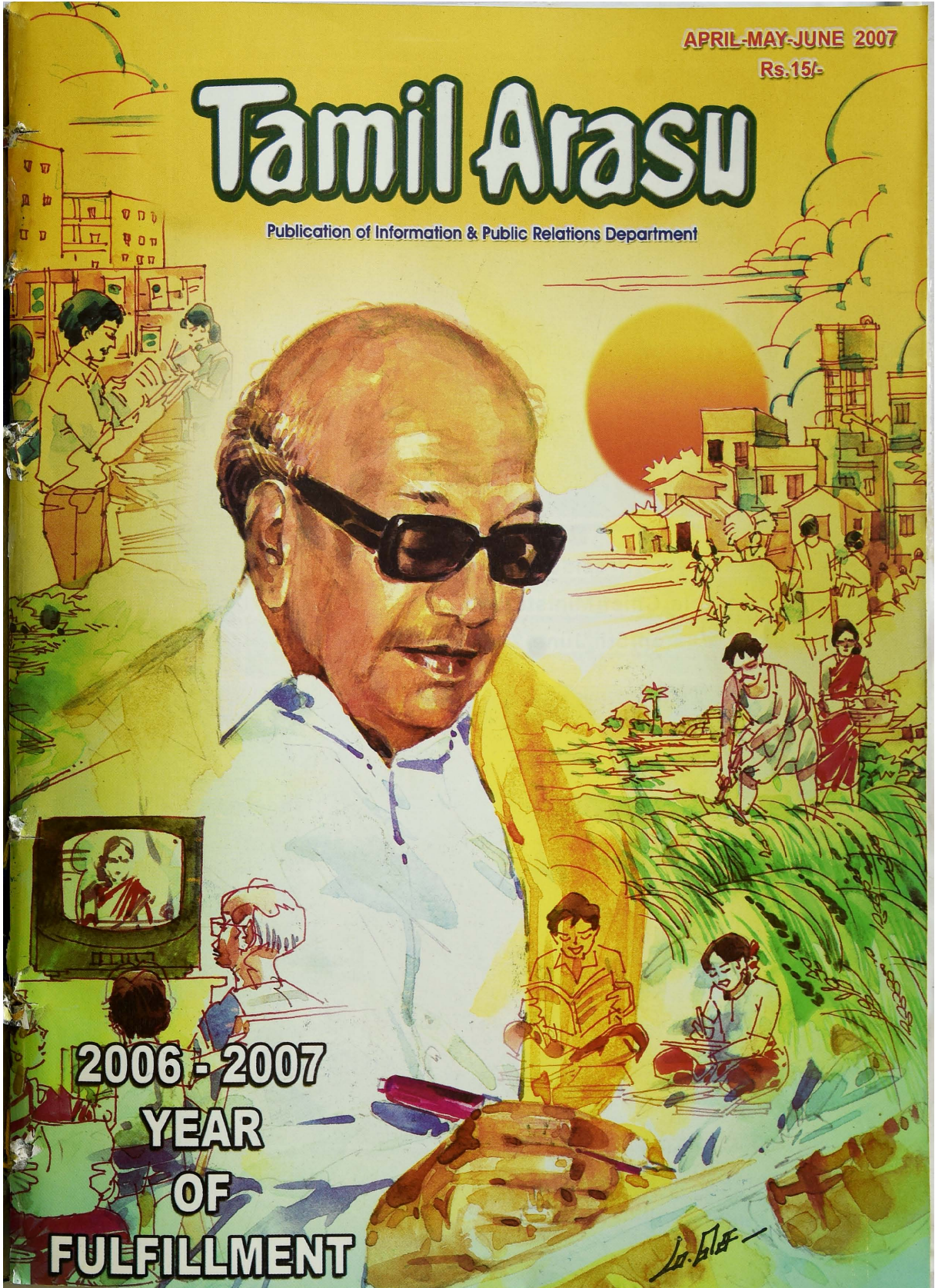


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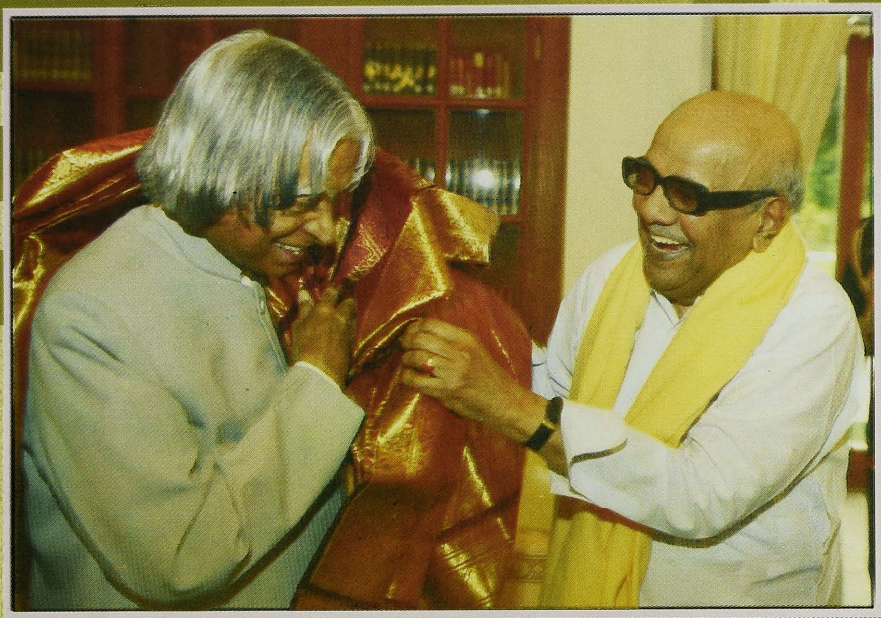
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PREFACE

Greetings !

It has been a year of many milestones and the year will be inscribed in the History of Tamil Nadu as highest vertical progress of Tamil People thanks to our beloved leader Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Kalaingar who devotes his life tirelessly to the development of people.

Every department of the Government has accomplished the mission by taking their Welfare Schemes and Programmes to the people of Tamil Nadu. Heights reached over a period of years have been transcended by this Government incredibly within a span of one year. Therefore, Tamil Nadu has become a shining example for other States by implementing programmes effectively.

Tamil Arasu English Edition has been an ambassador of the Government across the country. A compilation of Tamil Nadu Government's achievements will certainly enlighten the people for enabling them to know better and lead the life with prosperity.

I am sure that this compilation of the enormous achievements of Tamil Nadu Government will be a treasure to read and preserve.

PARITHI ELLAMVAZHUTHI
Minister for Information



KALAINAR M. KARUNANIDHI

Hon'ble Chief Minister

HOME DEPARTMENT

- ★ Registration of FIR in any police station, irrespective of place of occurrence of crime has been ordered by this Government facilitating a new era in public services.
- ★ The 3rd Police Commission has been constituted under chairmanship of Mr.Poornalingam IAS (Retd).
- ★ Modernised Police Force with a strong infrastructure and mobility is mooted. Rs.68 crores allotted.
- ★ Foundation stone laid for the construction of new office building for the Chennai City Police Commissioner at Vepery at an expenditure of Rs.20.65 crores.
- ★ An allocation of Rs.20.31 crores for the constuction of New Annexe building for Director General of Police.

Courts

- ★ A resolution for implementing the usage of Tamil Language in the orders, decrees and other proceedings of the Madras High Court passed unanimously in the Legislative assembly.
- ★ Approval was given for more than 200 posts for the Bench of the Madras High Court at Madurai.
- ★ 96 new additional posts created for Chennai High Court.
- ★ The Government issued orders for the transfer of land near Chennai High Court belonging to the Tamil Nadu Express Transport Corporation to the High Court of Judicature at Madras and for construction of a separate building for the use of Government law officers of the Madras High Court at a cost of Rs.2.03 crores in the High Court complex itself.

Prisons

- ★ A modern Prison Complex, the largest prison in South Asia set up in free India at Puzhal, has a capacity for 3000 men & women prisoners. The prison spread over a total area of 211.92 Acres was constructed at a total cost of Rs.77.09 crores.
- ★ The Government have enhanced the extra time remuneration to Prison wardens from Rs.100 to Rs.150 per day on par with Police at a cost of Rs.39.74 lakhs per annum.
- ★ The Government have also enhanced the washing allowance from Rs.30 to Rs.100 per month to the wardens working in the sub-jails at a cost of Rs.10.99 lakhs per annum.

Fire and Rescue Services

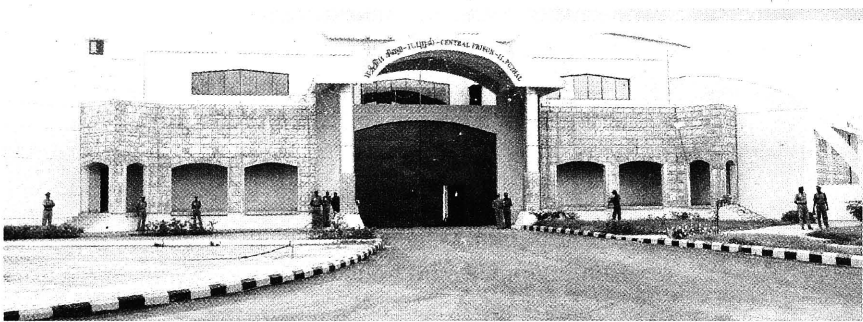
- ★ 597 persons selected by Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board appointed as Fire Men during 2006.

Forensic Sciences

- ★ 1,96,151 samples pertaining to 60,251 cases were examined during 2006.
- ★ This Department has introduced the State-of-the-Art technology in its functioning by procuring latest equipments under Modernisation of Police Force to the tune of Rs.223.27 lakhs during 2006-07, which includes starting up of new Units such as "Computer Forensic Unit" to deal with Cyber Crimes as well as computer crime; "Acoustic Forensic Unit" to deal with detection of authenticity of the audio/video recording media; and "Forensic Psychology Unit" to assist police in scientific interrogation.



Hon'ble Chief Minister
Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi
flagged off 100 cars presented by
Hyundai Motors
to Chennai Metropolitan Police on
24th October 2006.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi inaugurated Central Prison-II at
Puzhal near Chennai on 26th November 2006.

Stolen goods and goods recovered in
Criminal cases were handed over to the
owners on 10th April 2007 by

Hon'ble Chief Minister
Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi.





KALAI GNAR M. KARUNANIDHI

Hon'ble Chief Minister

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

- ★ Software export growth increase by 46% during 2006-2007 over the previous year. Software exports worth Rs.20,700 crores were exported during the year while Rs.14,115 crores of exports were achieved during the previous year, 2005-2006.
- ★ TCS , WIPRO, Satyam, Infosys, Cognizant and many IT giants setting up massive campuses for their operations in the State.
- ★ ELCOT develops IT-ITES at Shollinganallur- one lakh youth assured placement in this enterprise.

Free Colour Television Distribution

- ★ Free Colour Television , scheme for the poor launched on 15.9.2006. 30,000 Televisions were procured in the first stage and 25 lakh televisions were procured by international tendering in the second stage. The open transparent tendering received wide acclaim. Rs.750 crores has been allotted for the scheme during the year 2007 - 2008.

TNSWAN

- ★ Tamil Nadu gets privilege of wide area network; advance networking to keep the state at a higher knowledge quotient.
- ★ National e-governance (NeGP) programme at full swing in Tamil Nadu. 15 mission mode projects chosen.
- ★ State Data Centre crystallizes with assistance from Government of India.

- ★ Taluk offices, Collectorates, Municipalities, Civil Supplies and various departments enhanced to e-governance for easy accessibility by the public.
- ★ **Common Service Centres (CSCs)** : In order to empower the people in the rural areas and to bridge the digital divide, a programme for rural service delivery through Common Service Centres is being undertaken with assistance from the Government of India. 5,440 CSCs will be set up on a public private partnership mode during the coming year.
- ★ Tamil Virtual University (TVU), creates an eye opener for our heritage. 5,527 students from 56 countries have enrolled for TVU's programme. So far, 15 lakh hits have been received on the website of TVU website.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaigñar M. Karunanidhi inaugurated the Free Television Distribution Scheme on the Birth anniversary of Perarignar Anna on 15th September 2006.



KALAI GNAR M. KARUNANIDHI
Hon'ble Chief Minister

INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT

- ★ **MOTOROLA** Signs MoU for Electronic Hardware manufacturing unit on an area of 70 acres at SIPCOT, Thiruperumbudur Industrial Park at an investment of Rs.135 crores.
- ★ **U.K based CAPARO GROUP** to start automobile components manufacturing unit on an area of 125 acres at SIPCOT, Thiruperumbudur at an investment of 300 crores.
- ★ **APPOLLO TYRES** to start Radial and Truck Tyres manufacturing unit on an area of 135 acres at SIPCOT, Oragadam at an initial investment of Rs.300 crores.
- ★ **TESSOLVE** Assembly Production and Prototype (TAPP) to start semiconductor production at SIPCOT Thiruperumbudur at an investment of Rs.1,000 crores.
- ★ **US Based computer major DELL India Ltd** to start manufacturing of computer products at SIPCOT Thiruperumbudur at an investment of Rs.280 crores.
- ★ **Sport shoe manufacturer M/s. FENG -TAY, Taiwan** to establish SEZ on an area of 275 acres at SIPCOT at an investment of Rs.300 crores.
- ★ **SAMSUNG India Electronics SEZ** at SIPCOT Thiruperumbudur; on an investment of Rs.450 crores; on full implementation assures jobs for 2500 persons.
- ★ **National Automotive Testing and R&D Infrastructure Project (NATRIP)** inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Dr. Manmohan Singh. Initial project

implementation work is under progress at SIPCOT, Oragadam. This Rs.400 crore projects is coming on an area of 304 acres.

Tamilnadu Newsprint and Papers Limited

- ★ TNPL Achieved 101% Capacity utilization and produced 2,12,044 Mts of printing and writing paper.
- ★ All time high news print paper export Rs.181 crores achieved; fuel efficiency improvised through generation of 47,00,000 cubic meter methane.

TNPL'S Wind Farm

During 2006-07, on an investment of Rs.40 crores, six wind mills that will generate 1,250 KW energy have been installed. Total wind farm capacity stands enhanced to 35.5 MW.

- ★ Exported power to state Grid valuing to the tune of Rs.38.50 crores.

Tamil Nadu Cements Corporation Limited (TANCEM)

- ★ Ariyalur Cements Factory achieved Rs.1,294 lakhs as net profit in 2006-2007.
- ★ After a gap of seven years, TANCEM has achieved a net profit of Rs. 484 lakhs as against the loss of Rs.331.41 lakhs incurred during the same period in the previous year.

Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporation Limited (TIIC)

- ★ TIIC has sanctioned loan to the tune of Rs. 454.79 crores (provisional). This is expected to generate employment to 12,795 persons.

Sugar

- ★ Salem Co-operative Sugar Mill's current year alcohol production of 111.17 lakh litres is the highest from inception and the mill has earned a record profit of Rs.946.16 lakhs.
- ★ The Amaravathi Co-operative Sugar Mill was commissioned during 1994-95. The current year alcohol production of 110.31 litres is the highest from the inception and this mill has earned a record profit of Rs.499.04 lakhs.

Tamil Nadu Minerals Limited

- ★ TAMILNADU's Ambattur extension centre touches Rs.59.72 lakhs sales in Vermiculite.
- ★ The Government have sanctioned nine new schemes with a total outlay of Rs.74.65 lakhs under part two schemes during the year 2006-2007. All the schemes have been implemented.
- ★ The Tamil Nadu Prevention of Dangerous Activities of Bootleggers, Drug-offenders, Forest-offenders, Goondas, Immoral Traffic Offenders, Slum-grabbers and video pirates act 1982 has been amended by an ordinance to include "sand offenders", so that they can be detained under the Act.



Hon'ble Chief Minister
Kalaighnar M. Karunanidhi
on 29th March 2007 inaugurated the
BMW Car Manufacturing Plant
at Maraimalai Nagar.

A MoU was signed in the presence of
Hon'ble Chief Minister
Kalaighnar M. Karunanidhi
on 8th March 2007 at Secretariat
between
Tamil Nadu Government and
.Caparo Automobile Group of UK.





KALAINAR M. KARUNANIDHI
Hon'ble Chief Minister

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT

- ★ TESMA (Repeal) Act 2006 was introduced in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly to instill a sense of confidence and to create a better understanding and congenial working atmosphere.
- ★ Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Forcible Conversion of Religion (Repeal) Act, 2006 came into force.
- ★ Social Reforms Department has been revived. The Social Reforms Department will function as a separate department under the control of the Chief Secretary and will be one among the departments looked after by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
- ★ Due to disturbances in Sri Lanka influx of refugees was witnessed in Tamil Nadu from 2.1.2006. Two special camps accommodate 19,235 families consisting of 72,784 members. The entire expenditure on refugees relief is initially met by the State Government and thereafter reimbursed from Government of India.
- ★ Dr.Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Financial Aid Scheme for pregnant women in Tamil Nadu has been extended to Sri Lankan Tamil Pregnant women in camps under humanitarian grounds. Under this scheme each beneficiary will get a monthly financial aid of Rs.1000/- for six months.
- ★ The monthly cash doles given to Sri Lankan refugees in Indian Rupees was doubled with effect from 1.8.2006 and is as follows :-

	Previous dole Rs.	Present dole Rs.
Head of the family	220	400
Next adult	144	288
First child(12 yrs & below)	90	180
Subsequent child	45	90

FINANCE DEPARTMENT



Prof. K. ANBAZHAGAN
Hon'ble Minister for Finance

- ★ Benefits of Bonus / Special Adhoc Bonus / Pongal Gift has been granted again during the Pongal 2007 and Rs.250 crores allotted.
- ★ On par with the Central Government, this government has increased the rate of Dearness Allowances from 29% to 35% with effect from 1.1.2007 to Government employees, Teachers and Pensioners of this State at an additional expenditure of Rs. 600 crores per year.

Treasuries and Accounts Department

- ★ Implementation of e- governance and Electronic Clearing Service for salary payment extended to all District Treasuries at a total allocation of Rs.15 crores.
- ★ Government employees and pensioners in Chennai City can view the status of their entitlements and credits to their bank accounts through Treasury website. This facility will be extended throughout the state.

Directorate of Pension

- ★ During December 2006, Hon'ble Chief Minister has sanctioned a sum of Rs.5 crores towards pensioners medical assistance to clear pending cases. Nearly 5,000 Pensioners will be benefited this year under the pensioners, health fund scheme.

E- Tendering in Two Phases

Phase one :

- ★ Starting from 1.7.2007, tender applications for open tenders for a value exceeding Rs.10 lakhs can also be obtained through internet.

Phase two :

- ★ Starting from 1.10.2007, bids can also be submitted on-line through web sites of the concerned departments.



Hon'ble Finance Minister
Prof. K. Anbazhagan presents
the 2007-2008 Budget in the
Tamil Nadu Assembly
on 23rd March 2007

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL INITIATIVES DEPARTMENT



Prof. K. ANBAZHAGAN
Hon'ble Minister for Finance

- ★ During the meeting held between the Deputy Chairman of Union Planning Commission and the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 6.6.2006 at New Delhi, an enhanced development plan outlay of Rs.12,500 Crores for 2006-2007 was approved for Tamil Nadu, thereby achieving a 37 percent increase in outlay over the previous year.
- ★ 2007-2008 is the first year of 11th Five Year Plan. During the meeting of Chief Minister and the Deputy Chairman of Planning Commission at New Delhi, it was decided to allot Rs.14,000 crores for 2007-2008 thereby achieving a 12 percent increase in outlay over the year 2006-2007.

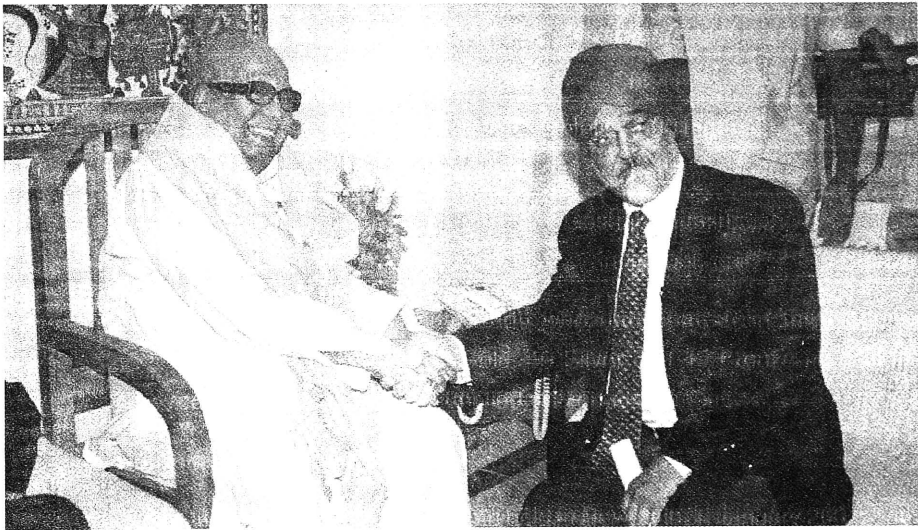
Hill Area Development Programme

- ★ A special scheme for the welfare of TANTEA labourers at Rs.45 lakhs has been taken up.
- ★ 1,099 soil conservation works has been taken up by Agricultural engineering department at a cost of Rs.395 lakhs.
- ★ Horticultural department has taken up schemes at a cost of Rs.298.25 lakhs to benefit about 31,700 tiny and marginal farmers.
- ★ A sum of Rs.566.84 lakhs has been sanctioned for the development of Adi Dravidars and tribal people.
- ★ A sum of 230 lakhs has been sanctioned to construct 100 Anganwadi and Noon meal buildings and to carry out repairs to 40 Adi Dravidar and tribal schools for laying roads to 26 Adi Dravidar dwellings and to provide infrastructure.

- ★ Works relating to improvement of water supply, sewage drains treatments etc were taken up at a cost of Rs.432.71 lakhs.
- ★ Medical and Public Health department have developed a new hospital ward at a cost of Rs.40.65 lakhs at Coonoor.

Western Ghats Development Programme

- ★ During 2006-2007, an area of 1,593 hectare was covered through 1,859 soil conservation works at a cost of Rs.584.30 lakhs.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi had discussions with the Deputy Chairman of Planning Commission of India, Thiru Montek Singh Ahluwalia on 2nd February 2007.

Tamil Nadu 11th Five Year Plan and 2007-2008 year plans were finalised on this occasion.

TAMIL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



Prof. K. ANBAZHAGAN
Hon'ble Minister for Finance

- ★ Central Government declared Tamil as Classical language due to the incessant efforts of the Hon'ble Chief Minister; 'Enperayam' and 'Aymperunkuzhu' are constituted.
- ★ To further development of Science - Tamil 'Ariviyal Tamil Mandram' established.
- ★ The monthly financial assistance to the Ellai Kavalars has been enhanced from Rs.3,000 to Rs.4,000 and the monthly financial assistance to the legal heirs of Ellai Kavalars was also enhanced from Rs.1,500 to Rs.2,000 with effect from 1.11.2005.
- ★ The books of Parthimar Kalaiggar were nationalised and the compensation amount of Rs.15 lakhs was distributed to his legal heirs on 2.12.2006 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.
- ★ The books of "Silambuchelvar" Ma.Po.Si. and Pulavar Kuzhandai were nationalised and compensation amount of Rs.20 lakhs and Rs.10 lakhs respectively was distributed to their legal heirs by Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaiggar M. Karunanidhi on 8.7.2006.
- ★ The Government have announced that the works of 14 Tamil Scholars - viz, Mayuram Vedhanayagam Pillai, Sakthi. Vai. Govindan, T.P. Meenakshi Sundaranar, Tha. Na. Kumarasamy, Ka.Su.Pillai, Pulavar Gulam Kathiru Navalur, Thi.Vai. Sadasiva Pandarathar, Dr.C. Ilakkuvanar, Mahavidwan Dhandapani Desikar, T.J. Renganathan (T.J.R), Narana Durai Kannan, Dr. Ma. Rajamanickanar, Dr. Va. Subha. Manickam and Pulavar Ka. Govindan will be nationalised and compensation amount of Rs.84 lakhs will be paid to the legal heirs at the rate of Rs.6 lakhs to each. Among them, the compensation amount of Rs.78 lakhs was distributed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to

the legal heirs of 13 Tamil Scholars who submitted legal heirship certificates. Until now, the legal heirs of 16 Tamil Scholars have been paid compensation of Rs.123 lakhs.

- ★ The house of Parthimar Kalaigñar - who gave the first clarion call a hundred years ago to declare Tamil as Classical language and who changed his name Suryanarayana Sastri into one of pure Tamil, was converted as Govt. memorial and the compensation amount of Rs.3.84 lakh was distributed to the owners of the house.
- ★ Tmt. Sundarathammai, the grand - daughter of Tamil Scholar Maraimalai Adigalar was paid Rs.1.50 lakhs as financial assistance and for medical expenses by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 2.12.2006
- ★ Further, Selvi C. Kalaiselvi, daughter of Tmt. Sundarathammai was given Government appointment and appointed as Senior Proof Reader in the Directorate of Tamil Development.
- ★ Thiruvalluvar award 2007 was awarded to Prof. Dr. Ka.Pa.Aravanan, Thiru.Vi.Ka. award 2006 was awarded to Thiru. K. Thirunavukkarasu, Bharathiyar award 2006 was awarded to Thiru. M. Tamilaruvamaniyan and Bharathidasan award 2006 was awarded to Dr.Ka. Chellppan by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 8.1.2007.
- ★ Rs.1 lakh sanctioned by the Government for the scheme of placing the Thirukkural Book in the rooms of the private star hotels. Printing work of Thirukkural is in progress.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaigñar M. Karunanidhi gave away the compensation to the families of Tamil scholars whose books were nationalised on 21st March 2007.

PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS DEPARTMENT



Thiru. **ARCOT N. VEERASWAMI**
Hon'ble Minister for Electricity

Repeal of TESMA :

- ★ Tamil Nadu Essential Service Maintenance Act 2003, (TESMA) was repealed, by notification in Government Gazette dated 7.6.2006.

Lifting of ban on new Recruitment and Enhancement of Age Limit by 5 years :

- ★ The previous Government had imposed ban on new recruitment. Consequent on the lifting of ban, this Government enhanced maximum age limit by five years so as to enable the unemployed youth to apply for Government jobs.
- ★ Qualifying Service for full pension has been reduced to 30 years from 33 years.
- ★ Pension determined earlier by the Previous Government based on the average of 50% of the last 10 months pay was changed to the effect that 50% of the last pay drawn or the average of 50% of last 10 months pay whichever is higher will be taken into account for Pension calculation w.e.f. 31.7.2006.
- ★ The previous Government had withdrawn the facility of sanctioning Pongal Bonus / exgratia to Government servants every year from 2002. This Government immediately on formation has sanctioned Pongal Bonus / exgratia to Government servants for the year 2006-2007.
- ★ Orders have been issued for appointment of legal heirs of Government Servants who died while in service in the posts coming under 'C' and 'D' group according to their Educational Qualification on Compassionate Grounds.

- ★ In order to achieve the Government's commitment towards providing transparent and corruption-free administration, a ten member Administrative Reforms Committee under the Chairmanship of Justice A.K. Rajan, Retired Judge of the Madras High Court with a Member-Secretary has been constituted by the Government.



The employees of the Secretariat conveyed their gratitude to the Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi on 23rd June 2006 for extending innumerable concessions to the Government employees of the State.

ENERGY DEPARTMENT



Thiru. **ARCOT N. VEERASWAMI**
Hon'ble Minister for Electricity

Generation

- ★ A capacity of 87 MW has been added during 2006-07, bringing the total installed capacity to 10,098 MW.
- ★ 2006-07 has been a year of pride for hydro generation in the TNEB's history. Generation from the hydro stations has touched an all time high of 6275 Million Units during this year, due to favourable monsoon.
- ★ During 2006-2007, 53 Sub stations of various voltage levels have been commissioned.
- ★ The Alamathy 400 KV Substation at Chennai has been commissioned at the cost of Rs.149 crores.
- ★ A total of 7,30,783 new service connections have been effected during 2006-07 which includes 546 HT, 22972 LT Industrial service connections, 61,329 Hut service connections and 34,325 agriculture service connections.
- ★ 2.4 Lakhs agricultural consumers coming under Self Financing Scheme are also extended free power supply.

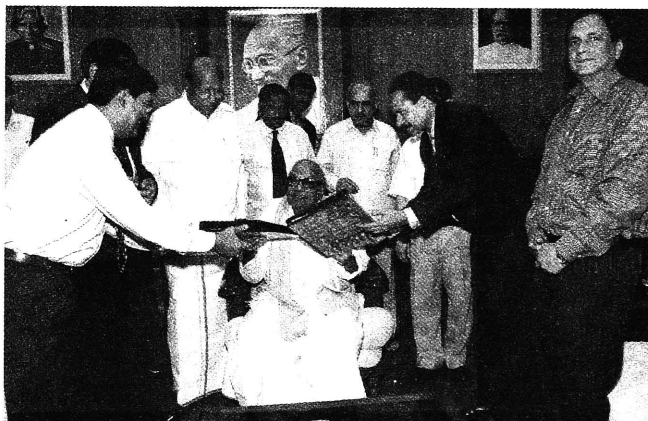
Free colour Television for below Poverty Line (BPL) families

- ★ Providing free colour TV sets to poor families in the State was one of the points in the election manifesto of the present Government. As the first phase of implementation, 30,000 families mostly Tribals in the Nilgiris District were chosen by the Government. Under Phase I of this scheme, electricity supply connections were extended to 4,206

families living in inaccessible hill tracts in Nilgiris mountain area, within a record time of 30 days. 13,283 service connections were effected in Samathuvapuram Houses. Under Phase II, a total of 64,618 beneficiaries have been provided with service connections.

Hon'ble Chief Minister's Waste Land Development Programme

- ★ In order to facilitate cultivation of lands being distributed to landless farmers under Hon'ble Chief Minister's Waste Land Development Programme for providing land to landless farmers, free electricity is being extended for cluster of lands. Under this scheme, free electricity has been extended to Tiruvallur, Dindigul, Villupuram, Tuticorin and Vellore Districts. Services are effected on top priority as and when applications are received.
- ★ The total installed capacity of Power generations from renewable energy sources in Tamil Nadu was 3,725 MW as on 28.2.2007.
- ★ As per the Revised Estimate 2006-07, Tamil Nadu Power Finance & Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd., earned a Net Profit After Tax of Rs.42.97 crores during the financial year 2006-2007.



MoU was signed in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaigñar M. Karunanidhi between Tamil Nadu Electricity Board and Rural Electrification Corporation of India on 2nd April 2007.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT



Thiru. M.K. STALIN

Hon'ble Minister for
Rural Development
and
Local Administration

- ★ Ordinary Elections to the rural local bodies successfully conducted in October 2006 with reservation and rotation for SC, ST and Women candidates. Elections, which could not be held for many years were successfully conducted for Pappapatti, Keeripatti, Nattaramangalam, Kottakatchiyendal Panchayats.
- ★ Annual maintenance cost of power pumps and hand pumps have been upwardly revised from Rs.7000 and Rs. 300 to Rs.7500 and Rs.600 respectively.
- ★ Under State Finance Commission, Rs.1,224 Crores of SFC devolution grant has been released to the rural local bodies.
- ★ 1,49,558 works have been completed out of the 1,54,245 works which were pending as on 13.5.2006. The 4,687 remaining works will be completed soon.
- ★ In 1998, this Government had enhanced the RCC roofing cost to Rs. 12,000 per house and this was reduced to Rs. 9,000 per house in 2004. Now, the Government have restored the roofing cost to Rs. 12,000 per house which is an additionality to the State Share.
- ★ Rs.19.02 crores has been provided as Revolving Fund assistance to 19023 Self Help Groups, 3536 Self Help Groups were provided with loan assistance involving subsidy and credit respectively of Rs. 34.42 crores and Rs. 89.11 crores. 1195 individual beneficiaries were also provided with, subsidy and credit of

Rs. 0.94 crore and Rs. 1.78 crore respectively for economic activities. 24,647 beneficiaries belonging to SC/ST, 50,838 women and 1,406 disabled have also benefited.

Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana

- ★ Under SGRY, 70,265 works have been taken up at an estimate cost of Rs.251.33 crores and the entire amount has been released.

Rural Employment Assistance Scheme

- ★ Till May 2006, though the scheme was in implementation in 3,830 Village Panchayats in 6 districts, the expenditure incurred was only Rs. 3 crores. This Government took special efforts and introduced rural schedule of rates to enable the labourers to get wages upto Rs. 80/- per day. It can be proudly stated that the scheme has gathered momentum and an expenditure of Rs. 152 crores has been incurred and 2,213 works are completed.

Rural Infrastructure Development Fund

- ★ The Government under RIDF – XII with NABARD assistance will strengthen 889 bus plying Panchayat and Panchayat Union roads for 1,543.32 kms at a cost of Rs. 107.395 crores. So far 20 works to a length of 27.41 kms have been completed with an expenditure of Rs.3.94 crores.

12th Finance Commission grant

- ★ Orders have been issued for renewal of Black Topping of bus plying roads of a length of 1895.45 km. in 2,540 Village panchayats at an estimated cost of Rs.103.60 crores under 12th Finance Commission grant. So far 252.38 km of roads have been completed with an expenditure of Rs.11.85 crores. Rs. 103.60 crores has been released.

Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam

- ★ The Government has launched a new scheme called the Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam (AGAMT). The Scheme aims at substantial mobilization of resources for the holistic development of all the 12618 Village Panchayats by providing Rs. 20 lakhs to each Village Panchayat over the next five years. Rs.508 crores released under this scheme; 85,402 works has been taken.
- ★ Out of total allocation of Rs.114 crores under MP Constituency Development Fund, Rs. 71 crores was released and 3,672 works taken up.
- ★ The fund allocation for executive MLAs has been enhanced to Rs. 1.20 crores, 53,105 works are taken up, 10,826 works were completed and Rs.282 crores have been released to all Districts including Chennai Corporation .
- ★ As desired by the majority of the Special Village Panchayats and in view of the practical difficulties faced by SVPs to function under the new set up, Government have reclassified the Special Village Panchayats as Town Panchayats under Tamil Nadu District Municipalities Act 1920.
- ★ Special Provident Fund cum Gratuity for Panchayat Union Employees has been enhanced from Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 10,000 as in the case of Government Servants.
- ★ 933 NMR Fitter Assistants in Panchayat Unions who have rendered more than 20 years of service, have been

absorbed in the existing vacancies in the Panchayat Unions on regular time scale as Night Watchmen and Office Assistants.

- * The Government have issued orders regularising the strike period of Rural Development officials from 4.5.2000 to 15.5.2000 (12 days) as duty period.
- * The full time assistants and part time clerks working in the Village Panchayats have been brought to time scale of pay from 1.9.2006 and this will benefit all such employees in 12,618 Village Panchayats.
- * The Government have ordered to fill up the vacancies among the technical staff through Employment Exchange on the basis of seniority, to ensure speedy implementation of the scheme works.
 - i) Overseers 407
 - ii) J.D.Os 54
 - iii) Road Inspectors 657
- * Earlier, the Extension Officers were eligible for promotion on seniority basis as Deputy Block Development Officer only if they had served as Extension Officer in three different categories for one year each. The Government have now ordered that the Extension Officers shall satisfy the service qualification if they had served as Extension Officer (Panchayats) alone for a period of one year.
- * Government have permitted to fill up the 1,334 Junior Assistant Posts in Rural Development Department for

the year 2006-07, out of which 1,001 posts are by direct recruitment through TNPSC and rest on compassionate ground.

- ★ Government have permitted to fill up 559 posts of Typists in Rural Development Department through Commissioner of Technical Education and on compassionate grounds.



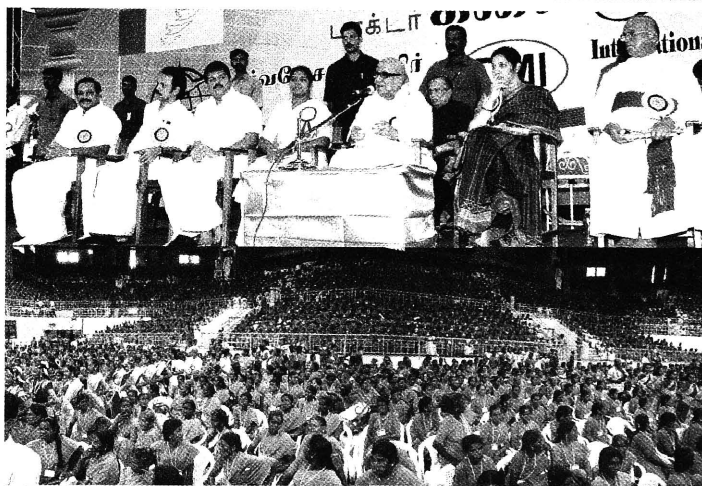
Hon'ble Chief Minister
Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi released the
training manual for
Members of local bodies
at a workshop held
on 18th March 2007
at Chennai.

Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development and
Local Administration Thiru M.K. Stalin
declared open 303 new buildings constructed
at an estimate of Rs.33.22 crores and laid
foundation for 403 new plan projects
on 21st January, 2007 at Nagapattinam.





Hon'ble Chief Minister gave away mementos to Presidents of Panchayats of Papapatti, Keeripatti, Natarmangalam, Kottakachiyendal where local body elections were held after decades at the *Samathuva Peruvizha* on 13th November 2006 in Chennai.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi on International Women's Day distributed Bank loan facilities to Women Self Help Group at a function on 8th March 2007.



Thiru. M.K. STALIN
Hon'ble Minister for
Rural Development
and
Local Administration

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION

- * Action taken to approve unapproved plots in the Municipalities of Tamil Nadu. So far, 25,343 plots have been approved in five Corporations excepting Chennai and a revenue of Rs.22.81 crores has been received. Likewise, 25,668 plots have been given approval in the municipalities. A revenue of Rs.10.81 crores has been collected.
- * 2,536 km length of roads have been upgraded in the Municipalities at an expenditure of Rs.265.64 crores during the year 2006 - 2007. 1,161km length of roads in five municipal corporations were upgraded at an expenditure of Rs.158 crores.
- * 17,418 street lamps have been installed in the municipalities at an expenditure of Rs.16.96 crores and 10,230 street lamps installed in five municipal corporation at an expenditure of Rs.7.88 crores.
- * Permission granted for 10,600 additional drinking water pipe connections in 10 municipalities;
- * Orders have been issued to 26 group works (Tsunami Rehabilitation works) out of 60 group works proposed in 6 Municipalities. Tender estimations are prepared for 21 works to be submitted to Asian Development Bank.
- * A sum of Rs.2.015 crores and a sum of Rs.3.726 crores have been given on 29.9.2006 and 5.12.2006 for the rehabilitation of Tsunami affected people by the Government. A sum of Rs.331.50 lakhs has been released for rehabilitation of 1,105 Self Help Groups and a sum of Rs.10.8 lakhs was spent for the formation of 504 new self help groups.

Chennai Corporation

- * 12 flyovers are being constructed in Chennai city at an estimated cost of Rs.172 crores.
- * Water was released on 15.8.2006 from Kandaleru under Telugu Gangai scheme. It reached the Tamil Nadu border on 19.8.2006. 5.184 TMC of water was received upto 8.2.2007.

- * The water supply to Chennai city has been enhanced from 540 million litre to 575 million litre per day.
- * 27 million litre per day are supplied to local bodies on the outskirts of the city.
- * 26.35 km length of 62 bus routes upgraded.
- * Road works have been completed for 415 kms length of 1,517 inner roads and 100 kms length of 146 km of pedestrian pathways at a cost of Rs.5,928 lakhs.
- * 8 class rooms have been built at a cost of Rs.33.35 lakhs.
- * 210 temporary teachers were sanctioned time bound salary.
- * 100 teachers, 92 Ayahs and 24 office assistants employed as temporary staff on consolidated pay were paid periodical salary from 14.6.2006.
- * 22,000 patients were treated in Corporation hospitals at an expenditure of Rs.15 lakhs.
- * Computerisation of birth and death registration at a cost of Rs.30 lakhs.
- * Action to computerise 300 years old records in the Ripon Building, Chennai.
- * The contagious, infections disease wards in Chennai Hospitals and 20 quarters were repaired at a cost of Rs.1.25 crores.
- * Laboratory equipments costing Rs.15 lakhs were installed to test for disease like dengue, HIV, etc.
- * 7,500 TB patients were identified from 63,000 screened patients and are being treated.
- * Out of 36 cremation grounds in Chennai, 12 crematoriums were modernised at an expenditure of Rs.15 crores. It is planned to modernise the remaining 24 crematoriums at a cost of Rs.28 crores.
- * Seven health camps have been conducted under Hon'ble Chief Minister's Varum mun Kappom Thittam. Over 30,000 people have benefited.
- * 1,20,000 school children of Chennai Corporation have been examined by doctors and treated.
- * 2 lakh students were treated for worms on a single day at an expenditure of Rs.20 lakhs.
- * Rs.3.5 crores have been allotted to start slaughter houses outside Chennai Corporation limits. The Villivakkam slaughter house constructed at a cost of Rs.40 lakhs.
- * Orders have been issued to fill more than 300 vacant posts lying vacant for the past 5 years in the Health Department.

- * A sum of Rs.7 crores was allocated to carry out repair works and to create New Parks and Playgrounds. 14 Park works have been completed.
- * 31 kms length of slum water drainage has been constructed at a cost of Rs.11.70 crores.
- * 27.92 kms length of 16 canals are maintained by Chennai Corporation. These canals were desilted before the Monsoon rains of 2006.
- * Chennai Corporation maintains 850 kms length of storm water drainages. They were desilted twice before the monsoon rains of 2006.
- * 4 office Assistants were promoted as Sanitary Inspectors after interaction.
- * 102 Sanitary workers, after interaction, were promoted as sanitary supervisors.



Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development and Local Administration, Thiru. M.K. Stalin at Arandangi gave away financial aid to the Tsunami affected.

WATER AND DRAINAGE BOARD



Thiru. **M.K. STALIN**
Hon'ble Minister for
Rural Development
and
Local Administration

- ★ Underground drainage scheme at Tirunelveli Corporation was completed at an expenditure of Rs.66 crores.
- ★ Underground drainage works were completed in Karur and Inam Karur at an expenditure of Rs.35 crores.
- ★ **Rural Drinking Water Supply Schemes**
 1. 7,742 Rural habitations drinking water schemes.
 2. Drinking water schemes in 3,274 schools.
 3. 421 water intensity infrastructure.
 4. 60 Integrated drinking water schemes.
 5. 55 Urban drinking water schemes.
 6. 2,050 rural area development works have been completed.
- ★ Administration sanction has been accorded to implement Ramanathapuram combined drinking water scheme costing Rs.616 crores, which would benefit 15.65 lakh people of 3,163 rural habitations in 5 Municipalities and 11 Town Panchayats in Ramanathapuram, Sivagangai and Pudukottai districts.
- ★ Combined drinking water scheme at a cost of Rs.68 crores to benefit 1.31 lakh people of 239 seashore habitations in Toothukudi district and Municipalities of Aruppukottai and Virudhunagar and Town Panchayats in Virudhunagar district.
- ★ A combined drinking water scheme to benefit 1.34 lakh people at a cost of Rs.98.85 lakhs in Nagapattinam district.
- ★ A combined drinking water scheme to benefit people of Senthamangalam. Kalappanaikanpatti town panchayats and 318 dwellings in Namakkal district.

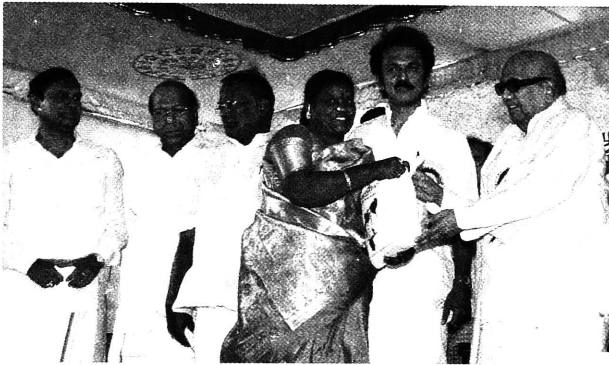
CO - OPERATION DEPARTMENT



Thiru. **KO.SI. MANI**
Hon'ble Minister for
Co-operation

- ★ On the very day of assuming of office, the Hon'ble Chief Minister passed orders waiving outstanding farmers loans with the Co-operatives as on 31.03.2006 with interest to the extent of Rs.6,866 crores. This decision benefited 22,59,491 farmers and provided them substantial relief.
- ★ Upto 31.3.2007, jewels pledged with Co-operative Societies towards agriculture loans were returned in case of 1,81,650 farmers.
- ★ Upto 31.03.2007, documents mortgaged with Co-operative Societies towards agriculture loans were returned to 1,98,812 farmers.
- ★ The Co-operative Banks with Government financial assistance and with their own resources have issued Crop loans to the tune of Rs.1250.62 crores to 6,31,283 agriculturists till 31.03.2007.
- ★ The interest rate for the crop loans, has been reduced from 9% to 7%. Government have ordered that interest loss due to the reduction of interest rate from 9% to 7% for crop loans will be borne by the Government. Accordingly, Government have released Rs. 18.28 crores during 2006-2007 towards interest subsidy.
- ★ The interest rate has been reduced from 18% to 12% of the Non Farm Sector loans issued by District Central Co-operative banks and primary Agricultural Coopeative Banks with effect from 1.4.2001. They can repay the outstanding dues under one time settlement scheme on or before 31.12.2007 and avail the reduced interest rate and also waiver of penal interest of 3%.

- ★ The Government have decided to rehabilitate 200 primary Agricultural Cooperative Banks, which were served with notice of liquidation.
- ★ In order to ensure that essential commodities are supplied to public in correct measurement it, has been proposed to install modern weighing machines in all the Fair Price Shops in Tamil Nadu; in the first phase Rs.100 lakhs has been sanctioned for the purchase of modern weighing machines for 2,395 Fair price shops.
- ★ The services of 24,469 employees of Co-operative institutions were regularised and 229 persons were appointed on compassionate grounds in the Co-operative institutions so far.



Hon'ble Chief Minister
Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi inaugurated
"one kilogram rice for Rs.2" scheme on his
birthday on 3rd June 2006.

Hon'ble Chief Minister
Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi
at Thiruvannamalai district gave away
free cooking gas connections and gas stoves
on 17th March 2007.



AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT



Thiru. **VEERAPANDI S. ARUMUGAM**
Hon'ble Minister for
Agriculture

- ★ Waiver of Co-operative loans to the tune of Rs.7,000 crores and Co-operative loan waiver Certificates issued so far to 22,39,487 farmers.
- ★ Foodgrain production estimated to reach the all time high level of 96.04 LMT during 2006-07 by surpassing the previous highest production of 94.12 L.MTs during 1998-99. The additional area coverage of 1 L.Ha under Maize and 3 L.Ha. under pulses, due to the efforts taken by the Department reached 41.60 L.Ha. foodgrain production as against the target of 39.70 L.Ha.
- ★ Interest rate for Agricultural loans has been reduced from 9% to 7% in Co-operative Banks and the interest rate to those farmers who repay the dues in time has been further reduced from 7% to 5%.
- ★ Extension of free electricity to all farmers for Agricultural pumpsets and also for 2.4 lakh farmers obtained electricity connection through self - financing scheme.
- ★ Production and distribution of 18,150 MTs of paddy, 450 MTs of Millets, 1,70 MTs. of Pulses, 3,700 MTs of Oilseeds and 190 MTs of Cotton, certified seeds at a cost of Rs.29.77 crores.
- ★ Production and distribution of Micro nutrients of 1,413 MTs at a cost of Rs.3.12 crores.
- ★ Production and distribution of 8.21 L. Nos. of Bio fertilisers at a cost of Rs.3.67 crores.

- ★ 4.5 lakhs Tall coconut seedlings, 3.2 lakhs of Tall x Dwarf coconut seedlings and 0.06 lakhs of Dwarf x Tall seedlings have been produced and distributed at a cost of Rs.1.37 crores.
- ★ Reclamation scheme for Tsunami affected Agricultural lands is completed at an allocation of Rs.12.69 crores.
- ★ 7,366 Farm women groups were given training on entrepreneurial activities. Assistance extended Rs.3,500 per group to start new Units with a total allocation of Rs.3.53 crores.
- ★ Assistance extended to start 9 Bio Control Agent production centres; Rs.5 lakhs sanctioned to each centre as revolving fund at a cost of Rs.0.45 crore.
- ★ Farm machineries were distributed to 218 groups at 25% subsidy at a cost of Rs.0.67 crore for their own use and also for hiring out.
- ★ 10,100 numbers of Plant protection equipments distributed at subsidised cost with the financial commitment of Rs.1.12 crores.
- ★ Crop Insurance for non loanee farmers by extending 50% State Government subsidy on premium. 1.05 lakh farmers enrolled at an expenditure of Rs.1.16 crores during 2006 - 07.
- ★ To help the farmers understand the nutritional status of soil and to apply fertiliser on need basis, health cards containing all the information on the soil being distributed to all farm holdings in a phased manner; so far 4.12 lakhs of Soil Health Card distributed in 2006 - 07.
- ★ 1,11,279 coconut palms affected by root with disease have been cut and removed with the assistance of Rs.250 per tree with a financial expenditure of Rs.2.78 crores.
- ★ The Integrated Horticulture Program is being implemented in 29 districts excluding Chennai. Under this scheme elite planting materials, high yielding / hybrid vegetable seeds are being distributed to horticultural crops cultivating farmers at 50% subsidised cost.
- ★ Also planting materials, seeds etc. are being distributed to tribal farmers at 75% subsidised cost in Salem, Namakkal, Dharmapuri, Thiruvannamalai, Vellore, Trichy and Villupuram districts. Tour and training programmes are being conducted in order to educate the tribal

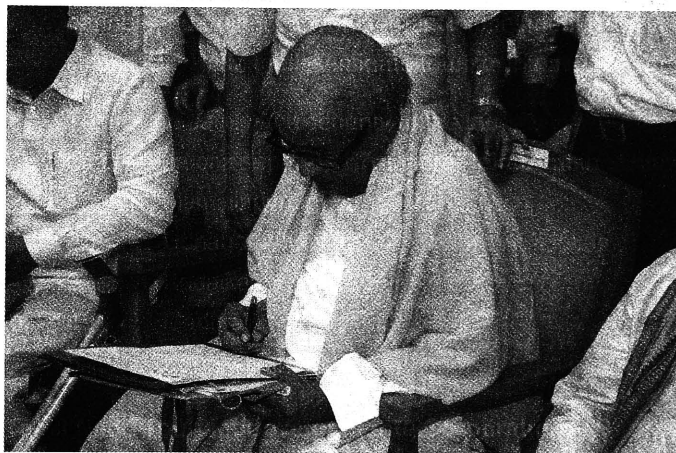
farmers on improved technologies. During 2006-07, this scheme has been implemented with an outlay of Rs.40 lakhs benefitting 2,472 tribal farmers.

- ★ Western Ghats Development Scheme, quality planting materials of Mango, Aonia, Sapota etc. and other inputs are distributed to the horticultural crop growers at 25% subsidised cost in Virudhunagar, Tirunelveli and Kanniyakumari. During 2006-07, this scheme has been implemented with an outlay of Rs.48.10 lakhs.
- ★ Hill Area Development Programme, pedigree fruit plants, high yielding vegetable seeds, spices, plants, farm equipments like sprayers oil engines, etc. are distributed to the horticultural growers of the Nilgiris district at 25% subsidy. During 2006-07, this scheme was implemented with an outlay of Rs.255.131 lakhs.
- ★ Hon'ble Chief Minister had announced on 25.09.1999 that 100 Uzhavar Sandhais in Municipal and Town Panchayat areas would be established to enable direct selling of Frutis and Vegetables by farmers without middlemen. So far, 103 Uzhavar sandhais have been opened in Tamil Nadu. 203 Uzhavar Sandhais were renovated on an expenditure of Rs.42 lakhs.
- ★ Every day, on an average 1010 metric tons of vegetables and fruits worth Rs.1 crore are being brought and sold by 7500 farmers benefitting 1,90,000 consumers.

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University

- ★ 175 students have secured placement in banking sector, input dealers, Non Governmental Organizations etc through the placement cell of the university.
- ★ The Government of Tamil Nadu has sanctioned two new research stations; one on cotton at Perambalur and another on maize at Dindigul with financial commitment of Rs.150 lakhs per annum.
- ★ Krishi Vigyan Kendras (15 nos including a KVK recently established at Pappalapatti, Dharmapuri) and Plant clinic centres (5 nos.) disseminate research findings through various channels and agencies to the farming community by adopting new approaches.

- * Farmers training hostel has been sanctioned by the ICAR at a cost of Rs.150 lakhs. On recommendation of the Government of Tamil Nadu, Central Government have sanctioned Rs.50 crores for the Development of the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University.



Hon'ble Chief Minister K. J. Somasundaram
signing the file to write off
Agricultural Co-operative Loans immediately after
assuming office as Chief Minister on 13th May 2006.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



Thiru. **DURAIMURUGAN**
Hon'ble Minister for
PWD and Law

- ★ 425 works were taken up for desilting of rivers and canals in Cauvery basin on war footing at a cost of Rs.10 crores and the work had been completed within a period of 15 days.
- ★ After a period of four years, Mettur Reservoir was opened for irrigation on scheduled date i.e. June 12th. The farmers of Cauvery basin were able to harvest Kuruvai in 3.113 lakh acres, Samba in 10.588 lakh acres and Thaladi in 2.562 lakh acres.
- ★ Following scheme was completed and opened for irrigation.

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	District	Ayacut benefited
1.	Rehabilitation of left side and right side canal of Kelavarapalli Reservoir.	Krishnagiri	3,677 Ha

- ★ Following schemes were completed and will be opened in the coming irrigation season :

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	District	Ayacut benefited
1.	Reservoir across Varattar river	Dharmapuri	2068 Ha
2.	Reservoir across Mirukandandi River	Thiruvannamalai	1291 Ha
3.	Reservoir across Andiappanur Odai	Vellore	830 Ha
4.	Formation of Shenbagathoppu Reservoir across Kamandallar river	Thiruvannamalai	2710 Ha
5.	Bed dam across Vaigai river	Kizhaperungurai Village, Ramarathapuram district	211 Ha.
6.	Formation of new pond across Kottodaipatti	Pullimankombai village in Andipatti taluk in Theni district	50 Ha.

7.	Construction of check dam across Varattar river	Vadaveeranaickenpatti village of Periyakulam taluk in Theni District	16 Ha.
8.	Formation of tank across Kurunkur river	Poondi Village of Kodaikanal taluk in Dindigul district	68 Ha.
9.	Vandal Odai	Tirunelveli	978 Ha.
10.	Construction of anaicut across Peearu to feed Hiruppalakudi tank	Thiruvadanai taluk in Ramanathapuram district	166 Ha.

- * To prevent flood damages to the city waterways due to North East Monsoon flood, desilting of the Coom, Adayar, Buckingham Canal, Otteri Nallah, Virugampakkam and Velachery drain was taken up at a cost of Rs.4 crore and the work has been since completed.
- * Under the control of Water Resources Organisation, Sand is being sold through 89 sand sales centers with the approval of the District Collectors. Upto 31.3.07, a total income of Rs.128.11 crore was credited to the Government account through the sale of 21.351 lakhs loads of sand.

Buildings Wing

- * Construction of various buildings in Medical Colleges at Theni, Vellore, Asaripallam, Tirunelveli and Thuthukudi completed at an estimated cost of Rs.200 crores.
- * During the year 2006-2007, the Government sanctioned Rs.161.32 crore for construction of class rooms, labs, toilet blocks and drinking water supply arrangements to 234 Government High Schools/ Higer Secondary Schools in 13 districts under Phase - VI with NABARD assistance and Government's contribution. Out of 234 works, 2 works were completed, 203 works are in progress, 27 works are under tender stage and for 2 works RAS is awaited. During the year 2006-2007, the Government sanctioned Rs.131.69 crores for construction of class rooms, labs, toilet blocks and drinking water supply arrangements to 195 Government High Schools/ Higher Secondary Schools in 16 Districts under Phase - VII with NABARD assistance and Government's contribution. Out of 195 works, 131 works are in progress, 60 works are in tender stage, for 4 works RAS is awaited.

LAW DEPARTMENT



Thiru. **DURAIMURUGAN**
Hon'ble Minister for
PWD and Law

- ★ At Dr. Ambedkar Government Law College, Chennai , the number of seats in the first year of 3 year and 5 year law degree courses have been increased from 80 to 321 and from 80 to 241, respectively.
- ★ A sum of Rs.25.83 lakhs has been sanctioned for the construction of separate building for the Directorate of Legal Studies.
- ★ Rs.124.37 lakhs has been sanctioned for the construction of lady students hostel and Rs.22.37 lakhs has been sanctioned for the construction of additional hostel rooms for men at Government Law College, Coimbatore.
- ★ Orders have been issued for starting separate section for teaching in Tamil in the first year of three year and five year law courses in Dr. Ambedkar Government Law College, Chennai. Stipend of Rs.400/- p.a. is paid to those students who study law in Tamil medium.
- ★ A sum of Rs.1.30 crores has been sanctioned for the construction of class rooms, rest rooms and hostel building for women students in Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University.
- ★ A sum of Rs.19 lakhs has been sanctioned for purchase of books for the School of Excellence in the Post Graduate and Research Department and furniture, fittings and computers for the TamilNadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University.



Dr. K. PONMUDY
Hon'ble Minister for
Higher Education

HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

- ★ The Government entered into a consensual agreement with the Association of the Private Unaided Professional Institutions and issued orders for sharing of seats between Government and the managements as detailed below:

Type of Institution	Government Quota	Management Quota
Non-Minority unaided Engineering Colleges	65%	35%
Minority unaided Engineering Colleges	50%	50%

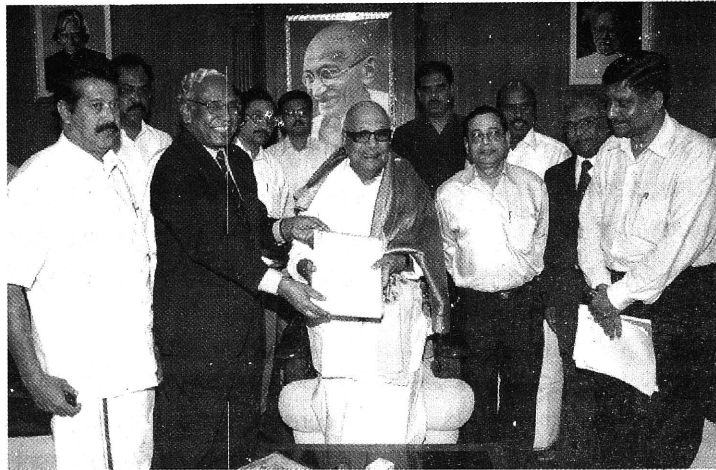
- ★ Government considered that the Common Entrance Examination for admission to Professional Courses has become highly expensive and a source of unnecessary hardship for the students and hence abolished the entrance examination for admission to professional courses from the academic year 2007-08 by enacting legislation called Tamil Nadu Admission in Professional Educational Institution Act, 2006 (Tamil Nadu Act 3 of 2007).
- ★ Government have sanctioned Rs.1 Crore to establish a Centre for Research on Dravidian Movement in Madras University, Chennai.
- ★ The fees in the Government Engineering Colleges has been reduced from Rs.12,550/- to Rs.7,550/- by this Government from the academic year 2006-2007.

- ★ Government issued orders sanctioning Rs.1 Crore to establish a centre for education research in Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai.
- ★ Since rotation method was introduced in 10 Government Arts & Science Colleges, the admission for 1st year students will rise.
- ★ A centre for higher studies and research in Bio-technology to improve the productivity in agriculture and to develop new medicine for various diseases has been established at Chennai. Government issued orders sanctioning Rs.1 Crore in this regard.
- ★ For the benefit of students hailing from poor families who are studying in Engineering Colleges, a total sum of Rs.21.25 lakhs has been given to 85 students at the rate of Rs.25,000/- per student, during 2006-07.
- ★ Students hailing from Non Graduate families and who have secured the top 10 ranks in the Professional Colleges admission list, were given a special grant subject to a maximum of Rs.20,000/- each, towards meeting the educational expenses. A total sum of Rs.4.99 lakhs has been disbursed by Government during this year to 40 top ranking students for the year 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- ★ 237 Lecturers were recruited and appointed in Government Engineering Colleges and Government Polytechnic Colleges through Teachers' Recruitment Board.

- ★ Four Young Scientists were provided fellowship with a total grant of Rs.34,000/- by the Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology, under Young Scientists Fellowship Scheme during the year 2006-2007. Besides this, 13 Scientists and Researchers were awarded with a cash price of Rs.1.6 lakhs under Tamil Nadu Scientists Award Scheme during the year 2006-2007.
- ★ Orders have been issued to start four new Arts and Science Colleges at Valparai, Mettur, Orathanad and Perambalur, so as to create opportunity to the people belonging to backward areas to pursue higher education.
- ★ This Government issued orders to construct 80 Class rooms in 13 Government Colleges this year and all efforts would be taken to provide adequate basic infrastructure in all Government Colleges in coming years to avoid the situation of conducting classes outside the classroom with no facilities.
- ★ The oldest College in South India, Presidency College will have a new lease of life this year. Renovation of entire College building at a cost of Rs.3.23 crores is being taken up.
- ★ The Government have allotted a sum of Rs.32.00 lakhs for construction of additional class rooms at Bharathiar Centenary Memorial Government Polytechnic College for Women, Ettayapuram and Tamilnadu Polytechnic College, Madurai.

★ The Government have allotted a sum of Rs.1.64 Crore towards provision of the following facilities in Government Engineering Colleges:-

1. New Ladies Hostel at Alagappa Chettiar College of Engineering and Technology, Karaikudi.
2. New Library Buildings at Government College of Engineering, Bargur and
3. New Laboratory Buildings at Government College of Engineering, Salem/Government College of Engineering, Tirunelveli.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaighar M. Karunanidhi on 13.11.2006 received the report recommending abolishing of entrance exams to Professional Courses from Dr.M.Ananthakrishnan who headed the committee of Educationalists.



Thiru. K.N. NEHRU
Hon'ble Minister for
Transport

TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

- ★ It was decided to purchase 2,230 buses for the use of State Transport Corporations.
- ★ New services in the name of "YELLOW LINE" has been introduced in Chennai Metropolitan City. 50 such buses are operated in 15 city routes. New services in the name of "BLUE LINE" has been introduced with 176 buses on 51 routes in Chennai Metropolitan City, with limited stoppings.
- ★ Rs.150 crores has also been provided for purchase of 1000 new buses for Metropolitan Transport Corporation Limited.
- ★ The operational distance of Metropolitan Transport Corporation Ltd. buses shall be extended from 40 km to 50 km.
- ★ Orders issued treating Transport workers Bonus strike period of 17 days as duty period.
- ★ A Committee of Senior level officers was formed to analyse the stagnation of officers at the same level and prepare panels for promotion / upgradation of posts in the cadre of Deputy Manager and above. The Committee has considered the seniority of the officers at various levels and recommended the names to the Government for preparation of panels and that of promotion. Based on the recommendations of the Committee, promotions are given to the Managerial cadre officers of STUs.
- ★ Government ordered new revised pay scale to the Administrative/Technical Supervisory Cadre of the Government Transport Corporations employees.

- ★ The Government sanctioned the payment of bonus of 8.33% besides an ex-gratia of 11.67% for the financial year 2005-06 to all the workers and the employees including Administrative Supervisory Staff and Technical Supervisory Staff excluding officers of Tamil Nadu State Transport Undertakings who are eligible to receive bonus under the payment of Bonus Act.



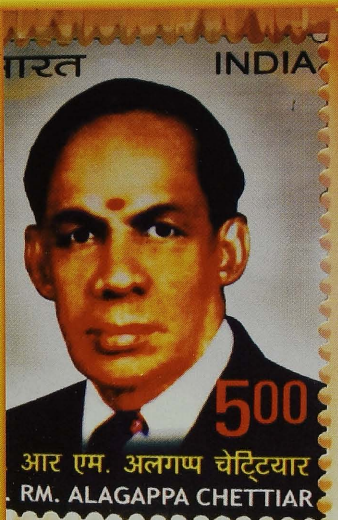
Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi inaugurated the Yellow Line and Blue Line Bus Transport systems at Chennai on 3rd December 2006.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaaignar M. Karunanidhi received Rs.4.4 crore dividend due to the Government from Tamil Nadu Power Finance and Infrastructure Development Corporation (POWERFIN) on 2nd April 2007. Hon'ble Minister for Electricity, Thiru Arcot N. Veeraswami presented the cheque. Chief Secretary Thiru. L.K. Tripathi was present.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaaignar M. Karunanidhi released the Tamil Edition of Chennai Metropolitan Area Development Authority's Control Rules on 4th April 2007. Hon'ble Minister for Information Thiru Parithi Ellamvazhuthi received the first copy at the occasion.



In honour of Padma Bhushan Dr. RM. Alagappa Chettiar, Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaiginar M.Karunanidhi released a postage stamp on 6th April 2007. Hon'ble Union Minister for Finance, Thiru P. Chidambaram, Hon'ble Minister for Finance, Prof.K. Anbazhagan and Hon'ble Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments, Thiru KR. Periakaruppan were present.



An MoU was signed up between Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO) and Ras al Khaimah Investment Authority (RAKIA), United Arab Emirates for promotion of two Mega Townships at Coimbatore and Kanchipuram in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaiginar M. Karunanidhi on 28th April 2007. Hon'ble Minister for Electricity Thiru Arcot N. Veeraswami and Chief Secretary Thiru L.K. Tripathi were present.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaaignar M. Karunanidhi handed over financial assistance of Rs.7 lakhs to families of four deceased Journalists and medical assistance of Rs.1.50 lakhs to a Press Photographer from Chief Minister Public Relief Fund on 18th May 2007.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaaignar M.Karunanidhi paid floral tributes to Late Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi on 21st May, 2007 marking Anti-Terrorism Day at the Secretariat.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaigñar M.Karunanidhi gave away prizes and certificates of merits to State Level Top three rankers of Class Ten Government Examinations on 9th June 2007. Hon'ble Union Minister for Information Technology, Thiru. A. Raja, Hon'ble Minister for Public Works & Law, Thiru Durai Murugan, Hon'ble Minister for Health, Thiru. K.K.S.S.R. Ramachandran and Hon'ble Minister for School Education, Thiru. Thangam Thenarasu were present.



Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development and Local Administration Thiru. M.K. Stalin flagged off Chennai Metropolitan Transport Corporation's new Modern Bus Transport fleet at Chennai on 22nd May 2007. Hon'ble Minister for Transport, Thiru. K.N. Nehru and Hon'ble Minister for Backward Classes, Thiru. M.R.K. Paneer Selvam, participated in the function.



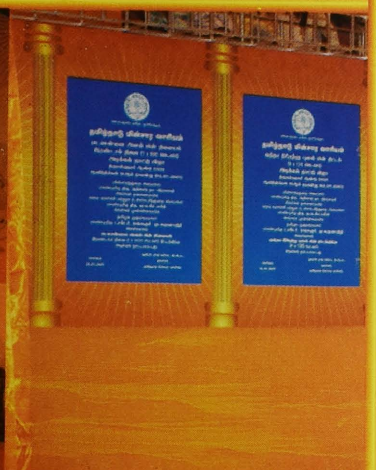
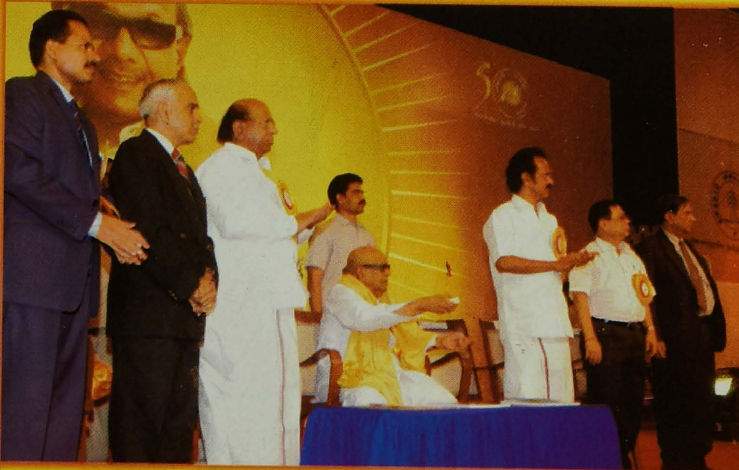
Hon'ble Chief Minister K. J. Somasundaram presented Chief Secretary Thiru L.K. Tripathy a Laptop computer on 10th June 2007 marking inauguration of distribution of Laptop computers to IAS officers in Tamil Nadu.



Hon'ble Rural Development and Local Administration Minister, Thiru M.K. Stalin distributed Gas Stoves and Cookers to Centres that operate under Integrated Children Development Scheme on 1st June 2007. Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare, Dr. (Tmt.) Poongothai and Chennai Mayor Thiru Ma. Subramanian were present.



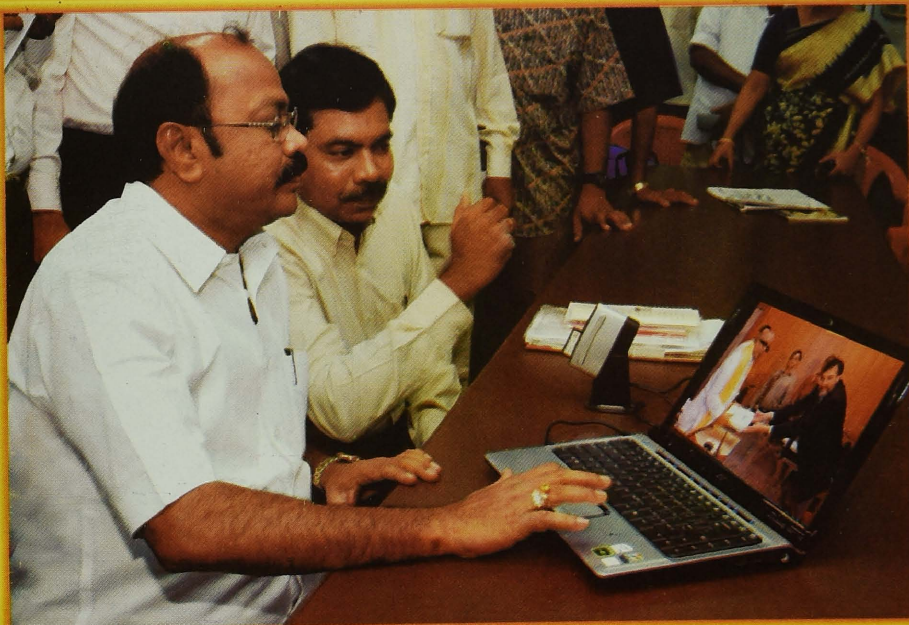
Hon'ble Rural Development and Local Administration Minister Thiru M.K. Stalin opened 552 multi-storey apartments constructed by Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board in Chennai, Royapuram Ghouse Mohideen Pettai on 15th June 2007. Hon'ble Ministers Thiru Suba. Thangavelan, Thiru T.P.M. Mohideen Khan Thiru K.P.P. Samy and Chennai Mayor Thiru Ma. Subramanian participated.



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi presided over Tamil Nadu Electricity Board's Golden Jubilee Function on 2nd July 2007 at Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai. The Chief Minister laid foundation for 2500 MW Power Plants and dedicated 10,000 transformers for the state. Hon'ble Minister for Electricity, Thiru Arcot N. Veeraswamy, Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development and Local Administration, Thiru M.K. Stalin and Chief Secretary Thiru L.K. Tripathy were present.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi issued land registration pattas to landless poor agricultural workers at a function held in Palayamkottai on 16th June 2007. Hon'ble Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Thiru. R. Aavudaiappan, Hon'ble Ministers Thiru Arcot N. Veerasamy, Thiru Durai Murugan and Thiru.T.P.M. Mohideen Khan and Thirunelveli District Collector Thiru G.Prakash were present.



Hon'ble Minister for Information, Thiru. Parithi Ellamvazhuthi inaugurated Broadband Wireless Internet facility at the Press Room of Chennai Secretariat on 21st June 2007. Tamil Development, Religious Endowments and Information Department Secretary, Thiru. D. Rajendran was present.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaighnar M.Karunanidhi on his 84th Birthday on 3rd June 2007 paid his respects to Perarignar Anna at Perarignar Anna Memorial. Hon'ble Ministers were present.



A MoU was signed on 19th June 2007 in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaighnar M. Karunanidhi at Secretariat between Government of Tamil Nadu and Sanmeena S.C.I. Corporation of USA. Chief Secretary Thiru L.K.Tripathi, Sanmeena Corporation Global Operations Director Thiru Haripillai, Operations Assistant Director Thiru C.T. Suva, Sales Director Thiru Michael Kovox, India Operation Head for Sanmeena Corporation Thiru Kumaran Subramanian, Industry Secretary Thiru Shakthikanta das and Information Technology Secretary Dr. C. Chandra Mouli were present.

BACKWARD CLASSES, MOST BACKWARD CLASSES AND MINORITIES WELFARE DEPARTMENT



Thiru. M.R.K. PANNEERSELVAM
Hon'ble Minister for
Backward Classes

- ★ A resolution urging the Government of India to go ahead with the 27% reservation for Other Backward Classes in all the educational institutions controlled and financed by the Government of India was unanimously passed in the Assembly on 31.5.2006. As a result of the dedicated efforts taken by our Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Bill for providing 27% reservation for Other Backward Classes in the higher educational institutions under the control of Government of India was passed recently in both Houses of Parliament. The President of India has given assent to the Bill.
- ★ During the year 2006-2007, 3,47,014 bicycles were supplied to BC /MBC & DNC students at a cost of Rs.73.74 crores. The Government also extended the free bicycles scheme to students availing free bus pass from 2006-2007.
- ★ TABCEDCO has disbursed a sum of Rs.20 crores as loans to benefit 28,202 beneficiaries during 2006-2007.
- ★ During 2006-2007, TAMCO has disbursed a sum of Rs.8.21crores as loans to 7284 beneficiaries.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi on 19th January 2007 gave away free bi-cycles to students of Class 11 and 12 belonging to Backward, Most Backward, Scheduled Caste, Adi Dravidar, Tribal and other groups.



Minority communities representatives thanked Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi on 10th April 2007 for setting up an exclusive directorate for minorities and for taking legal action towards reservations in education and employment.

RURAL INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT



Thiru. **PONGALUR N.PALANISAMY**

Hon'ble Minister for
Rural Industries

- ★ Permanent Registration Certificates and Entrepreneur Memorandum Number (Part II) have been issued to 19,201 Small Scale Industrial Units.
- ★ Loan amount of Rs.81.25 crores has been disbursed to 21,227 beneficiaries under PMRY scheme. 21,080 persons have also been trained under PMRY.
- ★ In 2006-07, 92 agro based units set up in 29 blocks have commenced production with an investment of Rs.57.50 crores, providing employment to 2,754 rural people.
- ★ The sales turn over of 340 Industrial co-operative societies in 2006 - 07 has been Rs.418.04 crores.
- ★ During the period from May 2006 to March 2007, 46 new Industrial Co-operative Societies have been registered.
- ★ To improve the quality of Sago products, steps have been taken to modernize the Sago factories by granting 50% as subsidy by Sagoserve subject to a maximum of Rs.4 lakh per unit registered with Sagoserve for meeting the cost of modern equipments. The Government, in turn, would reimburse of 50% of subsidy amount to Sagoserve with a view to encourage the unit holders to adopt the modernisation. The Government has released Rs.50 lakhs to Sagoserve in this regard.

- ★ Government have sanctioned fund at the rate of Rs.1 lakh per society for organization of 20 Labour Contract Service Industrial Cooperative Societies. These societies will promote self employment of semi skilled and skilled youth who are qualified fitters and artisans.
- ★ During 2006 - 07 for units started under New Anna Marumalarchi Thittam, a sum of Rs.6.62 crores have been sanctioned towards subsidies and a sum of Rs.7 crores has been sanctioned Low Tension Tariff subsidy for the units which were set up in the industrially backward blocks. Apart from this, a Rs.35.16 lakhs was sanctioned as capital subsidy for SSI units set up in industrially backward blocks and Rs.1.26 lakh as Generator subsidy.
- ★ SIDCO has allotted 38 Nos. of sheds and 247 Nos of Developed plots in various Industrial Estates. It will create direct employment to 3,000 persons and indirect employment to 1,500 persons.
- ★ An extent of 83.55 acres of land in Vazhavandhan Kottai (Phase II) has been taken up for development to cater to the needs of BHEL ancillary units at an expenditure of Rs.125 lakhs and the works are nearing completion. 40 Nos. of developed plots with an extent of 57.76 acres have been created and allotted to the SSI units.
- ★ During 2006 - 07, TANSI has earned an unaudited net profit of Rs.70 lakhs.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT



Thiru. I. PERIASAMY
Hon'ble Minister for
Revenue and Prisons

- * The Government have ordered in the first phase to distribute 30,000 colour television sets in all the districts on 15.9.2006, birth anniversary of Arignar Anna at all the Periyar Memorial Samathuvapurams where all caste people are living together, and to all the schedule tribe families living in the Nilgiris district and also to the people living in Slum Clearance Board Tenements (one each in South and North Chennai) and this Scheme has been completed successfully on 16.9.2006. The Government also decided to distribute 25 lakhs of Colour Television sets in second phase in the year 2007, approximately 10,000 Colour Televisions sets per each assembly segment. This scheme was launched by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 15.02.2007. 3,97,846 Colour Television sets have been distributed to qualified beneficiaries till 09.04.2007 in all districts.

Land to landless poor agriculturists

- * The First phase of the distribution of land under this scheme was launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 17.09.2006 in Thiruvallur District. During the first phase, a total extent of 24,271 acres under all the 3 categories mentioned above has been reclaimed where ever necessary and distributed to 23,440 landless and poor agricultural families. In the first phase in Madurai district an extent of 1010.97 acres was distributed to 918 poor agricultural families. The Second Phase of distribution was on 17.12.2006 in Villupuram District benefited 26,749 landless and poor agricultural families covering an extent of 25,805.53 acres. For the Third Phase distribution on 17.03.2007 an extent of 26,029.61 acres was distributed to 20,648 poor agricultural families.

- ★ During the last five years, i.e. during 2001 - 2006, poor agriculturists numbering 5,509 benefited by 29,074 acres. But during the last 10 months alone, 71,755 poor landless agriculturists received 77,117 acres of land.

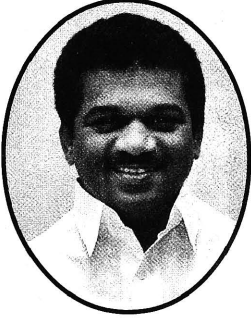
Relief to the flood affected

- ★ During 2006 North East Monsoon, Kuruvai Crops cultivated in an area of 292.66.5 hectares of lands were badly affected by floods in the delta districts of Thanjavur, Thiruvarur and Nagapattinam. Considering the plight of farmers, a cash relief assistance of Rs.21,94,988 was sanctioned to the affected farmers in there said districts at the rate of Rs.7,500 per hectare.

Relief to victims of Natural Calamity

- ★ The Hon'ble Chief Minister made an announcement on 30.10.2006 enhancing the relief amount from Rs.15,000 to Rs.50,000 to the families of the victims of Natural Calamities like Cyclone, Flood, Lightning, Thunder and Fire.
- ★ A payment of Rs.10,000 as relief to the persons who sustain greivous injuries leading to loss of limb, eyes etc., during such Natural Calamities has been announced.
- ★ In order to avoid delay in disbursement of relief to the affected families, the collectors have been authorised to draw and disburse the amount immediately to the affected families / persons.
- ★ Those who have encroached and constructed houses on the Government Poramboke lands for more than 10 years, the Government have examined and issued orders, to regularise all such properties.

TOURISM & CULTURE DEPARTMENT



Thiru. **SURESH RAJAN**
Hon'ble Minister for Tourism

- ★ A sum of Rs. 30.45 lakhs in total has been sanctioned for additional infrastructure facilities like approach road, park, drinking water, walkway etc., in Suruli Falls and Chinna Suruli Falls in Theni District.
- ★ A sum of Rs. 427.46 lakhs has been sanctioned to develop Thanjavur and out of which a sum of Rs. 341.96 lakhs were released as first instalment to commence the work.
- ★ Rs. 206.81 lakhs has been released as first instalment out of sanctioned amount of Rs. 258.52 for development of Kanniyakumari.
- ★ Rs. 382.42 lakhs has been released as first instalment out of sanctioned amount of Rs. 478.03 lakhs for the development of Madurai.
- ★ Rs. 77.62 lakhs has been released as first instalment out of the sanctioned amount Rs. 97.02 for development of Puliancholia, a less known Hill Station in Tiruchirappalli District.
- ★ Rs. 362.22 lakhs has been released as first instalment out of sanctioned amount of Rs. 452.78 lakhs for development of Chennai-Kancheepuram – Thirukkazhukundram - Mamallapuram Tourist circuit.
- ★ After serious consideration, the following amount was sanctioned for improving tourist infrastructure in the State.

Sl. No.	Centre	Sanctioned Amount Rs. in lakhs	Fund Released Rs. in lakhs
1.	Rameswaram	426.42	344.10
2.	Kodaikanal	470.19	376.10
3.	Rameswaram under Vivekananda Circuit	84.12	84.12
4.	Muttukkadu Boat Jetty	67.00	35.60
5.	Arupadai Veedugal	639.17	632.17
6.	Yercaud Lake	—	6.50
7.	Cholanattu Thiruppathigal	562.00	—
8.	Audio Guide facility at Thanjavur Gangaikondacholapuram, Darasuram and Mamallapuram	148.50	134.75

* Fund allotment orders were also issued for the following Tourism Development Works. In addition, the Tourism Department has also decided to upgrade tourist infrastructure as follows

Sl.No.	Centre	ProjectCost Rs. in lakhs	Share of the Tourism Department Rs. in lakhs
1.	Kattabomman Fort, Kurukkuchalai Arch and Fort Development	8.49	8.49
2.	Kancheepuram District, Kottivakkam Beach	17.05	17.05
3.	Sathanur Dam and Javvadhu Hills	108.00	54.00
4.	Tanjore Mariamman Temple	73.70	25.00
5.	Erode District, Kodiveri Dam	25.00	12.50
6.	Navagraha Centres	50.00	50.00
7.	Poovarasamkuppam Temple	17.00	8.50

8.	Cuddalore, Jayankondapattinam	30.00	15.00
9.	Karur – Ponnai River	25.00	12.50
10.	Vandalur Zoo	23.00	23.00
11.	Elagiri Hills	92.00	46.00
12.	Villupuram Melmalayanoor	62.37	31.19
13.	Thanjavur – Manora	31.95	31.95
14.	Thiruvannamalai – Ayyanar Temple	35.00	15.00
15.	Infrastrucutre at Madurai	35.35	17.67
16.	Thanjavur – Thirukkarugavur	23.50	11.25
17.	Thiruvarur – Kekkarai & Kuruvi Rameswaram	77.35	77.35
18.	Thiruvarur – Thiruppampuram	18.80	9.40
19.	Temples - in Nagapattinam District Ananthamangalam, Ozugaimangalam, Thiruppangur	20.15	10.05
20.	Temples in Thanjavur District Thirunageswaram and Thirvalancheezhi	52.65	26.32
21.	Villuppuram – Thiruvakkarai	47.15	23.50

- ★ A lovely 20 minute tourism documentary video both in DVD and VCD formats have been released for promotion of Tourism.
- ★ Coffee Table Book – a high standard photography booklet highlighting World Heritage Centres like Mamallapuram, Tanjore, Darasuram and Gangaikondacholapuram has been published and received tremendous appreciation.
- ★ All-in-one Tamil Nadu Tourism CD-ROM has been produced and released.
- ★ For the benefit of visiting tourists coming by Air, Rail and Road, an informative Tamil Nadu Tourist Centres Touch Screen kiosks have been sanctioned at the following centres.
 - a) Chennai (one at Central Railway Station and another at Airport)
 - b) Mamallapuram
 - c) Trichy
 - d) Madurai Railway Station
 - e) Kodaikanal
 - f) Kanniyakumari
 - g) Rameswaram

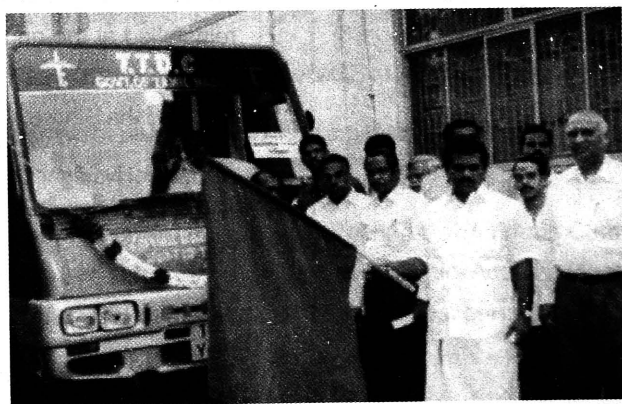
- ★ Orders have been issued to select unemployed graduates as tourist guides. Out of more than 500 applications received 200 candidates have been selected.
- ★ Separate fresh tourism pamphlets on Madurai, Rameswaram and Kanniyakumari both in English and Hindi have been published and released.
- ★ Separate folders were printed for Chennai and Pulicat.
- ★ Fulfilling the promise made on the floor of Assembly, "Tourism – Newsletter", a quarterly tourism information magazine has been released in March 2007 which will continue as a periodical publication.
- ★ A monthly sheet calendar for the year 2007 highlighting tourism potentials available in Tamil Nadu has been brought out and distributed to tourism stake holders.
- ★ Tamil Nadu Tourism is making optimum use of many publicity tools available like pamphlets, banners, hoardings, advertisement in print media, television, radio, websites, touch screen kiosks, CD-ROM to disseminate tourism information on Tamil Nadu.
- ★ To provide safety and security to the tourists visiting Tamil Nadu, orders have been issued for creation of a separate **"Tourism Police"** at the following important centres.
 1. Mamallapuram
 2. Udhagamandalam
 3. Kodaikanal
 4. Madurai
 5. Kanniyakumari

Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporations

- ★ TTDC has purchased one Volvo bus at a cost of Rs. 62 lakhs for the benefit of tourists. In addition, 10 A/C and Non A/C coaches have been purchased during 2006-2007 at a cost of Rs.171 lakhs.



Thiruvalluvar Statue, Kanniyakumari



VOLVO tourist bus was flagged off on 23rd December 2006
at Chennai by Hon'ble Tourism Minister,
Thiru N. Suresh Rajan.

INFORMATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT



Thiru. **PARITHI ELLAMVAZHUTHI**
Hon'ble Minister for Information

Journalists' Welfare

- ★ Journalist Family Pension Scheme has been modified for the benefit of Journalists and their families. Consequently, if the journalist passes away after serving for 20 years or more, the family receives Rs.2 lakhs; for more than 15 years of service, the family receives Rs.1 lakh and for more than 5 years of service, the family receives Rs.50,000 from the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund. This new scheme came into effect during 2006 - 2007.
- ★ Journalist pension has been raised to Rs.4,000 per month and Journalist family pension enhanced to Rs.2000 per month during 2006 - 2007.
- ★ Press Accreditation card have been issued to 609 Journalists in Chennai and 75 Journalists in the Districts.
- ★ The statue of "Tamizhar Panpaatu Chinnam" Kannagi was reinstalled at the original place on the Chennai Marina from where it was removed. Hon'ble Chief Minister unveiled the Statue.
- ★ A statue of Nadigar Thilagam Sivaji Ganesan was unveiled by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on the Kamarajar Salai, Chennai.

Renovation to Memorials

- ★ The Kamarajar Illam at Chennai, Perarignar Anna Memorial at Chinna Kancheepuram, Mootharignar Rajaji Birth place at Thoraipalli, Krishnagiri District,

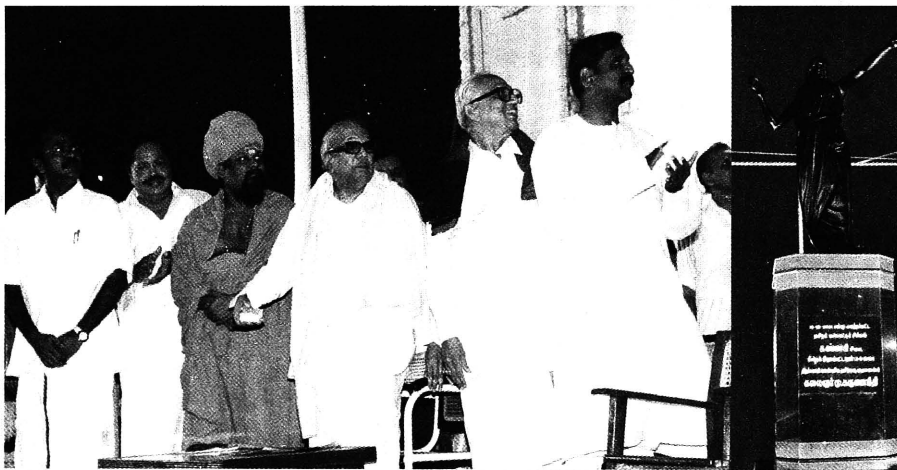
Kavignar Ramalingam Pillai Ninaivu Illam at Namakkal, Pattukottai Kalyanasundaram Manimandapam at Pattukottai, Maaveeran Pooleethevan Silai at Nelkattumseval village, Thirunelveli District, V.O.C. Illam at Ottapidaram, Thoothukudi district, Bharathiyar Manimandapam and Bharathiyar Illam at Ettayapuram, Thoothukudi District, Veeran Azhaghumuthukon Manimandapam at Kattarakulam, Thoothukudi District, Veerapandiya Kattabomman Memorial Park in Kayatharu at Thoothukudi District, Va.Ve Subramaniam Memorial at Thiruchirappalli District, Gandhi Memorial Mandapam at Kanniyakumari, Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Manimandapam at Kanniyakumari district, Pothu Udamai Veerar Jeevanandam Manimandapam in Nagercoil at Kanniyakumari District, Sathavadani Seiguthambi Pavalar Ninaivu Manimandapam at Kattaru, Kanniyakumari District, Periyar - Anna Ninaivagam at Erode, Thiyagaseelar Kakkan Manimandapam at Thumbaipatti, Madurai District, Marudupandiyar Ninaivu Mandapam in Thirupathur at Sivagangai District, Thavathiru Kundrakudi Adigalar Manimandapam at Kundrakudi and Kaviyarasar Kannadasan Manimandapam at Karaikudi were repaired and renovated.

- ★ To commemorate the Golden Jubilee of the Merger of Kanniyakumari with Tamil Nadu, a function was held in Kanniyakumari District on 31.10.2006.
- ★ The 2550th Anniversary of the Mahapari Nirvana of Gouthama Buddha is being observed in the Country and a National level Committee was constituted under the leadership of the Prime Minister. Similarly, a committee was constituted in the state under the leadership of Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Celebrations were held.
- ★ MGR Musuem was established and declared open at the MGR Memorial on Chennai Marina.
- ★ Tamil Arasu Magazine is being instantly uploaded on the Tamil Nadu Government's webstie, www.tn.gov.in
- ★ Modern equipment such as Automatic Folding Machine, Printing Down Frame Cum Plate Processor, Memory Image Maker cum Memory Processor Rapid Access, Automatic Lamination Machine were purchased for Tamil Arasu Press at a cost of Rs.34.63 lakhs.

- * Centalised Air conditioning and Furniture were provided to the Re-recording Theatre at the MGR Film and Television Insitute at a cost of Rs.36 lakhs.
- * State of the Art equipments such as "DTS - DOLBY DIGITAL RECORDING ENCODER", Mixer etc. were purchased for the MGR Film and Television Institute at a cost of Rs.49.50 lakhs.
- * A modern machine "Final Cut Pro - 5" was purchased at a cost of Rs.17.93 lakhs for the use of Tamil Nadu Films Division.

Multi Media Camps

- * Multi Media Campaign Camps and Exhibitions were held in all the Districts.
- * To enable District Public Relations Offices transmit instantly the pictures of functions and schemes of the Government by email to the media, Digital Cameras have been provided to all of them.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaighnar M. Karunanidhi on 3rd June 2006 unveiled the Statue of 'Tamizhar Panpaatu Chinnam' Kannagi at Chennai Marina.

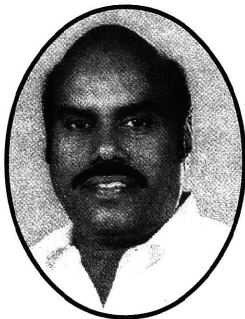
URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



Thiru. **PARITHI ELLAMVAZHUTHI**
Hon'ble Minister for Information

- ★ The ban on construction beyond 500 metres from the shorelines at places of South of Chennai Thiruvannamiyur has been relaxed by the Government with some conditions.
- ★ A grant of Rs.50 lakhs each was sanctioned to preserve heritage cities of Nagore, Gangaikonda Cholapuram, Pitchavaram and Bhavani, Chitthanavasal town was granted Rs.42.25 lakhs. Idaikattor town was granted the second instalment of Rs.8 lakhs and for implementing schemes in the Five Navathirupathi temples, Rs.50 lakhs was given to the Toothukudi District Collector.
- ★ Under the scheme of granting 75% subsidy for upgrading transport schemes, Villupuram town has been sanctioned the full amount of Rs.25 lakhs. Thanjavur has been released Rs.5 lakhs out of the Rs.25 lakhs allotted while Dharmapuri has been released Rs.3.75 lakhs out of the Rs.18.75 lakhs granted. Perambalur has been allotted Rs.25 lakhs, off which Rs.5 lakhs has been released as first instalment. Pudukottai, Thirumangalam, Krishnagiri, Theni, Allinagaram and Vellore have received the first instalment of Rs.3.75 lakhs, Rs.5 lakhs, Rs.4 lakhs, Rs.3.75 lakhs and Rs.3.75 lakhs respectively.
- ★ To improve parks, Rs.1.25 lakhs each was sanctioned to the Municipalities of Bhavani and Theni, as 50% subsidy.
- ★ To upgrade the infrastructure facilities at Toothukudi and Karaikudi Rs.20 lakhs and Rs.10.46 lakhs respectively was sanctioned.
- ★ There was inordinate delay by the previous Government in granting permission to constructing settlements on the aftermath of Tsunami. This Government directed that such permissions may be granted and 165 settlements in 7 coastal districts were granted permission after relaxing existing rules.
- ★ To facilitate easy approval of the plan submitted, ELCOT has been granted Rs.30 lakhs to implement e-governance.

FOOD DEPARTMENT



Thiru. **E.V. VELU**
Hon'ble Minister for Food

- ★ The provision of quality rice at affordable price and ensuring food security to the people has always been the priority of this Government. In order to achieve this objective, all families with rice cards are provided quality rice at a price of Rs.2/- per kilogram under the public distribution system with effect from 03.06.2006.
- ★ The heavily subsidised rate is much lower than the price at which the Government of India supplies rice to the poorest of the poor families under the Antyodaya Anna Yojana Scheme. Supply of rice at such a low price in the State will go a long way in eliminating hunger by enabling highest levels of affordability and utilization by the poor. Thus, the food security of the poor people is secured.
- ★ Families which have not been provided with ration cards are issued with new cards on the basis of their application after due verification by the District Collectors. So far, 14,90,945 applications have been received and out of this 2,19,050 family cards have been printed and distributed to the public. Further, continuous action is taken in eliminating bogus cards. So far 31,662 bogus cards have been eliminated. Similarly ineligible beneficiaries under AAY scheme are also eliminated and so far 24,731 number of such persons have been eliminated from the AAY list.
- ★ During the Independence Day celebrations held on 15-8-2006, the Hon'ble Chief Minister announced that poor families will be provided with free gas connection with stove. Based on this announcement, orders have been issued to provide LPG connections with stoves to 3 lakh beneficiaries in the first phase during 2006-2007. 34,500 beneficiaries have been selected and the scheme has been inaugurated at Chennai by the Chief Minister on 14-1-2007. As targeted by the Government, 3 lakh LPG connections and gas stoves are being distributed. For this purpose, the Government have sanctioned an expenditure of Rs.60 crores.
- ★ From 14.4.2007 onwards pulses and palm oil are also distributed at low prices by Fair Prices Stores to control inflation.



Thiru. SUBA THANGAVELAN
Hon'ble Minister for
Housing and Slum Clearance

HOUSING AND SLUM CLEARANCE DEPARTMENT

- ★ Tamil Nadu Housing Board has now taken up 30 Self Finance and Neighbourhood Schemes for construction of 300 flats, 508 houses and 783 developed plots at a cost of Rs.68.07 Crores.
- ★ 18,632 Sale deeds have been issued to the allottees which were pending in the past.
- ★ Tamil Nadu Housing Board lands worth of Rs.378 Crores have been retrieved from encroachers.
- ★ 2933 Plots, 602 houses and 75 commercial plots have been sold at a cost of Rs.97.50 Crores.
- ★ To resettle the families affected by the Tsunami disaster in Chennai, the construction of 1,392 tenements at a cost of Rs.20.88 crore and 1,560 tenements at a cost of Rs.19.62 crore have been completed. Besides, the work of construction of 1,726 tenements at Okkiyum Thuraipakkam at a cost of Rs.25.89 crore is in progress.
- ★ In order to resettle the slum families who are affected by the Widening of Ennore Express High way and Tsunami disaster in North Chennai, the work of construction of 1,824 tenements at a cost of Rs.31.20 crore has been commenced.
- ★ An extent of 13.69 Hectares of Government land has given to Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board for the construction of 3,584 tenements at a cost of Rs.71.68 crore, in order to resettle the Tsunami affected slum families in North Chennai. The approval of the Ministry of Environment and Forest / Government of India has been obtained for this project and the works to be commenced soon.

- ★ The Government land having an extent of 17.81 hectares in Okkiyum Thuraipakkam has been handed over to Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board free of cost to construct 5,166 tenements at a cost of Rs.103.32 crores to resettle the Tsunami affected slum families in South Chennai. The approval of the Ministry of Environment and Forest / Government of India has been obtained and the works will commence soon.
- ★ The livelihood programmes and formation of self help groups through Asian Development Bank assistance for the families affected by the Tsunami disaster is in progress and Rs.2.05 crore has been spent.
- ★ The work of construction of 6,031 houses at a cost of Rs.71.87 crore in Chennai, Madurai, Salem, Thirunelveli, Trichy, Thanjavur and other small towns utilizing the Specific Needs Grants of XII Finance commission has been approved and the works are to be taken up shortly.
- ★ Besides, the slum improvement works like roads, storm water drains, street lights, public convenience units for 8,785 urban slum families at a cost of Rs.1.75 crore has been approved and are nearing completion.
- ★ The repairs and renewal works for the slum tenements in Chennai and other towns at a cost of Rs.10 crore is in progress.
- ★ The slum improvement works in District towns like roads, storm water drains, street lights, public convenience units for 20,000 slum families at a cost of Rs.1 crore is in progress.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT



Thiru. K.K.S.R. RAMACHANDRAN
Hon'ble Minister for Health

- ★ The "Varum mun Kappom" Scheme has been revived at a cost of Rs.18.31 Crores. Under this scheme, 9000 medical camps will be conducted in 2006-07 and 2007-08. Hon'ble Chief Minister launched this programme on 30.12.2006. So far 440 camps have been conducted in the State and 5,31,913 people have benefited.
- ★ Dr.Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Scheme is revived. So far, 2,36,823 pregnant women are benefited. Under this scheme each pregnant woman is given Rs. 6,000/- at the rate of Rs.1000 per month during antenatal and postnatal period.
- ★ In order to diagnose the disease accurately in 20 seconds, for a sum of Rs.5.5 crores has been sanctioned providing a modern sophisticated 64-slice CT scan to the Government General Hospital, Chennai.
- ★ 75 Primary Health Centres have been upgraded as 30 bedded Primary Health Centres at a cost of Rs.31 crores.
- ★ In tune with the policy of the present Government to establish one Medical College in every district of Tamil Nadu, action has been initiated to open a new Medical College in Villupuram.
- ★ 385 Primary Health Centres have been upgraded as Pregnancy and Child Care Centres at a cost of Rs.54.97 crores.
- ★ Semi-auto analyzer with reagent has been supplied to 385 Block Primary Health Centres at a cost of Rs.7.13 crores.

- ★ 1,529 medical vacancies have been filled up through TNPSC. 678 Doctors/Special Doctors appointed through Employment Exchange.
- ★ 237 Ultra-sonogram equipments has been supplied at a cost of Rs.7.11 crores so as to enable the poor people to get modern diagnostic facility.
- ★ Rs.50 lakhs was given to each of Medical College Hospitals to upgrade the Maternal and Child Health wards and a total amount of Rs.7 crores invested in the entire State towards this.
- ★ Mobile phones have been given to 8,683 Village Health Nurses at a cost of Rs.2.60 crores. This will facilitate the people to call Village Health Nurse for emergent obstetric care and for corresponding with them about health related programmes.



Hon'ble Chief Minister
Kalaigñar M. Karunanidhi
inaugurated '*Varum Mun Kaapom*' scheme
on 30th December 2006.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaigñar M. Karunanidhi
inaugurated a new building for surgical gastro-enterology department
at Chennai Government Stanley Hospital
on 15th April 2007.

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT



Thiru. T.M. ANBARASAN
Hon'ble Minister for Labour

Cash assistance to educated unemployed

- ★ In order to alleviate the distress among the educated unemployed youth, the Government issued orders providing unemployment assistance to those who are waiting in the live register of the Employment Exchanges for more than five years, at the rate of Rs.150/- per month for S.S.L.C., passed candidates, Rs.200/- per month for +2 / Higher Secondary passed candidates and Rs.300/- per month for graduates and post graduates for a period of 3 years. This scheme was launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister at Tiruchirapalli on 11.11.2006 and by the Hon'ble Ministers of the State in other Districts. As on 31.03.2007, 3,18,089 youth have benefited under this scheme at a total expenditure of Rs. 35,48,19,000.

Welfare Boards for Unorganised Labour

- ★ In order to ensure implementation of Welfare Schemes effectively for Unorganized Labourers, Government have issued orders for formation of the following exclusive Welfare Boards:-
 1. Tamil Nadu Auto Rickshaw and Taxi Drivers Welfare Board.
 2. Tamil Nadu Tailoring Workers Welfare Board.
 3. Tamil Nadu Washermen Welfare Board.
 4. Tamil Nadu Palm Tree Workers Welfare Board
 5. Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Workers Welfare Board.
 6. Tamil Nadu Hair Dressers Workers Welfare Board.
 7. Tamil Nadu Handlooms and Silk Weaving Workers Welfare Board.

8. Tamil Nadu Footwear and Leather Goods Manufactory and Tannery Workers Welfare Board.
 9. Tamil Nadu Artists Welfare Board.
 10. Tamil Nadu Goldsmiths Welfare Board.
 11. Tamil Nadu Pottery Workers Welfare Board.
 12. Tamil Nadu Domestic Workers Welfare Board
- ★ In Tamil Nadu Construction Workers Welfare Board 3,30,048 workers registered their names; Rs.13,11,94,906 distributed to 40,751 beneficiaries.
 - ★ Total amount of Rs.19,42,82,648 distributed to 93,159 beneficiaries and 5,29,626 workers registered their names in the welfare boards.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaigmar M. Karunanidhi inaugurated the "Cash Assistance Scheme to jobless educated youth" on 11th November 2006.

HINDU RELIGIOUS AND CHARITABLE ENDOWMENTS DEPARTMENT



Thiru. **K.R. PERIAKARUPPAN**
Hon'ble Minister for
Hindu Religious
and Charitable Endowments

- ★ Government have issued an order enabling Hindus of all castes, possessing qualification and experience, to become Archakars in temples. In order to make this a reality, a High Level Committee was constituted under in the chairmanship of Retired Judge Justice Thiru A.K. Rajan. The High Level Committee submitted its report to the Government. The Government, accepting the recommendations of the High Level Committee, have issued a G.O. to facilitate all caste Hindus to posses the required qualifications and experience, to become Archagars. The Government have sanctioned the formation of Saiva Archagars Training Instititution in 6 places and Vaishnava Archagars Training Institution in 5 places and a Training Institution for persons above the age of 24 years in Trichy. In furtherance to the above Government order, steps are being taken to commence the functioning of 2 Vaishnava Archagars Training Institute in Arulmighu Parthasarathy temple, Triplicane and Arulmighu Renganathaswamy Temple, Srirangam and Saiva Archagars Training Institutes in Thiruvanna-malai, Madurai, Tiruchendur and Palani during May 2007.
- ★ The Government have ordered the formation of a separate Board for the Welfare of the Village Temple priests serving in the temples which are not under the control of this Department.
- ★ A sum of Rs. 5 Crores have been allotted for carrying out renovation works to 2000 temples, which are not under the control of this Department and which are located in Adi Dravidar habitations, by granting Rs.25,000 to each temple.

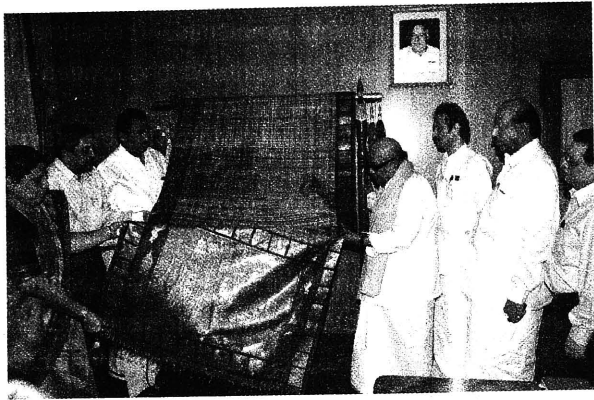
- ★ To perform one Kala Pooja for those temples which do not have any facility even for a single Kala Pooja, a sum of Rs.25,000 for each temple has been deposited and out of the interest accrued thereon, one Kala Pooja is being performed. 406 temples have benefited by this Scheme.
- ★ This Government, after coming to power has retrieved 2,324 Acres of lands, 1,592 sites and 31 Buildings belonging to the temples from encroachers.
- ★ Renovations were carried out and Kumbabishegam have been performed for 733 temples.
- ★ This Government, have announced the merger of 50% D.A. to Basic pay of the temple employees on par with the Government employees. By this announcement, 10,374 temple employees have benefited.

HANDLOOMS DEPARTMENT



Thiru. NKK.P. RAJA
Hon'ble Minister for Handlooms

- ★ The Government implemented a scheme of Free Distribution of Sarees and Dhothies for poor people in the State during the year 2006-2007 by producing 164 lakh sarees and 164.00 lakh dhothies through Weaver's Co-operative Societies in the State and distributed 158.91 lakh Sarees and 162.21 lakh dhothies during Pongal 2007. The total cost of this scheme is of Rs.256 crores.
- ★ As announced in the budget for the year 2006-2007, free supply of power upto 100 units bimonthly for handloom weavers and upto 500 units bimonthly for the powerloom weavers have been ordered with effect from 1-8-2006. Towards this, Government have earmarked Rs.62.68 crores to be remitted to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board. till March 2007.
- ★ 137.16 lakh metres cloth of uniform was produced by the Weavers Cooperative Societies and supplied to the Social Welfare Department through Co-optex to be distributed to the school children of I to VIII classes benefiting about 58.58 lakh students in the State at the cost of Rs.45.61 crores.
- ★ Likewise, 22.36 lakh metres of uniform cloth distributed through the Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, Backward Classes and Minorities and Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Department for this academic year.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi launched a Co-optex made new saree on 22nd November 2006. The Chief Minister christened the saree as "Mayil Thogai Pattu" saree and the saree had all the World's seven wonders woven in it.



National Handlooms Exhibition 2007 was inaugurated by Hon'ble Finance Minister Prof. K. Anbazhagan on 15th March 2007 in Chennai.



Thiru. **THANGAM THENNARASU**
Hon'ble Minister for
School Education

SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

- ★ In consonance with this Government's announcement in the Budget speech 2006-2007, a law has been enacted making Tamil, a compulsory language subject in Schools.
- ★ During the year 2006-07, 120 middle schools and 120 High schools have been upgraded as High schools and Higher Secondary schools respectively.
- ★ Construction of buildings of 14,354 Class room buildings and 1,075 Cluster Resource Centres under "Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan" scheme at a cost of Rs.332 crores are under progress.
- ★ Another law has been enacted to celebrate 15th July, the birth day of Perunthalivar Kamarajar, as "Education Development day"
- ★ Teachers employed on contract basis and paid consolidated pay in Government and Government aided schools are now being paid time scale of pay from 1.6.2006. This has benefited 46,605 teachers at an expenditure of Rs.345 crores per annum.
- ★ This Government since assuming office, has filled 24,642 posts of teachers and action is under way to fill another 8,837 posts of teachers.
- ★ General transfer of teachers were made by transfer counselling. More than 30,000 teachers benefited.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaaignar M. Karunanidhi participated at the birthday celebrations of Kamarajar declared as Education Development Day on 15th July 2007 in Chennai. Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaaignar M. Karunanidhi also gave away prizes to school children on the occasion.



Hon'ble Finance Minister Prof. K. Anbazhagan gave away the Dr. Radhakrishnan medals on 5th September 2006 at Chennai. Hon'ble Minister for School Education, Thiru. Thangam Thennarasu presided.

COMMERCIAL TAXES DEPARTMENT



Thiru. **S.N.M. UBAYADULLAH**

Hon'ble Minister for
Commerical Taxes

- ★ The Commercial Taxes Department has achieved a revenue collection of Rs.19,217.22 crores during the year 2006-2007 as against the collection of Rs.16,615.31 crores in the last year 2005-2006, registering growth rate of 17.33 per cent.
- ★ In the interest of the trading community and to bring to closure all outstanding tax arrears, the Government introduced a trader friendly Samadhan Scheme through the Tamil Nadu Sales Tax (Settlement of Arrears) Act, 2006. A sum of Rs.695.29 lakhs was collected as tax arrears from 1035 applicants.

VAT

- ★ As announced in the Budget 2006-2007, Value Added Tax was introduced in the State on 1st January, 2007.

Fishermen welfare

- ★ In accordance with the announcement made in the Budget presentation on 22.7.2006, the quantity of diesel eligible for sales tax exemption, for use by fishermen in their mechanised boats was increased from 1000 to 1500 litres from 1.8.2006.

Films titled in Tamil

- ★ With a view to encourage Tamil film industry and promote Tamil language, full exemption from entertainment tax is given to new films if the film is titled in Tamil with effect from 22.7.2006 and this exemption has been extended to old films with Tamil Titles and orders to this effect were issued on 20.11.2006

Registration Department

- ★ The Department in the financial year 2006-07 upto March 2007 has achieved a revenue of Rs. 3,409 Crores against the revenue of Rs. 2,349 Crores for the corresponding period of last year 2005-06 with a growth rate of 45 %.
- ★ The Department in the financial year 2006-07 upto March 2007, had 24,92,294 registrations as against 20,11,556 during the corresponding period of last year 2005-06, with a growth rate 24%.

ENVIRONMENT, YOUTH & SPORTS WELFARE DEPARTMENT



Thiru. **T.P.M. MOHIDEENKHAN**

Hon'ble Minister for
Environment

Environment

- ★ The Chennai District Environment Engineer Office building at a cost of Rs.168 lakhs is nearing completion. The District Environmental Engineer - cum - District Environmental Laboratory, Vellore built at a cost of Rs.140 lakhs is nearing completion.
- ★ The Department of Environment has completed the high tide line demarcation along with prioritised locations for Tsunami housing rehabilitation work, in seven coastal districts.

Youth and Sports Welfare

- ★ 71 Boys and Girls from SDAT Specialized Academies and Sports Schools / Sports Hostels were selected to participate in the Nationals. 30 of them secured medals in the National Championships.
- ★ Under the Promotion of Sports and Games Scheme, the SAI has conducted the first National Competitions for the School Students in two groups. 170 Students both boys and girls from Tamil Nadu participated in the National competitions and won 99 medals.
- ★ The Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu hosted the National Sports Festival for Women at Chennai from 6th to 9th November, 2006. 675 Participants from various parts of the country took part in the Nationals. Tamil Nadu won the gold in Basketball and secured many Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals in Gymnastics and Swimming.

- * 83 High School and Higher Secondary boys and girls and 18 College students were awarded scholarships to the tune of Rs.5,32,000/- for their medal winning performance in the National level competitions.
- * An amount of Rs.346 lakhs was sanctioned for Spill Over Projects, in which construction of Mini Stadiums in 3 Taluk Headquarters viz. Kothagiri in Nilgiris, Cheyyar in Tiruvannamalai and Virudhachalam in Cuddalore are nearing completion. Construction of District Sports Complex at Krishnagiri is complete. For the work on Synthetic Athletic Track at Coimbatore, Multi-Purpose Indoor Stadium at Mugappair and Dharmapuri, the tender process is in progress.
- * 15TH Asian Games were held at Doha, Qatar from 1.12.2006 to 15.12.2006. The following players from Tamil Nadu won Medals in their events. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu announced High Cash incentives to the medalists immediately on receipt of news of their achievement. Hon'ble Chief Minister disbursed the incentives to them on 18.12.2006.

<i>Sl.No.</i>	<i>Name of the Player</i>	<i>Discipline/Event</i>	<i>Medal won</i>	<i>Cash incentive</i>
1.	Selvan K. Sasikiran	Chess	Silver	Rs.15 lakhs
2.	Selvi S. Santhi	Athletics-800 metres	Silver	Rs.15 lakhs
3.	Thirumathi Anju B.George	Chess	Gold	Rs.20 lakhs
4.	Selvan Sauraur	Goshal-Squash individual	Bronze	Rs.10 lakhs

- * The sportsmen of Tamil Nadu who participated in the National competitions during 2006-2007, have won 43 Gold, 49 Silver and 49 Bronze medals in various National level competitions. They are supplied with sports kits.

National Cadet Corps

- * During the Republic Day Camp held at New Delhi in January 2007, Tamil Nadu cadets won the following medals and stood third position in the All India Inter Directorate Championship Competitions :

<i>Competitions/Events</i>		<i>Medals won / Position</i>
1.	Aero Modelling (Control line speed)	Gold
2.	Ship Modelling (Open class)	Gold
3.	Equestrian Hacks (Boys)	Silver
4.	Best Cadet - Senior Division - Air	Silver
5.	Best Cadet - Junior Wing	Silver
6.	Discipline	First
7.	Inter Directorate Tableau	First
8.	Drill - Senior Division	Second
9.	Prime Minister's Rally March Past	Second
10.	Drill - Senior Wing	Third

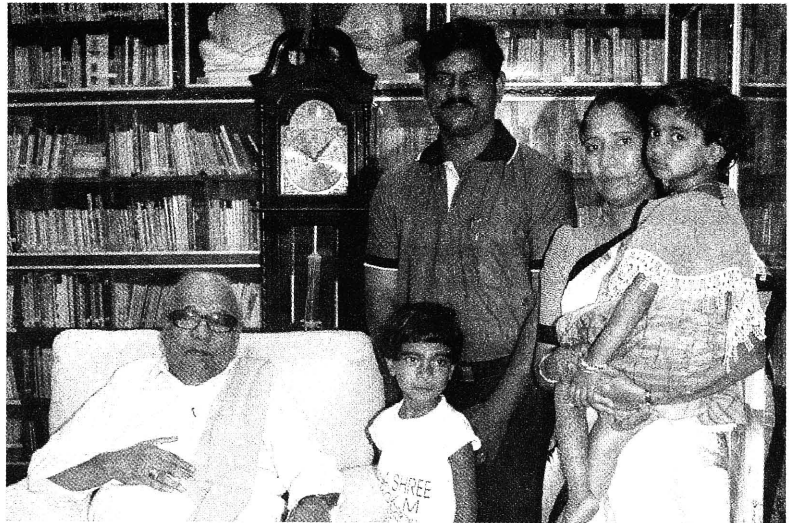
During other all India camp events, the position stood by our cadets are as follows:

1.	Army Wing (Thal Sainik Camp Boys)	First
2.	Air Training (Vayu Sainik Camp)	First
3.	Vayu Sainik Camp (overall)	Second
4.	Girls Wing (Thal Sainik Camp Girls)	Third
5.	Most Enterprising Naval Unit in Sailing Expedition	Third

- ★ Cadet S. Mythili of this Directorate Won Gold Medal in the team event of 50th National Shooting Championship held at Indore.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi on 18th December 2006 gave away cash awards to athletes from Tamil Nadu who had won medals at 15th Asian Games held at Doha.



Baby S.S.Sivashree who hails from Madurai ran 29.4 kms. She met Hon'ble Chief Minister on 19th March 2007 along with her parents and received Chief Minister's appreciation.

FOREST DEPARTMENT



Thiru. N. SELVARAJ
Hon'ble Minister for Forest

- ★ Tamil Nadu Afforestation Project Phase - II was implemented at a cost of Rs.101.42 crores for carrying out afforestation works over an area of 45,250 ha. and village development activities in 205 forest fringe villages including 40 tribal villages.
- ★ Emergency Tsunami Reconstruction Project (World Bank assisted) was implemented at a cost of Rs.14.30 crores by raising shelterbelts over 2850 ha. and mangrove plantations over 1500 ha.
- ★ The minimum wage payable to the Social Forestry workers and plot watchers was enhanced to Rs.85.05 per day per worker with effect from 1.9.2006. 2,441 workers have benefited.
- ★ The State is the first in the Country to have achieved the establishment of Forest Extension Centres in every district.
- ★ Forest maintenance works were carried out as per the recommendations of 12th Finance Commission at a cost of Rs.13.275 crores. Important among them are :
 - ★ Conservation and eco - restoration of degraded forests in Nilgiris and Palani Hills
 - ★ Improvement of roads in the forest areas of Tamil Nadu.
 - ★ Bio - diversity conservation by habitat improvement
 - ★ Maintenance and special repairs to Forest Department buildings.

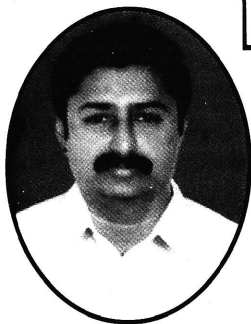
- ★ Raising Shola seedlings for afforestation of clear felled pine and blue gum plantations in Kodaikanal division.
- ★ The Mudumalai wildlife sanctuary and National Park, in Coimbatore district have been declared as Project Tiger Reserves. The tiger population in the State has risen to 89 as per statistics.
- ★ Funds to the tune of Rs.10.40 crores were sanctioned during 2006-07 for the improvement and maintenance of roads under the jurisdiction of the forest department. This has resulted in better communication facilities in the forest areas.
- ★ Restoration of degraded forest areas, creating water harvesting structures, soil conservation, anti poaching activities, improvement of communications, medicinal plant conservation, erection of solar fencing, providing basic infrastructure facilities to the tribal areas etc, are the important activities under the programme. During 2006-2007, the programme activities were carried out in identified watersheds at a cost of Rs.209.23 lakhs over an area of 383 ha.
- ★ To counter the increasing Man - animal conflict and to enlist the support of the public for wildlife conservation an amount of Rs.4.24 crores was sanctioned for erection of Solar Electrical Fencing along the boundaries of Forest areas over a length of 262.50 kms. An amount of Rs.99.50 lakhs was sanctioned as compensation for damages caused by wild animals. The sum of Rs.50 lakhs given from State Government funds for this purpose is an all time high in the history of the department. This has helped to clear claims for compensation kept pending for the last three years.
- ★ An amount of Rs.11.84 crores was realized from the sale of teak wood in Thanjavur division. Similarly the sale of 52,000 M.T. of sandalwood by the department fetched a revenue of Rs.18.15 crores to the State.
- ★ Tank bed plantations of babul sold over an area of 8044 ha. resulted in an income of Rs.10.26 crores, to the Government and local bodies.
- ★ The Tamil Nadu Forest Department participated in the 15th All India Forest Department Sports Meet in Jaipur and secured the first place with a tally of 30 gold medals, 30 silver medals and 21 bronze medals.

- ★ During the year 2006 - 2007, Hill Area Development programme has been implemented at a cost of Rs.237.40 lakhs over an extent of 550 ha., in Nilgiris district by Forest Department.
- ★ The Forest Department is running 19 schools in the tribal areas in which about 5,000 students are studying. Facilities like drinking water, lab equipments, separate toilets for girls, sports facilities, furnitures, teaching aids, books have been provided to the schools. A project for Rs.5.07 crores has been sanctioned under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund for the purpose of providing infrastructure facilities in the schools run by the Forest Department in Tribal areas.
- ★ 735 sheep units and 200 milk cows have been purchased and supplied to the tribals living in Salem, Athur, Thiruvannamalai, Thirupattur, Vellore, Tiruchy, Theni, Thiruvallur, Hosur, Harur, Erode and Sathyamangalam divisions at a cost of Rs.96.15 lakhs for additional income generation.



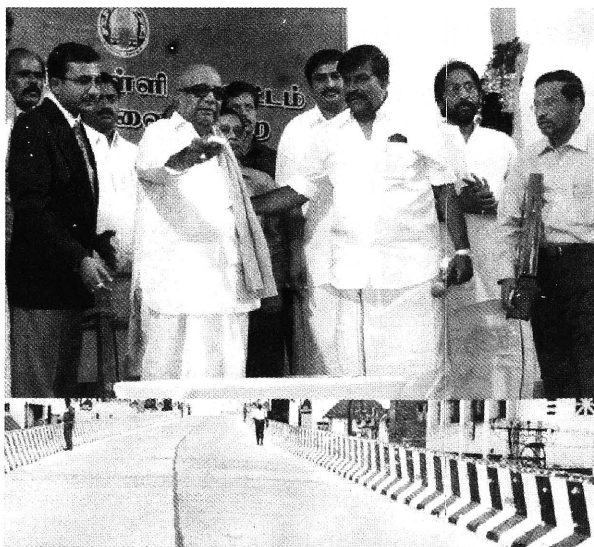
Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi inaugurated the 3rd phase of the free land distribution scheme at Chennavaram in Thiruvannamalai district on 17th march 2007. The Chief Minister planted saplings on the occasion.

HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT



Thiru. **VELLAKOIL M.P.SWAMINATHAN**
Hon'ble Minister for Highways

- ★ During 2006-2007, 8620 Kms. of road works and 69 bridges have been completed at a total expenditure of Rs.1,021.58 crores.
- ★ Sophisticated instruments purchased at a the cost of Rs.18.20 lakhs for Highways Research Station.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi
inaugurated a newly built fly-over at Trichirapalli
on 11th November 2006.

SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT



Dr. Tmt. **POONGOTHAI**
Hon'ble Minister for
Social Welfare

- ★ Providing of eggs twice a week in Nutritious Meal Programme and in Kuzhandaigal Maieyam have improved the Nutritional status of the children and students. There has been an improvement in school attendance and the number of drop-outs have come down.
- ★ Revival of Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Memorial Marriage assistance Scheme with increased financial assistance of Rs.15,000/- from Rs.10,000/- has benefited 45,999 persons.
- ★ The increase in Old Age Pension from Rs.200/- to Rs.400/- to the aged, handicapped, destitute widows and forsaken woman from 1-8-2006 has benefited nearly 12.52 lakhs people.
- ★ Orders have been issued to fill up 29,773 vacancies in NMP and ICDS Schemes and thereby 29,773 women have been provided with employment opportunities to make the scheme more successful. Employment has also been provided to the widows of the victims of the Chennai M.G.R. Nagar stampede incident in December 2005.
- ★ The age limit for Dr. Dharmambal Ammaiyar widows' Remarriage Scheme has been enhanced from 30 years to 35 years to benefit more widows to avail marriage assistance.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi distributed benefits to beneficiaries under Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Ninaivu Thirumana Nidhiudhavi Scheme on 3rd June 2006.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi declared Perunthalaivar Kamarajar's Birthday as Education development day and inaugurated a scheme of providing two eggs per week on the noon meals to school children (15.7.2006)

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DEPARTMENT



Tmt. P.GEETHA JEEVAN
Hon'ble Minister for Animal
Husbandry

- ★ 11 veterinary dispensaries, 30 sub centres and a small animal pet clinic have been newly opened. The Government have cancelled admission fees, daily treatment charges for pet animals from 9.1.2007, benefiting a large number of farmers. To provide quality veterinary services to the farmers, the department's infrastructure is being strengthened at a cost of Rs.69.09 crores.
- ★ 4 new animal disease intelligence units have been established at Karur, Krishnagiri, Nagapattinam and Virudhunagar at a cost of Rs.67 lakhs.
- ★ Till now, 2,695 Kalnadai Pathukappu Thittam camps (Veterinary camps) have been organised and 37.44 lakh animals have benefitted. So far, 189.73 lakhs livestock have been treated, 203.37 lakhs livestock have been dewormed, 512.85 lakh livestock and poultry have been vaccinated and 33.59 lakh artificial inseminations have been carried out.
- ★ International collaboration in education and research was established between Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University and Michigan State University, USA and teaming agreement signed for this purpose for a period of 5 years.
- ★ Bachelor of Technology in Food Processing (B.Tech) with 4 years duration has been started for the first time in TANUVAS.
- ★ New artificial insemination centres created with the help of self employed veterinary graduates.

- ★ Bulk liquid nitrogen storage silos of 3,000 litres capacity have been installed in 10 places of Tamil Nadu viz. Coimbatore, Trichirapalli, Salem, Vellore, Dharmapuri, Madurai, Tirunelveli, Thiruvannamalai, Erode and Chennai to streamline and ensure an uninterrupted liquid nitrogen supply to all the A1 centres of Tamil Nadu.
- ★ A new scheme titled propagation of technologies of bio beverage, bio pesticide and bio fertilizer had been sanctioned by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, New Delhi at cost of Rs.11.33 lakhs.

ADI DRAVIDAR AND TRIBAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT



Tmt. A. TAMILARASI

Hon'ble Minister for Adi Dravidar
Welfare

- ★ 5 Government Adi Dravidar Welfare Middle Schools were upgraded as High Schools at a cost of Rs.132.37 lakhs.
- ★ 5 Government Adi Dravidar Welfare High Schools were upgraded as Higher Secondary Schools at a cost of Rs.177.19 lakhs.
- ★ Under the special scheme of encouraging girls education and to ensure their 100% enrollment, a sum of Rs.50/- per month is given for 10 months for 60,000 Adi Dravidar and Tribal Girls studying in Standards III to V at a total cost of Rs.3 crores.
- ★ Similarly to encourage the continuance of their studies after entering Standard VI, 30,000 Adi Dravidar and Tribal Girls have been given a sum of Rs.100/- per month for 10 months at a total cost of Rs.3 crores.
- ★ Students belonging to Adi Dravidar, Tribal and Adi Dravidar converts to Christianity studying in Standards 6th to 10th are exempted from the payment of Special Fees. A sum of Rs.472.92 lakhs was borne benefiting 10,73,199 students.
- ★ The State Government has given a sum of Rs.396.69 lakhs to 73,373 students as Post Matric Special Scholarship to pursue further studies beyond 10th std.
- ★ Infrastructure facilities were provided in 136 Adi Dravidar Habitations at a total cost of Rs.149.97 lakhs.
- ★ 11,945 Adi Dravidars have been provided house site pattas costing Rs.522.50 lakhs.

Tribal Welfare

- ★ The GTR Middle school, Naripalli in Dharmapuri District and the GTR Middle School, Kariakoilvalavu in Salem District were upgraded as High Schools at a total cost of Rs.49.46 lakhs.

THADCO

- ★ A sum of Rs.10.86 crores was given to 1,361 landless Adi Dravidars and Tribal Women in the pattern of 50% subsidy and 50% Bank Loan for purchase of land, land development, minor irrigation facilities and animal husbandry activities.
- ★ A sum of Rs.28.01 crores has been sanctioned benefiting 11,263 beneficiaries for self - employment ventures.
- ★ Under this scheme 1,70,036 Self Help Groups members were given loan assistance at total cost of Rs.25.49 crores.
- ★ 11,982 unemployed youth have been given various vocational trainings at a cost of Rs.22.56 crores.

Special State Assistance Scheme

- ★ Training courses were held to enable Adi Dravidars secure jobs. Training course for 200 youths and Air Hostess training for 100 girls were given. A sum of Rs.10 crores was incurred for the above training programmes.
- ★ Under Individual Entrepreneur Scheme, an amount of Rs.7 crores was granted as subsidy to 6,000 Adi Dravidar Youth for self employment.
- ★ A Rehabilitation Scheme for 11,691 scavengers at a cost of Rs.58.4 crores is being implemented.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi on 3rd July 2006 gave away cash prizes to toppers in 10 and 12th classes exams belonging to Adi Dravida and Tribal community.



Thiru. K.P.P. SAMY
Hon'ble Minister for
Fisheries

FISHERIES DEPARTMENT

- ★ Full exemption of Sales Tax for the diesel purchased by the fishermen for their fishing vessels. The price of diesel has now been reduced by Rs.6.74 per litre.
- ★ The Government has raised the allotment from 1000 litres to 1500 litres per month not exceeding 15000 litres per year from 01.08.2006.
- ★ Under National Fishermen Saving cum Relief Scheme, a sum of Rs.20,20,11,050/- has been disbursed to 1,79,853 fishermen beneficiaries during 2006-2007.
- ★ Under Savings-cum-Relief Scheme, a sum of Rs.12,20,19,350/- has been disbursed to 1,02,993 fisherwomen beneficiaries during 2006-2007.

DAIRY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



Thiru. U. MATHIVANAN

Hon'ble Dairy Development Minister

- ★ Milk procurement by District Co-operative Milk Production Units has been increased from 21.59 LLPD (2005-2006) to 22.10 LLPD during the year 2006-2007 (Upto March 2007).
- ★ The milk procurement price increased by Rs.1.50 per litre of milk with effect from 7.3.07.
- ★ During the year 2006-2007, milk sale increased to 19.29 lakh litres per day showing an increase of 1.93 LLPD.
- ★ The Government bears 50 percent of the cost of insurance for cows and buffalows. Rs.688 lakh have been allocated for this scheme. During 2006-2007, livestock numbering 80,608 were insured.
- ★ 307 new societies have been registered. Out of which 110 are Women Milk Producers' Co-operative Societies.
- ★ Milk procurement by District Unions has reached a maximum of 25.37 LLPD on 26.06.2006 for the first time in the history of Aavin.
- ★ For the first time, Bulk Milk Coolers (BMCs) have been installed at Societies to improve the initial quality of milk. So far 22 BMCS have been installed.
- ★ Government of India have also sanctioned Rs. 1224.21 lakhs to Kanchipuram-Thiruvallur, Vellore, Villupuram, Dharmapuri, Salem, Trichy, Erode, Nilgiris and Madurai unions for Clean Milk Production.

AAVIN employees welfare

- ★ Stitching charges were enhanced from Rs.300 to Rs.400 for male employees and from Rs.60 to Rs.90 for women employees.
- ★ Monthly washing allowance was enhanced from Rs.25 to Rs.50 per month.
- ★ Night shift allowance is enhanced from Rs.5 to Rs.10 per month.
- ★ 5% personal pay has been extended and paid to employees who were involved in Strike.
- ★ 131 cattle feed employees of Kanchipuram-Thiruvallur union have merged with Federation.
- ★ Reimbursement for in-patient treatment for the employees and their dependent family members allowed.
- ★ Raincoats provided to employees working in milk depots.

KHADI DEPARTMENT



Hon'ble Khadi Minister
Thiru. **K. RAMACHANDIRAN**

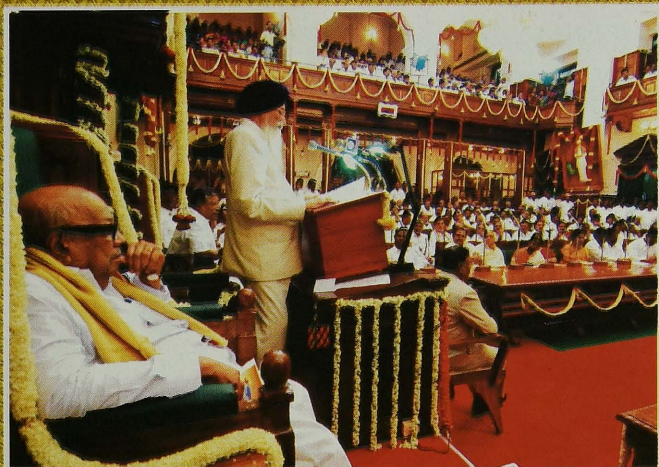
- ★ The Hon'ble Chief Minister sympathetically considered the future of the retrenched Board's employees and without further judicial appeal, accepted the judgement of the Hon'ble High Court and issued reinstatement orders to 97 Board's employees; the employees are now working.
- ★ The sales of the Khadi and Village Industries Products through PDS have been decreased. In order to increase the sales of the Khadi and Village Industries Products, the Government Co-operative Department has been instructed the Regional Joint Registers to place the indent every first week of the month as per target fixed to Tamil Nadu Khadi and Village Industries Board.
- ★ During 2006 - 2007, indents have been received from various Government for the supply of furniture items valued Rs.635 lakhs. So far a sum of Rs.157 lakhs valued furniture items have been supplied.
- ★ 25% wage increased to the weavers and the chitta spinning wages has also been increased to Rs.2.
- ★ The Government have sanctioned Rs.35 lakhs under Part-II scheme for the year 2006 - 2007 for the implementation of Khadi and Village Industries Commission's "SFURTI" scheme by Tamil Nadu Khadi and Village Industries Board for the establishment of Khadi Cluster around Suler in Coimbatore District for providing employment to 510 families at a total project cost of Rs.180 lakhs.
- ★ The Government also sanctioned Rs.3 lakhs under Part - II Scheme for the year 2006 - 2007 for implementation of Khadi and Village Industries Commission's SFURTI scheme to establish Leather cluster in Ambattur in Thiruvallur District to the benefit of 500 artisans at a total project cost of Rs.17 lakhs.

KALAINGAR'S GOLDEN JUBILEE IN THE LEGISLATURE



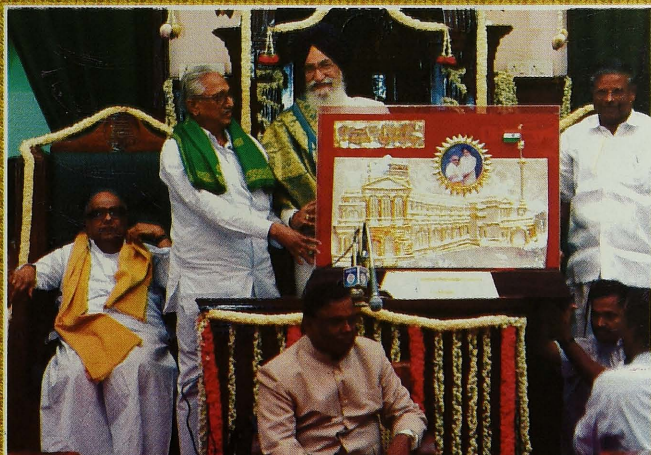
At the Celebration held at the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 12.5.2007 to mark **"KALAINGAR'S GOLDEN JUBILEE IN THE LEGISLATURE"**, Hon'ble Chief Minister delivered the acceptance speech. Hon'ble Speaker of the Lok Sabha, Thiru. **SOMNATH CHATTERJEE** and Hon'ble Speaker of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Thiru. **R. AVUDAIYAPPAN** were present.

KALAINAR'S GOLDEN JUBILEE IN THE LEGISLATURE



At the Celebration held at the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 11.5.2007 to mark **"KALAINAR'S GOLDEN JUBILEE IN THE LEGISLATURE"**, His Excellency the Governor of Tamil Nadu Thiru. **SURJIT SINGH BARNALA** delivered the felicitation address.

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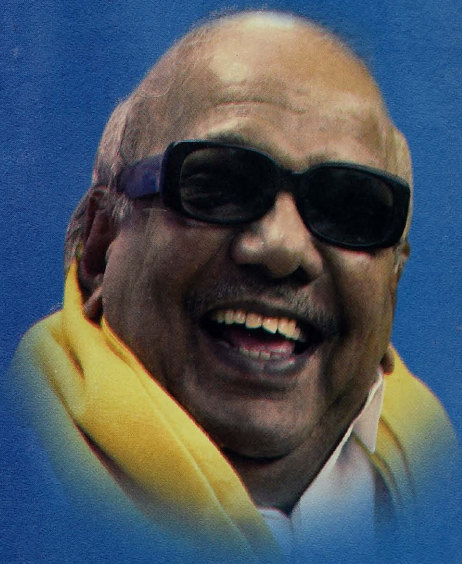
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**Honourable Prime Minister and Members of
the National Development Council,**

I extend my warm greetings to you all. Today we are meeting to discuss the strategy for agriculture and allied sectors in the Eleventh Five Year Plan. I am very happy that this august body is devoting its attention to the subject of Food and Agriculture, based on the Report of the NDC Sub-Committee. High economic growth will have no meaning for the masses of people living in rural areas unless agriculture is revitalized.

2. Water is an acutely scarce resource. Its timely availability is critical even for maintaining current levels of agricultural output. In recent months we have witnessed numerous instances where sharing of river waters have become a source of discord between States. The National Common Minimum Programme commits the UPA Government to "take all steps to ensure that inter-state water disputes are settled amicably at the earliest, keeping in mind the interests of all parties to the dispute". Our existing institutional arrangements for

managing inter-state rivers seem to have broken down. Unless we create effective institutional arrangements, sharing of river waters is likely to become a source of internal conflict. If it is not attended to properly and in time, it could threaten the integrity of the Nation in the decades to come. Entry 56 of the Union List in the Constitution provides for nationalisation of inter-state rivers within the competence of the Union. Nationalisation offers the only long term solution to this serious problem. I urge the Prime Minister to initiate action on this.

3. Tamil Nadu has been, depending on neighbouring States Karnataka, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh, for its requirements of water for drinking and agriculture. With all my respects to our friends from those States, who are present here, I should say that mutual agreements, Tribunal, Judicial pronouncements have not served their purpose in regard to water. We have been talking of haves and have-nots for long; but these surplus States have been reluctant to spare the natural resource to their sister-state, which is very much water-starved. This does not speak well of our

Federal structure. Though a surgery is called for to solve the present crisis; even a healing dose has not been made available so far to Tamil Nadu. Therefore I plead with the Union Government to come forward to lend support to Tamil Nadu, which is in dire need of water; without causing any strain in its age-old relationship with its neighbouring States.

4. In the area of agriculture, even though many research studies have been conducted and many experts and technical institutions have produced lengthy reports, there ha

been no major breakthrough in rainfed agriculture. Improved water availability holds the key to increasing agricultural output and farmers' incomes. Better cropping practices alone are not enough. At the last NDC meeting, I had stressed the urgent need for inter-linking the peninsular rivers. The Planning Commission's Approach Paper calls for "expansion of irrigation where it is possible at an economic cost". The National Common Minimum Programme has made a commitment to assess the feasibility of inter-linking rivers, starting with

south-bound rivers. The National Water Development Agency under the Ministry of Water Resources has already completed feasibility studies on the Peninsular component. It has concluded that it is technically possible and economically viable to transfer water from the surplus river basins to the deficit ones. If we are serious in pursuing agricultural prosperity, we must act now itself without further loss of time. The project for inter-linking peninsular rivers should be included and funded as part of the agriculture strategy of the 11th Plan.

5. I would like to impress upon you the adverse conditions in the State in regard to water scarcity. Tamil Nadu does not have even a single perennial river originating in this State. It is totally dependent on release of water by other States. I have already referred to the institutional problem in sharing such waters. Apart from shortage of surface water resources, Tamil Nadu also suffers from ground water deficiency. Out of the 385 blocks in the State, 175 are classified as over-exploited and critical. Rainfall is also deficient in Tamil Nadu. A stage has been reached where

conventional agriculture has become impossible in many parts of Tamil Nadu. The NDC Sub-Committee has classified the Country into 15 agro-climatic regions. Considering its special problems, Tamil Nadu should be declared a separate agro-climatic region, in addition to the other fifteen. The Centre must recognize the special circumstances of Tamil Nadu and the gravity of the situation in the field. The existing Central schemes are insufficient to meet the needs and are linked to various conditions. Therefore, Tamil Nadu deserves a special treatment by the Centre. I urge

the Centre to extend Special Central Assistance for a scheme to promote agro-forestry, horticulture and water-efficient crops in Tamil Nadu.

6. Apart from agriculture, we must not forget the importance of animal husbandry and fisheries, especially in a State like Tamil Nadu with a long coast line. I hope the Plan will give due emphasis to them. In this respect, I have to refer to the difficulties being faced by the fishermen of Tamil Nadu due to the disturbed situation in Sri Lanka. I call upon the Union Government to ensure

the safety of fishermen so that development of fisheries in Tamil Nadu is not affected.

7. When talking of agricultural development, we have to ensure that the focus is on the welfare of the farmers. Farmers in many parts of the country have suffered acutely from debt burden and this has been a source of serious concern. It had even led to suicides in some States. The Government of Tamil Nadu took a bold step to waive agricultural loans worth Rs.7,000 crores immediately after

assuming office. This step has brought immediate relief to the farming community and has enabled them to once again access rural credit. I am happy to note that the Sub-Committee of the NDC has recommended that where natural calamity occurs consecutively for three years, the loans given to the small, marginal, tenant farmers should be waived and I reiterate our request to share the cost of the waiver of co-operative loans announced by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

8. Ours is a large country. The specific actions to be taken in different areas will be different. The Centrally Sponsored Schemes are subject to too many conditions and restrictions and do not recognise the local variations. The cost of administration is high because there are so many schemes. There is a need for simplifying the schemes. A lumpsum Central Assistance could be given based on an agreed strategy appropriate for each State instead of the fragmented sums now given. This will make the Central Assistance more productive. I urge the Planning Commission

to introduce this change from the coming financial year.

9. India cannot prosper if farmers do not prosper. I look forward to fruitful deliberations so that we can create a new India in which farmers join in rapid growth.

Thank you.

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Dear Sirs

I am sorry to hear that you are not
satisfied with the results of the
debates. I look forward to further
debates so that we can have a new
idea which is better than the old one.

Thank you

Yours faithfully