rs.3.50 per kg. which is the lowest in the entire country. During the severe drought last year I ensured the supply of free rice at 30 kgs per family per month from February 2003 to August 2003 to about 10 lakh families of landless agricultural labourers and small farmers. This prevented

sugar / kerosene cards, will be introduced. The existing system allows a person who has not opted for a rice card to opt for a Sugar / Kerosene (Sugar or Kerosene) card.

The system of rice coupons will be discontinued from 1st July, 2004. All current rice card holders can continue to get rice through the PDS without rice coupons with effect from 1st July, 2004.

The DMK Government had taken funds under the Accelerated Power Development Programme in 2001 after concurring with the Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of India which required observance of all the principles set out in the Electricity Regulatory Commission's Act of 1998, including metering of consumers, including farm pumpsets and huts and discontinuing free electricity. Accordingly my Government was required to make the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission functional and to ensure metering of all consumers by 31.12.2003. The Tamil Nadu Electricity Board was also required to file a Tariff Application before the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission. This Government had no choice in the matter as the funds had already been received by the previous DMK Government.

Although my Government pleaded before the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission that the scheme of free electricity for pumpsets belonging to all farmers and huts in rural areas as followed by my Government since May, 2001 should be continued, the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission following the principles laid down in the 1998 Central Act set out a new Tariff of 20 paise per unit or Rs.250 per HP per annum for all farm pumpsets. Eventhough a new tariff had been prescribed by the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission, I ordered a new scheme of providing income support to small and marginal farmers and hut dwellers to pay

their dues to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board. I also ordered the extension of this scheme to cover all farmers with effect from February, 2004. Thus with the sole intention of protecting the interest of farmers in the State, **my Government was the only Government in the entire country to ensure the continuance of free electricity.**

Farmer Groups have now met me and indicated that eventhough the Money Order Scheme by which income support is distributed enables them to continue to get free electricity, the procedure can be further simplified by the Government itself making direct payment to the Electricity Board for all farmers.

I have therefore now ordered that all farmers and hut dwellers will get totally free electricity. The Government will pay the entire tariff on electricity for farm pumpsets and huts as fixed by the Electricity Regulatory Commission directly to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board. Money orders have already been despatched for the second half year of 2003-2004. The totally free electricity scheme will thus be operational from the first half year of 2004-2005, starting from 1st April, 2004.

Although the DMK Government had accepted and received funds on the basis of a Memorandum of Understanding which required Meters to be installed for all farm pumpset connections and huts, **I have now ordered that meters shall not be installed for farm pumpset connections and huts.** The Tamil Nadu Electricity Board will inform the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission accordingly.

The Nutritious Noon Meal Programme introduced by Puratchi Thalaivar MGR today covers all children above the age of 2 years upto 15 years. This is an important and vital

programme providing food security. I had already ordered that every child under this programme should be provided with potatoes on one day and pulses on two other days so that a balanced nutritious diet could be provided. To further enrich the diet, **I have now ordered that additionally an egg be given to every child once a week, in addition to potatoes on one day and pulses on another day.**

With a view to benefit all students and to give a real meaning to the concept of Education for All, **I have ordered that from the new Academic Year starting from 1st June, 2004 all students studying from Standard I to Standard XII in all schools including private schools shall be provided with Free Travel Bus Passes to travel from their residence to school and back to their residence.** The free school bus passes will be valid on all holidays.

Similarly, the students studying in all colleges including private colleges will be given 50% concessional travel bus passes to travel from their residence to college and back to their residence with effect from 1st June, 2004. These passes will be valid on all holidays. The Chennai City College students will be issued 60 exchange tokens instead of 40 exchange tokens to travel in Metropolitan Transport Corporation buses.

During 1991-96 when my Government was in power I had ensured that benefits to Government Employees and Teachers were extended even without their asking for it. This was possible as my Government had ensured that the financial situation was healthy. Unfortunately by 2001, the previous DMK Government left the State in total financial ruins. In addition they had also postponed nearly Rs.1800 crores of payments due to Government Employees and Teachers beyond 2003. When my Government assumed office in May, 2001 there was not enough money in the treasury



to pay the monthly salaries. Further in 2001-2002 there was even a major shortfall in the promised share of Tamil Nadu in Central Taxes causing further serious deterioration in the financial position.

Despite the extremely impossible financial situation my Government took every effort to disburse salaries and pensions on time with no default. At the same time when the financial position improved my Government made it a point to release the additional instalments of Dearness Allowance and other benefits. Thus even today my Government provides Dearness Allowance far in excess of that provided by most other States. Thus I have ensured that my Government did its best for Government Employees and Teachers.

Unfortunately, misled by certain political parties, some Employees Organisations and Teachers Associations resorted to a strike in July, 2003. **Taking a compassionate view, I ordered the reinstatement of all dismissed Employees and announced this in the Legislative Assembly on 10th February, 2004.**

To promote good relations between Government Employees and Teachers on the

one hand and the Government on the other, and with the hope that they will serve the people of this State with renewed vigour and dedication, I have decided to take a magnanimous view and completely cancel all the punishments imposed on and withdraw all pending disciplinary proceedings against Government Employees and Teachers for participation in the strike in July, 2003. This will come into force immediately. I have every confidence that Government Employees and Teachers will fully reciprocate this gracious gesture by extending full co-operation to my Government.

Although my Government is aware that political leaders have indeed been behind the strike of Government Employees and Teachers in July, 2003, in order that this issue is settled once and for all, I have ordered that all the cases filed by the Government against the leaders of political parties under the provisions of the Tamil Nadu Essential Services Maintenance Act in connection with the strike by Government Employees and Teachers in July, 2003, be withdrawn.

I have always believed that the truth should be faithfully reported and distortions should not creep in while reporting matters. Otherwise the public could be misled leading to undesirable conclusions. In the hope that the Media will faithfully adhere unflinchingly to this essential principle which is valid at all times, I have ordered that all the Defamation Cases filed by the Government against the Press and Media shall be withdrawn at once. I have every confidence and hope that the Media will respond positively to this gesture by ensuring unbiased reporting, upholding the best traditions of journalistic ethics.

My Government will move a Resolution in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly to drop all the proceedings against "The

Hindu" and other newspapers in connection with the Privilege Issues which figured in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly in November, 2003, in the hope that these newspapers will conduct themselves in a responsible manner respecting the prestige, dignity and the privilege of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly.

My Government has always been the strongest champion of the rights and welfare of every minority community, be it Christians, Muslims or others. My Government's record in protecting the interests of every minority community and promoting their development stands out both in the period 1991-96 and once again from May, 2001. Those who are today masquerading as secular forces have in fact been responsible for the abject misery and humiliation of minorities without lifting a little finger for their genuine benefit. Tamil Nadu has always been a haven of peace and tranquillity when my Government has been in power, guaranteeing full protection to minorities and promoting religious harmony. It was only when the DMK Government was in power that the hapless minorities actually suffered.

It was only with the good intention of further promoting religious harmony among all religions that my Government enacted the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Forcible Conversion of Religion Act, 2002. This Act was never intended to be used against the minorities. However, as Leaders of some Minority communities have requested withdrawal of this Law and in order to clear any misconception on account of this law, I have ordered that the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Forcible Conversion of Religion Act 2002 be repealed at once. An Ordinance for this purpose will be brought immediately. This Government will always be the true friend and champion of minorities.

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Tamil Nadu is affected to a greater extent due to droughts during last three years. Notwithstanding the fiscal constraints, the Government have launched various relief measures to mitigate the hardships of the farmers and the Agricultural labourers.

This Government responded promptly to the emerging situation by declaring all the districts, except Chennai district, as drought-affected. Relief measures aimed at providing gainful employment through construction of durable community assets, provision of supplementary nutrition, drinking water and relief to farmers among others, have been taken up.

- ❖ Just as the impact of the drought and non-release of Cauvery water for the standing Kuruva crops in the delta districts began to be felt, the Hon'ble Chief Minister convened a special meeting in Thanjavur in June, 2002, and announced a special relief programme for the three delta districts at a cost of Rs.164.18 crores. This has been successfully implemented.
- ❖ The Government sanctioned a total of Rs.149.48 crores to combat the problems of drinking water supply in all the districts in the State. This has been utilised for deepening existing bore wells, installation of mini-power pumps, deepening and desilting of wells, extension of water pipelines to uncovered areas etc. Supply of drinking water through lorries was also made in badly affected areas.



VARIOUS MEASURES TO MITIGATE THE HARDSHIPS OF THE FARMERS AND AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS

- ❖ Coconut farmers in Tamil Nadu have been badly hit because of the failure of the monsoons and the consequent drying up of trees. The Government have sanctioned Rs.30.50 crores to the eligible beneficiaries as relief, to undertake replanting.
- ❖ The Hon'ble Chief Minister's scheme for providing gift hampers to about 10 lakh households of landless agricultural labourers in the Cauvery delta districts at the time of Deepavali in 2002 was implemented at a total cost of Rs.21 crores.
- ❖ The Hon'ble Chief Minister announced that 30 Kg. of rice will be given free of cost to every family registered under the Special Noon Meal Programme from 1st February 2003.
- ❖ The scheme to supply 30 Kg. rice free of cost, every month from February to August implemented at a cost of Rs.115.94 crores to the benefit of 9.71 lakhs families.
- ❖ A special programme for employment generation has been launched at a total cost of Rs.217.09 crores following the failure of the Samba crop.
- ❖ The Government have implemented a scheme of waiver of interest and penal interest dues of farmers amounting to Rs.310.50 crores.
- ❖ With a view to enable the farmers to take up planting of the next crop, the Government sanctioned income support to the tune of Rs.324.32 crores to the benefit of 47.83 lakh farmers.
- ❖ A massive Food for Work Programme with an outlay of Rs.341.92 crores has been implemented to ensure food and employment security to the rural people affected due to drought and the failure of monsoon.

EDUCATION FOR ALL



Education is an important factor for shaping the better future generation. The investment in education paves way for human resource development and knowledge based society. The Government under the dynamic leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalithaa have initiated various steps to provide the wealth of education to all.

- ★ In Tamil Nadu, a large number of Institutions have been accredited by NAAC and Tamil Nadu enjoys the privilege of having more number of accredited colleges in the whole country.
- ★ 8 Government Arts and Science Colleges and 36 Government Aided Arts and Science Colleges in Tamil Nadu have been granted autonomous status.
- ★ A total sum of Rs.4.37 crores has been allocated for carrying out special repairs and maintenance works in 67 Government colleges.
- ★ Two centres have been established by the Government to give free coaching to women students who appear for the IAS / IPS examination. In each centre, 60 women students are being benefited.
- ★ Special schemes are implemented to literate the women particularly the Dalit Women who have discontinued their studies.
- ★ Placement cell and career guidance cell have been established in all the Constituent and Aided Colleges.
- ★ The scheme for filing of Applications and issue of Hall Tickets through online for Professional Courses Entrance Examinations was implemented by the Anna University. Nearly 1.50 lakhs students have been benefited through this scheme.
- ★ Knowledge connectivity with Engineering Colleges and Telemedicine facility have been launched.
- ★ Single Window System of admission into the first year Engineering Degree courses was conducted at Tiruchirappalli, Madurai, Coimbatore and Chennai to provide logistic advantage to the students and parents in general and the rural people in particular.
- ★ Transfers are effected to the teachers of government colleges and schools by means of counselling.
- ★ With a view to attract more number of students into the technical education, Government have ordered that all those who have passed in 10th Standard (SSLC) are eligible for admission into the Polytechnic Colleges and the students of H.S.C. (both Academic and Vocational) who have just passed are eligible for admission into the second year of Diploma courses under Lateral entry Scheme.
- ★ Government have reduced the minimum educational qualification from a pass in X Standard to a pass in VIII Standard to appear for English / Tamil Typewriting Junior Grade Examinations. Similarly Government have reduced the qualifications for appearing Higher Grade Typewriting examinations from Xth

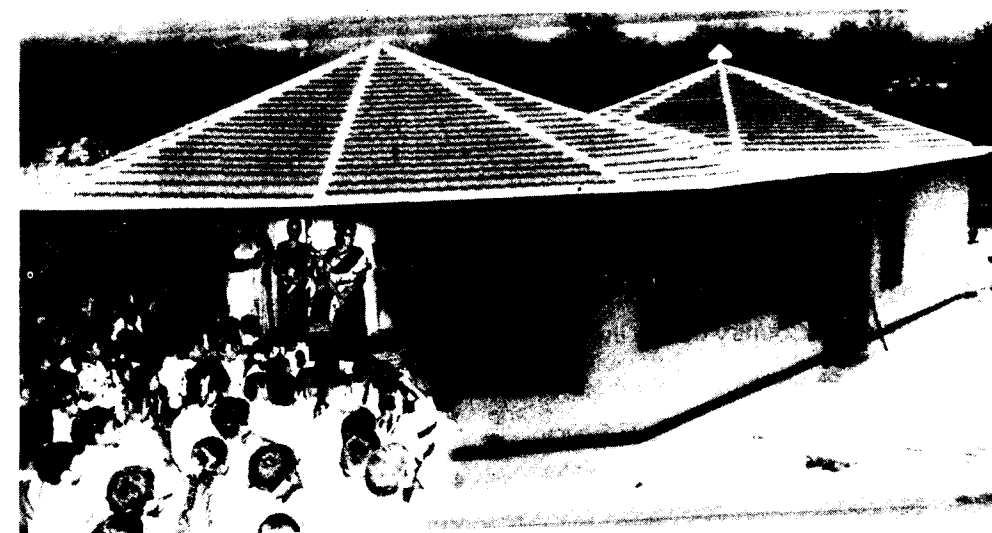
standard with pass in Lower grade to VIIIth standard with pass in Lower grade.

- ★ Government have reserved 3% of seats for handicapped students in Engineering Colleges.
- ★ The Director of Technical Education has been permitted by the Government to enter into a MoU with British Council of India, for conducting Business Engineering course offered by the Cambridge University, United Kingdom, by affiliated Engineering Colleges, Polytechnics and Arts and Science colleges. It is expected to benefit 50,000 students of Tamil Nadu every year.

★ Basic Infrastructure facilities have been provided in Primary and Middle Schools at a cost of Rs. 96.06 crores.

★ Open and transparent single window admission system provides opportunities for 4,661 students every year in recognised teacher training institutions. Opportunities have also been provided to 1,560 students to get additional training.

★ During 2001-2003 , 10,178 vacant teacher posts have been filled and steps have been taken to appoint another 12,000 posts.



★ The Government have established separate "University of Physical Education and Sports".

★ A massive allocation of Rs.1,649 crores has been made in the Tenth Five Year Plan to provide elementary education to all the children aged between 6 and 14 in Tamil Nadu.

★ During the past three years, 1,112 Primary Schools, 1,075 Middle Schools, 260 High Schools and 300 Higher Secondary Schools have been established.

★ Construction of new class rooms, laboratories, toilet blocks and provision of drinking water facilities have been taken up in 346 High and Higher Secondary Schools with the NABARD assistance at a cost of Rs.99 crores.

★ A new Directorate of Matriculation Schools started for better regulation of matriculation education system.

★ Creation of Tamil Nadu Open University for providing higher and collegiate education to all.

★ Thiruvalluvar University was established at Vellore to cater to the educational needs of the students living in the backward districts.

★ 867 Libraries have been established in rural areas. The Government have ordered to conduct book fairs in all the districts. A permanent book fair has been established in Chennai.

★ During 2003-2004 scientific Tamil has been introduced as a subject from LKG to 12th Standard in all the Schools.

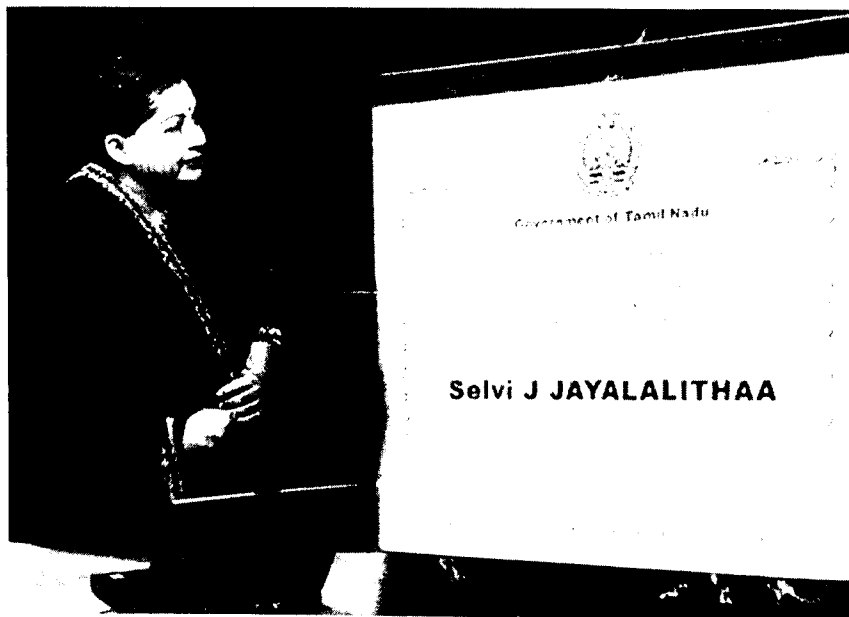
TAMIL NADU AS A KEY HUB FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



- ❖ Tamil Nadu has grown as a top Information Technology State in the Country during the last three years.
- ❖ With a view to give a great impetus, the IT Policy 2002 was released by the Hon'ble Chief Minister during September 2002.
- ❖ The IT Policy was formulated with a vision to put the smile of prosperity on the face of every citizen of Tamil Nadu by leveraging Information Technology to create value and wealth for a knowledge based State.
- ❖ Due to the encouragement and active support of the Government the export of software has been increased to a greater extent.
- ❖ The three IT majors viz. Infosys, Tata Consultancy Services Ltd. and Wipro have acquired about 300 acres in and around Chennai to meet their expansion plans.
- ❖ The Knowledge Industry Township has been taken as a special project for development. M/s. KPMG, a world class Consultant Firm has submitted the detailed project report. For the initial phase, 300 acres of land at Sholinganallur has been identified.
- ❖ ELCOT has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Bharathiyar University to promote Research and Development Park.
- ❖ The 7th National e-Governance Conference was organised in Chennai. The deliberations has opened new avenues for increasing the e-Governance activities in the State.
- ❖ A pilot project of Electronic Delivery of Services (EDS) was introduced in Tamil Nadu Electricity Board and Metro Water.
- ❖ Formation of e-Governance cell at ELCOT in the name and style of "TN e-Gov Mission".
- ❖ Video conferencing net work facility connecting the Hon'ble Ministers, Secretaries, District Collectors and other senior Government Officials.
- ❖ High speed inter - connectivity of 2 mbps has been provided with an outlay of Rs.63 lakhs with a view to enable quick access to information for crucial decision making.
- ❖ The Rural Access to Services through Internet (RASI) project was launched to bridge the Digital Divide and provide information and services to the



- rural masses at their nearest locations. The scheme implemented as a pilot project in selected part of the State has enabled the public to give e-mail and represent their grievances to Hon'ble Chief Minister directly. Further it has opened new channels of communication with the district administration.
- ❖ Rural Internet Kiosks open the doors to a new way of life to rural people. Online application for Birth, Death, Income, Community and Nativity Certificates has been made possible. The Rural Internet revolution now covers about 600 RASI centres and this will be extended to all the villages.
- ❖ TAMILNILAM (Tamil Nadu Info-system for Land Administration and Management) was introduced with the objective of computerising Land records data for the benefit of the public in terms of better information availability for administrative and development purposes. The project has been undertaken in Two Phases with a cost of Rs.132.60 lakhs and Rs.405 lakhs. Now, the 'Patta' copies are available across the counter in 206 Taluks in Tamil Nadu, where the Project has been implemented, for a nominal payment of Rs.20. For a fee of Rs.2 all landowners can view the data relating to their land.
- ❖ Towards introducing e-Governance, "e-Administration", a paperless File Management System is implemented at ELCOT as an empowerment tool.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation (TNMSC) has implemented a Computerised Drug Distribution Management System (DDMS) and is considered to be the pioneer model and backbone for the Drug Logistics System in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ The Government of Tamil Nadu have taken a lead in redefining the existing tea auction system into a completely electronic tea auction system called ETAS. It comprises of the computerisation of the pre-auction, auction and post-auction processes of the primary marketing of tea.
- ❖ Driving Licences are being issued electronically in all the 86 RTO offices.
- ❖ Nine Agriculture regulated markets were computerised to provide valuable price information of Agricultural products for farmers online and continuously in the first phase.
- ❖ 29 District Treasuries, 205 Sub-Treasuries, 7 Pay and Accounts Offices and Pension Pay Office at Chennai have been computerised. Daily transaction data are captured at the Sub-Treasuries and consolidated at the District Treasuries.
- ❖ The Urban Local Bodies have been computerised to provide services for birth and death registration, building plan approvals, census, trade license, elector rolls, family enumeration (mother and child welfare) professional tax, property tax, solid waste management and water charges.
- ❖ The Small Industries Department has facilitated issue of "provisional SSI registration certificate" to the new entrepreneurs by the District Offices as one of the areas of e-Governance. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has launched this unique initiative on 12.9.2002. There are now more



14,000 students per year. ELCOT is the nodal agency for the implementation of these projects.

❖ Interactive Voice Response Systems (IVRS) is installed at the Directorate of Small Savings and Collectorates to help the public to access the information about the agents, operation in the residential areas and nearest post offices.

❖ The REGiNET project is designed to substantially improve the citizen interfaces,

bringing speed and efficiency in the Registration process. Now all the 325 Registration offices spread over Tamil Nadu are connected. The REGiNET aims to issue Encumbrance Certificate (EC) for any property in the State from any Registration Offices.

TAMIL VIRTUAL UNIVERSITY

❖ Literatures from Sangam Age to Modern Age are placed in the Digital Library.

❖ To have glimpse of heritage, arts and culture, photo and video galleries are provided.

❖ The Government have provided separate funds to encourage Tamil Software developments and projects are under various stages.

❖ Hon'ble Chief Minister released the Tamil 'Optical Character Reader' OCR software during June 2002.

❖ Hon'ble Chief Minister released the Tamil Software Machine Aided English - Tamil Translation on 20-8-2003.

❖ TVU Study centres have been opened in Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Mauritius, U.S.A. and Canada.

❖ Idham 2000 - Advanced Tamil Interface for Microsoft Windows Software have been completed.

ENRICHMENT OF TAMIL LANGUAGE AND DEVELOPMENT OF ART AND CULTURE



★ The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.66 lakhs as grant for conducting cultural functions and art camps in Districts.

★ The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.3.63 lakhs for conferring awards to eminent Artists at District level. So far 95 Artists from 20 Districts were conferred with awards. For the year 2003-04 a sum of Rs.3.75 lakhs has been allotted.

★ Additional class rooms and library room for the Government College of Fine Arts at Kumbakonam were constructed at a cost of Rs.5.60 lakhs.

★ The Government have sanctioned a financial assistance of Rs.500 per month for 498 indigent Artists.

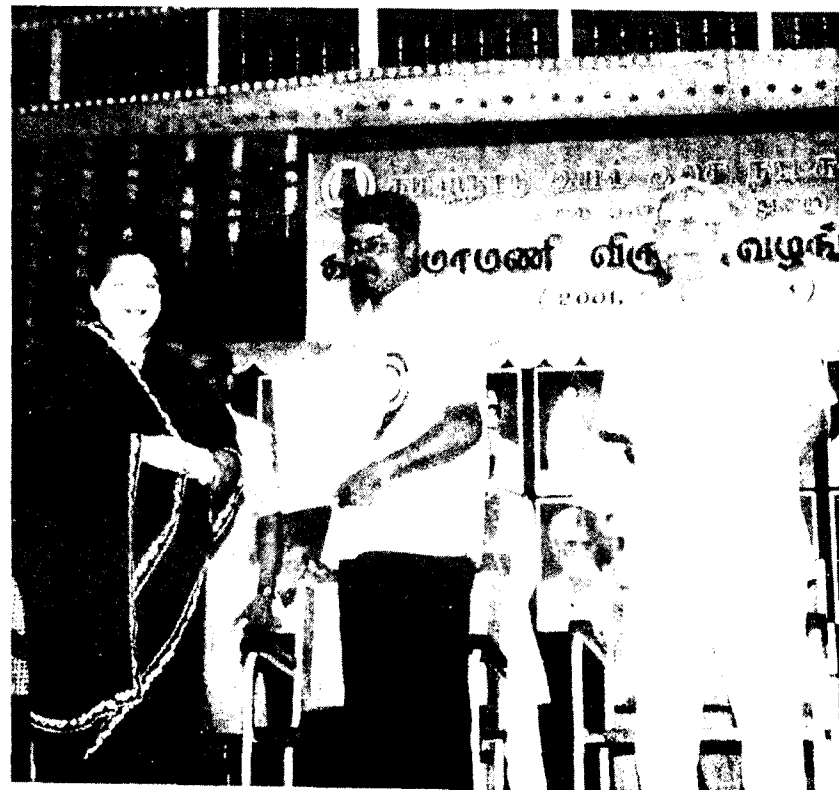
★ The Government have issued Identity Cards to 11,176 artists through District Art Societies.

★ The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.3 lakhs for the purchase of Computers and Accessories to the Government College of Architecture and Sculpture, Mamallapuram.

★ The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.5 lakhs for the purchase of Musical Instruments and Audio Visual Instruments to 17 District Government Music Schools.

★ The Government have sanctioned to purchase xerox machines for the Regional Cultural Centres at Thanjavur and Trichy at a cost of Rs.2 lakhs.

★ Refresher courses were conducted to the Teachers of Government Music Colleges and Music Schools at a cost of Rs.3 lakhs and nearly 115 teachers have been benefited by this programme. Training Camps in folk arts were also given to youth at a cost of Rs.2 lakhs.



- ★ Summer Training Camps are conducted to the benefit of Jawahar Bal Bhavan students in all Districts with an outlay of Rs.5 lakhs.
- ★ A sum of Rs.10 lakhs was sanctioned for conduct of Music Festivals in Music Colleges.
- ★ The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.1 lakh for printing of books for the Government Music Colleges and the Music Schools.
- ★ The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.25 lakhs as share of Tamil Nadu for the Corpus Fund of South Zone Cultural Centre, Thanjavur.
- ★ The Government have enhanced the grant from Rs.5000 to Rs.6000 to the families of deceased artists.
- ★ During the past three years, the Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.79.49 lakhs for conducting art festivals, cultural programmes and Art Training Programmes.
- ★ For the promotion of young budding artistes, a sum of Rs.1 lakh has been sanctioned.
- ★ To organise Tamil Panorama Programme, Kurunthogai Dance Programme was conducted with an estimated expenditure of Rs.65,000 to the benefit of 400 Government Music College students.
- ★ For the promotion of Raga Research Programme, Rs.22 lakhs have been sanctioned.
- ★ A sum of Rs.5 lakhs has been sanctioned to Kalai Payil Panpattu Kazhagam for the promotion of arts.
- ★ The Government have sanctioned a total sum of Rs.35.54 lakhs to Tamil Nadu Ovia Nunkalai Kuzhu as grant during the last three years.
- ★ Art Exhibitions and Lecture Demonstrations were conducted at Thiruchirapalli, Kancheepuram, Madurai, Tirunelveli, Thanjavur and Salem.

- ★ Jawahar Bal Bhavans are functioning in 35 places in all the districts of Tamil Nadu. Every year various schemes are implemented for the benefit of children.

were benefited during the last three years. 1259 artistes were benefited by availing travel concessions in buses.



The Government Museum at Chennai is the oldest and the largest among all State Museums in the country. The museum was renovated and beautification works were carried out. The Government have sanctioned a grant of Rs.4.44 crores to conserve the heritage building, housing the museum theatre and a large part of the heritage compound wall, to completely refurbish and modernise some of the galleries, to reorganise their displays using the latest monument lighting, and to introduce an interactive Sonet

- ★ During the last three years, Free Cultural Training Programmes were organised to benefit 14,877 children.

Lumiere Show. The Rock Art and Cave Art Gallery has been created as a walk-through in a simulated cave-like atmosphere.

- ★ With a view to felicitating famous artistes who are surviving in a commendable manner in the field of performing arts, the Tamil Nadu Eyal Isai Nataka Mandram is conferring Kalaimamani award on them every year. During the last three years Kalaimamani award were presented to 91 artistes.



- ★ Orders have been issued to enhance the Family Maintenance Grant from Rs.5000 to Rs.6000. This grant has been sanctioned to 34 families during the last three years.
- ★ Travel Concession certificates for availing 75% concessional fare in second class and 50% in first class are being issued to the performing artistes who undertake the journey in Train to the places beyond 300 kms. to perform cultural programmes. Under this scheme 9,572 artistes

- ★ A total sum of Rs.436.31 lakhs has been allotted during the last three years, for the heritage protection of the identified monuments.

- ★ As a result of the support given by the Government 12 parts of Tamil Etymological Dictionary have been completed, which is a remarkable performance in the field.

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NEW STRIDES IN HEALTH SERVICES

- ★ The Government of Tamil Nadu has committed itself towards ensuring health security for all the people in Tamil Nadu and a new history have been created in providing Health Services to all sections of the people.
- ★ Three new Medical Colleges - Vellore, Kanniyakumari and Theni have been started in Tamil Nadu during the last three years.
- ★ Construction of buildings for the Medical Colleges and 300 bedded Medical College Hospitals for Vellore and Kanniyakumari are under progress with an allocation of Rs.10 crores.
- ★ A New administrative building is being constructed for the Institute of Mental Health at a cost of 1.05 crores.
- ★ Cobalt Therapy Units have been established at Government Rajaji Hospital, Madurai, Government Royapettah Hospital, Chennai and Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Government Hospital for women, Egmore at a cost of Rs.4.5 crores.
- ★ The Mammography Unit which is a vital equipment to detect the breast cancer at the early stage has been installed at Tirunelveli Medical College Hospital, Coimbatore Medical College Hospital and Thanjavur Medical College Hospital at a cost of Rs.90 lakhs.
- ★ A sum of Rs.2 crores has been sanctioned towards purchase of Cobalt Therapy Unit, Bracky Therapy Unit and water treatment plant for Government Mohan Kumaramangalam Medical College Hospital, Salem.



- ★ Eye wards in all teaching medical institutions have been modified and strengthened with the fund provision of more than Rs.1 crore.
- ★ Eye bank has been established at Thirunelveli at a cost of Rs.5 lakhs.
- ★ One new college of Nursing was started at Madurai Medical College, Madurai to conduct B.Sc. Nursing course.
- ★ A sum of Rs.1.50 crores was sanctioned towards purchase of equipments for strengthening diagnostic facilities at Salem.
- ★ The Government have been conducting special medical camps in order to provide treatment to the people at the door steps. A total of 896 special camps have been conducted in which people were screened for diabetics, hyper tension and heart ailments, cancer and geriatric problems and 18 lakh people were benefitted.
- ★ During the past three years 93 Primary Health Centres have been upgraded as hospitals with 30 beds. Special facilities have been made available like operation theatres, x-ray plant, ultra sonogram and portable ECG instrument with specialist doctors.
- ★ In order to control anemia among women they are all given 100 FST(L) tablets during the last trimester of pregnancy. Also all the adolescent girls are given IFA tablets every week at a cost of Rs 190 lakhs per annum.
- ★ A dental health scheme has been launched in Dharmapuri, Salem, Namakkal and Theni districts. In each of these districts 4 Primary Health Centres are implementing the dental health check up with the involvement of private dental colleges.
- ★ Telemedicine facilities has been introduced in Madurai and Theni districts.

★ Mobile Health Scheme has been sanctioned in select Primary Health Centres for people living in remote and inaccessible areas. So far 4.16 lakhs of people have been benefited.

★ During the last three years the corporation has supplied drugs and medicines valuing Rs.338 crores to the hospitals.

★ Under Danida Schemes repair and maintenance works were carried out in primary health centres, Primary Health sub-centres and supplied Medical equipments at an expenditure of Rs.420 lakhs.



★ Under National Cancer Control Programme, three cobalt therapy units have been procured and supplied to Government Rajaji Hospital, Madurai, Government Royapettah Hospital, Chennai and IOG and Government Hospital for women and children, Chennai at a total cost of Rs.449 lakhs.

★ This corporation has constructed drug warehouses at Chennai (K.K.Nagar), Virudhunagar, Dindigul, Perundurai (Erode), The Nilgiris, Pudukottai including provision of equipments under the World Bank Assisted Project IPP VIII at a total cost of Rs.600 lakhs.

★ A 30 bedded Special Ward was established in the Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Government Hospital for Women and Children, Egmore, Chennai.

★ The construction works for Regional Diagnostic centres in seven District Head Quarters Hospitals have been undertaken at a cost of Rs.21 crores.

★ Construction of Accident and Emergency Ward in Government Hospitals at Tindivanam, Ambur, Krishnagiri, Sriperumpudur and Kovilpatti has been taken up including supply of Medical equipments at a cost of Rs.2.93 crores.

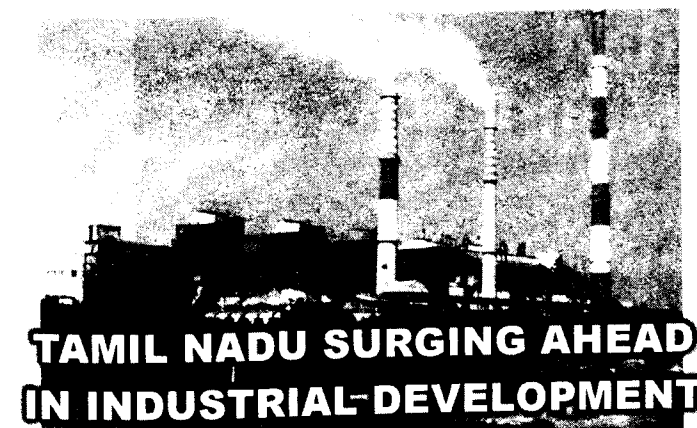
★ The Government have sanctioned the Indian Systems of medicine wings in 2 Taluk Hositals, 37 Non Taluk Hospitals and 50 Primary Health Centres.

★ A total sum of Rs.152.75 lakhs has been earmarked from MLA and MP's fund for construction of buildings for 55 Indian Systems of Medicine wings.

★ The National Institute of Siddha is to be developed by the Government of India in collaboration with the Government of Tamil Nadu at an estimated cost of Rs. 47 crores.

★ Towards complete eradication of Polio myelitis from Tamil Nadu, each year 73 lakhs of Children below 5 years are given Oral Polio Vaccine.

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The Government have formulated a new industrial policy with many innovative features to promote industrial development and create an Industry-friendly environment so as to enable the State to achieve prominent place in the industrial map of the nation. Various industries have been started during the last three years in Tamil Nadu and the state has become ideal place for more industrial investments. The activities and

★ Tamil Nadu Trade Promotion Organisation, Chennai at a Project cost of Rs.26.84 crores.

★ TICEL Bio Park Ltd, Taramani, Chennai at a Project cost of Rs.62.5 crores.

★ Narmathaa Textiles Ltd, Erode at a Project cost of Rs.76.87 crores.

★ Tanflora Infrastructure Park, Hosur, Dharmapuri District at a Project cost of Rs.24.85 crores.

★ Rubber Industrial Park, Chenbagaramanputhur, Kanniyakumari District at a Project cost of Rs.14.15 crores.

★ New Information Technology Park at Taramani, Chennai - Joint venture agreement signed.

★ SEZ Policy announced.

★ Marine Bio Technology Park near Mamallapuram - Lands identified, feasibility report and EIA study entrusted.



achievements of Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation are really praise worthy. The following completed industrial projects and the new industrial ventures demonstrate the industrial development of the state.

★ Supreme Suguna Foods Ltd, Udumalpet at a Project cost of Rs.11 crores.

★ Golden Fries Limited, Mettupalayam, Coimbatore at a Project cost of Rs.38.68 crores.

★ Mahindra Industrial Park Ltd, Maraimalainagar at a Project cost of Rs.233 crores.

★ Winery Project at Nillakottai and Cumbam valley - Tender process for selection of promoter initiated.

★ SISCOL, Salem (Integrated steel plant) at a Project cost of Rs.1035 crores -Steel Plant and Pig Iron plant re-started during November 2001 and re-rolling mill completed in October 2002.

★ SKM Egg Products Export (India) Ltd at Erode District at a Project cost of Rs.41 crores.

★ Saptarishi Agro Industries Ltd, Maduranthakam at a project cost of Rs.39.72 crores. New strategic promoter inducted.



MoU signed for :

- ★ Supreme Suguna Foods co.Ltd (100% EOU Chicken Processing Project) at a project cost of Rs.12 crores.
- ★ Ascendas IT Park (Chennai) Ltd (New Information Technology Park Project) at a project cost of Rs.140.30 crores.
- ★ Narmathaa Textiles Ltd (Modern textile processing project) at a project cost of Rs.76.21 crores.
- ★ Rubber Industrial Park Project at a project cost of Rs.14.52 crores.
- ★ Vishnu Fabrics Pvt Ltd at a project cost of Rs.15.48 crores.
- ★ Titan Industries Ltd. has received Best Employer Award from the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for having provided largest number of employment opportunities to disabled persons during 2002.

TIDEL Park Ltd

- ★ Certification ISO 9001 : 2000 was obtained effective from March 29, 2002 for provision of management services in development and maintenance of infrastructure and allied services.
- ★ Activities have commenced to obtain ISO 14001 certification.

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- ★ Roll-over scheme has been introduced for existing loans wherein, the rate of interest for

existing borrowers has been reduced from 18 to 23%, to 15.25% and 16% for SSI and Non-SSI units respectively. 1733 units have availed the benefit under this scheme upto 31.12.2003.

- ★ Separate policies under Non-Discretionary and Non-Discriminatory scheme for cases below Rs.5 lakhs and for cases between Rs.5 lakhs and Rs.10 lakhs has been introduced. The scheme was operative upto 31.3.2004 and 1822 units have availed the same.

- ★ For the loans above Rs.10 lakhs a one time settlement scheme was in operation upto 27.2.2004 and 127 units have availed the benefit.

- ★ The Government have announced an Interest Subsidy of 3% in the budget for 2003 - 2004 for the loans under National Equity Fund, ISO Certification and Modernisation.

- ★ A sum of Rs.17.97 crores has been extended to 103 units at a concessional rate of interest for Technology Development and Modernisation of Industries units during the Financial Year 2003-04.

- ★ Assistance of Rs.18.10 crores has been provided for 7 Wind Mill units under Non-conventional energy sector in the Financial Year 2003-04. Separate refinance from SIDBI for this purpose at a concessional rate of interest has also been obtained.

TAMIN

- ★ The granite blocks production has been increased during last three years. The

production in 2003-2004 has touched a record high of 43938 M2.

- ★ Graphite Beneficiation Plant at Sivagangai made a record sales of 4011 MTS to the value of Rs.5.18 crores.
- ★ During 2003-04 this plant has registered a new record sales turn over of Rs.7.3 crores.
- ★ During 2001-2002 TNPL made a net profit of Rs.35.31 crores; during 2002-2003 Rs.52.04 crores; and during 2003-2004 Rs.44.67 crores.

- ★ TNPL has received the commendation award "CII" Leadership and Excellence Award in Safety, Healthy & Environment (SH&E) year 2002 during February 2003.

- ★ TNPL has installed 3 numbers of 1250 KW wind turbines at Devarkulam during March 2004 and hence the overall wind farm capacity has been enhanced from 18MW to 21.75 MW.

SIPCOT

- ★ Lee Kim Tah Holdings Ltd, Singapore has signed MoU on 16.9.03 for creating Integrated Knowledge Town Ship at SIPCOT



- ★ During 2003-04 TNPL has commissioned the Bio-Methanation Plant which generates Bio-gas(Methane) which replaces furnace oil consumption in Lime Klin saving 10-12 Kl per day.

- ★ The Business world, a leading business weekly, which conducted an employees involvement and motivation survey in India jointly with Grow Talent Company Ltd., New Delhi and the great places to work institute of USA has selected TNPL as one of the top 25 great places to work in India. TNPL is the only company from Tamil Nadu to get this coveted ranking.

- ★ TNPL has obtained the accreditation under ISO 9001: 2000 certification from RWTUV system, Germany during 2003.

- ★ Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Award for Environment Protection 2002 was bestowed on TNPL by Rotary Club of Madras East and Earth Care. It is a prestigious award bestowed on TNPL by eminent jurists.

Information Technology Park, Siruseri near Chennai.

- ★ To facilitate disposal of Hazardous Industrial Waste a land site of about 170 acres has been identified in Melakottaiyur, Kanchipuram District.

- ★ The sale of iodised salt has gone up from Rs.170 lakhs during 2000-2001 to Rs.630 lakhs during 2003-04.

- ★ Tamil Nadu Salt Corporation (TNSC) has obtained the orders for the first time from the Government of Karnataka to supply iodised salt to their Mid-Day Meal Scheme for almost all Districts. A quantity of 3,834 tonnes of the value of Rs.79 lakhs has been supplied during 2003-04. The Corporation continues to supply Iodised Salt through Public Distribution System in Tamil Nadu.

- ★ A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by the Government and Tata Iron and Steel Company Limited on 27.06.2002 to establish a Titanium di-oxide Project with an investment of about Rs. 2000 crores.

SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES

- ★ The growth registered in the small scale sector in earlier decades plummeted to a great extent by the adverse impact of the cancellation of the time-honoured price and purchase preference offered to the Small Scale Industries in Tamil Nadu. This Government have cancelled the above order and amended the provisions of Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act 1998 restoring the price and purchase preference to SSI Sector.



- ★ To improve rural economy and to generate employment opportunities in rural areas, Government of Tamil Nadu have announced a new Scheme called New Anna Marumalarchi Thittam to promote agro based and food processing industries utilising the locally available agricultural produces, in all the 385 blocks of the State, with minimum capital investment of Rs.1 crore and above in each block. So far 765 projects with a total project cost of Rs.532.26 crores have been cleared by the State Level Coordination Committee.
- ★ Under this scheme 91 units with a total project cost of Rs.60.38 crores have commenced production.

- ★ These 91 units provide employment opportunities for 4735 rural people including 2878 women.
- ★ Under the Women Entrepreneur Development Programme, training have been imparted to 75,535 women during last three years. Of which, 19,787 women entrepreneurs have started their own industrial units.
- ★ Under PMRY scheme, loans have been sanctioned to 59,222 unemployed educated youth.
- ★ With a view to simplify the procedure for getting clearance from various agencies for starting small scale industrial units, single window clearance committee is functioning under the chairmanship of district collector. During the last three years 3073 applications have been cleared by this system.

★ The sale of Ooty Tea through PDS was formally launched on 28.08.2001. So far, 7386 MTs of Ooty tea valued at Rs.55.40 crores has been sold.

★ 11 Industrial Co-operative Tea Factories are being upgraded at a total cost of Rs.2.32 crores.

- ★ The Tea Auction Centre has been established at Coonoor to transact tea auction in a transparent manner.
- ★ The turnover of the Indcoserve an apex organisation of Industrial Cooperative Tea Factories has risen from Rs.1992.33 lakhs to Rs.2108.52 lakhs in 2003-2004.
- ★ The Sagoserve is one of the most successful examples of Industrial Cooperatives in the State. It is the biggest cooperative society in Asia, with turnovers of Rs.204.70 crores, Rs.143.29 crores and Rs.187.67 crores during 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 respectively.

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NEW INITIATIVE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE



Agriculture is an important professional which give boost for the rural economy. The Government is implementing various schemes to the development of this sector.

- ★ This Government is implementing a multipronged development strategy which aims at infusing a new growth momentum to the primary sector. This strategy comprises: Crop Diversification, Comprehensive Wasteland Development, encouraging water-use efficiency, Precision Farming, adoption of new technologies, Information Technology for quick knowledge dissemination, free markets for best prices, attention to rural non-farm sector, revitalizing the co-operative credit structure.
- ★ This Government is making a major effort in encouraging farmers to shift from environmentally unsustainable water-intensive cultivation to high value / low-water consuming crops. Horticulture and floriculture are being popularised in a big way. Emphasis is being given to cultivation of hybrid vegetables, biofuel trees and medicinal plants.
- ★ With the aim of integrated method of natural resources preservation, conservation, generation of rural employment opportunities, the National Watershed Development Project

for rainfed areas is being implemented. An amount of Rs.15.77 crores were utilised during 2001-2002 and during 2002-2003 the scheme was implemented at a cost of Rs.15.37 crores. During 2003-2004 an amount of Rs.15.25 crores were utilised.

- ★ Tractors, power tillers, power thrashing and a paddy planter were distributed at a total cost of Rs.191.867 lakhs.
- ★ The scheme for oilseeds production was implemented at a cost of Rs.597.98 lakhs during 2001-2002, Rs.623.885 lakhs during 2002-2003, and Rs.466.164 lakhs during 2003-2004.
- ★ During 2001-2002 the National Pulses Development Scheme was implemented at a cost of Rs.106.78 lakhs, in 2002-2003 an amount of Rs.159.777 lakhs and in 2003-2004 an amount of Rs.90.784 lakhs were utilised.
- ★ Training on improved techniques has been given to farm women in agriculture at a cost of Rs.512.737 lakhs and a total number of 8475 farm women were trained.
- ★ Under the Intensive Cotton Development Scheme Cotton Minimission II during 2001-2002 an amount of Rs.300.066 lakhs were utilised.



During 2002-2003 an amount of Rs.177.697 lakhs were utilised. During 2003-2004 an amount of Rs.295.214 lakhs were utilised.

- ★ Harvesting structure schemes were implemented in 17 Districts at a cost of Rs.106.25 lakhs.

AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING

- ★ Water Management holds the key for second green revolution. Ensuring "Water Security" by appropriate use of technology is the focus of the Agricultural Engineering Department. Integration of Rain Water Harvesting with Precision and High Tech Farming and monitoring through Geographical Information Systems, the Agricultural Engineering Department proposes to move towards saving every drop of rain, ensuring more crops per drop and adequate water for agriculture.

- ★ 8,833 farm ponds at a total cost of Rs. 2564.29 lakhs were constructed from July 2002 to March 2004.

- ★ The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.10 crores for rejuvenation of 5000 failed / unused / abandoned wells.

- ★ The above programmes provide employment to the local people and help them to bring the areas treated under cultivation. During 2001-2002, an area of 646 hectares was treated at a cost of Rs.92.90 lakhs. During 2002-2003, an area of 621 hectares was treated at a cost of Rs.92.90 lakhs. During 2003-2004, an area of 715 hectares was treated at a cost of Rs.92.90 lakhs.

- ★ With a view to reduce siltation of the reservoirs, various soil conservation measures are taken up in Vaigai and South Pennaiyar catchments. During 2001-2002, this programme was implemented at a cost of Rs.547.25 lakhs in 4473 hectares in Kundah, Lower Bhavani and

Vaigai Catchments. During 2002-2003, this programme was implemented at a cost of Rs.521.26 lakhs in 3058 hectares in Vaigai Catchment in Theni district. During 2003-2004, a programme at an expenditure of Rs.614.19 lakhs is being implemented in 3812 hectares in Vaigai Catchment of Theni district and South Pennaiyar Catchment of Dharmapuri district.

- ★ Soil Conservation is one of the important aspects under Western Ghats Development Programme. During 2001-2002, this programme was implemented at a cost of Rs.330.95 lakhs in 3904 hectares. During 2002-2003, this programme was implemented at a cost of Rs.329.32 lakhs in 1979 hectares. During 2003-2004, integrated development of 2121 hectares has been taken up at a cost of Rs. 366.05 lakhs in eight districts.

- ★ During the year 2002-03, soil conservation and landslide preventive measures were taken up at a cost of Rs.405.26 lakhs. During the year 2003-04, soil conservation and landslide preventive measures has been taken up at a cost of Rs.294.92 lakhs.

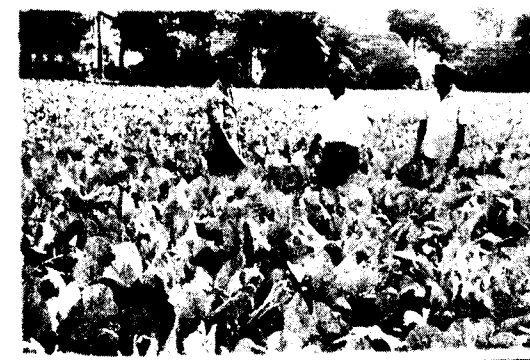
- ★ Under the Pilot Project for development of coastal saline and sandune affected soils of Nagapattinam - Vedaranyam Zone, Rs.43.76 lakhs have been sanctioned to develop 2000 hectares during 2003-2004.

DRIP IRRIGATION

- ★ The scheme for installation of Drip Irrigation System for the horticultural crops was implemented during 2001-2002 in an area of 18570 ha at a cost of Rs. 1393.53 lakhs. During 2002-2003 the scheme was implemented in an area of 13016 ha at a cost of Rs. 1177.04 lakhs. In order to reduce the stress on well irrigation and also to ensure judicious and economic use, Micro Irrigation Systems viz. Drip / Sprinkler Irrigation Systems, the allocation has been increased during 2003-2004 and the scheme was implemented in an area of 21237 ha at a cost of Rs.1210.63 lakhs.

WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

- ★ During 2001-2002, 5697 tube wells / shallow tube wells have been constructed. During 2002-2003, 5606 tube wells / shallow tube wells have been constructed. During 2003-2004, 4976 tube wells / shallow tube wells have been constructed.



COMMAND AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

- ★ During 2001-2002, this scheme was implemented in an area of 41864 hectares at a cost of Rs.3856.50 lakhs. During 2002-2003, this scheme was implemented in an area of 131652 hectares at a cost of Rs.4548.63 lakhs. During 2003-2004, On Farm Development was implemented in an area of 55718 hectares and Rotational Water Supply in 110398 hectares at a cost of Rs.4670.14 lakhs.

HORTICULTURE AND PLANTATION CROPS

- ★ The Government of Tamil Nadu have sanctioned a special project viz. Tamil Nadu Precision Farming Project to be implemented in Dharmapuri and Krishnagiri districts to an extent of 1000 Ha at a total cost of Rs.720.60 lakhs.
- ★ To promote alternate cropping in Nilgiris District a sum of Rs.50 lakhs was spent. Model floriculture unit for Self Help Groups were established. Seminar, awareness campaign, training were also conducted.
- ★ Village level awareness campaigns on Tea Quality production were conducted by Department of Horticulture and Tea Board. An amount of Rs.63 lakhs was spent in this regard and 56,608 small and marginal farmers were benefited, 1730 campaigns were conducted and an extent of 26,033 Ha was covered.

AGRICULTURAL MARKETING & AGRI. BUSINESS

- ★ An export zone exclusively for cut flowers at Hosur has been established at a project cost of Rs.24.85 crores. 170 MT (55 Lakhs Stems) of Cut Flowers worth Rs. 600 lakhs has been exported to Europe, Middle and Far East, Australia and Japan from this zone.

- ★ An Export Zone for flowers in Nilgiris District has been established at a project cost of Rs.15.89 crores.

- ★ An Export Zone for mangoes in Theni District covering the districts of Theni, Dindigul, Madurai, Virudhunagar, Tirunelveli and Kanniyakumari has been established at a project cost of Rs.24.60 crores.

- ★ Government orders were issued to establish an Agri Export Zone exclusively for cashewnuts at Cuddalore District through private sector at a project cost of Rs. 10.36 crores.

- ★ Government orders were issued to establish an Agri Export Zone exclusively for Banana at Trichy District through private sector at a project cost of Rs.10 crores.

- ★ Orders have been issued to establish a Food Park in Nilakkottai, Dindigul District at a cost of Rs.13 crores in 100 acres with all the infrastructure facilities for the benefit of farmers, entrepreneurs and exporters.

- ★ Work is in progress to provide infrastructural facilities in Andipatti, Ezhumathur and Thathaiyangarpet Regulated Markets at a cost of Rs.2.25 crores. Construction of 4 rural godowns in the regulated markets of Sembanarkoil, Cumbum, Kodumudi and Sevir at a total cost of Rs. 77 lakhs is also in progress.

- ★ During 2002-03, 100 Drying Yards and in 2003-04, 150 Drying Yards were constructed at a total cost of Rs.5 crores to minimise the post harvest losses in food grains.

- ★ The Government have issued orders for the formation of 4 new market Committees namely Theni, Dindigul, Thiruvarur and Nagapattinam in addition to the existing 16 Market Committees.

- ★ A new regulated market was opened on 30.08.2003 at Sathankulam in Tuticorin District.

- ★ Government orders were issued to establish a market complex exclusively for turmeric in Nassiyanur and Villarsampatti village near Erode at a total cost of Rs.36.32 crores.

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POWER

Increased generation and enhanced distribution



- ★ The 106 MW Power Project in Private Sector at Samayannallur has been commissioned on 22nd September 2001.
- ★ The 250 MW Lignite based Power Project in Private Sector at Neyveli has been commissioned on 16th December 2002.
- ★ The 95 MW gas based Power Project at Valuthur in State Sector has been commissioned on 13th March 2003.
- ★ The 101 MW gas based Power Project at Kuttalam in State Sector has been commissioned on 24.03.04.
- ★ Two units of 210 MW capacity each of Neyveli Thermal Station-I. Expansion have been put into commercial operation on 06.05.2003 and 05.09.2003 respectively under Central Sector and a share of 240 MW is being availed by Tamil Nadu.
- ★ Out of 4 units of 500 MW capacity each of Talcher Super Thermal Power Stations Stage-II under Central sector, two units were put on commercial operation on 01.08.2003 and 01.03.2004 respectively and a share of 270 MW is being availed by Tamil Nadu.
- ★ During the last three years wind mill generating capacity of 548 MW has been added. Tamil Nadu by harnessing 1361 MW of wind power as on 31.03.2004, continues to be in the forefront in the country.
- ★ A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between Tamil Nadu Electricity Board and National Thermal Power Corporation on 12.7.2002 to establish a 1000 MW thermal power project at Chennai as a Joint Venture Project.
- ★ A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between Tamil Nadu Electricity Board and Neyveli Lignite Corporation on 19.06.2003 to establish a 1000 MW thermal power project at Tuticorin as a Joint Venture Project.
- ★ 25 sub transmission and distribution schemes have been taken up at a cost of Rs.977 crores.
- ★ With NABARD assistance, sub-transmission and distribution improvement schemes are under execution in 14 districts at a total cost of Rs.146.39 crores.
- ★ In order to redress promptly the grievances of consumers regarding power supply failures, a computer based **Call Centre** has been



commissioned in Chennai city by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 12.11.2003.

- ★ During the last three years Tamil Nadu Power Finance and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. has mobilised a net deposit of Rs.742 crores.
- ★ Power Finance has created a record by mobilising net deposits of Rs.316 crores during the financial year 2003-2004.
- ★ During the last three years, this Corporation has advanced a sum of Rs.615 crores as net financial assistance to TNEB in the form of hire purchase loan and term loan.
- ★ Power Finance has created another record by providing gross financial assistance of Rs.680 crores to TNEB during 2003-2004. The net financial assistance to TNEB as on 31.3.2004 is Rs.1811 crores.
- ★ A sum of Rs.30.47 crores benefitting 19,975 children has been received as deposits under the "Girl Child Protection Scheme" which was introduced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. A sum of Rs.10.08 crores has been received covering 4030 temples under "Oru Kala Pooja Scheme."
- ★ The total net profit of the Corporation was Rs.67 crores during the financial years 2001-2002 to 2003-2004.
- ★ The total installed capacity of power generation from Renewable sources in Tamil Nadu has increased by 680 MW during the last three years. The total installed capacity of power generation from Renewables excluding hydro power is 1648 MW as on 31.3.2004 which is 15% of TNEB's grid capacity of 10947 MW. The same at all India level is only 3.5%
- ★ The capacity addition from Wind power generation during the last three years is 548 MW. The total installed capacity of Wind power in Tamil Nadu as on 31.3.2004 is 1361.5 MW which is 55% of the capacity in the country. Tamil Nadu continues to be no.1 State in the country in this field.
- ★ The capacity addition from bagasse based co-generation in Tamil Nadu during the past three years is 132 MW. The total installed capacity in Tamil Nadu as on 31.3.2004 is 274 MW which is 30% of the total capacity in the country. In this field also Tamil Nadu is No.1 State in the country.
- ★ The 500 KW project for generating electricity from tapioca waste water in Pappireddipatti in Dharmapuri district has been completed at a cost of Rs.3.59 crores.
- ★ 4500 SPV lantern, 1229 SPV Home Lights and 4346 SPV Street lights have been installed during the past three years.
- ★ Energy Parks have been established in 8 districts in the State for creating awareness on the Renewable energy sources and the working of the various devices among the students.
- ★ Against the national goal of increasing the power generation capacity from Renewables to 10% of the grid capacity by the year 2012, Tamil Nadu has achieved it in the year 2002 itself. It is 15% now in 2004.





WELFARE SCHEMES FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD CARE

The Hon'ble Chief Minister introduced the 18 Point Programme with the noble objective of achieving the empowerment of women and to take care of the welfare of the children. The thrust areas include eradication of female infanticide, reduction of maternal infant mortality, early childhood care and development, elimination of child labour, compulsory schooling together with special packages for economic self-sufficiency.

The schemes implemented by the social welfare department during the last three years are remarkable and really praise-worthy.

Under the GIRL CHILD PROTECTION SCHEME for the year 2001-2002, 1171 girl children were benefited and Rs.178 lakhs was utilised. For the year 2002-2003, 6717 girl children were benefited and an amount of Rs.1069 lakhs was utilised.

★ 25 Sathiya Ammaiyar Ninaivu Government Orphanages are functioning in Tamil Nadu to protect the orphaned children. The Government have enhanced the feeding and clothing charges to the benefit of 5500 children.

★ New Service Homes were started in the districts of Coimbatore and Madurai.

★ Under the Thamizhaga Arasu Kalappu Thirumana Udhavi Thittam, a total sum of Rs.725.10 lakhs has been spent to assist 3,647 couples during the last three years.

★ Under Dr. Dharmambal Ammaiyar Ninaivu Widow remarriage Scheme, a sum of Rs.48.94 lakhs has been spent and 493 women were benefited.

★ Under E.V.R. Maniammaiyar Ninaivu Widow's Daughters Marriage Assistance Scheme a total sum of Rs.303.53 lakhs has been given as assistance to 3858 beneficiaries.

★ Under Annai Theresa Ninaivu Orphan Girls Marriage Assistance Scheme a total sum of Rs.27 lakhs has been given to 344 women.

★ Under Sathyavani Muthu Ammaiyar Ninaivu Free Sewing Machine Scheme, quality sewing machines were distributed to 19,241 women with an incurred expenditure of Rs.384.42 lakhs.

★ To counter the menace of female infanticide, an unique scheme called "Cradle Baby Scheme" was launched by the Tamil Nadu Government. This scheme is being implemented by setting up full fledged Reception Centre at Dharmapuri, Salem, Dindigul, Madurai and Theni Districts.

★ Various schemes are being implemented for the upliftment and empowerment of the women. The scheme for formation of Self Help Groups for women is one of the most important scheme introduced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister in Tamil Nadu and it has become a popular mass

new nutrition policy to make Tamil Nadu "Malnutrition Free State". ICDS project is implemented in an effective manner for the welfare of the children and adolescent girls.

★ 3 new ICDS Projects have been started at Thiruvannamalai, Tiruchengode and Sankarankoil covering a population of 3 lakhs.

★ Government have issued orders to open 11,640 Anganwadi Centres as twin centres.

★ Aluminium cooking vessels have been supplied to all Anganwadi centres at a cost of Rs.4.11 crores.



movement. So far, 1,57,958 Self Help Groups have been formed with 26,85,717 women as members.

★ The total savings of the groups is Rs.422.74 crores. An amount of Rs.722.02 crores has been sanctioned as loan to the Self Help Groups.

★ Women entrepreneur training has been imparted to 3,66,107 women of which 62,925 women were trained by the Tamil Nadu Women Development Corporation with an estimated expenditure of Rs.472.85 lakhs.

★ The Tamil Nadu Government has formulated a

★ 435 Municipal Child Welfare Centres were provided with stainless steel plates and tumblers.

★ 10421 Medicine Kits and 19,500 Medicine Boxes were supplied at a cost of Rs.96.69 lakhs.

★ 96,950 bottles (each 100 ml) of Vitamin "A" Solution were distributed to children in Anganwadi centres at a cost of Rs.55.87 lakhs.

★ 390 lakhs Iron Folic Acid tablets were distributed to Adolescent Girls at a cost of Rs.21.06 lakhs.



★ Rubella and MMR Vaccine were given to Adolescent Girls and Children in 5 Districts of Theni, Cuddalore, Perambalur, Thiruvannamalai and Vellore.

★ 10,000 Anganwadi Centres were repaired at a cost of Rs.700 lakhs.

★ Construction of 1,575 Baby Friendly Toilets in Anganwadi Centres at a cost of Rs.70.51 lakhs.

★ Construction of 159 CDPO office cum godown in 24 districts at a cost of Rs. 7.95 crores.

★ Construction of 82 Anganwadi Centres at a cost of Rs.102.50 lakhs.

★ Construction of Project Co-ordinator's office at a cost of Rs.50 lakhs.

★ Rs.12.10 crores for carrying out repair works at the Nutritious Meal Centres.

★ Various Information, Education and Communication activities such as advocacy

camps for Panchayat Presidents, Gender Sensitisation Programmes, Awareness Programmes on prevention of early marriage and female infanticide, dramas and cultural programmes, training on interpersonal communication and counselling, publication of news letter etc. have been carried out at a total cost of Rs.242 lakhs.

★ To reduce malnutrition in the villages a massive awareness programme was launched in 600 villages.

★ Special training has been given to 48700 Anganwadi Workers, 28000 Anganwadi Helpers, 1250 Supervisors and 335 other Project functionaries.

★ 529 new Anganwadi centres have been opened.

★ In order to combat vitamin 'A' deficiency among children, inclusion of 20 grams curry leaf / drumstick leaf powder in the nutritious meal for children in the Anganwadi Centres / Child



welfare centres is being implemented with effect from 12.11.2003 for 5 days in a week at a cost of 20 paise per child per day. This programme has been introduced in two blocks each of the selected six districts of Theni, Kancheepuram, Vellore, Thiruvannamalai, Cuddalore and Perambalur.

★ The Women Self Help Groups are involved in the preparation of the curry/drumstick leaf powder. This supplements the income of the self help groups.

★ Two, day care centres for the mentally retarded children started in Theni District at a cost of Rs.10 lakhs.

★ A special School for the Mentally Handicapped has been started in Theni District.

★ Preliminary work has been completed for establishment of a Secondary Grade Teacher Training Centre to train Visually handicapped and Locomotor handicapped persons exclusively at a cost of Rs.5 lakhs.

★ The disabled students staying in the hostels attached to Government Special Schools and also run by the Non Governmental organisations are provided with feeding charges at the rate of

Rs.200 per month per child. 4967 disabled students availed the benefit during 2001-2002 at a cost of Rs99.34 lakhs. During 2002-2003 Rs.96.24 lakhs have been allotted which benefitted 6321 disabled students. The feeding charges has been increased from Rs.200 to Rs.225 per month.

★ Sanction has been accorded for Rs.8.53 lakhs towards supply of text books free of cost to 10060 disabled children studying in Government and aided special schools.

★ The number of disabled students availing scholarship has been increased from 13700 to 15000 at a cost of Rs.117.20 lakhs.

★ Group Hearing aids are being provided to Special Schools for Hearing Impaired at a cost of Rs.25 lakhs.

★ Assistive devices like Tricycles, Wheel Chairs, Hearing aids, Calipers, Crutches, Artificial Limbs, etc. are provided at a cost of Rs.75 lakhs to handicapped persons every year.

★ State Level Sports Meet and Cultural programmes for disabled persons were conducted on the International Day of the disabled.



- ★ Community Based Rehabilitation Programmes for disabled persons were organised in Kancheepuram, Thiruvannamalai, Ramanathapuram and Theni Districts with an expenditure of Rs.2.98 crores.
- ★ Incentive given to normal persons marrying Speech and Hearing Impaired persons has been increased from Rs.7000 to Rs.10,000.
- ★ Incentive given to normal persons who marry locomotor disabled persons has been increased from Rs.7000 to Rs.10,000.
- ★ The number of severely disabled beneficiaries availing maintenance allowance has been increased from 7400 to 8400.
- ★ Maintenance allowance is delivered at the door steps of the beneficiaries by way of money order since 1.1.2003.
- ★ Tamil Nadu Registrations of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Centres for Mentally ill persons Rules 2002 has been notified to regulate the Psychiatric Rehabilitation Centres for the mentally ill persons, first time in India.
- ★ Free bus passes are being issued to 13,000 disabled persons.
- ★ This Government provided Rs.4 crores as Block Government Guarantee to National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation.
- ★ CHILDLINE, a Telephone out-reach programme committed to responding emergency calls to help a child in distress is in operation in Chennai, Madurai, Tiruchirapalli, Coimbatore, Salem and Tirunelveli. In this regard, the special toll free No. 1098 has been earmarked across the country. CHILDLINE has also been introduced by the Police Department using the same number in all Women Police Stations. As on date Childline is also working in 102 All Women Police Stations.
- ★ In every Police Station one Police Officer with aptitude has been designated as Child Welfare Officer, who shall handle the issues concerning a person less than 18 years of age. The Deputy Superintendent of Police (District Crime Record Bureau) in every district is in charge of Special Juvenile Police unit and monitor their activities.
- ★ 35,69,115 persons were benefited by way of old age pension, physically handicapped, destitute widow, destitute agricultural labourer and deserted women. ❖

MODERNISATION OF POLICE FORCE



The Government with its emphasis on modernising and humanising the police force has taken Tamil Nadu Police Force to a new realm of competency.

- ★ Seventeen Mobile Counselling Centre Vans with Public Address System, TV, VCR and Generator were purchased in the year 2003 to attend the redressal of problems of women and to create an awareness of their rights at a cost of Rs.108 lakhs.
- ★ 40 Patrol Vehicles and 60 Motorcycles to Chennai City for prevention of crime at an expenditure of Rs.196 lakhs were purchased in the year 2003.
- ★ 130 Jeeps to 130 AWP's for quick mobility to a tune of Rs.461 lakhs - 90 Jeeps were purchased in 2003.
- ★ 287 Motorcycles to women police at Circle Headquarters at a cost of Rs.92 lakhs were purchased in the year 2003.
- ★ 372 Motorcycles to Crime SIs in Chennai City at a cost of Rs.70 lakhs. 141 purchased in 2003.
- ★ 80 Highway Patrol Vehicles were provided in the year 2003 with accessories for the re-organisation of Highway Patrol Scheme with Traffic Aid Post and providing link with Emergency Accident Relief Centres.
- ★ 215 Motorcycles were purchased in the year 2003 for the use of UNDP Police Stations.
- ★ Apart from 40 patrolling vehicles 12 additional big size jeeps were purchased in the year 2003 in Chennai City for Patrolling.



- ★ 27 Vehicles (Buses) sanctioned to transport prisoners in the budget for 2003-2004.
- ★ Communication equipments, VHF 292 Static Sets, 901 Mobile Sets, 1407 Hand Held Sets have been purchased and distributed in April 2004.
- ★ Automatic Traffic Signal Equipment in 94 Junctions in the State have been installed at a cost of Rs.3.30 crores.
- ★ 1,365 Video Cameras have been sanctioned to all Police Stations including Women Police Stations.
- ★ 603 Photo copiers to Police Stations at Sub-divisional Headquarters at a cost of Rs.6.03 crores have been purchased and distributed in 2003.
- ★ Bomb Detection and Disposal Equipment to 24 Districts, Railway Police and Secretariat Security, sanctioned at a cost of Rs.8.43 crores.
- ★ Physical fitness equipment: Multi Gyms, Double Twister, Elliptical Trainer, Magnetic Tread Mill, Belt Massager sanctioned costing Rs.71.65 lakhs.
- ★ Equipments to Forensic Science Laboratory for DNA facilities at a cost of Rs.287 lakhs sanctioned.
- ★ Equipments for SBCID Control Room at a cost of Rs.50 lakhs sanctioned.
- ★ Monitoring Equipments for Intelligence wing at an expenditure of Rs.200 lakhs.
- ★ Dial 100 facility for modern control room at a cost of Rs.70 lakhs.
- ★ 584 Fax machines at a cost of Rs.70.08 lakhs.
- ★ 2680 + 25 Computers and Accessories for District, Sub-divisions and Police Stations, purchased at a cost of Rs.17.5 crores and distributed in 2004.
- ★ 103 Dogs for Cities and Districts at an expenditure of Rs.6.18 lakhs sanctioned.
- ★ 2 Training Centres cum barracks costing Rs.144 lakhs.
- ★ Video conferencing for Training at a cost of Rs.12 lakhs.
- ★ 6 In-service Training Centres at an expenditure of Rs.245 lakhs to train police personnels.
- ★ 130 new all Women Police Stations with Counselling centres were sanctioned and 90 were opened during last two years exclusively to tackle the crime against women like dowry harassment, etc. Forty more AWPS were opened on 18.2.04.
- ★ Mobile Counselling Centres have been formed with TV, VCD, VCR, etc. to visit interior villages.
- ★ Uniforms, arms and ammunitions, lathies, rain coats, etc. have been supplied on par with men police to all Women Police Personnel.
- ★ Provision of 114 rest room facilities all over the State for Women Police Personnel has been announced during 2003-2004.
- ★ Construction of Guest / Rest rooms at Chennai City for Women Police who visit Chennai on duty has also been sanctioned at a cost of Rs.62.29 lakhs.
- ★ Six Creches to take care of children of women police were opened on 27.01.2003.
- ★ The first women Commando training in the Country was started on the directions of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 04.10.2002 and 21 Women PCs completed their training on 4.01.2003.



- ★ Government sanctioned Rs.99,98,450 for imparting gender sensitisation training to Men Police Personnel from the rank of Grade II Police Constable to Inspector of Police for all units except Chennai City. For Chennai City Rs.23,23,825 was sanctioned for this purpose.
- ★ For re-sensitisation course for women police personnel a sum of Rs.8.40 lakhs was sanctioned and 4,483 Women Police Personnel attended the course.
- ★ 18 Police Personnel were awarded Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Medal for Gallantry Act and 358 for Meritorious Service by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 09.07.2002.
- ★ 192 Government of India Medals and 172 Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Medals for 2002 (Gallantry - 46 and outstanding devotion to duty - 126) were presented by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 14.02.2003.
- ★ To achieve increase in the off take and to curb the prevalence of spurious / seconds and illicit liquor, 8 additional PEW units were formed involving a recurring expenditure of Rs.1.44 lakhs and non-recurring expenditure of Rs.60 lakhs.
- ★ In order to give immediate relief to road accident victims, Road Safety Cell was created with 13 road safety clinics involving recurring expenditure of Rs.25.32 lakhs and non-recurring expenditure of Rs.16.86 lakhs.
- ★ Additional Traffic Aid Posts were created for every 50 KMs on National / State highways involving Rs.14.74 lakhs recurring expenditure and Rs.1214.64 lakhs non-recurring expenditure.
- ★ A special wing to tackle religious fundamentalists were formed at Coimbatore and Madurai involving recurring expenditure of Rs.74.56 lakhs.
- ★ In order to wean away the slum children from anti-social activities and to maintain a police friendly atmosphere, 64 Boys Clubs were formed throughout the State involving a recurring expenditure of Rs.32 lakhs. Apart from these 64 Boys Clubs, 53 Clubs were sponsored by others in Chennai City alone.
- ★ Women Battalion has been commissioned by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 30.1.2004, making a milestone in the history of Tamil Nadu Police.
- ★ Quantum of assistance from Tamil Nadu Police Health Fund Scheme to Police Personnel has been enhanced to Rs.1.50 lakhs from Rs.1 lakh with effect from 01.07.2002.
- ★ Ex-gratia payment to the Police Personnel, killed or injured under heroic circumstances is enhanced as: Death of Police Personnel from Rs.2 lakhs to Rs.5 lakhs; those who were permanently incapacitated (i.e.) loss of legs, eye sights, etc. from Rs.50,000 to Rs.1 lakh; greivous injuries from Rs.10,000 to Rs.20,000; and simple injuries from Rs.5,000 to Rs.10,000.
- ★ Ex-gratia to the Police Personnel of the core Cell CID, Commando Force and Commando School is enhanced as: In the event of Death DSPs and above from Rs.5 lakhs to Rs.10 lakhs; PCs to Inspectors from Rs.3 lakhs to Rs.6 lakhs; In the event of permanent impairment of limbs, visions, senses to all ranks from Rs.2 lakhs to Rs. 4 lakhs; In the event of disfigurement of all ranks from Rs. 1 lakh to

Rs.2 lakhs. During 2001-02 to 2003-04 a total of 221 Police Personnel have been benefited.

- ★ From the Tamil Nadu Police centenary Scholarship fund during the year 2001-02 a sum of Rs.1,37,08,500 was disbursed to 3865 students. During the year 2002-03, a sum of Rs.1,56,86,000 was disbursed to 4116 students.
- ★ The meritorious wards of the police personnel securing first three positions in 10th and 12th standard are awarded prizes. On 05.09.2002 Hon'ble Chief Minister distributed the prize amount of Rs.9.70 lakhs to 215 wards of the Police Personnel who have secured first three places in the 10th and 12th Standard Government Examinations during the year 2002-2003. The total expenditure incurred during 2003-04 is Rs.9.90 lakhs for 224 wards of the Police Personnel.
- ★ For the first time the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu directly heard the grievances of all ranks of Police personnel during July-August 2002 and all the 8395 petitions received were disposed off. Nearly 56% of the total petitions were disposed off favourably.
- ★ As per the instructions of the Government, DGP, Zonal IGP, COPs, Range DIGs and District SPs are conducting Grievance Day regularly.
- ★ During 2001-2002, 3000 residential quarters for the Police Personnel were constructed. 3000 Police Quarters for the Police Personnel in the State are now under construction.
- ★ Upgradation of 74 Police Stations under UNDP pattern sanctioned in 2001-02 and 2002-03 have been completed at a total cost of Rs.296 lakhs.
- ★ New buildings for 200 Police Stations during 2002-2003 at a total cost of Rs.2400 lakhs are being constructed. Construction works have been completed for 120 Police Stations and taken over.
- ★ Construction works for District Police Offices at Thiruvannamalai and Villupuram are under progress at a total cost of Rs.6 crores.
- ★ Building works are under progress for Armed Reserve Complex at Thiruvannamalai, Perambalur and Namakkal at a total cost of Rs.2.63 crores.



- ★ Construction of Dormitories were taken up at six places viz., Villupuram, Erode, Dindigul, Coimbatore, Virudhunagar and Nagapattinam at a total cost of Rs.36 lakhs. Four dormitories have been completed and work is under progress in Erode and Virudhunagar.
- ★ Technical Training Centre at R.A. Puram, Chennai for Police Radio Technical Branch is being constructed at a total cost of Rs.51 lakhs.
- ★ Police Radio Transmission Communication Complexes are being constructed at Vellore, Thanjavur, Thoothukudi and Namakkal at a total cost of Rs.1.15 crores.
- ★ Construction of Dog Kennels in 12 Districts at a total cost of Rs.1.69 crores have been completed.
- ★ For the women police in the State, 570 units of Rest Rooms and toilet-cum-bath room facilities in T.S.P., Battalions, Armed Reserve and Local Police are being constructed at a total cost of Rs.513 lakhs. 424 units have been completed. Works are under progress in 146 units.
- ★ Work of provision of Security Perimeters in T.S.P. Battalions at Avadi, Ulundurpet and Trichy have been completed at a total cost of Rs.75 lakhs.
- ★ Government issued directions for the reorganisation of the Highway Patrol Schemes. The Highway Patrol Teams are Patrolling the National Highways day and night in two shifts.

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ANNADHANAM SCHEME AND RENOVATION OF TEMPLES

- ★ The Annadhanam scheme was introduced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister with a view to provide food for the devotees. Now the scheme is being implemented in 162 temples.
- ★ So far 1,20,18,047 persons have been benefited by this scheme. This scheme has received about Rs.2123.6 lakhs as donations and about Rs.590.03 lakhs from Hundial offerings, and has a overall surplus amount of Rs.600.9 lakhs, thus received an overwhelming response from the public.
- ★ Spiritual classes preaching moral ethics for boys and girls are being conducted on every Sunday, in all the temples where Annadhanam Scheme is implemented. By this 3,74,095 boys and girls were benefited.
- ★ Under the Free Marriage Scheme being implemented in the temples 2550 poor couples were benefited during the last three years.
- ★ The southern side of the second praharam of Rameswaram, Arulmighu Ramanatha swamy Temple was kept unused for the last 125 years. The Government initiated steps for renovation and it was opened for the public on 8.4.2002.
- ★ Renovation works were carried out at Samayapuram Arulmighu Mariamman Temple with an estimated cost of Rs.87.64 lakhs and Kumbabishekam was performed on 11.2.2004.
- ★ Renovation works were carried out in Arulmighu Dhanumalayaswamy Temple, Suchindram, Kanniyakumari District with an estimated cost of Rs.136.40 lakhs and Kumbabishekam was performed on 9.4.2004.
- ★ Renovation works to the tune of about Rs.133 lakhs have been carried out in Arulmighu Nellaippar Temple, Tirunelveli Town and the Kumbabishekam was performed on 7.4.2004.
- ★ A sum of Rs.5646.79 lakhs has been sanctioned for 1086 works in 676 temples for various renovation and construction works, in temples.
- ★ A total sum of Rs.37.50 lakhs has been sanctioned to renovate 150 temples situated in the habitation of Adidraavidar and Tribal areas.
- ★ Financial assistance of Rs.25,000 each has been given to renovate 300 village temples.
- ★ In Kanchipuram District, Kumbabishekam to the Thiruttani Arulmighu Subramaniaswamy Temple was performed on 6.7.2003, after completion of various renovation works at a cost of Rs.2 crores.
- ★ Under the Oru Kala Pooja Scheme, financial assistance has been given to 1,550 temples during the last three years.



★ Salary arrears due to 718 employees working in 488 temples to the tune of Rs.72.34 lakhs has been settled.

★ Under village temple poojaris pension scheme 1186 persons are being benefited.

★ Sanction has been accorded to disburse Rs.500 per month pension to 110 Archagas, 6 Odhuvars, 2 Vedha paarayanars, 11 Isai Kalaignars, totaling 129 persons.

★ Purified drinking water facility has been provided in 2189 temples, latrine facilities have been provided in 272 temples, and bathing facilities have been provided in 165 temples.

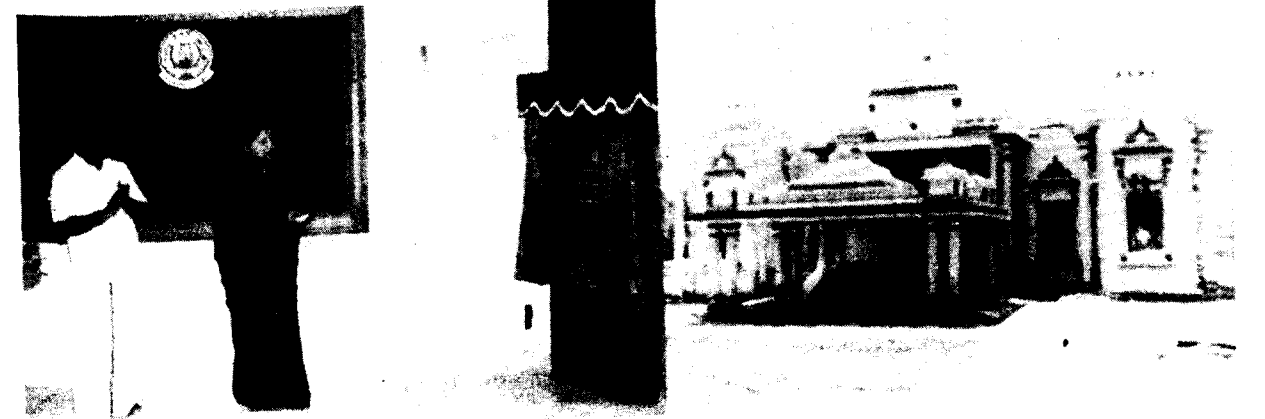
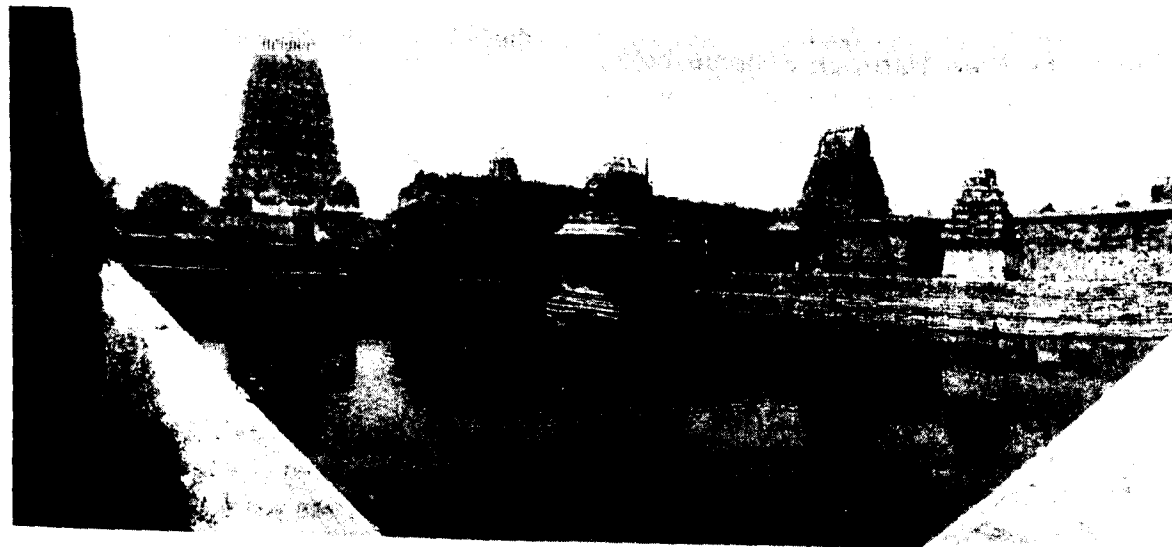
★ Under Temple Nandavanam Schemes 557 old Nandavanams were renovated and 336 new gardens were formed.

★ 4,89,359 fruit bearing and non fruit bearing saplings were planted in the uncultivable temple lands.

★ 600 temple tanks were desilted and renovated.

★ Rain Water Harvesting Scheme has been implemented in 1232 temple Tanks and 106 ponds.

★ During the last three years, free electricity connections were given to 1928 temples.



MAHAMAHAM FESTIVAL

Mahamaham is a great national festival being organised in Mahamaham tank situated at Kumbakonam once in twelve years.

The holy festival was held on March 6th, 2004 in a grand manner. Under the able guidance of our Hon'ble Chief Minister, elaborate arrangements were made by the Government for the successful conduct of this festival.

In connection with the function, infrastructural facilities were created in and around Kumbakonam to the benefit of the people.

A large Kalaiarangam was constructed with an incurred expenditure of nearly Rs.1.65 crores in commemoration of the grand function.

Lakhs and lakhs of devotees from all over India had a holy dip at the Mahamaham tank.

★ In continuation of the kind and humanitarian instructions of Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Rejuvenation Camp for Elephants was organised for 30 days at Mudhumalai Sanctuary. Intensive medical care, nourishing diet, exercise and refreshing daily splashes in river were provided to 100 elephants in the rejuvenation camp.

★ Fair Rent has been fixed for buildings and sites owned by temples. During the current year fair rent has been fixed for 4123 buildings, and a sum of Rs.2,80,05,794 has been collected, with an increase of Rs.90,48,306 over the previous year collection. Likewise, fair rent has been fixed for 10,667 sites, due to which a sum of Rs.2,90,48,298 has been collected, with an increased amount of Rs.2,57,02,394 over the previous year collection.



NOBLE SCHEMES FOR THE WELFARE OF ADIDRAVIDAR AND TRIBALS



★ To uplift the socio-economic conditions of Adi Dravidars and Tribals many development schemes are being implemented. During the financial year 2001-2002, 48675 persons were benefited. An amount of Rs.25.95 crores as subsidy, Rs.10.30 crores as TAHDCO Margin Money, Rs.40.98 crores as Bank Loan and Term Loan totaling a sum of Rs.78.23 crores has been given as financial assistance.

★ 2002-2003 annual Action Plan was implemented for the benefit of 1,22,334 SC/ST

people. Out of this, a sum of Rs.40.75 crores had been given by Bank as loan with Rs.19.16 crores as subsidy for 45,789 beneficiaries.

★ Vocational training had been imparted to 13920 educated youth to get employment opportunity by incurring expenditure to the tune of Rs.17.16 crores. Entrepreneurial Development training had been given to 36,524 women through self help groups by spending Rs.1.52 crores. During 2002-2003, as first time, District Action Plan has been prepared by the District Collectors based on the local needs and potentials

available in the District for the Development of SC/ STs.

★ For the benefit of 10,000 scavengers and their dependents a new programme called National Scavengers Liberation and Rehabilitation Scheme has been proposed by forming 1000 Self Help Groups for their economic development and skill upgradations. At present skill training programme and Life Skill Training have been conducted.

★ 10% of the Special Central Assistance of Rs.5.59 crores has been sanctioned for providing basic infrastructure facilities to the Adi Dravidar habitations. Out of which a sum of Rs.4.58 crores has been spent for the benefit of 20,400 Adi Dravidar beneficiaries.

★ During the financial year 2003-2004, Annual Action Plan has been prepared and is being implemented to the benefit of 2,05,879 Adi-Dravidar people and upto December 2003, a sum of Rs.14.24 crores as subsidy and Rs.15.88 crores as Bank Loan have been disbursed to 43,582 beneficiaries as financial assistance.

★ Vocational training have been given to 29,945 educated youth by spending an amount of Rs.8.14 crores.

★ Entrepreneurial training has been given to 40,000 women Adi Dravidars of Self Help Groups by spending an amount of Rs.1.54 crores.



★ During the financial year 2003-2004, a land mark scheme called Land Purchase Scheme is sanctioned by Government for sanctioning Rs.70 crores as loan inclusive of Rs.35 crores as subsidy for the benefit of 6000 Adi Dravidar Women and 1000 Tribal Women, mostly Self Help Group members. This scheme will be implemented under the Chairmanship of respective District Collector.

★ It is planned to create basic infrastructure to SC habitations for the benefit of 15000 SC members by spending a sum of Rs.8 crores from Special Central Assistance.

★ The Hon'ble Chief Minister has introduced a new scheme of free supply of Ladies Bicycles to girl students to encourage education amongst the girl students belonging to Scheduled Caste / Scheduled Tribe / Scheduled Caste converts who are studying in Standards XI and XII from the year 2001-2002.

★ During 2001-2002, 56525 number of bicycles were distributed at a cost of Rs.7.69 crores.

★ During the year 2002-2003, 47980 number of bicycles were distributed at a cost of Rs.6.91 crores.

Secondary School, Vellimalai, Villupuram District at a total cost of Rs.2.95 crores.

★ Solar based electrification works in Nilgiris and Coimbatore District tribes at an outlay of Rs.49.54 lakhs.

★ Formation of road from Tholampalayam to Kopaneri in Coimbatore District at a cost of Rs.310 lakhs.

★ Construction of boys/ girls hostel at an outlay of Rs.150 lakhs.

★ Construction of the Paniya Farm Housing

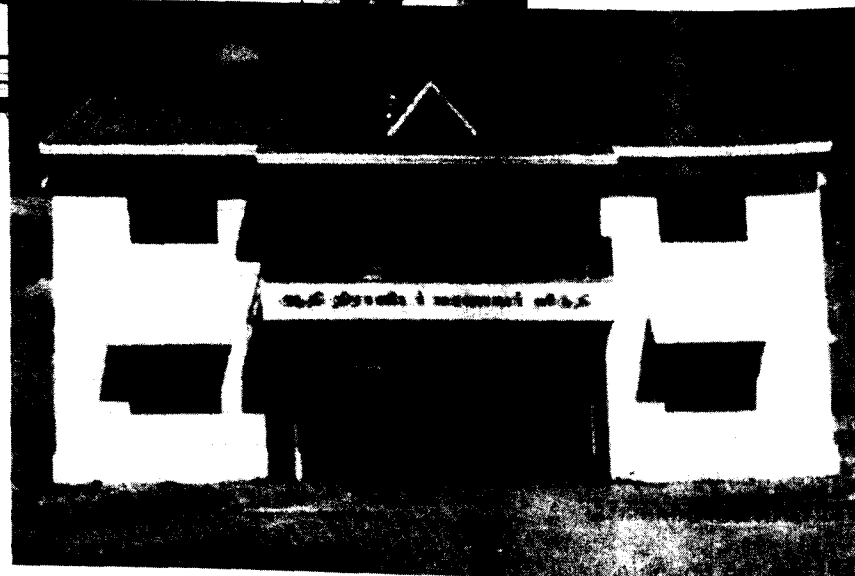


★ During 2003-2004, 48040 Bicycles were distributed.

★ During the year 2001-2002, 8 boys hostels and 2 girls hostels were taken up for construction.

★ During 2002-2003, the Government of India sanctioned funds of Rs.204.75 lakhs as its share for the construction of 9 boys and 4 girls hostels and the State share of Rs.204.75 lakhs was ordered to be met from the savings of TAHDCO. In 2003-2004, construction of 150 hostels has been ordered with MLA C.D. fund of Rs.590 lakhs and State funds of Rs.4135 lakhs and a sum of Rs.582.75 lakhs has been released by Government of India for construction of 13 boys and 24 girls hostels with the State share of Rs.582.75 lakhs under 50:50 Centrally Sponsored Scheme during 2003-2004.

★ Opening and construction of School Hostel building at Model Residential Higher



scheme in Nilgiris District at a cost of Rs.25 lakhs.

★ A sum of Rs.63 lakhs was released for construction of houses and electrification facilities to the Tribes.

★ A sum of Rs.239.77 lakhs released for the provision of infrastructure facilities such as formation of roads, drinking water facility and provision of street lights to the tribal hamlets, etc.

★ A total amount of Rs.120 lakhs was released in phased manner for the setting up of Museum in Tribal Research Centre in Ooty.●



SOCIO ECONOMIC SCHEMES FOR THE BETTERMENT OF BACKWARD COMMUNITIES

★ Works for construction of buildings for 214 hostels have been undertaken at a cost of Rs.68.49 crores.

★ A Crash Programme to provide basic amenities to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities hostels was taken up and electrification, renovation works, drinking water facilities and toilet facilities have been completed at a cost of Rs.124.06 lakhs.

★ In order to improve the quality of food provided in School Hostels, food charges per month per student was increased from Rs.225 to Rs.300 with effect from 1.10.2001.

★ Under the Crash Programme to provide basic amenities in Kallar Reclamation Schools, provision of drinking water facilities, toilet facilities and electrification to Kallar Reclamation Schools at a cost of Rs.379.09 lakhs were taken up.

★ Provision of infrastructural facilities such as roads, steetlights, water supply and drainage

in places where house site pattas were already issued was taken up at a cost of Rs.8.25 crores.

★ Under EDP scheme, a 7 day training was given to 5000 women in all districts by Tamil Nadu Women Development Corporation during 2001-02. Orders have been issued for giving loan of Rs.5 crores through TABCEDCO to the women who have undergone training for starting small business at Rs.10,000 each, at a low rate of interest.

★ Woolen Sweaters were supplied to the inmates of 18 hostels functioning in the hilly areas at a cost of Rs.1.50 lakhs.

★ Play materials were supplied to the inmates of 972 hostels at a cost of Rs.9.72 lakhs at Rs.1000 per hostel.

★ Library books for 972 hostels were supplied at a total cost of Rs.29.16 lakhs at Rs.3000 per hostel.

- ★ Orders have been issued for giving micro credit of Rs.20 crores by TABCEDCO through Co-operative Banks by obtaining assistance from National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation to one lakh women for starting petty trades at the rate of Rs.2000 per woman at a low rate of interest.



- ★ Orders have also been issued permitting the TAMCO to avail a term loan of Rs.25 lakhs from the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation for providing micro-finance facility to Minorities, not exceeding Rs.10000 each.

★ A sum of Rs.31.40 crores has been spent for supply of free Text Books, reimbursement of examination fees and special fees to the benefit of 19,19,838 students studying 9th and 10th Standard.

★ Rs.137.83 crores as Post Matric Scholarship to benefit 17,27,973 students.

★ Rs.16.17 crores to benefit 1,61,199 girl students belonging

- ★ LPG connections to 200 hostels at a cost of Rs.85 lakhs have been provided.

- ★ For the economic upliftment of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities the scheme of supply of sewing machines have been implemented from 2002-03 onwards.

- ★ From 2003-2004 onwards boarders studying upto 10th standard and students studying upto 8th standard in Kallar Reclamation Schools are supplied with Polyester-Cotton uniform materials instead of Khadi Uniform clothes.

- ★ The Government have sanctioned training fee of Rs.3.85 lakhs towards imparting entrepreneur development programme training to 1000 Muslim Youth. A sum of Rs.25000 each is sanctioned as loan to those who have satisfactorily completed the training to start their business / trades.



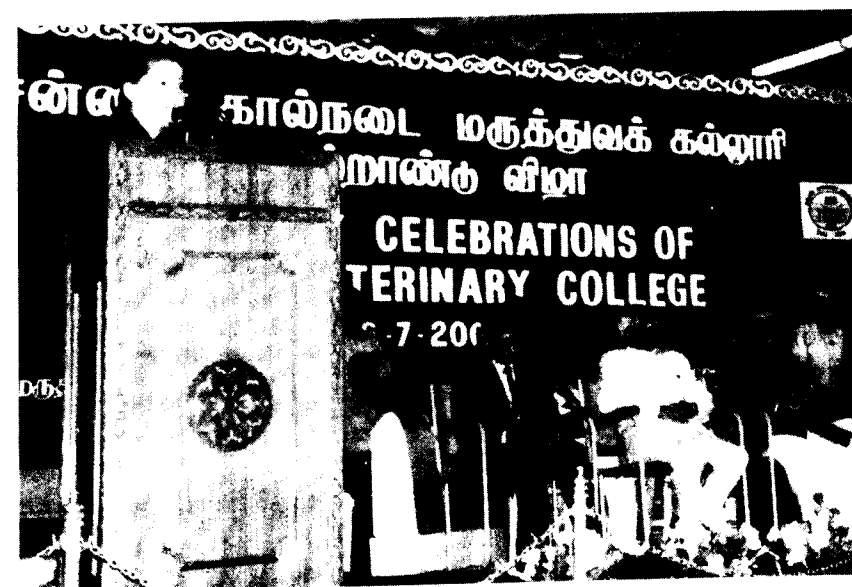
to most backward and denotified community studying in 3rd to 6th standard towards rural incentives.

- ★ A sum of Rs.4.50 crores for imparting job-oriented training to 10,696 beneficiaries.

- ★ A total sum of Rs.8.25 crores for providing basic amenities in house-site areas in 225 habitations.

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Activities of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DEPARTMENT



Tamil Nadu Animal Husbandry Department, plays a major role in increasing the production capacity of Livestock and Poultry and also providing in Veterinary Services. It also contributes considerably in uplifting the living standard of poor farmers by providing employment and extending all kinds of assistances. The achievement of Animal Husbandry Department is remarkable and note-worthy.

- ★ The Government have ordered not to utilise grazing land for any other purpose. If such condition arises then the land equal to that grazing land has to be allotted for grazing in the same district. To convert the land to the grazing land a sum of Rs. 6000 per acre or Rs. 15,000 per hectare should be deposited in the local bodies account.

- ★ Danida assisted livestock development project was implemented covering 49 panchayat unions of Pudukottai, Sivagangai, Ramanathapuram, Thoothukudi and Virudhunagar. The main aim of this scheme was to give training to link worker couples and target farmers in livestock rearing. From 2001 onwards about 644 link work couples were trained and in turn these link work couples

trained 25,588 target farmers under this scheme.

- ★ With the success attained in this scheme, to replicate the DANIDA scheme was planned to be implemented in 336 Panchayat Unions over a period of five years. Till now, about 145 Panchayat Unions of Tirunelveli, Kanniyakumari, Theni, Madurai, Trichy, Thanjavur, Karur, Dindigul, Parambalur, Nagapattinam, Thiruvavur and Namakkal were covered and about 3326 link work couples were trained and in turn these couples trained 66,520 target farmers.

- ★ During the past three years under livestock protection scheme 14,237 camps were conducted and about 165.91 lakhs of animals were benefited at a total allotted amount of Rs. 623.14 lakhs.

- ★ Western Ghat Development Programme is being implemented in the districts of Coimbatore, Dindigul, Theni, Madurai, Thirunelveli, Kanniyakumari, Erode and Virudhunagar. During the past three years a total sum of Rs123.33 lakhs was allotted.

- ★ Hill Area Development Programme is being implemented in The Nilgiris District. During the

year 2001-02, a sum of Rs.10.80 lakhs was allotted in which Rs 4.80 lakhs was utilised to improve the frozen semen bank at district livestock farm, Ooty and Rs. 2.50 lakhs was sanctioned to meet out the staff cost of animal disease intelligence unit at Ooty and Rs. 3.50 lakhs was sanctioned to construct a building at Thangadu sub-centre.

★ During 2002-03, a sum of Rs 6 lakhs was sanctioned to improve the water resources for increasing the fodder production at district livestock farm, Ooty and Rs 6 lakhs was sanctioned to purchase Friesian Young Bulls and Rs. 2.50 lakhs was sanctioned to meet out the staff cost of animal disease intelligence unit, Ooty and thus a total amount of Rs. 14.50 lakhs was utilised.

★ During 2003-04, a sum of Rs 12 lakhs was sanctioned to develop frozen semen production centre at Ooty and Rs. 7 lakhs was sanctioned to develop sub-centre and animal disease intelligence unit at Ooty and Rs. 2.50 lakhs was sanctioned to meet out the staff cost and thus Rs.23.50 lakhs was utilised for this year.

★ During 2003-04, a sum of Rs 2000 lakhs was sanctioned for drought relief work under calamity relief fund.

★ To increase the fodder production the infrastructure facilities for fodder development was increased in the district livestock farms and other centres. For which Rs.388.326 lakhs was utilised for larger farms and Rs. 56.57 lakhs was utilised for smaller farms. Moreover to develop meichel poromboke land in villages and to provide fencing and irrigation facilities Rs 168.366 lakhs was utilised wherein 2725 acres of land was developed.

★ Rs. 469.50 lakhs was allotted to 313 Panchayat Unions of drought affected 22 districts to erect 697 bore wells and implemented 242 other related works.

★ To increase milk production, 800 buffalo heifer calves were provided at a subsidised rate for 800 beneficiaries.

★ To provide additional income to rural folks Rs. 45 lakhs was sanctioned to provide 1 Ram and 4 sheep at the cost of Rs. 6000 to 750 beneficiaries.



★ To create awareness in backyard poultry rearing and to increase the farmers' income Rs.34.65 lakhs was sanctioned to provide one cock and 9 hen at the rate of Rs.600 and 5775 beneficiaries were benefited.

★ During the last three years, 3 polyclinics and 156 veterinary dispensaries were established. To benefit the farmers located at the rural villages 55 mobile veterinary units are functioning to give treatment to the animals at their doorsteps. To provide first aid facility to animals and perform artificial insemination, 2043 sub-centres are functioning.

★ During the last three years foot and mouth disease vaccine was purchased for Rs.80 lakhs and vaccinated to the animals of poor farmers. Moreover to protect the sheep from worm infestation, Rs.40 lakhs was utilised to purchase deworming medicine annually. To protect the poultry from ranikhet disease about 40 lakhs of Ranikhet disease vaccine was supplied during the month of February every year.

★ Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (TANUVAS) is the first Veterinary University in Asia.

★ Since 2001, syllabus for Under Graduates as prescribed by Veterinary Council of India (VCI) has been introduced.

★ The centenary celebration of the Madras Veterinary College was organised in a fitting manner under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 06.07.2003.

★ During the years 2001-2004, the University is implementing 76 sponsored research programmes funded by various funding agencies to the tune of Rs.1448.08 lakhs. Fifty schemes have been successfully completed during 2001-2004. During the period 2001-2004, 194 research articles on Veterinary Sciences, 25 research articles on Fisheries Sciences were published in leading national and international journals. 157 books / monographs / booklets were also released on various topics of interest.

★ Agroforestry models integrating Livestock have been developed in the farmers field in an effort to utilise fallow / waste lands for increased fodder production. A total of 1113 ha wastelands have been covered and 5235 people were motivated on reclaiming the wasteland for fodder production vis-à-vis livestock, domestic birds and fish integration.

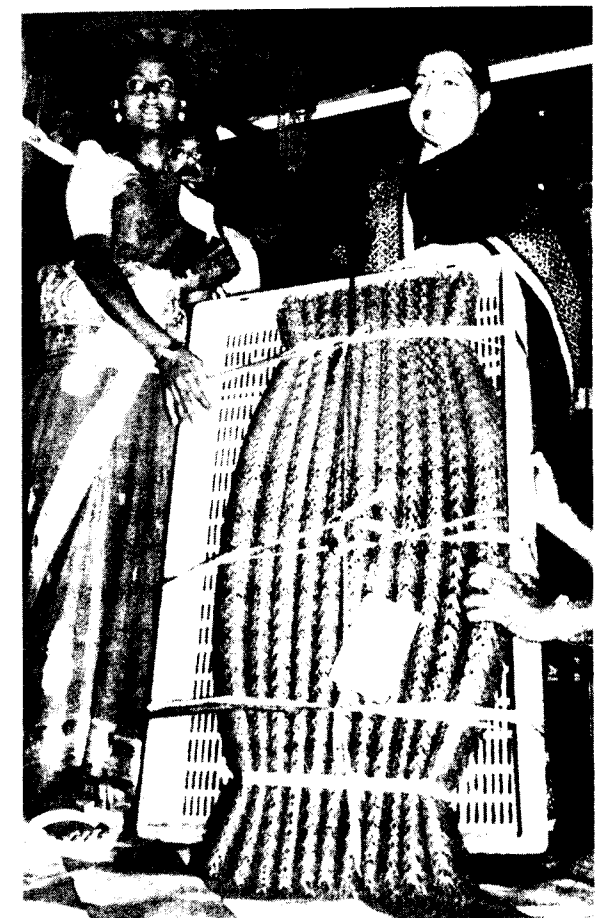
★ Two new units viz Avian Disease Laboratory at Thalaivasal and Veterinary University Training and Research Centre at Melmaruvathur have been started to cater the needs of the farming community during 2003.

★ To provide single window delivery system of services, information and products of the University - Agriculture Technology Information Centre, was established at Kattupakkam.

★ To provide information on Animal Husbandry practices, three village information centres have been started at Chitteri in Vellore District, Kuzhumani in Tiruchirapalli District and Puduthamaraipatti in Madurai District under the financial assistance of International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada.

★ Two touch screen Information Kiosks have been established at Madras Veterinary College campus and Agricultural Technology Information Centre, Kattupakkam.

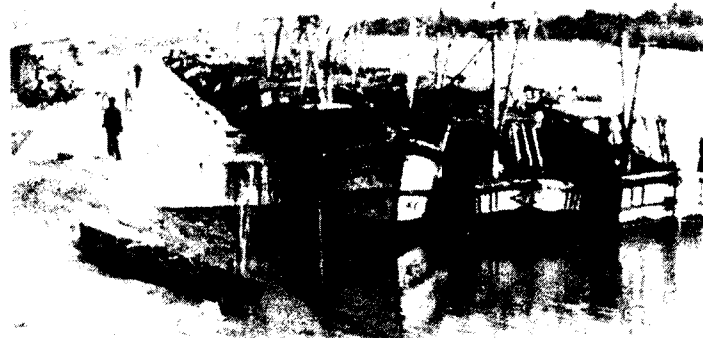
VARIOUS WELFARE SCHEMES FOR THE BENEFIT OF FISHERMEN COMMUNITY



★ India has a coastline of 8129 K.M. Of this Tamil Nadu has 1076 K.M. In the coastal areas of Tamil Nadu there are 591 fishing villages. In the inshore waters of Tamil Nadu there is a fishery potential of 4.62 lakh metric tonnes. The Government of Tamil Nadu, with the principle of increasing fish production and upliftment of poor fishermen living in coastal areas is implementing many welfare schemes.

★ During 2001-2002, a sum of Rs.834 lakhs was sanctioned for construction of 2000 houses, 90 tube wells and 4 community halls and the works are in different stages.

★ Under savings cum relief scheme each fishermen will contribute Rs.75 per month for 8 months and the State Government and



in Co-operative Management, Awareness training, Fish Seed Production / Fish culture, Preparation of value added products, Ornamental fish culture, Fishnet mending and maintenance.

★ Fishermen have been trained on Modern Fishing Methods and Junior Mechanic Course with a stipend of Rs.200 per month. During the last 3 years 525 fishermen have been imparted training at a total cost of Rs.13,36,500.

Central Governments will contribute Rs.37.50 each as their share every month for eight months and the total amount of Rs.1200 will be disbursed to the fishermen at Rs.300 per month during the four lean months. During 2001-2002, 1,91,849 fishermen benefited to the tune of Rs.15,27,26,200; during 2002-2003, 1,92,922 fishermen benefited at an expenditure of Rs.22,51,54,950; during 2003-2004, 1,18,643 fishermen benefited to the tune of Rs.13,59,95,550.

★ During the current year this scheme is being extended to fisherwomen for the first time. So far 29,866 fisherwomen have benefited at an expenditure of Rs.1,70,76,500.

★ Under fishermen group accident insurance scheme during 2001-2002, 172 fishermen families benefited at Rs.61,15,000, during 2002-2003, 130 fishermen families benefited at Rs.58,10,000, during 2003-2004, 213 fishermen families benefited at Rs.1,00,87,500.

★ 358 Fisherwomen had been trained with the assistance of Co-operative Department, Staff Education Institute of Government of India, State Government Women Development Corporation and Veterinary Research University

★ For the benefit of inland fishermen Government have accorded sanction for three subsidy schemes at a total cost of Rs.15.50 lakhs.

★ Government have accorded sanction for purchase of new fishing nets at 25% subsidy for 500 inland fishermen at a total cost of Rs.12.50 lakhs. 619 inland fishermen have received the subsidy.

★ Government have accorded sanction for Rs.75,000 for distribution of 500 aluminium container at 50% subsidy to 500 inland fisherwomen. 531 fisherwomen have been given subsidy.

★ 1308 fishermen of 57 fishermen Cooperative Societies have received fishing inputs with 25% subsidy at a cost of Rs.571.55 lakhs.

★ Under integrated Marine Fisheries Development Project fishermen belonging to 6 fishing villages of Thoothukudi, Thanjavur, Ramanathapuram and Thiruvannamalai. Society have been given fishing inputs at a cost of Rs.36.96 lakhs.

★ Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu had launched the Fisheries Development Mission at Ramanathapuram on 18.7.2002 for improving the fish production and socio economic status

of fishermen of Tamil Nadu. For the implementation of this Mission Government of Tamil Nadu had released Rs.45 lakhs during 2002-2003.

★ Women Self Help Groups are involved in managing the 'Meenavar Angadis' situated at various places.

DAIRY DEVELOPMENT



★ 7117 Village Level Primary Cooperative Milk Societies are running in Profit.

★ 209 new Milk Cooperative Societies have been formed.

★ Implementation of the Clean Milk Production campaign right from the producers level to the processing point has resulted in fetching the additional income to the tune of Rs.15.66 crores to the members.

★ At present, 15 District Cooperative Milk Producers' Unions are running in profit.

★ The sale of milk in district unions has risen from 5.35 LLPD during 2001-2002 to 7.31 LLPD in March 2004.

★ The value of products sold by the District unions was only Rs.100 lakhs per month at the end of

year 2001. The milk unions have achieved a three fold growth and the sale value has reached to Rs.305.58 lakhs in March 2004.

★ The Salem District Cooperative Milk Producers' Union as well as the Nucleus Jersey and Stud Farm have obtained ISO 9002-1994 Certificate in the year 2002.

★ 110 Women Dairy Cooperative Societies have been registered and 7688 Women Self Help Group members have been enrolled as members.

★ During the year 2000-2001, Tamil Nadu Cooperative Milk Producers' federation incurred a loss of Rs.5.23 crores. From the year 2001-2002 onwards, the federation has earned a total profit of Rs.34.01 crores.

★ Appointment of new wholesale distributors and establishment of Franchise

Retail Outlets and Parlours have strengthened the distribution network in respect of Metro Product Marketing division.

★ The average sale of Skimmed Milk Powder during the last two years was 9,127 MT. During the current financial year, the total sale of SMP is 9,632 MT.

★ The Tamil Nadu Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation, (Aavin) has introduced e-Governance and Web Site in the name www.aavin.net and www.aavinmilk.com to collect all the information throughout the World. The public can convey their grievances and also they can place the orders for the supply of Milk and Milk Products according to their requirement.

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NEW SCHEMES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF HANDLOOM INDUSTRY AND WELFARE OF WEAVERS

- ★ Handloom goods worth at about Rs.290.09 crores have been sold during the last three years by availing the rebate and concession facilities provided by the Government.
- ★ With a view to popularise the handloom and co-optex products low cost sarees and dhothies scheme has been introduced by the Government. Under the scheme 57 lakhs dhothies and 59.34 lakh sarees costing at about Rs.40.84 crores have been sold.
- ★ The interest subsidy amount of Rs.27.50 crores due to the Primary Weavers Co-operative Societies and Co-optex for the period from 31.12.98 to 31.12.2001 have been settled by the Government and also sanctioned a sum of Rs.2 crores towards interest subsidy during the year 2003-2004.
- ★ The Government have reintroduced the scheme of free distribution of sarees and dhothies for Pongal 2004 and distributed 111 lakh Polycot sarees and 111 lakh Polycot dhothies at a cost of Rs.173 crores.
- ★ With a view to provide continuous employment to 20,000 weavers, the scheme of free supply of uniform is being implemented continuously for past three years at the cost of Rs.25 crores.
- ★ Thanks to the efforts taken by the Government, the number of profit making Weavers Co-operative Societies has been increased to 513.
- ★ With a view to assist the weavers, Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.88 crores as rebate subsidy during 2003-2004 and provision has been made of Rs.92 crores for 2004-2005.
- ★ The family pension has been enhanced from Rs.250 to Rs.350 and 586 weaver families are availing the benefit.
- ★ The total Insurance amount payable to the deceased weaver has been enhanced from Rs.60,000 to Rs.65,000 with effect from 15.9.2001.
- ★ In order to encourage 25,000 weavers by providing assistance for Design Development, skill upgradation, etc., a comprehensive project under



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the special project under Swarna Jayanthi Gram Swarozgar Yojana Scheme has been formulated at a cost of Rs.25.30 crores and the same has been approved by the Government of India.

- ★ 1010 House-cum-Worksheds have been constructed for the weavers in Chennimalai area at the cost of Rs.686.80 lakhs.
- ★ An allocation of Rs.20 lakhs has been made to train 5000 women weavers. So far 4930 women weavers have been trained.
- ★ A sum of Rs.1 crore has been released from Powerloom Registration Fund towards upgradation of 2000 low value powerlooms into sophisticated powerlooms with the subsidy of Rs.5000 per loom and the scheme is being implemented.
- ★ With a view to provide continuous employment to the weavers and also to get more wages, more than 24000 Handlooms in 374 Weavers Co-operative Societies were engaged in Export Oriented Production. Export sales during the year 2000-01 was only Rs.92 crores. The export sales has been increased to Rs.146.25 crores during the year 2001-02, Rs.179 crores during the year 2002-03 and Rs.195.08 crores during the year 2003-04.
- ★ It has been planned to provide Training to 1061 weavers in "Design and Fashion Technology" through National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Chennai at a cost of Rs.13.83 lakhs and

55 weavers have been given training for the first instance.

- ★ A project at a cost of Rs.48.50 lakhs has been prepared through National Institute of Designs (NID), Ahmedabad for introducing new designs in Handloom products for increasing the sale and same is being implemented in Kancheepuram, Arni, Salem, Coimbatore, Karur, Erode and Paramakudi areas.
- ★ Action is being taken to establish 4 shuttleless weaving parks at Powerloom concentrated areas such as Palladam, Komarapalayam, Erode and Andipatti at the cost of Rs.75 crores each with 1000 shuttleless looms with the financial assistance of both Central and State Governments.
- ★ In order to check the quality of Zari in silk sarees, "X Ray Fluorescence Analyser" at the cost of Rs.22.84 lakhs has been installed in Kancheepuram.
- ★ With a view to redress the grievances of Powerloom weavers and to give suggestions, Powerloom Development Cell has been created in the Office of the Commissioner of Handlooms and Textiles, Chennai and also in 18 Circle Offices.
- ★ In order to ascertain the changing trends in the market then and there so as to promote the sale of Handloom products, Data and Market Intelligence Cell has been created in the Office of the Commissioner of Handlooms and Textiles, Chennai at the cost of Rs.5 lakhs. ❖



CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRAMMES FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

"The soul of India lies in villages" said Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the Nation. He also wanted each and every village to become self reliant with all infrastructure facilities. Following the footsteps of Mahatma Gandhi, the Government of Tamil Nadu, under the dynamic leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa has performed marvelously for village renaissance.

The vision and dynamism of our Hon'ble Chief Minister have enabled the Rural Development Department to take up an all-time record of 14,67,474 works in the last 3 years.

- ⇒ Maintenance of 5850 kms. of unclassified roads and worn out BT road under the Panchayat Union and Village panchayats were taken up in two phases at a cost of Rs.300 crores. In the first phase 3,437.10 kms length of road has been taken up for maintenance at a cost of Rs.150 crores.
- ⇒ The National Quality Monitors have commended 92% of road works taken up under P.M.G.S.Y. as very good and an All India achievement.
- ⇒ Rain water harvesting structures have been installed in 66,61,965 buildings in rural areas.

Apart from this 1,36,026 rain water harvesting structures have been put up to collect the surface run off rain water.

- ⇒ The Centre for Management Development, Trivandrum in its study report has placed Tamil Nadu first among the major states in the country in implementing S.G.S.Y.
- ⇒ A special project is being implemented to alleviate the sufferings of the 25,000 indigent handloom weavers spread over in 13 districts at a cost of Rs.25 crores.
- ⇒ A special project is being implemented in Ramanathapuram, Coimbatore and Tuticorin districts at a cost of Rs.8.11 crores for providing assistance to physically challenged and to make them economically independent.
- ⇒ 93656 women have been given Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) training at a cost of Rs.65.56 lakhs.
- ⇒ 8923 educated youth have been given Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) training at a cost of Rs.6.25 lakhs.
- ⇒ Rural Bazaar Website has been launched by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 14.7.2003 to facilitate online sale of rural products made by Self Help Groups. So far Rs.21,26,408 worth of rural products have been sold through website.
- ⇒ With the view to improve ground water table 12,398 Village tanks have been taken up for improvement with multiple benefits at a cost of Rs.123.98 crores.
- ⇒ Construction of 13,928 thrashing floors at a cost of Rs.83.57 crores has been taken up to benefit agriculturists particularly small and marginal farmers.

⇒ Construction of 12,872 Self Help Groups buildings has been taken up at a cost of Rs.128.72 crores providing major thrust to Self Help Group Movement in the state.

⇒ Over 1200 kms of waste plastic mixed bitumen roads have been laid so far. 3072 solar powered street lights have been installed and 1219 individual household latrines have been linked with bio-gas plants.

⇒ Under the Clean Village Campaign 35 village panchayats have reached the qualifying stage for receiving incentive funds under the Clean Village Campaign Award.



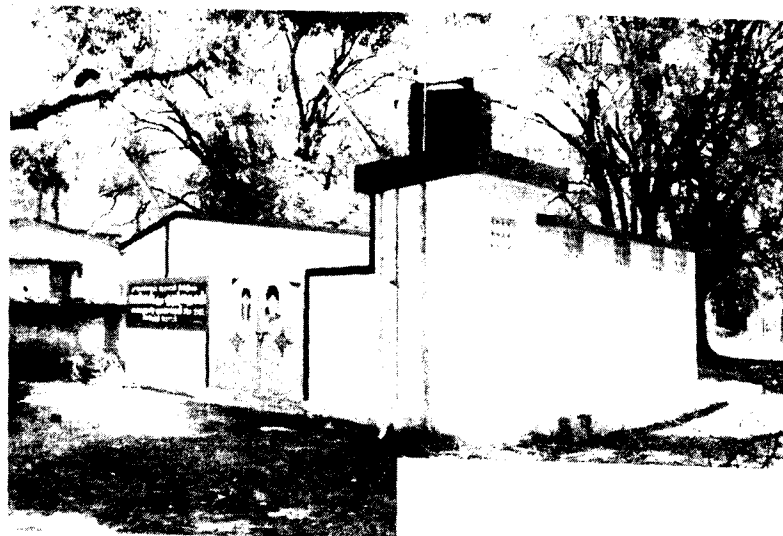
⇒ Under Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana 287960 works of various nature have been completed at a cost of Rs.1153.10 crores generating 12.76 crores man days in the last three years.

⇒ Five lakh M.T. of rice and Rs.85.48 crores cash were provided as wages to the labourers involved in drought relief works. Totally, 38987 works have been taken up.

⇒ Under Indira Awaaz Yojana 32621 houses at a cost of Rs.104.64 crores during 2001-02, 42053 houses at a cost of Rs.124.82 crores during 2002-03 and 37488 houses at a cost of Rs.100.42 crores have been constructed.

Totally, 1,12,162 houses at a cost of Rs.329.89 crores have been constructed during the past three years.

- ⇒ Under Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana, in the last 3 years, construction of 20,810 houses have been completed at a cost of Rs.72.12 crores.



- ⇒ Under Swarnjayanthi Gram Swarojgar Yojana, 34124 Self Help Groups covering 511860 families have been provided with revolving fund to the tune of Rs.3475.270 lakhs, 10611 Self Help Groups covering 1,59,165 families have been assisted for taking up economic activity to the tune of Rs.19,840.809 lakhs. Totally, 75264 SC/ST beneficiaries 165693 women beneficiaries have been covered.

- ⇒ Under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana 1818 road works covering a length of 3395.64 kms at a cost of Rs.434.11 crores have been taken up benefiting 2728 rural habitations.

- ⇒ Under Member of Parliament Local Area Development Programme, 40206 works were

taken up and 38712 works have been completed in the last three years.

- ⇒ Integrated Sanitary Complexes for Women Programme aims to cover all the 12,618 Village Panchayats with one complex each at a unit cost of Rs.2.25 lakhs. So far 8,709 complexes have been completed. Government have sanctioned Rs.1000 per complex per month for effective maintenance of the complex by the user groups.

⇒ 23533 works were taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.385.40 crores under MLACD Scheme in the last three years.

⇒ 12422 VAO office buildings were taken up for



construction at an estimated cost of Rs.66.88 crores from the year 2001-02 to 2003-04 and the scheme has been completed.

- ⇒ Under Self Sufficiency Scheme, 4523 works at a cost of Rs.51 crores have been taken up in the last three years.

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SCHEMES FOR UPGRADATION OF BASIC AMENITIES IN URBAN AREAS



- ★ Protected water supply to 20,003 rural habitations through individual power pump schemes and combined water supply schemes.
- ★ Hand pumps have been provided to 2,500 rural habitations which had no access to potable water supply or the sources already created had totally failed.
- ★ 24,796 hand pumps have been converted into mini power pump with GLSR to mitigate the hardship faced by rural women.
- ★ Water supply facilities provided to 19,564 Government Schools in rural areas.
- ★ Water supply facilities provided to 1,226 Primary Health Centres to benefit the visiting patients and the public.
- ★ 53 onsite low cost treatment plants comprising of 10 defluoridation plants and 43 iron removal plants have been installed to provide protected and potable water supply in the habitations affected by excess fluoride and excess iron.
- ★ 195 urban towns comprising of 1 Corporation, 26 Municipalities and 168 Town Panchayats have been provided with water supply schemes at a total estimated cost of Rs. 517.71 crores benefiting a total population of 50.74 lakhs.
- ★ Rs. 1,479.52 crores have been spent for rural water supply schemes and Rs.471.99 crores have been spent for urban water supply schemes.
- ★ Administrative approval have been accorded for 152 water supply schemes at an estimated cost of Rs. 857.98 crores to benefit a population

of 65.79 lakhs in 1 Corporation, 14 Municipalities, 60 Urban Town Panchayats, 50 Rural Town Panchayats and 7,333 Rural habitations.



- ★ In order to meet the Chennai city water supply, water was transported from the distance sources by both Rail and Road.
- ★ In Town Panchayat Department, 661 Computers and Peripherals and 656 UPS have been supplied by the TNUDP. II to the office of the Directorate of Town Panchayats, 16 Assistant Director of Town Panchayats and 611 Town Panchayats in Tamil Nadu.
- ★ For the Development of Town Panchayats Administration and Accounts system, new Accrual Based Accounting System have been implemented in all 611 Town Panchayats.
- ★ Rain Water Harvesting structures have been provided in all the buildings in Town Panchayats.
- ★ A massive scheme has been undertaken for the provision of integrated sanitary complexes in all the urban areas especially for the benefit of women and children from the poorer households. During 2003-2004, 720 numbers of integrated sanitary complexes have been constructed in 512 Town Panchayats at an estimated cost of Rs. 18.72 crores under grant (70%) from TNUDP. II and HUDCO Vambay Scheme Grant 30%, and handed over to user group for further maintenance, fully.
- ★ Under the National River Conservation Project, to prevent pollution in rivers, Under Ground Sewerage Scheme is implemented in Inam Karur and Valasaravakkam Town Panchayats at an expenditure of Rs. 1680.55 lakhs.
- ★ Out of 611 Town Panchayats 355 Town Panchayats have been covered under comprehensive water supply scheme. Further in 28 Town Panchayats water supply scheme works are in progress.
- ★ To cater the immediate need of the people the Town Panchayats are maintaining 29421 Hand Pumps and 6813 Power Pumps with the Technical Assistance of Assistant Executive Engineer. For maintaining water supply scheme a sum of Rs.2514.500 lakhs have been sanctioned during 2003-2004 under Drought Relief Programme.
- ★ Under Part - II Scheme, a sum of Rs. 1 crore has been allotted to 42 Town Panchayats for augmentation of water supply during 2003-04 and 97 works taken up and 100% completed.

- ★ Under the Solid Waste Management Scheme, Pollution Control activities are being implemented. Loan have been sanctioned in Town Panchayats at the estimated cost of Rs. 11.27 lakhs. During 2003-2004, a sum of Rs. 3 crores have been sanctioned and distributed to CMDA Town Panchayats under Solid Waste Management Scheme during April-2004.

- ★ During 2001-2002, under the 11th Finance Commission 2262 works were completed at an expenditure of Rs 1310.86 lakhs. During 2002-2003, 3956 works were completed at an expenditure of Rs 1349.41 lakhs. During 2001-2002, under Part II Scheme 184 works were completed at an expenditure of Rs.150 lakhs. During 2002-2003, under Basic Amenities 1739 works were completed at an expenditure of Rs. 2000 lakhs. During 2001-2002, under NSDP 1477 works were completed at an expenditure of Rs 1341.90 lakhs. During 2002-2003, 1503 works were completed at an expenditure of Rs 911.40 lakhs.

- ★ Under 11th Finance Commission, a sum of Rs. 1349.40 lakhs have been provided for Town Panchayats during 2003-04. Out of 1820 works,

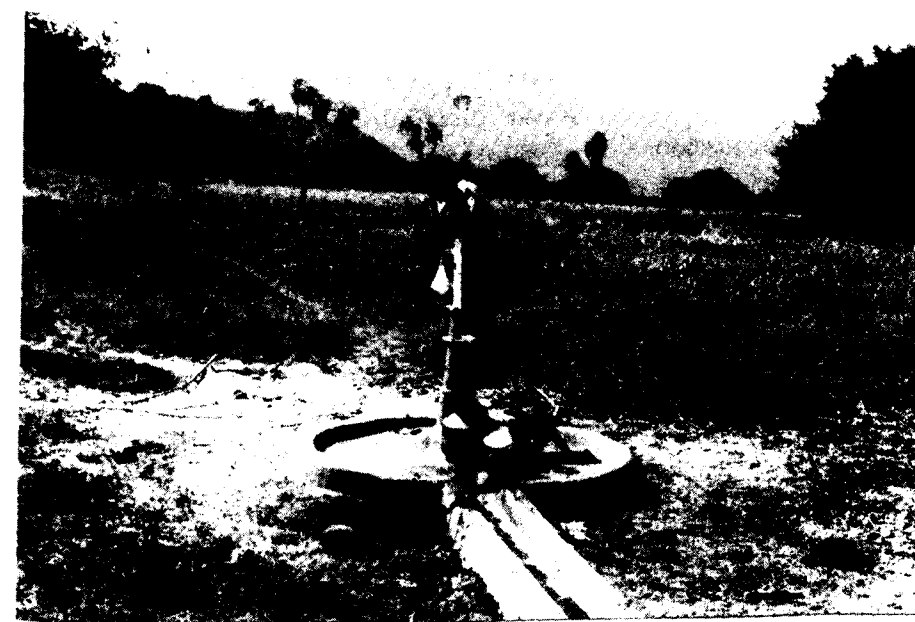
1583 works have been completed. Under NSDP 2003-04 a sum of Rs. 1169.91 lakhs have been allocated.

- ★ A sum of Rs 20 crores have been sanctioned during March 2004 for the improvement of roads for 2003-2004. Out of 635 works, 8 works have been completed.

- ★ During 2003-2004, a sum of Rs 5 crores have been sanctioned for the provision of 10000 New Street Lights.

- ★ Under Clean Town Panchayat Campaign, a sum of Rs. 25 lakhs have been sanctioned and distributed to all the 611 Town Panchayats.

- ★ Under Swarna Jayanthi Sahari Rojkar Yojana for the year 2002-2003 a sum of Rs. 121.95 lakhs has been allocated and fully utilised under Wage Employment Programme. 801 works have been taken up and completed. A sum of Rs. 219.808 lakhs have been allocated under Self Employment Programme. Expenditure incurred is Rs.14.74 lakhs. For the year 2003-2004 a sum of Rs.68,97,675 has been allocated under Urban Wage Employment Programme, out of 306 works, 83 works have been completed and a sum of Rs.224.15 lakhs has been allocated under Urban Self Employment Programme during 2003-2004.



- ★ For improvement of Damaged Road, 190 works have been taken up and 87 works have been completed in CMDA Town Panchayats at an estimated cost of

Rs. 920.690 lakhs. Expenditure incurred is Rs. 245.991 lakhs.

- ★ Construction of Storm Water Drain have been taken up in 21 CMDA Town Panchayats. Out of 60 works, 45 works have been completed at an estimated cost of Rs. 1003.77 lakhs for which, a sum of Rs.5 crores has been sanctioned as Government Grant. The expenditure incurred is Rs. 549.757 lakhs.
- ★ Considering importance of Rain Water Harvesting in conserving ground water, the Board has taken the initiative to constitute a fully dedicated Rain water Harvesting Cell. The main objective of the cell is to create awareness and to offer technical assistance free of cost to the residence to select and implement suitable cost effective methods of Rain Water Harvesting in the premises voluntarily.
- ★ To popularise the RWH among the citizens massive awareness campaigns to disseminate information on appropriate Rain Water Harvesting was undertaken. CMWSSB initiated a vigorous campaign structured through training, free technical advice and community participation. A "Rain Water Harvesting Information Centre" was also inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister for Local Administration and Water Supply Department on 31.7.2001 at the TWAD Board Head Office.
- ★ The objective of Second Chennai Project is to improve the distribution system and implement the scheme for conservation of water. Under this project during 2001-2002, 16 sewage pumping stations, 6 numbers of transmission mains were completed. The 7 numbers of water distribution stations at Patel Nagar, Kolathur, Pallipattu, Mylapore, Nandanam, Vyasarpadi and



Velachery were completed and 3 works were commissioned. Water distribution system works in 11 zones, Leak Detection works were carried out in five phases.

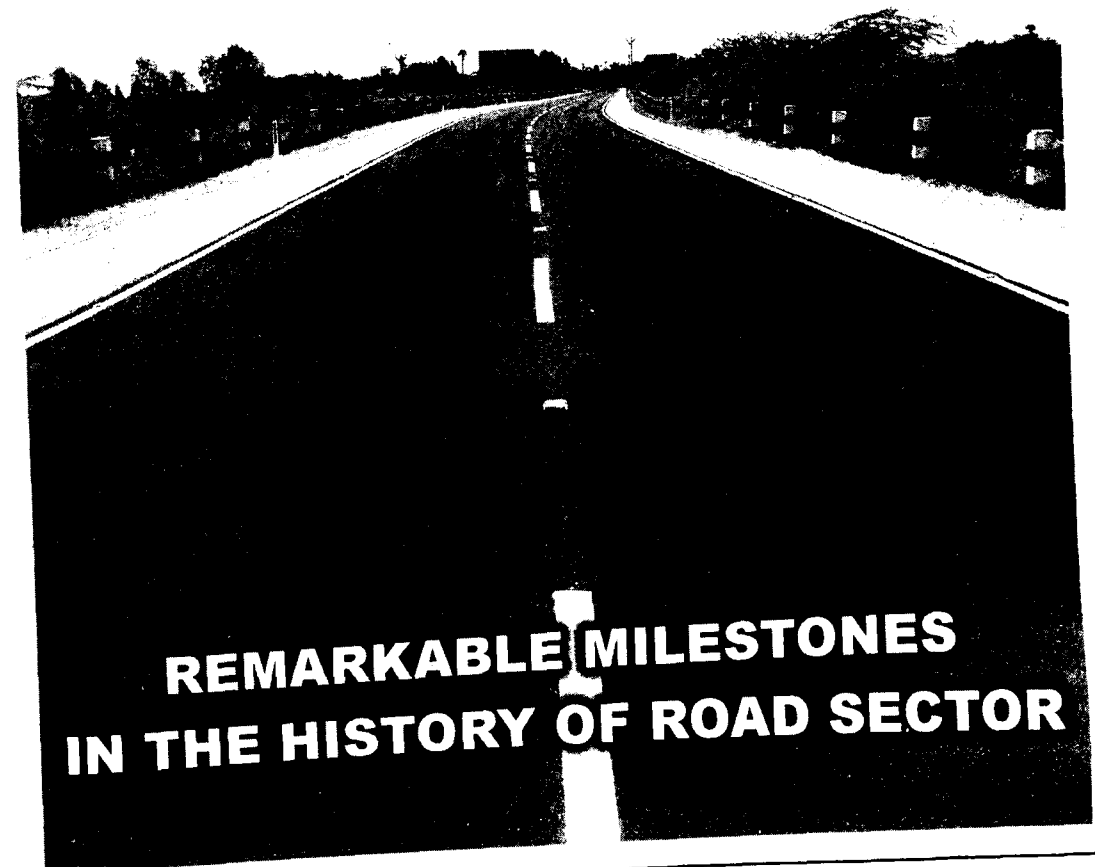
- ★ During 2002-2003 all the 16 Sewage Pumping Stations were commissioned. All the 7 numbers of water distribution stations commissioned. Water Distribution System work completed in 8 zones.
- ★ During 2003-2004 the work of improvements to 16 sewage pumping stations have been completed. In order to ensure equitable distribution of water in Chennai City, 7 new water distribution stations have been completed and commissioned. Out of 16 distribution zones, 11 zones completed. Further proposals have been initiated to take up the strengthening of the distribution system in the balance 5 zones for a length of about 305 km. Leak Detection and Rectification works have been taken up in five phases and completed. Under the Twinning Consultancy works there are 12 activities in the consultancy studies and are scheduled to be completed by July 2004.

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- ★ The Highways department maintains 3850 KM of National Highways, 7223 KM of State Highways, 7376 KM of major District roads, 41156 KM of other District Roads and 1603 KM of sugarcane roads.

- ★ Under Plan Works, a sum of Rs 510.85 crores has been spent during 2001-2002, Rs 483.46 crores and Rs 650.23 crores have been spent during 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 respectively.
- ★ Under Part II scheme, 18 bridges were completed during 2001-2002 and 2002-2003. During 2003-2004, 26 bridge works with an outlay of Rs 9 crores have been taken of which 10 bridge works have been completed and the remaining works are in good progress.
- ★ Improvements to other district roads have been taken up under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund with loan assistance from NABARD. Under this project, improvements to 213.90 KM length of roads and construction of 76 bridges were completed in the year 2001-2002. In the year 2002-2003, 248.23 KM length of roads and construction of 120 bridges were completed. Besides spill over works, additionally construction of 111 bridges and improvements to 31 roads at a cost of Rs 50.01 crores have been taken up under RIDF VIII in the year 2003-2004. In this year, 800 KM length of roads and 50 bridge works have been completed.





★ In order to provide connectivity to villages having population group of 500-1000 under the scheme of basic minimum services consisting of rural roads scheme, special component plan and bus route improvement scheme, improvements to 669 KM length of roads and construction of 9 bridges were completed in the year 2001-2002.

★ In the year 2002-2003 improvements to 907 KM length of roads and construction of 10 bridges were completed. During 2003-2004, under priority-I, 1,377.65 KM length of roads and 11 bridges at a cost of Rs.64.30 crores and under priority-II, 337.06 km length of roads and 9 bridges at a cost of Rs 57.97 crores have been taken up with loan assistance from NABARD, of which, 323 KM length of roads and 20 bridge works have been completed.

★ Formation and improvements to radial roads around Chennai city was taken up under loan assistance from HUDCO. Under this project, during 2001-2002, improvements to 49 KM length of road works and 5 minor bridges have been completed. Improvements to 2.14 KM length of roads and 2 minor bridges were completed in 2002-2003. The entire works have been completed now.

★ The damaged stretches on other district roads were taken up in a phased manner under TIDCO public issue bonds. Under Phase II 4890 KM of road works have been taken up. Of which, the spill over of 2557 KM of road works at a

cost of Rs 171.19 crores have been completed in the year 2001-2002. The entire works have been completed under this scheme.

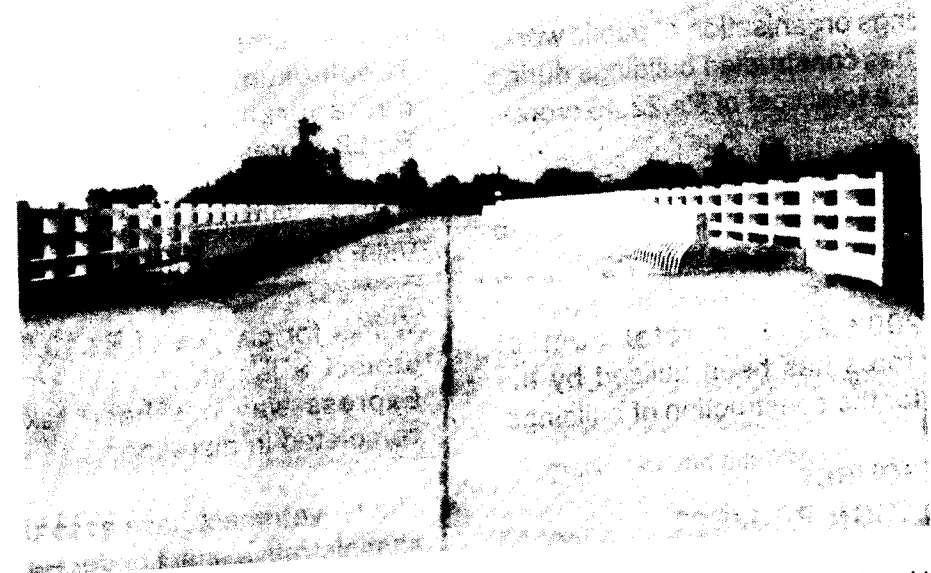
★ The Government of India have allotted Rs.67 crores to Tamil Nadu out of the accrual of cess fund collected on petrol and diesel for widening and strengthening of Government roads viz. State Highways, major district roads and improvement to accident prone spots etc. Administrative sanction for 250 works at an ultimate cost of Rs 154.97 crores under this scheme have been accorded in accordance with the guidelines of Government of India. Out of these, 145 works at a cost of Rs 40.59 crores were completed in the year 2001-2002 and 83 works at a cost of Rs 73.97 crores were completed in the year 2002-2003. In the year 2003-2004 remaining 22 works were completed. Another Central road fund proposal for Rs.70.43 crores for taking up 77 works was approved during 2002-03. Of which 16 works have been completed in the year 2003-04. Another Central road fund proposal for Rs 82 crores for taking up 113 works has been approved by Government of India during this year, of which 23 works have been completed.

★ Under mechanised relaying of roads scheme, the spill over works comprising 160 KM length of road works have been completed.

★ Under Maintenance Renewal Programme, renewal of 1460 KM length of roads at a cost of Rs 58.73 crores were completed in the year

2001-2002 and renewal of 835 KM length of roads at a cost of Rs 33.41 crores were completed in 2002-2003. Under Chief Minister's Special Repairs Programme 2002-2003, 1685 KM length of roads at cost of Rs 90.65 crores have been renewed. Under Chief Minister's Special Repairs Programme 2003-04, 3864 KM length of roads at a cost of Rs 184 crores have been completed.

under HUDCO loan assistance has been taken up, of which 24 works are in good progress and the remaining works are in various stages of implementation. Under assistance from HUDCO improvement of Madurai radial roads consisting of 12 road works, one bridge work and one ROB/RUB at a total cost of Rs 112 crores have been taken up in the year 2002-2003, of which 55.20 KM length of road



Improvement of roads for bus route under HUDCO assistance for a length of 3000 KM at a cost of Rs 150 crores have been taken up and of which 2100 KM have been completed.

★ During 2001-2002, 2817 KM of major district roads and 151 KM of other district roads have been upgraded as State Highways.

★ Construction/reconstruction of 204 bridges built in pre-independence period in the delta districts at a cost of Rs.200 crores was taken up and in the first step 94 bridges were taken up under NABARD loan assistance of which 82 bridges were completed. 36 bridges were taken up under Central Road Fund Scheme 2002-2003.

★ Under the Railways works programme, 6 road over bridges / road under bridges were taken up in the year 2001-2002. IRUB was completed in the year 2001-2002. 2 ROB's were completed in the year 2002-2003. The balance 3 ROB's are under progress. Construction of 37 ROB / RUBs at a cost of Rs 513.92 crores

works have been completed and the remaining works are in good progress.

★ Under HUDCO assistance, construction/reconstruction of 60 bridges at a cost of Rs. 60 crores were taken up in 2001-2002. In the year 2002-2003, 14 bridge works were completed and 8 bridge works have been completed this year. The remaining 38 bridge works are under various stages of implementation.

★ Under National Highways Plan Works improvement of 386 KM length of roads and construction of 5 minor bridges at a cost of Rs. 96.54 crores were completed in the year 2001-2002. In the year 2002-2003, 327 KM length of roads and construction of one minor bridge at a cost of Rs 100 crores were completed. This year, 243.59 KM length of road works and 7 minor bridge works at a cost of Rs 80.25 crores have been completed.

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Achievements of Public Works Department

The PWD department is vested with responsibility of planning, designing and construction of Government buildings and also implementing various schemes in connection with water resources consolidation projects.

The buildings organisation of public works department has constructed buildings during 2001-2002 at a total cost of Rs.22.45 crores.

During 2002-2003, a sum of Rs.23.28 crores has been spent by this department to construct new Government buildings.

During 2003-2004, a total sum of Rs.218.87 crores has been utilised by the department for the construction of buildings.

WATER RESOURCE CONSOLIDATION PROJECT

With World Bank assistance, the Water Resource Consolidation Project with a base cost of Rs.807.49 crores is being implemented. The project period for completion has been extended by the World Bank upto 30.9.2004. The revised cost is Rs.1136 crores.

The following schemes have been sanctioned during the past three years.

- 15 MI works at a cost of Rs.52.33 crores.
- 14 SMIP works at a cost of Rs.4.66 crores.
- 9 schemes under Part-II (2004-2005) schemes for a value of Rs.9.30 crores cleared by State Planning Commission.

- 10 schemes for a value of Rs.10.71 crores under NABARD assistance. RIDF IX. (During 2003-2004)

HUDCO has sanctioned the following works.

- Anti sea erosion work in Kanniyakumari, Thoothukudi, Thirunelveli and Ramanathapuram Districts at a cost of Rs.58 crores.
- Anti sea erosion work in Nadukuppam in Villupuram district for Rs.93 lakhs.
- Works for a value of Rs.10.57 crores to protect a length of 2.38 km in Ennore Express way has been taken up and completed in all respects.
- The Government have accorded Revised administrative sanction for Rs.124 crores to take up the following schemes under Chennai Water Supply Augmentation Project-II. The schemes are Construction of check dam across Palar river near Vayalur-Rs. 80 crores, Infrastructure for drawal of 20 mld from check dam at Palar (Drawal and conveyance)-Rs.10 crores, Structure for drawal of 20 mld from Kolavoy lake (Drawal and conveyance)-Rs.10 crores, Treatment plant at Mangalam and pumping in ms pipeline of CWSAP-1 (20 mld)-Rs.4 crores, Construction of check dam across Adyar near Manapakkam, Nandambakkam, Anakaputhur and cowl bazaar village-Rs.12.37 crores, Improvements to 2 checkdams across cooum (paruthipattu and kannapalayam)-Rs.1.33 crores, other charges-Rs.6.30 crores. Totalling Rs.124 crores.

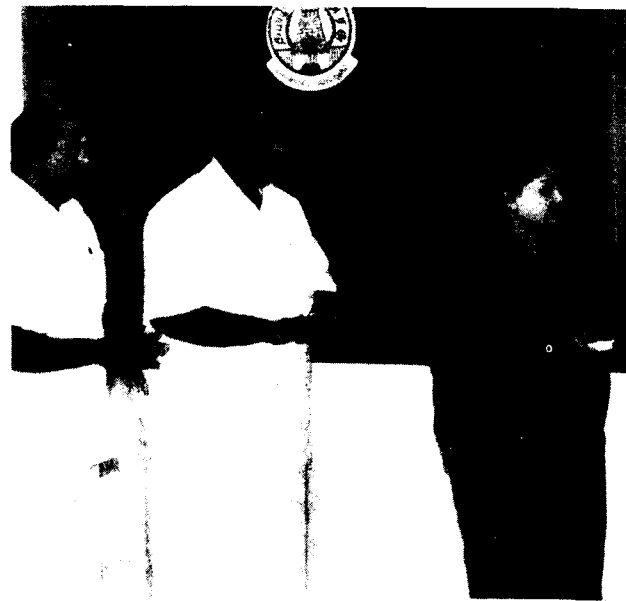
IMPRESSIVE PERFORMANCE OF INFORMATION DEPARTMENT



The Information Department is performing various activities to highlight the achievements of the Government through print and visual media. During the last three years, under able and dynamic guidance of Hon'ble Chief Minister, the activities of this department has become multi-faceted and multi-dimensional.

- ★ The journalist's pension being sanctioned to the retired journalists living in indigent circumstances was enhanced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister from Rs.2000 to Rs.3000. 67 retired journalists are receiving pension as on date.
- ★ The family benefit fund sanctioned from the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund to the family members of the deceased press personnel has been raised from Rs.50,000 to Rs.2 lakhs with effect from 4.9.2001.

- ★ The journalists Family Pension introduced to provide succour to the family members of the deceased journalist pensioner was increased from Rs. 500 to Rs 1500 per month. At Present 12 beneficiaries are availing this benefit.
- ★ Press Accreditation cards are being given to the reporters and photographers of the news papers as well as television channels.
- ★ A comprehensive easy instalment scheme for the journalists to purchase flats / ready built houses from Tamil Nadu Housing Board has been introduced.
- ★ Infrastructural facilities of district Information and Public Relations Offices and the unit offices of this department have been strengthened to a greater extent by providing new video and media vans, projectors, VCR, Cameras, Xerox machines and other modern equipments.
- ★ Actions are being taken to establish web streaming to connect all unit offices in Chennai and districts with headquarters at a cost of Rs. 25 lakhs.
- ★ Training has been given to officers of Information & Public Relations Department at Anna Institute of Management, Chennai with a view to improve their efficiency and equip them for better performance.
- ★ Various schemes are being implemented by this department to honour and perpetuate the memory of the great leaders, freedom fighters, poets, scholars and Tamil scholars.
- ★ Kamarajar birth centenary celebration was organised by this department throughout the state during the year 2003-2004. The Hon'ble Chief Minister laid foundation stones for



Memorial Pillar and Manimandapam to be constructed at a cost of Rs. 5 lakhs and Rs.9 lakhs respectively on 14-7-2003 and works were undertaken.

★ A sum of Rs.75 lakhs has been sanctioned for the construction of manimandapam to honour the memory of the freedom fighter V.O.Chidambaranar at Thirunelveli.

★ To perpetuate the memory of Veeran Azhagu Muthukone, a Manimandapam was constructed at a cost of Rs. 35 lakhs.

★ Kanniathendral Quaid-e-milleth Manimandapam was constructed at a cost of Rs.58.69 lakhs and it was opened on 8-5-2003.



★ Rs. 38.5 lakhs was allocated for setting up of Dr.M.G.R. museum.

★ With a view to record the Assembly proceedings and also to distribute the video cassettes to the Television channels, necessary video equipments were installed with an incurred expenditure of Rs.2.70 crores.

★ As per the order of the Hon'ble Chief Minister rare collections of matters and photographs relating to Tamil Cinema made by Thiru Film News Anandan were nationalised and a sum of Rs.10 lakhs have been given to him. Besides this, a sum of Rs.5.5 lakhs has been given to him so as to publish his books "History of Tamil Films which have created records".

★ Various steps have been taken to modernise the Tamil Arasu Press and also to increase the Tamil Arasu subscriptions.

★ The Tamil Nadu Government under the dynamic leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister has spent a total sum of Rs.521.97 lakhs during the last three years for the development and strengthening of this department.



OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY IN TRANSPORT SECTOR



★ Due to the streamlining process and effective measures, the accumulated losses incurred by the State Transport Undertakings have been reduced to a greater extent.

★ With a view to improve the operational efficiency and also utilise the infrastructural facilities fully,

the 21 State Transport Undertakings have been amalgamated into 7 Transport Corporations.

★ The State Transport Undertakings have introduced 2138 new vehicles during the last three years.





- ★ Ten low floor vehicles were introduced by Metropolitan Transport Corporation during 2003-04 for the convenience of Senior Citizens and children to board the buses easily.
- ★ The Government have released a sum of Rs.30 crores to improve the body condition of overaged buses.
- ★ Pre printed ticketing system has been implemented in all Mofussil Transport Corporations instead of hand written ticket books.

- ★ The STUs have earned additional operational revenue of Rs.120.17 crores during 2003-04 when compared to corresponding period of previous year on account of various efforts taken to improve the operational review.
- ★ The KMPL has improved from 4.37 (2002-03) to 4.45 (2003-04). The consumption value has increased by Rs. 125.93 crores due to frequent revision of HSD price by Oil companies and increase in KM operation. The approximate savings on account of improvement in KMPL is around Rs.23.15 crores during 2003-04. The engine oil consumption / 10000 K.Ms has come down from 11.09 Lts to 9.58 Lts during current year.
- ★ The STUs are having operative fleet of 15316 buses and 1348 spare buses. During 2003-04 STUs have operated 233.24 crores K.Ms with an increase of 3.87crores K.Ms when compared to the corresponding period of previous year. The overall KM efficiency improved from 100.88% (2002-03) to 101.74% (2003-04).
- ★ For the convenience of the general public, the biggest Mofussil Bus Terminal in Koyambedu was constructed at a cost of Rs.103 crores and it was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 18.11.2002.
- ★ A separate bus terminal for Omni Buses was constructed at a cost of Rs.3 crores and it was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 25.8.2003. ❖



SPORTS AND YOUTH WELFARE



The Government of Tamil Nadu has committed itself to building a strong foundation in Tamil Nadu with an overall emphasis on physical fitness. Talent development, talent identification, development of world class infrastructure have been major priorities of the past three years.

- ❖ A Swimming Pool facility at Mogappair, Chennai, An Indoor Stadium facility for Physically Handicapped at District Sports Complex Madurai, Rifle Shooting Range at District Sports Complex, Tiruchirappalli with Tiruchirappalli District Rifle Association, and a High Altitude Training Centre at District Sports Complex, Nilgiris are being established.
- ❖ The Construction of 6 Swimming Pools were completed and inaugurated for the public use at Trichy, Salem, Erode, Nagercoil, Tirunelveli and Ramanathapuram districts.
- ❖ Sports Academies, Sports Associations, Clubs, Institutions etc. have been established with private participation.
- ❖ A unique scheme, which was implemented from 1991-96 to identify sports persons, who are exceptionally talented and who have the potential to win International medals has been revived. 53 champions were identified in this scheme and they are given assistance on a need-basis.
- ❖ In an effort to harness the strength and motivation in our young people 300 Youth Clubs have been formed to channelise youth energy.
- ❖ The Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu in association with Rotary International organize the "Chennai Marathon" similar to other famous International Marathons.
- ❖ Competitions in 5 new sports disciplines viz., Squash, Gymnastics, Fencing, Boxing and Swimming have been included in the Republic Day Sports Competitions.
- ❖ The schools situated along the coastal areas have been identified and the new game "Beach Volleyball" was introduced for school children.
- ❖ The TATA Open, now renamed as "CHENNAI OPEN" Tennis Tournament will be conducted every year with the joint efforts of Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu and International Merchandising Corporation. This Tournament has a global audience and has attracted some of the World's top tennis players for the tournament.
- ❖ The Government of Tamil Nadu have introduced a major High Cash Incentive programme for achievement in sports at the Olympics, Asian Games, Common wealth Games, South Asian Federation Games and National Games. Accordingly, Rs.2.10 crores have been disbursed to 123 sports persons.
- ❖ 10% Reservation of jobs for outstanding sports persons in recruitment in Police has been extended to other Uniformed Services like Prisons and Forest.

❖ All the NSS units are conducting blood donation camps periodically. On 1.10.2001 alone 5270 units of blood was donated by the volunteers of the colleges in Madras University, Dr. MGR Medical University and Anna University and it was placed in the Guinness record.



❖ Nearly 6,700 Health Camps were conducted by all the NSS units periodically. Awareness camps on HIV/AIDS were also conducted in all the NSS units in Tamil Nadu.

❖ Approximately 25,300 Rain Water Harvesting structures have been constructed in the adopted villages.

❖ Career Guidance Cell has been established in most of the Government/Aided colleges.

❖ The Cell created an awareness among the students on the avenues open to them for employment by way of organising orientation classes, workshops etc. Approximately 4.5 lakh students have benefited during the last three years.

❖ In order to give education to SC/ST women, NSS gave more importance to the dropouts in the villages and guided them properly through the special camps. Nearly 25,600 dropouts were benefited through the volunteers of schools and colleges during the last three years. In addition 60,000 illiterates including women were made literate in the adopted villages.

❖ Basic technical training to unemployed rural youth is being given on simple wiring, welding, plumbing, tailoring, book binding, repair of household appliances, computer data entry operation etc., by the NSS volunteers of Directorate of Technical Education. Nearly 21,000 rural youths were benefited during the last three years.

❖ To achieve the maximum extent in eradication of child labour, the NSS identified the areas

and made efforts to continue their studies during holidays/evening schools. More than 12,000 children benefited through NSS volunteers during the last three years.

❖ Special camps were conducted in the identified areas where the unrest had taken place. The volunteers reduced the tension in the areas through their social and cultural activities by mingling with the villagers. Around 37,000 people from 126 villages were counselled during the last three years.

❖ During May 2001 to April 2002, Rs.1,15,66,000 was sanctioned by Government of Tamil Nadu towards enrolment of 2500 additional NCC Cadets, purchasing of one aero modeling remote control simulator, six computers and related accessories. In the Republic Day Camp competitions, the Tamil Nadu NCC Directorate stood Second among 16 State Directorates.

❖ During May 2002 to April 2003, Rs.7,00,000 was sanctioned by the Government of Tamil Nadu towards Corpus Fund for NCC Cadets Welfare Society, increase in incidental allowance for cadets and reception expenditure for Republic Day Contingent and Chief Minister's Rally. In the Republic Day Camp competitions, the Tamil Nadu NCC Directorate stood first and brought laurels to our State.

❖ During May 2003 to April 2004, Rs.15,23,300 was sanctioned by Government of Tamil Nadu towards increase in Rank Pay and Messing Allowance to Associate NCC Officers for attending Camps / Courses and reception expenditure for Republic Day Contingent and Chief Minister's Rally. In the Republic Day Camp competitions, the Tamil Nadu NCC Directorate stood second.

COMMERCIAL TAXES - INCREASE IN REVENUE AND VARIOUS CONCESSIONS

★ The revenue collection of this department has gone up from 2.78% during 2001-2002 to 15.27% during 2003-2004.

★ A new Samadhan scheme was implemented during 2002-2003 for reducing the disputes and tax cases. A sum of Rs.10.43 crores was collected and a sum of Rs.45.40 crores was adjusted.

★ In order to protect the local and tiny industries the following tax concessions were granted during the last three years.

★ Tax reduction to 4% on the sale of any goods except petrol, diesel and cement, to Tamil Nadu State Government departments, TNEB, Neyveli Lignite Corporation, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Chennai Metro Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation and Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation was ordered.

★ The tax rate on molasses used by the chemical industries within the State was reduced from 30% to 20% for select industries.

★ To increase the full potentiality in production by M/s.CPCL, for getting more revenue through petroleum products, a 7% purchase tax leviable on the purchase of lube based oil was permitted to set off on the taxes payable on the sale of lubricants by the public sector undertaking oil companies.

★ At present, 12% sales tax is being levied on the sale of wax to SIDCO. In order to reduce the tax burden, the rate of tax on wax supplied to small industries through SIDCO was reduced to 4%.

★ Electrical panel boards were permitted to be purchased as capital goods at a concessional rate of 3% against Form XVII under Sec.3(5) of the TNGST Act, 1959.

★ Considering the drought conditions prevailing in Tamil Nadu, the 2% tax levied on rice was withdrawn.

★ To encourage tourism in Tamil Nadu, the rate of luxury tax on lodging houses was reduced by 50% w.e.f. 31.12.2002. The Entertainment tax

levied on amusement parks was reduced from 20% to 10%

★ To reduce the cost of medicines for renal failure patients and AIDS cases, the CAPD (Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis) liquid and specific ten life saving drugs used for HIV patients, were exempt from payment of tax w.e.f. 12.2.2004.

★ To reduce the harm in environment and to encourage usage of pollution control equipments, the tax rate on additional 25 items of pollution control equipments which were hitherto taxed at 12% was brought down to 4% w.e.f. 12.2.2004.

★ To encourage the artisans, the tax rate on handicrafts was reduced from 4% to 2% w.e.f.12.2.2004.

★ Tax rate on limestone used in the manufacture of poultry feed was reduced from 12% to 4% to encourage the poultry industry.

★ The entry tax levied on cement and white cement was removed to make it available plenty in the market at a reasonable rate.

★ To mitigate the problems faced by the tea industry, a newly formed cooperative institution namely "Teaserve" was instituted in Ooty and the rate of tax on the sale of tea through this institution was reduced from 8% to 4% under TNGST Act, and 4% to 2% under CST Act. This will enable the tea growers for getting reasonable price, thereby eliminating the proxy buying by selective brokers.

★ In the interest of environment, the tax rate on the sale of Ethanol to oil companies for manufacture of Ethanol blended petrol was reduced from 12% to 8% w.e.f. 1.10.2003.

★ To mitigate the problems faced by hosiery manufacturing industry, a new scheme is introduced in which tax on the inter-state sale of hosiery goods to unregistered dealers is payable at 10% and 9% out of 10% on such payments will be refunded as a special industrial incentive to the dealers concerned.

★ To establish Tamil Nadu as a hardware base, tax rate on inter-state sale of computer peripherals and spares was reduced from 4% to 2%. ❖

Shelter for the poor

□ Since 2001, Urban Housing Cooperatives have been provided loan assistance of Rs 634.12 crores by Tamil Nadu Cooperative Housing Federation Limited for the construction of 35,706 houses in Urban Areas.

□ A waiver scheme to the tune of Rs 100 crores was announced by Hon'ble Chief Minister. A total of 71745 beneficiaries availed this scheme. A sum of Rs 16.51 crores as principal was collected from them. The benefit availed by the beneficiaries was Rs 32.14 crores.

□ Under Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana Scheme "VAMBAY" financial assistance of Rs 20.33 crores have been provided for the beneficiaries through Urban Housing Cooperatives for the construction of 7299 houses in slum areas of Tamil Nadu.

□ To resettle the slum families living in the objectionable locations like river margins, MRTS alignment and places required for public purposes in Chennai, The Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board has constructed 1624 tenements during the past three years utilising the Special Problem Grant of Tenth Finance Commission.

□ The Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board has constructed 3000 tenements at Okkium Thuraipakkam Phase-II and spent Rs 26.11 crores. 2688 tenements constructed have been allotted.

□ The Board has constructed 816 multi storeyed tenements and spent Rs 8.59 crores for the families living in congested slums.

□ The Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board has constructed 64 tenements at Vasugi Nagar at a cost of Rs 77 lakhs.

□ The Board has provided A.C. sheet roof houses with side walls for 9060 families at a cost of

Rs 15.37 crores. Basic amenities like water supply, public conveniences, roads, drains, street lights, etc. have been provided as a short term measure at the rate of Rs 2,000 per family to 30124 families at a cost of Rs 5.25 crores.

□ The Board has provided houses in urban areas with RCC brick side walls having a plinth area of 150 sq.ft. for 7250 families at a cost of Rs 29 crores.



□ The Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board has structurally completed the construction of 112 MIG houses at Singaravelar Nagar, Thiruvannamiyur besides, the work of construction of 32 MIG houses at Vijaraghava Road is nearing completion. Rs 6.32 crores has been spent for this programme.

□ The repairs and renewal works have been carried out for 30514 slum tenements constructed in Chennai at an expenditure of Rs 11.63 crores.

□ 100 deep bore wells have been sunk in the slum tenemental areas to improve the water supply in coordination with CMWSS board at an expenditure of Rs 76 lakhs.

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COOPERATION BECOMES A PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT

★ During the last three years a total sum of Rs.2609.35 crores has been given as short term loan and Rs.216.03 crores and Rs.531.93 crores as medium term and long term agriculture loan respectively. A sum of Rs.13,213.42 crores has been given as jewel loan. Non-farming sector loan has been given to the tune of Rs.883.95 crores.

★ Under Relief to farmers on interest and penal interest scheme, 6,11,193 farmers were benefited to the tune of Rs.226.56 crores.

★ As a relief to the Small and Marginal Farmers affected by drought, the Government have sanctioned Rs.61.05 crores towards waiver of Interest.

★ The rate of interest for the crop loan has been reduced from 15% to 12%.

★ Under the Revamped Micro Credit Loan Scheme, the interest rate has been reduced from 15% to 11%. Under this scheme a sum of Rs.38.17 crores has been disbursed to 115029 women beneficiaries.

★ Under working women loan scheme and women entrepreneurs scheme the rate of interest has been reduced from 15% to 12%. Under women entrepreneurs scheme a total sum of Rs.7.71 crores has been disbursed to 1130 women beneficiaries.

★ Under working women scheme a sum of Rs.19.77 crores has been disbursed to 9089 women beneficiaries.

★ A sum of Rs.149.50 crores has been given as loan to 44091 Self Help Groups.

★ A sum of Rs.2.90 crores has been given as maternity loan to 13397 women beneficiaries.

★ The Rural Housing Scheme is implemented through Primary Co-operative Agriculture and Rural Development Bank. Under this scheme, a sum of Rs.28.98 crores has been issued as loan to 2315 beneficiaries.

★ Government have issued orders to implement 'One Time Settlement Scheme' in the Co-operative Banks to provide relief to the urban and rural borrowers of the Co-operative Banks, so as to facilitate the recovery of Non-Performing Assets and long pending overdues. So far, 24,138 persons were benefited to the tune of Rs.124.70 crores.

★ Under the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme, a total claim of Rs.48.70 crores was disbursed to 1,36,817 farmers in the drought affected area as subsidy.

★ In order to alleviate the sufferings of the small tea growers, Ooty tea is being sold through Public Distribution System retail outlets. The quantity of tea sold so far is 6012 M.Ts.

★ In order to alleviate the sufferings of handloom weavers, handloom dhoties and sarees were sold through Co-operative Fair Price shops.

★ The rice mill owners, retailers and wholesale dealers would face no difficulty either in procuring or selling the rice / paddy as a result of removal of the ceiling limit for stocking of rice / paddy by them.

★ Though in several States rice is supplied at the rate of Rs.6 per kg for the poor people and Rs.8 to Rs.9 for others, this Government is supplying eligible rice to all families without any discrimination at the uniform price of Rs.3.50 per kg from 1.9.2003 inspite of severe financial constraints.

★ During 2003, 181 casual workers have been absorbed as permanent workers as per the Industrial Act, 1981 (Permanency provided to the Labourers).

★ Inspite of steep fall in tea prices during the past three years, TANTEA is paying the highest wages of Rs.74.62 per day. But, in the private tea industries, the wages have been reduced from Rs.76.85 to Rs.70 and Rs.71 per day from 01.01.2002.

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Environment friendly projects

- ★ Environmental upgradation through bioremediation of Ooty and Kodaikanal Lakes has been undertaken under the National Lake Conservation Programme (NLCP) at a total cost of Rs.688 lakhs.
- ★ For developing environment friendly cities in future, an "eco-city plan" has been prepared for Kancheepuram Town through National Environment Engineering Research Centre (NEERI), Chennai, at a cost of Rs.2.50 lakhs. A seminar was conducted on 08.01.2004 at Kancheepuram.
- ★ To create environmental awareness among the school and college students, 1260 eco-clubs have been formed in all the districts of the State involving selected educational institutions and NGOs. **Tamil Nadu has the distinction of launching eco-clubs in all the districts of the State with the State Government funds.** Environmental exhibitions are conducted every year at District level through the Eco-clubs. Financial assistance to the extent of Rs.25,000 to Rs.50,000 per district is released for the activities of the Eco-clubs every year. Each District has got Eco-clubs in 40 to 50 schools. Moreover financial assistance is also given to the Educational institutions and NGOs for conducting Seminars, Workshops to promote environmental consciousness. During the last three years, more than 20 such workshops, seminars on environmental management were supported by the Government. For all the environmental awareness programmes an amount Rs.45 lakhs was spent by this department.
- ★ Enthused by the success of school eco-clubs, another 2900 schools Eco-clubs have been started at 100 schools per district under the National Green Corps (NGC) programme. About 40 to 50 students are enrolled in each

school under a teacher co-ordinator. This year the NGC programme is being extended to additional 1450 schools at 50 per district. **On the whole, over 2.5 lakhs school children have been covered under this massive eco-awareness programme covering 5500 schools all over the State.** Environmental awareness under this programme is organised through thematic campaigns, tree planting, competitions and eco-camps. The Department of Environment is functioning as the State Co-ordinator of NGC. A sum of Rs.76.19 lakhs has been incurred for NGC activities so far.



- ★ To provide green cover to the degraded temple hillocks in the State, a pilot scheme for Eco restoration of "Sholingur Temple Hillock" in Vellore District is implemented at a cost of Rs.9 lakhs. Rs.6 lakhs has already been released to Forest Department. The Forest Department has completed the planting work. Environment Management Agency of Tamil Nadu (EMAT) is developing irrigation infrastructure to the plantation at a cost of Rs.3 lakhs.
- ★ The pilot programme for manufacture of hand made paper and paper bag making units through self help Groups and Non-Governmental Organisations has been implemented in five Corporations of Chennai, Tiruchy, Coimbatore, Madurai and Salem at a cost of Rs.12 lakhs during the year 2003-04. ❖

IT enabled operations in Registration Department

- ★ With a view to providing quick services and ensuring transparency by suitably harnessing IT enabled operations in Registration Department - it is proposed to computerise all the 600 sub Registrar Offices and 50 District Registrar Offices in a phased manner. There are 350 registration offices throughout Tamil Nadu, which operate computerised counters to help citizens to complete process of registration of properties in less than an hour instead of several days, as was necessary under the earlier system.
 - ★ The IT enabled process has taken place in two levels namely: STAR (Simplified and Transparent Administration of Registration) and REGINET (Registration Network). This e-governance initiative has been evaluated from the following perspective: The Citizen, Governance and Service Delivery. The systemic improvements have helped the department in regaining the confidence of the public and in making the registration process a pleasant experience.
 - ★ REGINET, the first of its kind in the country, connects all the Sub Registrar offices. As a result, the data available in all these offices become shareable and information about EC of any property can be accessed from any other location. This enables the registrants to approach the nearest Sub Registrar Office and avail the services.
 - ★ A facility for online submission of application for Encumbrance Certificate has also been introduced. The information submitted by the applicants is processed at the respective offices and the Encumbrance Certificate is kept ready. The applicants can either collect in person directly by paying required fee or the certificate will be delivered at the doorsteps.
 - ★ An Exclusive website (www.tnreginet.net) have been launched towards ensuring transparency in the registration process, particularly the posting of statewide guideline values for all the areas. Besides providing general information, the website also provides details about property valuation, registration process and public utility forms / model draft documents as downloads.
 - ★ In view of huge pendency of documents with Special Deputy Collector (Stamps) for determination of market value, 'Samadhan Scheme' was launched. The scheme was in force from 1.10.2002 to 29.11.2002. As per the Scheme, the public could get back the documents by paying 60% of the total disputed stamp duty / registration fee as raised by the Sub Registrar. Out of 91,101 documents, 50694 documents were returned on collection of Rs.95.55 crores as stamp duty and registration fee.
 - ★ Stamp duty at the rate of 8% on amount or market value set forth for conveyance of properties was levied in urban areas and 7% in rural areas. In addition, transfer duty at 5% was levied, the proceeds of which is apportioned to the local bodies after due collection charges.
- Stamp duty has been reduced for :**
- ★ Simple Mortgage - duty reduction from 4% to 1% with a ceiling of Rs.20,000 and maximum registration fee is fixed at Rs.5000 at 1%.
 - ★ Mortgage with possession - Duty and surcharge reduced to 3% and 1% respectively. Registration fee 1% with maximum limit of Rs.2 lakhs.
 - ★ Deposit of Title Deeds: Stamp duty at 0.5% with maximum duty at Rs.5,000. Registration fee is 1% maximum fees at Rs.1,000.
 - ★ Power for consideration duty reduced to 4%.
 - ★ Stamp duty rates for property transactions within the family in respect of Deeds of Settlement, Release, Partition and Dissolution of Partnership - 1% on the market value of the property subject to a ceiling of Rs.10,000 and registration fee at 1% with a ceiling of Rs.2000. In the case of Partition the ceiling will be on each share.
 - ★ The Government have ordered the opening of a central stamp vending unit at the office of Deputy Inspector General of Registration, Chennai to sell judicial, non-judicial stamp papers and other stamps, from 24.2.2004.

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LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

- ★ A total sum of Rs 58,01,000 was disbursed at the rate of Rs 250 per month to 2215 eligible workmen who were working in the units which were either closed or which are not functioning for a long time.
- ★ The Lok Adalat was constituted in Chennai and Madurai to settle the workmen's claim pending under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923 in an expeditious manner with minimum cost and hardship. 43 cases have been disposed and compensation amount of Rs 73,03,521 have been disbursed.
- ★ The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs 18.75 lakhs as State Government subsidy for 375 houses at the rate of Rs 5000 per house for the year 2002-03 under Integrated Housing Scheme for Beedi Workers. Further an amount of Rs 60 lakhs has been appropriated in the Budget Estimate for the year 2003-2004 for this scheme out of which a sum of Rs 6.20 lakhs has been sanctioned for 124 houses.
- ★ State Action Plan for eradication of child labour was approved by the Government. It aims at eliminating child labour in hazardous employment by the year 2005 and in non-hazardous employment by the year 2007. The Government have accorded sanction for the formation of child labour rehabilitation cum welfare society and allotted a grant of Rs 25 lakhs to the society to implement the action plan. The district child labour rehabilitation cum welfare society have been formed in all the districts of Tamil Nadu.
- ★ The Tamil Nadu Labour Welfare Board has disbursed a sum of Rs 79,27,419 to 24,128 workers as financial assistance under the various welfare schemes.
- ★ 2,10,362 construction workers were registered and a sum of Rs 9,04,37,675 has been disbursed to 24768 construction workers as financial assistance. A new office building at Chennai at a cost of Rs 3.50 crores for Tamil Nadu construction workers welfare board was constructed and inaugurated on 28.11.2002 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.
- ★ 6,54,616 manual workers were registered and a sum of Rs 1,99,43,000 has been disbursed to 6124 workers as financial assistance.

- ★ Under computerisation programme, so far 25 Employment Exchanges and 4 special offices have been computerised. The remaining 4 Employment Exchanges (Karur, Perambalur, Uthagamandalam and Sivagangai) have been provided with computer systems during this year. It is proposed to connect the Employment Exchanges with the Commissionerate of Employment and Training to facilitate instant access to the datas of Employment Exchanges and to have effective communication through WAN. This will lead to achieve the e-Governance in this department.
- ★ The website cum interactive job portal for the Employment Exchanges was inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 6.6.2003. This website hosts datas of 2.85 lakhs of marketable, professional and post graduate candidates of Professional and Executive Employment Office, Chennai.
- ★ The job portal right from the inception is an instant success and received more than 1,09,038 hits and 935 employers had registered with it till date.
- ★ The private employers are using this website for their manpower requirements.
- ★ In all the District Employment Offices, second Friday of the month is observed as private placement day. On that day both the employers and the job seekers are made to meet each other in a fixed venue. The selection is made then and there avoiding loss of time and other resources. So far 12011 candidates were placed in private sector by all the District Employment Offices in the State.
- ★ For the rural educated youth, study circles were initially opened in 6 Panchayat Unions. Subsequently, it was extended to 379 Panchayat Unions all over Tamil Nadu. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has dedicated the above 379 Panchayat Union Study.Circles at Sivagangai on 23.9.2003.
- ★ An amount of Rs 53.06 lakhs has been sanctioned by the Government towards purchase of books, magazines and other materials. An amount of Rs 51.96 lakhs has been spent so far. 7,316 candidates enrolled their names as members.
- ★ Special concession was given by the Government in 2001 for those who defaulted to



renew their registrations during the year 1999 and 2000. 31161registrants have benefited.

- ★ Special concession was granted again by the Government to the registrants of the Employment Exchanges who had failed to renew their registration during the calendar year 2001 and 2002. Due to this concession, 82,337 registrants have benefited.
- ★ During the past three years a sum of Rs 21.53 lakhs has been spent for coaching 3200 Hindu Adidravida candidates for appearing for the entrance examination for admission to professional courses. Due to this coaching, 398 candidates have been admitted in various professional colleges.
- ★ The total number of factories has increased from 29,681 in 1.5.2001 to 34,101 as on 1.4.2004. Likewise the number of workers working therein has increased from 11,95,843 to 12,56,402.
- ★ A total of 1,498 complaints received from workers and Trade Union Leaders were enquired and 1,447 complaints have been disposed off.
- ★ Tamil Nadu under the able guidance of our Hon'ble Chief Minister has adopted child labour elimination as one of its top priorities in its agenda towards developing a vibrant state in the Chief Minister's 15 Point Programme. In the past three years 397 cases have been filed in regard to child labour violations by this Inspectorate and Rs 12,52,500 has been collected as fine amount. These efforts have certainly minimised the problem in the organised sector.
- ★ During the past three years 2793 special squad inspections have been conducted all over the State and 534 child labour were found and cases filed against the erring managements.



Tourism Development in Tamil Nadu



- ❖ The Government of Tamil Nadu participated in World Travel Mart London in November 2001 and 2003, ITB Berlin in March 2002 and 2004, Incredible India Travel Exhibition 2003 at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in December 2003.
- ❖ 25 major festivals during 2002-2003 and 32 festivals during 2003-2004 were conducted.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Tourism department participated in Suraj Kund Craft Mela 2003. Apart from exhibiting handicrafts and traditional drawings, the department organised a fashion show which was widely appreciated by the tourists. Tamil Nadu was declared as "Theme State" in the event for promotion of tourism.
- ❖ This Department organised "Dance Fest" in the coastal village of Chinnavaikal, Pitchavaram beach in Cuddalore District. The event conducted in the early morning attracted many tourists.
- ❖ The Tourism department organised a pageantry of decorated boats to promote tourism in Pulicat, situated 60 Kms away from Chennai.
- ❖ SKAL International is a professional organisation of tourism leaders around the world, promoting global tourism and friendship. SKAL Conference was held in Chennai from 19th October to 24th October 2003. Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalithaa gave a wonderful presentation on promotion of tourism. The Government of India presented an award to Government of Tamil Nadu for organising the SKAL Conference in an impressive manner.
- ❖ Chettinad is an ancient town located 12 Kms away from Karaikudi. The Government have sanctioned Rs.50 lakhs to develop the basic infrastructure so as to attract more tourists.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation has introduced Rail cum Road Tours in association with the Indian Railways. Tours were started from Mumbai, Kolkata, Delhi, Ahmedabad and Lucknow. These tours are gaining popularity and so far has earned a revenue of Rs.127 lakhs.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation has recorded all time high net profit of Rs.245.60 lakhs for the year 2003-2004, comparing with previous years.
- ❖ The achievements of Tourism Department during the last three years have been consistently commendable. New strides of progress for Tamil Nadu have been made under the able, dynamic and result oriented leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. Tourism has been recognised as a "Major contributor" in the services sector and Government have taken steps to "Market Tamil Nadu as a Major Tourist destination". Government have also accorded high priority for tourism during the past three years.
- ❖ The Government made a budget provision of Rs.17 crores in 2001-2002, Rs.32.64 crores in 2002-2003 and Rs.26.79 crores in 2003-2004 for tourism sector to upgrade facilities at tourist spots and for publicity campaigns.
- ❖ The luxury tax levied for hotel rooms with room tariff Rs.200 to Rs.500 has been reduced to 5%. For rooms with a tariff of Rs.500 to Rs.1000 it is 10% and for the rooms with a tariff of Rs.1000 and above the luxury tax is fixed at 12.5%.
- ❖ The Government of Tamil Nadu have extended financial allocation of Rs.20 lakhs for creating basic infrastructure in the identified tourist destinations.
- ❖ The Government have identified Kazhugumalai in Thoothukudi District to promote Village Tourism. The Government of India have sanctioned a sum of Rs.16 lakhs as first instalment to develop Village Tourism.
- ❖ A project for the integrated development of Mamallapuram at an estimated cost of Rs.19 crores was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 8.1.2003 at Kancheepuram.

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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT



- ★ During the years 2001-2003, 337 numbers of beneficiaries are covered by Animal Husbandry sector. During the year 2003-2004, 300 numbers of beneficiaries are provided with training on animal husbandry activities and 200 Ha. of barren land are utilised with fodder production scheme at a total expenditure of Rs.132.65 lakhs.
 - ★ During 2001-2003, 2166 Ha. were covered with many forestry activities. During the year 2003-2004, 11000 numbers of tree saplings were planted and in 1059 Ha. various other forestry activities are undertaken in Western Ghats areas in Tamil Nadu at a total allocation of Rs.1103.45 lakhs.
 - ★ During the year of 2001-2003, 758.37 acres were covered with various sericulture activities. During the year of 2003-2004, mulberry expansion activities are undertaken in 281.65 acres and 500 numbers of Sericulturists were provided training at a total allocation of Rs.46.60 lakhs.
 - ★ During the last three years, 15 minor irrigation activities were undertaken under WGDP at a total allocation of Rs.103 lakhs.
 - ★ Under Western Ghat Development Programme 22 Kms. of roads are taken up for improvement and strengthening at a total allocation of Rs.154.50 lakhs.
 - ★ Under soil conservation sector, a sum of Rs.352.88 lakhs and Rs.408.03 lakhs were allocated under Hill Area Development Programme during 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 respectively for implementing construction works, check dams, Gabbion check and percolation ponds.
 - ★ The State has secured the clearance of the Union Planning Commission for implementing a development Plan outlay of Rs.40,000 crores during the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-2007).
 - ★ The Plan target of Rs.7000 crores for 2003-2004 has also been fully achieved.
 - ★ The beautification of the Marina Beach has been widely welcomed. Metropolitan Development Plan is being implemented over 10 years at an outlay of Rs.18,000 crores.
- ### Western Ghats Development Programme
- ★ In Tamil Nadu, Western Ghats Development Programme is being implemented in 33 selected taluks of Coimbatore, Erode, Dindigul, Theni, Madurai, Virudhunagar, Tirunelveli and Kanniyakumari districts.
 - ★ Under Western Ghats Development Programme, various schemes are being implemented in many sectors namely Soil Conservation, Horticulture, Forestry, Minor Irrigation, Highways, Rural Roads, Animal Husbandry, Sericulture, etc.
 - ★ During the last three years, soil conservation activities were implemented in 8060 Ha.
- ### Hill Area Development Programme

★ For 2003-2004, a sum of Rs.327.79 lakhs were sanctioned for implementing various schemes.

★ For Horticultural development activities a sum of Rs.299.24 lakhs and Rs.299.48 lakhs were sanctioned during 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 respectively.

★ A sum of Rs.287.73 lakhs sanctioned for 2003-2004.

★ Rs.354.06 lakhs and Rs.355.95 lakhs has been allocated for 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 respectively for Forestry sector.

★ For 2003-2004, a sum of Rs.327.59 lakhs sanctioned for improvement of the Environment and Forestry activities.

★ For development of sericulture activities a sum of Rs.8 lakhs and Rs.2.36 lakhs were sanctioned during 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 respectively and assistance given to 120 beneficiaries. During 2003-2004, an amount of Rs.3.01 lakhs has been sanctioned under Hill Area Development Programme and assistance given to 60 beneficiaries.

★ With a view to improve the small and marginal tea growes a sum of Rs.20 lakhs each allotted in the years of 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 and eight tea factories were modernised. During the year 2003-2004 a sum of Rs.20 lakhs has been sanctioned for modernisation of two tea factories in the Nilgiris District.

★ Priority has been given to the development of rural road works under Hill Area Development Programme. A sum of Rs.138.70 lakhs and Rs.173.94 lakhs were sanctioned for reconstruction of 9 culverts, improvements of 9.60 KM of roads, formation of 36.20 KM of drainage channel, special repairs to the roads of 3.90 KM, maintenance of 73 roads, Development of 10.20 KM of roads during 2001-2002 and 2002-2003. For 2003-2004, a sum of Rs.215.16 lakhs has been sanctioned for improvement and made repair of 126 Kms of road in Nilgiris District.

★ Based on the Integrated Watershed Development, a sum of Rs.397.93 lakhs have been sanctioned for implementation of Entry Point Activities schemes.



★ The entire Nilgiris was delineated in 75 macro watersheds by using remote sensing techniques and correlating satellite data for implementing the schemes under Hill Area Development Programme on priority basis. For this purpose, Rs.10 lakhs had been provided every year during the past 3 years.

★ A sum of Rs.87.50 lakhs and Rs.59 lakhs were sanctioned during 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 respectively for construction of 2 Primary Health Centres, 6 Health Sub-Centres. For the year 2003-2004, an amount of Rs.77.30 lakhs has been sanctioned under Hill Area Development Programme for implementation of Construction of 7 Primary Health Centres / Siddha Medical Centres / Health Sub Centres, repairs of 4 Health Sub Centres and Construction of 1 new Hospital block.

★ For Welfare of SC/ST sector, a sum of Rs.108.35 lakhs and Rs.120.66 lakhs were sanctioned under Hill Area Development Programme during 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 with a view to construction of 170 group houses, supply of 60 colour televisions and provision of 1046 street lights to the SC/ST areas in the Nilgiris District. An amount of Rs.90.50 lakhs was also sanctioned during 2003-2004 for construction of 162 low cost houses and repairs to 8 GTR schools.

★ For the rural energy, a total sum of Rs.46.13 lakhs have been sanctioned under Hill Area Development Programme during the past 3 years.

FAST TRACK COURTS FOR QUICK DISPOSAL OF PENDING CASES



★ The Government have provided the necessary funds to the judiciary so as to enable the constitutional body to function independently and effectively. The Government have sanctioned a total sum of Rs.488.84 crores to the judiciary during the last three years.

★ With a view to clear heavy backlog of cases especially long pending sessions cases and especially long pending cases in the subordinate courts in the State, 49 Fast Track courts have been constituted. The financial allocation for these Fast Track Courts is Rs.14.12 crores.

★ Two Mahila courts were started one at Chennai and the other at Coimbatore, for speedy trial and disposal of cases of offences committed against women and also cases under other social laws enacted by the Central and State Governments for the protection of women.

★ The establishment of the HighCourt Bench at Madurai will be a boon to the litigant public hailing from southern districts of Tamil Nadu.

★ The Govenment have sanctioned a sum of Rs.44.31 crores for construction of buildings and also an additional sanction of Rs.7.68 crores for providing furniture.

★ Law Text Books are being written in Tamil in accordance with the syllabi of the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University.

★ Sixty Central Acts translated into Tamil by the Law Department and got printed in book form. Subsequently more than Seventy Acts (both Central and State Acts) have been translated into Tamil by the Law Department and got printed in book form.

★ Meetings were conducted in villages by the students of Government Law Colleges to create Legal awareness among general public.

★ Hostel for women students of Tiruchirapalli Government Law College was inaugurated.

★ The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University has established a constituent Law College at Chengalpattu in the academic year 2003-2004.

★ New course i.e. P.G. Diploma Course in General Insurance has been introduced from the academic year 2003-2004.

★ P.G. Degree course in Business Law and P.G. Degree course in Constitution and Legal order are being offered from the academic year 2002-2003.

★ University has conducted U.G.C. sponsored Refresher Courses, many competitions and innovative programmes including Legal Literacy Programme for Rural Masses and Research projects have been offered to the faculty members.

★ "Tele-Law Chat" programme has been launched in the University.

★ University has established "Legal Aid Cell and Career Guidance and Placement Cell" for the students.

★ A school of excellence in law has been established by the Tamil Nadu Dr.Ambedkar Law University and it was inaugurated on 21-11-2002 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

★ A building to house the School of Excellence at a cost of Rs.55 lakhs in Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University is nearing completion.

Inauguration of new Krishnagiri District



Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa inaugurated new district with Krishnagiri as its headquarters at a function held at Krishnagiri on 9th February 2004. The new Krishnagiri district carved out of Dharmapuri district is the 30th district in Tamil Nadu.

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The new district has been created with a view to ensure better administration and also to fulfil the aspirations of the people. The Krishnagiri district

comprises of 2 Municipalities, 10 Panchayat Unions, 7 Town Panchayats and 337 Village Panchayats. A sum of Rs.10 crores has been allocated to construct a Master Plan Complex so as to accomodate all Government offices under one roof.



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