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BECOME THE "NUMERO UNO" STATE IN INDIA

Finance Department plays a major role in management of public finances of the State Government. When this Government assumed office in May 2001, the State was engulfed in a fiscal crisis of an unprecedented nature.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister's carefully calibrated and intelligently designed Medium Term Fiscal Reform Plan has helped Tamil Nadu regain the distinction of being India's one of the most financially well managed States.

Tamil Nadu is one of the few States in the country to have enacted a legislation on fiscal responsibility and achieved the targets outlined therein. A Medium Term Fiscal Reforms Plan was prepared and implemented for promoting economic growth and for restoring the health of public finances while at the same time ensuring that the poor and needy are fully protected during the period of fiscal adjustment.

Today, Tamil Nadu has successfully lifted itself from an abject state of gloom and despair seen in May 2001. It is marching steadfastly ahead to become the numero uno State in India.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- ★ The fiscal crisis of 2000-2001 was accompanied by a general development neglect that retarded the growth of the State's economy. Recurrent and severe drought further impeded the process of economic recovery. The Government's innovative economic policy defined by the paradigm of 'growth with equity and a human face' has ensured a complete turn around. The growth momentum in the economy has been restored and according to the latest indications, Tamil Nadu will register a growth of more than 8% in 2004-2005.
- ★ The Annual Plan outlay of 2005-2006 has been fixed at Rs. 9,100 crores, which represents an increase of 75% over the outlay in 2001-2002.
- ★ The revenue deficit that was artificially compressed at Rs. 2739 crores in 2001-2002 by withholding payments to bills has declined to Rs. 1687 crores in the Revised Estimates (2004-2005) and is further likely to decline to Rs. 1,404 crores in the Budget Estimates 2005-2006.
- ★ Revenue deficit as a percentage of fiscal deficit indicates the extent to which the borrowings of the Government are utilised to finance non-productive revenue expenditure. From an artificially compressed level of 57.80% in 2001-2002, it is likely to decline to 22.11% in 2005-2006.
- ★ Capital expenditure towards creation of productive assets has gone up from Rs.1,777.91 crores in 2001-2002 to an estimated Rs. 4,791.64 crores in the Budget for 2005-2006.
- ★ The outlay for the comprehensive social safety net has been enhanced to Rs. 7,528.09 crores in the Budget for 2005-2006.
- ★ Provisions for operation and maintenance of assets has increased from Rs. 1681.72 crores in 2001-2002 to Rs. 3364.88 crores in 2005-2006.
- ★ The World Bank has sanctioned the prestigious Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project at a total cost of Rs. 2160 crores.
- ★ The Tamil Nadu Health System's Project has also been cleared by the World Bank with an outlay of Rs. 597.15 crores.
- ★ The Phase II of the Tamil Nadu Afforestation Project has been cleared for implementation by the Japanese Bank of International Cooperation at an outlay of Rs. 27.42 crores.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Annual Plans fully achieved

- ★ Due to the spectacular performance of the Government a real increase in the Annual Development Plan outlay from Rs.5,200 crores in 2001-2002 to Rs.7,000 crores in 2003-2004 has been obtained. The approved Plan outlay of Rs.5,750 crores earmarked for the year 2002-2003 was achieved in full. The Plan target of Rs.7,000 crores for 2003-2004 and Rs.8,001 crores for 2004-2005 have also been fully achieved. The enhanced development Plan outlay of Rs.9,100 crores for the Annual Plan for 2005-2006 has been approved.
- ★ Metropolitan Development Plan is being implemented over 10 years at an outlay of Rs.18,000 crores.
- ★ Investment for the year 2003-2004 has exceeded the original outlay of Rs.1,780.95 crores.
- ★ The State Government has fixed an enhanced investment outlay of Rs.2,010 crores in 2004-2005 and Rs.2,054.09 crores for 2005-2006 for Chennai.
- ★ During the last four years, various works at a cost of Rs.8,840 lakhs have been implemented under the Hill Area Development Programme.
- ★ Soil Conservation works have been undertaken at a cost of Rs.1,446.71 lakhs during the past four years.
- ★ Horticultural development activities to a tune of Rs.886.45 lakhs have been undertaken during 2001-2002, 2002-2003 and 2003-2004. A sum of Rs.315 lakhs was sanctioned for 2004-2005.
- ★ For developing Animal Husbandry and Dairy, a sum of Rs.187.14 lakhs has been allocated during the last four years.
- ★ Improvement of the Environment and Forestry activities have been taken up at a cost of Rs.1,407.08 lakhs.
- ★ Minor Irrigation activities at a cost of Rs.90.80 lakhs have been taken up during 2001-2005.
- ★ For development of sericulture activities a sum of Rs.18.86 lakhs were given to 420 beneficiaries.
- ★ To improve the small and marginal tea growers, a sum of Rs.60 lakhs was allotted for the years of 2001-2002, 2002-2003 and 2003-04 and ten tea factories were modernised. During the year 2004-2005, a sum of Rs.20 lakhs has also been sanctioned towards the scheme of 'Revival Plan for Tea Plantation Area in Kundha'.
- ★ Rural roads have been developed at a cost of Rs.727.80 lakhs.
- ★ Tourist spots have been developed at an expenditure of Rs.216.25 lakhs during 2001-2004. For the year 2004-2005 a sum of Rs.72.50 lakhs has been sanctioned to Udagai Boat House for developing infrastructures.
- ★ Development of local bodies were undertaken at a cost of Rs.925.41 lakhs.
- ★ Based on the Integrated Watershed Development, a sum of Rs.464.23 lakhs, have been sanctioned for implementation of Entry Point Activities schemes during 2001-2005.
- ★ Remote sensing activities have been undertaken at a cost of Rs.45 lakhs during 2001-2005.
- ★ For upgrading Medical and Public Health, a sum of Rs.284.45 lakhs have been spent during 2001-2005.
- ★ In respect of Human Resources Development construction and Special repairs to Government High / Higher Secondary Schools have been implemented at a cost of Rs.517.07 lakhs.
- ★ For the Welfare of SC/ST sector, a sum of Rs.425.56 lakhs has been spent during 2001-2005.
- ★ For the Rural Energy Works, a sum of Rs.100.13 lakhs has been spent during 2001-2005.

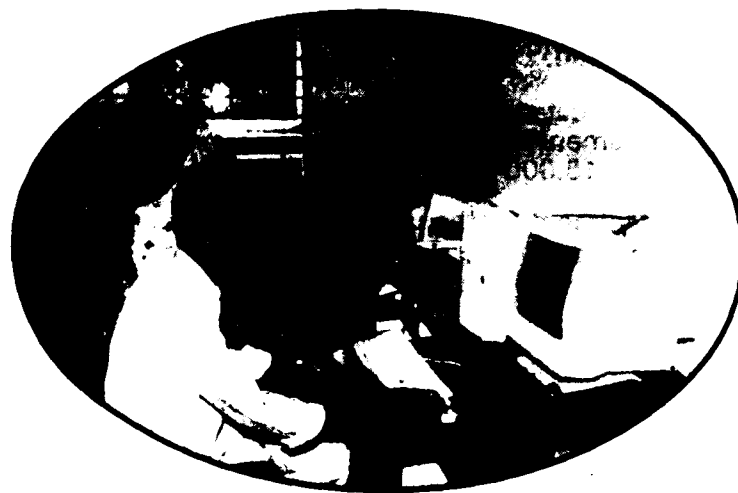
TREMENDOUS IMPROVEMENT IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SECTOR

Propelled by the thrust of the Information Technology Policy announced in the year 2002 and building on the foundation of world class infrastructure and human resource, Tamil Nadu continues to remain one of the best Information Technology destinations in India. This is not an easy task and under the able and dynamic leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa, the Information Technology Department has been able to position Chennai and Tamil Nadu as the most preferred Destination of choice for Information Technology investments.

- ★ The IT Policy 2002 announced on 19th September 2002 by the Government of Tamil Nadu has propelled Tamil Nadu to continue the growth path in terms of capturing substantial portion of IT exports from the country.
- ★ The Government, through ELCOT has taken lot of initiatives to develop quality IT Parks in private sector. More than 40 IT Parks in the private sector have been cleared totalling 8.5 Million sq.ft. Out of this, 1 million sq.ft. is already built and occupied. Recently, NOKIA have announced their plans to set up a Hardware manufacturing facility in Chennai.
- ★ Tamil Nadu is now, very strongly emerging as the key hub for Information Technology Enabled Services (ITES) and Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) in the

country particularly in the Banking, Financial Services and Insurance (BFSI) Sector.

- ★ Public and Private Communication Providers (PCPs) have provided an Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) network for more than a length of 44,000 kms throughout the State, thus placing Tamil



Nadu amongst the most connected States of India. Government has given approval to VSNL for laying submarine cables having a capacity of 5.12 terabits per second (tbps). This is in addition to the existing 8.2 tbps international connectivity by Bharti. Investor-friendly policies, a peaceful climate prevailing in the State and a pro-active and supportive Government, makes Tamil Nadu an ideal destination for overseas entrepreneurs.

- ★ One of the key areas, which has been addressed recently is to create quality human resources for the ITES industry, through a series of human resources

initiatives. ELCOT has brought out an ELCOT model ITES course of 280 hours duration, in association with 5 leading universities in the State and 7 ITES industries from the State.

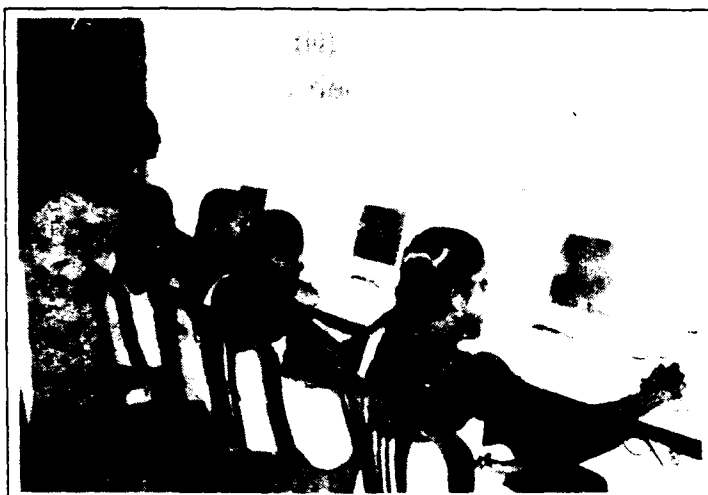
- ★ 45 Professors have been trained in 7 ITES industries in Chennai, for a period of 6 days to understand and experience the job requirements of the ITES industry, the entry-level requirements and the soft skills needed by the ITES industry.
- ★ The Government, through ELCOT has participated in a number of national events like Connect-2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004, Bangalore IT.com, India soft, and international exhibitions like Cebit 2003, Incredible India 2003 held at Kuala Lumpur during 2nd to 6th December 2003, Hongkong ICT Expo 2004, GITEX Dubai, 2004 and International Exposition on Government Innovations at Korea etc., to create a brand equity for Tamil Nadu as a Destination of Choice for IT and ITES investments.
- ★ Society for Electronics Transaction and Security (SETS), deals with the issues of security requirements in electronic transactions at the source of creation, storage, warehousing, transmission and retrieval. There was very stiff competition between all the leading IT States of the Country, to locate the operational Head Quarters of SETS. Tamil Nadu emerged victorious among all States and Chennai has been chosen as the location for SETS operational Head Quarters.
- ★ Sanction has been accorded by Government, for (i) Provision of rent-free accommodation having a built up area of 5,000 sq.ft. for 3 years (ii) Provision of 3 acres of land in the MGR Knowledge

City, Taramani (iii) Payment of an up front contribution of Rs.60 lakhs on behalf of Government of Tamil Nadu, for membership in SETS.

- ★ ELCOT has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Bharathiar University (BU), to promote Research and Development Park in the 109 acres of land inside the campus.
- ★ Conference titled "Coimbatore IT.COM" was organised in Coimbatore, during 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004, in Partnership with CII to promote Coimbatore as an IT Destination.
- ★ An e-Gov cell was formed at ELCOT during December, 2003 and it is functional.
- ★ Rural Access to Services through Internet (RASI) project aims at delivery of services and strengthens the grievances redressal for rural citizens. 1,165 RASI centres are functioning and out of this, about 500 RASI centres were scaled up during the year 2003-04.
- ★ With a vision, "To put the smile of prosperity on the face of every citizen of Tamil Nadu by leveraging Information Technology (IT) to create value and wealth for a knowledge-based State" as envisaged by Tamil Nadu IT Policy 2002, Electronic Delivery of Services (EDS) project is conceived.

Video Conferencing

- ★ A video conferencing network linking the Hon'ble Ministers, all Secretaries, all District Collectors and other senior Government Officials installed. Intercom exchange has been set up at Secretariat with provision of 1000 lines digital



exchange. Similarly one 100 lines ISDN exchange has been set up with an outlay of Rs.76 lakhs.

- ★ To enable that the nerve center of administration does not lag behind in access to information for crucial decision making, high speed inter connectivity of 2 Mbps has been provided with an outlay of Rs.63 lakhs.
- ★ To bridge the Digital divide, a pilot project was launched in Melur, Madurai District to build up the necessary rural infrastructure. Online application for Birth, Death, Income, Community and Nativity Certificates has been made possible. The Rural Internet revolution now covers more than 1,800 RASI centers.
- ★ TAMILNILAM 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 at an expenditure of Rs.537.60 lakhs.
- ★ Electronic Tea Auction System (ETAS), aims at providing fair, transparent and better price discovery mechanism with reduced transaction cost and time. It is

worth mentioning that this is the first electronic tea auction system in the world.

Transport

- ★ In all the 86 RTO/Unit Offices Plastic Card Driving Licences are being issued electronically.

Property Registrations

- ★ Registration Department, Agricultural Marketing, Treasury, Local Bodies, Commercial Taxes Department, Forest Department, Government Arts & Science, Law and Medical Colleges, Small Savings Department have been computerised.

Information Touch Screen Kiosk

- ★ The Touch Screen Kiosk at the 30 model Taluk offices is enabling the public to view details like land, patta, guideline value, birth details etc, at one touch.

Public grievances redressal system at Chief Minister's office

- ★ For redressing the grievances of the Public in Chief Minister's Office a computer software for the entire State has been formulated and the district units are connected with the State Computer System. The complaints received through various sources are entered in the systems till the grievances are redressed.

Computer Literacy Programme for Schools

- ★ Tamil Nadu pioneered an ambitious programme to impart computer literacy and education in all the Government Higher Secondary Schools. So far, 1,197 Schools have been covered at a cost of Rs.18,973 lakhs. The total number of School Students who will leave the portals of the Schools fully IT literate is about 92,500 per annum

REGiNET

- ★ 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 at issue of Encumbrance Certificate (EC) for any property in the State from any of the Registration Offices.

Knowledge Data Centre (KDC) at Anna University

- ★ Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on 22.03.2003 between Government of Tamil Nadu, Anna University and M/s. Sun Micro Systems in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister for establishing the Knowledge Data Centre at Anna University.

Call Centres

- ★ A Call Centre for Modern Control Room at Egmore for Chennai City Police has been installed to attend to the complaints received on Dial 100 for Law and Order and 103 for Traffic, by ELCOT at a cost of Rs.135 lakhs. The Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the Call Centre on 18th February 2004.

TAMIL VIRTUAL UNIVERSITY

Academic Programmes

- ★ The Academic Programmes, both Certificate and Degree Programmes were inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister in June 2002.
- ★ 175 students from other countries completed Level - 1 (Basic) and Level - 2 (Intermediate) Certificate Programmes.



Digital Library

- ★ To encourage the use of Digital Library, which is a rich resource for Tamil Literature, the membership fee was waived. Every year new books were digitised and added to the Library. At present a total of 205 books (87,000 pages) are on the web and effort continues. Apart from books and Dictionaries, there are 29 Technical Glossaries from different fields with more than 2 lakh words. There are Photo and Video Galleries on 125 Saiva and Vainava temples in the Library. Another 12 temples are being added.

Establishment of Study Centre of TVU

- ★ For the benefit of Tamils 12 Study Centres were established in 8 countries viz. 5 in USA, 1 in Canada, 1 in Malaysia, 1 in Srilanka, 1 in Mauritius, 1 in Reunion, 1 in Switzerland and 1 in Germany.

Tamil in IT Tasks

- ★ In order to encourage Research and Development in Computing Tamil, funds were provided by the Government for developing Tamil software under Tamil Software Development Fund (TSDF).

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Essential Goods Exempted from Taxes

Commercial Taxes Department - a major revenue earning department, through prudent reform measures and improved tax collection methods, is poised to achieve a record collection.

- ★ During the year 2004-2005, the total revenue collections is Rs.13,907 crores as against the revenue collections of Rs.11,757 crores in 2003-2004 showing a growth rate of 18.29%.
- ★ The Tax rate on molasses used by the chemical industries within the state was reduced from 30% to 20% for select industries.
- ★ In order to reduce the tax burden, the rate of tax on wax supplied to small industries through Tvl. SIDCO was reduced to 4%, which will enable the growth of small dealers in the small industries sector.
- ★ The tax rate on the sale of telecom equipments and cables to M/s. BSNL, MTNL and VSNL by any dealer was reduced to 4% from 12%.
- ★ For helping the rubber industries, the 4% tax paid on the inter-state sale of natural rubber is permitted to be adjusted against the tax payable under TNGST Act, 1959.
- ★ The turnover limit of Rs.One crore for self assessment was increased to Rs.10 crores to help the trading community. Besides, summary assessment procedure was also introduced to reduce the backlog of pending back year assessments.
- ★ To mitigate the problems faced by the tea industry, a newly formed cooperative institution namely "Tvl. 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.
- ★ 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%.
- ★ The entry tax on HDPE granules and PVC resins, potassium chlorate, soda ash, LAB, caustic soda, chlorine and aluminium was reduced to 3%.
- ★ Considering the drought conditions prevailing in Tamil Nadu, the 2% tax levied on rice was withdrawn.
- ★ Rate of tax on wet dates was reduced from 12% to 4%.
- ★ 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 exempted from payment of tax.
- ★ 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%.
- ★ To encourage the artisans, the tax rate on handicrafts was reduced from 4% to 2%.
- ★ As a gesture to artists, tax on Indian musical instruments was brought to nil.
- ★ Tax rate on limestone used in the manufacture of poultry feed was reduced from 12% to 4% in order to benefit the

consumers. Exemption was granted for the resale tax at 1% on the sale of consumer goods by consumer coooperative stores.

- ★ Exemption in respect of tax payable by any dealer is granted for items such as new wooden catamaran, new FRP catamaran, new wooden/FRP vallam, goods intended for repairing damaged mechanised boat,



new mechanised boats including fibre glass boats fitted with OBM and goods including timber for repair and rebuilding of catamaran sold to rehabilitate the Tsunami affected persons for a period of one year from 1.4.2005 onwards.

- ★ Exemption in respect of tax payable on the sale of cement, AC sheets and other goods by Tvl. TANCEM for relief works to tsunami affected victims is being granted.
- ★ At present, interest on the belated tax amount due is 2% per month and 24% p.a. In order to reduce the interest rates on par with the market and to increase the revenue collections, the rate of interest has been reduced to 1.5% per month for the first 90 days delay and 2% per month thereafter, effective from 1.9.2004.

- ★ The lease tax payable on the right to use cinematographic equipments under Section 3-A of the TNGST Act 1959, was exempted for a period of 3 years from 29th September 2004 to 28th September 2007.

- ★ To encourage tourism in Tamil Nadu, the rate of luxury tax on lodging houses was reduced. The tax rate has been reduced from 15% to 5% for room rent ranging from Rs.200 to Rs.499 per day from 20% to 10% for Rs.500 to Rs.999 per day and from 25% to 12.5% for room rent from Rs.1,000 and above.

Tamil Nadu Luxury Tax Act (Jewellery)

- ★ Luxury Tax on jewellery was abolished with effect from 29.12.2004.

Tamil Nadu Entry Tax Act (Goods)

- ★ The entry tax levied on cement and white cement was removed.
- ★ In order to help the fishermen community, exemption on the sale of High Speed Diesel Oil by Public Sector Oil Companies to the Director of Fisheries, Government of Tamil Nadu for distribution to the fishermen to the extent of quantity indicated below was ordered with effect from 29.10.2004. For fishermen with mechanised boats 50,000 KL per annum and fishermen with country boats fitted with diesel engines 45,000 KL per annum.
- ★ To encourage the visit of foreign bound vessels through the Tamil Nadu Ports, sales tax on HSD, LDO and Furnace Oil payable by PSU oil companies on their sales to foreign bound vessels was reduced to 4%.

- ★ In order to encourage the local manufacturing industries, exemption was granted in respect of industries manufacturing two wheelers, tractors and bicycles within the State. They are: Tvl. TVS Motor Company Ltd., (two wheelers), Tvl. TAFE Ltd., (Tractors) and Tvl. Tube Investments of India Ltd., (bicycles).

Sales Tax Act, 1956

- ★ To mitigate the problems faced by hosiery manufacturing industry, the Government has introduced a new scheme in which tax on the inter-state sale of hosiery goods to unregistered dealers is payable at 10%. 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%.
- ★ The rate on inter-state sales of computers with its peripherals and spares was reduced from 4% to 2% with C & D forms.

Tamil Nadu Entertainments Act, 1939

- ★ Entertainment tax levied on amusement parks was reduced from 20% to 10%.
- ★ The rate of entertainment tax was reduced in Corporations, Municipalities Special Grade as 15% for new films and 10% for old films and in other areas 10% compounding tax for all films.

Registration Department

- ★ As a result of the Hon'ble Chief Minister new approach and effective measures, revenue mobilisation has registered a sharp increase of Rs.6,528 crores, during the last four years.

Samadhan Scheme - 2002

- ★ In view of huge pendency of documents for determination of market value, 'Samadhan Scheme' was launched.

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. 79,264 documents were returned on collection of Rs.170.20 crores.

REGINET

- ★ REGiNet, the first of its kind in the country, is a step towards harnessing the power of IT and communication technologies by establishing a dedicated network. It 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 locations.

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- ★ Simplified and Transport Administrations of Registration also plays a vital role in this system.

Sale Documents

- ★ To improve investment in Information Technology, 8% of Stamp Duty levied in urban areas and 7% in rural areas have been reduced to 6%.

Stamp Duty Reduction

- ★ In respect of Simple Mortgage stamp duty reduction is from 4% to 1% with a ceiling of Rs.20,000 and maximum registration fee is fixed at Rs.5,000 @ 1%.
- ★ For Mortgage with possession stamp duty and surcharge are reduced to 3% and 1% respectively. Registration fee is 1% with maximum limit of Rs.2 lakhs. ❖

Efficient & Vital Role in the Revenue Administration

In the Administrative set-up of Tamil Nadu, the District, forms the most important administrative unit. District Administration plays an important and vital role in the Revenue Administration.

petitions were rejected between 2001 and up to December 2004. The total number of petitions disposed off during the period were 6,23,165 and the rest of 3,38,636 petitions are under scrutiny.

New System of Issuing Community Certificates

- ★ To avoid the students to wait in taluk office, to get the Community Certificates, Income Certificates, Nativity Certificates, a new system was introduced by the Government. The students requiring these certificates shall apply well in advance along with the required documents to the Head Masters concerned.



Mass Contact Programme

- ★ Under Mass Contact Programme introduced to solve the grievances of the people at their places itself, 9,18,188 petitions were received during the period. Out of which 4,20,816 petitioners' requests were complied with and 3,30,501 petitions were rejected. The total number of petitions disposed off during the period were 7,51,317 and nearly 1,66,871 petitions are under scrutiny.

Public Grievance Day Petition Scheme

- ★ Under the public grievance day petition scheme, 15,17,075 petitions were received and out of which 11,78,439 petitions were complied with and 5,55,274

- ★ There are 12,60,202 Permanent Community Certificates were issued to Public upto March, 2005.

District Bifurcation

- ★ The spade work to re-organise and bifurcate Dharmapuri district and to create new Krishnagiri district with Headquarters at Krishnagiri was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 9.2.2004.

Village Administrative Office buildings

- ★ During the year 2001-2002, construction of 3,851 Village Administrative Office buildings at a total cost of Rs.23 crores have been completed. During the year 2002-2003, construction of 3,740 buildings at a total cost of Rs.26 crores have been taken up and completed.

Free House Site Pattas

- ★ Provision of basic amenities for the economically weaker sections of the society is an accepted policy of the Government. During the period from April 2001 to April 2005 totally 81,851 house site pattas have been issued. Among them, 24,316 house site pattas have been issued to Adi-Dravidars, 2,307 pattas to scheduled tribes and 54,621 pattas to others.

Assignment of Cultivable Lands

- ★ Landless poor persons are provided with cultivable land at free of cost. During the period from April 2001 to February 2005 totally 11,851 cultivable land pattas to an extent of 5,94,311 acres have been distributed. Among them 2,574 pattas to Adi-Dravidars, 129 pattas to scheduled Tribes and 8,548 pattas to others.
- ★ Surplus land over the ceiling limit is acquired for distribution among the eligible persons at the rate not exceeding 3 acres of dry land or 1 ½ acres of wet lands. An extent of 4,406 acres of land was declared as surplus during the last four years of which an extent of 6,769 acres of land was assigned to 5,365 persons.

Drought

- ★ In Tamil Nadu, there was deficit rainfall against normal rainfall in the years 2000, 2001 and 2002. Due to this, drought situation prevailed in the State from the

beginning of the year 2002. To tackle the drinking water problem, during deficit rain fall, a sum of Rs. 168.10 crores was sanctioned in the year 2002-03 and a sum of Rs. 181.31 crores was sanctioned in the year 2003-04 from Calamity Relief Fund / National Calamity Contingency Fund.

- ★ Due to the severe drought in the year 2002, poor storage and non-release of water from Mettur Dam for the Kuruvai cultivation in the Delta districts, the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 24.06.2002 announced special schemes to the tune of Rs. 164.16 crores to generate employment opportunities for the landless agricultural labourers and orders were passed thereon and schemes were implemented.
- ★ Considering the severe drought in the delta districts during the year 2002, a gift hamper worth of Rs.210 consisting of rice, sugar, one coconut, sweet, vegetables, ghee, green gram dhal and Rs. 50 cash was distributed to each of the drought affected families of agricultural labourers of Cauvery delta districts for the celebration of Deepavali Festival. The total expenditure incurred for this purpose was Rs. 21.28 crores.
- ★ A sum of Rs. 21.65 crores was disbursed to the 1,05,553 drought affected coconut farmers in 20 Districts.

Special Noon Meal Scheme for Drought Affected Families

- ★ Due to the failure of monsoon in 2002, the Government implemented a Special Noon



Meal Scheme for the drought affected families of poor, landless agricultural labourers and small/ marginal farmers during Pongal from 15.01.2003 to 4.2.2003. More than 14.03 lakhs landless agricultural labourers and small / marginal farmers had benefited from this scheme.

- ★ A scheme of 30 kgs of free rice to the drought affected families of small / marginal farmers and landless agricultural labourers was introduced on 05.02.03. This scheme was extended upto 31.08.03. About 9.65 lakh of families were benefited from this scheme throughout the State except Chennai District.
- ★ A sum of Rs.240.07 crores has been disbursed as relief amount to the farmers in all the districts except Chennai, who have suffered loss of crop yield due to drought and totally 28,93,268 farmers were benefited.

Special Relief Scheme

- ★ Hon'ble Chief Minister ordered the launch of Special Relief Scheme to the tune of Rs. 217.09 crores to alleviate the

sufferings of farmers who lost their samba crops in the Cauvery Delta Districts.

- ★ A sum of Rs. 20 crores was allotted for protection of livestock against foot and mouth disease; to provide drinking water facilities in the Veterinary sub-centres of 313 Panchayat Unions in the 22 drought affected districts; for infrastructure fodder inputs development in small and larger farms; and for development of fodder in villages.
- ★ Out of Rs.20 crores sanctioned to Animal Husbandry Department, a sum of Rs.76.10 lakhs has been diverted to sink 79 borewells to tap water to the elephants and wildlife in the Forest areas of Dharmapuri, Erode and Coimbatore Districts.
- ★ Due to severe drought prevailing in the State, Mulberry trees were damaged in the districts, which caused loss to Mulberry farmers. A sum of Rs.75.92 lakhs was sanctioned from Calamity Relief Fund as relief to the Mulberry farmers.



- ★ Orders have been issued for the remission of land revenue for the Fasli 1412 (01.07.02 to 30.06.03) and Fasli 1413 (01.07.03 to 30.06.04).

- ★ All the 29 districts of the State (excluding Chennai) have been declared as drought affected so as to create employment under Special Component of SGRY and to take up drinking water supply works.

- ★ Distribution of Free sarees and dhoties have been distributed during Pongal 2004.

- ★ A sum of Rs. 3.26 crores has been sanctioned to the Districts affected due to flood during North East Monsoon Season in October, 2004.

- ★ Government have also sanctioned a sum of Rs. 76.50 crores for flood relief works.

Tsunami Relief Works

- ★ The Government have sanctioned funds for relief and rehabilitation measures for the damages caused due to Tsunami.

- ★ Out of Rs.65 crores sanctioned for replacement of gill nets for vallams and catamarans, and repair / rebuilding of vallams and catamarans, a sum of Rs.45.22 crores has been disbursed.

- ★ The Government have also sanctioned Rs. 395.56 crores for all the relief measures in the affected areas.

- ★ The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs. 40 crores for building temporary accommodation at the rate of Rs. 8000 per family for 50,000 families. So far, construction of 11,945 houses have been completed.

- ★ Government have announced a massive housing programme to build 1,30,000 houses in all the affected areas at an unit cost of Rs.1.5 lakh each.

- ★ An ex-gratia payment of Rs.1 lakh per dead person from Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund has been sanctioned and payment has been given to the families of 6249 dead persons out of 8034 who died due to Tsunami.

- ★ The Government have issued orders sanctioning a sum of Rs.3.50 crores as ex-gratia amount for person who lost their limbs or eyes and who sustained grievous injury. So far, 2390 persons have been assisted to the tune of Rs.122.10 lakhs.

- ★ Relief package amount allotted to the families who have lost their huts was Rs.73.68 crores. So far,1,18,586 families have been benefited by this scheme at a cost of Rs.57.81 crores.

- ★ A sum of Rs.51.39 crores has been disbursed to 1,76,480 affected families involved in small business and petty trades connected with coastal economy.

- ★ The Government also sanctioned a sum of Rs.7.43 crores to extend financial assistance for 24,764 additional families closely connected with the coastal economy who lost their wages and employment.

- ★ A sum of Rs.5 crores has been allocated as relief package for petty traders, mobile/ temporary shop owners for damages.

- ★ A sum of Rs.122 crores as sustenance allowance has been allocated for each family for 3 months from February to April 2005 to the Tsunami affected 3 lakh families. So far,2,50,000 families have been given this relief package at a cost of Rs.34.12 crores and 1,15,435 families at a cost of Rs.15.76 crores for March 2005 has been disbursed.

- ★ Text books, note books and uniforms to the students of 1st Std to 12th Std who are studying in Government / Government aided schools located in Tsunami affected areas were disbursed free of cost. 1,05,264 students were benefited.

- ★ The tuition fees and special fees payable by the students of Tsunami affected families for the academic year 2005-06 will be borne by the State Government. In addition, the students will be exempted from payment of examination fees. Separate public examination was conducted for students studying in 121 number of Tsunami affected schools.

- ★ A sum of Rs.5.25 crores has been allocated for unforeseen expenditure including debris removal, arrangements for burial of the dead, etc. Out of this, a sum of Rs.4.32 crores has so far been spent.

- ★ A sum of Rs.9 crores has been allocated towards a relief package of assistance to 1.5 lakh affected families who lost their houses by way of providing trunk boxes, stoves and stainless steel kudams. So far, 74,673 trunk boxes, 51,835 stoves and 54,212 stainless steel kudams have been distributed.

- ★ An ex-gratia amount totalling Rs.1.20 crores has been disbursed to 4,799 sanitary workers in recognition of their efforts.

- ★ A sum of Rs.1.80 crores is being allocated as relief to the crops damaged over an area of 5,598.89 hectares. This relief will benefit 13158 farmers affected due to Tsunami.

- ★ A sum of Rs.16.96 crores has been allocated for reclamation of sand cast and saline agricultural lands covering an extent of 13,569.29 ha. affected by Tsunami.

- ★ An allocation of Rs.2.80 crores has been made as relief to the loss of livestock such as cattle and buffalo, calf and draught animals, sheep and goat, poultry, etc. So far, a sum of Rs.1.77 crores has been disbursed for this purpose.

- ★ Rs. 2 crores has been allocated for the construction of Rubble Mound Sea Wall for 1 km at Kanniyakumari District.

Measures to Resettle Destitutes, Orphans and Widows

- ★ Three orphanages have been opened for children rendered orphans in the districts. So far, 73 children in Cuddalore, 109 children in Nagapattinam and 29 children in Kanniyakumari have been admitted.
- ★ Orphaned adolescent girls are being admitted into service homes run by the Government.
- ★ The Government have deposited a sum of Rs.5 lakhs as fixed deposit in the name of each orphaned child and orphaned adolescent girl who have been rendered homeless.
- ★ Unmarried orphaned girls over 18 years of age are being admitted in service homes and given technical training to acquire vocational skills. A sum of Rs.3 lakhs will be invested as a fixed deposit in their names.
- ★ Ongoing pension schemes have been extended to cover all those who have been rendered destitute by the calamity.
- ★ Power and water supply have been restored at all affected areas within 48 hours of tsunami.
- ★ The main component of the programme is computerisation of the alpha numeric data of the permanent village records contained in 'A'-Register, 10 (1) Chitta and Adangal, upto 31.12.2003.
- ★ Out of 206 taluks in the state 201 taluks have come on on-line and they are fully operational in the transaction mode.

'Touch Screen Kiosks'

- ★ 'Touch Screen Kiosks' have been installed in 127 model taluks.

Digitisation of Field Measurement Work

- ★ FMBs and Village Maps have been digitized on a pilot basis in four taluks viz, Chingleput, Kodavasal, Gobichettipalayam and Erode at a cost of Rs.124.36 lakhs. Around 1.22 lakh FMBs have been digitized in these taluks.
- ★ As a pilot project computer systems have been installed in Perambalur Taluk office and in 3 Sub-Registrar offices and Data sharing is facilitated.
- ★ With the growing importance and reliance on GIS based natural resources management, the need for accurate, geo-referenced digital cadastral survey is being keenly felt. Hence, a pilot project for introducing the GPS technology was initiated with the project cost of Rs.1.20 crores.
- ★ Scanning of village maps of 29 districts is in progress.

Computerisation of Land Records

- ★ A sum of Rs.3 crores has been allocated for computerising land records.
- ★ Orders have been issued for the distribution of 60,000 housesite pattas and 3,000 acres of agricultural land pattas during 2004-05.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Water Resources Consolidation Project

- ★ The Water Resources Consolidation Project has been implemented with World Bank assistance at a cost of Rs.1,083 crores.
- ★ The proposal for Water Resources Consolidation Project II for Rs.2,900 crores has been sent to the World Bank for financial assistance.

Minor Irrigation and Special Minor Irrigation

- ★ 15 Minor Irrigation Works at a cost of Rs.52.33 crores, 14 Special Minor Irrigation Project Works at a cost of 4.66 crores, 9 schemes for the value of 9.30 crores, through State Planning Commission Fund, under Part -II Schemes and 10 schemes for a value of Rs.10.71 crores under NABARD Assistance have been sanctioned.

NABARD Assistance Scheme

- ★ NABARD have cleared 14 schemes for a total cost of Rs. 198.36 crores under RIDF IX.

HUDCO Assistance scheme

- ★ HUDCO has sanctioned Anti sea erosion works in Kanniyakumari, Thoothukudi, Thirunelveli and Ramanathapuram Districts at a cost of Rs.56.17 crores and Nadukuppam in Villupuram District for Rs. 90 lakhs.

North Chennai Anti sea erosion

- ★ 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.

BUILDINGS ORGANISATION

- ★ Buildings Organisation of P.W.D. is vested with the responsibility of Planning, Designing and Construction of Public Buildings and allied works in accordance with needs and requirements of various

Government Departments. Major Building Works of various Government



departmental buildings have been completed at a cost of 411.52 crores during the last four years.

Chennai Water Supply Project - II

- ★ The Government have accorded Revised administrative sanction for Rs.124 crores to take up the schemes under Chennai Water Supply Augmentation Project II.

Food for Work

- ★ Under food for work Programme desilting and upgradation of P.W.D System and non System tanks with an ayacut of 100 acres (40 Hec) for a total number of 1,750 tanks for a value of Rs.105 crores have been taken up and completed.

Sand Quarry

- ★ The indiscriminate sand quarrying in the river systems has been prevented by entrusting the same with P.W.D. and sand quarrying is operated in 239 locations and selling through 171 depots to the users at a price of Rs.1,000 (per lorry load). As per the request of the public, the rate has been reduced to Rs.600 per lorry load. ◆



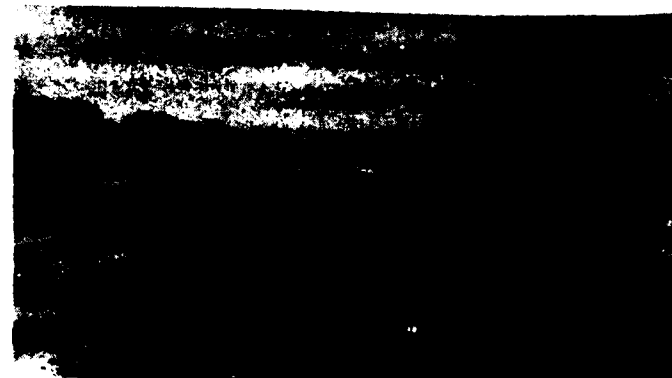
GROWTH TREND ON THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

Rehabilitation of Roads and Distressed Bridges

- ★ Through the Part-II Scheme, 72.60 km length of road improvement works and 66 bridge improvement works have been executed.
- ★ An investment plan to develop the infrastructure within the Chennai Metropolitan Area at a cost of Rs.1,800 crores has been finalised. Under this Plan, provision of Rs.50 crores was made in 2003-04 for traffic and transport improvement in Chennai city. Proposals were approved for 28 works at a cost of Rs.30.35 crores and 27 works at a cost of Rs.19.53 crores. Out of this, 29 works for a length of 86.30 km have been completed. A massive programme of 26 works in Chennai Metropolitan Area for Rs.369 crores during 2004-05 has been approved and being entrusted. In view of the rapid increase of traffic in Chennai and surrounding areas, a plan with an outlay of Rs.540 crores has to be prepared and is to be sent to World Bank under TNUDP III for improving the traffic and transportation services in the city.

Rural Road Works

- ★ The Rural Development Department had programmed to improve 5,850 Km. length



Development of infrastructure leads to economic growth of a region and improved living conditions of the people. The development of road infrastructure in particular will accelerate the growth in industry, power, road transport and also in social development. Development of a good road network also acts as a catalyst for economic development of the rural areas of the State.

Road Works

- ★ During the past four years, various road works were taken up and completed at a cost of Rs.2,688 crores.
- ★ Under Rural Infrastructure fund with loan assistance from NABARD, 2,126.19 km. length of road improvement works and 400 bridge works were executed during the last four years.
- ★ In order to provide connectivity to villages having population of 500-1000 under the scheme of basic minimum services consisting of rural roads scheme, Special Component Plan and Bus Route Improvement Scheme, 2,781 k.m. length of road improvement works and 57 bridge improvement works have been executed during the last four years.
- ★ Under TIDCO Public issue bonds fund, spill over of 2,557 km. road works and 61 km. length of road improvement works were executed at a cost of Rs.175.10 crores.

of Panchayat, Panchayat Union and Unclassified Roads at a total cost of Rs.300 crores. In first phase, works to the tune of Rs.150 crores were carried out by the Rural Development Department during 2004. Subsequently, as per the policy decision taken to transfer the implementation of Rural Roads Programme to Highways Department, orders have been issued to take up the second phase of improvement of Panchayat, Panchayat Union and Unclassified roads at a cost of Rs.150 crores by Highways Department during the current year. Out of 3,038 km. length of road works taken up, works to the length of 885.87 km at a cost of Rs.47.26 crores have so far been completed and the balance works are in progress.

- ★ Under the Comprehensive Road Infrastructure Development Programme, the improvement of 563.80 km of State Highways at a cost of Rs.100 crores, improvement of 663.56 km. of Major District Roads at a cost of Rs.100 crores, improvement of 4,545 km. of Other District Roads at a cost of Rs.250 crores are being executed. 1,484.54 km. length of other district Road Improvement Works at a cost of Rs.87 crores have been completed.

Maintenance Renewal Programme

- ★ Under Maintenance Renewal Programme, renewal of 2,295 km length of roads were completed at a cost of Rs.92.14 crores.
- ★ Under Chief Minister's Special Repairs Programme, renewal of 12,699 km. length of roads at a cost of Rs.578 crores have been completed.
- ★ During 2003-04, 2004-05, improvement of roads unfit for bus route for a length of 3,078 km. at a cost of Rs.150 crores have been completed.

Renovation of Bridges built during Pre-Independence

- ★ Since the bridges, built during pre-independence period in the delta districts viz. Thanjavur, Nagapattinam and Thiruvavur are not good enough to cope up with the present day traffic, Hon'ble Chief Minister, programmed to construct/reconstruct 204 numbers of such bridges at a cost of Rs.200 crores.
- ★ Under this programme, as a first step, 99 bridge works through the NABARD loan and 34 bridge works through Central Road Fund were executed.
- ★ Under the railway works programme, 6 Road Over Bridges /Road Under Bridges were taken up. Out of which 3 Road Over Bridge and 1 Road Under Bridge works have been completed.
- ★ Construction of 36 ROB/RUBs at a cost of Rs.513.92 crores under HUDCO loan assistance have been taken up. Out of which 1 work has been completed, 32 works were in good progress.
- ★ Under HUDCO assistance, improvement of Madurai Radial roads consisting of 12 road works, 1 bridge work and 1 ROB/RUBs at a cost of Rs.112 crores have been taken up and of which 76.50 km. length of road works and 48.86 km. length of road works have been completed. The high level bridge at Sakkudi has been completed.
- ★ Under HUDCO assistance, construction/reconstruction of 60 bridges at a cost of Rs.60 crores were taken up in 2001-02. In the year 2002-03, 14 bridge works were completed. In 2003-04, 8 bridge works have been completed. In 2004-05 so far, 5 bridge works have been completed.
- ★ Under National Highways Plan Works, improvement of 1,184.31 km length of roads and construction of 23 minor bridges at a cost of Rs.343.13 crores were completed during the last four years.

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ATTAINING RAPID GROWTH OF TRANSPORT CORPORATIONS



Tamil Nadu has become the pioneer State in Indian sub-continent in providing magnificent transport services to the people under the able leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa.

The Government firmly believes that a modern, efficient and safe transport system is essential if Tamil Nadu has to achieve its full economic potential and increase its economic prosperity. This Department has put its best endeavour to provide a better quality of transport on a sustained basis, despite so many limitations and has proved its worth by achieving profit consistently and consecutively in the years 2003-2004 and 2004-2005.

- ★ Transport Undertakings in Tamil Nadu have been restructured and 21 Transport Undertakings have been amalgamated into 7 Transport Corporations which has reduced the wasteful expenditure in administration.
- ★ The number of passengers travelled has increased from 487.92 crores during 2003-2004 to 508.54 crores during 2004-2005.
- ★ Training is given continuously to the Drivers / Technical employees in State Transport Undertakings of Tamil Nadu regarding the usage of diesel and engine oil which has resulted in the savings of fuels and lubricants.

- ★ In spite of huge price revision of diesel which resulted in an additional expenditure of Rs.182 crores, the State Transport Undertakings has had an overall profit of Rs.14.45 crores for the year 2004-2005.

- ★ The Union Planning Commission (Transport Division) while reviewing the Annual Plan for 2004-2005 and 2005-2006, has commended that the physical productivity in the Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporations is excellent and improving further. It has pointed out that the vehicle productivity, which has improved from 385 Kms. in 2003-2004 to 392 Kms. during 2004-2005 per bus per day is among the highest in the country.

- ★ Seven Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporations had entered into an agreement with M/s.Indian Oil Corporation Limited, M/s. Hindustan Petroleum and M/s.Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd., for the supply of High Speed Diesel Oil with a discount of Rs.700 per kilolitre with effect from 01.10.2003 and the agreement was valid upto 31.03.2005. By this agreement, the Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporations saved an amount of Rs.30 crores during the period from April 2004 to January 2005 on the fuel cost.

- ★ In order to promote goodwill among the employees, concessions to the employees were announced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 12.10.2004 and implemented accordingly.

- ★ Bonus at the rate of 8.33% and ex-gratia of 1.67% was sanctioned and paid one month prior to the date of Deepavali.

- ★ An interim relief of Rs.250 per month was announced with effect from 01.09.2003.

- ★ The employees are allowed to encash 15 days of earned leave at their credit in a year.



Purchase of New Buses

- ★ During the year 2001-2002, 1,550 buses and during 2002-2003, 659 buses were purchased.
- ★ 1,050 buses were purchased for the year 2003-2004 in the first phase and orders issued for the purchase of 1,325 buses in the second phase for the year 2004-2005.
- ★ Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation, Tirunelveli has received the ASRTU Award consecutively for the year 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 (i.e.) first and second place respectively at all India level for best improvement in fuel efficiency.
- ★ Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation, Salem, has been awarded the ASRTU Award for the savings in usage of lubricants for the year 2001-2002.
- ★ The State Express Transport Corporation Limited has been awarded ASRTU Award for the highest operational KM per day for the year 2001-2002 at all India level.
- ★ The first ever woman driver in State Transport Undertakings in Tamil Nadu was appointed at the instructions of Hon'ble Chief Minister in Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation, Nagercoil. In continuation of that 2 more women drivers have been appointed in MTC in 2003 and they are successfully working as women drivers.
- ★ All students studying from Standard 1 to Standard XII in all schools including private

schools are 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 days including all holidays.

- ★ The students studying in all colleges including private colleges will be given 50% concessional travel bus passes to travel from their residence to colleges, polytechnics, ITIs and Private Arts Colleges and back to their residence. These passes will be valid on all days including all holidays. Exchange tokens upto 60 in number are issued to the College students travelling in MTC buses to travel to the Library and back to their residence.

- ★ The number of students who received 100% concession increased from 17,41,740 in 2003-04 to 20,88,111 in 2004-05 and the number of students who received 50% students concession increased from 1,72,394 in 2003-04 to 2,68,200 in 2004-05. During 2004-05, 24 lakh students were benefited by the student concession scheme.

- ★ To improve passenger comforts 3 new depots at TNSTC, Dharmapuri – Krishnagiri at a cost of Rs.83.75 lakhs, TNSTC, Salem – Taramangalam at a cost of Rs.31 lakhs and at TNSTC, Madurai – Pudukulam at a cost of Rs.14.95 lakhs were inaugurated during the last four years.

Tourist and Pilgrim Centres

- ★ Adequate transport facility is being provided to the travelling public at a minimum fare, to visit the tourist and pilgrim centres in Tamil Nadu. This facility could be extended only by the State Transport Undertakings. To encourage the tourists, the hire charges for contract carriages per day per bus has

been reduced from Rs.6500/- to Rs.3500/- per day.

Concessions to Passengers

- ★ For the benefit of passengers who have already reserved their seats for travelling by State Express Transport Corporation buses operated to other States, free travel facility is allowed from their place of stay in Chennai to Chennai Koyambedu Bus Terminus in Metropolitan Transport Corporation buses.
- ★ The fare of the semi-deluxe and deluxe buses operated by the State Express Transport Corporation (Tamil Nadu) is collected on par with the prevailing fare in Mofussil buses for the benefit of passengers during day time.
- ★ When the passengers travelling by State Express Transport Corporation buses, reserve their ticket both for their onward and return journey, a discount of 10% on the fare is allowed.
- ★ On line reservation system has also been introduced.
- ★ 10% discount on fare is given in the buses of State Express Transport Corporation when reservation is done for 8 or more members as a group.
- ★ 10% discount on fare is given in the buses of State Express Transport Corporation when reservation is done by Senior Citizen who have completed 60 years of age.
- ★ Passengers can travel anywhere in the city by purchasing tickets at the rates one day ticket Rs.30, weekly ticket Rs.160, and monthly ticket Rs.600.
- ★ Under the aegis of Institute of Road Transport, a Medical College at Perundurai

and an Engineering College at Erode are run by the Management of Institute of Road Transport in which separate quota for admission of employee's children was given. So far, 3,845 Engineers, 705 Doctors and 215 MCA Post-graduates have graduated through the Institute of Road Transport.

Driving Range

- ★ Action is being taken to form a new modern driving range at an estimated cost of Rs.68.50 lakhs in Taramani Campus at the Institute of Road Transport and at Tirunelveli at a cost of Rs.19.92 lakhs and the work is in progress.
- ★ A sum of Rs.5,31,57,000 was mobilised and handed over to the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 04.01.2005, the 9th day of "Tsunami". The buses were operated for evacuating the public, affected by natural calamity from the affected areas to safer places throughout the day and night. Officers of the Transport Corporations were instructed to visit the Camps and arranged buses according to the requirement, such as transporting people from the coastal villages to the Camp, carrying of relief items free of cost besides permitting the affected to travel free of cost in the local buses. Besides evacuation of Tsunami victims to safer places, the affected people arrived from Andaman had also been transported to their native places free of cost.
- ★ This department has put its best endeavour to provide a better quality of transport on a sustained basis, despite so many limitations has proved its worth by achieving profits consistently and consecutively in the year 2003-2004 and 2004-2005.

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PRIMARY CONCERN OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Under the able leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Selvi J Jayalalithaa, Tamil Nadu has been in the forefront in implementing educational programmes over the years consistently. Having regard to the importance of education, the Government have been according top priority in allocating funds to education.

- During 2001-2002, the scheme "Education for All" was introduced in all districts of the State to provide basic education to all children in the age group of 6-14. An outlay of Rs.1649 crores has been envisaged for this scheme during the X Plan period.
- Under the scheme of Education for All, activities like opening of new schools, construction of school buildings, construction of Block and Cluster Resource centres, training of teachers, providing drinking water, toilet facilities and maintenance of schools, etc. have been undertaken at a cost of Rs.357.15 crores up to 31.3.2004.
- 1112 Elementary Schools, 2106 Middle Schools, 295 High Schools and 335 Higher Secondary Schools have been opened during 2001-2005. By this 100% schooling access at primary level and upper primary level has been achieved.

- For the first time, financial assistance was obtained from NABARD for the Education Department for the improvement of infrastructure facilities like class rooms, laboratories, drinking water and toilet facilities in 605 Government High and Higher Secondary schools in three phases at a cost of Rs.182.74 crores and the works are nearing completion. Further assistance for schemes costing of Rs.232.10 crores has been received for the implementation of the above facilities in 549 Government High and Higher Secondary schools.
- Single window admission system was introduced in Teacher Training Institutes.
- Steps were taken to impart training to about 20,000 affected students of de-recognised Teacher Training Institutes among whom 15,670 have completed training. Another batch of



3576 students are undergoing training during 2004-2005.

- ❑ Instant Supplementary Examinations are being conducted for students who fail in one or two or three subjects in the annual examinations for standards 10 and 12.
- ❑ Orders were issued to select meritorious B.T. and P.G. teachers through competitive examination conducted by Teachers Recruitment Board without age limit. The Government have also removed the age limit for the appointment of Secondary Grade Teachers, Physical Education Teachers and Specialist teachers appointed through Employment Exchange.
- ❑ A separate Directorate was formed in order to administer the Matriculation Schools, so as to make them efficiently function with prescribed facilities.
- ❑ 867 village libraries have been opened. A permanent book-fair has been established at Connemara Library in Chennai.
- ❑ Young Talent Scheme has been launched to spot and nurture talented children who excel in music, arts, oratory, etc.
- ❑ No student studying in Tamil Nadu should leave the school without learning Tamil. Hence, a landmark decision was taken by Hon'ble Chief Minister to introduce the subject "Ariviyal Tamil" from LKG to 12th standard in all categories of schools.
- ❑ Various methods have been adopted for the improvement of percentage of passing in examination of school students. Special coaching classes are being conducted for the slow learners.
- ❑ As large number of students fail in English, a new scheme was introduced from 2003-2004 to improve the proficiency of students in English. Accordingly, orders were issued to establish English Language Training Research Centres in 600 Government High and Higher Secondary Schools.
- ❑ The usual practice of mentioning the first letter of the name of the father as initial to the name of the child at the time of admission in school has been changed. Orders were issued to use the first letter of the name of both the mother and father or the first letter of the name of the mother or the first letter of the name of the father as per the wish of the parents of the child.
- ❑ No detention for students studying in Class 1-5 from the academic year 2004-2005 in all Government and aided schools, provided the students have minimum 75% attendance. At the same time, the quality of primary education is being ensured.
- ❑ Admission norms have been relaxed in respect of non-school going children, children of orphans, street children and children of AIDS/HIV affected parents and victims of commercial sexual exploitation. They can be admitted at any time in the schools without insistence of records like birth certificates, community certificates, etc.
- ❑ The primary classes dropout rate of 16% in the year 2001-2002 has come down to 8% in the year 2003-2004 and further to 6% in the year 2004-2005. Likewise, the dropout rate in Middle Schools has been reduced to 9% in the year 2004-2005.

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HIGHER EDUCATION BUILD THE SOCIETY OF HUMAN DIGNITY AND EQUALITY



MoU with British Council

★ With a view to enabling students studying in Engineering Colleges in our State to acquire better communication skills in English, the Directorate of Technical Education entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with British Council, Chennai on 25.8.2004 at Chennai in the presence of Hon'ble Chief

Minister of Tamil Nadu and the British Deputy High Commissioner in South India to offer Business English Certificate (BEC) Programme in Engineering Colleges in Tamil Nadu. Certificate will be issued by the Cambridge University, U.K.

The policy for Higher Education in the State has been formulated in line with the desire of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Selvi J Jayalalithaa to make the State of Tamil Nadu, the foremost State in the country in the field of Higher Education.

Starting of new courses

- ★ Job oriented courses have been introduced in Government Constituent colleges. 41 new undergraduate Arts and Science courses and 68 post graduate science courses have been started.

Starting of New University Constituent Colleges

- ★ University constituent colleges have been started in Andipatti, Sathankulam and Gudalur.

Placement Cell and Career Guidance

- ★ Placement Cell and career guidance cell have been established in all the Constituent and Aided Colleges.

Accreditation of Colleges in Tamil Nadu.

- ★ As on date, a total number of 134 colleges in Tamil Nadu have been accredited by NAAC.

Functioning of Autonomous Colleges in the State

- ★ 15 Government Constituent Colleges and 45 Government Aided Arts and Science Colleges and seven self-financing colleges in Tamil Nadu have so far been granted autonomous status.

Setting up of Computer Centres for the visually impaired students

- ★ A computer centre has been established to give computer training to visually handicapped students in Presidency College, Chennai.

Removal of ceiling on number of attempts and age limit

- ★ Number of attempts and upper age limit prescribed for admission to U.G. Engineering Courses were removed from the academic year 2004-2005 onwards in order to benefit the students especially from rural areas.

Eligibility for admission into the Diploma courses

- ★ The maximum age limit for admission of candidates into Diploma courses in the Polytechnic Colleges has been removed from the academic year 2004-2005 onwards.

Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP)

- ★ With the financial assistance from World Bank, Government of India has launched a Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP) to improve the quality of Technical Education in the degree and diploma level Engineering institutions across the country. Tamil Nadu has been included in the second cycle of TEQIP project as one among the seven States selected. Under the programme, Tamil Nadu has

been given approval with an initial fund allocation of Rs. 63.21 crores to 11 selected institutions (Five Government Engineering Colleges, Three Anna University Colleges and Three Government Polytechnic Colleges) of Tamil Nadu.

- ★ By converting Anna University into an affiliating university, Anna University has become the largest technological university in the country.
- ★ Anna University has been using Edusat, a satellite dedicated for educational purposes to provide high quality lectures to its affiliated colleges.
- ★ Anna University has launched common placement programmes by inviting leading Information Technology companies to various regional centres like Coimbatore, Trichy and Madurai. This has helped even students from relatively less well known institutions to get placement.
- ★ To provide access to higher education for large segments of population "TAMIL NADU OPEN UNIVERSITY" has been established during the year 2002-2003. This University has enrolled more than 20,000 students under various courses.
- ★ To increase educational access to the down-trodden sections of society in Thiruvannamalai, Cuddalore, Villupuram and Vellore Districts, a new University at Vellore named after the great poet "THIRUVALLUVAR" has been started during the year 2002-2003.

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CATCHING THEM YOUNG

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



- ★ A major Cash Incentive programme for achievement in sports at the Olympics, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, South Asian Federation Games and National Games has been introduced. Accordingly, Rs.2.10 crores was disbursed to 123 sports persons.
- ★ The TATA Open, now renamed as "CHENNAI OPEN" Tennis Tournament was conducted from 3rd to 9th January 2005 with the joint efforts of SDAT (Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu) and IMC (International Merchandising Corporation).

Installation of Additional Synthetic Hockey Surface at Chennai

- ★ The International Hockey Federation (IHF) has allotted the conduct of CHAMPIONS TROPHY (MEN) 2005 to Chennai. There should be 2 Numbers of Synthetic Hockey surface for the conduct of the Champions Trophy. Hence, an Additional Synthetic Hockey Surface at YMCA College of Physical Education is proposed to be installed shortly.

Reservation in recruitment for outstanding 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 and will be extended to Fire and Rescue Services.

- ★ In order to promote Sports in Tamil Nadu, felt the necessity to spot talent at an early age have directed to conduct Battery of Test for Students in 6th, 7th and 8th standards in all schools every year in the State under the "WORLD BEATER TALENT SPOTTING SCHEME" from the academic year 2002-2003. The competitions were conducted at the Educational District Level and Regional Level. The talents identified are being inducted in to the specialised academies based on their potential.

Installation of Hall of Weightlifting at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai

- ★ In order to augment the long pending demand of the weightlifters to have a weightlifting centre at Chennai, work is on to establish a Weightlifting Hall at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai.

Special Coaching Camp for Athletic Coaches

- ★ With a view to upgrade the knowledge of Athletic Coaches of our State,

Mr. H. Fletcher McEven, a reputed IAAF accredited Coach from Australia who has an excellent Track record and sought expertise in Coaching, conducting short courses, Seminar was invited and he delivered special lectures from 25th November to 1st December 2004 at J.N. Stadium, Chennai on Coaching / training responses, energy systems, periodization, Psychology of performance and training micro cycles besides the practical session in the evening. 35 Athletic coaches of the SDAT/SAI and coaches from TNAA had benefited from the lectures in learning the latest skills in Athletics.

Champions Development Scheme

- ★ A unique scheme, to identify sports persons, who are exceptionally talented and who have the potential to win International medals has been revived. A planned and oriented approach is necessary to build champions to compete successfully at the International Levels and bring laurels to our country. 53 Champions were identified in this scheme and they are given assistance on a need-basis ranging from assistance for kit & equipment, travel & training abroad, Sports Medicine assistance, Special Nutrition assistance, Psychological help and so on.

Youth Clubs

- ★ Youth of today have tremendous energy and potential that need to be tapped for the betterment of our Society. In an effort to harness the strength and motivation in our young people, 300 Youth Clubs have been formed to channelise Youth energy.

Inter School Beach Volleyball Competition

- ★ The schools situated along the coastal areas have been identified and the new game "Beach Volleyball" was introduced for school children. Beach Volleyball Competitions at District and State Level were conducted.

- ★ Talented individuals have been assisted on travelling abroad and benefiting from International training institutes of excellence and to participate in competitions. This year 37 sports persons have benefited from this programme.

Special Programme for Hockey Coaches

- ★ A Special Programme for 37 Hockey Coaches from 24th to 26th January 2005 has been arranged at J.N. Stadium, Chennai. Ms. Reena Van Ziji, South African Hockey Coach conducted a Special workshop on coaching / training in Hockey with practical sessions in the evening.

Advanced Training and Participation in Competitions Abroad for Outstanding Sports Persons

- ★ The Champions Development Scheme is now in place wherein, Juniors and Sub-Juniors have been chosen and are being provided need based assistance.

Installation of Synthetic Hockey Surface in Tirunelveli

- ★ An artificial synthetic hockey surface in Tirunelveli has been completed.

Chennai Marathon

- ★ The Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu in Association with Rotary International organise the "Chennai Marathon" similar to other famous International Marathons. The "Chennai Marathon" has been organised for the past 3 years.

Five New Games

- ★ Competitions in 5 new Sports Disciplines viz., Squash, Gymnastics, Fencing, Boxing and Swimming have been included in the Republic Day Sports Competitions besides the existing Sports disciplines during 2003-2004 and 3 more disciplines viz., Tennis, Handball and Taek-won-do have been included during 2004-2005.

Shooting Range

- ★ It has been decided to upgrade the existing Shooting Range to International Standard with International Standard Equipment. Work is underway to establish the same.

Skating Rink

- ★ It has been decided to set up a Skating Rink at SDAT Indoor Stadium Complex and the work is under progress.

Fencing Equipments for 5 Regional Headquarters

- ★ To enable more number of participation and training, Fencing equipments are being provided to the five Regional headquarters.

Gymnastic Equipments for Training and Competitions for 29 Districts

- ★ To stabilise and develop this sport, Gymnastic equipment have been ordered for all districts.

Squash Courts in Six Districts

- ★ Squash Courts have been developed in Salem, Theni, Kancheepuram, Nagapattinam, Tuticorin and Virudhunagar.

Special Coaching camp for Swimming Coaches

- ★ A special coaching camp for swimming coaches is suggested and a year – round training programme for 25 select coaches began from March 2005.

Sports Medicine Conference

- ★ The SDAT co-hosted the 26th Annual Conference of Indian Association of Sports Medicine in which 175 distinguished faculty comprising of leading global and regional experts participated and provided latest trends and developments.

Monthly Competitions

- ★ District competitions are being conducted every month in all the districts in athletics and in other sports

disciplines popular in that district, to provide all school and college students an opportunity to compete. So far, 6 competitions have been held.

- ★ 12 institutions have signed MoU as Talent Development Centres and another 10 are just being inducted as Talent Development Centres.

Establishment of Sports Academies with private participation

- ★ Sports Academies have been established with private participation, Sports Associations, Clubs, Institutions etc.
- ★ Hockey Academy at Virudhunagar, Volleyball Academy at Dindigul, Squash Academy with Tamil Nadu Squash Racket Association.
- ★ SDAT Don Bosco Table Tennis Academy for the under privileged Children at Basin Bridge, Chennai.
- ★ Sailing Academy with the Tamil Nadu Sailing Association.
- ★ Cricket Academy in Government Higher Secondary School, Pudur, Ashok Nagar, Chennai.
- ★ Dolphin Swimming Academy at Mogappair.
- ★ During 2004-2005, SDAT has began the Specialised Sports Academies in various disciplines viz.
- ★ SDAT Sprint & Jumps Academy at Madurai, SDAT Football Academy at Chennai, SDAT Cricket Academy at Pudur Govt. Boys Hr. Sec. School, Chennai, SDAT Basketball Academy at Aranthangi, Pudukkottai District, SDAT Throws Academy, SDAT Volleyball Academy for Girls at Corporation Hr. Sec. School, Nungambakkam, Chennai, SDAT Diving Academy at Aquatic Complex, Velachery, Chennai, SDAT Long Distance Academy, SDAT Middle Distance Academy. ♦

TAMIL TODAY AND TAMIL FOR EVER

With the guidance of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, the Tamil Development and Culture department has been doing yeomen service. It has been taking sustained efforts for the multi faceted development of Tamil and exhilaration of Tamil Culture.



- ★ In view of nourishing the Tamil language on par with the growing Science and Technology, a one-day 'Seminar on scientific Tamil - Tamil Culture' was conducted at Chennai on 5.1.2002.

- ★ Under the scheme of prizes for best books, prizes were being awarded in 31 subjects. The prizes for the authors and publishers of the best books are being given every year during Thiruvalluvar Day Celebrations.

- ★ Tamil text books worth of Rs.43,025/- were given to the poor Tamil Students of Mumbai by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 3.10.2002.

- ★ 'Tamil Sirukathai Sirpi' - Pudhumaipithan's books were nationalised and the compensation amount of Rs.5 lakhs was given. Likewise for the books of Tmt. Ku.Pa.Sethu Ammal, Rs.3 lakhs as compensation amount and Rs.2 lakhs for the group of Ku.Pa.Ra. were given by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

- ★ The Hon'ble Chief Minister granted a lump sum of Rs.50 lakhs to Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi for creation of Tamil Chair for teaching, learning and doing

research works in Tamil in Jawaharlal Nehru University.

- ★ The centenary celebrations of Devaneyappavanar, Ku.Pa.Ra. and Manikodi Seenivasan were celebrated.

- ★ Tamil Mandrams have been formed at District Level, to create interest in Tamil language among school students studying in 11th and 12th standard. Likewise competitions were conducted in Tamil Poem, Essay and Eloquence for the College Students at District and State Level and prizes are being awarded.

- ★ To create Tamil words equal to English and other languages and to modify the old Tamil words in accordance with the present day needs, a scheme of Word Bank has been formulated and is being executed. So far, 479 Tamil words have been structured.

- ★ The scheme of Preparation of Tamil Verbosity from Sangam age to Bharathidasan period had been ordered by the Government and the work was

entrusted to International Institute of Tamil Studies.

- ★ Preparation of a New History of Tamil Literature entrusted to the International Institute of Tamil Studies.

- ★ Action is being taken to convert the house at Seven Wells, Chennai in which Vallalar lived as Vallalar Memorial.

- ★ Under the scheme of pension to aged Tamil Scholars, pension was granted for their life time to 32 Tamil Scholars and a monthly pension of Rs.500 is being paid to them during the last four years.

- ★ Under the scheme of financial assistance to the Tamil Scholars, since May 2001, 96 Tamil scholars were sanctioned financial assistance of Rs.10,000 each, and the legal heirs of 11 Tamil Scholars were sanctioned financial assistance of Rs.5000 each.

- ★ Under the scheme of financial assistance for publishing the best books, financial assistance of Rs. 23,74,704 has been sanctioned to authors of the books.

- ★ Government ordered for the preparation of All-Field Encyclopaedia ("Palthurai Kalaikkalanchiam") and action is being taken in this regard.

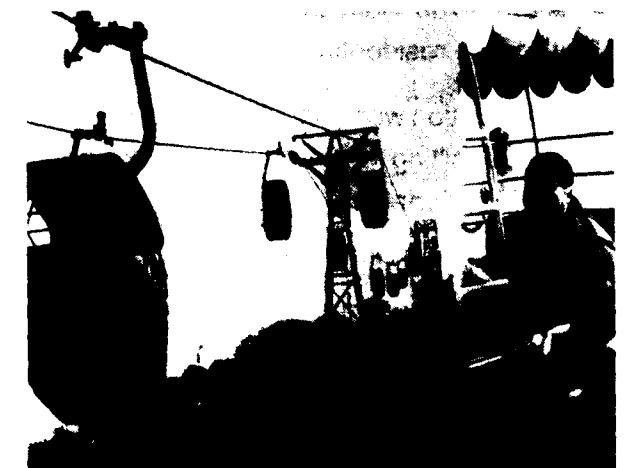
- ★ Government have ordered to convert the house of Tamil Thatha U.V. Saminathaiyar, at Uthamathanapuram, Tiruvarur District into a memorial.

- ★ Hon'ble Chief Minister had declared open the Tamil Valarchi Valagam on 3.3.05, constructed at a cost of Rs.2 crores.

- ★ Government have ordered to implement the scheme 'preparation of C.D on Tamilagam Oorum Seerum', preparation

of software, in Tamil, preparation of Digital Dictionary, preparation of grammar checker, preparation of spell checker and scheme of providing training to Government Servants on implementation of Official Language Scheme. Action is being taken in this regard.

RELIGIOUS ENDOWMENTS DEPARTMENT



- ★ Annadhanam Scheme inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister is one of the noblest schemes. So far 1,87,74,188 devotees have been benefitted under this scheme.

- ★ Spiritual and Moral classes are being conducted in temples and 5,81,272 children were benefitted.

- ★ Under the able guidance of Hon'ble Chief Minister, marriages have been conducted to 2,550 couples at free of cost during the last four years.

- ★ The Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated a rope car service, the first of its kind in the South of Palani, A/M. Dhandayuthapani-swamy Temple for the benefit of the devotees.

- ★ Electricity services have been provided in 2000 temples at free of cost.

- ★ 213 elephants participated in the Special Rejuvenation Camps.
- ★ Renovation and maintenance works have been undertaken in 4,606 temples.
- ★ 148 temple cars have been repaired and renovated.
- ★ Financial assistance for renovation works has been extended to 6,275 temples situated in Adidraavidar and Backward Classes residential areas.
- ★ Renovation works in 300 Village Temples and desilting of 507 temple tanks have been undertaken.
- ★ Regional Cultural Centres conducted cultural programmes including folk arts and art training in co-ordination with District Art Societies and other cultural organisations at a cost of Rs.62.99 lakhs.
- ★ For conferring awards to 5 eminent artistes at District level, so far, a sum of Rs.11.12 lakhs has been sanctioned and 285 artistes have been given district level awards.
- ★ The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.2.50 lakhs for the purchase of musical instruments, Rs.1.70 lakhs for the purchase of music books and Rs.1.70 lakhs for conducting lecture cum demonstrations in all 17 District Music Schools.
- ★ The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.4 lakhs for the purchase of drawing materials to Government College of Fine Arts, Chennai. The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.10 lakhs for special repairs and reconstruction of the existing buildings at Government College of Fine Arts, Chennai.
- ★ The Government have increased the amount from Rs.250 to Rs.1,000 for the purchase of drawing materials for the students of Government College of Fine Arts, Kumbakonam.
- ★ The Raga Research Centre was instituted by the Government of Tamil Nadu in the year 1992 for making continuous research on Ragas and their impacts. A sum of Rs.15 lakhs has been given as grant to the Raga Research Centre.
- ★ A sum of Rs.25 lakhs in the year 2003-2004 and Rs.25 lakhs in the year 2004-2005, totally a sum of Rs.50 lakhs has been given to the Corpus Fund of South Zone Cultural Centre, Thanjavur. So far, a sum of Rs.200 lakhs was given by the Government of Tamil Nadu to the Corpus Fund of South Zone Cultural Centre.
- ★ The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.5 lakhs for Performing Arts to develop the art.
- ★ The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.7 lakhs to Nrithyodaya Art Institution to publish 3 volumes of book 'KARANAS - Dance Code of Bharathanatyam in India and Indonesia' and the same has been published by the institution. 10 copies of the above books have been received and distributed for the use of Music College students and teachers.
- ★ The Government is implementing the scheme of monthly financial assistance to the eminent artistes who are now in indigent circumstances and their dependents. Orders have been issued to sanction monthly financial assistance of Rs.500 to 498 indigent artistes in the financial year 2002-2003, in 2003-2004 to

500 artistes and in the year 2004-2005 to 500 artistes.

- ★ Family Maintenance Grant of Rs.5,000 is being given to the suffering families of the deceased artistes from the interest accrued on the fixed deposit of the Manram. Family Maintenance Grant has been sanctioned to the 12 families in the year 2001-2002 and 16 families in 2002-2003 and 6 families in 2003-2004 and by the enhancement of the family maintenance grant of Rs.5,000 to 6,000, 32 families were benefitted in the year 2004-2005.
- ★ To encourage the talented young artistes, financial assistance has been extended to the folk artistes towards the purchase of costumes and musical instruments. Training has been given in Nattuvangam, Nadadswaram and Thavil. Child artistes are being encouraged in their respective art disciplines. Inter-State Cultural exchange programmes have been conducted and grants are given for the production of New Dance - Dramas.
- ★ Travel Concession Certificates to undertake the journey in train are being issued to 12,879 artistes during 2001-2004.
- ★ 50% travel concession to the drama artist's to undertake journey in Tamil Nadu Government State owned transport corporation buses is given. In this regard during 2001-2005, 1,690 artistes belonged to 137 drama troupes have been benefitted.
- ★ The Tamil Nadu Ovia Nunkalai Kuzhu was established by the Government of Tamil Nadu for preserving, promoting and

propagating fine arts such as Painting, Sculpture and Graphics and for encouraging the artists to work in co-ordination with the Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi. The various schemes of the Kuzhu are implemented with the grant-in-aid sanctioned by the State Government to a tune of Rs.52.11 lakhs.

- ★ In November 2001, a State Level Exhibition of Traditional Arts was organised. Art works of artists whose works were adjudged outstanding were given State Award. 130 students studying in Government Colleges of Fine Arts were awarded scholarship.
- ★ During 2001-2004, 41 artistes were given financial assistance for conducting one man shows and during 2001-2002, 4 group artistes were given financial assistance for conducting group shows.
- ★ An Art magazine "NUNKALAI" with articles in Tamil and English were being brought out to propagate the cultural heritage of Traditional and Contemporary Arts of Tamil Nadu.
- ★ A first instalment of Rs.20,000 has been released to bring out a book on "Temple Architecture".
- ★ Utilising the grant in aid sanctioned by the Government, rare photographs of fine arts of Tamil Nadu depicting the development of fine arts from stone age to till date has been collected and actions are being taken to document these collections in C.D. Rom, for the benefit of art lovers.

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HOME DEPARTMENT



Tamil Nadu Police has a vibrant role of maintaining law and order for the over all development of the State.

This Government has taken a number of innovative measures to modernise and tone up the efficiency of the Police Force.

The Special Task Force achieved spectacular success in launching a well planned operation which led to the elimination of forest brigand Veerappan. This achievement, which has been nationally and internationally acclaimed, brought to an end a menace which had plagued Tamil Nadu as well as the neighbouring State of Karnataka for over two decades.

- ★ During the year 2003, 1,47,521 cases have been disposed off and during the year 2004 up to November, 1,30,709 cases have been disposed off.

- ★ During the year 2004 (Upto Nov.) crimes has shown a decrease of 5.1% when compared to the corresponding period of last year.
- ★ The property recovery rate during 2003 was 72.13% and it has been increased to 80% during 2004.
- ★ Out of 942, Women Sub Inspector candidates provisionally selected for the year 2001-2002, 883 fit candidates were sent for basic training.

Compassionate Appointment

- ★ 183 persons (137 Men and 46 Women) appointed as Grade II Police Constables on Compassionate Ground have been inducted in the force.

Modernisation of Police

- ★ 196 All Women Police Stations are being provided with 262 jeeps.
- ★ 513 motorcycles to Crime Sub Inspectors in Chennai City and 100 motorcycles for new post of Sub Inspectors for Traffic in Chennai City have been distributed.

Communication Equipments

- ★ 292 VHF Static Sets, 901 Mobiles Sets and 1,407 Hand Held Sets were purchased and distributed in April 2004

- ★ 2,705 Computers and Accessories for District, Sub-divisions and Police Stations at a cost of Rs.17.5 crores were purchased and distributed.

Benevolent Fund

- ★ During the year 2003-04 a sum of Rs.1,32,57,000/- was distributed to 3609 students as centenary scholarship and a sum of Rs.10,22,000/- was paid as educational prizes to 229 children of Police Personnel.

Upgradation of Police Stations

- ★ Upgradation of Police Stations under UNDP pattern 25 Police Stations have been completed at a cost of Rs.296 lakhs.

New buildings for Police Stations

- ★ New buildings for 200 Police Stations during 2002-2003 at a total cost of Rs.24 crores have been completed.
- ★ District Police Offices at Thiruvannamalai and Villupuram at a cost of Rs.6 crores have been constructed.
- ★ Technical Training Center at Raja Annamalai Puram, Chennai for Police Radio Technical Branch at a cost of Rs.51 lakhs is being constructed.
- ★ Police Radio Transmission Communication Complex at Thanjavur, Thoothukudi and Namakkal at a cost of Rs.1.15 crores have been constructed.

- ★ Construction of Dog Kennels in 12 Districts at a cost of Rs.1.69 crores have been completed.

- ★ 570 units of rest rooms and toilet-cum-bath room facilities in Tamil Nadu Special Police Battalions, Armed Reserve and Local Police and at a cost, Rs.5.13 crores for Women Police in the State have been constructed.

- ★ Works for providing Security Perimeters in Tamil Nadu Special Police Battalions at Avadi, Ulundurpet and Trichy at a cost of Rs.75 lakhs have been completed.

New buildings for All Women Police Stations

- ★ Construction of new buildings for 25 All Women Police Stations at a cost of Rs.3 crores have been completed.

End of Brigand Veerappan

- ★ The Special Task Force has successfully conducted a daring and intrepid operation against the Forest brigand Veerappan. In this operation, the brigand Veerappan and his three associates were shot dead after a fierce encounter, bringing to a conclusion of a man hunt that has been on for nearly two decades and riding the people of a murderous menace. Recognising the laudable achievement, the Special Task Force personnel were conferred with acceleratory promotions, medals for bravery, heroic action, gallantry, injury and participants medals were awarded apart from cash reward and house sites at their places of choice.

Commando Training for Women Police

- ★ Commando Training to Women Police personnel for the first time in the country was imparted in Tamil Nadu as per the directions of the Hon'ble Chief Minister and 130 Women Police Constables completed the training.
- ★ A Women Commando company in the State police with 130 Women Police personnel has been raised, for the first of its kind in the country.
- ★ Tamil Nadu became the First State to Commission All Women Police Battalion with a strength of 1078 Women



Police Personnel of all ranks which includes 2 Companies of Women Commandos.

- ★ Tamil Nadu is the only State to have All Women Police Stations one each in all the 196 functional sub divisions.

Gender Sensitisation

- ★ Gender Sensitisation training extending over six days for each batch was organised for the entire police force at a cost of Rs. 123 lakhs. Re-sensitisation course for Women Police Personnel was also organised and 443 Women Police Personnel attended this training.

Highway Patrol

- ★ 80 new Toyota Qualis vehicles have been deployed in 80 critical stretches of important Highways for this duty operating round the clock with 160 Highway Patrol Teams.

Housing

- ★ Until now 6,315 houses have been constructed at a cost of Rs.226.82 crores for Police Personnel of different ranks.

Video Conferencing

- ★ The largest net work of Video Conferencing system enabling to extend the remand period of the prisoners within the Prison premises named as "Tele

Justice" connects 9 Prisons and 270 Courts in Tamil Nadu. This has been set up at a cost of Rs.8.61 crores.

Prisons

- ★ Government have ordered for the introduction of Video Conferencing



System in 78 locations spread over Central Prisons and selected court complexes in the process of trial of prisoners the same was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 1.7.2004. In Trichy, one Special Prison for Women is functioning.

Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Department

- ★ In August 2004, the Government have issued orders lifting the ban on recruitment at the entry level of Fireman and Station Officer so as to fill up the existing vacancies.
- ★ Following the gruesome tragedy in a School at Kumbakonam, the Fire and Rescue Services Department has taken the following steps to improve safety in Schools:-
- ★ mandatory fire safety inspection by TNF&RS;

- ★ Mandatory Fire Drills;
- ★ NOC by TNF&RS; and
- ★ Intensive training to teachers in fire safety.

Functioning of Fast Track Courts in the State

- ★ Based on the Eleventh Finance Commission's recommendation, 49 Fast Track Courts were constituted in Tamil Nadu.

These courts started functioning in November 2001 and February – March 2002.

- ★ The scheme of Fast Track Courts has been fully funded by the Government of India. The Government of India have allotted a sum of Rs.14.12 crores for the year 2000-2005. The overall performance of the 49 Fast Track Courts has been outstanding and 1,23,503 cases have been disposed off.
- ★ Keeping the interests of the Litigant Public in mind and the need for expeditious disposal of the 26,455 pending cases, orders were issued sanctioning further continuance of the Fast Track Courts for a further period of one year with a financial allocation of Rs.5 crores.

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LAW DEPARTMENT



Law preserves the dignity of the human. Law made by the representatives should uphold the fundamental rights and forbid legal injury to citizens.

- ★ At present, there are five Government Law Colleges situated in Chennai, Madurai, Tiruchirappalli, Coimbatore and Tirunelveli and one Private Law College at Salem are affiliated to the Law University.
- ★ At the instance of the Government, the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University has established a constituent Law College at Chengalpattu in the academic year 2003-2004.
- ★ Nineteen faculties have been granted permission to register for the Ph.D. programme. 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 2003-2004.
- ★ Tele-Law Chat Programme has been launched in the University.
- ★ A building to house the School of Excellence at a cost of Rs.55 lakhs in Tamil Nadu, Dr. Ambedkar Law University has been constructed. Construction of 1st floor in the School of Excellence at a cost of Rs.75 lakhs has

been completed and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 25.5.2005.

- ★ Law Text Books are being written in Tamil in accordance with the syllabi of the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University by the Teachers working in the Government Law Colleges. 27 books were published by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 25.5.2005 and 5 more books will be published shortly.
- ★ Meetings were conducted in villages by the students of Government Law Colleges to create Legal awareness among general public.
- ★ Twelve students of the Dr. Ambedkar Government Law College (both boys and girls) were sent to Vienna and Hongkong to participate in the Willem C.Vis International Moot Court Competition in the academic year 2003-2004 & 2004-2005 and the Government have provided financial assistance of Rs.9 lakhs to those students for meeting the expenditure.
- ★ In addition to this, financial assistance of Rs.3 lakhs has been granted to 4 students of the Dr. Ambedkar Government Law College, Chennai in the same year to participate in 14th Manfred Lachs International Moot Court Competition at Sydney.
- ★ 158 laws have been translated into Tamil and printed in book form.

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PREVENTION OF VIDEO PIRACY & ENFORCE PROHIBITION

The visionary and bold initiatives of the Hon'ble Chief Minister in implementing series of policy measures to augment excise revenue and to enforce prohibition laws of the State in order to eliminate illicit and non-duty paid liquor has proved to be a resounding success.

INDIAN MADE FOREIGN SPIRITS

- ★ To augment the revenue, the vend fee has been deleted from the Indian Made Foreign Spirit from 3.6.2003.
- ★ Total production of molasses during 2001-2004 was 21.39 lakh Mts. 2.14 lakh Mts. of molasses have been exported to other States and abroad, thereby earning a revenue of Rs.4.28 crores to the Government exchequer.

ETHANOL

- ★ Pursuant to the decision of the Government of India to introduce Ethanol-doped-petrol in Tamil Nadu, the Government permitted the manufacture of Ethanol (Anhydrous Alcohol) by 5 Distilleries in the State. Licences have been issued to Oil Companies for 6 locations and the Oil Companies have lifted and utilised 91.70 lakh litres of Ethanol.

NARCOTIC DRUGS

3821.900 Kgs of Dry Ganja valued at Rs.1.91 crores and 1,37,510 Kgms of wet ganja valued at Rs. 34.38 crores were seized and destroyed. 40.736 Kgs heroin worth Rs.40.74 crores was seized.

PREVENTION OF VIDEO PIRACY

It has been ordered to amend the Tamil Nadu Prevention of Dangerous Activities of bootleggers, drug-offenders, forest-offenders, goondas, immoral traffic offenders and slum-grabbers Act, 1982 (Tamil Nadu Act 14 of 1982) to detain the video pirates came into force from October, 2004.

TASMAC SALES TURNOVER

When the retail vending were undertaken by ex-licensees from 29.11.2002 to

28.11.2003, the sales turnover was Rs.3,877 crores only. During the corresponding one year period i.e. from 29.11.2003 to 28.11.2004, after the retail vending was taken over by TASMAC, the sales turnover was Rs.5,441 crores. The additional turnover mobilised during the corresponding one year period was Rs.1564 crores. TASMAC has generated employment to 33,600 persons.

GOVERNMENT REVENUE THROUGH TASMAC

When the retail vending was with the ex-licensees, the total revenue earned by Government, by way of Excise Revenue and Sales Tax on the sale of IMFL from 29.11.2002 to 28.11.2003 was Rs.3,825.99 crores. The revenue mobilised by TASMAC after take over of retail vending from 29.11.2003 to 28.11.2004 was Rs.4,441.88 crores. The additional revenue earned by Government after take over of retail vending by TASMAC during the one year period is Rs.615.89 crores. The additional revenue generated during the current financial year from April 2004 to March 2005 is Rs.1217.37 crores.

ENFORCEMENT

During the last two years, Rs.4.06 crores have been spent for rehabilitation to provide alternative means of livelihood to prohibition offenders. For the year 2004-2005, a sum of Rs.2.50 crores has been allocated.

During the last four year 10,18,022 cases were detected. 9,35,701 persons were arrested. 2,84,34,263 litres of I.D. arrack, 4,89,24,674 litres of fermented wash, 20,63,032 numbers of arrack -sachets, 15,44,572 litres of rectified spirit, 7,62,676 IMFS Bottles and 19,633 vehicles were seized.

A sum of Rs.6,24,85,587 was collected as compounding fee. A sum of Rs.20,76,52,820 was collected as court fine amount during the last four years.

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Special thrust to improve the status of

ADIDRAVIDAR AND TRIBALS

Recognizing the need to uplift the downtrodden people belonging to Adi Dravidar and Tribal communities, this Government has been giving special thrust to improve their status in all spheres. To ensure speedy socio-economic development of these communities, various welfare measures have been taken up by this Government.

INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES

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.

EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Under Higher Educational Scholarship Scheme, 32,156 SC/ST students were benefited a sum of Rs.22.59 crores for the past four years.

INCENTIVE TO TEACHERS

- ★ 1,110 teachers, working in Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare High and Higher Secondary Schools are given incentive to a tune of Rs.10 lakhs for achieving best results in 10th and 12th standard Public Examinations.

SUPPLY OF BICYCLES

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has introduced a new scheme of free supply of ladies bicycles to the girl students to encourage education amongst the girl students belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/Scheduled Castes Convert to Christianity who are studying in Standard XI and XII from the year 2001-2002 and 2,03,566 number of bicycles were distributed a sum of Rs.31.22 crores..

TECHNICAL WINGS:

During 2000-2001 to 2004-2005 the Government have issued orders for the construction of 493 hostel buildings at a cost of Rs. 155.30 crores for the benefit of Adidraavidar Boy/Girl Students.

In addition to the above, infrastructure activities under Special Central Assistance funds, class room, laboratories and the conversion and thatched roof school buildings into concrete laid school buildings are under construction at a cost of Rs.5 crores.



Under part-II schemes, compound wall for girls hostel, class rooms and building for laboratories at a cost of Rs. 2.39 crores are under progress.

- ★ For the welfare of Tribals in Tamil Nadu, Government have spent Rs.15.48 crores towards the construction of school/hostel building infrastructure facilities such as formation of roads, drinking water facility and provision of street lights to the Tribal hamlets during the last four years.

THADCO

To uplift the socio - economic condition of Adi Dravidars and Tribals many economical development schemes including financial assistance for starting income generating projects and vocational training programmes for human capacity buildings are being implemented. Under THADCO scheme, 5,96,949 SC/ST persons were given loan assistance of Rs.527.61 crores during the last four years.

FREE HOUSE PATTAS

Under the free patta scheme to SC/ST persons, 56,805 persons were benefited a sum of Rs.14.78 crores.

FREE HOUSES

- ★ Through District Rural Development Agency under Indira Yojana Awas Scheme, houses and kutchha houses at free of cost have been constructed at a cost of Rs.54.10 crores, benefitting 66,642 persons.
- ★ For the provision of burial ground and pathway to burial ground, a sum of Rs.200.49 lakhs has been incurred.

SUPPLY OF TEXT BOOKS

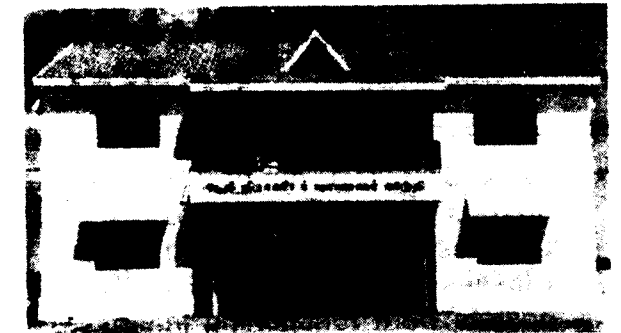
- ★ 10,31,736 students studying in Government residential schools were given text books a sum of Rs.6.21 crores.

SUPPLY OF NOTE BOOKS

- ★ 47,45,650 students of public schools were given note books at a cost of Rs.29.94 crores.
- ★ 12,17,998 students who are studying in public schools were given government text books free of cost to a tune of Rs.10.79 crores.
- ★ 13,38,612 students who studied in Adidraavidar Welfare and Government tribal residential school hostels were given free uniforms at a cost of Rs.16.05 crores.
- ★ Through TAHDCO, employment training to educated youths, industrial entrepreneur training to self help groups, individual loans were given to 7,19,146 persons at a cost of Rs.481 crores.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Vocational training had been imparted to 13,920 educated youth to get employment opportunity by incurring an 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 2002-03, for the first time.



Vocational training have been given to 29,945 educated youth by spending an amount of Rs. 8.14 crores. Entrepreneurs Training has been given to 40,000 women Adi Dravidars of Self Help Groups by spending an amount of Rs.1.54 crores.

For the benefit of 10,000 members of scavengers and their dependents a new programme called National scavengers liberation and Rehabilitation scheme has been proposed for the benefit of 10,000 by forming 1000 Self Help Groups for their economic development and skill upgradations.

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During the financial year 2003-04 Annual Action Plan has been prepared and is being implemented for the benefit of 2,05,879 Adidraavidar 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.

During the year 2004-05, Action plan has been prepared for the benefit of 1,98,573 persons and is being implemented by TAHDCO.

As on 31.3.2005, 167006 Adidraavidar beneficiaries were given Rs.67.20 crores as subsidy, Rs. 53.91 crores as Bank loan with promoters contribution at a total cost of Rs. 121.11.

RELENTLESS PURSUIT OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

- ★ As on 31.3.2001, out of 972 hostels run by Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes Departments, 770 hostels were functioning in private buildings without basic amenities such as drinking water, toilet blocks and electrification. The Government therefore started a massive programme to construct Government buildings for the 770 hostels housed in private buildings. So far, construction of buildings for 312 hostels has been taken up. Out of this, so far, works have been completed for 202 hostels and the works are at various stages for the remaining hostels. During 2005-2006, buildings for 318 hostels will be constructed at a cost of Rs.100 crores.



Free Supply of BI-cycles

- ★ Free bicycles to 2,50,000 Backward Classes / Most Backward Classes / Denotified Communities girl students studying in XI and XII standards in Government and Government Aided Schools at a total cost of Rs.47.36 crores are being distributed. Cycles are to be distributed approximately 1,26,800 students for the year.2005-06 at a cost of Rs.24.50 crores.
- ★ Under various Scholarship schemes, a sum of Rs.79 crores was disbursed to 15,20,000 students. For 2004-2005, Rs.86.12 crores was disbursed to 13,72,000 students.

Loan at Low rate of interest to Backward Class Women through TABCEDCO

- ★ 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 Rs.2,000 each, at a low rate of interest. Rs. 15.25 crores of loan have been sanctioned to 76,218 women beneficiaries as on 31.3.2005 for starting petty trades.

- ★ For the economic upliftment of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities 3,189 sewing machines were given during last four years. A sum of Rs.20 lakhs has been provided for the supply of 1,000 sewing machines during this year.
- ★ National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation's scheme of Mahila Samridhi Yojana is being implemented by Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation since 2003-2004. Under this scheme, training in tailoring, knitting and embroidering was given to 40 poor women, belonging to Minorities.

- ★ With the assistance of National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation, New Delhi, the scheme of vocational training in Leather Products is being implemented by TAMCO through the Indian Institute of Leather Products, Chennai. During 2003-2004, 21 candidates were given training under this scheme at a cost Rs.1.04 lakhs.

Financial Assistance to Muslim Youth

- ★ 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.25,000 each is sanctioned as loan to those who have satisfactorily completed the training to start their business / trades. Rs.68.07 lakhs were disbursed to 208 persons as loans.
- ★ The Hon'ble Chief Minister in the Collector's Conference held during December 2002, directed to place the funds of TAMCO at the disposal of the Collectors to do micro-planning at district level with a view to utilise funds in a constructive manner. In 2004-2005, Rs.185.57 lakhs have been disbursed to 564 beneficiaries.

TAMCO

- ★ Through TAMCO, Rs.23.10 lakhs was distributed to 231 persons for the year ending with 31.3.2005.

Basic Amenities for Hostels

- ★ A Crash Programme to provide basic amenities for Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities hostels was taken up from 2001-2002. Electrification/renovation works, drinking water facilities and toilet facilities have been completed at a cost of Rs124.06 lakhs.

Food Charges increased

- ★ 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. The food charges of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities inmates of 39 private hostels,recognised by Government has been enhanced from Rs.150 to Rs.200 with effect from 1.6.2004 at a cost of Rs.9.60 lakhs, benefiting 1,920 students.
- ★ 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.3.79 crores were taken up. During 2005-2006, provision of basic amenities and infrastructural facilities will be strengthened in the Kallar Reclamation Schools and new building constructed for Kallar Reclamation Hostels at an additional cost of Rs.20.11 crores.

Provision of infrastructural facilities

- ★ Provision of infrastructural facilities such as roads, streetlights, water supply and drainage in places where house site pattas were already issued was taken up from 2001-2002 at a cost of Rs.10.25 crores.

Financial Assistance to Women

- ★ Under EDP Scheme, 5,000 women belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, Denotified Communities and Minorities Welfare were given a 7 days training 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.
- ★ The maximum age limit to join in Government service has been raised

from 30 to 32 for Backward Classes, who possess minimum educational qualification.

Play materials to Hostels

- ★ Play materials were supplied to the inmates of 972 hostels at a cost of Rs.9.72 lakhs at Rs.1,000 per hostel.

Library books for Hostels

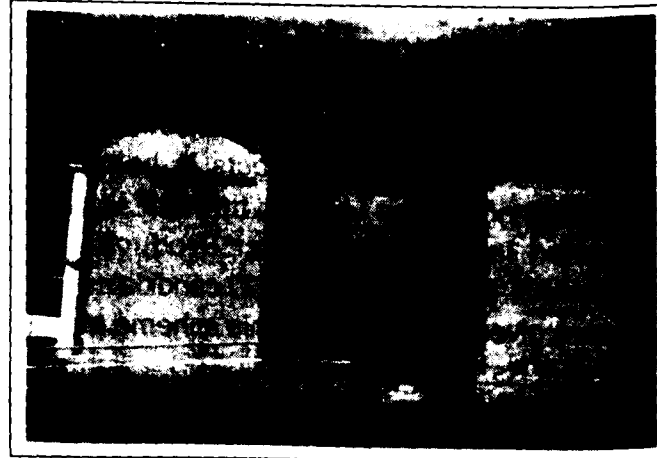
- ★ Library books for 972 hostels were supplied at a total cost of Rs.29.16 lakhs at Rs.3000 per hostel. During 2004-05, library books were supplied to 59 Backward Classes and 29 Most Backward Classes / Denotified Communities college hostels at a cost of Rs.4.40 lakhs.
- ★ Two tier wooden bunk beds were supplied to the inmates of 18 hostels functioning in the hilly areas at a cost of Rs.17 lakhs.

Computerisation

- ★ In order to take up E-Governance at the district level, Computers were supplied to all District Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Officers and Special Deputy Collector Kallar Reclamation Schools at a cost of Rs.25.52 lakhs.

Annadhanam Scheme in Darghas

- ★ The Government is implementing the Annadhanam Scheme which is funded by the sponsors / philanthropists in 12 select darghas from 2003-04.
- ★ The second instalment of Rs.24 lakhs towards construction of own office building to Tamil Nadu Wakf Board was released. Total amount sanctioned is Rs.40 lakhs.
- ★ Rs.1 crore (Rs.50 lakhs each for 2004-2005 and 2005-2006) was sanctioned for major repairs and renovation of mosques and darghas. A sum of Rs.160 lakhs has been sanctioned upto 2003-2004 for the above scheme.
- ★ The Government sanction administrative grant every year from the State funds to the Tamil Nadu Wakf Board. A sum of



Rs.40 lakhs have been sanctioned for this scheme for the year 2004-2005.

- ★ The Government sanction grant every year to the needy and eligible wakf institutions through the Tamil Nadu Wakf Board for the renovation of mosques/ darghas and for the construction of compound wall/ barbed wire fencing around the muslim burial grounds. A sum Rs.10 lakhs has been sanctioned for the year 2004-2005.
- ★ The Ulemas who have rendered service as Pesh Imam, Muazzin, Arabic Teacher or Muzawar (Muslim) and who have attained the age of 60 years after serving for 20 years in any surveyed and notified Wakf paying annual contribution, and who are in indigent circumstances are paid a sum of Rs.500 per month. The number of beneficiaries under the scheme are 1804. A sum of Rs.1.20 crores has been provided for this scheme for the year 2004-05.
- ★ The Government sanction a grant of Rs.10 lakhs every year to the Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee to meet its administrative expenses.
- ★ The Government have been sanctioning grant every year to the Muslim Women Aid Society, Chennai, under the Chairmanship of Collector matching the amount raised by the society. A sum of Rs.3.82 lakhs has been sanctioned for the year 2004-05. ❖

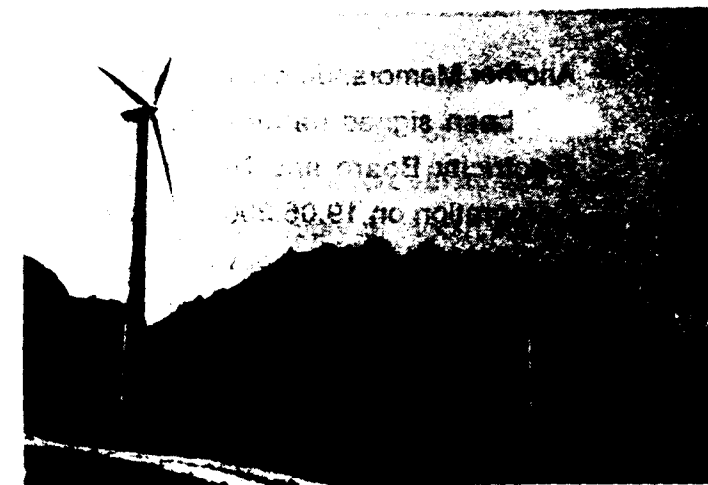
IMPRESSIVE ENERGY SOURCES

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu set the goal of making Tamil Nadu as No.1 State in all spheres. Accordingly, Tamil Nadu Energy Development Agency intensified its efforts to promote the use of renewable energy among various sections of the public. Tamil Nadu which achieved the distinction of being No.1 State in wind energy has become No.1 State in harnessing renewable energy sources.

- ★ The total installed capacity of power generation from renewable sources in Tamil Nadu has increased by 1380 MW during the last 4 years. The share of renewable energy at All India level is 5% only.
- ★ The capacity addition from Wind power generation during the last 4 years (2001-05) is 1227 MW. The total installed capacity under wind power in Tamil Nadu as on 31.3.2005 is 2040 MW

which is about 60% of the total capacity in the country. Thus, Tamil Nadu continues to be No.1 State in India under Wind Energy Source.

- ★ The capacity addition from bagasse based co-generation in Tamil Nadu during the past 4 years is 132 MW. The total installed capacity is 30% of the total capacity in the country with exportable surplus of 165 mw and Tamil Nadu is No.1 State in this as well.
- ★ 4,500 SPV lantern, 1,229 home lights and 4,346 Street lights, 90 SPV pumps were installed under subsidy scheme during the past 4 years for harnessing solar energy for irrigation and drinking water supply.
- ★ The Government have also issued notifications making the use of Solar Water Heating system mandatory in new commercial buildings with 500 sq.m. and above plinth area and residential buildings with more than 150 sq.m. plinth area. Tamil Nadu may become No.1 State in this area too.
- ★ The Government have also allotted a sum of Rs.54.32 lakhs for installing solar water heating system in existing Government buildings and to promote subsidy for private institutions.



* Under the scheme of MNES, Tamil Nadu has actively promoted installation of biomass gasifiers to meet the thermal and electrical energy requirement of the industries and other institutions. During the last 4 years, 13 gasifiers have been installed for thermal and electrical uses.

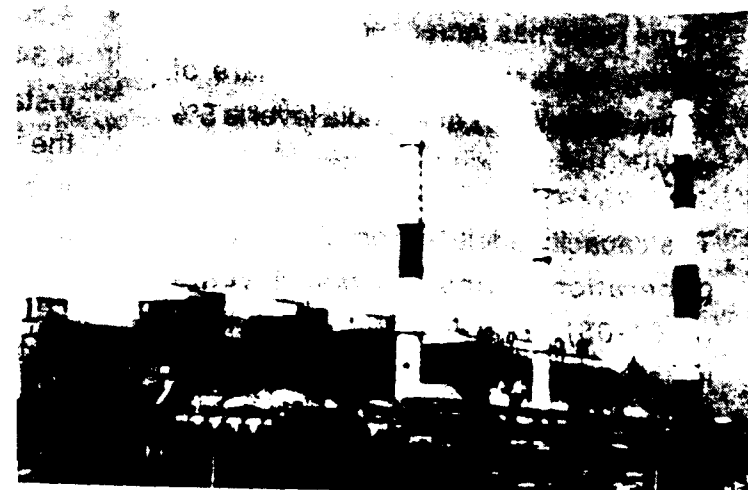
* Coimbatore District is a pioneer in the use of biomass gasifiers for village panchayats.

* State Government provides subsidy for installation of toilet linked based biogas plants. In Tamil Nadu, such plants were first installed in three places. For the year 2003-04, State Government sanctioned Rs.43.50 lakhs towards subsidy for 29 plants which were installed in the sanitary complexes and other institutions. Bio gas produced is used for running waterpumps or for cooking purposes. For the year 2004-05, State Government has sanctioned Rs.20 lakhs as subsidy for the installation of 20 plants.

the same have bagged the Gold Medal from the Government of India.

* As a recognition of "Quality Systems", "ISO 9002 : 1994" certification has been awarded to the thermal stations at North Chennai, Tuticorin and Mettur by Bureau of Indian Standards. Now recently the upgraded version "ISO 9001 : 2000" has been obtained in respect of the above stations.

* Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between Tamil Nadu Electricity Board and National Thermal Power Corporation to establish a 1000 MW thermal power project at Chennai as a Joint Venture Project.



POWER PERFORMANCE

* Tamil Nadu Electricity Board is engaged in generation, transmission and distribution of electricity to 1.7 crore consumers in Tamil Nadu without any power cut or load shedding.

* Tuticorin, Mettur and North Chennai thermal power stations had performed very well during the past four years and

* Another 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.

* The 95 MW gas based Power Project at Valuthur in State Sector has been commissioned on 13.3.2003. The 101

MW gas based Power Project at Kuttalam in State Sector has been commissioned on 24.3.2004.

* 25 sub transmission and distribution schemes have been taken up covering mostly urban areas of the State, under Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme at a cost of Rs.968.40 crores. On execution of these schemes the quality of power supply will improve further. So far, an expenditure of Rs.727 crores has been incurred as on 31.3.2005.

* With NABARD assistance, sub-transmission and distribution improvement schemes are under execution in 14 districts at a total cost of Rs.185.75 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 from 12.11.2003. Similar Call Centres have been commissioned at Salem, Madurai and Trichy on 01.03.2005.

* To safeguard the welfare of farmers and hut dwellers, the Government has ordered free supply of electricity to the agricultural consumers and hut consumers from 1.4.2004 by providing subsidy amounting to Rs.196 crores and Rs.16 crores per annum respectively. By this, around 15.3 lakhs of agricultural

consumers and about 9 lakhs of hut dwellers are benefited. The subsidy is being released in advance to Tamil Nadu Electricity Board on half yearly basis.

* In the interest of public, the Government have decided to reduce the electricity tariff rates for domestic consumers with effect from 16.06.2004 by providing subsidy amounting to Rs.910 crores for a full year.

* The Government has ordered canceling the conditions of insisting Planning Permission and Completion Certificate for getting power connection and thereby made it easy to get power connection quickly to around six lakhs of prospective consumers every year.

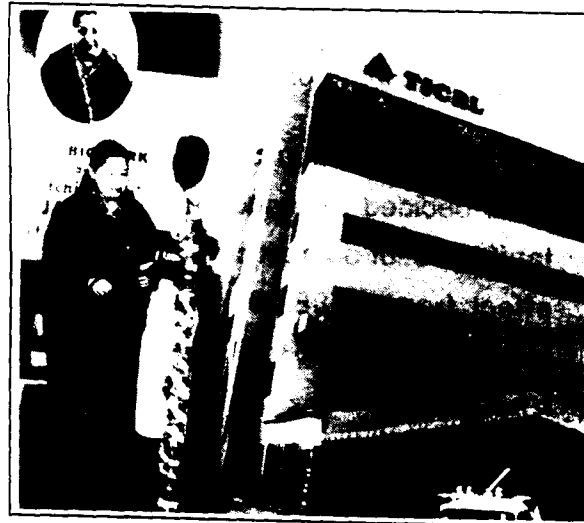
* During the past four years, additional generating capacity was 1,648 MW. Gross generation was 1,92,091 MU. 241 substations have been commissioned including new, upgradation and introduction of additional voltage.

* Power services have been provided to 59,480 industries, 31,057 OHT / GLR, 93,425 street lights, 21,30,925 houses, 1,37,371 huts and 1,30,693 pump sets, during the last four years.

* 27,883 power thefts and other malpractices have been detected and an extra levy imposed to a tune of Rs.10,383 lakhs, during the past four years.

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RAPID INDUSTRIALISATION OF TAMIL NADU THE MAJOR THEME OF THE GOVERNMENT



The State Government's announcement of New Industrial Policy in September 2003 which aimed at consolidation of the existing industrial base, facilitated new manufacturing capacity building and is designed to meet the challenges of globalisation and the demand for new areas of development.

This Government have created an Industry-friendly environment so as to enable the State to achieve prominent place in the Industrial map of the Nation.

Achievements

- ★ Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated TICEL Bio Park on 10th November, 2004 and at present 87 Bio Resources Centres are ready for operation.
- ★ In respect of Ariyalur cement unit, achievements attained in highest ever monthly capacity utilisation is 154.80% and highest ever monthly cement sale is 66,502 MT.

Operation of Quarries

- ★ Operating quarries under the control of Tamil Nadu Minerals Limited has been increased from 34 in 2001-02 to 60 in 2004-05.

Modernisation of Quarries

- ★ TAMIN invested Rs.7.23 crores totally during the year from 2002-03 to 2004-05

for modernisation of quarries namely Thogaimalai, Paithur, Sulamalai etc. by introducing modern machineries with a view to conserve the mineral deposit as well as ecology.

Tile Plant at Madhepalli

- ★ The Tile Plant at Madhepalli has been modernised during 2003-04 by installing a new multi blade cutter and a calibrating machine at a total cost of Rs.2 crores thereby the production capacity of this plant has increased to 33,600 sq. metre per annum as against 21,300 sq. metre previously.
- ★ The Graphite Beneficiation Plant at Sivagangai has achieved record sale of graphite flakes of 5,799 MTs. to the value of Rs.7.76 crores and generated cash profit of Rs.75 lakhs during 2003-2004.

TAMIN

- ★ TAMIN achieved a record sales turnover of Rs.67.05 crores during 2001-02 and generated a gross profit of Rs.12.11 crores, again achieved a record sales turnover of Rs.80.02 crores during 2002-03 and generated a gross profit of Rs.13.82 crores and during 2003-04, a record sales turnover of Rs.90.21 crores and generated a gross profit of Rs.15.51 crores.

TIIC

- ★ The Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporation Limited has sanctioned financial assistance to a tune of Rs.564.48 crores and disbursed Rs.454.45 crores as loan during the past four years, thereby generated job opportunities to 40,416 persons.
- ★ After 5 years of loss, the Corporation made a turn around and earned a net profit of Rs.2.21 crores during 2003-04.
- ★ In order to establish quality management systems, TIIC has recently obtained ISO:9001:2000 certificate from Bureau of Indian Standards.

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NEW THRUST ON SMALL INDUSTRIES

The Small Scale Industrial (SSI) Sector is one of the most vital sectors in the economic growth of our country with sustained employment potential.

This Government has formulated various policy measures for growth of the small and tiny industries which have resulted in considerable industrial growth in this State.

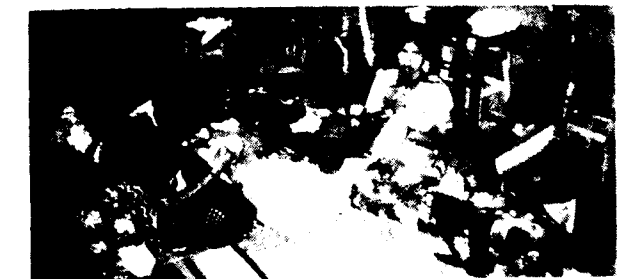
- ★ 15% price preference shall be given to the domestic SSI units in Government purchases with effect from 1.12.2001.

New Anna Marumalarchi Thittam

- ★ Under the New Anna Marumalarchi Thittam upto 30.4.2005, 1048 projects for starting agro based / food processing industries covering all the 385 blocks in the State at a total project cost of Rs. 688.33 crores have been cleared by the State Level Coordination Committee.
- ★ Sanction orders have been issued by the financial institutions for 307 projects. Further, 123 projects are under implementation with own funds. Under this scheme, 246 units with a total project cost of Rs. 160.60 crores have commenced production. These units provide employment opportunities for 9,350 rural people including 6,352 women.
- ★ As on 31.3.2005 capital subsidy to a tune of 539 lakhs, LTPT subsidy to a tune of 650 lakhs and generator subsidy to a tune of 10.80 lakhs have been disbursed under back ended interest subsidy to Small Scale Industries.
- ★ During the past four years upto December 2004 Rs.1,845.68 lakhs have been decided to recover as dues from buyer units to Seller-Small Scale Industries under delayed payment act.
- ★ Under Women Entrepreneurship Development Programme, 1,25,000 women from 2001-02 to 2005-06 at the rate of 25,000 women per year, i.e. 20,000 women

from Self Help Group and 5,000 under PMRY, 1,00,839 women were given training and 36,608 women have started their own units.

- ★ During the last four years upto 30.4.2005, 64,088 persons have obtained disbursement of loans from banks, under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana Scheme.
- ★ During the last four years upto 30.4.2005, the Single Window Clearance Committee have received 4,510 applications and 4,187 applications were disposed.



Tea Sector

- ★ The sale of made tea in the name of 'Ooty Tea' through the public distribution system upto 30.4.2005, 11,113 MTs of Ooty tea valued at Rs.83.34 crores has been sold. Incoserve has attained the position of a leading supplier in Tea market.

Teaserve

- ★ An electronic Tea Auction Centre has been established at Coonoor, and the centre has sold 266.30 lakh kgs. of tea till 30.4.2005.

Indcoserve

- ★ This organisation of Industrial Cooperative Tea Factories has achieved a turnover of Rs.88.40 crores during the past four years.

Sagoserve, Salem

- ★ The Sagoserve, one of the most successful examples of Industrial Cooperatives in the State, is the biggest cooperative society in Asia, with turnover of Rs.733.35 crores during the past four years.

TAICO Bank

- ★ TAICO Bank has collected deposit amount of Rs.222 crores as on 30.4.2005 and

disbursed Rs.174.05 crores towards loans and advances.

Cashew Processing Industrial Co-operative Society, Theni District

- ★ Kadamalaikundu - Myladumparai - Varusanadu cashew processing Industrial Co-operative Society has been established at an estimated cost of Rs.16 lakhs. 303 members are benefited by this scheme. Upto 2004-2005, the society has purchased 8.10 metric tonne of cashewnuts and sold Rs.8.47 lakh worth of cashewnuts.

Coir Sector

- ★ The Government of Tamil Nadu have sanctioned Market Development assistance to a tune of Rs.1.23 crores to Coir Industrial Cooperatives. 5000 coir workers are benefited by this scheme. The Coir Industrial Cooperatives have sold coir products worth of Rs.3,821.14 lakhs during the last four years.
- ★ SIDCO has so far developed 41 Industrial Estates. In these Industrial Estates 4,972 plots were developed and 4,222 sheds were constructed. Further, 1841 Tiny Sheds with sizes of 200 sq. ft to 600 sq.ft. have also been constructed.
- ★ SIDCO started for the first time in the country an exclusively Women Industrial Parks at Thirumudivakkam Industrial Estate exclusively for Women entrepreneurs at a cost of Rs.54 lakhs.
- ★ As per the announcement made by Hon'ble Chief Minister, SIDCO initiated action to develop Five Women Industrial Parks exclusively for women entrepreneurs. Two such new Industrial Parks at Thirumullaivoyal near Chennai and Vazhavanthakkottai in Trichy District were developed.
- ★ During the year 2004-2005, SIDCO has developed 316 plots at Phase - II of Vichoor Industrial Estate, Phase - II of Kumbakonam Industrial Estate and



Karuppur Women Industrial Park, Salem at a cost of Rs.3.38 crores.

Development of Plots in Industrial Estates

- ★ 2001-2005 SIDCO had developed 1,080 plots in 7 Industrial Estates.

Sale of Sheds / Developed Plots

- ★ During the past four years, SIDCO had sold 1149 plots worth of Rs.36.87 crores.

Distribution of Raw Materials

- ★ During the past four years, SIDCO had distributed 48,408 MTS of raw material worth of Rs.129.17 crores.

Marketing of SSI Products

- ★ SIDCO had registered 311 units under Marketing Assistance and marketed Rs.2.21 crores worth of products during the last four years.

Export Marketing Assistance

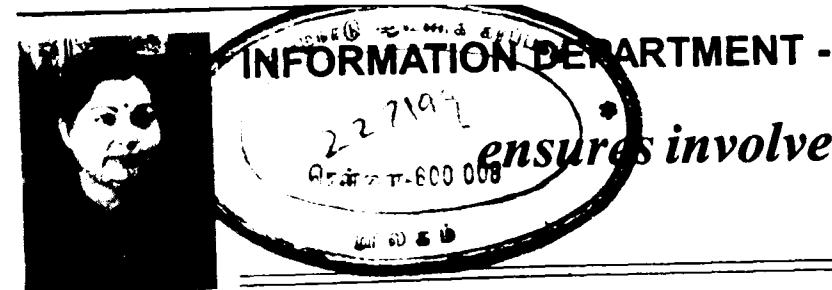
- ★ SIDCO is acting as a facilitator for SSI's exports by displaying their product details on its website. Under this scheme 95 units have so far enrolled.
- ★ Ambattur, Thirumudivakkam and Thirumazhisai Industrial Estates are to be upgraded under the 'Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme' at a cost of Rs.47.20 crores.

TANSI

- ★ During the last four years TANSI has sold articles worth of Rs. 186.71 crores.

ISO:9001-2000 Certification

- ★ Two pump producing units of TANSI and TANSI's subsidiary company producing paints secured ISO:9001-2000 Certification.



The concept of "Global Village" was conceived and made possible because of rapid strides in the development in Information Technology and Communication.

It is essential that the people are well informed and enlightened about the activities of the Government especially in a democracy such as ours. This department plays a big role in ensuring the involvement of the public in the developmental activities of the Government by integrating media and informing them about the policies, activities and achievements of the Government. Feedback of the people on the various schemes of the Government is another important task of this department. On this basis, all the wings of the Information and Public Relations Department are being modernised on the directions given by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa.

Journalists' Pension Scheme

- ★ Under the Journalists' Pension Scheme, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has enhanced the pension amount from Rs.2,000 to Rs.3,000 during the Budget 2001-2002. 67 retired journalists are receiving Rs.3,000 per month as on date.
- ★ A sum of Rs.500 was given as family pension to the wife of a deceased journalist who was receiving the Government's journalist pension. This amount was enhanced by the orders of the Hon'ble Chief Minister from Rs.500 to Rs.1500.
- ★ Financial aid from Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund are sanctioned to the family of Editors, Sub-Editors, Reporters, Cameramen of the Press and Reporters and Cameramen of Television Channels

who had been either an accredited journalist or an identity card holder, who had served for a minimum of 20 years of continued service and had died while in service. Hon'ble Chief Minister has increased the amount of assistance under the Journalists' Family Benefit Fund substantially from Rs.50,000/- to Rs. 2 lakhs with effect from 4.9.2001. So far, 3 journalists' families were benefitted to a tune of Rs.6 lakhs.

- ★ 1,032 journalists including Reporters, Photographers and Cameramen belonging to Chennai and other Districts have been issued free bus passes.
- ★ 238 journalists of Kancheepuram, Ramanathapuram, Madurai, Dharmapuri, Salem, Thanjavur and Tirunelveli Districts were given house site pattas at subsidised rates.

Memorials

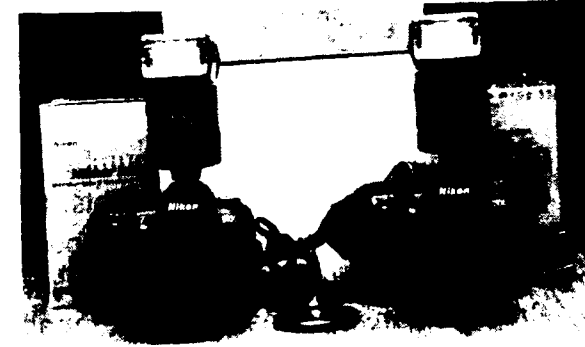
- ★ Statues and Memorials have been erected by the Government of Tamil Nadu to honour the leaders who put their heart, mind and soul together for the welfare of the people and those who fought for the Nation's freedom.
- ★ A Manimandapam has been constructed in memory of "Koppalottiya Thamizhan" V.O. Chidambaram at Tirunelveli at an estimated cost of Rs.75 lakhs.
- ★ The Government have allotted 0.65 acres of Government land worth Rs.10.19 crores near Adyar Andhra Mahila Sabha to the South India Artists' Association on their request for land for construction of a Memorial for Nadigar Thilagam Sivaji Ganesan.

- ★ Land measuring 0.46.5 Ha costing Rs.43,500 has been acquired for constructing a Memorial for the former Chief Minister Omanthoor Ramasamy Reddiar in Omanthoor Village, Tindivanam Taluk of Villupuram District. Proposal for constructing the Manimandapam at an expenditure of Rs.75 lakhs is under the consideration of the Government.
 - ★ Land measuring 1.00 acre has been identified for construction of a Manimandapam in memory of "Mootharignar Rajaji" at Mornapalli near Thorappalli in Krishnagiri District.
 - ★ Private land measuring 3.05.0 Ha has been acquired at a cost of Rs.19.67 lakhs for constructing a Manimandapam for freedom fighter Theeran Chinnamalai at Odanilai of Arachalur Village in Erode District. Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered an allocation of Rs.30 lakhs for the construction of Manimandapam. A community hall would also be constructed here with an allocation of Rs.20 lakhs.
 - ★ Land measuring 0.81.0 Ha costing Rs.1,28,253 has been acquired for constructing Athiyaman Kottam with a marriage hall in Athiyaman Kottai of Dharmapuri District. Action is being taken for allocation of Rs.112 lakhs for the construction.
 - ★ In commemoration of the valedictory of Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Birth Centenary Celebrations, a memorial pillar and a manimandapam are being constructed near Virudhunagar Municipal Guest House at an expenditure of Rs.5 lakhs and 9 lakhs respectively.
 - ★ As part of Thiruppur Kumaran's centenary celebrations, a bust size bronze statue of 'Thiruppur Kumaran' has been installed at Tiruppur Kumaran Memorial.
 - ★ Bharat Ratna Dr.M.G.R.'s museum has been constructed at a cost of Rs.38.50 lakhs in the campus of Dr.M.G.R. Memorial at Chennai.
 - ★ Nine feet tall bronze statues costing Rs.2.50 lakhs each of former President of India Dr.S. Radhakrishnan and Thanthai Periyar would soon be installed at the Parliament House, New Delhi.
 - ★ Work is in progress to install granite information boards with the life sketches of relevant leaders in 28 memorials at an expenditure of Rs.7 lakhs.
 - ★ A full size bronze statue of Thiyagi Shenbagaraman would be installed in front of Thiyagigal Manimandapam at Guindy, Chennai.
 - ★ Construction of a memorial and a statue for Desingu Rajan, the King of Senjikottai at the place of his death in Kadali Village, Senji Taluk, Villupuram District will be taken up.
 - ★ A memorial would be constructed at a suitable place for Rettaimalai Srinivasan on behalf of the Government. Necessary action has been initiated in this regard.
 - ★ The house at Madurai - Thirunagar, wherein Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar spent his last days would be converted into a memorial. Action has been initiated in this regard.
- Film Awards**
- ★ Hon'ble Chief Minister honoured the Tamil Cinema Industry by presenting Tamil Nadu Government Film Awards for the years 2000, 2001 and 2002 at a glittering function held at Madras University Centenary Hall on 3-12-2004. 134 film artistes have received awards.
 - ★ New awards for Best Character Artiste (Male), Best Character Artiste (Female) and Best Comedy Artiste (Female) were set up from the year 2001.
 - ★ Permission is granted for film shooting in Government premises under single

window system. In addition, Rent for film shooting in Government owned places has been reduced considerably.

Concessions to Tamil Film Industry

- ★ The low budget quality Tamil feature films are granted subsidy at the rate of Rs.5 lakhs each. Subsidy has been increased at the rate of Rs.7 lakhs from the year 2003 onwards.



Film and Television Institute

- ★ As per the orders of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, two additional seats have been created in addition to the usual 12 seats in each of the Diploma Courses increasing to 14 seats from the Academic Year 2001-2002 onwards.
- ★ All the Diploma Courses are approved by the All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi.
- ★ Four Films produced by the students have been sent to 'Cannes Film Festival' to be held in Paris.
- ★ The institute is upgraded with modern equipments at a cost of Rs.61.45 lakhs and computers with internet facilities at a cost of Rs.11 lakhs, to enable students to receive training in modern film technology and to help them keep abreast with changing growth in cine electronic equipments.

Tamil Arasu

- ★ Tamil Arasu serves as a mass media disseminating information regarding the activities of various departments and the achievements of the Government.

- ★ Tamil Arasu publishes the achievements of the Government, speeches of His Excellency Governor of Tamil Nadu, Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble Ministers. It also carries literary essays, news on health, short stories and announcements of the Government, policies, schemes, programmes and details of developmental works being implemented in the Districts.

- ★ During April 2001, the life subscription to Tamil Arasu was a mere 1,131 out of a printing order of 48,000 copies. At present, the total number of subscription has been raised to 75,638 inclusive of Life Subscription amounting to 42,712. By increasing the subscription, Rs.4,27,12,000 has been earned as revenue to the Government.

Exhibitions

- ★ Government Exhibitions are organised by the Exhibition wing of the Information and Public Relations Department to educate people on various achievements, welfare schemes and policies of the Government of Tamil Nadu. These exhibitions are scheduled during April-June in Madurai and Coimbatore and in July-September in Salem every year.
- ★ Various Government departments, Undertakings and Private concerns take part in these exhibitions. The Government exhibitions apart from educating and entertaining the general public, also provide direct and indirect employment opportunities.
- ★ During the last four years, Government exhibitions have earned a profit of Rs.4,35,56,000.
- ★ The Information and Public Relations Department, participates in the Republic Day celebrations at Chennai every year by organising the cultural programme, compering of events and fabrication of Information and Public Relations tableaux and co-ordination of the pageantry. ❖

Tourism Department

Tourism - The Scenario in the State led by a dynamic and visionary leader, Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalithaa, has become a priority sector in the State. This is reflected in higher budget allocations, growing partnership efforts between the public and private sectors, increased tourist arrivals, vibrant and vigorous promotion efforts, etc., The emphasis is to make Tourism a mass movement and a prime mover for promoting entrepreneurship, poverty reduction and economic development. There has been a "Paradigm Shift" in the tourism



development strategy and a professional approach is being infused.

- ★ Tamil Nadu placed strategically an Asia's growth axis, is certainly India's Asian gateway.
- ★ A sum of Rs.107.25 crores has been allocated for tourism development.
- ★ In order to develop the Tourism Industry and to increase the Tourist arrivals in Tamil Nadu, the luxury tax has been reduced during 2002-2003.

- ★ Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu laid the foundation for the Integrated Development of Mamallapuram at a function held at Kancheepuram on 8.1.2003. The total cost of the project is Rs.19 crores.

Tourist Information dissemination

- ★ To attract and assist more number of Tourists, especially foreign Tourists, the Government has opened two new Tourist Offices at Jaipur and Agra and Tourist Information Centres at Ahmedabad, Bhubaneshwar, Chandigarh, Guwahati and Varanasi and strengthened the network of Tourist Offices and Tourist Information Centres.

- ★ Department of Tourism has selected ninety unemployed graduates and given Guide Training at the Anna Institute of Management for the sanctioned amount of Rs. 5 lakhs in 2003-04.

- ★ A sum of Rs.427.64 lakhs has been allocated for the development of Adi Sankara Circuit and Vivekananda Circuit.

Promoting Health/Wellness Tourism

- ★ Tamil Nadu is promoted as a leading and affordable health and wellness tourism destination.
- ★ Under the scheme of rural tourism, Rs.48.68 lakhs has been sanctioned for the development at Kazhugumalai, Rs.50 lakhs for Chettinad and Rs.50 lakhs for Theerthamalai.

Navagraha

- ★ As a result of the special efforts from the State Tourism Department, tourist spots such as Chettinad, Pulicat, Pichavaram and Tranquebar have been developed into popular Holy Destination for the pilgrims.

New Initiatives

- ★ Sound and Light Show at Thirumalai Nayakar Mahal, Madurai which remained suspended for nearly two years were restarted from December 2001 and Government have sanctioned Rs. 96.18 lakhs for its modernisation and providing new equipment.
- ★ Sound and Light Show would be established at Kanniyakumari at a cost of Rs.225 lakhs for which amount has been sanctioned by Government of India.
- ★ SKAL International today has approximately 25,000 members through out 80 nations. For the first time since its inception, the SKAL World Congress was held in Chennai from 19 to 24, October 2003. About 700 delegates from India and abroad participated in this event. It was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu who spelt out a Seven Point Action Plan for Tourism Promotion.
- ★ The Tourism Department swing into action immediately after the Tsunami struck, by nominating an officer to answer queries from tourists, their kith and kin, from other parts of India and abroad. Updated information was also put on the website.

Awards Galore

- ★ Tamil Nadu Tourism has won several prestigious awards, viz. T3 Amadeus Award, Galileo Express Travel and Tourism Award and TATWA International Award both at the National and International level.



- ★ The Online Reservation System has been launched on 2.7.2004 wherein tourists can book any of TTDC hotels and package tours instantly from anywhere in the world. The website has got the provision for detailed information about tourist places of Tamil Nadu, package tours of TTDC, chain of TTDC hotels and its tariff, facilities offered by TTDC, festivals of Tamil Nadu, etc.
- ★ Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation Ltd., introduced Rail-cum-Road Tours in association with the Railways. Taking advantage of good rail connectivity, tours were started from Mumbai, Kolkatta, Delhi, Ahmedabad and Lucknow. It has yielded Rs. 127 Lakhs revenue for synergised marketing efforts. TTDC has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with I.T.D.C and Tourism Development Corporations of other States.
- ★ During 2003-2004, a sum of Rs.1,452 lakhs for the installation of Ropeway in Kodaikanal and Rs.1,587 lakhs for Udhagamandalam have been allocated. Works are on for the installation of ropeway in Yercaud and Kanniyakumari.
- ★ Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation has earned a net profit of Rs.616.01 lakhs during the last four years. ❖

A SHINING EXAMPLE OF SUCCESSFUL ECONOMIC UPLIFTMENT OF FARMERS

Agriculture is the life blood of the national economy as more than 70% of the population depends upon agriculture for their livelihood. The Government, under the able guidance of Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalithaa is focusing its policies towards overall development of agriculture sector in terms of increasing the cropping intensity by bringing every piece of land under cultivation, productivity increase, maximising natural resources with parallel efforts to conserve theme.

- ★ Under the Integrated Wasteland Development Programme, 2,40,000 acres of wastelands have been converted into cultivable lands. Under various watershed development projects, 18,03,000 acres of waste lands were treated.
- ★ Due to severe drought condition during 2001-02, the total foodgrain production was 76.89 L.MT. Because of the favourable rains, the foodgrain production has crossed 90 L.MT during 2004-05 which includes 78 L.MT of rice production.
- ★ To adopt Alternative Cropping Strategies, cultivation of less water intensive crops were recommended. The Alternative Cropping Strategies evolved by the TNAU are being popularised. Due to the efforts taken, the average millet area which was around 7.5 L.Ha. has been stepped upto 9.03 L.ha. during 2003-04 and 12.12 L.Ha. during 2004-05.

- ★ A massive Eriophyid mite control programme was launched in November 2004 to take up control operation to cover 141 lakh numbers of trees at a total cost of Rs.9.5 crores. 141.426 lakh trees were treated, benefiting 67,620 farmers.

★ Free distribution of coconut seedlings to female infants

The scheme for distribution of 2 coconut seedlings to female infants was



announced by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 2nd September 2004 on the 'World Coconut Day'. The female infants in rural areas born between 2.9.2004 and 31.3.2005 will be supplied with 2 seedlings each at free of cost. The scheme was launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 24.2.2005. So far, 76,764 coconut seedlings have been distributed.

Programme for jatropha, sweet sorghum and sugarbeet cultivation :

- ★ The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has announced a massive scheme for cultivation of jatropha, sweet Sorghum and sugar beet as a part of Alternative Cropping Strategy on contract farming basis for the production of ethanol and bio diesel. Necessary steps have been taken to raise 1500 acres of jatropha in State Seed Farms / Horticultural Farms.
- ★ During 2002-03, due to severe drought, the crop damage was reported and the production was affected. The farmers suffered by drought were given relief assistance to a tune of Rs.48.10 crores. During 2004-2005, Government have issued orders for release of funds from the Calamity Relief Fund for flood affected districts. Relief amount of Rs.35.65 crores has been sanctioned to give compensation to 2,73,742 farmers towards crop loss suffered due to floods.
- ★ On 26th December, 2004 Tsunami waves which is unusual in the Indian Ocean attacked Tamil Nadu Coastal line and made fertile lands submerged with sea water. The crops raised in 8460 Ha. were affected. For the crop damage, the Government have already ordered for the financial compensation of Rs.1.80 crores. Besides, Rs.16.96 crores have been sanctioned towards reclamation of lands affected due to Tsunami.
- ★ With the aim to increase the rice productivity in the state and to evaluate the performance of rice hybrids suitable for each Agro Climatic zone of Tamil Nadu, demonstration were laid in 7,761 locations at a cost of Rs.88.32 lakhs, since 2001 upto 2003-2004. During 2004-05, 3,167 demonstrations were laid at a cost of Rs.31.67 lakhs.
- ★ As a part of Organic farming approach and to conserve the eco system, 5 L. numbers of biofertiliser packets at 25% subsidy were distributed.
- ★ 20.73 lakhs numbers of tall coconut seedlings and 14.38 L. numbers of tall x dwarf seedlings are produced and distributed to the farmers.
- ★ State Cotton Development Council was formed with the objective to increase the area under cotton for which an Intensive Cotton Development Programme under Mini Mission II was implemented during 2001-2002 at a cost of Rs.161.466 lakhs. During 2002-2003, an amount of Rs.180.255 lakhs was utilised. In 2003-04, Rs.278.25 lakhs was spent. The scheme was implemented at a cost of Rs.309.71 lakhs during 2004-05.
- ★ To ensure effective farm operation by the small farmer, 3 numbers of 30 HP tractors, 567 power tillers, 4 power thrashers and 1 paddy planter were distributed at a total cost of Rs.1.92 crores.
- ★ With the objective to promote Integrated Method of natural resources preservation, Soil conservation, the National Watershed Development Project for rainfed areas is being implemented at an estimated cost of Rs.51.47 crores.

- ★ To increase the productivity of Maize in the selected districts, the Accelerated Maize Development Programme was implemented at a cost of Rs.75.013 lakhs.
- ★ Production of quality seeds of pulses under National Pulses Development Project at a cost of Rs.4.89 crores and to increase the productivity of oilseed crops at a cost of Rs.23 crores are being implemented.
- ★ To uplift the economic status of the farm women and to increase the production, training on improved techniques on



Agriculture was imparted under Tamil Nadu Women in Agriculture scheme at a cost of Rs.10.36 crores and totally 1.14 lakhs farm women were trained.

- ★ Under Macro Management Mode schemes such as Integrated Cereals Development Programme, Sugarcane Development Scheme and National Watershed Development Programme have been undertaken to a tune of Rs.83.71 crores.
- ★ In order to enrich the soil, a scheme for distribution of green manure seeds at

25% subsidy was taken up at a cost of Rs.84 lakhs.

- ★ To increase the productivity of pulses by providing quality seeds, latest technologies with rainwater harvesting structure, pulses village scheme was implemented in 17 districts at a cost of Rs.106.25 lakhs. This scheme was implemented at a cost of Rs.41.20 lakhs in 20 districts, during 2004-2005.

- ★ To maximise the use of available water by delta farmers to get good yield, the SRI technology evolved by TNAU is being popularised. During 2004-2005, 5804 demonstrations were laid at a cost of Rs.29.016 lakhs.

- ★ To conserve soil health through Integrated Nutrient Management, farmers training was conducted for 16,200 farmers at a cost of Rs.51.84 lakhs during 2003-2005.

- ★ To strengthen 9 numbers of Seed Processing Units an amount of Rs.20.87 lakhs was spent to improve the quality seeds and to ensure supply of good quality seeds to the farmers.

- ★ Hi-tech training programme was conducted at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore for 1400 numbers of Technical Officers of Agriculture and Sister Departments at a cost of Rs.15 lakhs.

★ Rabi Preseason Campaign

The action plan for Rabi was drawn village wise in advance and mile stone fixed for each activity. 22,779 Intensive Campaigns were conducted, benefiting 5,47,545 farmers.

- ★ To ensure proper storage of inputs in Agricultural Extension Centres, repair works in 100 AECs were taken up at a cost of Rs.107.23 lakhs during 2004-2005.
- ★ The scheme to distribute 1 l. numbers of Soil Health Cards, 36,200 Leaf Colour Charts and printing of Soil Atlas were taken up during 2004-2005 at a cost of Rs.22.37 lakhs.

AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Soil Conservation in River Valley Catchments

- ★ With a view to reduce siltation of the reservoirs, various soil conservation measures are taken up in Vaigai and South Pennaiyar catchments. The works are proposed based on the rainfall, nature of erosion, soil texture, slope, and topography of the area. During 2001-2002, this programme was implemented at a cost of Rs.547.25 lakhs in 4,473 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, this programme was implemented at a cost of Rs 614.19 lakhs in 3812 hectares in Vaigai Catchment of Theni district and South Pennaiyar Catchment of Dharmapuri district. During 2004-2005, this programme was implemented to cover 5965 hectares under South Pennaiyar Catchment in Dharmapuri and Krishnagiri districts at a cost of Rs.627.52 lakhs.

Reclamation of alkali soils

- ★ The programme for reclamation of alkali soils aim at improving the productivity of the alkaline lands by applying different aspects of package of alkali soil reclamation technology. During the year 2003 – 2004, treatment of 1527 hectares of alkali soil area have been taken up at a cost of Rs 19.28 lakhs. During the year 2004 – 2005, this programme was implemented treating 1529 hectares of alkaline soils at a cost of Rs.37.07 lakhs.

- ★ The Micro Irrigation scheme was implemented during 2001-2002 in an area of 47,937 ha at a cost of Rs. 33.64 crores. During 2003-04 and 2004-05, works have been undertaken at an expenditure of Rs.12.35 crores.

Popularisation of Agricultural Machinery

- ★ During 2002-2003, subsidy assistance was given to the farmers to the tune of Rs.5.44 crores to procure agricultural machineries.
- ★ During 2001-2005, On Farm Development and rotational water supply schemes were implemented at a cost of Rs.169.47 crores. Out of the 698 farmer's councils registered, an amount of Rs.1626.514 lakhs has been released as management subsidy till March 2005 to 663 registered farmer's councils to maintain the infrastructure created under the Command Area Development Programme.

Soil and Water Conservation Schemes

- ★ Government have sanctioned the construction of Rainwater Harvesting Structures such as farm ponds and rejuvenation of failed / unused /

abandoned wells for improving the ground water recharge. A total of 8833 farm ponds were constructed at a total cost of Rs. 25.64 crores from July 2002 to March 2004 and 2093 wells have been rejuvenated at a cost of Rs.2.64 crores during 2003-04.

Soil Conservation in Tribal Areas

- ★ Land productivity is proposed to be increased in tribal area. During the past four years, works have been implemented in 2702 hectares at a cost of Rs.3.71 crores.
- ★ Under Western Ghat Development Programme, Soil Conservation works have been undertaken in 8650 hectares at a cost of Rs.13.41 crores.
- ★ Under Hill Area Development Programme, Soil Conservation works are taken up at a cost of Rs.13.97 crores during last four years.
- ★ Under Tube Wells Scheme, 22,562 works such as creation of additional irrigation facilities, stabilisation of the area already under irrigation and promotion of conjunctive use of surface water and ground water by harnessing groundwater resources are being undertaken.

Energisation of Pumpsets

- ★ In order to increase production and save electricity and to earn more profit, a pilot project have been taken up during 2003-04 in three transformer areas in Theni, Coimbatore and Villupuram districts to study the effect on the consumption of energy and a total of 34 pumpsets have been energised so far, at a cost of Rs.11.12 lakhs under this programme. During 2004-05, the

programme was implemented in a large scale all over the state at a cost of Rs.919.32 lakhs covering 15,309 pumpsets.

- ★ One new diploma course in agriculture has been initiated at Dr.C.Subramaniam Institute of Agriculture functioning at Oilseeds Research Station in Tindivanam campus during the current year which is also self supporting. A total number of 49 students have registered during the academic year 2004-05.

Krishi Vigyan Kendras

- ★ Nine new Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) were established in nine districts of Tamil Nadu viz, Tindivanam, Tirur, Pechiparai, Needamangalam, Sikkal, Madurai, Vamban, Virinjipuram and Ramanathapuram during 2004.

Tamil Nadu Horticulture Development Mission

- ★ Government of Tamil Nadu have recognised the emergence of Horticulture as a growth engine of Agriculture Sector in recent years and set up a 'Mission for Horticulture development in Tamil Nadu' to give an impetus to cultivation, processing and marketing of vegetables, fruits and flowers in the State.
- ★ Considering the export potentials of horticultural crops, during 2002-03, three 'Agri Export Zones' were established. Agri Export Zones for flowers were established at Hosur and the Nilgiris. Another Agri Export Zone for 'Mango' was established at Theni (inclusive of Madurai, Dindigul, Virudhunagar, Tirunelveli and Kanniyakumari districts).
- ★ Considering the success of the water efficient agricultural practices in Israel,

Government of Tamil Nadu have sanctioned a scheme called "Tamil Nadu Precision Farming Project in Dharmapuri and Krishnagiri Districts" at an outlay of Rs.720.60 lakhs. The first year programme covering 100 ha. is implemented in 2004-05 and the second year programme will be implemented in 2005-06 in six districts with an allocation of Rs.10 crores.

- ★ Jatropa farming has been programmed to be taken up in 11 State Horticultural Farms in an area of 500 acres.
- ★ An amount of Rs.100 lakhs have been spent during 2003-04 and 2004-05 to promote alternate crops in Nilgiris.
- ★ For growing perennial fruit crops, quality-planting materials are distributed to each tribal grower at 75 percent subsidy to cover an area of 0.4 ha. per farmer under Integrated Tribal Development Programme.

Horticultural Training Centre

- ★ An assistance of Rs.5 lakhs per Horticulture Training Centre under the control of Horticulture Department, Horticulture Training Centre, Madhavaram, Central Horticulture Training Centre, Kudumianmalai and Horticulture College and Research Institute, Periyakulam under the control of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University have been provided.
- ★ To promote awareness among the students on horticulture, assistance has been provided towards establishment of Horticulture Garden not exceeding Rs.5,000 in Educational Institutions.
- ★ For the development of Horticulture in Tamil Nadu, an amount of Rs.38.40

crores under State Plan Schemes and Rs.49 crores under Schemes shared between State and Centre was spent for the past four years.

- ★ The certified seeds production has been further enhanced to 43,216 metric tonnes during 2001-02, 41,325 metric tonnes during 2002-03, 41,331 metric tonnes during 2003-04 and 48,269 metric tonnes during 2004-05.
- ★ At present, cut flowers to the tune of 400 MT worth Rs.10.80 crores are being exported to various countries.

Export Zone for cashew in Cuddalore District

- ★ An Agri Export Zone for cashew at a project cost of Rs.10.36 crores at Cuddalore district has been approved by Government of India. It will be established through private sector participation.
- ★ Orders have been issued to establish a Food Park in Nilakkottai, Dindigul District at a cost of Rs.13 crores in 100 acres.
- ★ Orders were issued to establish a Turmeric market complex exclusively for Turmeric in Nassiyanur and Villarsampatti village near Erode at a total cost of Rs.36.32 crores.
- ★ Market for cotton with specialised infrastructure needs have been constructed at 4 places viz. Tiruppur, Villupuram, Annur and Moolanur at a cost of Rs.919 lakhs.
- ★ Civil works are in progress for establishing modern infrastructural facility in Kavunthapadi regulated market especially for jaggery marketing at an estimated cost of Rs.101.60 lakhs. ❖

A PIONEER IN CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT

The Co-operative sector under the able guidance of Hon'ble Chief Minister plays a vital role in the economic development and hence has been recognised as an integral part of our national economy. The co-operatives form the backbone of the rural credit system.

Achievements

- ★ Under the scheme relating to relief to farmers on interest and penal interest scheme 2001, a total of 6,11,193 farmers have been extended relief to the tune of Rs.226.56 crores.
- ★ In view of the drought conditions and the loss of agricultural production in 2002-2003, short term loans amounting to Rs.250 crores availed by the farmers were converted into medium term loan. The Government sanctioned Rs.20 crores as its share.
- ★ The Government waived the interest on the crop loans availed by the small and marginal farmers from the co-operative



banks in order to mitigate their sufferings on account of the drought in 2002-03. The Government sanctioned Rs.61.05 crores for this purpose and under this scheme, 1,67,000 farmers were benefited.

- ★ The Government waived Rs.62 crores being the interest and penal interest due from the farmers on crop loans for the year 2003-2004 benefiting 2,43,000 agriculturists.
- ★ A sum of Rs.1.80 crores was sanctioned towards waiver of over due interest on the loans taken by tea growers in the Nilgiris District.
- ★ The medium term conversion and medium term conversion rephasing loans sanctioned prior to 1999 and outstanding as on 31.3.2004 were converted as a "Blocked Loan" and the Government sanctioned a sum of Rs.68.95 crores for the purpose.



- ★ Tamil Nadu is the first State where the Government has rescheduled crop loans and interest on them outstanding with the co-operative banks as on 31.3.2004 as a term loan. Under the scheme, there is a moratorium period of two years and the loan is repayable by the farmer in the next three years. As on 31.3.2005, loans of 7,65,607 farmers amounting to Rs.1,556.83 crores were rescheduled under this scheme.
- ★ In order to ensure that farmers are able to get credit at market rates, the Government reduced the rate of interest on term loans from 12% to 9%. Tamil Nadu is the first State in the country that fixed the rate of interest on crop loans at such a low rate.
- ★ The State Government set a target of Rs.1,037 crores for issue of crop loans to the farmers by the Co-operative Banks during the year 2004-2005. The target was exceeded and an amount of Rs.1,080.58 crores was issued as crop loans benefiting 5,29,446 farmers.
- ★ Government have issued directions to implement the 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, 32,008 farmers have been benefited to the tune of Rs.42.47 crores.
- ★ In order to alleviate the sufferings of the small tea growers, the tea processed by INDCOSERVE is being sold under Public Distribution System retail outlets. A quantity of 9,545 tonnes of tea was sold to the tune of Rs.85.91 crores.
- ★ The scheme for the sale of iodized salt to the co-operative fair price shops has been implemented from May 2002. A quantity of 65,724 tonnes of salt was sold for an amount of Rs.16.43 crores.
- ★ The scheme for the sale of Khadi products through the fair price shops has been implemented from July 2002. Sales to the tune of Rs.4.79 crores have been done so far.
- ★ Various types of loans such as short term agricultural loan, medium term loan, long term agricultural loan, jewel loan, non farm sector loan, agricultural produce pledge loan, industrial entrepreneurs and housing loan totalling to Rs.24,858.02 crores were issued by the co-operative banks from 2001-02 to 2004-05.
- ★ For the benefit of women, loans were issued for various schemes to a tune of Rs.379.37 crores benefiting 2,76,489 members.
- ★ Under the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme, a total claim of Rs.60.03 crores including the State Government share of Rs.26.68 crores was disbursed to 1,50,355 borrowers in the drought affected areas as subsidy.
- ★ In respect of the small and marginal farmers, if the loan and interest outstanding as on 31.3.2001 categorised as non-performing assets are settled, then the penal interest as on 31.3.2001 and the interest, interest on overdues and penal interest as on 1.4.2001 will be completely waived. 1,78,550 small and marginal farmers in the State will be eligible for waiver of Rs.145.90 crores.

- ★ In case of long term farm loans availed by the other farmers, if the loan and interest outstanding as 31.3.2001 classified as non performing assets together with 50% of interest accrued from 1.4.2001 to till date are paid, then they will be entitled to the waiver of penal interest as on 31.3.2001 plus 50% of interest, interest on overdues and penal interest from 1.4.2001. 57,430 farmers in the State will be eligible for a waiver of Rs.92.12 crores.
- ★ In case of non farm sector loan categorised as non-performing assets as on 31.3.2003, if the farmers repay the outstanding loans and the total interest thereon till the date of payment, then the penal interest as on 31.3.2003, interest on overdues and penal interest thereon will be waived. This will benefit 17,990 loanees to the tune of Rs.42.28 lakhs.
- ★ As on 31.3.2004, medium term loans amounting to Rs.346.01 crores was outstanding with Primary Agricultural Co-operative Bank. As per the guidelines of NABARD these loans will be converted into a term loan repayable over a period of 5 years with a moratorium period of 2 years.
- ★ The rate of interest for the loans availed from the Urban Co-operative Banks has been reduced to the current rate of interest with retrospective effect from 1.4.2001 provided the borrowers repay 25% of the dues within 3 months of the order and the balance amount within the next 6 months. The scheme is applicable to all loanees.



- ★ The abolition of 100% levy system for paddy and rice, which was in practice for over a period of 25 years and abolition of check posts, is a great achievement of this Government.
- ★ As per price fixation of the Central Government, kerosene is to be sold in public distribution system at Rs.9 to Rs.9.60 per litre. But this Government have ordered to sell kerosene at Rs.8.40 to Rs.9 per litre under PDS and kerosene is being sold accordingly.
- ★ In several other States rice is sold at Rs.6 per kg. to poor people and Rs.8 to Rs.9 for others. Though this Government was facing a severe financial crisis, continues to sell rice to all families at Rs.3.50 per kg. without any partiality.
- ★ Hon'ble Chief Minister announced on 18.5.2004 that families may apply for issue of new family cards. Accordingly, 49,31,757 persons have submitted their applications. These applications were verified and 37,70,446 applications were found eligible for issue of new family cards. Accordingly, family cards were printed and issued to the eligible persons.
- ★ The World Consumer Rights Day is celebrated on 15th March of every year in this State in a grand manner. ❖

WELFARE SCHEMES FOR HANDLOOM WEAVERS

The Textile Industry occupies a pivotal place in the economy of Tamil Nadu. The objectives and activities of the Department of Handlooms and Textiles is to promote the harmonious growth of handloom, powerloom and textile sector and to work for the welfare of the handloom weavers. Under the stewardship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Government have formulated and implemented various welfare schemes for handloom weavers.

Stagnation of Stock Reduced

- ★ With a view to liquidate the stock held with Weavers Co-operative Societies and Co-optex, various relief measures such as allowing of additional 10% rebate over and above the normal rebate of 20% discount sales and conduct of exhibitions have been taken up by the Government. In view of the measures taken by the Government, stock to the extent of Rs.442.34 crores held, has now been reduced to the level of Rs.221.52 crores and there is no stagnation of stock at present.

New Insurance Scheme to Handloom Weavers

- ★ The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu had announced that the Bunkar Bima Yojana Scheme will be implemented and the State Government will pay the premium at Rs.130 on behalf of the handloom weavers. Under the new scheme, 76,096 weavers were enrolled and premium of Rs.98.93 lakhs has been remitted by the

State Government on behalf of weavers for the year 2004-05. The insurance amount payable under the new Insurance Scheme is Rs.50,000 for natural death and Rs.80,000 for accidental death. Apart from this, ex-gratia amount of Rs.15,000 is being paid by Co-optex.

Scholarship to the children of Handloom Weavers

- ★ Under Bunkar Bima Yojana Scheme, scholarship will be paid to the children of handloom weavers studying in std. IX to



XII at Rs.300 per quarter and Rs.1,200 per year per child. During the year 2004-05, a sum of Rs.85,25,700 has been released to 9,473 students towards scholarship.

Distribution of Free Rice

- ★ When the handloom weavers were affected due to the non-implementation of Free Distribution of Sarees and Dhoties due to severe financial constraints by the Government, this Government distributed 1,324.38 metric tonne of free rice at a cost

of Rs.84.10 lakhs and provided 20 kg of free rice per weaver in three spells on 29.7.2002, 21.8.2002 and 15.9.2002 to 22,072 handloom weavers.

- ★ With a view to provide regular employment to 12,000 weavers belonging to 250 Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies, the scheme of free supply of uniform is being implemented continuously and polyester mixed uniform cloth are being supplied instead of cotton cloth.

Low Cost Sarees and Dhoties Scheme

- ★ During the year 2002-2003, a new scheme called low cost sarees and dhoties scheme has been introduced by the Government for the sale of sarees at the rate of Rs.40 per saree and dhoties at the rate of Rs.30 per dhoty. 57 lakh dhoties and 59.34 lakh sarees costing 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 during the year 2002-2003. Apart from this, the Government have also sanctioned a sum of Rs.2 crores during the year 2003-2004 and Rs.4.30 crores during the year 2004-05 towards interest subsidy.

Free Distribution Scheme of Sarees and Dhoties

- ★ The Government have reintroduced the scheme of Free Distribution of Sarees and Dhoties for Pongal from 2004 and

distributed 111 lakh polycot sarees and 111 lakh polycot dhoties at a cost of Rs.187.48 crores. This scheme was implemented during Pongal 2005 also and distributed 111.52 lakh polycot sarees and 110.98 lakh polycot dhoties at a cost of Rs.173 crores. For implementation of this scheme during 2005-2006, a provision of Rs.175 crores has been made.

- ★ The number of profit making Weavers Co-operative Societies, during the year 2000-2001 was 320. This has been increased to 601 during the year 2004-2005.

Stagnation of Stock Reduced

- ★ Handloom goods worth Rs.116.28 crores were sold for the period from 15.9.2002 to 31.1.2003 by availing the additional 10% rebate over and above the normal rebate of 20% sanctioned for cotton varieties and thereby considerable stock have been reduced.
- ★ Handloom goods worth Rs.173.81 crores were sold during the period from 15.9.2003 to 31.1.2004 by availing the additional 10% rebate over and above the normal rebate sanctioned for liquidation of stock and thereby considerable stock have been reduced.
- ★ During festival occasions for a period of 135 days and 96 days during special occasions such as Perarignar Anna's Birthday, the Government have permitted additional 10% special rebate subsidy. As a result handloom goods worth Rs.248.64 crores were sold off.

Rebate Subsidy

- ★ During the year 2000-2001, rebate subsidy was sanctioned only to the extent of Rs.61.53 crores. For the welfare of the weavers, this Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.75 crores during the year 2002-03 and a sum of Rs.88 crores during the year 2003-2004 and Rs.92 crores during the year 2004-05 besides made a provision of Rs.98 crores for the year 2005-2006.

Family Pension for Weavers Increased

- ★ For the benefit of 647 weaver families, the Family Pension payable to handloom weavers has been enhanced from Rs.250 to Rs.350.
- ★ The total Insurance amount payable to the deceased weaver has been enhanced from Rs.60,000 to Rs.65,000.
- ★ In order to encourage 25,000 weavers by providing assistance for design development, skill upgradation, etc. a comprehensive project under the special project, 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. Under this scheme, a sum of Rs.4.34 crores from Central Government and a sum of Rs.1.45 crores from State Government have been released so far and the scheme is being implemented.

Asia's biggest Housing Colony

- ★ Asia's biggest Housing Colony with 1,010 House-cum-Worksheds have been constructed for the weavers in Chennimalai area at a cost of Rs.6.87 crores.

Training to Women Handloom Weavers

- ★ Training has been given to 5,000 women handloom weavers in tailoring and other



vocations at a cost of Rs.20 lakhs, to provide them self-employment.

- ★ 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.5,000 per loom and the scheme is being implemented.

The Export Sales

- ★ Export during the year 2000-01 is 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, Rs.195.08 crores during the year 2003-2004 and Rs.264.30 crores during the year 2004-05.

- ★ The Government sanctioned a sum of Rs.76.57 crores to Co-operative Spinning Mills to repay the loan to the District Central Co-operative Banks guaranteed by the Government.

Stipend to Handloom Weavers

- ★ From the academic year 2002-03, stipend at the rate of Rs.3,000 is being given to the wards of handloom weavers from Dr.MGR Handloom Weavers Welfare Trust for studying BDS Degree course in Dental Colleges.



- ★ 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 of newly designed sarees.
- ★ To provide infrastructural facilities such as road, power, water supply, training centre and pollution control, action is being taken to implement Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme in Textiles Cities such as Kancheepuram, Salem, Karur and Dindigul at an estimated cost of Rs.20 crores each. The State Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.5 crores as advance to implement the scheme at Kancheepuram.

- ★ In order to check the quality of Zari in silk sarees, "X Ray Fluorescence Analyser" at a cost of Rs.22.84 lakhs has been installed in Kancheepuram.
- ★ 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 a cost of Rs.5 lakhs.

Construction of Worksheds for Handloom Weavers

- ★ To provide better environment at work place for weavers, subsidy was sanctioned towards construction of 17,021 worksheds for handloom weavers during the past four years.

Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited

- ★ In the Production Units of the Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited, many varieties of brass lamps, stone carvings, Tanjore art plates, bronze statues and sandalwood products worth of Rs.6.29 crores are produced. During the past four years, handicrafts products worth of Rs.51.98 crores were sold.
- ★ The Corporation is implementing training scheme in various crafts, development of tools and machines, upgradation of technologies, research and design and cluster approach for the development of crafts (5 craft clusters) projects, under Part-II Schemes for the year 2004-2005 to a tune of Rs.58.80 lakhs.
- ★ The Corporation has undertaken Special Project works in the Hindu Temples within Tamil Nadu and also in other States with a total project cost of Rs.5.56 crores.

FREE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE FOR THE POOR



Tamil Nadu's health indicators place Tamil Nadu near the top among the various states of India. The Government is fully confident that the various measures undertaken in the health sector will turn Tamil Nadu into the best state in the country.

- ★ A 300 bedded Medical College has been started in Kanniyakumari. Actions are being taken for establishing new Medical College Hospital in Vellore and Theni Districts.
- ★ Orders have been issued for increasing the intake of existing MBBS seats to 150 seats, each in 5 Government Medical colleges.
- ★ The Institute of Mental Health at Chennai has been strengthened and the functional facilities have been improved. A new administrative building at a cost Rs.1.05 crores has been sanctioned and construction is nearing completion.
- ★ Eye wards in all teaching Medical Institutions have been modified and strengthened with the fund provision of more than Rs.1 crore.

- ★ A new Tower Block consisting of 7 storey and Modern Kitchen was ordered to be constructed at a cost of Rs.104.47 crores. The construction work is being completed.
- ★ With the help of CDC, Atlanta, Rs.4.50 crores grant has been given to Government Hospital of Thoracic Medicine, Tambaram. Diagnostic facilities have been completely modified.
- ★ Air conditioner facilities have been provided to 119 operation theatres in Government Hospitals, District and Taluk Headquarters Hospitals.
- ★ To ensure uninterrupted power supply to Government Hospitals, District and Taluk Headquarters Hospitals sanction have been accorded for the provision of 75 KVA and 40 KVA Generators to 6 Hospitals.

Accident and Emergency services

- ★ Accident and emergency services has been extended to Omalur, Krishnagiri, Kovilpatti, Ambur, Tindivanam and Perambalur Government Hospitals at a cost of near 7.55 crores during the last four years.
- ★ To render advanced Medical Diagnostic Services to the general public, Regional Diagnostic Centres are being established in Tiruvannamalai, Villupuram, Namakkal, Tiruppur, Pudukkottai, Virudhunagar and Ramanathapuram at a cost of Rs.21 crores.
- ★ To ensure emergency obstetric and New Born Care services are easily accessible, 51 Hospitals and 11 Medical College Hospitals, have been identified to provide round the clock Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and New Born care services.

- * X-Ray Block and X-Ray Plant have been provided to the Taluk Headquarters Hospital during 2003 - 04 at a cost of Rs.1.44 crores.
- * 12 new schools of nursing were established.
- * The intake of students in already existing 9 nursing schools have been increased to 50.
- * 5 Government Hospitals were upgraded as Government headquarters hospitals.
- * During the last four years, 105 Primary Health Centres have been upgraded. 5 New Primary Health centres were established. 1,060 doctors have been appointed on contract basis in primary health centres.
- * During the last four years 1,295 speciality medical camps were conducted benefitting 26.93 lakh persons.
- * During the last four years, 16,55,636 persons have undergone sterilisation.
- * Construction of additional buildings, purchase of equipments and chemicals at a cost of Rs.2.87 crores have been carried out through Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy department.
- * An amount Rs.1 crore was sanctioned by the Government of India for setting up of Siddha Wings in four District Headquarters Hospitals.
- * An amount Rs.160 lakhs was sanctioned by the Government of India for setting up of Speciality Clinics of Siddha at 16 Taluk Hospitals.
- * Medicines have been purchased to a tune of Rs.8.18 crores in 2003 - 2004.
- * Awareness campaigns have been conducted on reduction of female infanticide by preventive counselling in Madurai and Theni Districts.
- * To control the misuse of Psychotropic drugs like Fortwin, Compose, Alprax etc. surprise inspections were conducted at sales concerns and has been taken action against these erring persons.
- * Drugs and medicines are procured and supplied to the Government Hospitals at a cost of Rs.458.18 crores during the last four years.
- * Medical equipments at an expenditure of Rs.64.55 crores have been purchased and supplied to Government Hospitals.
- * Drug warehouses were constructed at a cost of Rs.11.50 crores.



- * Under DANIDA scheme, repairs and maintenance works were undertaken at a cost of Rs.20.88 crores.
- * Two MRI Scans, one at Government General Hospital, Chennai another at Government Rajaji Hospital, Madurai at a total cost of Rs.9.58 crores and 18 CT Scans at a cost of Rs.13.16 crores have been installed.
- * Three Cobalt Therapy Units have been procured and supplied to Government Rajaji Hospital, Madurai, Government Royapettah Hospital, Chennai and Egmore Maternity Hospital, Chennai at a cost of Rs.4.50 crores.
- * Cobalt Therapy Unit and other accessories were supplied to Government Stanley Medical College Hospital, at a total cost of Rs.2 crores.
- * Three Soft Tissue Mammography units have been procured and supplied to Thanjavur Government Medical College, Coimbatore Medical College and Tirunelveli Medical College at a total cost of Rs.90 lakhs.
- * Tamil Nadu State AIDS Control Society has been implementing 64 ongoing intervention projects through Non-Governmental Organisation.
- * 42 Voluntary Counselling Testing Centre were established in the State, covering all the Government Medical College Hospitals and District Head Quarters Hospitals to give people an opportunity to know and accept their HIV status in a confidential environment.
- * Prevention of parent to child and transmission centres were established in 47 Hospitals in Tamil Nadu during 2001-2002.
- * Tamil Nadu State AIDS Control Society has established two community care centres, one at Vellore and another at

Coimbatore for providing care and support to HIV/AIDS patients and their families.

- * During 2003-2004, for the first time, all the 8417 High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools including Matriculation Schools both in the public and private sector have been brought under SCHOOL AIDS EDUCATION PROGRAMME. UNICEF and USAID assisted Aids Prevention and Control Project have extended their support for the programme in the State.
- * During 2003, Family Health Awareness Campaign camps were conducted in as many as 14,889 locations, covering the entire State with adequate multimedia publicity and as a result, the number of persons with STD identified and treated in these camps went up from 6,63,330 in 2002 to 11,05,047 in 2003, of which, 8,31,986 were women.
- * A National AIDS Referral Laboratory was established in the Madras Medical College, Microbiology Department at a cost of Rs. 2.7 lakhs. It is providing training to all the laboratory personnel in Tamil Nadu.
- * Prevention of parent to child and transmission centres have been established in 65 hospitals in Tamil Nadu and the new integrated counselling and testing centres were established in 68 Taluk Head Quarters Hospital.
- * During the past four years, 16,57,043 cataract surgeries have been performed.
- * During 2002 - 2005, 65,99,403 school children were tested for eye defects, 1,01,674 were provided with spectacles.
- * 14,226 eyes were collected from donors and 7,718 persons were benefitted.

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SPEEDY IMPLEMENTATION OF SOCIAL WELFARE SCHEMES

Through the Social Welfare Department, various welfare schemes are being implemented for the benefit of children, destitute, deserted and handicapped women and the aged. Among these, familiar schemes like Girl Child Protection Scheme, Marriage Assistance Schemes, Government Orphanages, Service Homes, Creches and Free supply of Sewing Machines are being implemented. Hon'ble Chief Minister has also introduced the scheme of adoption and cradle baby Scheme to eradicate the female infanticide and this is also being implemented in a comparable manner with other welfare schemes.

Girl Child Protection Scheme

- ★ During the last four years, a sum of Rs.75.48 crores have been incurred for the benefit of 49,489 girl children.

Marriage Assistance Scheme for Women

- ★ Under the various Marriage Assistance Schemes, a sum of Rs.5.76 crores have been incurred during the past 4 years. By the Scheme about 19,124 women are being benefitted.

Free Supply of Sewing Machine Scheme

- ★ Under the Sathyavanimuthu Ammaiya Ninaivu Free Supply of Sewing Machine Scheme, 29,299 women have been benefitted a sum of Rs.575.91 lakhs during the last four years.

Government Orphanages

- ★ For Government Orphanages a sum of Rs.1,724.30 lakhs have been incurred.

Under this scheme about 5,000 orphan children are benefitted every year. To provide healthy, protective, safety and good environment for the orphan children, own buildings are being constructed at Dharmapuri and Madurai.

Creches for Working Women Children

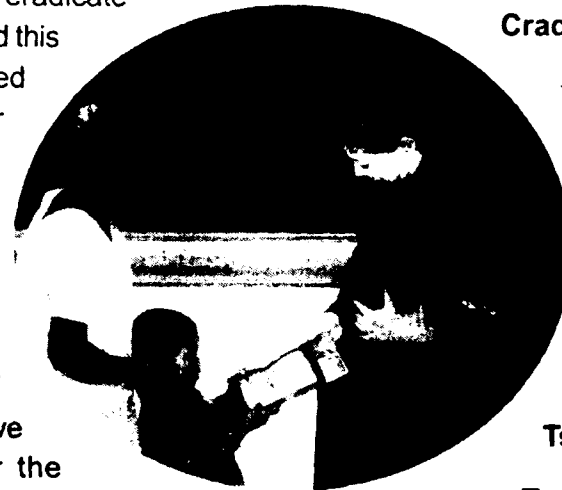
- ★ Under this scheme, 3,500 children were benefitted a sum of Rs.1.49 crores during the last four years.

Cradle Baby Scheme

- ★ Under this scheme, reception centres are functioning Government Hospitals, Primary Health Centres, Government orphanages, Rs.20.48 lakhs has been spent for this scheme.

Tsunami Relief

- ★ To rehabilitate the orphans in the Tsunami affected districts of Cuddalore, Nagapattinam and Nagercoil, three Government Orphanages have been started for the benefit of 300 orphan children at a sum of Rs.47.76 lakhs. By this, 184 children are being benefitted.
- ★ To provide financial assistance to orphaned children, Government have issued orders sanctioning Rs.5 lakhs. This amount will be deposited in the name of the orphaned child in Tamil Nadu Power Finance Corporation. When the beneficiary attains the age of 18 years, the deposit will be paid either to pursue higher education or to take up self employment.
- ★ For the Rehabilitation of tsunami affected orphans, adolescent girls who lost their



parents, orphanages and service homes have been started at a cost of Rs.89.50 lakhs.

- ★ Government have issued orders to deposit Rs.5 lakhs each in the name of adolescent girl child between the age group of 14 to 18 years, who are residing in Service Homes. When the Girl child attain the age of 18 years the deposit will be paid to them to pursue higher education or to take up self employment

TAMIL NADU WOMEN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

- ★ During past four years, about 1,20,005 new Self Help Groups were formed and 19,79,494 women were benefitted.
- ★ The Group Savings in the past four years was about Rs. 560.14 crores. An amount of Rs.863.51 crores have been provided as credit linkages to these SHGs for starting their own enterprises by way of taking up economic activities.

ENTREPRENEUR DEVELOPMENT TRAINING (EDP)

- ★ Government have introduced a scheme of imparting Entrepreneur Development Training for one lakh women per year, totalling 5 lakh women for starting their own enterprises. In the past four years, Tamil Nadu Women Development Corporation in coordination with other Government Departments has provided entrepreneur development training to 4,83,481 women. This includes the Tamil Nadu Women Development Corporation's share of 85,000 women trained at a total cost of Rs.639.80 lakhs.

VOCATIONAL AND SKILL TRAINING

- ★ In the past four years about 65,821 EDP trained women have been provided with Vocational and Skill training at a total cost of Rs.300 lakhs to take up self employment. Taking this into account,



about 2,30,763 women have been imparted vocational and skill training by various Government Departments.

Rehabilitation of the Disabled

- ★ Boarding, lodging, uniforms, text books are given at free of cost to the 2,230 disabled children studying in 23, Government Special Schools at a cost of Rs.24.32 crores.
- ★ The number of beneficiaries have been increased from 13,700 to 15,000 under the scheme of scholarship given to the disabled students studying, in Special schools, High schools, Higher Secondary Schools, Colleges and Universities at a cost of Rs.4.28 crores.
- ★ A sum of Rs.43.59 lakhs was allotted to run teachers training course to teach visually handicapped persons in Junior and Senior Diploma.

- ★ Marriage assistance given to normal persons marrying visually handicapped was increased from Rs.7,000 to Rs.10,000 and Rs.37.30 lakhs was spent benefiting 373 persons.
- ★ Marriage assistance given to normal persons marrying orthopaedically handicapped persons was enhanced from Rs.7,000 to Rs.10,000 and Rs.53.35 lakhs was spent benefiting 576 persons.
- ★ Marriage assistance given to normal persons marrying hearing handicapped persons was enhanced from Rs.7,000 to Rs.10,000 and Rs.53.03 lakhs was spent benefiting 587 persons.
- ★ Tamil Nadu have obtained 14 National Awards out of 70 National Awards given by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- ★ Ramanathapuram District was selected for National Award as Best District at National Level for providing effective rehabilitation services to the disabled persons.

WORLD BANK ASSISTED ICDS-III PROJECT

- ★ Under the World Bank Assisted ICDS-III Project, 3 new ICDS Projects and 12,852 new Anganwadi Centres were Started. Now 42,677 Anganwadi Centres functioning in 434 projects.

Civil Works

- ★ 10,000 Anganwadi Centres repaired at a cost of Rs.7 crores.
- ★ Construction of 82 Anganwadi Centres have been completed at a cost of Rs.102.50 lakhs.

- ★ An amount of Rs.12.10 crores was released to Director of Rural Development and Commissioner of Municipal Administration to carry out repair works of the Nutritious Meal Centres.

KISHORY SHAKTI YOJANA (ADOLESCENT GIRLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME)

- ★ This Scheme exclusively meant for the welfare of the Adolescent girls. It is being implemented since 2001-2002 in 37 ICDS Projects in Pudukottai, Dharmapuri, Madurai, Villupuram, Thanjavur, The Nilgiris, Salem, Kancheepuram, Tiruvallur, Nagapattinam and Cuddalore at a cost of Rs.40.15 lakhs and continued every year at the same cost. This Scheme was continued during the years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05.

Development of Adolescent Girls

- ★ Orientation sessions on Health and Nutrition, personal hygiene and Environmental Sanction, Family Life Education and Personality Development for Adolescent Girls have been conducted in 19,500 villages. 6.23 lakhs of Adolescent girls have been benefitted at a cost of Rs.109.62 lakhs.

TRAINING ACTIVITIES

- ★ A number of training programmes such as job training, Refresher Training and Innovative Trainings have been conducted for the various level of functionaries a sum of Rs.14.17 Crores.
- ★ 26,240 Anganwadi Workers, 25,785 Anganwadi Helpers, 1,553 Supervisors and 1,035 other Project functionaries have been trained.

INCLUSION OF CURRY LEAF / DRUMSTICK LEAF POWDER IN THE NUTRITIOUS MEAL TO COMBAT VITAMIN 'A' DEFICIENCY

- ★ In order to combat vitamin 'A' deficiency among children, 2 grams of drumstick leaf powder/curry leaf powder in the nutritious meal per child per day for 5 days a week (Monday to Friday) has been included in addition to the vegetables already provided. This scheme has been introduced on a pilot basis in six districts viz. Theni, Kancheepuram, Vellore, Thiruvannamalai, Cuddalore and Perambalur at the rate of 2 blocks in each district. About 35,000 children were benefited under the scheme a sum of Rs.22 lakhs.

Protein Rich Food

- ★ In addition to nutritious meal, 20 grams boiled potato along with noon meal. Besides, one boiled egg to each beneficiary is given along with the noon meal on every Thursday. By this scheme, each beneficiary derives an additional

nutrition of 168.4 Kcal of energy and 10.93 gm. of protein per week.

About 68.28 lakhs Children (School and Anganwadi children) are benefitted at a cost of Rs.39 crores under this scheme.

WEANING FOOD AND NUTRITIOUS MEAL TO ANGANWADI CHILDREN

- ★ Nutritious Noon Meal and Weaning food are served to the Anganwadi children.
- ★ An amount of Rs.54.72 crores has been incurred towards weaning food during 2004-2005.
- ★ The children in the Anganwadi Centres/ Puratchi Thalaivar MGR NMP Centres are provided with set of eversilver plates and tumblers every year with effect from 2002-2003, 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 and a sum of Rs.1 crore every year is provided for this purpose.

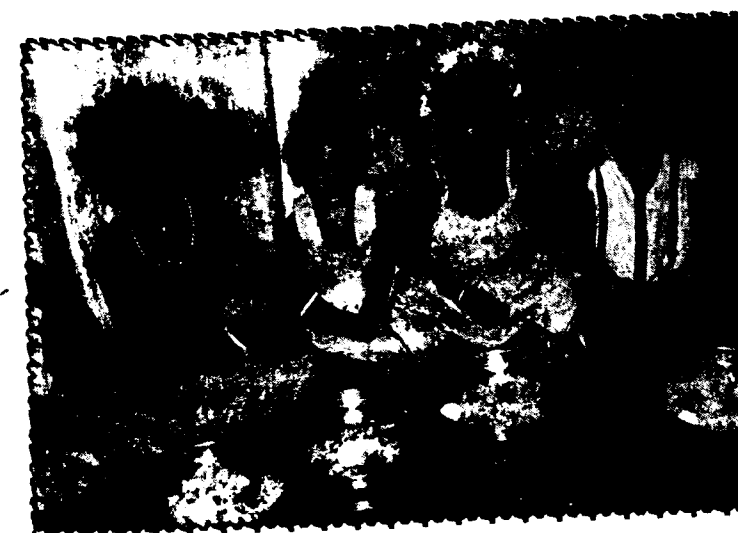
Distribution of Aluminium Vessels to the ICDS Centres & Noon Meal Centres

- ★ The Aluminium Vessels have been distributed to the Anganwadi Centres and School Noon Meal Centres at a cost of Rs.200 lakhs from the years 2002-03 to 2004-05.

Repairing Noon Meal Centres

A sum of Rs.25.10 crores has been spent for repairing the PTMGR Noon Meal Centres.

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SPEEDY IMPLEMENTATION OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES



The Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Administration are concerned with the task of alleviation of poverty of the rural poor and promotion of sustainable livelihood opportunities through self employment programmes, generation of additional income and strengthening the rural infrastructural facilities through wage employment programmes, improvement of quality of life of the rural people through rural housing and sanitation programmes and participation and involvement of the people in the process of development through the Panchayat Raj Institutions.

The Government have been striving to realise the objective of holistic rural development through various Central and State sponsored schemes.

Namadhu Gramam

- ★ 'Namadhu Gramam' - new scheme for true empowerment of the people with an outlay of Rs.200 crores is the brain child of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

Computerisation of Village Panchayats

- ★ 1,113 Village Panchayats, 385 Panchayat Unions and 29 offices of Assistant Directors of Panchayats and the Directorate of Rural Development have been provided with computers at a cost

of Rs.10.37 crores, making Tamil Nadu a forerunner in taking I.T. enabled administration and e-governance to the village level.

Model Village Training Centres

- ★ The Hon'ble Chief Minister launched the Model Village Training Centres and participated in a Video Conference with Aranmanaipudur Village Panchayat President, Theni District. The flow of information between the Village Panchayat, Block Panchayat and the District Panchayat and establishment of electronic connectivity for sharing best practices has been appreciated at the national level.

Promotion of Energy Efficient Systems in Rural Areas

- ★ The achievement under the Rural Renewable Energy Programmes with 11 Bio Mass Gasifiers, 1,274 bio-gas linked individual toilets, 1,587 bio-gas plants, 3003 Solar Photo Voltaic (SPV) street lights, 304 SPV home lights, 22 SPV pumps etc has been appreciated at the national level.

Rural Sanitation

- ★ Under Rural Sanitation Scheme, special initiatives have been taken up in 28 Districts. As a result, Tamil Nadu has been adjudged the best performing State in the country in Rural Sanitation. The achievement and success of the rural sanitation programme has attracted visitors from within and outside the country.

Rain Water Harvesting

- ★ Rain water harvesting structures have been installed in 66,61,965 buildings in rural areas. This apart, 1,36,026 rain water harvesting structures have been put up to collect the surface run off rain water.

Ooranies rejuvenated

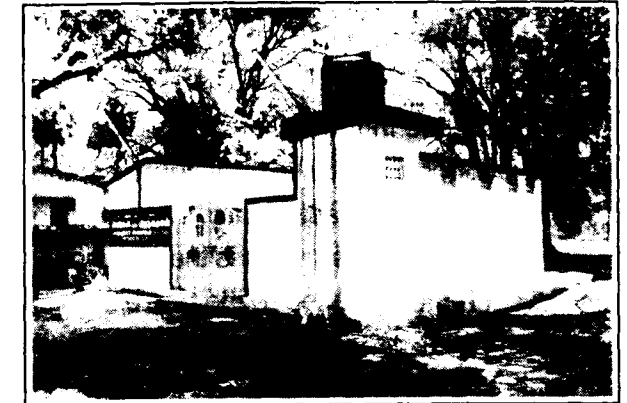
- ★ 246 Ooranies have been rejuvenated at a cost of Rs.7.38 crores.
- ★ A special project is being implemented to alleviate the sufferings of the 25,000 indigent handloom weavers spread over in 13 districts at a cost of Rs.25 crores.
- ★ A special project is being implemented in Ramanathapuram, Coimbatore and Tuticorin districts at a cost of Rs.8.11 crores for providing assistance to physically challenged and to make them economically independent.
- ★ 95,293 women have been given Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) training at a cost of Rs.66.71 lakhs.
- ★ With a view to improve ground water table 12,398 village tanks have been taken up for improvement with multiple benefits at a cost of Rs.124 crores.
- ★ In order to protect the environment, personal hygiene and harnessing non-conventional energy over 1,219 kms of waste plastic mixed bitumen roads have been laid so far. 3,090 solar powered street lights have been installed and 1,274 individual household latrines have been linked with bio-gas plants.
- ★ Under the Sampooma Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), 2,87,960 works of various nature have been completed at a cost of Rs.1,153.10 crores generating 12.76 crores man days in the last four 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.

Construction of Thrashing Floors

- ★ Construction of 13,928 thrashing floors at a cost of Rs.83.57 crores has been taken up to benefit agriculturists.

Self Help Group Buildings

- ★ 12,872 Self Help Group buildings have been constructed at a cost of Rs.128.72 crores for the SHG members.



Rural Housing Scheme

- ★ Under Rural Housing Scheme, 1,49,838 houses at a cost of Rs. 450.28 crores have been constructed during the past four years. 75,201 kutcha houses were upgraded during the last four years at a cost of Rs.78.94 crores.
- ★ Under the Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY) in the last four years, construction of 26,298 houses have been completed at a cost of Rs.90.91 crores.
- ★ Under the Swarnajayanthi Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY), 1,76,672 self help groups covering 4,42,531 families have been provided with revolving fund to tune of Rs.80.61 crores, 27,591 self help groups covering 3,19,747 families have been assisted for taking up economic activity to a tune of Rs.106.45 crores.

Integrated Sanitary Complex

- ★ Construction of 13,064 Integrated Sanitary Complex for the women and children were completed at a cost of Rs.294 crores.
- ★ Under Member of Parliament Local Area Development Programme (MPLAD) 34,221 works were taken up in the last four years at a cost of Rs.589.38 crores.

Village Administrative Office Buildings

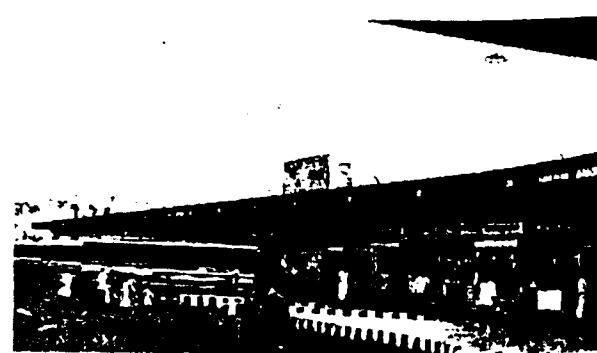
- ★ 12,422 Village Administrative Office buildings were constructed.
- ★ Under Self Sufficiency Scheme 5,726 works at a cost of Rs.101.55 crores have been taken up in the last four years. ♦

FLOURISHING WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES

The increase in the Urban population and related economic activities, accentuate the demand for urban infrastructure. The bridging of the gaps in various services is the top priority of the Government headed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa, along with augmenting the resources of the Local Urban bodies, so that they can progressively become self sustaining entities.

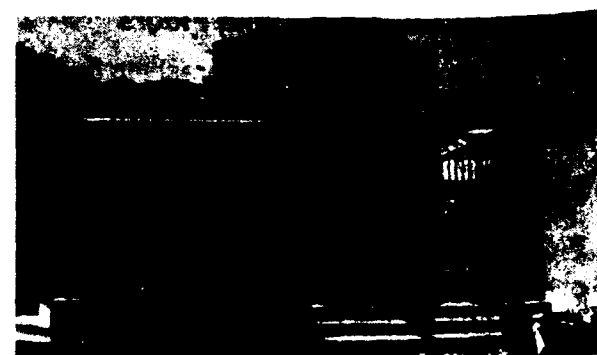
Water Supply Works

- ★ During the past four years, 1,635 water supply works were taken up at a cost of Rs.16.16 crores and so far, 1,269 works have been completed.
- ★ Under the National River Conservation Programme, new sewerage schemes are being implemented in Tiruchirappalli, Madurai, Tirunelveli, Karur, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur, Mayiladuthurai with assistance from Government of India at a total cost of Rs.575.30 crores.
- ★ An infrastructure investment plan was formulated at an estimated at a cost of Rs.31.12 crores to tackle the inundation problems in the 8 Municipalities surrounding Chennai City and 175 works including construction of new storm water drains, upgradation of damaged roads, etc., were taken up and completed on warfooting.
- ★ Under Swarna Jayanthi Shahari Rozgar Yojana Scheme, Development of Women and Child Welfare in Urban Areas Scheme, Urban Wage Employment Programme and National Slum Development Programmes, various



developmental works were implemented at a cost of Rs.213 crores.

- ★ Computerisation of Urban Local Bodies is being implemented in Tamil Nadu. E-Governance is being implemented in all Corporations and Municipalities. All the Urban Local Bodies functions were identified distinctly and a total of 18 Software modules viz. Birth & Death, Property Tax, Water Charges, Non-Tax, Profession Tax, Building plan approval etc., were developed. Out of 18 modules of functions of ULBs, as on date about 14 main modules are in operation in all the Municipalities and Corporations.
- ★ Additional computer hardwares, softwares and peripherals for all Corporations and Municipalities including Municipal Administration Department and Directorate of Town Panchayats were



supplied at an estimated cost of Rs. 17 crores. The installation and commissioning have been successfully completed in March 2004.

- ★ Under 'Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana' integrated sanitation programme, construction of 525 ISP complexes were undertaken at a cost of 52.50 crores.
- ★ Out of the 905 sanitary units proposed to be constructed in slum areas 426 units have been completed.
- ★ Under the Eleventh Finance Commission Recommendations 1,592 km. length of road works have been taken up and completed at a cost of Rs.113.56 crores.
- ★ Under the Eleventh Finance Commission Recommendations Grant during 2001-2002, 2002-2003 and 2003-2004, an amount of Rs.107.38 crores has been sanctioned to all Municipalities and Corporations for carrying out the maintenance works relating to civic services like education, health, water, street lighting and sanitation.
- ★ Urban Local Bodies have successfully implemented Rain Water Harvesting structures in 7,647 Government Buildings, 23,15,520 Private Residential Houses and Institutional and Commercial Buildings, 36,977 Water Sources, 2,546 Road Margins, 99 Thorough Fares, 2,335 Streets, 409 Corporation and Municipal Tanks and 365 Bridges and Culverts, totalling to 23,65,898.
- ★ Under Rural Water Supply Programme, 176 Combined Water Supply Schemes have been completed at a cost of Rs.1740

crores, benefiting 58 urban towns and 10,428 rural habitations covering a population of 88.26 lakhs, during the last four years. 16,089 habitations have been provided with Individual Power Pump Schemes at an estimated cost of Rs.804 crores to benefit a population of 40 lakhs.

- ★ 33,821 hand pumps converted into Mini Power Pump schemes, with Ground Level Service Reservoirs, at a cost of Rs.202 crores.
- ★ 19,833 Schools have been provided with protected water supply at a cost of Rs.20 crores.
- ★ 167 towns have been covered with schemes at an estimated cost of Rs.534 crores, benefiting a population of 50.46 lakhs.
- ★ In order to augment the Chennai City Water Supply by 180 MLD, a project at a cost of Rs.720 crores is proposed and implemented by the Government, consequent of commissioning of this project, water supply to Chennai is being restored.
- ★ Under Krishna Water supply scheme, it was proposed to provide water supply facilities to 12 adjacent urbanised areas viz. Pammal, Meenambakkam, Anaka-puthur, Kowl Bazaar and Pozhichalur, Puzhuthivakkam and Ullagaram, Ramapuram, Valasarawalkam, Maduravoil, Porur and Alandur at a cost of Rs.26.54 crores under TNUDF funds. All works have been completed.
- ★ Government have accorded administrative approval for Rs.21.92 crores for providing water supply facilities

to various local bodies by utilising borrowing funds from TNDUF and accordingly works have been carried out in the adjacent 12 urban local bodies.

- ★ The Government of Tamil Nadu along with Government of India formulated the Chennai City Rivers Conservation Project at a cost of Rs.1,700 crore with an objective to prevent sewage entering into the city waterways and also keep them clean on sustainable basis. The Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, National Rivers Conservation Directorate (NRCD) agreed to fund partly the component of prevention of untreated sewage reaching waterways costing Rs.720.15 crores which includes Grant from NRCD Rs.491.52 crores and Internal generation by CMWSSB Rs.228.63 crores.

Sea Water Desalination Plant

- ★ Keeping in view the chronic problem of water scarcity in Chennai and adjoining areas due to frequent failure of the monsoons, Government had decided to set up a Sea Water desalination plant. The required land of 60 acres has also been identified at the northern outskirts of Chennai City near Minjur.

On-line Collection of Water and Sewerage Tax / Charges

- ★ At present, the Chennai Metrowater Board is collecting Water and Sewerage Tax/ Water supply Charges through computerised collection centers of the Board located at 10 Area Offices, 70 Depot Offices and at the Head Office. In addition to this, 22 specified branches of Canara Bank are also authorised to collect Tax/ charges on behalf of the Board during the



collection drive period. The water and sewerage tax / charges collected by ICICI bank through Internet on-line payment amount to around Rs.4.53 lakhs from September 2003 to January 2005.

Issue of Tax Free Municipal Bonds

- ★ The Board made its entry into the Municipal Bond market in 2003-04 to part finance the execution of CWSAP - I by way of issue of Tax Free Bonds. The Board has proposed to issue Tax Free Bonds to the tune of Rs.50 crore to part finance the project of 530 MLD Treatment Plant.

India Mark II Pumps

- ★ The construction of bore wells, including supply and erection of 1,258 numbers of India Mark II pumps at various locations in Chennai City at needy locations have been completed at a cost of Rs.6 crores.

HDPE Tanks

- ★ 2000 numbers of HDPE tanks have been purchased and erected at various places in Chennai City at an approximate estimate cost of Rs.3 crores. By combining the effects of all the above works and by very closely monitoring the sourcing, transportation and distribution of water on a continuous basis, an equitable supply of minimum quantity to all the residents has been ensured.

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SOCIAL UPLIFT AND MAKE SELF-DEPENDENT “A HOUSE FOR EACH FAMILY”



Housing plays a predominant role among the primary and basic needs of the people. The Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa has set the goal of providing “a house for each family”. In order to achieve this goal, the state of Art of Projects which are first of its kind in the country, were executed and dedicated to public service by this Government during the last four years.

- ★ Chennai Muffusil bus Terminus (CMBT) – the biggest modern bus terminus in South India.
- ★ Chennai Contract carriages Bus Terminus (CCCBT) – the first terminal developed for private bus operators by the Government exchequer.
- ★ Beautification of Marina Beach – Cleaning and beautifying the second longest Beach in the World through Mechanisation.
- ★ Bio Methanation Project – the pioneer Project in the country for generating electricity from vegetable waste.
- ★ Besides, Government has granted certain concessions in the parameter for

Development control Rule to Information and Bio- technology developments, so as to encourage the development of Information Technology and Bio -Tech in Tamil Nadu especially in Chennai City. This measure has attracted investments in the field of IT and Bio-Tech, to ensure the Chennai city becoming the silicon city of South India.

- ★ Chennai Muffusil Bus Terminus, the south Asia's largest Bus Depot has been set up on a 37-acre plot in Koyambedu at a cost of Rs.103 crores.

- ★ Abutting the Koyambedu Wholesale Market Complex a terminal for contract carriage bus operators in an area of 4.5 acres at a cost of Rs.3 crores has been set up. The Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa has inaugurated the same on 22.9.2003.
- ★ The Government have initiated to generate power from the vegetable waste in Koyambedu whole sale Market complex at an estimated cost of Rs.5 crores. This plant will handle 30 tons/day of vegetable wastes and produce about 230 KW power and 10 tons of wet compost cakes. The proposed power generation is 17.20 M.units per annum.
- ★ Under Mass Rapid Transit System, from Thirumylai Station to Velachery, for a distance of 11.17 km is being developed sharing the cost of the project by Government of Tamil Nadu and Union Government at a cost of Rs.706 crores.



Beautification of Marina Beach

- ★ Marina Beach at Chennai is one of the longest and beautiful beaches in the World. Marina beach for a length of 3.2 kms from Anna Memorial to Light House as first phase at a cost of Rs.36 lakhs per annum.
- ★ Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority has prepared an infrastructure investment plan for the Chennai Metropolitan Area, in sectors of transport, housing, water supply and swerage, drainage and solid waste management etc., These infrastructures are planned to be either provided or upgraded.
- ★ The buildings constructed prior to 31.3.2002 without getting plan approval or with deviations have been regulated. So far, Rs.228.19 crores has been collected from the public.
- ★ In order to encourage the development of Information Technology, the Government

has granted concession on certain parameters of Development Control Rule.

Outer Ring Road

- ★ The length of the proposed Outer Ring Road is about 62 km., connecting Vandalur in the South and Minjur in the North at an estimated cost of Rs.785 crores.

★ Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board has constructed 27,962 multi-storeyed tenements, individual houses and 9,060 A.C.Sheet roof houses for poor,

urban slum families during the past four years at an expenditure of Rs.249.51 crores.

- ★ As part of the Flood Alleviation programme, the slum families living on river margins and posing hindrance to desilting operations are being resettled in alternative places. 3,000 tenements at Okkium Thuriapakkam have been constructed at a cost of Rs.26.16 crores during the last four years.
- ★ The slum families living in congested slums are rehoused in storeyed tenements. 816 multi storeyed tenements have been constructed at a cost of Rs.8.59 crores past four years.
- ★ By utilising the Tamil Nadu Special Welfare Fund, Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board has constructed 64 multi-storeyed tenements at an expenditure of Rs.77 lakhs.

- ★ Utilising the Special Problem Grant of Tenth Finance Commission, 1,624 tenements were constructed at an estimated cost of Rs.14.35 crores at Okkium Thuraipakkam, Chennai.

- ★ In order to resettle the remaining slum families squatting on river margins and posing hindrance to desilting operations Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board has constructed 5,164 tenements at a total cost of Rs.57.28 crores.

Fire Proof houses

- ★ A.C. Sheet roof houses with pucca side walls have been provided for 9,060 families at a cost of Rs.15.63 crores.
- ★ Under Vambay Scheme, TNSCB has provided individual houses in urban areas with RCC brick side walls having a plinth area of 150 sq.ft. for 9,500 families at a cost of Rs.38 crores. Besides, the work of construction of 5,000 houses at a total

locations in the mega cities of Tamil Nadu, namely Chennai, Madurai and Coimbatore, utilising the Special Problem Grant of Eleventh Finance Commission has been completed.

- ★ The structural repairs and renewal works have been carried out for 30,514 old storeyed slum tenements in Chennai and other towns in Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs.14.23 crores.

- ★ To improve the water supply, 100 deep bore wells have been sunk in the slum tenemental areas at a cost of Rs.76 lakhs.

- ★ The rain water harvesting systems have been installed in all the 144 tenemental schemes in Chennai and other towns to a tune of Rs.23.61 lakhs.

- ★ Under Special Component Plan, in the last 2 years, 45,889 scheduled caste families have been benefited at a cost of Rs. 76.56 crores.

- ★ Under the Entrepreneurial Development Programme, training has been imparted to 19,306 slum women at a cost of Rs.195 lakhs.

- ★ During the last four years, construction of multi storeyed tenements, individual houses and A.C. sheet roof houses were completed at a cost of Rs.249.51 crores benefiting 1,21,898 families.

- ★ To make the slum areas habitable, basic amenities like water supply, public conveniences, roads, drains, street lights, etc. have been provided for 30,124 families at a cost of Rs.5.25 crores.

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cost of Rs.20 crores has been commenced.

- ★ The work of construction of 5,172 houses at a total cost of Rs.49 crores to resettle the slum families living in objectionable

CONSERVATION OF FORESTS



Under the dynamic leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Forest as a life supporting system plays a very crucial role in the ecological and rural development of our State. Tamil Nadu has a great tradition of preserving its forest wealth and concern for environment.

National River Conservation Programme

- ★ A centrally sponsored scheme of "Abatement of Pollution in five polluted stretches of river Cauvery in Tamil Nadu" is being implemented viz. Trichy, Erode, Bhavani, Komarapalayam and Pallipalayam. A sum of Rs.1946.40 lakhs has been spent, during the last four years through the executing agencies viz., TWAD Board and the concerned local bodies. All the works in Trichy, Komarapalayam and Erode have been completed. In respect of Bhavani, works are in progress.
- ★ Government of India have approved a proposal for cleaning the River Cauvery, Vaigai and Tamiraparani along the seven towns viz., Trichy-Srirangam, Thanjavur, Kumbakonam, Karur, Mayiladuthurai, Madurai and Tirunelveli. During the past four years an amount of Rs.22,438.83 lakhs has been incurred under the project

through the implementing agencies viz., TWAD Board, CMWSSB and concerned local bodies upto 28.02.2005.

Chennai City River Conservation Project (CCRCP)

- ★ Government of India have approved Rs.49,152 lakhs for intercepting and treating sewage in six Chennai city Waterways. The project is being implemented since 2001. About 97% of the interception and diversion work and about 95% of the STP work has been completed with a financial achievement of Rs.29,766.71 lakhs.

National Lake Conservation Programme

- ★ Under National Lake Conservation Programme, Government of India has released Rs.171 lakhs for Ooty Lake and Rs.200 lakhs for Kodaikanal Lake. Of this, Rs.142.50 lakhs have been utilised upto February 2005 for Ooty Lake. Works to a tune of Rs.33.40 lakhs has been completed in Kodaikanal lake.

A Pilot Research Project - ECO City

- ★ 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.

Carrying Capacity Evaluation - Thoothukudi City

- ★ To scientifically evaluate the carrying capacity of Thoothukudi city, a report has been prepared at a cost Rs.5.22 lakhs through Water and Power Consultancy Services, (WAPCOS) New Delhi.

ECO - Clubs

- ★ During the last four years, more than 20 such workshops, seminars on environmental management were

supported by this department. For undertaking all these environmental awareness programmes an amount Rs.53 lakhs was spent.

National Green Corps

- ★ Enthused by the success of school eco-clubs, 4,350 schools Eco-clubs have been started in all the 29 districts at 150 schools per district under the National Green Corps (NGC) programme.
- ★ A sum of Rs.128.84 lakhs has been received from Government of India over the last four years and spent for NGC activities.

Awards

- ★ The outstanding NGOs, Experts and individuals are honoured with environmental awards in recognition of their excellent contribution in the field of environment. So far, 42 experts/institutions have been given Environmental Awards.

Environmental Information System (ENVIS)

- ★ An Environmental Information System (ENVIS) node has been commissioned in the Department of Environment under the World Bank supported project called "Environment Management Capacity Building Technical Assistant Project" (EMCB-TAP) of Government of India. Department of Environment has been identified as the State Node for the "Environmental Information System" (ENVIS).
- ★ Under this ENVIS Programme, a Workshop on the state Bio-diversity was held on 5.12.2002 and another workshop on the conservation of rivers on 27.08.2003. A sum of Rs.10.92 lakhs has been received from Government of India and spent upto 31.03.2005.

Preparation of Report on State Environment

- ★ Preparation of a State Environment Report is under progress for Tamil Nadu with the financial assistance of Rs.12.50 lakhs from Government of India.

ECO-Restoration of a Temple Hillock on Pilot Scale

- ★ 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 and has completed the planting work.

Environmental Research and Development

- ★ Research proposals received from reputed Universities/Research organisations were scrutinised and best proposals were selected for assistance by an Expert Committee. A sum of Rs.9.78 lakhs has been released to the Centre for Environment Studies, Anna University, Chennai, CPR Environment Education Centre, Chennai and Bharathiar University, Coimbatore for three research projects.

Environmental Amelioration through Self-Help Groups

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, Trichy, Coimbatore, Madurai and Salem at a cost of Rs.12 lakhs.

- ★ A pilot project has been initiated comprising of 40 school eco-clubs in Chennai. To carry out this programme, a



sum of Rs.18,750 has been given to each school. A total of Rs.7.50 lakhs have been given to 40 schools and the scheme has been launched successfully.

- ★ Combating desertification of land will be carried out in 100 hectares at a cost of Rs.15 lakhs.
- ★ Eco-city plan for Thiruvannamalai will be prepared at a cost of Rs.10 lakhs during 2005-2006.
- ★ Aesthetic amelioration of Temple Hillock of Palani will be carried out at a cost of Rs.10 lakhs.
- ★ In continuation of the aesthetic amelioration of Sholingur Temple Hillock, it is proposed to create a Nandavanam around it and to desilt the temple tank at a cost of Rs.6 lakhs.

Green Belt Development

- ★ Under Green Belt Development Programme, industries have planted and preserved 30 lakh trees in and around the industrial premises.

Urban Solid Waste Management

- ★ Authorisations have been issued to 23 Municipalities to commence their composting works.

Biomedical Waste Treatment

- ★ Tamil Nadu has emerged as a model State in biomedical waste management with the establishment of modern composite common biomedical waste treatment and disposal facilities for private medical institutions. 11 common facilities have been proposed through the Indian Medical Association. In which 6 facilities are under operation.

Elimination of Throw-away Plastics

- ★ Effective awareness campaigns were organised through modern mass media and folk media against the menace of throw-away plastics. As an alternative to plastics, 12 training programmes for the production of palm leaf products have been conducted in Chennai and other

Districts to self help groups through the Central Palmgur and Palm Products Institute of Village Industries Commission.

Elimination of Noise Pollution from Air Horns, etc.

- ★ All the Districts have been declared as "Air Horn Free Districts". About 52,586 air horns were removed from buses and lorries throughout the State.
- ★ Collectors of Salem, Nilgiris and Virudhunagar were awarded Green Award - 2002, Green Award - 2003 to Collectors of Kanniyakumari, Pudukottai, Ramanathapuram, Salem, Thiruvannamalai and Vellore and Green Award - 2004 to Collectors of Cuddalore, Kanniyakumari and Sivagangai.
- ★ "Green Innovators Award" was instituted by the Government during the year 2003.

Tamil Nadu Afforestation Project

- ★ Tamil Nadu Afforestation Project (TAP) funded by Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), Japan aims at ecological restoration and biological upgradation of degraded forests and other lands abutting 1,000 villages in Tamil Nadu. It is being implemented on Watersheds.
- ★ The JBIC conveyed their approval for the proposals for the additional activities to be undertaken during two more years i.e., 2002-03 and 2003-04 covering 258 programme villages.
- ★ During the past 4 years under the TAP, 1.80 lakh ha. of degraded forests have been treated for ecological restoration and biological upgradation besides undertaking Buffer Zone activities in the abutting 568 villages at a cost of Rs.272.22 crores. The quantum of employment generated under the scheme is 249.10 lakhs mandays. The total number of beneficiaries are 78,245. 12,038 checkdams and 1,232 percolation ponds have been constructed throughout the treatment area covered for effective rain water harvesting.

- ★ Under Phase II of TAP, the project outlay is Rs.567.42 crores. The project duration is spread over a span of 8 years from 2005-06 to 2012-13. It has been proposed to cover 800 Interface villages (650 villages under IWDP and 150 under ITDP) and 1775 Sq.kms of degraded forests will be restored.

- ★ The Union Environment and Forest Ministry has announced the Indira Priyadarshini Vriksha Mitra (IPVM) Awards for 2001 for outstanding contributions in afforestation and wasteland development.

- ★ Vellore Division is being awarded for excellent work done in restoration of degraded forest through Joint Forest Management in Vellore district. The recipients are Thiru. N.S.A. Velu muthaliyar in Puliangudi village in Tirunelveli district for his successful tree cultivation in his ravenous lands and Ungatti Village Forest Council in Dharmapuri District for innovative development works in re-afforestation and water harvesting. The award carries a cash prize of Rs.50,000 each and a medal.

- ★ During the last four years, 2,716.750 MT of sandalwood were sold and revenue fetched was Rs.273.07 crores.

- ★ To celebrate the success of 'Operation cocoon' the Government have announced awards/reward to the Forest personnel who are working in the STF operational area on the date of occurrence of death of Veerappan and are entitled for Rs.1 lakh each and one step promotion in their category. Accordingly the Government have sanctioned Rs.51 lakhs to 51 Forest personnel and Rs.29.20 lakh to the legal heirs of three subordinates who laid down their lives during the earlier operation.

- ★ Subsequently Government have sanctioned cash awards worth Rs.29 lakhs to the 50 Forest personnel, one step promotion and movement to next higher grade in their respective scale of pay and participation medals.

- ★ The coastal shelterbelt plantations and mangroves along the coastline of Tamil Nadu, protected the people and property from the recent tsunami attack and in the process some younger plantations have suffered damage. Further, there is also scope to cover the remaining length with this Bio-shield in a phased manner. Accordingly, a proposal costing about Rs.10 crores for repair and reconstruction of coastal shelterbelt and mangroves has been proposed to World Bank for funding.

Demonstration/Model Plots

- ★ Improved varieties of tree species like Tamarindus indica, Emblica officinalis, Simaruba glauca, Neem, Casuarina, Bamboo species etc. are being planted in the progressive farmers' field for demonstration purpose. For the last four years tree demonstration plots have been formed in about 664 farmers land covering an area of about 297 Ha. Training programmes are also being organised to 3,500 farmers.
- ★ Training programmes are being organized to rural women folk and SHG on various income generation activities like seedling raising, vermicompost production etc. For the last four years, 575 SHG members have been trained on tree growing activities and bio-nutrient productions.

Erection of borewells in forest areas

- ★ The Government have sanctioned Rs. 76.10 lakhs for sinking 79 bore wells and construction of troughs to tap ground water to elephants and other wildlife in the forest area of Erode, Dharmapuri and Coimbatore Districts, as drought relief measure.

Elephant rejuvenation camp

- ★ The Government have issued orders for conducting restoration camp (Special Health camp) for Elephants belonging to Temples and private persons at Mudumalai for 30 days from 18.11.2003 for the maintenance and upkeep of temple elephants. About 100 elephants



participated and benefited by the restoration camp. Forest Department extended all assistance like providing venue for campsite, water facilities, services of forest staff, forest veterinary Doctors etc. for the successful conduct of camp. In the year 2004 also, similar camp was conducted.

- ★ A project proposal on "Conservation and sustainable use of Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserves Coastal Bio-diversity" has been approved, with an outlay of Rs.140 crores. This project was launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 18.07.2002.
- ★ Under Tamil Nadu Afforestation Project, a State of the art Geomatics centre was setup in the Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, during 2001-2002 at a cost of Rs.102.986 lakhs, in technical collaboration with National Remote Sensing Agency (NRSA), Department of Space, Hyderabad. The Government with concurrence of funding agency sanctioned additional funds to a tune of Rs.179.70 lakhs.
- ★ Digital district Forest Atlases have been prepared for all the districts of Tamil Nadu by using satellite Remote Sensing and Geographical Information System. It gives the status of forest cover (dense forest and open forests) in each Reserved Forest.

★ GIS facility has been created in 26 territorial divisions for facilitating GIS works at all levels in the State.

★ The staff of various categories of the Forest Department throughout the State are being trained in basics of Remote Sensing and GIS at the Geomatics Centre. So far, nearly 340 staff have been trained by the staff of Geomatics Centre.

★ Under Comprehensive Wasteland Development Programme, more than 200 lakhs of seedlings have been raised by

applying new technology. This has resulted in higher survival percentage and growth rate of seedlings planted within the forest community and farm lands.

- ★ A sum of Rs.18.77 crores has been realised through extraction of matured teak trees in Thanjavur division during the past four years.
- ★ Rainwater Harvesting Structures were provided to 2439 buildings at a total cost of Rs. 96 lakhs during the past four years.
- ★ Due to the benefits extended by the Government, Arasu Rubber Corporation has earned a net profit of Rs.59.27 lakhs during 2002-03.
- ★ The unsold matured rubber trees in Coupe have been sold during 2003-04 and realised a revenue of Rs.2.38 crores. From this revenue Rs.1.13 crores has been remitted to Government.
- ★ During 2002-03 and 2003-04 replanting of rubber trees was done in 34.30 ha. and 103.6 ha. respectively with high yielding rubber seedlings. In this year Corporation has earned a net profit of Rs.117.44 lakhs.
- ★ During 2004-05, replanting works have been completed over an area of 95.2 ha. Likewise, rubber nursery has been raised for the replanting of rubber trees during 2005-06 also.



Great Strides in Livestock Development

Tamil Nadu Animal Husbandry Department plays a major role in increasing the production capacity of Livestock and Poultry and also acts as a catalyst in providing Veterinary Services. It also imparts its role in uplifting the living standards of poor farmers by providing employment to rural folks and thus increasing the economy of the rural people.



now 147 Veterinary graduates were trained.

★ Under Livestock Protection Scheme, during the last four years, 19,242 camps were conducted benefitting 225.13 lakhs of animals at an expenditure of Rs.808.32 lakhs.

- ★ The main aim of Danida Assisted Livestock Development Project Scheme is to give training to link work couples and target farmers in livestock rearing. About 6,410 link work couples from 6,473 Panchayats of 18 Districts were trained and in turn these link work couples trained 1,47,900 target farmers under this scheme.
- ★ Refresher training on cattle and buffalo Breeding was provided to 675 Veterinary Doctors.
- ★ It was proposed to give basic training to 200 unemployed Veterinary Graduates on cattle and buffalo breeding to establish mobile Artificial Insemination Centres, till

★ Western Ghat Development Scheme is being implemented at a cost of Rs.132.42 lakhs for meeting the expenditure of Mobile Veterinary Units Staff cost and imparting training to farmers during the last four years.

★ Hill Area Development Programme is being implemented to increase the fodder production of District Livestock Farm, desilting and deepening the pond and developing sub centre and Animal Disease Intelligence Unit at a cost of Rs.55.30 lakhs during the past four years, in Nilgiris District.

★ 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. The amount was spent for land development, irrigation facility, electricity supply and purchase of seed and thus it is expected to produce 25,500 M.T. of fodder annually. Now about 560 acres of land was utilised for fodder production in District Livestock Farms. 35,980 tonnes of fodder will be produced.

★ During drought condition, the animals are affected with diseases, which causes more economic loss. To protect these



animals from such a deadly disease like Foot and Mouth Disease, a sum of Rs.170 lakhs was utilised for vaccination.

- ★ 120 MT. of maize and jower seeds were distributed to members of Milk Co-operative Societies free of cost to cover 3000 hectares at a cost of Rs.24 lakhs.

Rehabilitation after Tsunami

- ★ Government have sanctioned Rs.2,80,11,150/- for grant as relief for the persons who have lost their livestock and poultry due to Tsunami. So far, Rs.1,74,75,400/- was disbursed to 4,774 beneficiaries.
- ★ During the last four years, various schemes such as strengthening of frozen semen production station, opening of new dispensaries, distribution of poultry for backyard rearing and upgradation of veterinary sub-centres into dispensaries have been undertaken at a cost of Rs.599.72 lakhs under Part-II Scheme.
- ★ During the last four years, 3 Poly Clinic and 306 Veterinary Dispensaries were established claiming the veterinary institution total to be 1323.
- ★ During the last four years, about 638.01 lakhs of animals were treated, 24.64 lakhs of animals were castrated, 994.80 lakhs of animals were vaccinated, 545.64 lakhs of animals were dewormed and artificial insemination was done to 120.77 lakhs of animals.
- ★ During the last four years, a sum of Rs.123.32 lakhs was utilised for Foot and Mouth Disease vaccination.
- ★ To protect the sheep from worm infestation, Rs.40 lakhs was utilised to purchase deworming medicine annually and the sheep were thus dewormed.
- ★ By way of implementing many schemes effectively and by providing proper

veterinary treatment and safety to the animals, the milk production in Tamil Nadu was increased from 35.24 lakh tonnes to 47.53 lakh tonnes. Similarly egg production also increased from 2919 million to 3784 million. Thus the percapita availability of milk was increased from 173 grams to 209 grams and egg from 52 grams to 61 grams.

Village Level Co-operative Societies

- ★ During the year 2001-05, 825 Primary Milk Co-operative Societies including 142 Women Co-operative Societies have been formed.
- ★ 7,521 societies are functioning under the control of this Department as on 31.3.2005.

Support to Training and Employment Programme

- ★ Between the year 2002-2003 and 2004-2005, 142 Women Dairy Co-operative Societies have been registered under this scheme and 9,928 Women Self Help Group members have been enrolled as members.

Milch Animal Scheme

- ★ Under "1000 milch animals in each Panchayat union" scheme, so far, 3,02,778 applications have been received and 2,79,828 applications have been processed to the Nationalised Banks for sanctioning the loan. So far, 14,803 beneficiaries have been given animals under this scheme.

Tamil Nadu Co-operative Milk Producer's Federation Ltd.

- ★ From 2001-2002 onwards, the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Milk Producers' Federation has been earning profit for the three successive years, which is a rare phenomenon.



- ★ Out of the profit of Rs.34.01 crores, a sum of Rs.15.37 crores has been distributed to the District Unions as price differential for the year 2002-2003.

Record Sale of Milk

- ★ During the year 2002-2003, the Federation marketed an average quantity of 6.54 LLPD. As a result of various efforts taken in terms of advertisement through different media and innovative schemes to improve the quantum of sales, the milk sales have now been increased to 8.08 LLPD during March 2005.

Insulated Poly Urethane Foam Vehicles

- ★ The sachet milk distribution from all the three metro dairies is being done through 65 Poly Urethane Foam vehicles which is the first of its kind.

Export to Singapore

- ★ The Tamil Nadu Co-operative Milk Producers' Federation Limited has exported initially 18000 ltrs of SM tetra milk to Singapore in 2004. Since the sales has gained momentum, so far, 46,800 litres of T.M. in tetra pack, 1000 litres of ghee and 2750 kg. of SMP have been exported to Singapore.
- ★ The Tamil Nadu Co-operative Milk Producers' Federation Limited has successfully obtained the order for the supply of 2000 MT of ghee worth of Rs.22.82 crores to M/s. Thirumala Tirupathi

Devasthanam, the first ever kind in the history of Aavin. Till date, 1400 MT of ghee has been supplied.

Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University

- ★ Two of our constituent colleges viz. Madras Veterinary College, Chennai and Veterinary College and Research Institute, Namakkal have received ISO 9001 certification which is an important achievement of 2004 towards quality education.
- ★ The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the interactive touch screen terminal on livestock and pet animals at Madras Veterinary College on 6.7.2003 during the Centenary Celebrations of Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University.
- ★ 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-a-vis livestock, poultry and fish integration.
- ★ To improve the performance of local goats, boer breed of goats of African origin have been used for cross breeding to develop the local breeds of goats at Livestock Research Station, Kattupakkam.
- ★ The Leptospirosis unit of this University has received an ISO 9001 certification which is an important milestone achievement of 2003 towards quality service assurance.
- ★ 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.

- ★ Study was made on the suitability/ adaptability of ostrich under agro-climatic conditions of Tamil Nadu. Study also aimed at the performance of ostrich for commercial purpose and to popularise ostrich farming among the agro-based entrepreneurs.
- ★ The vaccine against the Peste-des-petits ruminants (PPR) was developed in this University. This vaccine is tested for efficiency, stability under ambient temperature.
- ★ Trivalent Bluetongue vaccine has been standardized.
- ★ The gama interferon assay for the diagnosis of bovine tuberculosis has been standardised and was found to be 100% sensitive.
- ★ An IgM Elisa has been developed which will be useful in monitoring the disease and immune status of the chicken at field level.
- ★ An indirect Elisa for screening aflatoxin B1 toxicity has been developed.
- ★ EDS 76 a qualitative antibody detection kit based on flow through technology has been developed for rapid detection of EDS 76 antibody at field level for the first time in India.

FISHERIES

Fishermen Free Housing Scheme

- ★ During 2001-2002, under Centrally Sponsored Scheme Rs.834 lakh have been sanctioned for construction of 2000 houses, 90 tube wells and 4 community halls and the work is at different stages.
- ★ During the year 2004-05, Government have proposed to construct 4000 houses for fishermen in due course with a budget provision of Rs.15.65 crores.



- ★ Under Savings-cum-Relief Scheme, Rs.57.27 crores has been disbursed to 5,50,030 fishermen and Rs.3.10 crores to 42,992 fisherwomen during the years 2001, 2002 and 2003. During 2004-05, 1,64,453 fishermen at a cost of Rs.18.22 crores and 49,282 fisherwomen at a cost of Rs.5.72 crores were benefitted.
- ★ Under the Fishermen Group Accident Insurance Scheme, a sum of Rs.2,51,27,500 has been disbursed to 579 beneficiaries during the last four years.
- ★ Under the Fisherwomen Insurance Scheme, 120 fisherwomen were benefitted to a tune of Rs.17,32,500 during 2001-2002.
- ★ Under Individual Fishermen Accident Insurance Scheme, a sum of Rs.103.12 lakhs has been disbursed to 123 beneficiaries during the last four years.
- ★ Under Fishermen Group Accident Insurance Scheme, the Government have contributed the premium amount of Rs.3,99,700 to be paid by the 11,420 fishermen / fisherwomen for the period from 1.1.2005 to 31.12.2005.

Fishermen Development Rebate on HSD Oil

- ★ The Government of India and State Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.4,57,80,000 to fishermen development rebate on HSD oil during 2004-05 and a

total subsidy of Rs.1.50 per litre (Rs.1.20 Central share 30 paise State share) will be paid.

- ★ Under the scheme of subsidy for Outboard Motor/Inboard Motor, 3,283 IBM and OBM and 183 fishing nets at a cost of Rs.310.62 lakhs have been distributed at subsidised rates.
- ★ The families of 251 fishermen who have been imprisoned by Sri Lankan coast guard were given financial assistance to a tune of Rs.9,86,270 as a relief measure. 883 fishermen have been rescued from the Sri Lankan coast guard during the past four years.
- ★ Construction of Fish Landing Centres have been completed in Punnakayal, Mudasalodai, Jegathapattinam and Sethubhavachatram of Pazhaverkadu. In Nagapattinam, Mandapam, Sozhiakudi and Arcottuthurai, construction is at different stages.
- ★ It has been proposed to extend Pazhayar Fishing Harbour at a cost of Rs.10.60 crores, Mallipattinam at a cost of Rs.7.50 crores and a new harbour at Thengapattinam at a cost of Rs.39.70 crores.

Establishment of "Meenavar Angadies"

- ★ In Neelankarai, Cuddalore, Nagapattinam, Thoothukudi, Pattukkottai and Aranthangi "Meenavar Angadies" have been inaugurated and are functioning.
- ★ Training in Fish Culture is being imparted to 476 fisherwomen.
- ★ Subsidy is extended for three schemes at a cost of Rs.15.50 lakhs for the benefit of inshore fishermen.
- ★ 619 inshore fishermen have been granted Rs.12.50 lakhs at the rate of 25% subsidy to purchase fishing nets.

★ 25% of subsidy is being granted to 491 inshore fishermen to purchase tricycles at a cost of Rs.2.25 lakhs.

★ Rs.0.75 lakhs has been granted to 531 fisher women to purchase alluminium vessels with 50% subsidy.

★ To promote aquaculture, the Government have introduced the Integrated aquaculture scheme and sanctioned a subsidy of Rs.1,875 per hectare and is implemented in 800 hectare each year.

★ Under the scheme of distributing 250 refrigerators to fishermen engaged in marketing at a cost of Rs.5 lakhs through Fishermen Co-operative Society, 210 refrigerators have so far been distributed.

★ Out of the 500 houses proposed to be constructed for inshore fishermen, construction of 40% houses have so far been completed.

★ 4,382 accessories for fishing have been distributed at a cost of Rs.14.06 crores during the years 2001-2002, 2003-2004 and 2004-2005.

★ Under acquaculture development scheme permission has been granted for 852 prawn farms.

★ For the first time in Tamil Nadu Fish culture has been taken up by 206 women members of 44 Self Help Groups in 36 village tanks of Pudukkottai District.

★ Women Self Help Groups are successfully managing the 'Meenavar Angadies' at Neelankarai of Kancheepuram District and also in Thoothukudi District.

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FOCUS ON STRENGTHENING SOCIAL SECURITY

One of the most important contributors to economic activity is labour. The Labour Policy of the Government seeks growth and development of the Industry and the individual worker, who also contributes to the success of the industry.

- ★ The industrial disputes in 16 industries have been settled.
- ★ The Government have constituted a Tripartite Committee at District Level to find out the possibility of reopening closed industrial units.
- ★ A total sum of Rs.60,98,000/- was disbursed at the rate of Rs.250/- per month to 4,167 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 of and a compensation amount of Rs.73,03,521/- have been disbursed. Lok Adalat will be constituted in Salem District soon.
- ★ Under the "Integrated Housing Scheme for Beedi Workers", the Government have planned to construct 10,000 houses in a period of 5 years from 2002-2003 to 2006-2007.
- ★ The State Action Plan aims at eliminating child labour in hazardous employment by the year 2005 and in non-hazardous employment by the year 2007. Government accorded sanction for formation of a State Child Labour Rehabilitation cum Welfare Society and allotted a grant of Rs.1.25 crores.
- ★ District Child Labour Prevention squads are formed in all the districts.

- ★ District Collectors of Sivagangai, Ramanathapuram, Thanjavur, Perambalur, Thiruvavur, Pudukkottai, Kanniyakumari and Cuddalore have submitted their proposals to Government to declare their districts as child labour Free. The proposals are being evaluated.
- ★ Brochures, Booklets, Posters and Stickers have been printed and published, hoardings in buses and in public places erected for generating awareness on the issue of child labour.
- ★ Under National Child Labour Projects, 15,059 child labourers are presently studying in 408 special schools. The children studying in the special schools are provided with Books, Note Books, writing materials, uniforms, free bus pass and noon meal and a stipend amount of Rs.100/- p.m. Regular health check ups are undertaken by the Health Department.

Tamil Nadu Labour Welfare Board

- ★ 19 creches are opened in the Tailoring Centres.
- ★ 71 Reading Rooms are opened in the 71 Labour Welfare Centres.
- ★ Reimbursement of Rs.1000/- has been provided to 5 of the employees/ dependants in each district totally for 150 beneficiaries who complete basic computer training through Government approved institutions.



- ★ One Motorised Sewing Machine to each of the 71 Labour Welfare Centres for the benefit of the trainees has been provided at a total cost of Rs. 3,97,292.
- ★ If a worker dies while in service, a sum of Rs. 500 is being paid by the Tamil Nadu Labour Welfare Board to the deceased families as funeral expenses. This has been enhanced threefold to Rs. 1500.
- ★ Assistances to a tune of Rs.1,03,13,367 have been extended to 25,841 labourers.
- ★ The assistance of Rs.1,200 which is being paid to the students studying Degree Course in Engineering, Medical, Law and Agriculture has been doubled to Rs.2,400. Educational assistance of Rs.720 to the students studying Diploma in Engineering and Medical has been doubled as Rs.1,440. Educational assistance of Rs.500 to the students studying I.T.I courses has been doubled as Rs.1,000. Educational assistance of Rs.600 to the students studying Higher Secondary Course has been doubled as Rs.1,200.

Tamil Nadu Construction Workers Welfare Board

- ★ The total number of workers registered with the Tamil Nadu Construction Workers Welfare Board for the period from 13.5.2001 to 31.1.2005 is 3,24,166. Financial assistances to a tune of Rs.16,32,32,553 has been extended to 50,691 labourers.

- ★ A sum of Rs.200 will be sanctioned to all the eligible registered workers.
- ★ Assistance for the education of the girl children of the registered workers has been extended to those studying in 10th Std., Rs.1,000 and 11th Std., Rs.1,000, 12th Std. Rs.1,500.
- ★ Orders have been issued enhancing maternity assistance from Rs.2,000 to Rs.4,000, natural death assistance from Rs.10,000 to Rs.15,000 and spectacle assistance from Rs.250 to Rs.500.
- ★ Creches will be started at six places viz. Chennai, Madurai, Trichy, Salem, Coimbatore and Tirunelveli for the welfare of the children of the women workers registered with the Board.

Tamil Nadu Manual Workers Social Security Welfare Board

- ★ The total number of registered workers of the Tamil Nadu Manual Workers Social Security and Welfare Board is 7,23,905.
- ★ The number of registered workers provided with assistance, spread over the last 4 years is 26,594 and the total amount of assistance provided is Rs. 5,97,91,750/-.
- ★ Financial assistance has been extended for the education of the girl children of the registered worker studying in 10th Std. Rs.1,000, 11th Std. Rs.1,000 and 12th Std. Rs.1,500.
- ★ Maternity Assistance enhanced from Rs.2,000 to Rs.4,000, Assistance on natural death from Rs.10,000 to Rs.15,000 and Financial assistance for purchase of spectacles by the registered workers Rs.500 for each worker.

Department of Employment & Training

- ★ Besides registering and submitting names of job seekers against notified vacancies, the 34 Employment Exchanges in Tamil Nadu also play the role of vocational guidance and assistance in self employment ventures.

- ★ The Website cum interactive job Portal for the Employment Exchanges was inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister. This Website facilitates online renewal by Professional and Executive standard registrants. So far, 49,153 registrants have used the online renewal facility.
- ★ To provide more efficient, complaint-free and quicker service to registered job seekers and the employers, all Employment Exchanges have been computerised.
- ★ In all the District Employment Offices, second Friday of the month is observed as private placement day. On that day, both employers and job seekers are made to meet each other in a fixed venue. Selection and appointment of personnel are made then and there.
- ★ Study Circles to enhance the capabilities of the youth to take up various competitive examinations have been formed in all the 385 Panchayat Unions.
- ★ A sum of Rs.99.98 lakhs for Panchayat Union study circles and Rs.67.98 lakhs for District study circles was allotted by the Government.
- ★ A sum of Rs.27.16 lakhs was spent on coaching 4,922 Hindu Adidravida candidates for appearing for the entrance examination for admission to professional courses in Tamil Nadu. 823 candidates secured admission.
- ★ Employment Exchanges assisted 6,866 candidates in getting loans to the tune of Rs.2,906 lakhs from various Banks to set up Self Employment ventures.

New Industrial Training Institute for Women

- ★ With a view to improve the living standard of women by giving vocational training, new Industrial Training Institutes exclusively for women at Andipatti, Karur and Namakkal and separate women wings in existing I.T.Is at Hosur, Thaniyavur and Ramanathapuram were started during

January 2004 at a cost of Rs 2.79 crores. 616 women candidates are now undergoing training.

- ★ New trades viz., Mechanic Industrial Electronics, Mechanic Mechatronics and Mechanic Computer Hardware are proposed to be introduced in 8 Government I.T.Is during August 2005 at a cost of Rs.181.65 lakhs.
- ★ In keeping pace with the advancement of technology, the syllabus of the trades are also updated periodically. As a result of this, tools and equipments are to be procured at a cost of Rs.5 crores and supplied to 35 Government Industrial Training Institutes.
- ★ Skill Competition at All India level is conducted every year by the centre for the I.T.I passed out trainees, since 1964. Of the 40 competitions held so far, Tamil Nadu has been adjudged the Best State for 20 Times including the years 2001 and 2003 and has bagged the President of India Shield. The quality of training given in the State is one of the best in the whole country.
- ★ Tamil Nadu Industrial Establishments (Conferment of Permanent Status to workmen) Act confers permanent status to workmen who have put in continuous service of 480 days within a period of 24 calendar months. 82,860 workers working in 25,643 factories were made permanent during the past four years.
- ★ To enthuse the managements for better safety performance, State Safety Awards are presented to the managements every year based on their performance in reducing accidents in their factories. 313 first prizes and 228 second prizes were given to the winner managements during the past four years.
- ★ To encourage the workers in participating actively in the accident prevention, every year Shram Vir Awards popularly known as "Tamilaga Arasin Uyarnta Uzhaipalar Virudhu" in Tamil are presented to the workmen. 168 winners were given awards during the last four years. ❖



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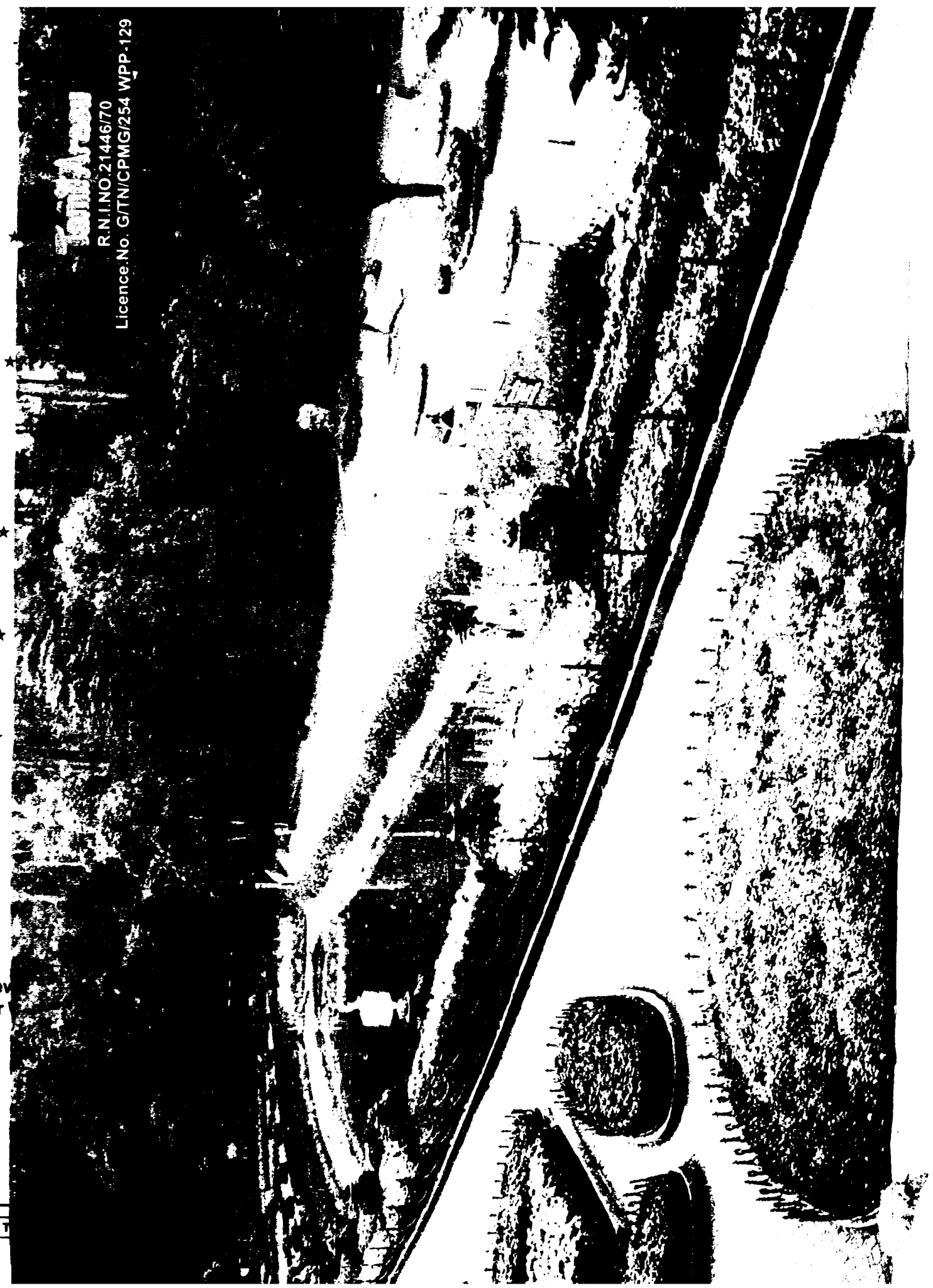


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