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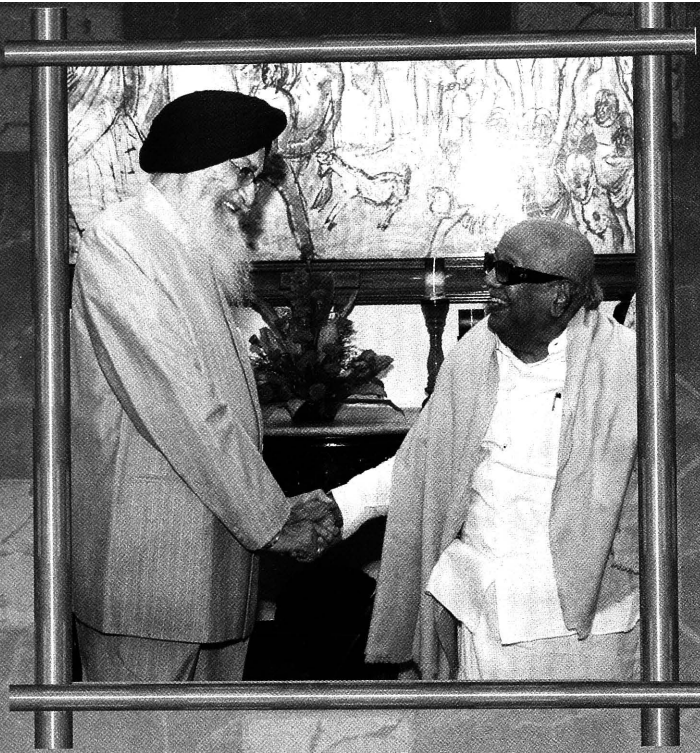


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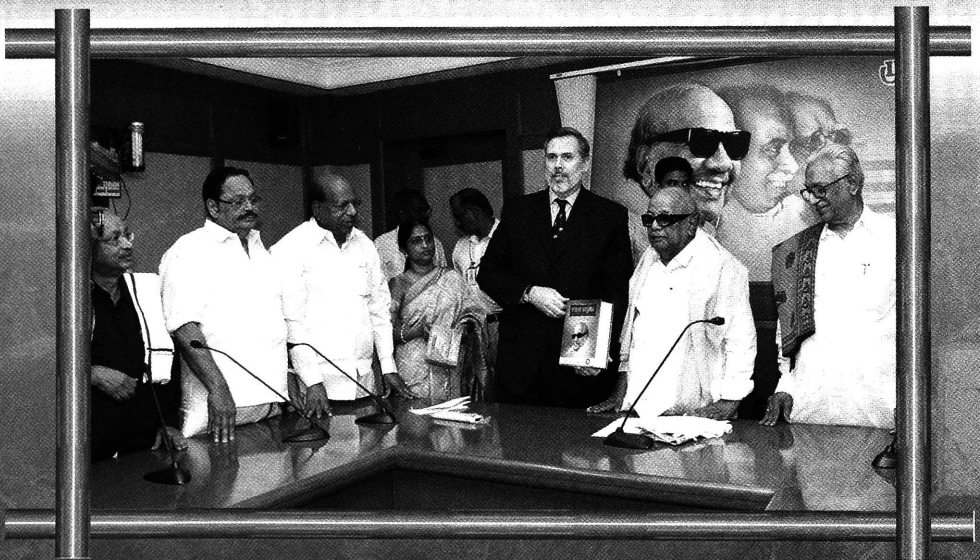


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with Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi**





**His Excellency the Governor of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Surjit Singh Barnala
with Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi**



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He is the best among the ministers who has these
five attributes:- nobility, protection of people,
firm mind, learning and perseverance.

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PREFACE

He is a Lion among kings who possesses these six :
Army, people, wealth, counsel, friends and forts

- Thiruvalluvar

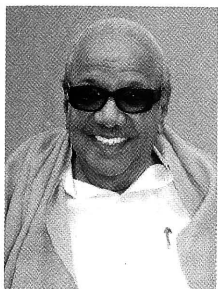
The sagacity, statesmanship and acumen of Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi have transformed Tamil Nadu by leaps and bounds and have stood tall as an absolute role model State. The Himalayan growth of the state has not only made other states, but also the Government of India to emulate and look up to his innovative ideas and welfare schemes that have touched the hearts of the masses. The schemes and achievements of Tamil Nadu have not only become the talk of the country but are becoming a part of the National agenda, as they have been born solely with the interests of people in mind. The Chief Minister indeed has been the Lion amongst contemporary Indian leaders as Thiruvalluvar had put it.

These amazing achievements in a short span of just two years have made Tamil Nadu, a State that is striding so fast with an extraordinary administration by its dynamic Chief Minister. Untiring and absolutely ceaseless in his efforts, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has been spearheading Tamil Nadu's march towards establishing a prosperous and egalitarian society. The Speed at which the schemes were conceived, delivered and implemented spoke volumes that the Tamil Nadu Government meant business and Governance par excellence. New initiatives in every sphere of activity of the government has made Tamil Nadu to reach the pinnacle, as a state envisaged by her guiding lights of Thanthai Periyar and Arignar Anna.

Tamil Arasu has brought out a compilation of "Two year" achievements of the Tamil Nadu Government in English. As everyone can see, Tamil Nadu is now in its realm of astounding glory. I am sure that this edition of Tamil Arasu will further the awesome mission of Tamil Nadu in building the India of our dreams by providing the very best for the people of Tamil Nadu.

Parithi Ellamvazhuthi

Hon'ble Minister for Information



MASSIVE FILLING UP OF POLICE VACANCIES

KALAI GNAR M. KARUNANIDHI
Hon'ble Chief Minister

HOME DEPARTMENT

New Recruitment

- ★ Government ordered recruitment of 10,000 Gr.II Police Constables. The Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board conducted first stage selection for 5000 posts of Gr.II PC (Men 3,500 + Women 1500) for the year 2006-07 and appointment orders were issued to 3,805 candidates. Remaining vacancies will be filled up after Verification and Medical Examination and the eligible candidates will be sent for basic training.
- ★ Recruitment of 6,272 Gr.II PCs for the year 2007-2008. The Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board has initiated recruitment.
- ★ Further the recruitment of 4000 Gr.II PC for the year 2008-09 is under process.
- ★ The Government have approved filling up of 755 vacancies for the post of Sub Inspector of Police.

Third Police Commission

- ★ Government constituted the 3rd Police Commission on 30.8.2006 under the Chairmanship Thiru. R. Poornalingam, I.A.S., (Retired), to examine the various aspects of policing as well as the welfare of police personnel and to make recommendations in this regard. The Commission completed its study and submitted the report to the Government on 13.02.2008. A Committee consisting of officials to study the recommendations has been constituted.

New Police Stations

- ★ Sanction has been accorded for establishing a new police station at Thirumakottai in Thiruvavarur District with 22 posts at a cost of Rs. 34.790 Lakh.
- ★ Sanction has been accorded for a establishing a new police station at Thiruvannamalai Fort at a cost of Rs. 22.89 Lakh.
- ★ Sanction has been accorded for establishing a new police station with 57 posts at Vengamedu in Karur District by bifurcating the existing Karur town police station at a cost of Rs. 48.46 Lakh.
- ★ During 2006-2007, out of 116 police outposts, 10 outposts were upgraded into fullfledged police stations and another outpost is being upgraded during 2007-08.
- ★ 20 Traffic Police Stations were set up on National Highways in accident prone areas.
- ★ During 2007-2008, 16 Police Stations were strengthened by additional manpower; 8 New Police Stations were formed during 2007-08.
- ★ A special battalion at Sundarampalli, Thirupathur Taluk, Vellore District with a strength of 955 has been formed.

New Buildings

The construction of following buildings were taken up :

- ★ Construction of New Annexe building of 1,716 Lakh SFT in the present Director-General of Police Office Complex at a total cost of Rs.20.31 Crore.
- ★ Construction of new multistoried building for Chennai Traffic Police at a total cost of Rs.20.65 Crore.
- ★ Sanction of Rs. 18.75 Crore for construction of 70 Police stations.
- ★ Sanction of Rs.10.94 Crore for construction of buildings for 3 District Police Offices at Salem, Thiruvavarur and The Nilgiris.
- ★ Construction of residence for Inspector General of Police, West Zone, Coimbatore at a cost of Rs.31.50 Lakh.
- ★ Construction of administrative building, barracks and stores for TSP II Battalion at cost of Rs.2 Crore.
- ★ Construction of 6 Dormitories for constabulary at Tiruvallur, Villupuram, Thiruvannamalai, Dharmapuri, Kanyakumari and Peramballur at a total cost of Rs.42 Lakh.



Hon'ble Chief Minister K. J. Somasundaram inaugurated the newly constructed Police Quarters in Chennai (13.10.2007)

- ★ Upgradation of 25 Police Stations under UNDP Pattern at a total cost of Rs.1.15 Crore.
- ★ Construction of barracks for AR Constabulary at Kamudhi in Ramanathapuram at a total cost of Rs.30 Lakh.
- ★ Construction of AR Complex at Krishnagiri at a total cost of Rs.1 Crore.
- ★ Construction of one additional floor in the new barracks at PRS Coimbatore at a total cost of Rs.86 Lakh.
- ★ Construction of Repeater station at Mannarkudi at a cost of Rs.15 Lakh.
- ★ Construction of Training Centre for Women Commandos at Marudham in Chennai at a cost of Rs.1.44 Lakh.
- ★ Construction of Training Centre cum barracks for Home Guards at Ooty at a cost of Rs.40 Lakh.
- ★ Construction of Auditorium cum class room and Gymnasium block at Coimbatore at a cost of Rs.70 Lakh.
- ★ Construction of 18 Police Stations for SBCID at various places at a cost of Rs.1.80 Lakh.
- ★ Construction of Rescue Tower (Home Guard) at Ooty at a cost of Rs. 4 Lakh.
- ★ Construction of 5 Detachments for DV & AC at a cost of Rs.1.02 Crore.
- ★ Construction of 10 Sub-Division offices at Gudiyatham, Thirupattur, Ambur, Pennagaram, Harur, Pollachi, Cheyyar, Thiruvarur, Samayanallur and Alangulam at a cost of Rs.157.25 Lakh.

- ★ Upgradation of infrastructure facilities in PRS, Perurani at Thoothukudi District at a cost of Rs.3.39 Lakh.
- ★ Construction of 5,000 Quarters at a total cost of Rs.260.74 Crore.
- ★ The Newly constructed Police Academy at Onamancherry at an estimated cost of Rs.48.23 Crore and newly constructed building for Inspector General of Police, North Zone, at an estimated cost of Rs.38.98 Lakh were inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 15.03.2008.

New Vehicles

- ★ During the last two years, the purchase of 2,211 vehicles at an expenditure of Rs.60 Crore has been sanctioned.
- ★ Government permitted the Commissioner of Police, Chennai to accept 100 Accent Cars as donation as a measure of goodwill from M/s. Hyundai Motors Limited, Chennai.
- ★ Government permitted the Commissioner of Police, Chennai City to accept the 101 Nos. of Apachi 150cc Motor Cycles donated by the T.V.S. Motor Company Limited, Chennai.

Close Circuit Television

- ★ Government have sanctioned Rs. 250 Lakh for installation of 20 cameras (CCTV) for Junction Traffic Management in Chennai City.

Welfare

- ★ Time bound promotion procedure was implemented. 12,839 Grade II PCs promoted as Grade I PCs, 293 Grade I PCs promoted as HCs, 94 Grade II PCs as HCs, 49 Bugle PCs promoted as HCs, 187 HCs and promoted as SSIs.
- ★ Government have issued orders for permanent absorption of 42 Ex-servicemen who were working in Bomb Detection & Disposal Squad and Dog Squad in State Police on contract basis.

Medals

- ★ The existing value of the cash prize for “Gandhiadigal Police Medal” was enhanced from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.20,000/- as reward to police personnel for their outstanding work in curtailing illicit liquor.
- ★ A new Medal called “Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Medal for Excellence in Technical and Specialized services” was instituted to confer on the staff of Police Radio Branch, Dog Squad and Police Photographers.

Sports

- ★ The 50th All India Police Duty Meet 2006 was successfully hosted by Tamil Nadu with the financial assistance of Rs. 25/- Lakh sanctioned by the State.
- ★ The Tamil Nadu Police has won 8 gold, 7 Silver, 3 Bronze medals along with the Championship title during the 55th Police Athletic meet. The winners have been awarded Rs. 50,000/-, Rs.30,000/- and Rs.20,000/- respectively.
- ★ The 9th All India Police Band Competition was successfully conducted with a sanction of Rs.25 Lakh.
- ★ During the past two years, non-residential buildings for Police Stations at district levels were constructed at a cost of Rs.2,998 Lakh. For lower and Upper Subordinates, residential quarters were built at a cost of Rs.4,602.50 Lakh. The fleet strength of the Force has been increased for effective and quick transportation and new vehicles at a cost of Rs.2,997.25 Lakh were purchased. The tele communication facilities have been met at an expenditure of Rs.859.56 Lakh. Infrastructure facilities at a cost of Rs.459.22 Lakh have been provided to Training Wing and Recruitment Centres. Forensic Sciences Laboratory has been provided modern equipments to the tune of Rs.451.27 Lakh. General equipments like photocopiers, fax machines, etc., were provided to the Department at cost of Rs.1,219.96 Lakh. Computers and accessories were provided at a cost of Rs.813.06 Lakh. Home Guards and Civil Defence were provided with equipments to the tune of Rs.74.02 Lakh. For the construction of buildings and for equipments to the Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Wing, an amount of Rs.200.70 Lakh has been provided.
- ★ In last two years, 24 persons including 17 Maoist cadres were arrested and 8 persons of them were detained under NSA.

Prevention of Smuggling

- ★ Cases are being registered under Unlawful Activities Prevention Act against Sri Lankans and Indians who indulge in smuggling on behalf of LTTE.
- ★ In last two years, 14 cases have been registered and 106 persons including 11 LTTE cadres and 34 Sri Lankan Tamils were arrested. Of them, 43 persons including 14 Sri Lankan Tamils and 3 LTTE cadres were detained under NSA. This is in contrast to the mere 7 cases filed and arrest of 26 persons including 4 Srilankan Tamils during the period 2001-06.

Crime Prevention

- ★ Anti Trafficking Cell functioning at Chennai Headquarters deals with Immoral Trafficking.



Hon'ble Chief Minister K. Jayaram inaugurated the Police Academy at Unamancheri near Vandalur, Chennai and the office buildings of the Inspector General of Police (North) on 15.3.2008.

- ★ Anti Counterfeit currency units have been sanctioned afresh at Trichy and Madurai, in addition to the existing ones at Chennai and Coimbatore.
- ★ Cyber Crime Unit with its Headquarters at Chennai investigates cases of computer related crimes.
- ★ During the period from May 2006 to March 2008, an amount of Rs. 279.99 Crore to 3,33,687 depositors have been refunded through economic offences wing of the police department.
- ★ Under the provisions of attachment of movable and immovable properties of the defaulted company/firms, the properties attached were valued at Rs. 15.91 Crore.

Coastal Security Group

- ★ Sites for 12 Police Stations of the Coastal Security Group were selected and Construction of Marine Police Stations at Colachel, Tharuvaikulam, Vedaranyam, Keelaiyur and Athiramapattinam have been completed.
- ★ Training has been imparted for 120 Police personnel in four batches by Indian Coast Guard at Chennai.

PRISONS

- ★ On the occasion of Perarignar Anna's 98th birth celebrations, 472 life term prisoners, including 16 women life term prisoners were released early.
- ★ The duty pay of jail wardens has been enhanced from Rs.100 to Rs.150 on par with those in Police Department.

- ★ Orders were issued for provision of chicken to non-vegetarian prisoners and kesari, bananas and potatoes to vegetarians.
- ★ Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the Modern Prison Complex constructed at Puzhal built at a cost of Rs.77.09 Crore on 211.92 acre land that can accommodate 3000 men and women prisoners.
- ★ For 336 works in buildings, new residential quarters and other works Rs.1,906.30 Lakh was allocated in 2006-07.
- ★ Orders have been issued for constructing an open air prison that can accommodate 150 prisoners at Muthupatti in Sivagangai district.
- ★ Ambulances have been provided to women sub-jails and 2 women special sub-jails at a cost of Rs.23.82 Lakh.
- ★ 6,307 electric fans have been fitted in prisons at a cost of Rs.126.14 Lakh.
- ★ Tea is supplied in the morning to all prisoners in all prisons.
- ★ 12 project works have been completed at a cost of Rs.135.20 Lakh.

FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES

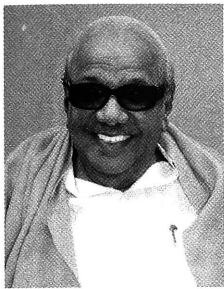
- ★ 88 oxygen cylinders and 2 additional cylinders have been purchased at a cost of Rs.74.10 Lakh for the use of fire brigade personnel.
- ★ 10 water tanker vehicles purchased for Rs.1.57 Crore is in use of the department.
- ★ 4 new cars and 4 new jeeps purchased for Rs.32.72 Lakh for use of the department.
- ★ 2 mini-buses and 1 bus were purchased for Rs.21.52 Lakh is in use of the department.
- ★ Government have sanctioned Rs.47.60 Lakh for purchase of ambulances at a cost of Rs.47.60 Lakh.
- ★ Government have ordered modernization of wireless communication facilities in the department at a cost of Rs.55 Lakh.
- ★ Office building for the divisional office at Virudhunagar at a cost of Rs.24.20 Lakh has been constructed.
- ★ 200 quarters at stations for personnel on duty are being constructed at a cost of Rs.988.24 Lakh.
- ★ Government have allocated Rs.14.40 Lakh for modernization of communication facilities.

- ★ Water hoses have been purchased for Rs.46.60 Lakh.
- ★ New ambulance vehicles have been provided to 6 fire stations including Hogenakkal station at a cost of Rs.38.70 Lakh.
- ★ 2 new water tanker lorries have been purchased for Rs.30 Lakh.
- ★ Chennai Central Division established at an expenditure of Rs.7 Lakh.
- ★ Government have ordered the construction of 8 fire stations at an expenditure of Rs.2 Crore at Rs.25 Lakh each. 30 firemen have been newly appointed on compassionate grounds.

COURTS

- ★ Government of India have been represented for the Presidential approval for the State Government's decision to use Tamil as the court language in all proceedings of Madras High Court. Hon'ble Chief Minister has taken the matter to the highest level of Government of India.
- ★ Order have been issued for establishing a Sub-Magistrate Court at a cost of Rs.10.14 Lakh at Valliur by relocating and upgrading the 2nd Additional Sub-Magistrate Court in Tirunelveli. For transferring a part of land belonging to Tamil Nadu State Express Transport Corporation to Madras High Court Rs.5.86 Crore was paid as compensation to the Transport Corporation . A new building at a cost of Rs.58.35 Lakh for the Bar Association and the Court Clerk Association in Tirunelveli-Palayamkottai have been sanctioned.
- ★ Orders have been issued for undertaking various works under Part II scheme for Rs.61.79 Lakh during 2007-08.
- ★ Approval has been accorded for 4 additional Magistrate posts for Madras High Court, 4 Additional Judges posts for Chennai and City Civil Court as 2 Additional Judges posts for small causes court.
- ★ Orders have been issued for construction of Judges Quarters and integrated court complexes at a cost of Rs.87.34 Crore for Dharmapuri, Karur, Ramanathapuram, Virudhunagar, Namakkal, Sivagangai, Erode, Vellore, Thiruvannamalai, Pudukkottai, Thiruvallur, Cuddalore, Thoothukudi and Thanjavur.

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SOFTWARE EXPORT FROM TAMIL NADU SET TO CROSS Rs.28,000 CRORE

KALAINAR M. KARUNANIDHI
Hon'ble Chief Minister

**INFORMATION
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DEPARTMENT**

- ★ The Software export from the State of Tamil Nadu which was Rs.21,000 Crore in 2006-2007 is expected to cross Rs.28,000 Crore in 2007-2008.
- ★ So far, 37 IT-ITES SEZs spread over an extent of 1226.32 hectares have been given formal approval by the Government of India. Out of this 19 have been notified and have commenced operation.
- ★ 1 Multi Service SEZ covering an extent of 121.41 hectares and 2 Multi Product SEZs covering an extent of 2,192.44 hectares have also been given formal approval in Tamil Nadu. In addition, 6 Electronic Hardware, Software and Related Service SEZs covering an extent of 464.45 hectares have also got formal approval.
- ★ Large international Hardware manufacturers like NOKIA, Foxcon, Flextronics and Motorola have already located their facilities in Tamil Nadu. Dell Computers, Samsung, ASPOCOMP, Spelmech Semi-conductors, Salcomp, Perlos, Jabil, Wintek and many more electronic hardware manufacturers have also decided to locate their manufacturing plants in Tamil Nadu. This combination of Hardware and Software facilities in a single area is unique to the world.

Information Technology Parks

- ★ TIDCO, an undertaking of the Government of Tamil Nadu, has formed a joint venture with M/S DLF Limited for putting up an IT-ITES SEZ with 4.5 million sq.ft built up space on 26.64 acres of land at Taramani in Chennai.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar M.KARUNANIDHI laid the foundation stone for IT-ITES-SEZ in Madurai North Ilandaikulam and Madurai South Vadapalanji on 26.4.08.

- ★ Another project to develop an IT-ITES Park with an Integrated International Convention Centre on 25.27 acres of land at Taramani in Chennai is also being executed by TIDCO.
- ★ The IT-ITES SEZ developed by ELCOT at Sholinganallur has started functioning.
- ★ ELCOT has already obtained formal permission to establish an IT-ITES SEZ at Perumbakkam-Sholinganallur villages near Chennai. ELCOT proposes to set up an integrated IT Township on 199 acres of land.
- ★ The SIPCOT IT Park at Siruseri is also developing fast. M/s. TCS, CTS and Hexaware are putting up IT-ITES Special Economic Zones here. Apart from this, 58 other IT, ITES companies are putting up their facilities at this IT Park.
- ★ Electronics Corporation of Tamil Nadu (ELCOT), Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO), TIDEL Park Limited and Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) are jointly putting up an IT Park measuring 17.11 Lakh sq.ft. at Coimbatore. The foundation stone for this project was laid by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 24th February 2007.

- ★ ELCOT has established IT-ITES SEZ at Ilandaikulam, Madurai and at Vadapalanji Village abutting the Madurai Kamaraj University. Hon'ble Chief Minister laid the foundation stone for these two IT parks on 26.4.2008.
- ★ An IT-ITES Special Economic Zone has been established at Tiruchirappalli in an extent of 135.04 acres by ELCOT.
- ★ An IT Park has been established at Salem in an extent of 164.26 acres by ELCOT. Hon'ble Chief Minister laid the foundation stone for this IT park on 14.9.2007.
- ★ ELCOT has successfully carried out creation and printing of 70 Lakh farmer cards using a total electronic process system.
- ★ ELCOT has developed web based application software for automating the operations of the District Central Co-operative Banks.
- ★ Directorate of Town and Country Planning has entrusted the development of application software to ELCOT for automating its operations in the areas of layout approval and building plan approval.
- ★ The commercial taxes department has entrusted the task of developing and hosting application software enabling the commercial tax dealers to register online and to file their monthly VAT returns online.
- ★ During 2007 - 08, ELCOT procured IT products for a value of Rs.135.54 Crore.

ICT Academy

- ★ The ICT Academy has been established at Chennai to improve the human resources and the quality of education. Hon'ble Chief Minister launched the ICT Academy on 8th April 2008.

Institute of Information Technology Design and Manufacturing (IITD&M).

- ★ 41.21 hectares (101.75 acres) of land at Melakottaiyur and Nallambakkam villages in Kancheepuram district has been leased in favour of the Indian Institute of Information Technology Design and Manufacturing (IITD&M).

Information Technology Task Force

- ★ A State Information Technology Task Force was constituted on 19.2.07 under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister. A meeting of the Task Force was held on 23rd August 2007.

Free Colour Television Sets

- ★ A unique scheme of free distribution of Colour Television sets to the households not having Colour Television Sets was commenced on 15th September 2006.
- ★ ELCOT has been entrusted with the procurement of 14" colour televisions.
- ★ In the first phase, 30,000 Colour TV sets were procured and distributed to the families living in Periyar Ninaivu Samathuvapurams and residents staying in rehabilitation homes throughout the State.
- ★ The second phase of free distribution of 25,00,000 Colour Television Sets was launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister at Pammadhukulam Village in Thiruvallur District on 15.2.2007. The second phase of distribution has been completed successfully.
- ★ The Third Phase of free distribution of 34,25,000 Colour Television Sets was launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister at Vellore on 16-02-2008.

Infrastructure Development

- ★ ELCOT has so far issued NOC to 213 IT Buildings with built up area in excess of 73 Million Sq.ft.
- ★ Hon'ble Chief Minister laid the foundation stone for the expansion of the new Airport Terminal Complex on 26.4.2008.

IT Promotion

- ★ 'CONNECT 2007' the premier IT event which serves as a one stop forum that unites the diverse stakeholders in the ICT sector - the Government, Industry, Service Providers, Academia and most importantly the End Users was organised during September 2007.

- ★ In order to project the manpower potential of the Tier II cities and also to induce confidence among the student community, an event titled "Empower IT" was conducted in Tirunelveli on 18th and 19th January 2008.

E-Governance

- ★ Tamil Nadu has been declared as a 'leader' in e-readiness by the recently published Report of the Government of India.
- ★ The State's website - <http://www.tn.gov.in> has been awarded Gold Medal during the recently concluded National e-Governance Conference.
- ★ Tamil Nadu has also been awarded the “Best e -Governed State” prize by the renowned magazine 'Dataquest'.
- ★ 'Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency', an autonomous Society has been formed to specifically focus on e-Governance activities.
- ★ The TNSWAN is the first State Wide Area Network in India that has commenced commercial operations since December 2007. Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated this facility on 8th April 2008.
- ★ State Data Centre is one of the key infrastructure projects envisaged under the National e-Governance Plan (NeGP). A sum of Rs.55.80 Crore has been sanctioned for this project by the Government of India. Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated this facility on 8th April 2008. The first phase of this project has been completed at a cost of Rs.12 Crore by ELCOT, making Tamil Nadu the first State in India to have such an advanced facility.
- ★ Tamil Nadu is also among the few States in the country where the Common Services Centre Project has progressed well. 5,440 CSCs (one for every 3 Villages in the State) will be set up. Three of these Centres were inaugurated on 8th April 2008 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
- ★ The Districts of Tiruvarur, Krishnagiri, Perambalur, Ariyalur and Coimbatore have been selected for implementation of e-district project.
- ★ 15 Mission Mode Projects have been selected under the National e-Governance Plan (NeGP) in Tamil Nadu. They are as follows:

1. Land Records, 2. Commercial Taxes, 3. Registration, 4. Agriculture, 5. Food and Civil Supplies, 6. Health, 7. Panchayats, 8. Education, 9. Treasuries, 10. Municipalities, 11. Transport, 12. Employment, 13. Industries, 14. Social Welfare, 15. Secretariat Computerisation.

Arasu Cable TV Corporation

- ★ Government of Tamil Nadu launched Arasu Cable TV Corporation, fully owned by the Government with the intention of functioning as a Multi System Operator(MSO) in Chennai Metropolitan area and as cable operator in other areas of the State. The Corporation will receive signals from Broadcasters and distribute it to the consumers through the local cable TV operators. The main objective of the Corporation is to provide high quality cable TV service at reasonable cost to the public, through the existing cable TV operators.

ELCOT

- ★ The Government have entrusted ELCOT with the prestigious project of procuring 14” Colour Television Sets for free distribution to the public. So far ELCOT has procured and supplied Twenty Five Lakh and Thirty Thousand (25,30,000) Colour TV Sets in two phases. The third phase of procurement and supply of Thirty Four Lakh and Twenty Five Thousand (34, 25,000) Colour TV Sets is being executed by ELCOT.
- ★ ELCOT has been nominated as the nodal agency for the Tamil Nadu State Wide Area Network Project. (TNSWAN)
- ★ ELCOT has set up an e-Governance Software support centre under Open Source Software environment in its Head Office.
- ★ ELCOT has created a state level Family Card Database for the entire 1.85 Crore family cards and hosted the database online.
- ★ ELCOT has been entrusted with the task of providing e-Governance software development under web based environment for the Registration Department. 108 Sub Registrar Offices would go online shortly with the software developed by ELCOT.

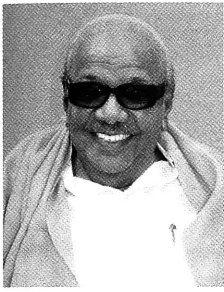
- ★ ELCOT has successfully carried out creation and printing of 70 Lakh Farmer social security cards using a total electronic process system.
- ★ The preparation and issue of Laminated Computerized Driving licence was entrusted to ELCOT by the Transport Commissioner in all the 86 centres in the State.
- ★ ELCOT has developed web based application software for automating the operations of the District Central Co-operative Banks.
- ★ Directorate of Town and Country Planning has entrusted the development of application software to ELCOT for automating its operations in the area of Layout Approval and Building Plan Approval.
- ★ Commercial Taxes Department has entrusted the task of developing and hosting application software enabling the Commercial Tax Dealers to register online and to file their monthly VAT Returns online.
- ★ During 2007-08, ELCOT procured IT products for a value of Rs.135.54 Crore.

Tamil Virtual University

- ★ Tamil Virtual University has signed a Memorandum of Collaboration with Indira Gandhi National Open University for sharing their education resources for the students of TVU. Their resources will be used for the optional language (English, Part II) of B.A Degree Programme.
- ★ Tamil Virtual University has also signed a MoU with Commonwealth of Learning, Canada, to train 40 Tamil teachers from Malaysia for their degree programme.
- ★ 5,961 candidates from 59 countries have registered for different courses - 286 have passed Certificate Examinations, 176 have passed their Diploma Examinations and 29 have passed their Higher Diploma Examinations during 2007.
- ★ As a pioneer in India, TVU has conducted online examination through Internet for B.A. Degree Programme for a total of 247 candidates during 2006-07.

- ★ Online examination for total of 165 candidates was conducted during this year (2007-2008). 56 candidates have appeared for the Written Offline Examinations in Jan 2008.
- ★ The TVU's website has been accessed by nearly 17 Lakh of people so far.
- ★ About 2,827 students from 59 countries have registered for the Certificate Programme and 3,134 students for the B.A.Tamil Degree. It has 19 Coordinating Centres in 12 Countries.
- ★ TVU is the Testing and Certifying Agency for the Tamil software suites for the compliance with quality standards. So far 20 products were certified by TVU.
- ★ Thirukkural CDs are available in TVU e-library with search facility and 5 commentaries and two translations have been produced.
- ★ Palm leaves collected by Dr.U.V.Swaminatha Iyer, the great Tamil scholar, have been web enabled with search and zooming facilities to enhance readability. Corresponding Tamil Text is also given along with the Palm Leaves for easy reference.
- ★ The technical glossaries prepared by various universities and other institutions have been hosted on the TVU website with search facility. Tamil Virtual University is now engaged in reviewing and vetting the terms for publication in a standard series of 12 volumes.
- ★ Government has allocated 2 acres of land to Tamil Virtual University at Kotturpuram in Chennai for the construction of its building.

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MoU SIGNED WITH 14 COMPANIES WITH INVESTMENT VALUE OF Rs.18,483 CRORE

KALAI GNAR M.KARUNANIDHI
Hon'ble Chief Minister

INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT

Special Task Force

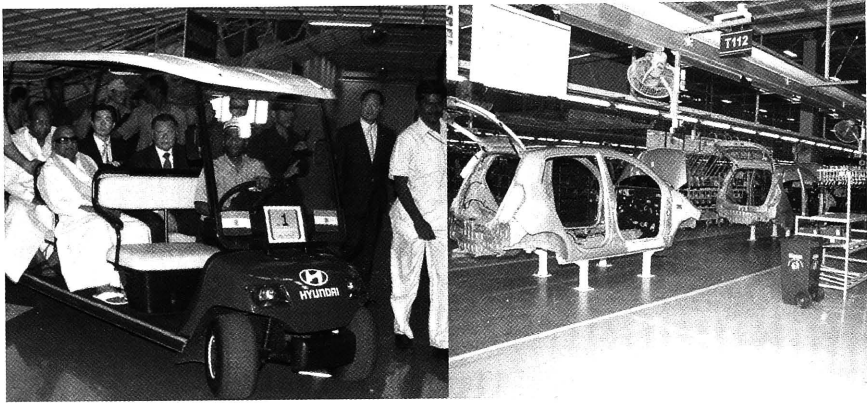
- ★ A special task force was set up on 8.11.2006 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister with the representatives of Industrial and Trade Organisations to help in the Industrial Development in Tamil Nadu.

High Level Committee for Backward Area Development

- ★ The High Level Committee was constituted on 20.7.2006 under the Chairmanship of Industries Secretary to find out industrially backward blocks and to prescribe guidelines to start Industries.

New Industrial Policy

- ★ A New Industrial Policy 2007 has been formulated to increase the industrial growth thereby enable creation of 20 lakh additional job opportunities by 2011.
- ★ The investors are investing in Tamil Nadu because of Government's speedy and transparent approach. Tamil Nadu is in forefront of attracting new investments.
- ★ Special initiatives have been taken to establish more industries.
- ★ In Tamil Nadu, through industrialization, it is possible to create necessary opportunities for both the trained and untrained persons. The Chennai city was functioning like a magnetic force to attract investments through the various world class infrastructures around Chennai city. Tamil Nadu Government desire to establish two large Industrial centres, one for the Southern part and the other for the Northern part of Tamil Nadu.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar M.Karunanidhi inspected the new production unit of the Hyundai Motor India after inaugurating the unit at Sriperumbudur in Chennai on 2.02.2008.

- ★ During the Cabinet meeting held on 29.4.2008, approval was given to 13 Industrial projects with an investment value of Rs.17,400 Crore with direct employment potential to 18,750 persons and indirect employment to 6,450 persons.
- ★ This is the first time that many large approvals for schemes were given in a single Cabinet meeting. Besides, this is a new chapter in the "Industrial Development History".
- ★ During the past two years, TIDCO signed a joint sector agreements and MoU for an estimated project value of Rs.19,881.93 Crore and job potential to 4,43,750 persons.

State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited (SIPCOT)

- ★ Government have signed MoU with 14 foreign and domestic companies to enable to provide 1,50,000 direct and indirect employment opportunities with an investment of Rs.18,483 Crore. It is significant that 11 of these companies are being established in the SIPCOT complex itself. Out of these companies, six companies like Samsung, Caparo vehicles and Dell Computers have commenced production.
- ★ At present SIPCOT has signed MoU with two companies namely Caparo Engineering (P) Limited and Fenner India Limited with an investment of Rs.25 Crore each at Nilakottai Industrial Complex for starting industries. Both these companies will provide direct employment opportunities to 600 persons.
- ★ Readymade apparels park and Footwear manufacturing industrial park have been established at Irungattukottai.

Industrial Complex / Parks

- ★ In view of the increasing requirement for land due to the tremendous industrial growth in Tamil Nadu (particularly in the areas nearer to Chennai) SIPCOT is in the process of acquiring about 4,727.38 acres of land for expansion of Cheyyar Industrial Complexes / Parks at Oragadam and Irungattukottai near Chennai.
- ★ A proposal of SIPCOT to establish 14 new industrial complexes approximately in an extent of 25,000 acres of land is under the consideration of the Government. These industrial complexes will be established in six districts.
- ★ In order to cater to the urgent need of land for the entrepreneurs, Government have announced in their new Industrial Policy, 2007 that a Land Bank will be established. Accordingly, to establish one such Land bank on an extent of 20,000 acres of land, approximately 23,000 acres in five districts have been identified and further action is being taken.

Special Economic Zones

- ★ SIPCOT has established seven sector specific special economic zones in their industrial complex during the past two years.
- ★ A special economic zone for manufacturing Transport engineering goods has been established at Gangaikondan.

Water Augmentation Project

- ★ In order to augment the quantum of water being supplied to the industries in SIPCOT complex and also to create alternative water sources by recycling the sewage water from CMWSSB and to supply the treated water to the industries established in Irungattukottai, Sriperumpudhur and Oragadam Industrial Parks, tenders have been invited to implement the special project through a private operator under DBOOT basis.

Industrial Corridors of Excellence

- ★ It has been proposed to establish an Industrial Corridors of Excellence in two phases at Chennai-Sriperumpudhur-Ranipet-Hosur zone.

Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporation (TIIC)

- ★ TIIC has sanctioned loan for Rs.1,094.59 Crore and gave loan assistance for Rs.696.56 Crore and realised Rs.739.47 Crore of loan amount during the past two years. Employment opportunities have been provided to 40,450 persons.

Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited (TNPL)

- ★ 4,57,515 Metric Tonnes of Newsprint, printing & writing paper were produced and registered capacity utilization was of 104%.

- ★ 2663.13 Lakh units of power generated from Windmill and captive power generation was transmitted to the State Power Grid. The value of the same is Rs.72.44 Crore.
- ★ This company had exported 95,204 MT of newsprint and printing and writing paper valued at Rs.320 Crore.
- ★ The Bio-Methanation plant has generated 105 Lakh cubic feet of Methane gas and it was used in replacement of 6,274 kl. furnace oil and thereby Rs.14.34 Crore was saved.
- ★ In order to cater the additional demand for pulpwood, TNPL has implemented farm forestry and captive plantation schemes. During the year 2006-07 and 2007-08, TNPL has implemented Farm Forestry Scheme on an extent of 20,231 acres of land. 4,302 farmers have been benefited under this scheme.

Awards

- ★ TNPL has received the best National Energy Conservation Award in 2006 from the Central Ministry for Energy.
- ★ TNPL has received the best Energy Conservation Award in December 2007 from the Government of Tamil Nadu.
- ★ TNPL has received the “Special Export Award” from CAPEXIL for the eighth successive year 2006-07, in recognition of the export performance.

Tamil Nadu Cements Corporation Limited (TANCEM)

- ★ During the year 2006-07, TANCEM has earned a profit of Rs.6.33 Crore as against a loss of Rs.361.85 Lakh sustained during the year 2005-06.
- ★ During the year 2007-08, TANCEM has earned a profit Rs.15.75 Crore (provisional) more than the net profit of Rs.6.33 Crore earned during the year 2006-07.

Import of Cement

- ★ With a view to control the rising price of cement, Government of Tamil Nadu has decided to import cement from foreign producers.
- ★ In order to sell imported cement at Rs.220/- per bag, in the Regional godowns of Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation, TANCEM has decided to import 1 Lakh tonne of 43 grade ordinary Portland cement through Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation (MMTC) and 10,365 M.T. cement has been received and supplied to the public.

Department of Geology and Mining

- ★ As announced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, orders have been issued to open an exploration unit exclusively for this Department for mineral exploration and exploitation activities in Tamil Nadu.



In the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaignar M.Karunanidhi an MoU signed on 22.2.2008 with Renault - Nissan Company by the Tamil Nadu Government. A new car manufacturing industry to come up Oragadam with a capital investment of Rs.4,000 crore which will manufacture 4 lakh cars per year.

Tamil Nadu Minerals Limited

- ★ During the past two years Government have accorded sanction to TAMIN for quarrying granite with 15 granite mining leases, in an extent of 233.94.68 hectare. TAMIN has earned more profit to Government by starting several new quarries during these two years by utilizing new mining leases.
- ★ TAMIN operated 102 quarries of black and colour granites and 8 mines of major minerals in the year 2007-08. TAMIN proposes to operate 120 quarries / mines in 2008-09.
- ★ During the year 2007-08, TAMIN has made a sales turnover of Rs.115 Crore. This is a record achievement.
- ★ Graphite plant, Sivagangai has reached a sales turnover of Rs.1,040 Lakh during the year 2007-08, which is a record achievement.
- ★ Indian Standard Sand unit, Ennore has made a sales turnover of Rs.126.32 Lakh during the year 2007-08. It is a record sales achievement.
- ★ TAMIN has provided jobs to 69 persons on compassionate grounds during 2007-08. Fifty posts of mining staff with consolidated pay were created in this company during November 2006 as per mining rules and regulations. Orders have been issued by Government during March 2008, converting these posts into regular time scales of pay. These posts are being filled up as per rules.
- ★ The long pending issue of wage talks was settled and a bilateral settlement entered has been implemented. This settlement has provided increased wages



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi inaugurated the Motorola Mobile Phone manufacturing facility at Sriperumpudhur, at Chennai (27.04.2008)

and benefits to the workers. It has also provided promotions to all workers for the first time in 20 years.

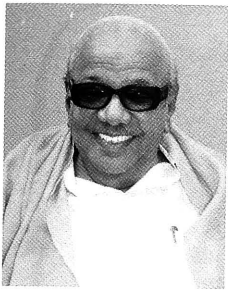
Tamil Nadu Industrial Explosives Limited (TEL)

- ★ In order to better utilize the explosives manufacturing machineries which could not be used and also to give continuous employment to the surplus manpower who were involved in the manufacture of this kind of explosives, a project for the manufacture of Monomethylamine Nitrate based explosives was implemented at a cost of Rs.88 Lakh during the year 2006-07. And it is expected that the commercial production of explosives through this project will be commenced during the year 2008-09.
- ★ A project for the manufacture of 2 EHN, a chemical used as an additive in diesel was undertaken at a cost of Rs.94 Lakh during the year 2006-07.
- ★ A joint sector company will be established by TEL to produce new explosives like Riomox, Rionel and Riocart and market them both domestically and export to foreign countries in collaboration with MAXAM Corporation (formerly known as UEE) of Spain, an international renowned explosives manufacturing company.

Tamil Nadu Salt Corporation Limited

- ★ Tamil Nadu Salt Corporation Limited is marketing Iodised Arasu Salt through Public Distribution System throughout Tamil Nadu during the last two years. Quantum of sale of this salt has increased from 2,300 tonnes to 2,800 tonnes per month.





SOCIAL REFORMS DEPARTMENT REVIVED

KALAINAR M.KARUNANIDHI
Hon'ble Chief Minister

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT

Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Forcible Conversion of Religion (Repeal) Act, 2006

- ★ The Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Forcible Conversion of Religion Act 2002 was enacted on 5.10.2002 prohibiting conversion from one religion to another by the use of force or allurement or by fraudulent means.
- ★ Following a decision by this Government to repeal the above Act, the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Forcible Conversion of Religion Repeal Bill, 2006 was passed in the Assembly on 31.05.2006 and the same was published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette Extraordinary dated 07.06.2006 as Tamil Nadu Act 10 of 2006.

Revival of Social Reforms Department in Secretariat

- ★ The Social Reforms Department has been revived and will function as a Department under the direct control of the Chief Secretary and as a Department looked after by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
- ★ In the year 1998, based on the orders of Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Government had sanctioned an ex-gratia amount of Rs.3 Lakh and a family pension of Rs.1,500/- per month to the legal heirs of persons who lost their lives during the agitation by Vanniar Sangam in 1987 for securing 20% reservation. The family pension has been enhanced to Rs.2,000/- from Rs.1,500/- per month. 21 families are benefited.

Withdrawal of cases related to Caste Clashes

- ★ The Hon'ble Chief Minister has made an announcement on the occasion of the Centenary Celebrations of Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar that the criminal cases registered in connection with group and caste



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi inaugurated
Flag Day Collections on 7.12.2007

clashes in Southern districts would be withdrawn. Based on the announcement, the Government have withdrawn 21 cases registered in connection with the Caste Clashes in Southern districts.

- ★ Orders have also been issued withdrawing 9 cases registered in connection with other Caste Clashes in various districts.

Withdrawal of cases registered on political grounds

- ★ 60 cases which were registered from 13.5.2006 on political grounds have been ordered to be withdrawn as on date.

Appointment on compassionate ground

- ★ Employment as Junior Assistant was given to Tmt.Jayanthi, w/o. (late) Thiru Kumar Pandian, President, Hindu Munnani, Tenkasi, who was murdered on 17.12.2006 at Tenkasi, Tirunelveli District by some Muslim extremist. Employment as Junior Assistant was given to Selvi Saranya, D/o. Tmt. (late) Danapackiam, Coimbatore District, who was murdered on 14.02.1998 in Coimbatore bomb blast. Employment as staff nurse was given to Tmt.Kersiyal Sakunthala, wife of (late) Thiru Vincent Samson, Veerambal village, Mudukulathur Taluk, Ramanathapuram District, who was attacked by unknown anti social elements on 29.10.2007 and expired on 30.10.2007 at Rajaji Government Hospital, Madurai. Based on the recommendation of Thiru.V.K.Thirunavukkarasu Commission of Inquiry, employment was given



Flag Day function was celebrated on 1.2.2008.
The Chief Secretary Thiru L.K.Tripathy, presided over
the function and handed over cash incentives to
Ex-servicemen children who excelled in 10th and +2 public examinations.

to Thiru.S.Rajesh, S/o late Thiru. M.Susai and brother of (late) Thiru S.Ravikumar, who was a victim of police firing on 11.05.1996 in Indira Nagar, Thoothukudi District.

Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund

- ★ A sum of Rs.2 Lakh was sanctioned from Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund to Tmt. Kersiyal Sakunthala, W/o. (Late) Thiru Vincent Samson, Veerambal village, Mudukulathur Taluk., Ramanathapuram District. A sum of Rs.1,00,000/- was sanctioned from the fund to Tmt. Gowri w/o late Thiru Ramalingam, who died during the incident at Kullanchavadi in Cuddalore District on 20.11.2007. A sum of Rs.1,00,000/- sanctioned to the family of the deceased Tmt.Konsis Mary and her daughter Selvi Sneha, who died in bus accident on 10.3.2008 (Government Bus) near Mondaicaud Puthur Bus Stand in Kanniyakumari District. A sum of Rs.50,000/- was sanctioned from the Fund to Selvan Nagaraj who was bitten by Stray dog in his school campus in Kothagiri Taluk, Nilgiris District for his medical expense.
- ★ Considering the indigent circumstances of the life of the family of the deceased Ex-Member of Legislative Assembly, Late K.R.Nallasivan, a sum of Rs.2,00,000/- has been sanctioned to Tmt. N.Saraswathi, wife of the departed Ex-Member of Legislative Assembly.

Freedom Fighters' Pension

- ★ Various Freedom Fighters Associations have requested the Government to increase the State Freedom Fighters Pension for a long time. This Government accepted the request and increased the State Freedom Fighters Pension from Rs.3,000/- to Rs.4,000/- p.m. and Family Pension of Rs.1,500/- to Rs.2,000/- p.m. 1024 Freedom Fighter Pensioners and 2,251 dependents of Freedom Fighters now stand benefited.

Concessions to the Payment of Salaries Act, 1951.

- ★ The family pension to the family of the Member of the Legislative Assembly, who expired before the expiry of his term of office, has been enhanced from Rs.2,500/- to Rs.3,000/- with retrospect effect from 01.04.2005.
- ★ The monthly pension of Rs.6,000/- paid to the Ex-Members of Legislative Assembly / Ex-Members of Legislative Council has been enhanced to Rs.7,000/- with effect from 01.04.2007.
- ★ The monthly pension of Rs.3,000/- paid to the Members of Legislative Assembly / Legislative Council who served less than a year has been enhanced to Rs.4,000/- with effect from 01.04.2007.

Issue of new stamps

- ★ "Kurinchi Malar" special commemorative stamp, in commemoration of the centenary celebration of "Vellore Voorhees College" and in commemoration of 200th year of "Vellore Mutiny-1806", in memory of Maa.Poo.Si centenary celebration, in commemoration of "150th year of Madras University", in commemoration of centenary celebration of "Thiru G.Varadaraj" of Coimbatore, in memory of "Parthalomeous Ziegon Baig", in commemoration of "75th year of Tamil Nadu Cricket Association", in memory of "Dr.R.M.Alagappa Chettiyar", in memory of "Parithimar Kalaignar", in memory of "Ramalinga Adigalar" and in memory of "Maraimalai Adigalar", new stamps were issued.

Srilankan Tamils

- ★ As on 31.3.2008, 2,99,569 persons have arrived India as refugees. Around a Lakh of persons have returned back to Sri Lanka with financial assistance. Another one Lakh of refugees have returned Sri Lanka on their own expenses. Out of the remaining 73,087 refugees in 19,360 families are accommodated in 117 camps including two Special camps in 25 districts of Tamil Nadu and around 24,288 persons are staying outside the camps.
- ★ This Government formed a team of two cabinet Ministers to ascertain the problems faced by the refugees in the Mandapam camp; based on the recommendation of this team of Ministers, the welfare schemes applicable to the people of Tamil Nadu were extended to Sri Lankan Tamils.
- ★ Orders were issued doubling the cash doles hitherto allowed to the Sri Lankan Tamils with effect from 1.8.2006. A sum of Rs.18.09 Crore was

spent during 2006-07. During 2007-08, Rs.24.73 Crore has been spent till March 2008. The State continues to pay the enhanced cash dole even in the absence of concurrence of Government of India for continuing the scheme.

- ★ To improve the basic amenities of the Mandapam Transit camp, a sum of Rs.38 Lakh has been allotted and the works have been completed.
- ★ The supply of electricity which was in force during night time only has been extended to whole of day.
- ★ As the refugees were suffering in the rainy season due to the bad condition of the roofs of 9,562 huts constructed after 1990, Rs.2.87 Crore has been allotted at the rate of Rs.3,000 per hut to replace the damaged roofs. 50% work has been completed.
- ★ Government have allocated a sum of Rs.2.36 Crore to improve the electricity, drinking water, sanitation and sewerage facilities and the works are in progress.
- ★ The Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Assistance Scheme available to the pregnant women in Tamil Nadu has been extended to the Sri Lankan women also and orders have been issued to pay Rs.1,000/- per month for six months. 905 beneficiaries have been benefited during 2007-08.
- ★ 566 women self-help groups and 40 men self-help groups have been formed during 2006-2007 in the refugee camps.
- ★ The General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level (GCEOL) examination equivalent to 10th standard was conducted in Tamil Nadu during 2006-07 by the Department of Government Examinations in coordination with the Sri Lankan Deputy High Commission. Sri Lankan Teachers held classes for 148 Sri Lankan refugee students who could not pursue studies in the 10th standard in Sri Lanka. The examinations were conducted under the supervision of Sri Lankan Deputy High Commission and Department of Government Examination, Tamil Nadu as per the rules and regulations of the Government of Sri Lanka and Certificates were issued to them. Similar examinations were conducted during 2007-08 and Certificates were issued for 43 Sri Lankan refugee students. This kind of assistance has been extended for the first time in the history of India to refugees.
- ★ For rendering relief assistance to refugees of Sri Lanka, Rs.41.62 Crore during 2006-07 and Rs.51.44 Crore during 2007-08 were allocated.
- ★ As the 115 camps (excluding two special camps) are located mostly in villages and as the women and children accommodated in these camps needed these services, the Integrated Child Development Services Scheme assisted by the Central Government scheme has been extended to the Sri Lankan refugees also on humanitarian grounds with effect from 1.4.07 so that they should be in good health till their return to home land.

- ★ After arrival in Tamil Nadu, Srilankan refugees find it difficult to readily mix up with the local population and therefore, they are in the habit of leaving the camp and return to the camp without any notice. When their whereabouts are not known during the disbursement of cash dole, their names are deleted from the camp Admission Register. Requests for re-admission into the camps along with the relief assistance were received from such refugees, who were living with their families without registration. About 5,449 persons have been identified and readmitted to the camps as on 31.3.08 and all the relief assistance were provided to them.

Facilities extended to Sri Lankan refugees

- ★ Keeping in view of the security and welfare of the refugees, multi-colour identity cards were issued to all the Sri Lankan refugees above 12 years.
- ★ The Birth and Death of Sri Lankan refugees in the camps are registered and certificates issued then and there.
- ★ The marriages held within the Sri Lankan Tamils are registered and certificates are issued immediately.
- ★ The children of Sri Lankan Tamils are offered free education upto Higher Secondary level (+2). About 20,849 childrens have so far benefited. The refugee children are permitted to receive the cash dole and other relief measures and to pursue their studies anywhere in Tamil Nadu.

Welfare Schemes for Ex-Servicemen

- ★ The Government of Tamil Nadu are taking concerted effort for the Welfare of Ex-Servicemen and their family members, in particular the welfare of next-of-kins of battle casualties and the disabled Ex-Servicemen.
- ★ The Department has done extremely well by collecting an amount of Rs.10.22 Crore as against the target of Rs.6.93 Crore for Flag Day 2006 (07.12.2006 to 06.12.2007).
- ★ The Government have sanctioned an amount of Rs.18.25 Lakh as Ex-Gratia to 20 dependants of those killed in Operational Areas. The Government have enhanced ex-gratia grants.
- ★ Ex-gratia grants were enhanced for those killed in operations from Rs.1,00,000 to Rs.5,00,000 and for those who Disabled in operations depending upon their disability were enhanced from Rs.10,000 to Rs.40,000 and Rs.50,000 to Rs.2,00,000.
- ★ 128 Ex-Servicemen were selected for the Post of Village Administrative Officers through Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission.
- ★ 42 Ex-Servicemen were permanently absorbed in Bomb Detection & Disposal Squad and Dog Squad in State Police.
- ★ The Government have waived the requirement of minimum period of stay in the State by the Armed Forces Personnel for the purpose of granting

domiciliary status to the children of Serving Personnel for admission in Professional / Technical / Vocational Courses.

- ★ Orders have been issued for amendment of Definition of the term Ex-Servicemen so as to include the Armed Forces Personnel retired / released for the purpose of reservation of posts in Government Service.
- ★ The Government have ordered for reservation of 1 seat each in B. Pharm., B.Sc. (Nursing), B.P.T. for children of Ex-Servicemen.
- ★ The Government have sanctioned Rs. 33,64,000/- for provision of Mahindra Vehicles for use in 8 District Offices of Ex-Servicemen's Welfare under Part II scheme 2006-2007.
- ★ A new scheme of Ex-Gratia grant of Rs.30,000/- from Amalgamated Fund to war disabled has been introduced.
- ★ Subsidy to the tune of Rs.14.17 Lakh was given to ex-servicemen and their dependents.
- ★ During the reporting period, registration of 2,02,021 Ex-Servicemen and Widows of Ex-Servicemen was done in the District Offices.
- ★ 1,415 Ex-Servicemen dependants were issued with Priority Certificates.
- ★ 9,871 Ex-Servicemen were employed through TEXCO in various sectors.
- ★ 96 Self Help Groups were formed in 20 Districts.
- ★ 77 Ex-Servicemen have been given Resettlement Training to equip themselves to take up Self Employment Ventures / Re-employment at a cost of Rs.3.85 Lakh.

Tamil Nadu Ex-Service Personnel Benevolent Fund

- ★ Monthly Grant of Rs.250/- was converted into Life Time Monthly Grant to Ex-Servicemen / Widows.
- ★ The actual expenditure incurred due to natural calamities was enhanced from Rs.5,000/- to Rs.10,000/- each to Ex-Servicemen / Widows.
- ★ An amount of Rs.7.58 Crore have been disbursed to 13,676 Ex-Servicemen and their dependants as financial assistance under various schemes from the Tamil Nadu Ex-services Personnel Benevolent Fund.
- ★ 9,371 Ex-servicemen were employed through TEXCO in various sectors.

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FOLK ARTISTES WELFARE BOARD SET UP

KALAINAR M.KARUNANIDHI
Hon'ble Chief Minister

ART
&
CULTURE
DEPARTMENT

- ★ For construction of second floor in the Tamil Development Campus, at Egmore, Chennai, a sum of Rs.50 Lakh has been allotted for housing the office of the Directorate of Art and Culture.
- ★ For the benefits of Folk Artistes, a Folk Artistes Welfare Board has been created and for welfare schemes of this Board, a sum of Rs.1 Crore has been sanctioned in the first instance.

Government Music Schools / District Govt. Music Schools

- ★ At present, training is imparted in Vocal, Bharathanatyam, Thevaram, Nathaswaram and Thavil in the 17 district Government Music Schools. New classes have commenced on Violin and Mridangam in these institutions.
- ★ For the use of students Bharathanatyam costumes at a cost of Rs.8.10 Lakh have been provided.
- ★ From the year 2007-2008, students of all subjects studying in Government Music Colleges are being paid a monthly stipend of Rs.250/- each without any discrimination.
- ★ Additional electrification facilities at a cost of Rs.6.50 Lakh have been provided at Tagore Auditorium of Tamil Nadu Government Music College, Chennai.

Government Colleges of Fine Arts

- ★ Rs.1 Crore has been allotted for repairing Government College of Fine Arts, Chennai, constructed 150 years ago.
- ★ The building of compound wall is in progress for creating wall paintings at a cost of Rs.10 Lakh, at Government College of Fine Arts, Chennai.
- ★ Photography equipments at a cost of Rs.2 Lakh have been provided to Government College of Fine Arts, Kumbakonam.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi inaugurated Chennai Sangamam organised jointly by the Department of Tourism and Culture along with Tamil Maiyam on 18.1.2008.

Government College of Architecture and Sculpture

- ★ The work of constructing an open air Museum, Library and Computer Centre at a cost of Rs.107 Lakh for the Government College of Architecture and Sculpture is in progress.

Tamilnadu Eyal Isai Nataka Manram

- ★ Having completed fifty years of the establishment of the Tamil Nadu Eyal Isai Nataka Manram, action has been initiated to celebrate Golden Jubilee at a cost of Rs.5 Lakh.
- ★ Orders has been issued to enhance financial assistance from Rs.500/- to Rs.1000/- under the scheme of financial assistance to indigent artistes. 6,391 indigent were benefited by this scheme.
- ★ For accomodation of artistes, who come from other districts to Chennai, a Guest House measuring about 363.90 square metre is to be constructed at the premises of the Tamil Nadu Eyal Isai Nataka Manram at a cost of Rs.40.60 Lakh.
- ★ Kalaimamani Award has been bestowed on 68 artistes, 3 indigent Kalaimamani awardee artistes have been given a purse of Rs.15,000/- each and portraits of the 18 deceased famous artistes have been unveiled.
- ★ Family maintenance grant has been given to the families of 32 deceased artistes at the rate of Rs.6,000/- each.
- ★ Cultural programmes of 68 young artistes were held through the voluntary cultural organisations, at the rate of four programmes for each artist.

Tamil Nadu Jawahar Siruvar Mandram

- ★ Government grant of Rs.8.35 Lakh is given for 23 District Bal Bhavans, 10 Extension Centres and Two Rural Centres in Tamil Nadu. Free training is given for Children in cultural activities like Art, Craft, Vocal Music and Bharathanatyam.

State Cultural Training Camps

- ★ More than 400 children from Bal Bhavan of Tamil Nadu were benefited by participating in State level cultural training camps held at Kodaikanal and Uthagamandalam, in the craft work shop held at Namakkal and Winter camp held at Virudhunagar.

State Cultural Competition

- ★ 123 children participated in this competition. Prizes and certificates were issued to the winners.

Bal Shree Award

- ★ 139 children from Tamil Nadu Jawahar Bal Bhavan participated in the local level and zonal level Bal Shree selections.
- ★ National Bal Bhavan has given National Bal Shree Award for 6 children from Chennai, Madurai and Trichy and these children received the award from the President of India. The Tamil Nadu Government has honoured them by giving Rs.10,000/- each.

Cultural Exchange Programme

- ★ 60 children of Jawahar Bal Bhavan performed Tamil Nadu folk dances in States of Punjab and Manipur through the cultural exchange programme.

Regional Camps

- ★ Annually 300 children, at 10 children per District participate in these camps. During the last two years, 600 children have been trained and have been benefited these camps.
- ★ Two exhibitions on Traditional Arts were organised. 10 senior artists above 30 years of age were given award of Rs.15,000/- each and 20 young artists below 30 years of age were given award of Rs.5,000/- each.
- ★ Scholarships at the rate of Rs.5,000/- each to 12 post graduate final year students and Rs.3,000/- each to 40 graduate final year students of Government College of Fine Arts, Chennai / Kumbakonam were given.

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RAIL BASED CHENNAI METRO AT A COST OF Rs.9,757 CRORE

KALAIIGNAR M.KARUNANIDHI
Hon'ble Chief Minister

CHENNAI METRO

- ★ Chennai Metropolis has been growing rapidly and the traffic volumes on the roads have also been increasing. Hence the need for a new rail based rapid transport system has been felt and towards this objective the Government have decided to implement the Chennai Metro Rail Project. This project aims at providing the people of Chennai with a fast, reliable, convenient, efficient and economical mode of public transport, which is properly integrated with other forms of public and private transport including buses, suburban trains and MRTS.
- ★ A Detailed Project Report (DPR) relating to the Chennai Metro Rail Project was prepared and submitted by the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Limited who have successfully designed and implemented the Delhi Metro Rail Project. The DPR envisages the creation of 2 initial corridors under the proposed Chennai Metro Rail Project as shown in the next page.

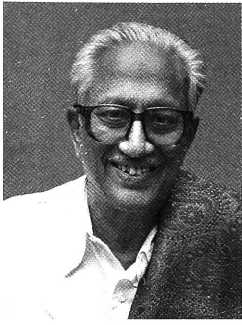


Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development and Local Administration, Thiru. M.K. Stalin visited Japan, went around Tokyo metro workshed and held discussions with the Officers of Tokyo Metro Rail on 7.2.2008.

Routes	Length	Stations on the Route
1) Washermenpet to Airport	23.1 kms.	Washermenpet-Mannady-Chennai Fort-Chennai Central Station - Egmore - LIC - Thousand Light - Gemini - Teynampet - Chemiers Road - Saidapet - Velachery Road - Guindy - Alandur - Officer's Training Station - Indian Airlines Colony - Meenambakkam - Chennai Airport
1) Chennai Fort to St.Thomas	23.4 kms.	Chennai Fort - Chennai Central - Vepery - Kilpauk Medical College - Aminjikarai - Shenoy Nagar - Annanagar East - Anna Nagar Tower - Thirumangalam - Koyambedu - CMBT - along IRR - Vadapalani - Ashok Nagar - K.K.Nagar - SIDCO - Alandur - St.Thomas Mount

- ★ Major portion of this project will be underground and the remaining on elevated portions. The Government of Tamil Nadu have approved in principal the two initial corridors mentioned above.
- ★ The estimated cost of this project Rs.9,757 crore. Of this, the total equity share of the Central and State Governments together shall be not less than 51% of the equity. The balance amount of the expenditure is expected to be met by a loan to be granted by the Japan Bank for International Cooperation.
- ★ The Government of India are also keen on Implementing this Project. The proposal sent by this Government had been approved and forwarded by the Housing and Urban Development Ministry of the Government of India to the Union Planning Commission for “in principle” approval.
- ★ According to the DPR, Works are expected to be completed by 2013 - 14.
- ★ All routes and stations in the project are tentative, subject to alterations.

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ALLOCATION INCREASED TO SOCIAL SAFETY NET

Prof. K. ANBAZHAGAN
Hon'ble Minister for Finance

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- ★ The allocation of Rs.7,528 Crore for Social Safety Net for the year 2005-2006 has been enhanced to Rs.13,444 Crore in the Budget for the year 2008-2009.
- ★ The expenditure of Rs.567 Crore for Tribal Sub-Plan and Special Component Plan for Scheduled Castes for the year 2005-2006 has been increased to Rs.2,313 Crore in the Budget Estimates 2008-2009.
- ★ Compared to Rs.4,055 Crore allocation in 2005-2006, a record capital outlay of Rs.9,373 Crore has been provided in Budget Estimates 2008-2009 for development of infrastructure in the State.
- ★ The State's outlay for the Eleventh Five Year Plan has been approved for Rs.85,344 Crore. During 2008-09, plan schemes will be taken up at a cost of Rs.16,000 Crore.
- ★ Inspite of the increase in expenditure, a Revenue Surplus of Rs.84.05 Crore is estimated in the Budget Estimates 2008-2009 as per the targets fixed in the Tamil Nadu Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2003. The Fiscal Deficit as a percentage of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) is estimated to be less than 3% in the Budget Estimates 2008-2009.
- ★ Bonus and Special Adhoc Bonus, which were stopped have been granted again.
- ★ On par with the Central Government employees, this Government have increased the rate of Dearness Allowance from the dates given



Hon'ble Minister for Finance Prof. K. Anbazhagan received the good wishes of the Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi before presenting the Annual Budget for the year 2008-09.(20.3.2008)

to the Central Government employees till this date. DA has been enhanced from 29% to 47% to Government employees, Teachers and Pensioners.

- ★ The festival advance to Government employees and teachers has been increased from Rs.1,000 to Rs.2,000 and to pensioners from Rs.500 to Rs.1,000.
- ★ Arrears due to the implementation of Fifth Central Pay Commission to the tune of Rs.872 Crore was sanctioned.
- ★ A sum of Rs. 358 Crore for the payment of interest on the 60% Pay Commission Arrears was approved.
- ★ Pongal gift for pensioners was raised from Rs.150 to Rs.300.
- ★ To revive the benefits of full pension for 30 years of service and calculation of pension on the basis of 50% of last pay drawn or 50% on average of 10 months pay drawn before retirement whichever is higher, have been accepted by this Government.
- ★ Under Tamil Nadu Pensioners Health Fund Scheme, the medical expenses incurred by pensioners, the Government have decided to enhance the existing ceiling from Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 1 Lakh.

New Health Insurance Scheme

- ★ Following the announcement made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 15.7.2007, the Government have ordered introduction of a New Health Insurance Scheme which will provide financial assistance upto Rs. 2 Lakh for a block period of four years as against the present limit of Rs.1 Lakh for the entire service period of Government employee. This scheme will be implemented from the current financial year.
- ★ The Website of the Treasuries and Accounts department was launched on 21.12.2006 by the Hon'ble Minister for Finance. The Government of India, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions have awarded this site the Gold Medal for the Best Government Website.
- ★ This Website enables the Government servants and pensioners in Chennai to verify the credit of their Salary and pension paid by the PAOs and PPOs in Chennai through ECS.
- ★ Incentive in the form of grant is sanctioned by Government every year based on net collection in Small Savings to local bodies. For the year 2007-08, a sum of Rs.5.40 Crore was sanctioned.
- ★ Rules under Tamil Nadu Pensioners Health Fund Scheme were relaxed and Rs.90 Lakh is being disbursed every month. As a result , more than 19,033 pensioners have benefited . This scheme has been extended to teachers in Municipal Corporations of Transport Corporations.
- ★ In order to clear the pending cases, Government have granted Rs.15 Crore as a lumpsum for the Tamil Nadu Pensioners' Health Fund Scheme.
- ★ Based on the individual representation and Court directions, 199 cases have been processed and settled to the pensioners to the tune of Rs.69,65,000.
- ★ Under Tamil Nadu Government Pensioners' Family Security Fund Scheme, Rs.46 Crore has been disbursed to the family members of the deceased pensioners, during the last two years. 18,271 persons have benefited.

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TOTAL RECORD PLAN OUTLAY OF Rs.26,500 CRORE FOR 2006-2008

Prof. K. ANBAZHAGAN
Hon'ble Minister for Finance

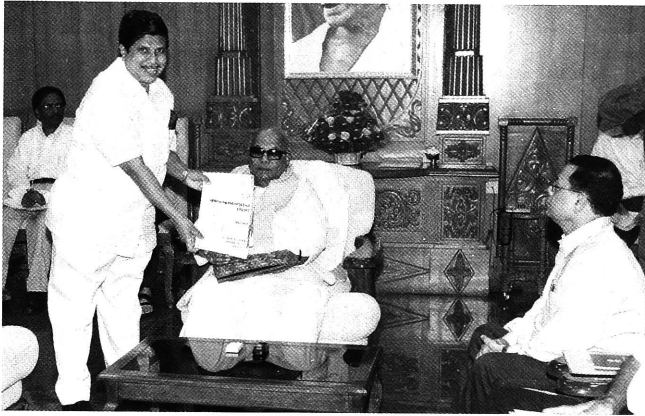
**PLANNING
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Eleventh Five Year Plan

- ★ During the meeting held between the Deputy Chairman, 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 Crore was approved for the Annual Plan 2006-2007 which is 37% higher than the outlay for the Annual Plan 2005-2006.
- ★ 2007-2008 is the first year of the Eleventh Five Year Plan. During the meeting between the Deputy Chairman, Union Planning Commission and Hon'ble Chief Minister held on 5.2.2007 a higher Annual Plan outlay of Rs.14,000 Crore for 2007-2008 was approved which is 12% higher than the outlay for the Annual Plan 2006-2007.
- ★ 2008-2009 will be the second year of the Eleventh Five Year Plan. Approval of the Union Planning Commission has been obtained for a higher Annual Plan outlay of Rs.16,000 crore for 2008-2009 during the meeting held between the Hon'ble Finance Minister and the Deputy Chairman of the Union Planning Commission on 11.2.2008, which is 14% higher than the outlay for the Annual Plan 2007-2008.
- ★ The Union Planning Commission has approved an outlay of Rs.85,344 Crore for Eleventh Five Year Plan for Tamil Nadu. The Government will implement plan programmes with the objective of achieving an average annual growth rate of 9% in the State's economy during this plan period.

Hill Area Development Programme

- ★ This scheme was taken up at an annual grant of Rs.35.50 Crore from the Centre during the last two years.



Prof.M.Naganathan,
Vice-Chairman,
State Planning
Commission submitted
the draft report of
11th Five Year Plan to
the Hon'ble
Chief Minister
Kalaigñar
M. Karunanidhi
on 8.12.2007

- ★ The Soil Conservation works covering an area of 575 Ha. has been taken up.
- ★ 679 Gabion checks and Check dams were constructed and 117 collection wells were formed.
- ★ Shola afforestation works covering an area of 695 Ha were implemented. Fire line scrapping for a length of 490 kms. were covered.
- ★ Hybrid/imported vegetable seeds to cover an area of 6,734 Ha. was supplied to farmers.
- ★ 23 numbers of roads and bridges works were taken up.

Western Ghats Development Programme

- ★ 860 numbers of low cost group houses to SC/ST were constructed.
- ★ The Western Ghats Development Programme was implemented with the Special Central Assistance of Rs.17.04 Crore each during 2006-2007 and 2007-2008.
- ★ 3003 Ha.area covered under Soil Conservation works.
- ★ 365 Ha. area covered by various Horticultural schemes.
- ★ Eco-restoration, Eco-protection, Eco-development and Eco-stabilisation works were taken up on 713 Ha. area of land.
- ★ 29.56 km of road works along with building of retaining wall and minor bridges were taken up.

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BOOKS OF ILLUSTRIOUS TAMIL SCHOLARS NATIONALISED

Prof. K. ANBAZHAGAN
Hon'ble Minister for Finance

First day of 'Thai' month - Tamil New Year

- ★ Legislation announcing the first day of 'Thai', as commencement of Tamil New Year was enacted in the Tamil Nadu Assembly on 31.1.2008 and necessary notification was published on 11.2.2008.

Nationalisation of Tamil Books

- ★ After assumption of office by this Government, the books of 37 Tamil scholars were nationalised and a sum of Rs.3.09 Crore was distributed as compensation by Hon'ble Chief Minister to the legal heirs of Tamil Scholars who furnished necessary documents.

Central Institute of Classical Tamil

- ★ Central Government declared Tamil as classical language due to the continuous efforts and reiteration of Hon'ble Chief Minister, 'Enperayam' and 'Iymperunkhzhru' were constituted, relating to classical language. Under the Presidentship of Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Central Institute of Classical Tamil was inaugurated by Hon'ble Union Minister for Human Resources Development on 18.08.2007. Government of Tamil Nadu granted 16.59 acres of land in Perumbakkam village, Kanchipuram District to this institute. For the functioning of the Central Institute of Classical Tamil at Chennai, under the Presidentship of Hon'ble Chief Minister the Central Government have allotted Rs. 76.32 Crore.

TAMIL
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DEPARTMENT



Hon'ble Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Kalaigñar M. Karunanidhi gave away
Awards to Tamil Scholars (16.1.2008)

Awards

- ★ Thiruvalluvar Award 2007 was presented to Prof. Dr. Ka.Pa. Aravanan, Thiru.Vi.Ka. Award 2006 to Thiru. K. Thirunavukkarasu, Bharathiyar Award 2006 to Thiru. M. Tamil Aruvimaniyan and Bharathidasan Award 2006 to Dr. Ka.Chellappan by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 08.01.07. Thiru.Vi.Ka. Award 2007 was awarded to Dr. T. Periyandavan, Bharathiyar Award 2007 to Poetess Tmt. Soundara Kailasam, Bharathidasan Award 2007 to Thiru. M.S. Venkatachalam, Ke.Aa.Pe. Award 2007 to Poet. Ka. Velavendan and Thiruvalluvar Award 2008 to Thavathiru Ponnambala Adigalar, by the Hon'ble Chief Minister during the Thiruvalluvar Day celebrations held on 16.1.2008.
- ★ To develop Scientific Tamil, 'Ariviyal Tamil Mandram' has been established and is functioning.
- ★ The Golden Jubilee of the formation of Tamil Nadu State was celebrated on 1.11.06 at Chennai. Hon'ble Chief Minister felicitated the *Ellai kavalar*s in the function.
- ★ Tmt. Sundarathammai, the grand - daughter of Tamil Scholar Maraimalai Adigalar was paid Rs. 1.50 Lakh as financial assistance and for medical



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaigñar M. Karunanidhi distributed cheques to legal heirs of Tamil Scholars whose books were nationalised. The picture shows Kavignar Karunanandam's legal heirs receiving Rs.5 Lakh.

expenses by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 2.12.06. Selvi C.Kalaiselvi, daughter of Tmt.Sundarathammai was also appointed as Senior Proof Reader in the Directorate of Tamil Development.

- ★ Thirukkural Books with English translation, were purchased for Rs.1 Lakh and these books were placed in the rooms of private star hotels.
- ★ Rs.20 Lakh was sanctioned for preparation and distribution of a Hand Book containing details of Thiruvalluvar and translations of Thirukkural to the visitors of Thiruvalluvar statue in Kanniyakumari. Necessary action was being taken in this regard.

Tamil Lexicon

- ★ The Tamil Lexicon published by Madras University has been of use to researchers and students. To revise, scrutinise, enlarge and to publish the Tamil lexicon, Hon'ble Chief Minister presented Rs.10 Lakh to the Vice Chancellor of Madras University on 7.12.07.

Grant to Dravidian University

- ★ Hon'ble Chief Minister gave away Rs.10 Lakh to the Vice Chancellor, Dravidian University, Kuppam on 7.12.2007 for carrying out Comparative Research with other Dravidian languages, to translate Tamil Literature into other Dravidian languages and to translate the literature of other Dravidian languages into Tamil.
- ★ A sum of Rs.10 Lakh was given to International School of Dravidian Linguistics, Thiruvananthapuram, to enable the school to repay the debts borrowed during the years 2000 - 2004.
- ★ In recognising the ability to Thirukkural Mutroddhal by 24 students, each student was given Rs.5000; a sum of Rs.1.20 Lakh was given away.
- ★ The Central Government has been requested to recognise and announce Thirukkural as National book and to Institute awards in the names of Thiruvalluvar and Tholkappiyar.
- ★ The amount under the scheme of giving cash prizes to Best books was enhanced from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.20,000/- and that to the publishers was enhanced from Rs.2,000/- to Rs.5,000/-
- ★ For giving filip to development of scientific Tamil, Government have instituted the "Kaniyan Poongkunranar" award with a cash prize of Rs.1 Lakh to the best Tamil software of the year.

Tamil as official language

- ★ Official language seminars were conducted in 15 districts. Significant action has been taken to make Tamil as an official language in High court.
- ★ 26 departments have been inspected under a special programme for intensive implementation of official language scheme.





FREE ELECTRICITY CONNECTION TO FREE TELEVISIONS

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

ENERGY DEPARTMENT

Hydro-Thermal Gas Power Generation

- ★ TNEB has recorded its highest ever hydel generation by producing 12,747 Million Units.
- ★ Mettur Thermal Power Station has been selected for the National Safety award.
- ★ Under Renewable Energy Sources during 2006-07 and 2007-08, Wind power totaling to a capacity of 813 MW, Co-generation with a capacity of 137 MW and Biomass to a capacity of 64 MW were added.
- ★ A Power Purchase Agreement has been signed with M/s.Cuddalore Power Corporation Ltd., for purchase of 1,320 MW of power.
- ★ A Power Purchase Agreement has been signed with National Thermal Power Corporation for purchase of power from the proposed Simhadhri Super Thermal Power Project.
- ★ An MoU has been signed between TNEB and Rural Electrical corporation for a long term loan to the extent Rs.16,000 Crore during the five year period for capacity addition and power transmission works.
- ★ A Gas Supply Agreement has been signed between M/s. Pillaiperumalnallur Power Generating Company and M/s.Hindustan Oil Exploration Company Ltd.
- ★ Works have been started for the 1500 MW Thermal Power project proposed under Joint Venture between NTPC and TNEB.
- ★ An MoU has been signed between TNEB and BHEL to form a joint venture for establishing a 1600 MW thermal power plant at Udangudi.



Hon'ble Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi gave away appointment orders to 6,000 contract labourers of TNEB recently.

- ★ Work started for the 600 MW additional unit at North Chennai.
- ★ An additional gas based project with a capacity of 92 MW is to be commissioned shortly at Valuthur in Ramanathapuram District.
- ★ It has been planned to establish generation plants in Co-operative and Public sector Sugar mills with a total capacity of 250 MW at a cost of Rs.1,200 Crore.
- ★ The Government is encouraging establishment of Coastal Thermal Power Plants under Merchant Power Plant route.

New service connections

- ★ In the last two years, 132 substations have been established. 16,06,826 new service connections have been effected.

New KV lines

- ★ TNEB is executing a 400 KV line from Alamathy 400 KV Substation to the proposed Sunguvarchatram 400 KV SS at an estimated cost of Rs.56.55 Crore, for a distance of 50 Kms.
- ★ The Tamil Nadu Electricity Board will also erect the 400 KV DC line for a distance of 325 Kms. from Pugular 400 KV SS to Sunguvarchatram and Kalivanthapattu 400 KV Substations at an estimated cost of Rs.878.41 Crore.

Service connection within 24 hours

- ★ The Government has issued orders to effect domestic service connections, LT Industrial service connection upto a load 5 HP and commercial services

within 5 HP load within 24 Hours. A total of 6,63,086 domestic services, 2,01,378 LT commercial services and 7,373 LT industrial services have been effected.

Underground cables

- ★ Conversion of the Over Head Lines into under ground cables at a cost of Rs. 1,176 Crore is underway.

Tamil Nadu Power Finance and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited

- ★ The present paid up capital of the Corporation is Rs.22 Crore, fully contributed by Government of Tamil Nadu.
- ★ The cumulative net deposits of the Corporation surged to a record high of Rs.2657.96 Crore. Net cumulative deposits in a year touched a new high of Rs.557 Crore.
- ★ The number of depositors has gone up to 2,74,365.
- ★ The gross financial assistance to TNEB in a year has also reached an all time high of Rs.1415.88 Crore.
- ★ Net Cumulative financial assistance to is Rs.3049.48 Crore. Net Cumulative financial assistance to other Corporations like Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporation Ltd. is Rs.49.70 Crore.
- ★ The Corporation has accumulated Net Profit of Rs.240.01 Crore up to 31.03.2007. The Corporation earned Net Profit after tax of Rs.43.67 Crore during the financial year 2006-07 and a sum of Rs.4.40 Crore has been paid as Dividend to the Government. A sum of Rs.47.62 Crore has been paid as Dividend to the Government of Tamil Nadu.

Employee Welfare

- ★ In order to benefit 75,720 employees of TNEB and 68,518 Pensioners, 50% of the Dearness Allowance has been merged with the basic pay at a cost of Rs.125 Crore.
- ★ In view of the Golden Jubilee of the TNEB, an amount of Rs.1000/- each was given to employees of Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, Pensioners and Family Pensioners totaling to 1,45,813 as incentive and an expenditure of Rs.14.58 Crore has been incurred. Also 21,401 Contract Labourers and 5,646 Part time labourers totaling to 27,047 have been given Rs.500/- each incurring an expenditure of Rs.1.35 Crore.
- ★ In view of the Golden Jubilee of TNEB, one incentive increment to all the 72,723 employees of TNEB has been given with effect from 01.07.2007 at a additional expenditure of Rs.29.87 Crore.

- ★ During 2006-07, 66,066 employees of TNEB received bonus and ex-gratia of 20%. 21,600 Contract Labourers and 3,465 Part Time employees were given Rs.1000/- each and an expenditure of Rs.57.95 Crore has been incurred.
- ★ 9,190 officers of TNEB were given an ex-gratia amount of Rs.1000/- each in Jan 2008, at a cost of Rs.91.90 Lakh. Also 76,217 Pensioners were given Rs.300 each as ex-gratia incurring an expenditure of Rs.2.29 Crore.

Contract Labourers

- ★ In 1972, the services of 40,000 Contract Labourers were made permanent. In 1,999, the services of 11,029 Contract Labourers working in Thermal Stations were made permanent. In 2007, 2500 mazdoors were brought into time scale of pay.
- ★ Historic settlement has been signed by the Unions and Tamil Nadu Electricity Board for regularizing the services of 21,600 Contract Labourers into Board's services in a phased manner. Based on this, 19,890 Contract Labourers were made permanent.

Recruitment

- ★ In 2007-08, a total of 300 Engineers were recruited as Assistant Engineers through Direct Recruitment.

Hydel Swing subsidy

- ★ An amount of Rs.250 Crore has been sanctioned towards hydel swing subsidy.
- ★ An equity share capital assistance of Rs.665 Crore has been sanctioned to TNEB.

Reduction in rate of BPSC

- ★ For Local Bodies, the outstanding on Belated Payment Surcharge have been waived and the rate of the Belated Payment Surcharge has been reduced from 12% to 6% per annum.

Free electricity under free colour TV scheme

- ★ Free electricity service connection has been provided to 1,20,256 households who had received Free Colour Televisions.

Free electricity to recipients of lands

- ★ For the scheme of land distribution to landless farmers, free electricity connection has been extended to 54 services in 17 districts.

Concessions to consumers

- ★ The subsidy given by the Government of Tamil Nadu towards concessions extended to various categories of consumers in the past two years are : Reduction in tariff to Domestic Services at an expenditure of Rs.2,083.27 Crore, Free Electricity to Agriculture Services given at an expenditure of



Tamil Nadu won the Top Award for wind mill power generation from the Government of India. Her Excellency the President of India Tmt.Prathibha Patil gave away this Award. Hon'ble Minister for Electricity Thiru. Arcot N.Veerassamy presented the Award to the Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi and received his appreciation (1.12.2007)

Rs.412.20 Crore, Free Electricity to SFS Agriculture Services given at an expenditure of Rs.79.72 Crore, Free supply to Hut Dwellers given at an expenditure of Rs.28.25 Crore, Free supply to Handloom/ Powerloom Weavers is given at an expenditure of Rs.68.56 Crore, Reduction in Tariff to Powerloom Weavers at an expenditure of Rs.63.28 Crore, Reduction in Tariff to places of Public Worship at an expenditure of Rs.7.46 Crore and Reduction in Tariff to Local Bodies / TWAD / Chennai Metro Water and Sewage Board at an expenditure of Rs.44.44 Crore.

Renewable energy

- ★ The total installed capacity of power generation from renewable energy sources in Tamil Nadu is 4260 MW.

Remote villages electrification

- ★ 5,190 Solar home lights and 283 solar street lights were provided at a total cost of Rs.8.25 Crore in 128 Remote habitations in 12 districts.

Village Energy Security Plan (VESP)

- ★ This project is implemented in 4 habitations in Krishnagiri, Dharmapuri and Dindigul Districts at a total cost of Rs.56 Lakh through District Forest Officers.

Special Economic Zone

- ★ The Special Economic Zone, first of this kind in the World meant exclusively for the manufacturing of Renewable energy equipments is coming up in Chengleput in Kancheepuram District for which the MoU was signed with private promoters. It is expected to attract over 40 manufacturers, with an investment of over Rs.2,300 Crore and will enable employment opportunities to 5,000 people directly and 10,000 people indirectly.

Solar Energy

- ★ An amount of Rs.405.40 Lakh has been sanctioned for various schemes including installation of solar water heating systems to Government institutions and Electrification of remote habitations. A sum of Rs.214.875 Lakh for installation of Solar Water Heating Systems in VVIP residences and other Government buildings has been sanctioned in 2007-08.

R&D Projects

- ★ TEDA has taken up for the first time R&D projects jointly with Anna University, at a total cost of Rs.40 Lakh. The cost is shared equally by the State Government and Anna University.

Power generation from Biogas Plants

- ★ Two Nos. of biogas based power generating systems, one 10 KW Capacity and another 5 KW capacity are to be installed in Coimbatore and Salem District respectively by Self Help Groups. The total cost of the project is Rs.24 Lakh. Out of which Rs.2.80 Lakh is provided as subsidy by Government of India. The power generated will be utilized for electrification of tribal areas. For the first time, electricity will be generated through small capacity Bio gas plants.

Clean Development Mechanism

- ★ TEDA has prepared Project Design Documents for 3 small scale projects viz., 1) Biomass Power Project, 2) Use of Bio diesel in Transport and 3) Village Energy Security Plan in Hamlets. UNDP has funded Rs.9.06 Lakh for the project preparation by TEDA in Clean Development Mechanism.

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2,81,502 VACANCIES FILLED

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

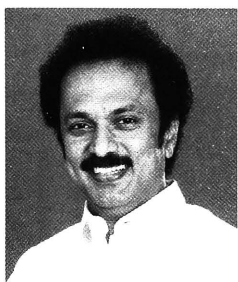
PERSONNEL AND
ADMINISTRATIVE
REFORMS
DEPARTMENT

- ★ The previous Government withdrew several benefits enjoyed by the Government Servants. This Government replaced the Tamil Nadu Essential Service Maintenance Act 2003, (TESMA) by notification in Government Gazette dated 7.6.2006. This Government also restored the benefits withdrawn by the previous Government.
- ★ The previous Government had imposed ban on new recruitment. This Government lifted this ban and also enhanced the maximum age limit for recruitment to various posts by five years so as to enable the unemployed youth to apply for Government jobs.
- ★ The period during which the Govt. employees / Teachers entered into a General Strike has been regulated as duty.
- ★ The practice of signing the attendance register in the evening in Secretariat has been dispensed with.
- ★ Qualifying Service for full pension has been now 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 has been changed to the effect that 50% of the last month's pay or the average of 50% of last 10 months pay whichever is higher for pension calculation with effect from 31.7.2006.
- ★ This Government has restored Pongal Bonus / exgratia to Government servants from the year 2006 - 2007 onwards.
- ★ The scheme of surrender of Earned Leave was restored with effect from 8.2.2006.
- ★ 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 on compassionate ground.
- ★ Priority has been given to the legal heirs of Government employees and Teachers who died during the strike period and those of Road Gang Mazdoors for appointment on compassionate ground.

- ★ Transfer of Government Servants from one Group / Category to another in public interest and due to administrative reasons has been withdrawn by this Government.
- ★ This Government has issued orders for the disbursement of Fifth Pay Commission arrears in cash in three equal annual installments.
- ★ Immediately on assuming office by this Government, Hon'ble Minister (Electricity) considering the welfare of the Government Servants / Teachers held discussions with the Office bearers of the recognised Service Associations functioning in the Secretariat campus on their various demands. Their demands are under consideration of the Government for early implementation.
- ★ Reservation in Education and Employment to B. C. Christians and B.C. Muslims at 3.5% each has come into force.
- ★ The total monthly income limit prescribed for identifying destitute widows enhanced from Rs.1,000/- to Rs.4,000/- for securing employment.
- ★ This Government have taken steps to fill up vacancies in Government Departments expeditiously through the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission / Teachers' Recruitment Board / Uniformed Service Recruitment Board / Employment Exchange as the case may be. So far 2,81,502 vacancies have been filled up.
- ★ In order to achieve transparent and corruption-free administration, a ten member Administrative Reforms Committee under the Chairmanship of Justice A.K. Rajan, Retired Justice of the Madras High Court with one Member-Secretary has been constituted by the Government.
- ★ Bio-metric identification of Below Poverty Line families to facilitate implementation of All Poverty Alleviation Programmes in Sivagangai District for Rs.20.19 Lakh.
- ★ Public Grievance Redressal Programme through toll free Telephone lines in Revenue Department (Revenue Administration) in Villupuram District for Rs.6 Lakh and Bio-Metric based attendance monitoring device under National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme (NREGP) introduced in Villupuram District for Rs.108 Lakh. The Government of India have sanctioned funds for these projects.
- ★ The Acts and Rules administered by this Department have been converted into electronic format, updated and hosted on the Government Website www.tn.gov.in.
- ★ 50 Training Programmes on disaster management were organised for 1050 Government officials.

- ★ Specific training on implementation of Right to Information Act, 2005 were held for 1,716 Government officials.
- ★ 86 programmes on procurement procedures were organised.
- ★ To improve the efficiency of the Tourist Guides and to enable them have a smooth relationship with tourists, special training programmes were being held.
- ★ Training on various aspects of Administration and Management for 10,308 Government Officers has been imparted.
- ★ The All India Civil Services Coaching Centre trains the students belonging to Adi Dravidar, Scheduled Tribes, Backward Classes and Most Backward Classes including De-notified Communities and of other communities for the All India Civil Services Examinations. During the year 2006-07, 13 candidates who studied from this Institute were selected for the All India Civil Services and during the year 2007-08, 54 candidates have been selected for the final interview.
- ★ In order to expand the training activities of Anna Institute of Management, a state of the art Video Conferencing facility with modern studio connecting Anna Institute of Management with Civil Services Training Institute, Bhavanisagar at a cost of Rs.15 Lakh has been approved by the Government of Tamil Nadu.
- ★ The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.42.50 Lakh to improve the infrastructure facility at Civil Services Training Institute, Bhavanisagar.
- ★ The Tamil Nadu Government website www.tn.gov.in received the National Award (Gold) for E-Governance 2007-08 constituted by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances and Department of Information Technology of the Government of India.
- ★ Anna Institute of Management is planning to conduct one year (part-time) Executive Post Graduate Diploma Programme in Management (EPGDM) for the benefit of Government officers which would help officers to improve their organisational efficiency during their service and to be gainfully employed even after their superannuation.

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL BODIES ENHANCED

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

RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Women Empowerment in Local Bodies

- ★ Elections for 12,618 Village Panchayats, 385 Panchayat Union and 29 District Panchayat Unions were held in October 2006. 76% of the people voted in the elections and Women were elected to more than 33% of posts.
- ★ Elections to Papparapatti, Keeripatti, Natarmangalam and Kottakatchiyurthai Panchayats were conducted successfully after a decade.

High Level Committee

- ★ A High Level Committee headed by Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development and Local Administration to provide additional power and responsibilities to local bodies submitted its report to Hon'ble Chief Minister. The Committee had given 99 recommendations on 39 subjects and orders have been issued on 35 recommendations.

Assistance to Local bodies enhanced

- ★ The 8% allocation from the tax collection of the Government given to the local bodies as financial assistance was increased to 9%. Rs.4,278 crore has been given in the year 2006-07 and Rs.4,945/- crore in the year 2007-08.
- ★ To increase the revenue of Local Bodies, part of the stamp duty, Entertainment tax etc. are given to Local bodies. In the year 2007-08, Rs.270 crore was allotted of which Rs.180 crore has already been given to Local bodies.
- ★ The Financial allocation from the State Finance Commission to the Village Panchayats has been increased from 47% to 60% from this year.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar M.Karunanidhi released 7 volumes on Rural Development and Local Administration containing Acts, Amendments, Regulations and G.Os. Hon'ble Rural Development and Local Administration Minister Thiru M.K.Stalin was present (29.2.08).

- ★ When the financial allocation is based on the population many small panchayats are deprived of enough funds. The State Financial Committee has ordered that Rs.3 Lakh each be given to all Village Panchayats.
- ★ The entire subsidy amount received from the Twelfth Finance Commission of the Government of India has been given to the Village Panchayats.
- ★ A "Training Fund" has been created with Rs.3 Crore allotted by the Government to provide training in Local Administration and Rural Development Schemes to Local Body Representatives. 450 Local body Representatives were taken on a practical tour to Odanthurai Panchayat in Coimbatore district where modern agricultural and Horticultural methodologies were imparted to them.
- ★ A two day workshop was held for 600 three tier Local Body representatives on Local Administration and Social Development.

Electricity charges reduced

- ★ For energy consumption in rural area, the charges were reduced from Rs.3.40/- to Rs.3/-.

Penal Tax Waived

- ★ The duration for paying electricity charges have been increased from 20 days to 60 days.
- ★ Meter has been fixed for all electric connections. The Meter reading has been made the basis of billing.
- ★ For outstanding due to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board by Local bodies the penalty has been reduced to 6% from earlier 12%.
- ★ The Penalty amount of Rs.18.46 Crore outstanding prior to 13.3.07 was waived.

Uthamar Gandhi Panchayat Awards

- ★ The Government of Tamil Nadu have instituted award for the 15 outstanding Village Panchayats which implements exceptional and innovative experiments in their Panchayats every year.
- ★ For the year 2006-07, "Uthamar Gandhi Panchayat Award" was given to 15 Village Panchayats with Rs.5 Lakh cash award and a trophy to the President of the Village Panchayat. The Medals and Certificates were presented by Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi on 10.10.2007.

"Panchayat Day" Celebrations

- ★ In order to bring cordial relationship between the Village Panchayats and the People, 'Panchayat Day' is being celebrated every year in the month of November.

Local bodies get Additional Administrative Power

- ★ Orders have been passed to enhancing the powers of Village Panchayats to sanction Rs.2 Lakh for single work instead of Rs.1 Lakh and Rs.10 Lakh instead of Rs.5 Lakh for Panchayat Union and Rs.20 Lakh instead of Rs.10 Lakh for District Union from the Village Panchayats Common Fund.
- ★ The Government have issued orders by making amendments to the Tamil Nadu Panchayat Act 1994 to avoid no confidence motions being brought up against elected members of local bodies for political and personal reasons since they will affect the democratic process and the development schemes of the local body.

Telephones

- ★ All Village Panchayat Officers are provided with telephones.

Cash Awards

- ★ Trading companies and Industries engaged in socio-economic activities are encouraged through a cash award of Rs.5 Lakh. In the year 2007-08, 5 Industries were given Rs.5 Lakh each as cash award and certificates.

Rural Development Schemes

- ★ Rural Development Schemes totalling 1,53,600 works were completed as on 13.5.06 out of the 1,54,000 works sanctioned.

Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam

- ★ Under the Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam, each Village Panchayat will be provided with a pond, library, play ground, crematorium, burial ground, water supply schemes, street lights, fish rearing ponds, village shandies etc. In 5 years, Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam will be implemented in all 12,618 village panchayats.
- ★ In the past two years in 79,253 works were taken up in 5,074 panchayats and 73,359 works were completed at a cost of Rs.1,025 Crore. Under other Schemes of the Government 15,23,895 works were integrated at a cost of Rs.4,378 Crore.

Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme

- ★ The Tamil Nadu Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme has been extended in 2006-07 to Cuddalore, Villupuram, Thiruvannamalai, Nagapattinam, Dindugul and Sivagangai. Now the scheme is extended to Thanjavur, Thiruvavur, Karur, and Tirunelveli districts. Till 13.5.06 the expenditure which was Rs.3 Crore had increased to Rs.111 Crore in the year 2007 and now has reached to Rs.619 Crore. 8 Crore man hours were created and 8,338 works have been completed. The beneficiaries under the rural employment guarantee scheme 82% are women of these 56% are SC&ST women. The Government wages which was Rs.40 to Rs.50 has now increased to Rs.80/-. New recruitments are made for the administration of this scheme.

Periyar Ninaivu Samathuvapuram

- ★ 145 Periyar Ninaivu Samathuvapurams were established in the year 1997-98 by this Government. Additional 95 new Samathuvapurams were established by the Government and the total expenditure was borne by the Government. This was to bring social brotherhood amongst all castes.

Indira Memorial Housing Scheme

- ★ Under Indira Memorial Housing Scheme new houses were constructed with State Government fund and ordered to enhance subsidy from Rs.12,000 to Rs.20,000 in the year 2008-09.

Schools

- ★ Under Panchayat Union Schools Rehabilitation Scheme, the Government ordered maintenance works in 22,000 Panchayat Union Elementary Schools and 4,500 Middle Schools. In 2007-08, Rs.135 Crore was allotted to maintain 10,248 Schools. In 2008-09 maintenance was done at a cost of Rs.60 Crore for 5,500 schools.

Namakku Namae Scheme

- ★ From 2007-08, the Government have reimplemented the Namakku Namae Scheme and allotted Rs.50 Crore as financial sanction. So far Rs.20.89 Crore as Public Share has been allotted. Rs.1,528 for works were taken up and 325 works have been completed. In the year 2008-09, Rs.50 Crore was sanctioned to carry out works under this scheme.

Road Works

- ★ Under Prime Minister Rural Roads Scheme NABARD Rural infrastructure Development Financial Committee Subsidy, 10,059 km long Road works were taken up at a cost of Rs.924 Crore. In 2006-07 villages under Annaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Scheme received laying of 3,946.80 km. of roads which included NABARD approved roads for Rs.410 Crore.

MLA Development Fund

- ★ The MLA Development Fund has been enhanced to Rs.1.20 Crore from Rs.1 Crore. In 2007-08, works numbering 26,095 were sanctioned; 21,401 works have been completed so far.

MAGALIR THITTAM

- ★ The training cost payable to the SHGs which was reduced in 2002 from Rs.45 to Rs.7.50 was again increased to Rs.45.

Revolving Fund

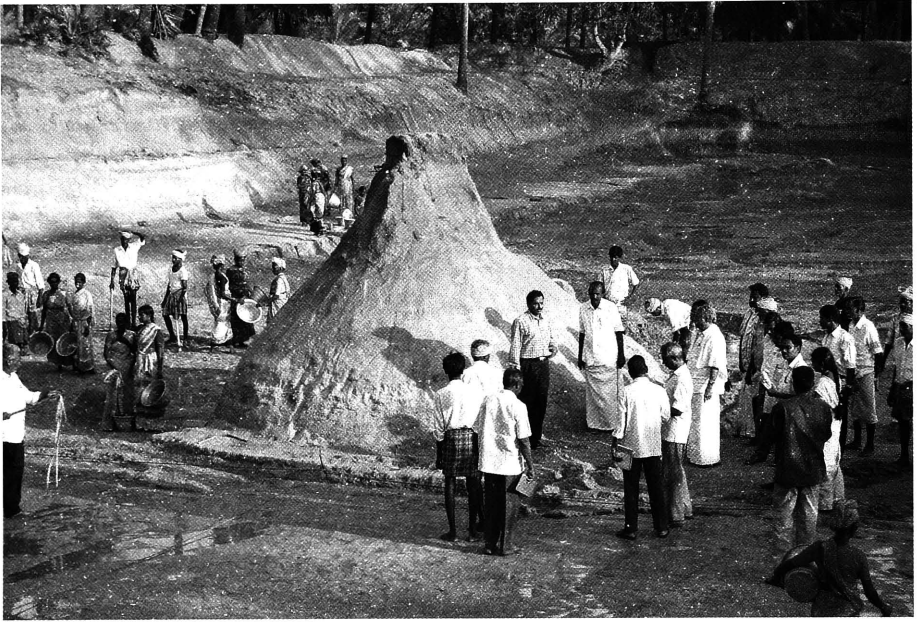
- ★ Under SGSY scheme, Revolving fund subsidy is provided only to Rural groups. The State Government announced a scheme to provide Revolving Fund subsidy to urban groups also from the year 2007. Rs.30 Crore have already been provided to give Revolving Fund subsidy of Rs.10,000 per group to 30,000 urban SHGs.

Formation of new Self Help Groups

- ★ In 2008, the Government have decided to provide Revolving subsidy to all eligible 1.50 Lakh SHGs. From 13.5.2006 to 13.5.2008 a total of 50,236 new SHGs have been formed with 8,01,328 women members. During this period, 95,302 SHGs have been credit linked to Banks. The total amount of loan disbursed is Rs.908.15 Crore.

Youth Self Help Groups

- ★ Government orders were issued as early as 2002 to form Panchayat Level Federations in all Panchayats but the PLFs were dormant. To revitalize and strengthen the PLFs 6,367 Federations have been provided with seed money of Rs.10,000 each. Further, training and additional responsibilities are entrusted to them.



Under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, construction of a new pond in progress at Villankadu Panchayat, Muthupettai Union in Thiruvavur District.

Manimegalai Awards

- ★ To encourage well functioning SHGs and PLFs, the Government have announced Manimegalai Awards in 2006-07. Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development and Local Administration presented the Awards on 25.9.2007 to five best PLFs and ten best SHGs at the state level. One PLF and three best SHGs found to be the best at the district level are given awards and the best SHG at Block level is given a certificate. These awards have been instrumental in motivating the SHGs and PLF to strive for better performance.
- ★ In 2007-08, to strengthen the unity and team spirit among SHGs members and bring out their hidden talents, cultural competitions were held among PLFs. Prizes and awards were distributed to the winners on Samathuva Pongal day at the cost of Rs.1.60 Crore. SHGs members participated in large numbers and exhibited their talent in the competitions.
- ★ Government had announced that ID cards will be issued to Magalir Thittam SHGs to gain recognition in society and also to have easy access to Government offices and banks. Issue of Identity cards has been taken up in four blocks on a pilot basis and will be catered to the entire state step by step. The Government have earmarked Rs.2.50 Crore for this purpose.

Vazhndhu Kaatuvom Project

- ★ The World Bank aided Vazhndhu Kaatuvom Project was launched in November 2005 and implemented in 2006. In this project, so far, 2,629 new women SHGs have been formed from among the left out poor and 1,619 new SHGs have been formed among the physically challenged persons.
- ★ National level identity cards were distributed to 14,294 physically challenged persons through the intervention of this project. 3,189 physically handicapped, 2,147 members of weaker sections were given individual loans. A total expenditure of Rs.51.13 Crore was incurred.

TSUNAMI EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROJECT

- ★ 33,547 Self Help groups received revolving fund to the tune of Rs.88.82 Crore.
- ★ 34,632 physically handicapped received Rs.34.63 Crore as subsidy at the rate of Rs.10,000/- each as Economic Development Assistance.
- ★ The Economic assistance to the tune of Rs.31.55 Crore were given to SHGs. 2,497 SHGs were benefited.
- ★ New SHGs were formed, and the formation cost to the tune of Rs.88 Lakh was disbursed.

Training to SHGs

- ★ Self help groups given basic training and various capacity building training given to the SHGs and Rs.4.39 Crore expenditure incurred.

Road Development

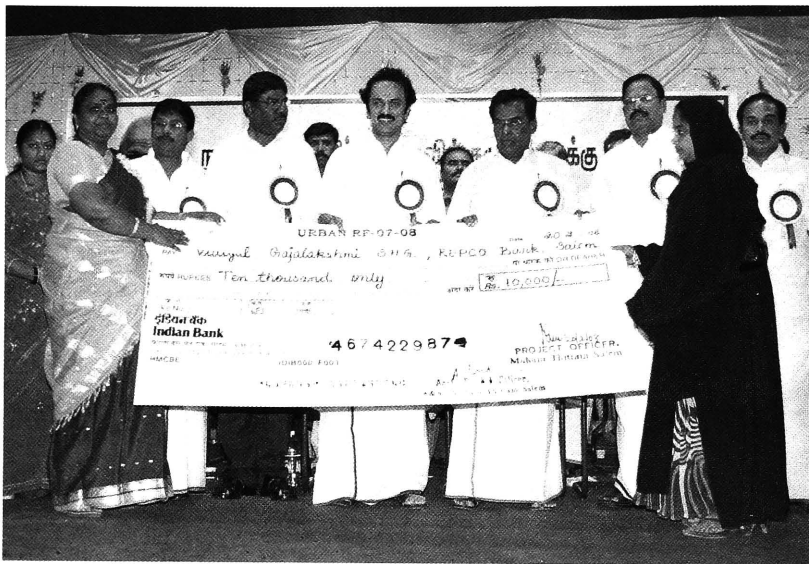
- ★ For Road Development Rs.93.63 Crore was sanctioned and 612 Road works (699.26 km) were taken up. 500 works were completed at a cost of Rs.71.22 Crore.

Renovation of Village Panchayat Buildings

- ★ 134 Village Panchayat Office buildings were renovated and expanded, 50 buildings of the Village Panchayat of which 24 were completely demolished and the rest were renovated, at an estimated cost of Rs.642.97 Lakh.
- ★ Construction of SHGs complex on a total area of 6,530 sq. metre near Valluvarkottam in Chennai at a cost of Rs.10.72 Crore has been finalized.

Craft Village

- ★ Establishment of Craft Village at a cost of Rs.51 Lakh in Villupuram District; 500 Handicraft SHG's were benefited. Under this Scheme in each village 32 SHGs were to be benefited.



Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development and Local Administration
Thiru M.K. Stalin distributed revolving fund to Urban SHGs'
at a function in Salem District on 20.2.2006.

Mahabalipuram Sculptor Park

- ★ A sculptor park on an area of 14 acres at an estimated cost of Rs.10.58 Crore with 125 exhibition halls each measuring 400 sq.ft each and a 1,400 sq.ft sculptor workshed is to be built.
- ★ As a result of this sculptor park nearly 1,200 sculptors will be benefited.
- ★ Village produce sold directly at the 15 direct purchase centers. Rs.1.62 Crore allotted to build such centers.
- ★ 6 Handloom weaver societies established at a cost of Rs.61.09 Lakh for the economic development of 250 weavers.
- ★ To develop the milk procuring capacity Rs.406.39 Lakh was spent on milk producing societies and milk products selling outlets, 37 milk parlours, 9 bulk milk coolers and 160 milk co-operative societies. 6,023 SHG members were given training on marketing milk and milk products.

Sea safety Training programme for coastal fisherwomen

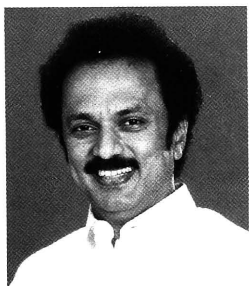
- ★ In order to save their lives at times of crisis while fishing the fishermen living in 591 fishing hamlets are given life saving sea safety training. The South Indian Federation of Fisherman has allotted Rs.112.87 Lakh to give sea safety training to 25,000 fisherman, 60,000 fisher women and children.

- ★ The South India Fisheries Federation in Trivandrum has given working capital subsidy to 93 member of the fishing society and a total of 5,077 Tamil Nadu fisherman. As per this scheme nearly 25,000 fishermen were benefited.

Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation programme

- ★ As some NGO's did not start the construction work, the Tamil Nadu Government started a programme called Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation programme in Kancheepuram, Thiruvallur, Villupuram, Nagapatinam and Thoothukudi Districts. Work on 2,630 houses at a cost of Rs.63 Crore are in progress.
- ★ Basic infrastructure facilities like cement concrete roads at an estimated cost of Rs.10.52 Crore was taken up.
- ★ In the NGO constructed housing sites, Basic amenities like concrete cement roads have been taken up under RGRP at an estimated cost of Rs.53.14 Crore, 133 inner concrete cement roads at an estimate of Rs.4.54 Crore, 4,757 toilet facilities at Rs.2.75 Crore and the filling up of low lying lands with sand at a cost of Rs.3.90 Crore.
- ★ In 11 coastal districts reconstruction of about 20,000 vulnerable houses which are within 1,000 km from the sea shore is on. The Indira Housing unit and Singaravelar Housing scheme which was 10 years old was funded by the Government. The expenditure for these works have been estimated to Rs.512 Crore.

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ERODE AND THIRUPPUR MUNICIPALITIES UPGRADED AS CORPORATIONS

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

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION

New Municipal Corporations

- ★ Thanthai Periyar on 17.11.1917 had passed a resolution for the upgradation of Erode Municipality into a Corporation. 91 years later the resolution was fulfilled on 1.1.2008, when Erode was declared as Corporation.
- ★ Industrial city Thiruppur was upgraded as Municipal Corporation. The Government have ordered Thoothukudi & Vellore Municipalities to be upgraded as Corporations this year 2008-09.

Infrastructure facilities under JNNURM and TNUDP-III

- ★ In order to provide infrastructure facilities in ULBs under JNNURM & UIDSSMT schemes, Government of India have approved various Major Schemes for Rs.4,593.16 Crore in 175 places.
- ★ Coimbatore and Madurai Municipal Corporations have prepared "City Development Plan" in 7 years under JNNURM.

Tamil Nadu Urban Development Project- III

- ★ During the 2006-07 and 2007-08, the State Level Project Sanctioning Committee has approved Rs.31.50 Crore to improve the Thirumanimutharu river in Salem Corporation, Rs.20.74 Crore for bus stands, Rs.275.84 Crore for water supply scheme and Rs.1,053.85 Crore for underground drainage projects.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi
inaugurated the Erode Municipal Corporation on 29.12.2007.

Upgrading into cement/tar roads

- ★ 87.52 km of roads were converted into BT/Cement concrete roads in the year 2006-07 at a cost of Rs.14.35 Crore.
- ★ During the year 2007-08, the ULBs have taken up conversion works to a length of 467.97km at an estimated cost of Rs.65.67 Crore from various sources.
- ★ The Government have sanctioned Rs.35.85 Crore and these funds were released to the ULBs.
- ★ Improvement of roads has been taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.19.14 Crore in 68 ULBs during the year 2007-08 and works on 23.49 km have been completed so far. Out of 523 works, 115 works have been completed.
- ★ For the year 2007-08 for the conversion of earthen roads, a sum of Rs.10 Crore has been sanctioned and released to the 60 ULBs. Works have been taken up to a length of 75.063 km.
- ★ The sum of Rs.6.71 Crore has been released under the unspent election amount for the conversion of earthen roads during the year 2007-08 to a length of 46.310 km.

- ★ A sum of Rs. 13.31 Crore was sanctioned in 2006-07, to repair the rain affected roads and all the 236 works taken up have been completed.
- ★ Out of 301 road restoration works, 227 works have been completed at a cost of Rs.11.22 Crore.

Part II Scheme

- ★ Under Part-II Scheme for the year 2006-07, Government have sanctioned Rs.3217.76 Lakh to Corporations and Municipalities for Safety equipments for workers engaged in cleaning of septic tanks in Corporations and Municipalities, construction of slaughter houses, construction of new bridge across Palar River in Vaniyambadi Municipality, purchase of land for compost yard, installation of Gasifier Crematoriums, improvement of BT Roads and Construction of Storm water drains in financially weaker Municipalities, improvement of W.S.S. to 38 financially weaker Municipalities and Replacement of Motors / Pump sets.
- ★ For the year 2007-08, Government have sanctioned Rs.2,772 Lakh as grant amount to 4 Corporations and 56 Municipalities for Conversion of Earthen Road into BT Roads in ULBs, modernization of Slaughter Houses in 65 Municipalities, Installation of Modern Gasifier Crematoriums in 14 Municipalities, Improvement of 45 Maternity Centres in 42 Municipalities, improvement of Burial Grounds in 69 Financially poor Municipalities
- ★ During the year 2006-07, Water Supply Development Schemes related works have been completed at a cost of Rs.2,906 Crore.
- ★ Mobile repairing - vehicle at a cost of Rs.10 Lakh at a total cost of Rs.1.70 Crore was sanctioned to 17 local bodies.

Modern Slaughter Houses in all Municipalities & Corporations

- ★ Under Part-II Scheme 2006-07, the Government had given approval for the construction of modern slaughter houses in 5 Corporations and in 32 Municipalities besides sanctioning Rs. 3.70 Crore as grant.
- ★ Modern slaughter houses at the rate of one each in another 65 Municipalities will also be constructed in the year 2007-08.

Modern Gasifier Crematorium

- ★ Modern Gasifier Crematorium will be constructed in towns with population of 60,000 and above. Under Part-II Scheme 2006-07, the Government have accorded sanction for the construction of modern Gasifier crematoriums in

5 Corporations and in 33 Municipalities at an approximate cost of Rs.15.20 Crore besides sanctioning Rs.7.60 Crore as grant.

- ★ It is estimated that about 143.247 km. length of roads need to be laid as approach roads to 835 burial grounds in various local bodies. Approach roads will be provided by utilising the general fund and the Government grants and the works are under progress.
- ★ The Government have released Rs.3.14 Crore as Government grant for the execution of this scheme.

Modern Bus stands

- ★ A new Bus-stand with modern facilities has been completed and commissioned in Nagercoil Municipality at a cost of Rs. 156 Lakh. The annual income from the bus-stand has now increased from Rs.2.79 Lakh to Rs. 26 Lakh.
- ★ The Bus-stand at Kovilpatti Municipality was upgraded at an estimated cost of Rs.180 Lakh. It is expected to generate an income of Rs.75 Lakh per annum.
- ★ In Rajapalayam Municipality, a new bus-stand with all infrastructure facilities has been completed and will be inaugurated shortly. It is expected to yield Rs.92.95 Lakh per annum to the Municipality.
- ★ The Bus-stand in Thiruvannamalai Municipality has been upgraded at an estimated cost of Rs.38 Lakh.
- ★ A new Bus-stand has been constructed in Krishnagiri Municipality at an estimated cost of Rs.678 Lakh with infrastructure facilities. It is expected to generate a revenue of Rs.57.50 Lakh per annum to the local body.

Debt Relief to ULBs

- ★ A sum of Rs.787.42 Crore of Government loan payable by ULBs upto 31-3-07 were waived.

Regularisation of unapproved layouts in urban local bodies

- ★ The Government has issued orders to regularise the plots in the unapproved layouts.
- ★ In Corporation areas (except Chennai) 38,284 plots were regularised and a sum of Rs.36.42 Crore was collected and in the Municipal areas 67,969 plots were regularised and a sum of Rs.25.12 Crore was collected.

- ★ This scheme was subsequently extended till 31.12.2007, 61,812 plots were regularized in Corporation areas (except Chennai) and 50,283 plots in Municipal areas were regularized and a sum of Rs.87.97 Crore was raised.

Solid Waste Management

- ★ Action is taken to establish compost sands in 150 Municipalities and 7 Corporations before 2025.
- ★ During the year 2006-07, an amount of Rs.1.73 Crore have been sanctioned to 12 Third Grade Municipalities for the procurement of land for compost yard. Besides, Rs.8 Crore has been released to 16 CMDA Municipalities for this purpose.
- ★ Namakkal Municipality has obtained ISO 14,000 certificate for Zero garbage city.

Thirumanimutharu River improvement

- ★ To improve the river Thirumanimutharu in Salem Rs. 31.50 Crore has been sanctioned.

Twelfth Central Finance Commission Grants

- ★ In line with the recommendations of the XII Central Finance Commission, Government of India have allocated Rs. 572 Crore to the ULBs in Tamil Nadu for the period from 2005-06 to 2009-10. This was utilised as follows :
50% for the scheme of Solid Waste Management through Public - Private - Partnership, 25% for maintenance of Roads and storm water drains, 25% for miscellaneous works such as creation of data base, payment of electricity charges.
- ★ Accordingly the Government have released an amount of Rs.82.30 Crore every year to 158 ULBs including Chennai Corporation. For the current year also, a sum of Rs.82.30 Crore has been released to the ULBs.

Filling up of Vacancies

- ★ 488 compassionate ground appointments were made till date.
- ★ Order issued for including the assistants working in crematoriums with time scale after changing their designation from Vettiyan to Cremation Assistants and appointment orders for 7 sweepers were issued.
- ★ In the District Headquarters of Thiruchi, Madurai, Thanjavur and Karur, underground sewerage schemes were completed at an estimated cost of Rs.1,362 Crore.

RURAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

Ramanathapuram Combined Water Supply Scheme

- ★ Ramanathapuram Combined Water Supply Scheme to benefit 5 Municipalities, 11 Town Panchayats and 3,163 rural habitations in Ramanathapuram, Sivagangai, Pudukottai districts at an estimate cost of Rs.616 Crores have been taken up for implementation and works are under implementation on a fast track.

Hogenakkal Combined Water Supply Scheme

- ★ Hogenakkal Water Supply and Fluorosis mitigation project covering the entire Dharmapuri and Krishnagiri districts with the financial assistance of Japanese Bank of International Co-operation has been taken up for implementation. Administrative approval has been accorded for Rs 1,334 Crore. Hon'ble Chief Minister had laid the foundation stone for this mega project on 26.2.2008 at Dharmapuri.

Other initiatives

- ★ 20,057 habitations have been provided with protected water supply through Individual power pump schemes and combined water supply schemes.
- ★ 216 Adi-Dravidar hostels have been provided with protected water supply at a cost of Rs.1.58 Crore.
- ★ 351 Veterinary Hospitals have been provided with water supply at a cost of Rs.1.25 Crore.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi laid the foundation for the Hogenakkal Combined Water Supply Scheme on 1.1.2008.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi laid the foundation for the Ramanathapuram Combined water supply scheme to be implemented at Rs.6.16 Crore benefiting 5 municipalities, 11 Town Panchayats, 18 Panchayat unions in Ramanathapuram, Sivagangai and Pudukottai districts (30.1.2007).

- ★ 4,693 Government Schools have been provided with protected water supply.
- ★ Water supply has been provided to 200 Backward / Most Backward hostels in rural areas.
- ★ Water supply have been provided to 2,070 exclusive SC/ST habitations with separate over head tank where there is no such facility.
- ★ Water supply have been provided to 53 cattle markets and 385 weekly markets.
- ★ 113 Combined water supply schemes at estimates totaling Rs.656.23 Crore.
- ★ 110 urban water supply schemes at Rs.236.58 Crore.
- ★ Under ground sewerage schemes at Rs.330 Crore in 6 towns.
- ★ Separate electrical feeder set up for 114 combined water supply schemes at Rs.52.18 Crore.

Appointments and promotions

- ★ The total number of appointments and promotions in Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board is 1,773.

CHENNAI CORPORATION

- ★ 1,459 Nos of Bituminous Roads from a length of 396 kms. at an expenditure of Rs.62 Crore were relaid.
- ★ 548 Nos of Cement Concrete Roads for a length of 117 Kms at an expenditure of Rs.34 Crore were newly formed.
- ★ 155 Nos of Footpath works for a length of 75 km at an expenditure of Rs.7 Crore were relaid.

Bus Route Roads

- ★ 30 Kms of Bus Route Roads were relaid and 5 Kms of Central-median in important Bus Route Roads were formed at an expenditure of Rs.19.40 Crore.

Marina Beach Beautification Scheme

- ★ Beach beautification work at Marina has been taken up at Rs.1,692 Crore.

Parks

- ★ To provide beautiful lawns, colourful shrubberies, Water fountain cascades, long walk ways and Childrens Play Corners in 100 Public Parks at the Cost of Rs.10 Crore, and about 80 parks works have been taken up at an expenditure of Rs.8 Crore.

Electrical Works

- ★ 916 Nos of electric posts and replacement of worn out wires were done at a cost of Rs.315 Lakh.
- ★ 1,565 old rusted electric light posts were replaced with new posts at Rs.188 Lakh and 4,046 additional posts at Rs.5.66 Crore have also been erected.
- ★ Adequate no.of electric cables, spare posts at Rs.3.88 Crore have been supplied.
- ★ 600 automatic at Rs.84 Lakh and 3 high mast lamps at Rs.16 Lakh have been erected.

Cleaning Works

- ★ A tourist bus for Rs.17.50 Lakh has been bought for corporation schools.
- ★ 2 Roll on Tipper vehicles and 11 crushers for debris removal have been purchased at a cost of Rs.359.50 Lakh.
- ★ 258 Storm Water Drains being constructed through 258 works at Rs.3,807.75 Lakh for 88.7 km being constructed.
- ★ 29 works for 9.035 km at Rs.6 Crore are in progress.

Student welfare

- ★ During 2006-07, to improve the Sports efficiency of the Students of Corporation Schools, Sports Materials were purchased for Rs.16 Lakh and were issued to all schools.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi inaugurated the over bridge on North Usman Road - Mahalingapuram Road, Chennai (30.3.2008)

- ★ To improve the quality of Science Education, Science Articles were purchased for the Science Labs of Corporation High and Higher Secondary Schools for Rs.35 Lakh.
- ★ Fruit Breads were supplied to Students during the Special Classes held in view of Public Examinations at a cost of Rs.15 Lakh.
- ★ During the year 2007-08, Financial assistance was given to those who passed with first class in 12th Std from Corporation Schools for their Higher Studies, Rs.25,000 for 25 Students for Engineering and Medical Graduation and Rs.5000/- for 25 Students for teacher training & nursing training course.
- ★ Montessori method of teaching is to be implemented in Kinder Garden Schools at Rs.30 Lakh.
- ★ All Corporation schools will be modernized by providing with Electric Bells, Fire Extinguishers and Public Address Systems at a cost of Rs.81.17 Lakh.
- ★ Tools and Machineries were purchased for Corporation I.T.Is for Rs.95 Lakh.
- ★ Construction of 12 Bridges at an estimate cost of Rs.175 Crore has been taken up.
- ★ 3 Grade Separators at a cost of Rs.110 Crore have been planned.

School Buildings

- ★ 67 Works for 288 Classrooms & 12 labs at a cost of Rs.2,108 Lakh were completed. 26 Works for 104 Classrooms and 2 labs at Rs.861 Lakh are in progress and 9 Works for 26 Classrooms and 3 labs at Rs.222 Lakh are to be take up.

Other Buildings

- ★ 16 Works in various buildings have been completed at a cost of Rs.4.37 Crore.
- ★ Work on Hospital for Communicable diseases at a cost of Rs.34 Lakh, work in Family Welfare Centre at a cost of Rs.35 Lakh and work on Gasified Crematorium in 14 places at Rs.389 Lakh are in progress.

Solid Waste Management

- ★ A project for solid waste management approved for a sum of Rs.255.32 Crore to be implemented under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) has been sent for subsidy from the Government of India.
- ★ Construction of Four Modern Transfer Stations at a cost of Rs.8 Crore is in progress.

Public Health

- ★ Chennai Corporation has spent in 2006-07, Rs.17,93,447 for improvement of Maternity and Child Health centers.
- ★ Maternity and Child Health centers until District Family Welfare Bureau have been improved at Rs.1.50 Crore in 2007-08.

Varumun Kappom Thittam

- ★ Under Hon'ble Chief Minister Varummun Kappom Thittam, 44 Medical camps were conducted in Chennai City. 1,00,679 people were benefited by these camps. At the camps 21,054 problems were diagnosed and given follow up treatment.

School Health Programme

- ★ About 1,20,000 students were examined more than 50 students were diagnosed to have heart problems among which two students underwent surgery. They have been paid Rs.50,000/- each.

Communicable Diseases Hospital

- ★ Renovation of facilities in 20 Nos. residential quarters at Communicable Diseases Hospital was done at a cost of Rs.1.25 Crore.
- ★ For improving investigation procedures for communicable diseases Rs.15 Lakh have been spent for purchase of lab instruments. For the diseases such as HIV, Dengue and Chikungunya Rs.20 Lakh had been spent.

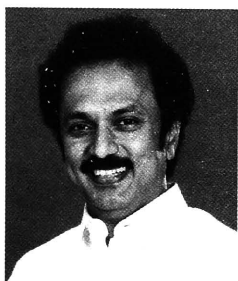
Mosquito Control in Chennai City

For the control of recent mosquito menace in Chennai City, 115 fogging machines at the cost of Rs. 26.6 Lakh and 200 Hand sprayers at the cost of Rs.6.8 Lakh were purchased.

Improvement of Burial Grounds

- ★ Out of 38 Burial Grounds in Chennai City, Modern Gasifiers have been provided in 27 Burial Grounds at the cost of Rs.15 Crore.

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Rs.159.18 CRORE FOR ROAD DEVELOPMENT AND WATER SUPPLY IN 58 TOWN PANCHAYATS

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

TOWN PANCHAYATS

Anaithu Peruratchi Anna Marumalarchi Thittam

- ★ APAMT was implemented in 140 Town Panchayats in 2007-08. 1,491 works at an estimated cost of Rs. 74.02 Crore has been taken up.
- ★ By convergence and dovetailing Plans involving other Central and State Government assisted schemes, 4,584 works have been taken up at an estimated cost of Rs. 266.25 crore.

Urban Infrastructure Development of Small and Medium Town (UIDSSMT)

- ★ Sanction accorded to 58 Town Panchayats at a total cost of Rs.159.18 Crore for Road Development and Water Supply Development Schemes.
- ★ Under this scheme, 28 Town Panchayats have been selected for the development of Roads and Drains etc at an estimated cost of Rs.31.48 Crore. Out of 479 Works taken up, 447 have been completed. 16 Town Panchayats have been selected for the implementation of the Water supply Improvement scheme at an estimated cost of Rs.25.31 Crore.

Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM)

- ★ Water supply Improvement scheme in Harveypatti (Madurai District) and Porur Town Panchayat (Thiruvallur District) has been taken up under this scheme at an estimated cost of Rs.13.17 Crore.

Basic Service To Urban Poor (BSUP)

- ★ Basic Service to Urban Poor scheme have been implemented in 6 Town Panchayats at an estimated cost of Rs.24.37 Crore. 2,297 families were benefited by the scheme.



Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development and Local Administration
Thiru. M.K. Stalin laid foundation for the
Anaithu Girama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam works at Thirunelveli on 10.5.2008.

Integrated Housing And Slum Development Programme (IHSDP)

- ★ The Programme was implemented in 8 Town Panchayats in the State at an estimated cost of Rs.26.29 Crore. 2,465 families were benefited.

Individual Toilet

- ★ For constructing individual toilets for every household of below poverty line families in Town Panchayats, subsidy of Rs.1,000 is given. 37,410 individual household toilets have been completed out of the target of 40,000 at an estimated cost of Rs.4 Crore.
- ★ The existing composting facilities in Town Panchayats have started compost manure production and an income of Rs.3.65 Lakh was generated per annum from SWM services.

Liquid waste management

- ★ It is proposed to construct Liquid waste management plants at an estimate cost of Rs 168.75 Lakh at 8 places.

Office Buildings

- ★ In 2006-07, 29 New Office Buildings for Town Panchayats have been constructed at an estimate cost of Rs.3.75 Crore.
- ★ In 2007-08, 8 New Office Buildings for Town Panchayats have been constructed and 12 Office Buildings have been repaired at a cost of Rs.140 Lakh.

Underground Sewerage Scheme

- ★ Under Ground Sewerage Scheme has been taken up under Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme in Mamallapuram Town Panchayat at an estimate cost of Rs. 6.08 Crore.
- ★ Under Ground Sewerage Scheme has been taken up in Thiruchendur Town Panchayat at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,122 Lakh with funds received through TUFIDCO.

- ★ Scheme for the improvement of underground drainage system at Porur Town Panchayat at an estimated cost of Rs.33.48 Crore has been recommended to the Government of India and is waiting for approval.
- ★ Approval of proposals for the implementation of Underground Sewerage scheme in Sevilimedu, Labaikudikadu and Thirupathur Town Panchayat at a cost of Rs.24.25 Crore is awaited from Government of India.

Part II Scheme 2006-2007

- ★ A Sum of Rs.17 Crore has been sanctioned for the implementation of the infrastructure facilities such as roads, drains, water supply, Street light, Bridges etc., in 140 Town Panchayats. A total nos of 911 works have been taken up and completed under this scheme.
- ★ Bus stands have been improved through 98 works taken up in 52 town panchayats of Rs.4.09 Crore.
- ★ 105 works have been completed in markets in 51 town panchayats at Rs.3 Crore.

Part II Scheme 2007-2008

- ★ Computers have been provided to 375 Town Panchayats in the Ist phase.
- ★ Crematoriums by using Bio-mass gasifier system are being constructed in Chitlapakkam, Oddanchatram and Tiruchendur Town Panchayats at an estimated cost of Rs.1 Crore.
- ★ Construction of Modernised Slaughter Houses has been taken up in 10 Town Panchayats at an estimated cost of Rs.1 Crore.
- ★ Provision of 1,000 Compact Florescent Lamps has been completed in 50 Town Panchayats at an estimate cost of Rs.50 Lakh.
- ★ 151 works of providing of Over Head Tanks, Hand pumps, repair of pipelines, and other maintenance works has been completed in 75 Town Panchayats at an estimated cost of Rs.200 Lakh.

CMDA assisted Local Body Assistance Programme

- ★ The CMDA is extending financial assistance of Rs.15 Lakh per annum to each of the 20 town panchayats in Kancheepuram and Thiruvalluvar districts under this programme.

CMDA assisted community Based Environmental Development Project

- ★ The total grant is maximum of Rs 15 Lakh per annum to each Town Panchayat.

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development

- ★ 461 number of road works for a length of 593 Kms has been completed at a cost of Rs.46.17 Crore in 360 Town Panchayats.
- ★ In 2008-09 it is proposed to lay 906 Km of Tar roads in 406 Town Panchayats at an estimate cost of Rs. 104 Crore.

Provision of Modern Bus Stands

- ★ Provision of Modernised bus stands in 17 Town Panchayats has been taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.19.92 Crore. Proposals have been sent for provision of modernised bus stands in 17 town panchayats in 9 districts at Rs.800.65 Lakh. Improvement works at Rs.73.03 Crore in 75 town panchayats have been approved.

Parks and Play Fields

- ★ 102 Parks, Play fields and small libraries have been provided in 100 Town Panchayats.

Swarna Jayanthi Swarna Rojkar Yojna

- ★ Under this programme for the year 2007-2008, a sum of Rs. 880.80 Lakh was allocated for implementing Skill Development Training, Economic Assistance to persons who are below poverty line, Economic Assistance to Development of women and child in urban areas groups, Release of revolving fund to Thrift and Credit society/ Development of women and child in urban areas groups at the rate of Rs 1000/- per member subject to maximum of Rs.50,000 and Wage employment to urban poor.

Twelfth Finance Commission grants

- ★ In the year 2007-2008, State Budgetary allocation for Rs.32.10 Crore has been sanctioned and disbursed to all 561 Town Panchayats for Solid Waste Management, Liquid Waste Management and Storm Water Drain, Roads and Database and Current Consumption Charges. Out of 2,056 works, 850 works have been completed in this financial year.

Tsunami Emergency Assistance Project (TEAP)

- ★ 19 Tsunami affected Town Panchayats are provided with bank amenities to the tune of Rs.15.17 Crore at the newly constructed house sites.
- ★ Out of the fund of Rs.12.44 Crore allotted for the livelihood component to 19 Town Panchayat a sum of Rs.12.15 Crore has already been spent towards various sub-projects.
- ★ Reconstruction and restoration of damaged roads for a length of 215.78 kms at a cost of Rs.30.68 Crore has been taken up, out of which, as on date, 147.14 kms at a cost of Rs.26.34 Crore has been completed. Under Building component, repairs and reconstruction / up gradation of public buildings have been taken up at a cost of Rs.1.48 Crore and works valued for Rs 0.23 Crore have been completed.
- ★ Rehabilitation of water supply and public toilets at the cost of Rs.2.55 Crore have been taken up and works valued at Rs.1.55 Crore have been completed. Solid Waste Management works comprising of 53 packages at a cost of Rs.6.75 Crore have been taken up in 19 Town Panchayats.
- ★ Under Emergency Tsunami Reconstruction Project aided by World Bank, it is proposed to provide all basic amenities to the housing sites where the affected people are to be rehabilitated at a cost of Rs.15.17 Crore in 18 Town Panchayats.





FARM LOANS TO 12,79,680 FARMERS WORTH Rs.2,644 CRORE SANCTIONED. INTEREST RATES ON LOANS SLASHED

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

CO-OPERATION DEPARTMENT

Waiver of Co-operative Loans

- ★ The Government considering the inability of farmers to repay their loans to the Co-operatives, waived all agricultural loans with interest outstanding as on 31.3.2006. 22,40,739 farmers have benefited by this decision.
- ★ However, to ensure the continued service of Co-operative Banks in providing loans to the farmers, the Government have decided to reimburse the entire waived amount to the Co-operatives in 5 equal instalments with interest at 8% per amount. The waived loan in the past two years amounts to Rs.3,304 Crore which was borne by the Government.

New Crop Loans

- ★ During the past two years, new farm loans to the tune of Rs.2,644.59 Crore to 12,79,680 farmers were disbursed.

Loan Interest rates slashed

- ★ The interest rate for the crop loans has been reduced from 9% to 7%. The prompt loan payer's interest rate was reduced to 5% in 2006-07 and further reduced to 4% in 2007-08.
- ★ The interest rate has been reduced from 18% to 12% for Non-farm sector loans. They can repay the outstanding dues and avail the reduced interest rate and also avail waiver of rural interest of 3%.



Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development and Local Administration
Thiru. M.K. Stalin inaugurated "Touch Screen - Information
Kiosk Service" at Chennai Central Co-operative Bank.

- ★ The time limit for payment of outstanding dues has been extended upto 30.6.2008.

Rehabilitation

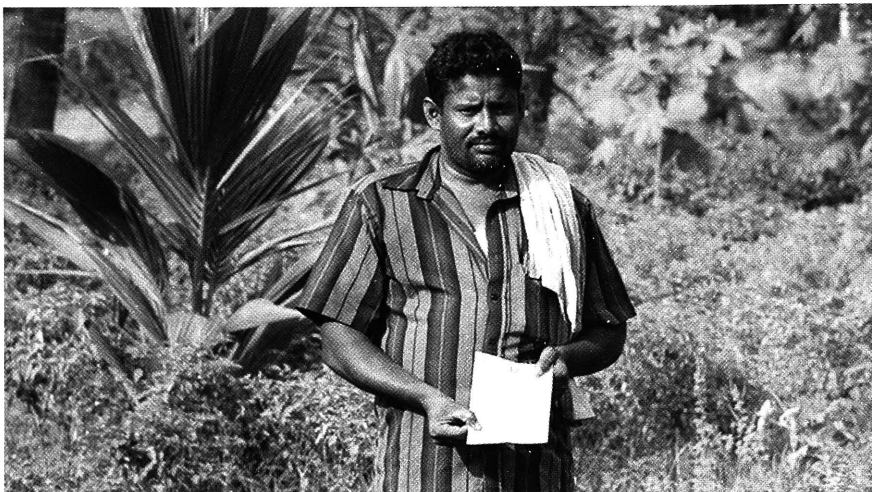
- ★ The Government have decided to rehabilitate 199 Primary Agricultural Co-operative Bank which were served with notice of liquidation. So far 197 Primary Agricultural Co-operative banks have been rehabilitated.

Petty Trader Loan Scheme

- ★ Under the petty Traders Loan Scheme, loans were extended to benefit male petty traders by issuing loans upto Rs.5,000 each.
- ★ The maximum borrowing limit for surety loan per individual has been increased to Rs.3 Lakh for member of Employees Co-operative Societies.

Personal Loan

- ★ During the tenure of first two years of this Government under the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme, farmers were given subsidy to the tune of Rs.22,87,24,234.
- ★ The Government have increased the personal loan to employees of Urban Co-operative Banks and employees to Co-op Societies from Rs.1.5 Lakh to Rs.2 Lakh.



A farmer of Samiyarpatti of Dindigul District proudly shows the farmers Co-operative Loan Waiver certificate.

- ★ Co-operative Loans including short term (CROP) loan, Medium term loan, Jewel loan through District Central Co-operative Banks, Primary Agricultural Co-operative Banks (Non Farm Sector loan), Urban Co-operative Banks, District Central Co-operative Bank, Primary Agricultural Co-operative Bank and Urban Banks were issued and Rs.18.213 Crore disbursed.
- ★ With a view to benefit the poor and middle class families, rice is sold in fair price shops under the Public Distribution system at Rs.2/- per kg.

Part time fair price shops

- ★ Realising the difficulties experienced by the public in getting essential commodities, 759 part time fair price shops have been opened by relaxing the norms prescribed for the fair price shops.

Subsidies

- ★ The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.108 Lakh as subsidy for the establishment of 50 kerosene bunkers run by the Co-operative Societies.
- ★ To reimburse the loss sustained by the Co-operative fair price shops in implementing Public Distribution System, a total subsidy to the tune of Rs.108.90 Crore was sanctioned during 2006-08.
- ★ A sum of Rs.12.50 Crore was given as subsidy to all Fair price shops run by Co-operative Department for purchase of modern weighing machines.

- ★ In order to avoid shortage and to ensure sufficient stock of kerosene for supply of card holders through fair price shops, Rs.35 Lakh has been sanctioned as subsidy for the purchase of kerosene barrels. 7,777 kerosene barrels were purchased by the fair price shops.

Essential Commodities in Fair Price Shops

- ★ To control the prices of food commodities of toor dhal, urad dhal, palmolein, rava and maida in the open market, the Government have introduced a Special Public Distribution System to supply these essentials to card holders at lower rates.

Employees Welfare

- ★ 502 appointments on compassionate grounds were made in Co-operative societies to eligible wards of the deceased employees of co-operative societies.
- ★ District Central Co-op. Bank employees Festival advance was enhanced to Rs.7,500 from Rs.5,000.
- ★ Training imparted to 3,077 persons at Institute of Cooperative Management on Jewel appraisal techniques.
- ★ Medical camps are to be conducted once in a year to the employees of the Co-op societies from 2007-08.
- ★ 161 posts under the Tamil Nadu Co-op service and 338 posts in the category of Co-op sub registration were filled up.

Financial Assistance for improvement

- ★ Financial Assistance to the tune of Rs.4.30 Lakh each has been sanctioned to two Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies for improving their marketing activities.
- ★ Finance Assistance to the tune of Rs.10.80 Lakh was sanctioned to Suloor Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Society. Further Rs.4.25 Lakh financial Assistance granted to Ariyoor Primary Agricultural Co-operative Bank for improving their marketing activities.

Computerisation

- ★ Co-operative Department was computerized at a cost of Rs.50 Lakh.

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RECORD PRODUCTION OF FOOD GRAINS

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

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

Record Food Grains

- ★ A record food grain production of 100.38 Lakh Metric Ton is expected for the year 2007 - 08.

Waiver of Co-operation Loans

- ★ Waiver of crop loan to the tune of Rs.7,000 Crore, reduction of interest rate for crop loan from 9% to 7% and further reduction to 5% for prompt repayment, 50% subsidy on insurance premium amount to farmers and non-loanee farmers are some achievements.
- ★ Regular timely release of water from Mettur Dam.
- ★ Distribution of reclaimed land to the extent of 1,78,711 acres benefiting 1,15,265 poor Landless Agriculture Labourers, free of cost, aiming to bring vast tracts of Wasteland into cultivation.

Restructuring of Department

- ★ Two tier system has been introduced by restructuring the Agriculture Department to provide technological assistance and subsidy to farmers at one point.

IAMWARM Project

- ★ The Project has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs.691.42 Crore for Agriculture Department for the period 2007-2013. In 2007-08, works for Rs. 48.44 Crore have been sanctioned.

National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS)

- ★ This scheme was introduced to provide insurance coverage & financial support to the farmers in the event of failure of crops as a result of Natural Calamities, Pests and Diseases.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaighnar M. Karunanidhi flagged off new tractors and harvesting equipments on 31.1.08

- ★ During 2006-07, Government sanctioned a sum of Rs.8 Crore. During the year 2007-08, Rs.15 Crore was sanctioned. 5,34,439 farmers have been enrolled. All agriculturists getting credit in co-operative and Nationalised bank are eligible to join the scheme. A sum of Rs.40 Crore has been allotted for 2008-2009 to benefit about 25 Lakh agriculturists.

Soil Health Card

- ★ 9.74 Lakh Soil Health Cards have been distributed during 2006-08.

Seed Village

- ★ In this programme Training and distribution of seed @ 50 % subsidy is being given to the farmers. 3,600 Mt of Paddy seeds, 617 Mt. oil seeds, 87 Mt. of Pulses seeds were distributed and 600 training classes were conducted for 30,000 farmers at the cost of Rs.447 Lakh.

ISOPOM Oilseeds

- ★ 16,213 Qtls. of Foundation Seeds at the cost of Rs.96.968 Lakh, 49,448 Qtls of Certified Seeds at the cost of Rs.331.906 Lakh were produced and 54,736 Qtls of Certified Seeds were distributed at the cost of Rs.449.368 Lakh during the past two years (2006-08).

ISOPOM Pulses

- ★ 3,938 Qtls. of Foundation Seeds , 19,578.86 Qtls of Certified Seeds at the cost of Rs.171.93 Lakh were produced and 18,470.7 Qtls of Certified Seeds were distributed at the cost of Rs.183.98 Lakh.

ISOPOM Maize

- ★ During the past two years (2006-08), 801.87 Qtls of Certified seeds cultivated at the cost of Rs.5.313 Lakh; Totally 935.052 Qtls at a cost of Rs.5.385 Lakh were distributed as grants.

Technology Mode Mission

- ★ Under ICDP Cotton, 829.9 Qtls. of foundation seeds were produced at the cost of Rs.26.534 Lakh, 4,763 Qtls. of Certified seeds at the cost of Rs.59.685 Lakh were produced and 3,258 Qtls at the cost of Rs.52.546 Lakh were distributed to cotton growing farmers during 2006-08.

Distribution of Hand Sprayer / Power Sprayer

- ★ 12,725 Nos. of Hand Sprayers at the cost of Rs.90.454 Lakh and 5,523 power sprayers at the cost of Rs.119.437 Lakh have been distributed to Cotton Growing Farmers during the year 2006-08.
- ★ To control the pests in oil seed pulses and cotton crops 40,329 hand sprayers and 9,113 power sprayers were distributed at a cost of Rs.497.51 Lakh at 50% subsidy.

Cereal Development Programme (Rice)

- ★ 33,023 Metric Tonne of Paddy seeds and 836.463 Mt. of Millet seeds were produced. 35,303 Mt. Paddy seeds and 880.661 Mt. Millets were distributed at a cost of Rs.4,265.14 Lakh.

Fertilizer Distribution

- ★ 44,24,717 metric ton of various fertilizers were distributed in Tamil Nadu during 2006-08.
- ★ When scarcity of DAP fertilizer prevailed during 2007-08 throughout 8 states of India, Tamil Nadu Government alone took immediate action and appointed TANFED as a Nodal agency and paid Rs.30 Crore to procure fertilizer from the importers. As a result 1,04,400 Mt. of fertilizer at a cost of Rs.98.53 Crore was distributed at the right time without any short fall.

Agriculture Development Council

- ★ Agriculture Development Council was created to discuss the problems faced by the farmers, increase the production, to fix the price for the agricultural produce and find solution to them. The Chief Minister is the Chairman; Another Agriculture Development Special Council under the Chairmanship of Minister of Agriculture was also set up to help the ADC.

System of Rice Intensification (SRI)

- ★ Under Cereal Development Programme during the year 2007-08, a new innovative programme "System of Rice Intensification (SRI)" has been launched to increase the productivity of Rice Crop with minimum expenditure. 11,320 hectares of field demonstration was held and subsidy of Rs.2,000 per hectare as subsidy was distributed to the farmers. 56,600 farmers has been trained to carryout this System of Paddy cultivation. This SRI scheme has been now increased to 4.20 hectares.

Oil Palm Cultivation

- ★ Cultivation of palm oil on about 3,475 hectare land at a cost of Rs. 243.415 Lakh was made during the past 2 years (2006-2008).

Micro Nutrient Mixture

- ★ Micro Nutrient Mixture of 2,888 Mt. was distributed at a total cost of Rs.664.54 Lakh to the farming community.

Bio Fertilizer

- ★ 3,261 Qtls of Bio-Fertilizer at a total cost of Rs.633.69 Lakh were produced and distributed during the last two years by the Government.

Green Manure

- ★ 354 Mt of Green Manure seeds @ 25% subsidy were distributed during 2006- 08 to promote natural farming and to enrich the soil.

Coconut Production

- ★ For Coconut production scheme Rs. 22,496 Lakh was spent for production of coconut seedlings and distribution.

National Food Security Mission (NFSM)

- ★ The National Food Security Mission is being implemented from 2007-2008 at a cost of Rs.8.75 Crore to increase agricultural production by upgrading the production of paddy and pulses. The NFSM for paddy is implemented in 5 districts and for pulses in 12 districts. Under the scheme supply of quality seeds and Micro Nutrients, agricultural implements, integrated crop security, Field activity and training are implemented under Special grants.

ATMA

- ★ So far, 1,868 trainings were conducted at village and district Levels, 6,922 demonstrations were held, 45 Interstate and 77 inter district exposure visits were arranged. So far 50 Farmer - scientists' interactions have taken place. This scheme was being implemented at a cost of Rs. 322.419 Lakh.
- ★ Rs.185.31 Crore was allotted for National Agriculture development schemes.

HORTICULTURE

National Horticulture Mission

- ★ In last two years 46,750 ha. have been covered under various horticulture crops.

Micro Irrigation

- ★ In last two years 16,000 ha. have been covered with an outlay of Rs.1,828 Lakh.

Bamboo Mission

- ★ During 2007-08, 35 hectares have been covered and training has been given to the farmers on an outlay of Rs.13 Lakh.

Cultivation of Cut Flowers (Roses)

- ★ During 2007-08, green houses were formed on 5,000 sq.mt. in Salem and 87,000 sq.mt. in Coimbatore; rose cultivation was taken up.

AGRICULTURAL MARKETING & AGRI. BUSINESS

Uzhavar Santhai (Farmer's Market)

- ★ 103 Uzhavar Sandhais were renovated at a total cost of Rs.42 Lakh. In 2007-08, 50 additional Uzhavar Sandhais were proposed to be opened at different places.
- ★ 1.053 metric ton of vegetables and fruits are being brought and sold by 7,800 farmers benefiting 1,97,000 consumers daily.

Pledge Loans to Farmers

- ★ Pledge loan is issued to farmers by Market Committees. Interest rate for Pledge loan to farmers has been reduced from 8% to 5% and Pledge loan limit has been enhanced from Rs.50,000/- to Rs.1,00,000/- for the benefit of farmers.

Market Complexes

- ★ Market Complex facility for Mango in Krishnagiri at a cost of Rs.2 Crore.
- ★ Market Complex for Onion at a cost of Rs.2 Crore in Pongalur in Coimbatore district.
- ★ Market Complex for Grapes at a cost of Rs.3.75 Crore in Odaipatti in Theni District.
- ★ Market complex for Tomato at a cost of Rs.2 Crore in Krishnagiri.
- ★ Marketing Complex for Coconut in Pattukottai in Tanjore district at a cost of Rs. 4 Crore.

Construction of Drying Yard

- ★ Rs.4.75 Crore allotted for establishing 200 drying yards.

Agri Export Zones

- ★ Agri Export Zone for cut flowers has been established at Hosur at a cost of Rs. 24.85 Crore. So far 120 Lakh of cut flowers worth Rs. 12 Crore have been exported to foreign countries.
- ★ Agri Export Zone for Flowers has been established at Ooty at a project cost of Rs.15.89 Crore.
- ★ Agri Export Zone for Mango at Theni has been established at a cost of Rs. 24.60 Crore.
- ★ Agri Export Zone for Cashew at Cuddalore has been established at a project cost of Rs.17 Crore.

- ★ Agricultural Produce Domestic and Export Intelligence Guidance Cell has been established in the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University at a cost of Rs.32 Lakh from the Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Marketing Board.

AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING

Soil Conservation in River Valley Catchments

- ★ During 2006-07 & 2007-08, under this programme, soil conservation works have been completed on an area of 17,023 hectares and 2,710 Nos. of structures have been constructed in South Pennaiyar and Mettur River valley Catchments in Vellore, Tiruvannamalai, Dharmapuri, Krishnagiri and Salem districts at a total cost of Rs. 2,199.54 Lakh.

Reclamation of Alkali Soils

- ★ During 2006-07 & 2007-08, under this programme, an area of 1,039 hectares has been treated at a cost of Rs.19.74 Lakh in Virudunagar, Sivaganga, Ramanathapuram, Pudukkottai, Salem, Vellore, Villupuram and Tiruvannamalai Districts.

Agriculture Mechanisation

- ★ During 2006-07 & 2007-08, under this programme, subsidy assistance to the tune of Rs.1,348.27 Lakh is been given to farmers for procuring 528 tractors, 3,405 power tillers and 1,281 agricultural implements.
- ★ Further a scheme was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 31.1.2008 wherein implements like 50 tractors, Hooked ploughs, disc ploughs and Roller ploughs totalling 25 at a cost of Rs.590.75 Lakh were distributed for the purpose of upgradation of agricultural implements.
- ★ During 2006-07 & 2007-08, under this programme, on-farm development works have been completed. On an area of 53,301 hectares at a total cost of Rs.9,729.42 Lakh.
- ★ During 2006-07, for development of coastal saline and sand dune affected soils in Nagapattinam district, works have been completed on an area of 78 hectares at a cost of Rs. 8.17 Lakh.
- ★ Training programmes have been conducted to farmers and unemployed rural youth to acquire skills in handling the 1,281 agricultural implements and machinery covering all the districts at a cost of Rs.1,348.27 Lakh.
- ★ Under this programme, construction of 6,682 nos. of rain water harvesting structures have been completed at a total cost of Rs.3,277.92 Lakh in all the districts except Chennai and Nilgiris.

- ★ Under this programme, soil conservation works have been completed on an area of 1,811 hectares of tribal lands in seven districts at a cost of Rs.275.96 Lakh.

Western Ghats Development Programme

- ★ Soil conservation works have been completed on an area of 3,044 hectares and 3,653 Nos. of structures have been constructed in eight districts at a cost of Rs.1,229.31 Lakh.

Hill Area Development Programme

- ★ Under soil conservation works and landslide prevention works has been completed on an area of 582 hectares and 1,386 Nos. of structures have been constructed in Nilgiris district at a total cost of Rs.781.61 Lakh.

New Pumpsets

- ★ Subsidy assistance to the tune of Rs.1,960.32 Lakh has been given to farmers for replacing 35,086 old inefficient pumpsets with new energy efficient pumpsets .
- ★ During 2006-08, under Minor Irrigation Scheme, 5,677 Nos. of tube wells have been sunk.

Land Development Programme

- ★ During 2006-08, under Land Development programme, the Department's Bulldozers, Tractors and Combine Harvesters have performed for 1,90,099 hours, 2,17,973 hours and 2,508 hours respectively.
- ★ During 2006 - 07 & 2007 - 08, construction of 4,553 rain water harvesting structures such as construction of farm ponds, rejuvenation of wells, construction of percolation ponds and checkdams have been completed at a cost of Rs. 2,503.50 Lakh.

Tamil Nadu Watershed Development Agency

- ★ Under Distribution of Government Wasteland to Landless Agricultural Labourer Families, so far 17,87,11.62 acres have been distributed to 1,51,265 beneficiaries. 40,180 acres of waste land have been developed.
- ★ 54 clusters with an extent of 1,212.40 acres out of 165 clusters over an extent of 2,945.72 acres have been developed with planting of horticulture crops.
- ★ Under Development of Private Patta Wastelands of 50 acre and above, a total extent of 1,589.96 acre have been taken up for development at the cost of Rs.370 Lakh.
- ★ A total expenditure of Rs.1,306.52 Lakh has been incurred towards the reclamation of 40,180 acres of wasteland.

Sugar Production

- ★ Tamil Nadu is first in sugarcane production in the Country.



Uzhavar Santhai
- a place where the
farmer and the
consumer are
benefited.

- ★ Private sectors sugar mills at Gingee, Ariyalur, Erode and Sankarapuram Taluks have commenced the crushing operation from current 2007-08 season onwards.
- ★ During 2006 - 2007 crushing season, the Cooperative, Public and Private sector sugar mills in Tamil Nadu had registered 3.03 Lakh hectare of sugarcane and crushed 274.49 LMT of sugarcane and produce 25.39 Lakh MT.
- ★ The Government of India announced statutory minimum price of Rs.811.80 per MT of cane linked to 9.0% recovery with a premium of Rs.9 per MT for every 0.1% increase in recovery for the 2007 - 08 crushing season. For the year 2007 - 2008 the Government of Tamil Nadu announced State Advised Price for Rs.1,034 per MT with an increase of Rs.222 over and above SMP linked to 9% recovery with a premium of Rs.9 per MT for every 0.1% increase in recovery.
- ★ The entire cane transportation charges are borne by the Cooperative and Public Sector sugar mills from 2006 - 07 sugar season onwards.

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University

- ★ TNAU has implemented the project on "Precision Farming" in Dharmapuri and Krishnagiri districts on an area of 400 hectares at a cost of Rs.720 Lakh. Depending upon the crops cultivated the net return ranged from a minimum of Rs.1.50 Lakh to Maximum of Rs. 6 Lakh. During 2007-08, demonstrations were held at 20 hectares per district in 26 districts at a cost of Rs.308 Lakh.
- ★ A sum of Rs.45.30 Lakh was provided in 2007-08 and 41.64 Lakh seedlings were produced and distributed.

Education

- ★ TNAU has introduced Post Graduate Diploma Programme in Bio-informatics in 2006-07 and the Post Graduate Diploma Programme in Sugarcane Production Technology in 2007 both in the open and distance learning mode.

- ★ TNAU has been the pioneer institution in India to introduce e-learning by providing the course materials on the website. This University has been recognized under National Agricultural Innovation Programme to introduce e-learning. Memorandum of Understanding has been made with seven foreign institution for improving education and research.
- ★ During 2007-08, two new under graduate programmes, B.Tech (Agricultural Information Technology) and B.S (Agri Business Management) were started during 2007-08. All the 10 colleges in TNAU have been linked by WIFI network and free network link up is provided to the students. Diploma programmes in Agriculture were started at Ambasamudram and Aruppukottai during 2007-08.
- ★ To enable our students to compete at international level, an on-line examination system has been introduced to B.Tech (Horticulture) students in 2007-08.

Research

- ★ During 2006-2007 TNAU had released 14 varieties, 7 Implements and 7 Management Technologies. In 2007-08 it released 14 Varieties, 3 Implements and 7 Management Technologies.
- ★ Due to dearth of sufficient implements for paddy cultivation of the Government have taken action to introduce cultivation machinery. Two machines from Japan have been procured and are under consideration whether they are suitable for Tamil Nadu.

Certified Seed Production

- ★ 1,21,230 Mt ton of seed production has been achieved, so far.

Seed Quality Control

- ★ 71,406 seed selling points were inspected and 53.128 seed samples were taken for quality check. A quantity of 2,549 MT of substandard seeds worth Rs.355 Lakh were prevented from sales and 797 cases were filled in court of law for various violations of seed legislations.

Seed Testing

- ★ A total of 1,22,803 seed samples were tested so far.

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INITIATIVES IN INTER LINKING OF RIVERS WITHIN THE STATE

Thiru. DURAIMURUGAN
Hon'ble Minister for Public Works
& Law

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Water Resources

- ★ During the year 2007, Mettur dam attained its Full Reservoir Level (FRL) of 120 feet in 52 days.
- ★ Maintenance works in 1,644 tanks at a cost of Rs. 249 Crore
- ★ Concrete Lining in Canals for a length of 505 km at a cost of Rs.191 Crore.
- ★ Desilting of Channels for a length of 3,366 km at a cost of Rs. 46 Crore.

Water storage schemes

- ★ Further 18 schemes sanctioned at an estimate amount of Rs.668 Crore, which remained incomplete by the previous Government, were completed by this Government.
- ★ The World Bank assisted irrigated Agriculture Modernisation and Water Bodies Restoration and Management project (IAWARM) at a project cost Rs.2,547 crores was being implemented.
- ★ Rs.224.19 Crore was allotted for 25 permanent flood protection works, Rs.37.68 Crore for 2 Irrigation Project works, Rs. 119.67 Crore for restoration of Kallanai Canal and Rs.5.63 Crore for tank restoration works.
- ★ 7 Nos. of works for a value of Rs.43.29 Crore is under consideration of NABARD. In addition, 20 Irrigation Schemes for Rs. 53.96 Crore are also under consideration. Estimates for 24 schemes for a value of Rs. 367.19 Crore are under preparation.



Hon'ble Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi inspected the model for the proposed New Secretariat building on 29.10.2007

- ★ The Tamil Nadu Government have taken an initiative to link the rivers flowing within the State. This project will serve to mitigate flood, avoid wastage of flood water going to sea and for diversion of flood flow to drought prone areas.
- ★ Interlinking of Tambiraparani, Karumeniyaru, Nambiyaru at an estimate amount of Rs. 369 Crore and construction of Kattalai barrage across Cauvery at an estimate amount of Rs. 165 Crore will be implemented.
- ★ Out of 33 Anti Sea Erosion works taken up at a cost of Rs.50 Crore, 25 works were completed.
- ★ A Reservoir across Kanar in Vellore District, increasing the carrying capacity of Palayamparavu Channel and P.T. Rajan Channel in Kambam valley of Theni District etc., at a project cost of Rs 21.37 Crore are proposed to commence early.
- ★ For effective management of Ground Water, water level is monitored through selected 1,774 wells and 1,165 bore wells. Throughout Tamil Nadu, 4,148 Ground water samples are collected and analysed to find whether the Ground

water is fit for Drinking, Mini watersheds are formed to furnish the details of Ground water Hydrology, Geophysics for 2800 villages. In coastal areas, through 188 open wells and 180 bore wells seawater intrusion is monitored.

- ★ 134 new bore wells were dug to study the aquifer characteristics and to estimate the ground water potential in Vellore, Villupuram, Dindigul, Tiruvannamalai, Krishnagiri and Namakkal districts. 3 check dams at a cost of Rs 24.45 Lakh were constructed in Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi and Salem Districts.
- ★ 176 Training Programmes were conducted on Irrigation Management at the Irrigation Management Training Institute.
- ★ The Kannagi Statue was reinstalled on new pedestal on Marina and was unveiled by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 03.06.2006.
- ★ 8 ft. height bronze statue of late Nadigar Thilagam Sivaji Ganesan was unveiled by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 21.07.2006.
- ★ The MGR museum constructed in the MGR memorial in Marina Chennai at a cost of Rs.38.50 Lakh was inaugurated on 30.03.2007.

BUILDINGS

- ★ Public Works Department has taken up 3,573 building works, out of which 2,384 were completed, 716 are in progress and 473 are to be taken up. Amount of Rs.1,407.64 Crore was allotted out of which Rs.1,340.23 Crore was spent.
- ★ Construction of various buildings in Medical colleges at Theni, Vellore, Asaripallam, Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi costing Rs.200 Crore were completed. Preliminary works on New Medical Colleges in progress in Villupuram, Thiruvavur and Dharmapuri at the cost of Rs.61.01 Crore.
- ★ Rs.15.11 Crore was allotted to Chennai Dental College and Kilpauk Medical College for constructing new buildings.
- ★ Rs.23.11 Crore was allotted to construct Quarters for Professors at Kanyakumari Medical College, Boys Hostel for Kilpauk Medical College, Two Blocks of Hostel for K.A.P. Viswanatham Medical College, Residential House-Surgeons Quarters in Arignar Anna Government Hospital for Indian Medicine Campus, Chennai and Hostel Building for Govt. Stanley Medical College, Chennai. Rs.1.04 Crore allotted for new elevators for Institute of Child Health and Hospital for Children at Chennai, Rs.22.06 Crore for expansion of Government Rajaji Hospital at Madurai, Rs.13.83 Crore additional buildings for the Institute of Child Health and Hospital for Women and Children at Chennai and Rs.9.87 Crore for additional building for Royapettah Government Hospital, Chennai.

- ★ Rs.45.62 Crore allotted for construction of 35 hospital buildings in 5 districts.
- ★ Rs.207.14 Crore allotted for the constructing of additions, extensions, repair and renovation to existing Government Hospital buildings numbering 228 hospitals in 25 districts.
- ★ Combined court buildings at Tiruppathur in Vellore district were completed at the cost of Rs.4.97 Crore.
- ★ Subsidiary buildings, Judicial Officers' Quarters, Garages, toilets for General Public, Cycle and Scooter Shed, Lawn Garden etc. were constructed for the combined Court Building at Theni at the cost of Rs.3.57 Crore.
- ★ Rs.11.57 Crore allotted for combined Court Building at Tambaram & Perambalur.
- ★ Rs.58 Lakh allotted for construction of separate building for Bar Association and Vakil Clerks' Association at Palayamkottai.
- ★ Rs.2.5 Crore allotted for construction of District Munsiff, Judicial Magistrate Court building at Kodaikanal.
- ★ Rs.2.25 Crore allotted for construction of District Munsiff, Judicial Magistrate Court subsidiary building, V.I.P. Guest House and Quarters at Vendasandur.
- ★ Rs. 80 Lakh allotted to construct quarters for Sub Judge in District Munsiff court campus at Palani, District Munsiff and Judicial Magistrate at Kangeyam, Judicial Magistrate at Arcot, Principal District Judge at Master Plan Complex at Ramanathapuram.
- ★ Rs.75.01 Crore allotted to construct Combined Court Buildings and Judges Quarters at Namakkal, Karur, Aruppukottai, Sivagangai, Erode, Gudiyatham, Arani, Aranthangi, Poonamallee, Paramakudi, Thoothukudi and Cuddalore.
- ★ Conversion of sub jail into District Jail, New Women Jail, Repairs and renovation, sanitation and water supply works in Central Prisons at Coimbatore, Salem, Palayamkottai, Cuddalore, Tiruchi, Pudukkottai and Vellore at a cost of Rs.11.23 Crore taken up. Out of 70 works, 59 were completed and 11 are in progress.
- ★ Rs.3.55 Crore allotted for repairs, renovation, sanitation and water supply to prisoners.
- ★ Rs.5.52 Crore allotted for conversion of Sub jail into District Jail at Attur, Gobichettipalayam and Nagapattinam and Repairs and Renovation of Prison building at Palayamkottai and Trichy.
- ★ Rs.1.08 Crore allotted to construct Testing Tracks at Regional Transport offices at Nagapattinam, Tiruvarur, Mettupalayam and Kovilpatti.
- ★ Rs.10 Crore allotted to construct building for Regional Transport Offices at Tiruvannamalai, Pudukkottai, Tiruchengode, Periyakulam, Erode, Madurai North, Salem and Tiruvarur.



The newly
constructed
Collector Office
at Thirunelveli

- ★ Construction of Collectrate buildings at Krishnagiri and Tirunelveli were completed at the cost of Rs.16.60 Crore.
- ★ Rs.25 Crore allotted for construction of new Collectorate Building at Salem.
- ★ Rs.25.56 Crore allotted for construction of 20 Taluk Office Buildings.
- ★ Rs.2.24 Crore allotted to construct quarters for District Revenue Officer and Revenue Divisional Officer Quarters at Dindigul, Palani, Ramanathapuram, Lalgudi, Madhuranthagam, Athur and Thiruchendur.
- ★ Under NABARD Project 1,237 works have been taken at the cost of Rs.608.99 Crore and 1,198 works completed.
- ★ Hostel for Women students at Government Law Colleges at Coimbatore and Tirunelveli at the cost Rs.2.34 Crore are in progress.
- ★ Construction of additional class rooms in Government Law College at Trichy at the cost of Rs.1.05 Crore is nearing completion.
- ★ Basic amenities done to 345 Kallar hostels at the cost of Rs.7.91 Crore. 343 completed and 2 are in progress.
- ★ Construction work is in progress for 416 B.C. / M.B.C. Hostel Buildings at the cost of Rs.131.04 Crore.
- ★ 100 B.C. / M.B.C Hostel Buildings are constructed at the cost of Rs.31.50 Crore.
- ★ Construction of 377 veterinary units at the cost of Rs.40.17 Crore are in progress.
- ★ Rs.3.55 Crore allotted for repairs, renovation, sanitation and water supply to prisoners.
- ★ Repair, renovation, upgradation and reconstruction of Tsunami affected Government Buildings are in progress at the cost of Rs.36.62 Crore.

- ★ Administrative Sanction was accorded for construction of a new complex with high quality facilities for the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly at an approximate cost of Rs.200 Crore. After due global selection process, one of the seven short-listed companies namely GMP International, Germany was selected.
- ★ Construction of Division Office with one Sub Division Office at Thiruvavur for a value of Rs.39 Lakh was completed.
- ★ Construction of Sub-Division Office with One Section each at Virudhachalam, Kumbakonam, Sathyamangalam, Manapparai, Kulithurai at a value of Rs.8.70 Lakh each was completed.
- ★ Construction of Section Office at Papanasam in Thanjavur District for a value of Rs.4.20 Lakh was completed.
- ★ Construction of Additional Circuit House at Salem for a value of Rs.116 Lakh was completed.
- ★ Construction of VVIP additional 2 Suites in Circuit House Campus at Coimbatore for a value of Rs.44 Lakh was completed.
- ★ Construction of 'C' type Quarters for Government Employees (24 Nos) in 4 blocks of three storied building in Todhunder Nagar at Saidapet, Chennai-15 for a value of Rs.118.30 Lakh was completed.
- ★ Construction of quarters for Superintending Engineer (Construction and Maintenance) Circle at Trichy, Erode and Chennai at the cost of Rs.20 Lakh each was completed.
- ★ Additional facilities like Approach road, compound wall, filling of low lying area and other amenities for the circuit house at Tiruvavur at the cost of Rs.15 Lakh are in progress.
- ★ Additional Circuit House at Thanjavur at the cost of Rs. 1 Crore and "C" type Quarters for Government Employees (12 Nos.) in 2 blocks of three storied building in Todhunder Nagar at Saidapet at the cost of Rs.0.65 Crore are in progress.
- ★ The Infrastructure and Destination Development of Mamallapuram at a cost of Rs.4.32 Crore is in progress.
- ★ A sum of Rs.2 Crore sanctioned for Fire Station buildings at 8 places such as Thandarampattu, Omalur, Arni, Kuttalam, Cumbum, Thiruthuraiipoondi, Thuckalai & Oddanchatram.

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ENTRANCE EXAMS FOR STUDENT ADMISSION IN LAW COLLEGES ABOLISHED

Thiru. DURAIMURUGAN
Hon'ble Minister for Public Works & Law

LAW DEPARTMENT

- ★ Entrance Examination for admission in Law Colleges abolished.
- ★ A placement cell of Tamil Nadu Dr.Ambedkar Law University was inaugurated on 12.04.2007. Within a few months of its inauguration this cell was able to place a majority of students in corporate sector of National and Multi National companies.
- ★ The Law University has entered into Memorandum of Understanding with Universities like National University of Singapore, University of Oklahoma of USA, London Metropolitan University and Youngs University, Korea.
- ★ A sum of Rs.34 Lakh has been sanctioned for purchase of furniture, fittings and books for the library.
- ★ In the year 2006-07, the Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.54 Lakh for construction of annexe building for Law School of Excellence.
- ★ In the year 2006-07, a sum of Rs.76 Lakh has been sanctioned for construction of girls' hostel in the University campus. The construction work is nearing completion.
- ★ For construction of buildings for the Directorate of Legal Studies, Rs. 55.83 Lakh was sanctioned.
- ★ For construction of hostel for woman students of the Government Law College, Coimbatore, Rs.124.37 Lakh was sanctioned.
- ★ For construction of additional rooms in the existing hostel for male students at Government Law College, Coimbatore, Rs.22.37 Lakh was sanctioned.



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Kalaighar M. Karunanidhi participated in the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University's Third Convocation, gave away degrees and addressed the gathering. (24.12.07)

- ★ The number of seats in Dr.Ambedkar Government Law College, Chennai have been increased from 80 to 321 and from 80 to 241 for the first year of 3 year course and the first year of the five year course respectively.
- ★ 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 was paid to those students who study law in Tamil Medium.
- ★ Orders have been issued for starting M.L. Degree course in the Government Law College, Tirunelveli and 15 students will be admitted in this course.
- ★ A sum of Rs.13.5 Lakh was sanctioned the students of Dr.Ambedkar Govt. Law College, Chennai to participate the International Moot Court Competitions in Vienna, Hongkong and in Melbourne, Australia.
- ★ For purchase of law books in all Law College Libraries, Rs.12 Lakh was sanctioned.
- ★ For construction of men's hostel in the Government Law College, Tiruchirappalli Rs.84 Lakh was sanctioned.
- ★ For purchase of furniture for the Govt. Law College, Tirunelveli, Rs.2 Lakh was sanctioned.

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THREE NEW TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITIES OPENED

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

HIGHER
EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT

Admission in Engineering Colleges

- ★ Under Government quota 65% of seats in Non-Minority unaided Engineering Colleges and 50% of seats in Minority Unaided Engineering Colleges were made available. As a result 56,041 students during the year 2007-08 benefited under this scheme.

Abolition of Entrance Examination to Professional Courses

- ★ As students particularly from rural areas faced unnecessary hardship in getting admission to professional courses through Entrance Examination, the Government abolished the Common Entrance Test from 2007-2008 through Tamil Nadu Admission in Professional Educational Institution Act, 2006 (Tamil Nadu Act 3 of 2007). By this decision, more opportunities have been created for rural students to join the professional courses. This has resulted in 43.9% increase in admission of students than the previous year.

Shift System in Government Colleges

- ★ Shift system was introduced in all Government Arts and Science Colleges from the year 2006-2007. By this, admission of students in first year degree courses has been increased.

Soft Skills Development

- ★ The Government Arts Colleges at Villupuram and Thiruvannamalai are provided with latest computers and broadband internet facilities.

Establishing Research Centres

- (i) Rs.1 Crore sanctioned to establish a Centre for Research on Dravidian Movement in Madras University, Chennai.
- (ii) Rs.1 Crore sanctioned to establish a centre for Research in Education in Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai.
- (iii) Rs.1 Crore sanctioned to develop Nano Technology Centre of Bharathiar University, Coimbatore as a Centre of Excellence.
- (iv) Rs.1 Crore has been sanctioned for the establishment of a Centre for Higher Studies and Research in Bio-technology to improve the productivity in agriculture and to develop new medicine for various diseases.

Assistance to poor students

- ★ During the last two years, 168 poor students studying in engineering colleges have been extended financial assistance amounting to Rs.42 Lakh from the Chief Minister's relief fund.



Foundation to the Dr. Kalaingar Block in Queen Mary's College was laid by Hon'ble Rural Development and Local Administration Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin on 11.10.2007.

Free Bus Pass

- ★ Free Bus Passes were issued to 87,995 students of Govt. Arts & Science Colleges & Govt. Polytechnic Colleges from the year 2007-2008 onwards.

Free Text Books

- ★ Maths, Chemistry and Physics Books are given free of cost to first year students in Polytechnic Colleges from the year 2007-08 onwards.

Placement Cell

- ★ It has been ordered to establish a Student Placement Cell in the Directorate of Collegiate Education to enable students of Government Arts & Science Colleges to enhance employment opportunities.

Appointment of Teachers

- ★ 237 Lecturers were appointed in Government Engineering Colleges and Government Polytechnic Colleges.
- ★ 914 Lecturers were appointed in Government Arts Colleges.
- ★ Permission has been granted to fill up 2,600 Lecturer posts in Aided Colleges during this academic year.
- ★ Steps have been taken to fill up 522 back log of vacancies for SC/ST by way of Special Recruitment.

Tamil Nadu Government Urdu Academy

- ★ A sum of Rs.16.17 Lakh sanctioned to the Tamil Nadu Government Urdu Academy established for the growth and development of Urdu language in Tamil Nadu.

New Colleges in Rural Areas

- ★ During the last two years, four University colleges have been started in Mettur - Salem District, Valparai - Coimbatore District, Perambalur - Perambalur District, Orathanadu - Thanjavur District and two new Arts and Science colleges have been set up at Surandai and Kulithalai.

New Class Rooms / Buildings in Government Arts & Science Colleges

- ★ For improving infrastructure in Govt. colleges, Rs.3.40 crore has been sanctioned for the construction of 622 additional class rooms.
- ★ The Presidency College to receive renovation at a cost of Rs.3.23 Crore and Queen Mary's College, Bharathi Women's College and Quaid-e-Millath College have been sanctioned Rs. 50 Lakh per college for special repairs.
- ★ Queen Mary's College, Chennai, to see construction of 'Kalaigamar Valagam', a new building at a cost of Rs. 2.5 Crore.

Additional amenities in Engineering Colleges

- ★ The Government have allotted Rs. 1.64 Crore towards provision of New Ladies Hostel at Alagappa Chettiar College of Engineering and Technology, Karaikudi, New Library buildings at Government College of Engineering, Bargur and new Laboratory buildings both at Government College of Engineering, Salem and Government College of Engineering, Tirunelveli.
- ★ The Government have allotted a sum of Rs.32 Lakh for the construction of additional class rooms at Bharathiar Centenary Memorial Government Polytechnic College for Women, Ettayapuram and Tamil Nadu Polytechnic College, Madurai.
- ★ Government have approved construction of Ladies Hostel in Dr. Dharmambal Government Women's Polytechnic, Chennai at a cost of Rs. 1.5 Crore, construction of Ladies Hostel in Government Women's Polytechnic, Nagercoil at a cost of Rs. 1 Crore and construction of Ladies Hostel in Government Women's Polytechnic, Madurai at a cost of Rs.40 Lakh.

Seminar Hall in Mother Teresa Women's University

- ★ Government approved the construction of a Seminar Hall in Mother Teresa Women's University in Kodaikanal at a cost of Rs.45 Lakh.

New Technical Universities

- ★ With a view to ensure better and effective monitoring of Engineering Colleges, three new technical Universities have been established in Tiruchirappalli, Coimbatore and Tirunelveli.

New Government Engineering Colleges

- ★ Government Engineering Colleges will be established at Villupuram, Panruti, Thindivanam, Nagapattinam and Ramanathapuram

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1,124 NEW ROUTES & 6,425 NEW BUSES INTRODUCED

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

TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

New & upgraded facilities

- ★ 11,124 new routes and 6,425 new buses introduced.
- ★ Rs.18.63 crore has been spent in two years for upgrading transport offices and constructing new buildings as follows :
 - ★ Thondiarpet branch office has been upgraded as Regional Transport office at a cost of Rs.24.32 lakh.
 - ★ New branches at a cost of Rs.47.40 lakh at Tambaram, Poonamallee, Pattukottai, Paramakudi and Manaparai have been opened.
 - ★ New buildings for Regional Transport offices for Tiruchirapalli, Erode, Thiruvavur, Madurai (North) and Salem at a cost of Rs.6.45 crore have been opened.
 - ★ New testing tracks have been laid at Cuddalore and Pudukottai at a cost of Rs.54 lakh.
 - ★ Regional Transport offices have been opened at Salem (East) and Tiruppur (South) at a cost of Rs.62 lakh.
 - ★ Transport offices at Sankari, Perunthurai, Marthandam, Triplicane have been upgraded at an expenditure of Rs.1 crore.
 - ★ New offices at an expenditure of Rs.47.50 lakh have been opened at Bhavani, Omalur, Thiruverumbur, Kulithalai, Arakonam.

- ★ New buildings for Regional Transport offices at Thiruchengode, Thiruvannamalai, Periyakulam, Pudukottai have been constructed at a cost of Rs.5 crore.
- ★ New buildings for branches at Cuddalore, Thiruchengode, Srivilliputhur, Arni, Valliyur have been constructed at a cost of Rs.2.75 crore.
- ★ Testing tracks for Regional Transport offices at Thiruvarur, Nagapattinam and Erode at a cost of Rs.81 lakh have been laid.
- ★ Testing track for Kovilpatti branch have been laid at a cost of Rs.27 lakh.
- ★ The number of offices has been increased to 53 Regional Transport offices, 45 branch offices, 20 checkposts and 7 divisional offices.

Inter-state permits

- ★ Agreement with neighbouring states has been made for Transport facilities and now 477 buses from Tamil Nadu ply to Karnataka, Andhra, Kerala and 485 buses vice versa are operated. Inter-state permits for goods carriers have increased to 43,800 and for cars to 6,950.

Mini-bus scheme

- ★ Government implemented the mini-bus scheme to provide bus facility to remote places. 3,965 mini-buses are now operated.

Quick service through computers

- ★ Tamil Nadu provides quick service, certificates are issued by using vehicle and driver software; licence and vehicle tax collection are done through computers at all transport offices.

Road safety

- ★ Rs.16 crore allocated for road safety measures during the past two years.
- ★ Rs.65 lakh was allocated for the Road Safety week programme organised every year during the first week of January.

- ★ Severe action was taken on offenders of traffic rules and 25,408 driving licences were cancelled.
- ★ A sum of Rs.6.45 crore was given as compensation from Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund to families of 5,502 persons who lost their lives while travelling in Government transport buses.

Road safety for students

- ★ To differentiate school and college buses from other vehicles, orders were issued to paint the school and college vehicles in blue colour.
- ★ Orders have been issued to review FCs of school and college buses during summer holidays.

Prevention of Air Pollution

- ★ Government have sanctioned subsidy of Rs.3,000 each to autorickshaws using gas fuel to prevent air pollution.
- ★ Government have sanctioned subsidy of Rs.1.25 crore for providing 5,000 autorickshaws to eligible but unemployed youth in Chennai.
- ★ In order to prevent air pollution caused by emission from vehicles, emission certificate is made mandatory for all vehicles coming to RTOs.

Emergency Accident Relief Centres

- ★ 100 Emergency Accident Relief Centres have been set up of which 36 centres have been given Rs.40,000 each as assistance from the Government.





NEW MEDICAL COLLEGES AT VILLUPURAM, DHARMAPURI, THIRUVANNAMALAI

Thiru. M.R.K. PANNEERSELVAM
Hon'ble Minister for Health

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

New Medical Colleges

- ★ In accordance with this Government's objective, to establish one Government Medical College in every district in the State, orders were issued for establishing new medical colleges in District Headquarters such as Villupuram, Dharmapuri and Thiruvannamalai. New medical colleges are also coming up in Sivagangai and Perambalur Districts.

Appointment of Doctors and Nurses

- ★ During the past two years, 3,967 Medical officers, 12,087 vacant posts in medical related fields were filled up in regular time scale of pay. In addition, 668 Medical Officer posts and 1,160 posts of Nurses were created and filled up recently.

Modern Medical Equipments to Government Hospitals

- ★ Modern medical equipments are procured and supplied to Government Hospitals in Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs.62.35 Crore.
- ★ Modern Medical Equipments were provided to 270 Government Hospitals at a cost of Rs. 84.42 Crore. In Second phase, medical equipments will be supplied at a cost of Rs. 54.52 Crore. Under Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project, modern medical equipments are supplied at a cost of Rs.138.94 Crore.
- ★ 385 Semi Auto Analyzer and 289 Ultra Sonograms were supplied to Primary Health Centres.
- ★ Under National Rural Health Mission and Reproductive and Child Health Project, Modern Medical Equipments have been provided at a cost of Rs.13.60 Crore.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaaignar M.Karunanidhi inaugurated the Scheme of giving financial assistance to children for undergoing Heart Surgery on 21.11.2007.

- ★ Modern medical equipments are provided to Directorate of Medical Education, Directorate of Medical and Rural Health Services and Directorate of Public Health and Preventive Medicine at a cost of Rs. 214.89 Crore.
- ★ Ultramodern 64 Slice C.T. Scan was installed at Government General Hospital, Chennai at a cost of Rs. 5.5 Crore.
- ★ Orders were issued to install modern equipment Litotripsy for removing stones in Kidney at Government General Hospitals at Chennai and Madurai at a cost of Rs.3 Crore.
- ★ M.R.I. Scan that identifies diseases accurately has been installed in Tirunelveli, Thanjavur, Trichirapalli, Coimbatore, Vellore and Government Stanley Medical College in Chennai at a cost of Rs 27.95 Crore.
- ★ For the treatment of cancer, Cobalt Therapy Unit has been installed in Salem Government Mohan Kumaramangalam Medical College Hospital and Government Stanley Medical College Hospital at a cost of Rs. 2 Crore.

- ★ Incubators were provided to 161 Primary Health Centres which were located in the Tsunami affected districts at cost of Rs. 1.15 Crore supplied with the assistance of UNICEF. Ambulances were provided to Nagapatinam, Cuddalore and Kancheepuram Districts.
- ★ Buildings were constructed for Accident and Emergency Wards in the Government Hospitals at Namakkal, Thenkasi, Padmanabhapuram, Cuddalore, Tambaram, Walajapet and Melur located on National Highways at a cost of Rs.10.50 Crore. Equipments and vehicles were also provided to these seven Government Hospitals.
- ★ 153 Modern laproscopic equipments were provided to Government Hospitals at a cost of Rs.5.98 Crore.
- ★ 98 Government Hospitals were upgraded as 24 hour hospitals. Medical Officers and Nurses were appointed, modern equipments and instruments were provided at a cost of Rs. 17.5 Crore.
- ★ Computers have been provided to 1,036 Primary Health Centres.

Primary Health Centres

- ★ "24 hours Delivery Care Services" with 3 Staff Nurses have been started in Primary Health Centres. 3,000 Nurses were appointed in 1000 Primary Health Centres.
- ★ Tamil Nadu is the only State in India in which caesarean operations were done in Primary Health Centres.
- ★ Tamil Nadu is the first State in India which started Blood Banks in Primary Health Centres at Vellore District. 124 pregnant women were benefited under this scheme.
- ★ 75 Primary Health Centres have been upgraded as 30 bedded Primary Health Centres at a cost of Rs. 43.49 Crore. Medical Officers and Non-Medical personnel were appointed in 106 Primary Health Centres.

Quality Medicines

- ★ Rs.414 Crore has been allotted for the purchase of medicines for the years 2007-09.
- ★ As announced in the last financial year to provide upgraded facilities in the Government Hospitals, 10,597 beds, 11,378 Mattresses, 76,683 bed spreads, 14,853 pillows and 73,797 Pillow covers were purchased and supplied at a cost of Rs.7.76 Crore.

- ★ Kancheepuram Government Arignar Anna Cancer Hospital is being upgraded as Regional Cancer Institute at a cost of Rs. 8 Crore.
- ★ Rs.2.36 Crore have been sanctioned to make the Pentland Government Hospital, Vellore, a 100 bed hospital.
- ★ Rs. 50 Lakh have been sanctioned to upgrade the laboratory and training centre at Chennai Chetpet Thoracic Hospital.
- ★ Children Ward at the Institute of Child Health, Egmore was upgraded at a cost of Rs. 2.4 Crore.
- ★ Rs. 13.83 Crore have been allotted for the construction of separate ward in Government Egmore Childrens' Hospital.
- ★ The Government Mohan Kumaramangalam Medical College Hospital, Salem is being upgraded on par with All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi at a cost of Rs. 120 Crore.
- ★ Hepatitis B Vaccination Programme have been implemented to prevent Jaundice at a cost of Rs. 7.2 Crore.
- ★ 146 Mobile Medical Team have been formed to provide medical services to the rural people at a cost of Rs. 12.20 Crore and they are rendering excellent service.
- ★ A separate centre for HIV / AIDS affected children have been started in the Institute of Child Health, Egmore.

Varumun Kappom Thittam

- ★ 6,082 camps have been conducted and 63 Lakh people are benefited under this scheme. Cataract Surgery was done to 83,765 persons. In these camps, 1.96 Lakh persons with Diabetes, 1.91 Lakh persons with Hypertension were identified and given referral treatment in Government Hospitals.

Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Assistance Scheme

- ★ Rs. 400 Crore have been allotted for this scheme. 8,03,515 pregnant women benefited by this scheme.

Ilam Sirar Irudhaya Aruvai Sikichai Thittam

- ★ In order to facilitate heart surgery for children from poor families without any delay, the young children heart surgery scheme "Ilam Sirar Irudhaya Aruvai Sikichai Thittam" is implemented by this Government in partnership with 17 private hospitals. 200 children have undergone heart surgery in this scheme. Rs. 1.05 Crore has been spent for this scheme.

Infrastructural facilities

- ★ Infrastructural facilities in 35 Government Hospitals are upgraded at a cost of Rs. 45.818 Crore.
- ★ Work is in progress to upgrade 232 Government Hospitals in 24 Districts at an estimate of Rs. 221 Crore.
- ★ Building Work has been started for the surgery ward in Government Royapettah Government Hospital, Chennai at a cost of Rs. 9.87 Crore.
- ★ Rs. 22.06 Crore has been allotted for the construction work of extension building in Government Rajaji Hospital.
- ★ 10 acres of land has been acquired for Government Stanley Hospital and work is in progress to start construction of buildings at a cost of Rs. 19.7 Crore.
- ★ For the construction of second floor in Chengalpattu Government Medical College, Rs. 16.05 Crore has been allotted.

Hostels for students

- ★ Rs. 8.27Crore has been allocated for the construction work for new hostel buildings for Medical College students of Chengalpattu, Kilpauk, Trichirapalli. The work is in progress.
- ★ Construction work is in progress for additional buildings and supply of equipments for Chengalpattu, Kilpauk, Stanley Medical Colleges at an estimate of Rs.25 Crore per College.
- ★ Rs. 1.97 Crore has been allotted for the construction of Men and Women hostels for the Nursing Students at Coimbatore and Udhagamandalam Government Hospitals.

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Tamil Nadu leads with Exclusive Policy for Small Industries

Thiru. PONGALUR N.PALANISAMY
Hon'ble Minister for Rural Industries
and Animal Husbandry

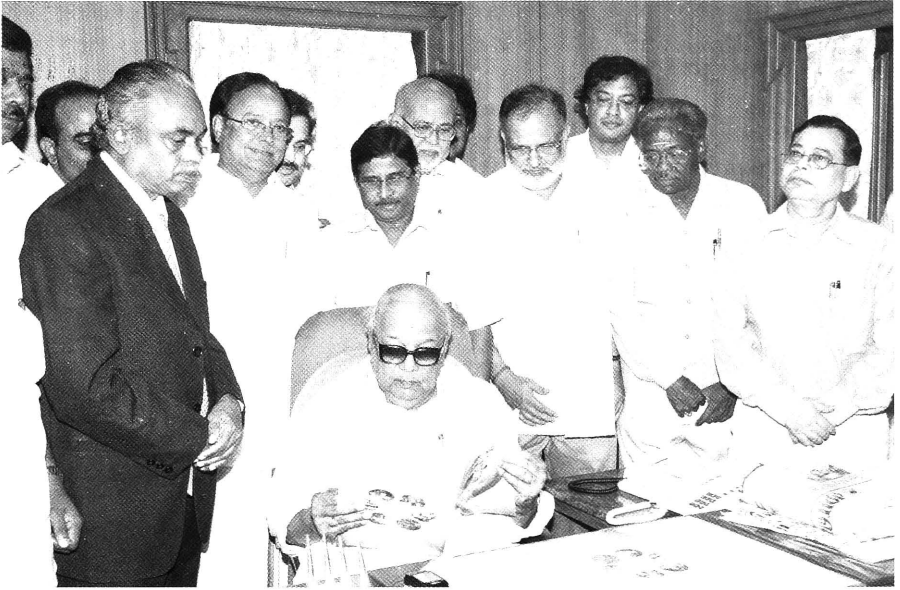
Micro, Small and Medium Industries

Micro, Small and Medium Industrial Policy

- ★ For the first time in the country, the 'Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Policy 2008' an exclusive policy for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises has been released by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 22.2.2008.
- ★ As per this policy, subsidies will be given to micro manufacturing industries set up anywhere in the State, the small and medium manufacturing enterprises set up in the 251 industrially backward blocks, agro-based industries set up in the 385 blocks and 10 thrust sector industries set up anywhere in the State.

Associate Schemes for technology development

- ★ 3% back ended interest subsidy for technology upgradation / modernization subject to a ceiling of Rs.10 Lakh per enterprise over a period of 5 years.
- ★ 50% subsidy on the cost of filing a patent application subject to a maximum of Rs. 2 Lakh per application and Rs.25,000 for per trade mark registration.
- ★ Establishment of industrial clusters and mini tool rooms under Public Private Partnership mode by providing 25% of the total project cost to a maximum of Rs.1 Crore as assistance.
- ★ Assistance for creation of Centres of Excellence and Technology Business Incubators for introduction of a new production techniques and design development to the tune of Rs.50 Lakh per incubator / Centre of Excellence.



For the first time, an exclusive "Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Policy 2008" was released on 22.2.2008 by Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar M.Karunanidhi.

Skill Development Training

- ★ Reimbursement of 50% of the tuition fees for conducting short term training courses for entrepreneurship and skill development programmes by industry associations.

Marketing Support

- ★ 15 % Price preference for purchase of goods of domestic micro and small industries as provided in the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998.
- ★ Purchase preference for items notified from time to time by the State Government.
- ★ Waiver of Earnest Money Deposit for participation in tenders.
- ★ 50 % grant on hall rent subject to a ceiling of Rs.5 Lakh per event in Chennai / Rs.1 Lakh per event in the Districts and Rs.5 Lakh per event in other States per exhibition by industry associations.

- ★ Support for marketing under a common banner or brand name.

Subsidies Provided

- ★ Rs.57.71 Lakh for 10 industrial units as capital subsidy; Rs.1,144.58 Lakh for 626 units as Low Tension Power Tariff subsidy; Rs.1.26 Lakh for 3 units as Generator subsidy; Rs.186.50 Lakh for 1,921 units as back-ended interest subsidy.

Filing Of Entrepreneur Memorandum

- ★ 39,662 units have been registered including Entrepreneur Memorandum; Acknowledgement numbers have been issued.

Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana

- ★ Under this scheme a loan of Rs. 221.48 Crore has been disbursed to 49,037 beneficiaries.

Industrial Cooperative Societies

- ★ 73 new Industrial Cooperative Societies have been registered.
- ★ Industrial Cooperative Societies have made a turnover of Rs.432.87 Crore.

Sagoserve

- ★ The Sagoserve has made a profit of Rs. 195.15 Lakh out of a turn over of Rs.23,622:35 Lakh.

Industrial Cooperative Tea Factories

- ★ There are 15 Industrial Cooperative Tea Factories in Nilgiris district with membership of 20,000 small tea growers. During 2007-08, these factories have purchased 537.34 Lakh Kgs of green leaf from their members/small tea growers. During the same period, 15 factories produced 141.04 Lakh Kgs of made tea to the value of Rs. 6744.25 Lakh.

Indcoserve

- ★ The Tamil Nadu Small Tea Growers Industrial Cooperative Tea Factories Federation Ltd, (INDCOSERVE) established in 1965, is the largest tea

service cooperative in India. This Federation produces 'Ooty Tea' and sells the same through fair price shops under Public Distribution System and Cooperatives.

Tea Manufacturer's Service Industrial Cooperative Society (TEASERVE)

- ★ TEASERVE, an electronic tea auction centre at Coonoor, registered as a cooperative society on 28.8.2002 ensures transparency in tea auction and reasonable selling price for made tea. The Government of Tamil Nadu have granted tax concession at 1% under Value Added Tax for the sale of tea through this auction centre. 13,343 metric tonnes of made tea to the value of Rs. 5,727.86 Lakh have been sold through Teaserve during 2007-08 and the Society has earned a profit of Rs. 0.52 Lakh.

Coir Industrial Cooperative Societies

- ★ There are 77 Coir Industrial Cooperative Societies functioning in the State with 10,737 members and a share capital of Rs.273.33 Lakh which includes Government share of Rs.217.73 Lakh. During the year 2007-08, the Coir Societies have achieved a sales turnover of Rs.9.96 Crore.
- ★ During 2007-08, the Government contributed their 50% share of Rs.39.53 Lakh under Market Development Assistance Scheme to these societies. The Coir Board has contributed its equal share of Rs. 39.53 Lakh.

Labour Contract Industrial Cooperative Societies

- ★ 20 Labour Contract Industrial Cooperative Societies have been formed and Rs. 1 Lakh each has been sanctioned . Of this amount Rs.60,000 is for share capital and Rs.40,000 is subsidy.

Tamil Nadu Small Industries Development Corporation Limited. (SIDCO)

- ★ SIDCO has sold 262 plots and 15 sheds . The corporation has earned a profit Rs.575.14 Lakh.

Tamil Nadu Small Industries Corporation Limited (TANSI)

- ★ TANSI has made a profit of Rs. 6.96 Crore out of sale turn over Rs. 114.23 Crore.

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TREATMENT FEES IN FOR PET ANIMALS ABOLISHED

Thiru. PONGALUR N. PALANISAMY
Hon'ble Minister for Rural Industries and Animal Husbandry

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DEPARTMENT

Kalnadai Padukappu Thittam

- ★ So far, 8195 veterinary camps have been held. Rs.24.585 Lakh worth of frozen semen straws for artificial insemination and Rs.245.85 Lakh worth of medicines were provided to livestock free of cost. A total of 104.44 Lakh animals and 28.75 Lakh farmers have benefited from the camps.
- ★ Under Assistance to Staff for Control of Animal Diseases programme scheme(ASCAD), 435.37 Lakh livestock have been protected against various diseases by vaccination.

Western Ghats Development Scheme

- ★ A sum of Rs.95.50 Lakh was allocated to implement the scheme. Distributed 744 Poultry Units (10 hen + 1rooster) and 248 Cross breed heifer calves @ one calf per beneficiary with 50% Government subsidy. Fodder development activities have been under taken on 1,224 acres of land.

Hill Area Development Programme

- ★ A sum of Rs.10 Lakh was allotted to carry out vaccinations against diseases. A sum of Rs.16.91 Lakh was allotted for distribution of Giriraja Birds and Cross-bred heifer calves and bull calves with 25% Government subsidy benefiting 260 Farmers. New veterinary Dispensary at Solumattam, Nilgiris and repair of sub centre at Erumadu, Nilgiris and reclamation of land at the livestock farm in Nilgiris are on the anvil.
- ★ A sum of Rs.15.40 Lakh have been incurred towards supply of equipments to 55 mobile veterinary units.

- ★ Five Animal Disease Intelligence Units have been established at Krishnagiri, Nagapattinam, Karur, Virudhunagar and Dharmapuri Districts with fund allocation of Rs.88.76 Lakh.
- ★ 515 Mobile phones were distributed to Regional Joint Directors, Veterinary Institutions located in Taluk Head Quarters and Block Head Quarters at a cost of Rs.28.55 Lakh.
- ★ In order to strengthen the 200 Veterinary Sub-centres replacement of equipments have been made at a cost of Rs.20 Lakh.
- ★ For strengthening of Poultry Vaccine Laboratory in the Institute of Veterinary Preventive Medicine, Ranipet, a sum of Rs.38 Lakh has been incurred towards of purchase essential equipments.
- ★ 51 New Veterinary Dispensaries, 30 new Sub-centres and 55 new visiting Sub-centres have been opened with a fund allocation of Rs.216.91 Lakh.
- ★ A pet clinic at Adayar in Chennai has been started and Rs.20 Lakh allocated for purchase of equipments.
- ★ Government have sanctioned the post of Regional Joint Director at Namakkal.
- ★ The collection of admission fee, daily charges for pet animals has been cancelled from 09.01.07.
- ★ For animal husbandry component, Rs.39.38 Lakh has been allotted for implementing various schemes in the 63 sub-basins during the project period under IAMWARM.
- ★ 3,600 Farmers are given Animal Husbandry training.
- ★ Rs.304.47 Lakh has been sanctioned under NABARD RIDF XI and ETRP and construction works are going on.
- ★ Rs.866.702 Lakh was sanctioned under World Bank aided Emergency Tsunami Reconstruction Project to construct 113 Veterinary Institutions and Extension Centres.

Avian influenza

- ★ Government have earmarked Rs.50 Lakh for paying compensation to the farmers, if there is a need for destroying the birds. A sum of Rs.36 Lakh was allocated for purchase of equipments and disinfectants.

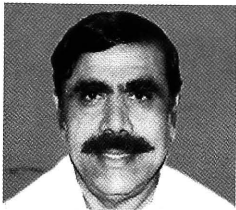
Flood Relief

- ★ During Northeast Monsoon 2007 and the unseasonal rains March 2008, a total number of 1,651 Livestocks had perished due to heavy rain. Compensation to the loss of livestock was being provided through the concerned District Administration @ Rs.10,000 for Cattle and Buffalo, Rs.5,000 for Calf and Rs.1000 for Sheep and Goat.

Veterinary Services

- ★ So far, 386.01 Lakh livestock have been treated and 423.42 Lakh livestock have been dewormed. 1,009.24 Lakh livestock and poultry have been vaccinated and 68.38 Lakh artificial inseminations have been carried out.
- ★ To improve the administration in the Department, 245 Veterinary Assistant Surgeons, and 103 Animal Husbandry Assistants have been appointed ; 103 of them were appointed on compassionate ground.

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TARGET SURPASSED IN ISSUE OF HOUSESITE PATTAS

Thiru. I. PERIYASAMY
Hon'ble Minister for Revenue

REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Pattas for houses on Poromboke Lands

- ★ 76,622 free house site pattas were issued in 2006 - 07, 4,16,423 free housesite pattas were issued in 2007 - 09. In two years, a total of 4,93,045 free house site pattas have been distributed.

Free Land to Landless Poor Farmers

- ★ Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated this scheme in Thiruvannamalai district on 17.9.2006. During the first phase, 25,282.11 acre of land was given to 24,358 farmers. 25,805.53 acre of land to 26,749 farmers in the second phase, 26,029.61 acre land to 20,648 farmers in the third phase, 24,505.86 acre land to 19,821 farmers in the fourth phase, 32,065.61 acre land to 24,932 farmers in the fifth phase, 26,982.62 acre land to 21,487 farmers in the sixth phase were distributed. 18,040.14 acre land is now being distributed among 13,270 farmers. So far 1,78,711.48 acres of land for cultivation have been given to 1,51,265 landless farmers.

Land Reforms

- ★ The surplus land acquired under Land Ceiling Act was assigned to eligible persons as per the provisions of the Tamil Nadu Land Reforms (Disposal of Surplus Land) Rules, 1965.
- ★ Under the Land Ceiling Act, during the last two years, 1,361 acre of land was declared as surplus. During the period 1,682 acre was assigned to 1,386 eligible persons.

Tamil Nadu Agricultural Labourers - Farmers (Social Security and Welfare) Scheme, 2006

- ★ Government enacted an exclusive legislation called the Tamil Nadu Agricultural Labourers - Farmers (Social Security and Welfare) Act, 2006, (Tamil Nadu Act 29/2006).



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi distributed free house site pattas on 21.1.2008 at Secretariat.

- ★ The scheme provides financial assistance to its registered members for marriage, childbirth / miscarriage / termination of pregnancy, education, natural death, accidental death / injury, funeral and old age pension.
- ★ The members of the Scheme have been registered and family Identity Cards were distributed to 73,38,332 families from 22.12.06 to 2.5.2008. Based on the family Identity Cards 1,67,04,314 members have been registered under the Scheme.
- ★ The fund for the implementation of the Scheme is allotted by the Government by way of annual budgetary allocation.
- ★ Since the inception of the Scheme upto 2.5.2008, Rs.143 crore was distributed to 2,64,877 beneficiaries.

Free Colour Television

- ★ In the first phase of distribution of Free Colour Television on 15.09.2006, 30,000 Colour Televisions were distributed.
- ★ In the II phase, 25 Lakh Colour Televisions were distributed.
- ★ In the III phase, distribution of 34.25 Lakh free colour televisions started on 16.2.2008; a total of 7,94,514 free colour television were distributed to beneficiaries till 27.4.2008.

New District and Taluks

- ★ Based on the announcement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Ariyalur District was carved out of Perambalur District and has started functioning with effect from 23.11.2007.



- ★ Chengam Taluk has been bifurcated and Thandrapattu Taluk has been newly formed. It has started functioning with effect from 01.11.07.
- ★ Dindigul Taluk was bifurcated on 31.10.2007 and Attur Taluk has been newly formed. It started functioning with effect from 1.11.2007.
- ★ Dharmapuri Division was bifurcated and the newly formed Aroor Division started functioning with effect from 13.2.2008. After the reorganisation of jurisdiction, there are 31 revenue districts in the State, 74 Revenue divisions and 208 blocks.

Buildings

- ★ During 2006-07, 8 new taluk office buildings at Nagapattinam, Vellore, Tirunelveli, Kancheepuram, Tiruchirapalli, and Cuddalore District have been constructed at a cost of Rs.1,016.40 Lakh. The Government have also sanctioned a sum of Rs. 1,175 Lakh for the year 2007-2008 for construction of new taluk office buildings in The Nilgiris, Virudhunagar, Pudukkottai, Salem districts.
- ★ GO issued for new District Revenue Officers camp office along with residences.

Cell Phone facility

- ★ Cell Phone connections (sim card) to 73 Revenue Divisional Officers and 206 Tahsildars at an estimated cost of Rs.19.53 Lakh have been provided.
- ★ Cell Phone connections (sim card) to 370 Zonal Deputy Tahsildars and 1,120 Revenue Inspectors at an estimated cost of Rs.40.23 Lakh have been provided.

Issue of Community, Nativity, Income Certificates through Schools

- ★ Applications of students who are studying in X or XII Std., and who have not yet obtained Community Certificates, are sent from the Schools with the



Hon'ble Rural Development and Local Administration Minister
Thiru M.K.Stalin inaugurated new Ariyalur district on 23.11.2007.

attestation of the Headmasters of the schools to the concerned Tahsildars. After subjecting these applications to due enquiry by the Revenue officials, original certificates are prepared and despatched to the concerned schools. On completion of schooling, the certificates are issued to the students along with their Transfer Certificates.

Land Revenue Remission

- ★ Due to floods during 2005, the standing crops in 4,92,722 hectares in 22 districts were damaged. Taking into account the loss suffered by the farmers and in order to give relief to them as a good will gesture, the Government have ordered remission of Rs.11,52,40,077/- being the land revenue.

Vacancies filled up

- ★ 3,173 posts under various categories from Assistants to Watchmen, during 2006-07 were filled up. For the year 2007-08, orders have been issued to fill up 1,881 vacancies in the categories of Assistants to Watchmen.

Village Assistants

- ★ There was no appointment of Village Assistants during the past ten years. Orders have now been issued to fill up 3,674 Village Assistants post to the extent that every revenue village will have one Village Assistant. So far (as on 31.03.2008) 2,125 persons have been appointed as Village Assistants.

Family Pension to Village Assistants

- ★ The Government have enhanced the Special Family Pension granted to the families of the Village Assistants from Rs.150 to Rs.400. 1,503 Village Assistants are receiving family pension.

Special Pension to Ex-Village Administrative Officers

- ★ The Government have issued orders for the Special Pension granted to the Ex-Village Administrative Officers. Special Pension Rs.350, Permanent DA Rs.455, DA pension Rs.175, Additional DA Rs.100, Medical reimbursement Rs.50 and Total emoluments Rs.1,130.

Furniture to Offices of Village Administrative Officers

- ★ There are 12,506 Village Administrative Offices in the State. In the first phase during 2007 - 08, the Government have granted permission for the purchase of Steel furniture to 3,000 Village Administrative Officers @ Rs.10,000 per office.

Free Distribution of Sarees and Dhoties

- ★ For Pongal Festival, every year Sarees / Dhoties were distributed free to the people living below poverty line in Rural and Urban areas.
- ★ A record number of 155.41 Lakh Sarees, 155.27 Lakh Dhotis were distributed to the beneficiaries for Pongal 2007; 159.64 Lakh Sarees and 158.98 Lakh Dhoties were distributed to the beneficiaries for Pongal 2008.

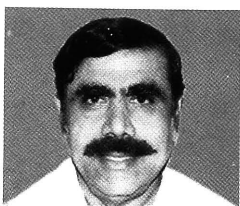
Natural Calamities

- ★ During Northeast Monsoon 2007, the State Government released an amount of Rs.200 Crore on 24.12.2007 for undertaking immediate relief and rehabilitation measures, without waiting for the release of funds from the Government of India. During the Monsoon, 150 persons lost their lives. Relief has been sanctioned to the families of the deceased at the rate of Rs.1 Lakh per family per deceased person. Relief has also been sanctioned to the cattle owners for the loss of 859 cattle and 31,887 fully and partly damaged huts and 1,60,139.49 hectares of crop loss.
- ★ The unprecedented and unseasonal rains all over the state during March 2008 has again caused extensive damage. The Government have released a sum of Rs.202.30 Crore, for undertaking the immediate relief and rehabilitation measures from the Calamity Relief fund, to the affected Districts. The Government have issued orders and enhanced the existing relief per hectare of paddy crop from Rs.4,000 to Rs.7,500 per hectare to the farmers affected by the heavy rains. The existing ceiling on area for availing the relief in respect of all crops has also been removed. To provide immediate relief to the people affected by natural calamities, Collectors of the affected districts have been authorized to sanction immediate relief of Rs.1 Lakh from Rs.50,000 which was already given to the family of each deceased person.

Survey and Land Records

- ★ Natham Survey has been taken up in Tambaram taluk of Kancheepuram district and Ambattur taluk of Thiruvallore district in December 2007 and the work has been completed in 7 villages.
- ★ 'A' Registers and Chitta of all the villages have been computerised and Touch Screen Computer Kiosks (TSCK) have been installed for public interface. A sum of Rs.20.90 Crore have been collected in this regard.
- ★ Computerisation of Adangal data in all districts has been completed.
- ★ Digitisation of Field Measurement Sketches (FMS) has been completed in Perambalur and Pudukottai taluks and preliminary arrangements have been made to take up the work in all districts.
- ★ Various kinds of maps have been prepared in the Computerised Cartographic Centre at Central Survey Office and maps to the tune of Rs.29.40 Lakh have been sold to the public on demand.
- ★ All the village maps have been computerised.
- ★ The Commissionerate has been computerised to facilitate effective and close monitoring of all the schemes.
- ★ Basic training on computer has been given to 8,521 officials of both Survey and Revenue Departments.
- ★ Training in TAMIL NILAM software has been given to 171 Deputy Tahsildars/Tahsildars.
- ★ Specialised training in modern survey instruments has been given to 1,035 survey staff at C-STAR.
- ★ Compassionate ground appointment has been given to 108 persons and 59 qualified Field Assistants have been appointed as Field Surveyors by transfer and promotion.

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HOUSING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY REVIVED

Thiru. I. PERIASAMY
Hon'ble Minister for Revenue & Housing

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

New Schemes

- ★ The construction activities have been revived from 2006-07 after formation of the present Government. In the last two years 1,112 plots, 655 flats and 295 houses have been developed and constructed at a cost of Rs. 137.86 crore.

Tamil Nadu Government Rental Schemes

- ★ 32 flats for Indian Administrative Services Officers at a cost of Rs.9.74 crore in South Asian Federation Games Village are under construction.

Revenue Collection

- ★ A sum of Rs.777.68 crore has been collected in the last two years.

Units Sold

- ★ 1,981 houses, 174 flats, 11,851 plots, 337 commercial plots; totalling 14,343 have been sold.

Sale Deeds

- ★ In the last two years 43,559 Sale deeds and 53,172 draft Sale deeds have been issued.
- ★ Government servants rental quarters were renovated and maintained at a cost of Rs.4,105.28 Lakh.

New Vehicles

- ★ In the last two years, 22 nos. of vehicles at a cost of Rs 1.20 Crore have been purchased and utilized for official purposes.

Promotion

- ★ Promotion had been given to 294 Technical staff and 93 non-technical staff.



Hon'ble Minister for Revenue Thiru I. Periasamy inspected the Tamil Nadu Housing Board Government Employees Rental Quarters at Foreshore Estate, Chennai on 2.11.2007.

Loan waiver scheme during the year 2005-06

- ★ Government announce a waiver scheme for the EWS beneficiaries under Tamil Nadu Rural Housing Scheme who had availed loan from Housing Cooperative Societies and were unable to repay loans for various reasons. By this, if the EWS beneficiaries under RHS came forward to repay the overdue principal outstanding as on 31.03.2005 before 30.09.2006, the Government would waive the interest, penal interest and service charges. 36,179 beneficiaries under EWS availed concession of Rs.39.90 Crore under this scheme.
- ★ The Government announced a waiver scheme for the beneficiaries who had availed loan from housing co-operatives and were unable to repay them for various reasons. By this, if the beneficiaries came forward to repay the overdue principal and interest outstanding as on 31.03.2005 before 30.09.2006, the payment of penal interest and service charges would fully be waived. Rate of interest was also reduced from 17% to 11%. The total beneficiaries who availed the concession as on 30.09.2006 were 1,83,739. The overdue amount collected from them was Rs.185 Crore and the benefits to the beneficiaries was to the extent of Rs.147.80 Crore.
- ★ 10,507 members were issued loans under various schemes to the tune of Rs.182.47 Crore. ★



STEEP INCREASE IN ARRIVAL OF TOURISTS IN TAMIL NADU

Thiru. N. SURESH RAJAN
Hon'ble Minister for Tourism & Registration

TOURISM DEPARTMENT

Tourists' Arrival

- ★ The arrival of tourists that declined by 7.7% in 2005 has increased steeply by 21% in 2006 and further enhanced by 29.2% in 2007.
- ★ In Tamil Nadu Rs.115.10 Crore has been spent for development of tourist centers. Due to this, on the arrival of International tourists Tamil Nadu stands at 2nd position and on the arrival of domestic tourists stands at 3rd position in the Country.

Increase in Allocation by Centre

- ★ Tourism developmental activities are being undertaken by financial assistance from the Central Government to the extent of Rs.1, 866.41 Lakh in 2006-07 and Rs. 2,748.91 Lakh in 2007-08.

State Government Assistance

- ★ Tourism developmental activities are being undertaken by financial assistance from the State Government to the extent of Rs.1,206.18 Lakh in 2006-07 and Rs. 1,212.14 Lakh in 2007-08.

Tourism Western Ghats Section

- ★ For the development of tourist centres in Western Ghats, a sum of Rs.45 Lakh in 2006-07 and Rs.114.52 Lakh was allocated in 2007-08 and the works were being undertaken.

Development of Tourist Centres

- ★ For the development of lesser known tourist centres and District tourist centres, a sum of Rs.192.95 Lakh was



Tourist Friendly Autos launched

allocated and works have been completed. During the year 2007-08, the allotment was increased to Rs.233.65 Lakh and developmental activities were in progress.

Uthagamandalam (Queen of Hill Stations)

- ★ During the year 2006-07, a sum of Rs.205/- Lakh was allotted for tourism development and works were completed. In 2007-08, Rs.306.25/- Lakh has been allotted and the works are in progress. Due to this Uthagamandalam has become the most attractive tourist hill station in India with all facilities.

National Awards

- ★ National Award for the development of Chettinad as a rural tourism centre.
- ★ National Award for the release of commercial development aids like colourful handouts, colourful posters and thematic (CDs) in a novel way beneficial to the tourists.
- ★ National Award for the Socio Economic Developmental activities undertaken by the 'Irular women's welfare association', a self-help group operating from Thandarai in Kanchipuram District.

Tourism Developmental Activities

- ★ From the beginning of the financial year 2005 till 2008, the tourism developmental schemes numbering about 77 were implemented at the cost of Rs.2,130.335 Lakh.

Butterfly Park

- ★ For the creation of a Butterfly Park in Arignar Anna Zoological Park at Vandalur, a sum of Rs.150/- Lakh was allotted for the first phase and the works are in progress.

Training of Tourist Guides

- ★ A Government Order for imparting training to about 400 youths through Anna Institute of Management was issued and in the first phase training was given to 184 graduates.

Development of Tourist Centres

- ★ For the development of tourist centres in Kanniyakumari, Madurai, Thanjavur, Puliyancholai, Chettinadu, Srirangam, Marina, Vellore fort, Elagiri and Kumbakonam, a sum of Rs.4,589/- Lakh has been allotted and works are being undertaken.

Village Tourism

- ★ Under Village Tourism Development Scheme works to the extent of Rs.386.83 Lakh were completed at Kazhugumalai, Theerthamalai, Devipattinam, Thirupudaimaruthur, Thirukurungudi, Kurangani and Thadiyankudisai. Funds amounting to Rs.475.35 Lakh were allocated during the year 2007-08 under Chettinadu Village Tourism Development Scheme and the works are in progress.

Thanjavur Big Temple

- ★ Works are likely to commence for implementing the Sound and Light Show in Thanjavur Big Temple Complex at an estimated cost of Rs.150/- Lakh.

Kazhugumalai

- ★ For the development of Kazhugumalai in Thoothukudi District, Rs.61.68 Lakh has been sanctioned and the works are in progress.

Audio Guide Facilities

- ★ For the implementation of audio guide facilities in the world heritage monuments sites in Thanjavur, Dharasuram and Gangaikonda Cholapuram, a sum of Rs.61.46 Lakh has been sanctioned.

Short Films

- ★ For advertising about the important tourism centers of Tamil Nadu through the domestic and international publicity campaigns, short films on Navagraha Temples and Arupadai Veedugal have been produced.

Hand Book On Jain Temples

- ★ A hand book about Jain temples in Tamil Nadu was released for the first time.

Publicity material

- ★ To increase the number of tourists, tourist information handbooks, CDs and posters were released at a cost of Rs.25,14,542/-. Further, advertisements in dailies, weeklies and monthlies were also released at a cost of Rs.17.99 Crore.

Touch Screens

- ★ To facilitate immediate access regarding information relating to tourism, touch screens have been installed by the Department of Tourism at various important tourist centres at a cost of Rs.9,91,332/-

Mamallapuram Dance Festival

- ★ At the Mamallapuram Dance festival held during the period from 27.12.2007 to 27.1.08 equal importance was given to folk arts and classical arts for the first time. Around 2,200 foreigners attended the festival by paying the prescribed fees.

Heritage buildings as hotels

- ★ A Government Order granting subsidy (not exceeding Rs.100 Lakh) for converting heritage buildings into hotels in Tamil Nadu has been issued.

TAMILNADU TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

New Volvo Buses

- ★ The Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation purchased 2 volvo buses at a cost of Rs.122.5 Lakh and are being operated exclusively for Thirupathi package tour.

TTDC Hotels

- ★ The hotels owned by the TTDC are being renovated at a cost of Rs.3 Crore.
- ★ 20 budget accommodations are being renovated at a cost of Rs.2 Crore.
- ★ To facilitate uninterrupted supply of power at the beach resort complex in Mamallapuram, a generator with a capacity of 250 Kv has been purchased at a cost of Rs.18/- Lakh.
- ★ For the use in important TTDC hotels, 1,066 Latex, Pincor type mattresses have been purchased at a cost of Rs.59/- Lakh.

Muttukadu Boat House

- ★ For the development activities at Muttukadu, a sum of Rs.45/-Lakh has been sanctioned.

New Boats

- ★ For the use of Boat Houses, 68 new boats were purchased at a cost of Rs.30 Lakh.

Financial Position

- ★ The total revenue of TTDC for the year 2007-08 is estimated at Rs.5,530 Lakh.

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PHOTOS MANDATORY FOR REGISTERING DOCUMENTS

Thiru. N. SURESH RAJAN
Hon'ble Minister for Tourism & Registration

REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Increase in Registration

- ★ During 2007-08, a revenue of Rs.4,232.36 Crore was achieved.
- ★ In 2007-08, a total of 26,91,002 documents were registered.

Exemption from stamp duty

- ★ Farmers and entrepreneurs of tiny industries have been given total exemption of stamp duty for mortgage and pledged documents.

Curtailling Impersonation while registration

- ★ As a stringent measure to curtail impersonation in the transfer of property & to put an end to forged registration, Government have made it compulsory to affix photos of buyer and seller on the sale deeds and photo of presentant in respect of other documents at the time of registration with effect from 1.7.2006. Affixing of finger prints of buyer and seller and the presentant of documents was also compulsory.

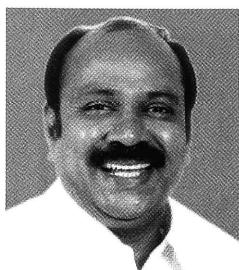
Schemes Approved (Under Part-II)

- ★ 300 Sub Registrar office got a face lift at a cost of Rs. 60 Lakh to provide better interface with the public.
- ★ 60 Sub Registrar offices have been installed with 60 photo copier machines at a cost of Rs. 60 Lakh.
- ★ Hologram stickers are affixed on documents from 1.8.2007 onwards to ensure the genuinity of certificates.
- ★ 10 Sub Registrar Offices have been re-opened at a cost of Rs.2.05 Crore.
- ★ Registration of Hindu marriages have been made compulsory with effect from 22.10.2007.

Samadhan Scheme

- ★ Under this scheme, Rs. 82.45 Crore was collected through 21,559 Documents.

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REACHING OUT TO THE REMOTEST TAMIL NADU

Thiru. PARITHI ELLAMVAZHUTHI
Hon'ble Minister for Information

INFORMATION
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DEPARTMENT

Film Awards

- ★ A five sovereign gold pendent, a memento and certificate are presented to actors, actresses and technicians selected for film awards. Hon'ble Chief Minister presented the awards for the year 2005 and 2006 at the Award function held on 16.10.2007. Rs.2 Lakh as first prize, Rs.1 Lakh as second prize, Rs.75,000 as third prize, Rs.75,000 special prize along with memento and certificate were given away. Rs.1.25 Lakh as cash award, memento and certificate was given to the Best Tamil film which portrayed the cause of the dignity and upliftment of women.

Small Screen Awards

- ★ Hon'ble Chief Minister has announced Small Screen Awards. 11 applications from mega serial producers and 3 from weekly serials were received for this award being given for the first time to actor, actress and technician of small screen.

Security to family of stunt artistes

- ★ A sum of Rupees one Lakh was granted from the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund to the family of stunt actor who died during film shooting. Rs.1 Lakh was paid to the family of Thiru. Loganathan, a Stunt Artiste who died while he was acting.

Veteran Awards

- ★ Veteran awards are presented in the name of film personalities who have left indelible impressions in the history of Tamil Film Industry.



Tamil Nadu Film Awards Function (16.10.2007)

Incentives to Film industry

- ★ To encourage production of quality low-budget films with social commitment, the Government is implementing a scheme of granting subsidy of Rs.7 Lakh each to such films. The fees to be paid for outdoor shooting were also reduced drastically.

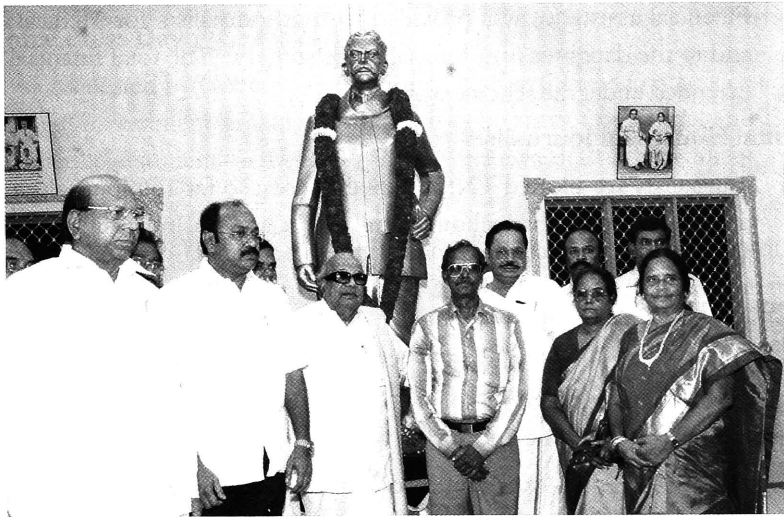
Exemption from Entertainment Tax

- ★ The Government have fully exempted new Tamil films titled in Tamil from entertainment tax in order to encourage passion for Tamil Language.

Government M.G.R Film and Television Institute

- ★ Government have transferred the air conditioned shooting floor of the Film city to this Film Institute and sanctioned a sum of Rs. 1.43 Crore for modernisation and the renovation works are being carried out. Student's shooting floor has been upgraded at a cost of Rs.18 Lakh for the benefit of students. Cameras in the Cinematography section have been upgraded at a cost of Rs.70 Lakh.
- ★ Kannagi statue was reinstalled at a cost of Rs.4.90 Lakh at the same place from which it was earlier removed on Marina Beach, Kamarajar Salai, Chennai.
- ★ Life size bronze statue of Nadigar Thilagam Sivaji Ganesan was installed in Chennai at an expenditure of Rs.8.95 Lakh.

- ★ Orders have been issued to install a statue of “Thalainagar kaatha Thamizh Chelvar” Ma.Po.Sivagnanam at the cost Rs.6.24 Lakh.
- ★ Rs.4 Lakh sanctioned for purchase of books, furniture etc. for the Thiruvalluvar centre to be established near Thiruvalluvar statue at Kanyakumari.
- ★ 20 Memorials all over the state have been renovated at a cost of Rs.26.23 Lakh in 2006-07.
- ★ 9 Memorials have been renovated at a cost of Rs.43.45 Lakh in 2007-08. Repair works for the Air condition plant in Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai, have been carried out at a cost of Rs.16.50 Lakh.
- ★ Permission granted to hold preview shows at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai.
- ★ Works in progress at an expenditure of Rs.66 Lakh to renovate Rajaji Hall, Chennai under the scheme of “Protection of heritage monuments”.
- ★ Repair works to Chennai Valluvar Kottam and Kamarajar Memorial at an expenditure of Rs.62.50 Lakh have been carried out.
- ★ M.G.R Museum which was completed three years ago but remained closed was inaugurated on 30.3.2007.
- ★ Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar Memorial was renovated at a cost of Rs.50 Lakh during the leader's Birth Centenary celebrations. A new building at a cost of Rs.10 Lakh has been constructed at this memorial.



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Kalaighnar M.Karunanidhi inaugurated the Paavanar Memorial at Madurai (30.10.2007)

- ★ New Memorials for Freedom Fighters and Tamil Scholars such as Veeran Sundaralingam, Vellaya Thevan, Amudhakavi Umaru Pulavar, Mozhignayiru Devaneya Pavaanar, Parithimar Kalaignar and Dr.U.Ve.Sa have been thrown open to the public.

Press Releases

- ★ 893 Press Releases, 133 press notes, 747 photo/video/press coverage letters have been issued to the press.

Journalists' Pension

- ★ Journalists' Pension given to retired journalists who have 20 years service and are in indigent circumstances has been enhanced by the Government from Rs.3,000 to Rs.4,000. 19 Journalists were granted this pension and in total 62 Journalists are now benefited.
- ★ Journalists' family pension has been enhanced from Rs.1,500 to Rs.2,000. 17 persons are receiving it now. For the benefit to families of Journalists who died while in service, this Government have modified the norms; the families of the deceased journalists would now be eligible for a sum of Rs.50,000/- if the journalist had put in service of five years, Rs. One Lakh for ten years of service, Rs.1.50 Lakh for fifteen years of service and Rs. Two Lakh for twenty years of service. So far 43 persons benefited under this scheme.

Assistance for Medical Treatment of Journalists

- ★ Financial assistance was provided to four journalists for Medical Treatment and to the daughter of a Journalist for surgery. The total financial assistance extended under the scheme was Rs.4 Lakh.

Rental Houses for Journalists

- ★ Journalists are allotted TNHB rental houses; so far 166 Journalists have been provided houses throughout Tamil Nadu and 25 Journalists were provided houses in the year 2007- 08.

House Sites for Journalists

- ★ Under this scheme, 428 Journalists were provided with house sites in 11 districts.

Journalists Welfare Benefit Fund

- ★ The Government of Tamil Nadu have setup a new fund called "Journalists Welfare Benefit Fund" from which a sum not exceeding Rs.50.000/- will be sanctioned to meet the medical expenses of Journalists affected by chronic

diseases. The amount is paid from the interest derived from the Corpus Fund of Rs.one Crore.

Internet facility in the Press Room

- ★ Broadband Wireless Internet facility has been provided at the Press room of Secretariat.

Accreditation cards to Media Reporters

- ★ Press Accreditation Cards are issued on the recommendation of the Accreditation Committee constituted by the Government for eligible media persons. So far the Government have issued 396 Press Accreditation Cards in Chennai and 82 in districts. Identity cards were issued to 426 journalists in districts by District Collectors.

Free bus passes to Journalists

- ★ Free bus passes have been issued to accredited and other journalists; 300 accredited journalists in Chennai and 946 Journalists in other districts have been issued bus passes. This department compensates the transport corporations in this regard.

Press Pass Cards to Reporters/Photographers of Periodicals

- ★ Press passes are issued to Reporters/Photographers of periodicals on the recommendations of "Press Pass Recommendation Committee". 180 passes were issued to the Reporters in Chennai in 2008.

National Press Day

- ★ As requested by Government of India, National Press Day was celebrated. The Government organised oratorical contests both in Tamil and English for college students in the State. Prizes were awarded to the winners.

Photo Section

- ★ With the introduction of e-governance, functions are shot in colour using digital cameras and sent to more than 200 media offices through e-mail from Secretariat. Besides, when important functions take place, picture are sent from the function spot directly to media through three laptops that are available. All these photographs are being stored in compact discs for future use.

Special Functions

- ★ A committee headed by the Hon'ble Finance Minister was constituted for celebration of 2550th anniversary of Buddha's Mahaparinirvan and the anniversary was celebrated for one year.



Hon'ble Minister for Co-operation, Thiru Ko.Si.Mani unveiled the statue of Dr.U.Ve.Sa. at Uthamathanapuram, Thiruvavur District.

Hon'ble Minister for Information Thiru Parithi Ellamvazhuthi and

Hon'ble Minister for Dairy Development

Thiru U.Mathivanan, were also present. (27.4.2008)

- ★ The Golden Jubilee anniversary of the unification of Kanyakumari district with Tamil Nadu was celebrated by Government on 31.10.06 in Kanyakumari district.
- ★ Bhagat Singh's birth centenary was celebrated for one year all over the state.
- ★ Birth centenaries of Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar and P.Jeevanandham were celebrated.
- ★ Thiruvalluvar day was celebrated on 16.1.08 at Valluvar Kottam in Chennai.

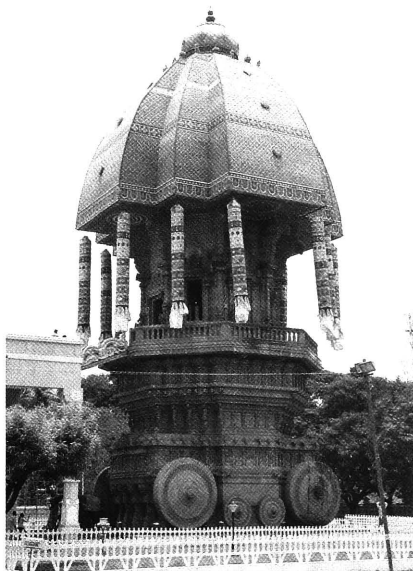
Exhibitions

- ★ Government exhibitions highlighting Government policies, schemes, achievements are held in Coimbatore, Madurai, Salem every year and in Tirunelveli, Vellore once in two years.
- ★ By holding four exhibitions, one each in Coimbatore, Madurai, Tirunelveli and Vellore, the department has earned a revenue of Rs.1.84 Crore in the year 2007.

- ★ This department participated in the India International Trade Fair at New Delhi on behalf of Tamil Nadu Government.
- ★ Cultural performances are organised by the Information department at the “Phool Walon ki Sair” rally held at New Delhi every year.
- ★ A total of 19 floats in 2007, 20 floats in 2008 were arranged during the Republic Day celebrations and floats of Information department received prizes from His Excellency the Governor of Tamil Nadu. Multi Media campaigns were held in all districts at an expenditure of Rs.60 Lakh.

Tamil Arasu

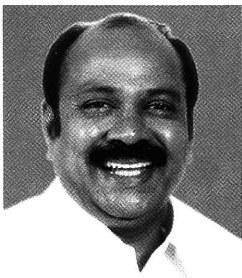
- ★ To enable masses understand and benefit by Government schemes, “ARASU SEITHI” a fortnightly wallpaper is published by Tamil Arasu. 20,000 copies are pasted in prominent public places in the



Districts and Municipal Corporations through the Information and Public Relations Officers.

- ★ 24 special publications were published. Tamil Arasu magazine is sent to 77,500 subscribers every month.
- ★ New Modern Printing Machines have been purchased for Rs.114 Lakh during the two years.

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SUBSIDY FOR HERITAGE TOWNS' DEVELOPMENT

Thiru. PARITHI ELLAMVAZHUTHI
Hon'ble Minister for Information

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT

Town and Country Planning

- ★ To provide immediate rehabilitation to people affected by the Tsunami of December 2004, orders were issued on 24.06.2006 relaxing the rules for layouts for them.
- ★ Under the heritage town development programme, a grant at the rate of Rs.50 Lakh was sanctioned for Nagoor, Gangaigonda Cholapuram and Pitchavaram during 2006-07. Rs.50 Lakh was released for Bhavani and Rs.42.25 Lakh was released for Chithannavasal. An amount of Rs.8 Lakh was released as second instalment for Idaikkattur. The District Collector of Thoothukudi has been given Rs.50 Lakh for implementation of the scheme in five temples of the Nine holy places (Navathirupathis) in the district. Under this programme an amount of Rs.50 Lakh was granted to Thiruvallur Town and another sum of Rs.2,32,500/- has been granted to Marudhur during 2007-08.
- ★ During 2006-07, under Traffic improvement programme which provides 75% grant, Rs.25 Lakh allocated to Villupuram Town was released in two instalments. Rs.8 Lakh grant was released as first instalment for each of the cities of Thanjavur, Tiruppur, Dharmapuri, Perambalur, Pudukkottai, Thirumangalam, Krishnagiri, Theni-Allinagaram and Vellore. During 2007-08, administrative sanction has been accorded for providing Rs.25 Lakh to Kovilpatti Municipality.
- ★ As seed capital for implementation of schemes for infrastructure facilities at Thoothukudi, Rs.25 Lakh was released. In respect of Karaikudi Town, Rs.10.45 Lakh has been released. Orders have been issued on 13.02.2007, enhancing the percentage of grant from 50% to 75% and the upper limit from Rs.20 Lakh to Rs.30 Lakh.



Hon'ble Information Minister Thiru. Parithi Ellamvazhuthi inaugurated a Seminar "Urban Development Planning and Regulation" " organised by Directorate of Town and Country Planning (4.12.2007)

- ★ Government have agreed to 100% grant of Rs.27.50 Lakh from the Town and Country Planning Fund for improvement of a park in the Collectorate of Perambalur District, and Rs.15 Lakh has been released on 24.03.2008 towards this.
- ★ Government have ordered creation of three new Regional Offices in the Town and Country Planning Department. During 2007-08, Rs.5 Lakh has been allocated for this under Part II. Accordingly, Tiruchirappalli Region was trifurcated and Thanjavur Region and Perambalur Region have come into effect. Vellore Region has been bifurcated with a Dharmapuri Region and all these new Regional Offices have begun functioning.
- ★ The Government have granted Rs.10 Lakh for facilitating E-Governance in the Department in tandem with ELCOT, so as to help the public to have easy access to layout approval applications. During the last two years, Rs.10 Lakh has been allocated under Part II. Totally Rs.40 Lakh was allocated for this, and the allocation given to ELCOT. The system requirement study for this has been prepared. The creation of software for this is underway in ELCOT.
- ★ During 2007-08, Rs.10 Lakh was allotted for preparation of Master Plan for Perambalur Composite local planning area using Geo-Information system, remote sensing and aerial photography. This Department has entered into

agreement with Space Application Centre, ISRO, Ahmedabad on 31.01.2008 for implementation within nine months and the work is in progress.

- ★ Target was fixed for preparation/review of master plans for six towns in each fiscal 2006-07 and 2007-08. Accordingly they were prepared and the target achieved.
- ★ It was decided to prepare/review 100 Detailed Development Plans for each fiscal 2006-07 and 2007-08 and as decided the plans were prepared and the targets achieved.
- ★ 8 Field Assistants, 2 Drivers, 14 Surveyors/Assistant Draughtsman, 2 Stenographers, 7 Typists were appointed through direct recruitment; 8 individuals have been appointed on compassionate ground.

CHENNAI METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Tamil Nadu Urban Development Project-III

- ★ To mitigate the increasing transportation problems of the Chennai Metropolitan Area, the Government of Tamil Nadu and Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority have commissioned a five-year project with the World Bank assistance at an estimated cost of Rs.675 Crore from 2005-2010. The medium term measures aimed at relieving traffic congestion by removing major bottle-necks in the urban road and rail network include widening and strengthening of 13 links in the urban arterial network particularly in the CMA, replacing the road rail level crossing with 6 underpasses / overpasses, constructing grade separated facility at 2 stretches of Anna Salai and 1 stretch of Periyar EVR Salai, improving the road safety and air quality by construction of 3 pedestrian subways, installing traffic control and enforcement measures, etc. The detailed project reports for most of these schemes are under various stages of progress.

An 18 month long comprehensive transportation study for Chennai (CCTS) has recently been commissioned. The study would provide a directional plan for the entire Chennai Metropolitan Area, clearly indicating judicious investments in road and transportation infrastructure in the next 20 years.

Draft second master plan

- ★ CMDA had prepared a fresh draft Second Master Plan as per the directions of the Government. CMDA had published the notice as prescribed in the Act / Rules in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette requesting the public to

give their objections, suggestions and views. The notification was republished in Newspapers, District Gazette etc. as per the rules. In addition CMDA had conducted public consultation meetings at 14 centres in the Chennai Metropolitan Area. Meetings with Chennai Corporation Councilors and stakeholders were also held. The Objections / suggestions from Public were received. The Government requested certain issues to be re-examined and to suggest suitable modifications. Accordingly, the Draft Second Master Plan has been suitably modified and resubmitted to the Government for approval in Feb. 2008 and it is under active consideration of the Government.

Chennai Metropolitan Development Plan-III

- ★ Chennai Metropolitan Development Plan is an Investment Plan for infrastructure development within the CMA. It has been prepared in consultation with the Government Departments, Agencies and Local Bodies within this metropolis. The main objective of the plan is to identify infrastructure needs in each sector, and prioritize the projects and implement through departments/ agencies/local bodies concerned. Infrastructure development projects costing Rs.4,202 Crore have been implemented under 2007. The projects with total outlay of Rs.2,154.69 Crore are being implemented by line agencies in 2007-08.

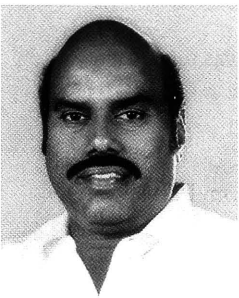
Mass Rapid Transit System Phase-II

- ★ The MRTS Phase-II from Thirumayilai to Velachery was completed fully at an re-estimated cost of Rs.733.39 Crore and commissioned in November 2007. The Government of Tamil Nadu have so far released Rs.481.38 Crore for the project as its share. The Government have accorded administrative sanction for MRTS Phase-II Extension from Velachery to St. Thomas Mount at an estimated cost of Rs.496 Crore and the cost will be shared by Government of India and GoTN in the ratio of 1 : 2 respectively. The project execution period would be 3 years. The MTP (Railways) have floated the tender for implementing the project and the work will commence in the year 2008-09.

Outer Ring Road

- ★ The 62 km Outer Ring Road Project connecting Vandalur in the South and Minjur in the North was formulated to decongest the inner part of the metropolis and ease traffic congestion. It will be a 6 lane dual carriageway with service lanes on either side. The cost of the Project is estimated at Rs.900 Crore including cost of land as per DFR recommendation.

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FINE QUALITY RICE AT Rs.2 PER KG

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

FOOD DEPARTMENT

Rice at Rs.2 per kg.

The provision of quality rice at affordable price and ensuring food security to the people has always been the priority. With a view to implement this objective all families with ration cards are provided quality rice at a price of Rs.2/- per kg under the public distribution system with effect from 3.6.2006. Ration cards as on 31.03.2008 are 1,84,72,834.



Free LPG Connections and Gas Stoves Scheme

LPG connections and Gas Stoves to all 11 Lakh poor families below poverty line in the State who are not having LPG connections so far are being provided at a cost of Rs.220 Crore. It is proposed to give 8 lakh free LPG connections during the current year at a cost of Rs.160 Crore.



Special PDS system

Government have procured Toor dhall, Urad dhall and palmolien in open market and supplied to card holders through fair price shops. Maida and Rava are distributed to card holders through Fair Price shops. Wheat and Fortified Atta are also supplied to card holders through Fair Price Shops.

Special Patrol Force

Government have sanctioned adequate number of jeeps and mobile phones to the enforcement officials to keep vigil over illicit movement of public distribution system rice across neighbouring State borders. Government have also sanctioned personnel to form special patrol force in borders districts of Tirunelveli, Kanyakumari, Vellore, Krishnagiri and Coimbatore.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi hands over LPG gas stove with free gas connection to a beneficiary belonging to Chennavaram, Vandavasi Panchayat Union of Thiruvannamalai District . (17.3.2007)

Family cards

- ★ As on 31.03.2008, 8,88,604 new family cards have been issued.
- ★ 1, 54,451 cards have been declared as bogus and cancelled.
- ★ 20 vehicles were sanctioned and supplied to the district officials.
- ★ 16 new vehicles were sanctioned and supplied to the flying squads in districts.

Seizure of essential commodities

- ★ Essential commodities such as Rice of 3,31,287 quintals, Kerosene of 10,84,309 litres, Petrol of 48,845 litres, Diesel of 1,61,887 litres and 34,166 LPG cylinders have been seized so far while being smuggled out of State.

Rewards

- ★ A reward of Rs.500/- is given to those who provide timely and correct information on diversion of essential commodities meant for supply under public distribution system. Apart from this, those who identify the circulation of bogus cards are also awarded with Rs.200/- per family card after cancellation of the said cards.

Printing of Family cards

- ★ With a view to expedite printing of new family cards Government have ordered decentralising printing of family cards at District Level. At present data entry of eligible family card applications is carried out at district level.

New Fair Price Shops

- ★ 73 full time fair price shops and 856 part time fair price shops have been opened.

Family cards to Transgenders

- ★ Family cards are issued to eligible transgenders as in the case of other eligible general public. Accordingly, family cards are now issued to eligible transgenders based on their request. 267 family cards have been issued to transgenders.

Kerosene

- ★ Government of India have raised issue price of PDS Kerosene from Rs.8.40 to Rs.9 per litre. But the State Government have decided not to increase burden on consumers and to continue to supply kerosene at the rate of Rs.8.40 per litre. As a result of this, the State Government have absorbed and borne the increase in price of kerosene at a cost subsidy of the Rs.43 Crore per year.
- ★ To alleviate sufferings of the people living in Hill areas an enhanced supply of PDS kerosene to the Valparai Hill area of Coimbatore District cardholders who do not possess LPG connections has been given in Nilgiris District Hill areas.
- ★ Government had also announced enhanced supply of PDS kerosene to card holders of Hill areas living in Talavadi of Erode District, Kuthiyalathur and Barugur as announced to Valparai Hill areas of Coimbatore District.
- ★ Government have directed issue of one litre of kerosene each to 42.03 lakh new family card holders with one LPG and who were not getting kerosene from public distribution system so far from Pongal 2008 onwards every month. This has been enhanced to 2 litres from March 2008.

Procurement of paddy

- ★ Under Decentralised procurement scheme apart from the incentive given by Government of India, an additional incentive of Rs. 50/- per quintal was sanctional to encourage the farmers by the State Government, during the Khariff Season 2007-08. A quantity of 10,38,199 MTs of paddy so far been procured during this current season.

Consumer Protection Activities

- ★ Rs.25 lakh have been allotted for regular Consumer Production Activities.
- ★ Various schemes have been proposed and Rs.2.67 Crore has been received.

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URBAN SLUM FAMILIES PROVIDED WITH BASIC FACILITIES

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

SLUM CLEARANCE
& ACCOMODATION
CONTROL
DEPARTMENT

Housing for the Tsunami affected

- ★ At Thiruvottiyur 1,824 tenements have been constructed at a cost of Rs. 31.92 Crore for the Resettlement of families affected by the Tsunami and families affected by the Ennore Elevated Express Highway project.
- ★ 13,000 tenements coming up at a cost of Rs.385.06 Crore in Chennai for the families affected by Tsunami.
- ★ For the Tsunami affected families in Chennai, 6,218 houses have been constructed at a cost of Rs.82.28 Crore, and allotment of 3,718 houses worth Rs.49.78 Crore has been made.
- ★ Orders have been issued for the construction of 6,391 houses for the families living in places vulnerable to Tsunami in the eight coastal districts of Tamil Nadu and the work of construction of 2,107 houses is in progress.
- ★ With the assistance of Asian Development Bank, Rs.2.67 Crore has been spent for imparting Employment Training and Self Employment skills to 400 Self Help Groups for improving the livelihood of Tsunami affected families.

Rebuilding of Dilapidated Tenements

- ★ It has been proposed to provide Housing and Development works for families living in slums of urban areas in Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs.250 Crore. In Chennai, 2,355 new tenements have been constructed at a cost of Rs.34.23 Crore.



Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development and Local Administration Thiru. M.K.Stalin inaugurated the newly constructed 522 Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board multi storeyed tenements at Royapuram (15.6.2007).

- ★ 9,692 Multi storeyed tenements in the districts of Chennai, Madurai & Coimbatore which were in a dilapidated condition were demolished and new tenements are to be constructed in the same place at a cost of Rs.263.77 Crore.
- ★ Works are in progress for the construction of 2,242 houses at a cost of Rs.42.08 Crore for the slum families living in Chennai, Madurai, Salem, Tirunelveli, Tiruchi, Thanjavur and other small towns. The works for the construction of 504 tenements at a cost of Rs.12.30 Crore would commence soon.

Jawaharalal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM)

- ★ It has been proposed to construct 35,270 tenements at a cost of Rs.1,208.55 Crore. As the first stage, construction work for 672 tenements has commenced in Coimbatore Ukkadam. A public tender has been called for the construction of 1,392 houses.

Provision of Basic Amenities

- ★ In order to benefit 48,000 Urban Slum families, development work such as Roads, Concrete pavements, Street lights, drinking water facility, sanitation facilities have been taken up and completed at a cost of Rs.23.52 Crore.
- ★ Sale deeds have been distributed to 6,753 families Urban Slum Improvement Schemes.

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RESERVATION FOR MINORITIES COMES INTO FORCE

Thiru. K.K.S.S.R. RAMACHANDRAN
Hon'ble Minister for Backward Classes

BACKWARD CLASSES DEPARTMENT

Separate Reservation For Minorities

- ★ An ordinance providing separate reservation of 3.5% each for the Backward Class Christians and Backward Class Muslims from out of the 30% reservation for Backward Classes in Educational institutions and Employment was promulgated on 12.9.2007 and came into force on 15.9.2007. An act for this reservation was passed in the Legislative Assembly on 22.10.2007.

New Hostels

- ★ 100 new hostels have been opened to additionally benefit 5,000 students.
- ★ The rates of food charges to boarders in Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Community hostels were increased. The monthly food charges enhanced from Rs.300/- to Rs.450/- in respect of school hostels and from Rs.400/- to Rs.550/- in respect of College hostels.

Free Uniforms

- ★ The Government have sanctioned the total expenditure of Rs.2.83 Crore towards supply of uniforms and ordered supply of churidhars instead of half sarees to girl hostel students of 9th and 10th standards.
- ★ During 2007-08, Government have sanctioned Rs. 32.15 Crore for the construction of Buildings with all basic amenities and modern facilities for 50 hostels. 25 Hostels to be built at a cost of Rs.12.5 Crore has been sanctioned for 2008-09.
- ★ During the year 2007-08, Government have allotted a sum of Rs.1.60 Crore for maintenance and repair works.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi with 20 BC, MBC, DNC students who scored high marks and chose to pursue their plus two in private schools of their choice for which the Government will bear the expenditure (7.12.2007).

- ★ During 2007- 08, basic amenities provided at an expenditure of Rs.2.86 Crore.

Education Scholarship

- ★ Parental income limit for availing the scholarships has been enhanced from Rs.50,000 /- to Rs.1,00,000/-.

Job Oriented Training Programme

- ★ Free Air-Hostess training was given to 200 Girls under this scheme during 2007-2008.

Supply of Bi-Cycles

- ★ Rs.155.59 Crore spent on purchase and distribution of 7,21,758 bi-cycles to boy and girl students.
- ★ For students securing high marks in 10th std public examination to pursue 11th and 12th studies in the best private schools of their choice, Government will bear the expenses upto Rs.28,000/- per year, per student and Rs. 56,000 for two years. A sum of Rs. 84 Lakh has been allotted for this Scheme in 2007-08.
- ★ 4,867 sewing machines and 7,907 Iron boxes were freely distributed to beneficiaries.
- ★ Awards for the top 3 Boy & 3 Girl students from 10th and 12th Public Examinations, who took Urdu as first/second language were introduced from the year 2007-2008.

Irrigation Facilities

- ★ During 2007-08, the Government have sanctioned Rs. 25 Crore for the implementation of a new Grant cum loan scheme to provide Irrigation facilities to small & medium farmers belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward and Denotified Communities up to Rs. 1 Lakh through Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Economic Development Corporation.

Skill Development Training Scheme for Minorities

- ★ Skill Development Training Scheme of providing training to 5,000 Minority men and women to equip them with necessary skills for securing employment in the Government and Private sectors as well as self-employment at a cost of Rs. 2.50 Crore was being implemented.

Reference Books

- ★ 118 College hostels were provided with reference books to BC, MBC, DC hostels to improve their IQ and knowledge for Rs. 11.80 Lakh at the rate of Rs. 10,000/- per hostel.

First Aid Boxes

- ★ 1,181 College Hostels of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities were allotted Rs.15,000 each for first aid box at a total cost of Rs. 7.29 Lakh.

Invertors

- ★ 118 College hostels have been provided with invertors at a cost of Rs.17.70 Lakh at the rate of Rs. 15,000/- per hostel.

Solar water heaters

- ★ 126 hostels have been provided with Solar Water heaters at a total cost of Rs.150 Lakh.

Water purifiers

- ★ 400 hostels have been provided with water purifiers at a cost of Rs. 44 Lakh at Rs. 11,000/- per hostel.

Wet grinders

- ★ 392 Backward Classes, 205 Most Backward Classes and 93 Denotified Community hostels have been provided with wet grinders at a cost of Rs.55.20 Lakh.

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3.40 LAKH UNEMPLOYED YOUTH GIVEN Rs.116.53 CRORE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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

LABOUR &
EMPLOYMENT
DEPARTMENT

Unemployed Assistance Scheme

- ★ 3,39,966 youth have been benefited under this scheme at an expenditure of Rs.116.53 Crore so far.
- ★ Skill development training for unemployed youth at a cost of Rs.8 Crore.

Placement through Employment Exchanges

- ★ During the last two years 43,918 registrants were given employment. 4,360 were given employment in Private Sector.

Time limit extension for renewal in Employment Exchanges

- ★ Orders were issued granting a special concession of extension of time for renewal of registration in the Employment Exchanges. Total number of candidates renewed by this concession is 3,80,138.

Computerisation of Employment Exchanges

- ★ Orders have been issued for computerisation of all Employment Exchanges at a cost of Rs. 2.90 Crore.

New Industrial Training Institutes

- ★ New Government Industrial Training Institutes have been set up in Perambalur and Sivagangai Districts.

Construction of ITI building

- ★ Orders have been issued for construction of building for Industrial Training Institute, Thirukuvalai at a cost of Rs. 20 Lakh.

New trades in Government ITIs

- ★ Orders have been issued for introduction of Knitting Machine Operator course at I.T.I. Tiruchirapalli and additional units in Fitter Trade at I.T.I., Tiruchirapalli, Dharmapuri and Painter Trade at I.T.I., North Chennai at cost of Rs. 36.68 Lakh.



Hon'ble Minister for Labour Thiru. T.M. Anbarasan released the text book for ITIs and distributed certificates to meritorious students (12.4.08)

- ★ Orders have been issued for starting of new trades in five I.T.I.s at cost of Rs. 111.28 Lakh.
- ★ Orders have been issued for starting three new trades in the Government Industrial Training Institute, Chengalpattu at an expenditure of Rs. 50.78 Lakh.
- ★ Rs.2 Crore for establishing infrastructure in five centres viz., Hosur, Madurai, Thiruvannamalai, Tirunelveli and Dharmapuri.
- ★ Computers were being purchased in Government I.T.I.s at a cost of Rs. 13.60 Lakh.
- ★ Purchase of additional tools and equipments for various trades in Government I.T.I.s at an expenditure of Rs. 305 Lakh and renovation of Government ITI Buildings at a cost of Rs. 25 Lakh have been taken up.
- ★ Junior Training Officers in Government I.T.I.s and private affiliated Industrial Training centres are given training on teaching methodology at total cost of Rs.10 Lakh.

ITIs as Centres of Excellence

- ★ Government have sanctioned Rs. 571.42 Lakh for starting advanced training courses in I.T.I.s in Ambattur, Hosur, Coimbatore and Tiruchirapalli.

- ★ Upgradation of Government Industrial Training Institutes in Guindy (Women), Vellore, Madurai and Pettai as Centres of Excellence to impart multi-industrial training at a cost of Rs. 201.49 Lakh in progress.
- ★ Government I.T.Is in Chengalpattu, North Chennai, Thanjavur, Cuddalore (Women) & Tuticorin into CoE on an outlay of Rs. 3.5 Crore per centre.

Tamil Nadu Workers Welfare and 12 Other Boards

- ★ Total number of workers newly registered is 10,17,029.
- ★ The total number of beneficiaries is 1,68,699 and the amount assisted is Rs.38,03,91,151.
- ★ This Government have introduced pension scheme to Manual workers; Rs.400/- per month is granted now.
- ★ Maternity assistance enhanced to the registered Female Manual Workers of Welfare Boards from Rs.4000/- to Rs. 6000/- .
- ★ Training and equipments have been provided to 1,200 workers.

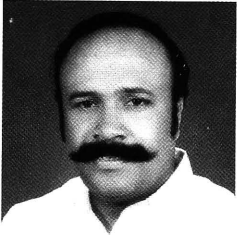
Tamil Nadu Construction Workers Welfare Board

- ★ The total number of new workers registered is 6,79,830.
- ★ 92,222 workers have been paid assistance amounting to Rs. 28,62,46,958/-
- ★ The Government have enhanced the pension from Rs. 200/- to Rs. 400/- to the Construction Workers .
- ★ The Maternity Assistance to registered female workers has been enhanced from Rs. 4000/- to Rs. 6000/-.
- ★ Orders have been issued to computerize the Tamil Nadu Construction Workers Welfare Board at a cost of Rs. 5,01,44,222/-
- ★ New Health Insurance Scheme for Unorganised Sector Workers is to be implemented on pilot basis in Kancheepuram and Tirunelveli districts at an expenditure of Rs. 5.4 Crore.
- ★ To avail assistance under various welfare schemes, the ceiling on wages has been raised from the existing Rs. 7,500/- to Rs. 10,000/-
- ★ To eradicate child labour, Rs. 50 Lakh has been sanctioned to create awareness on the issue.
- ★ A new office of the Joint Commissioner of Labour in Thiruchirapalli at Rs.20 Lakh is being set up.
- ★ New ESI Hospitals at Tiruppur and Tirunelveli to come up.

Transgender Welfare Board

- ★ Separate welfare board for Transgenders established.





2,239 TEMPLES RENOVATED AT A COST OF Rs.37 CRORE

Thiru. KR. PERIAKARUPPAN
Hon'ble Minister for Hindu Religious &
Charitable Endowments

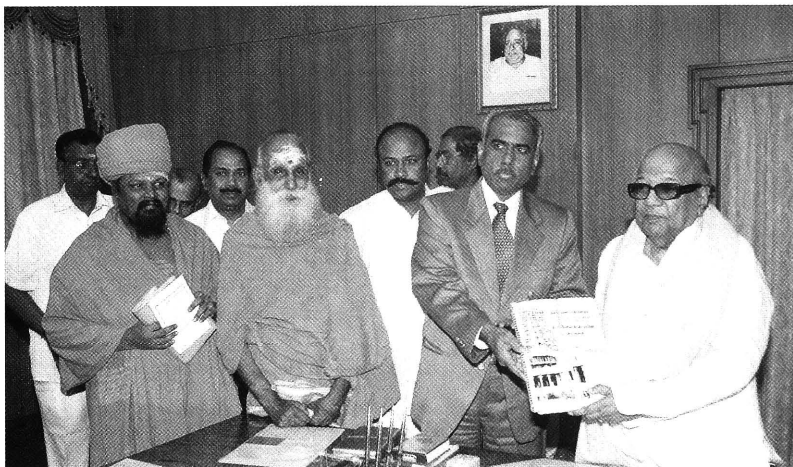
HINDU
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DEPARTMENT

Temple Renovation

- ★ Kumbabishegam has been performed in 2,239 temples in the State after duly carrying out renovation works at the cost of Rs.37 Crore.
- ★ The annual grants for the temple renovations sanctioned by the Government has been raised from Rs.75 Lakh to Rs.3 Crore from the financial year 2007-08.
- ★ Renovation works including civil works at temples have been sanctioned for an estimated value of Rs.157 Crore.
- ★ Under the scheme of renovating and protecting the temple which are having historical and heritage value, the 12th Finance Commission has sanctioned a sum of Rs.9.87 Crore to renovate 48 temples with heritage and historical values which were identified as unprotected and in dilapidated condition. Initially a sum of Rs.5 Crore was disbursed and renovation works have been commenced.
- ★ Rs. 5 Crore was allotted for the renovation of temples situated in 2,000 habitations of Adi Dravidar Community.

New Golden Chariots

- ★ Golden Chariots have been newly made and dedicated for the use of devotees in 8 temples namely Arulmigu Mundagakanniamman temple in Mylapore, Arulmigu Jambukeswarar temple in Thiruvanaikaval, Arulmigu Chandra Sudeswarar temple in Hosur, Arulmigu Subramania swamy temple in Thiruparangundram, Arulmigu Anjaneyaswamy Temple in Namakkal, Nammakkal Arulmigu Mariamman Temple in Karur, Arulmigu Thandu Mariamman Temple in Coimbatore and Arulmigu Karunellinatha swamy Temple in Thiruthangal, Virudunagar.



Thiru Justice A.K.Rajan, retired Judge and Chairman of the committee formed for appointing persons from all castes as Archagars submitted the report of the committee to Hon'ble Chief Minister K. J. Somasundaram (23.11.2006)

Car Festivals

- ★ New wooden temple cars have been made to replace the damaged temple cars in 8 temples at a cost of Rs.118.90 Lakh.
- ★ The 100 year old Ambal wooden Car at Tiruvarur Arulmigu Thyagarajaswamy temple had been replaced by a new wooden car made at a cost of Rs.30 Lakh. Car festival was also successfully conducted on 4.5.2008.
- ★ A modern Marriage Hall has been newly constructed at an estimated cost of Rs.1.30 Crore and inaugurated on 13.4.2007 at Arulmigu Devi Karumariamman temple, Thiruverkadu.
- ★ Fulfilling the long time wish of the devotees, the Moolavar Vimanam of Samayapuram Arulmigu Mariamman temple was made as Golden Vimanam at an estimated cost of Rs. 7.6 Crore.
- ★ Rs. 3.29 Crore have been granted for renovation of 30 temples that have never seen Kumbabishegam for years despite the fact that these temples have been praised in the Holy Scriptures of Devara Thirumuraigal and Diviyaprabhandham.

Archagar training without caste discrimination

- ★ Government Order was issued on 2.1.2007 throwing open the gates of the Office of priesthood in Hindu temples as open to every Hindu, without any caste discrimination, possessing the required skill and qualification.

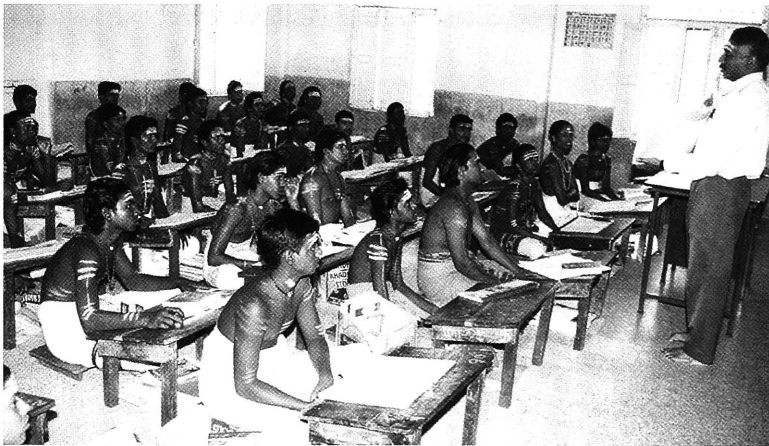
- ★ Four Saiva Archagar training Institutes in Palani, Thiruchendur, Madurai and Tiruvannamalai and two Vaishnava Archagar training Institutes in Chennai and Srirangam are functioning. Free Training is imparted for 207 trainees, out of them are 34 from Adidraavidar community, 76 from Backward class community and 55 from Most backward community . The trainees were offered food, clothing and shelter as free besides payment of Rs.500/ each as stipend every month.

Village Temple Poosari's Welfare Board

- ★ A separate Board has been constituted for the welfare of Village Temple Poosaris on 23.1.2007. So far, 15,377 Poosaries have subscribed as members. They will be provided welfare measures through this Board.
- ★ Training institutes for Oduvars were started at Palani Arulmigu Dhandayuthapani swamy Temple, with an aim to train Oduvars to recite the classical Tamil Scriptures from Devara Thirumurai and Diviya Prabhandham properly in the traditional manner.

Archanai in Tamil

- ★ Performing Tamil Archanai at temples was being promoted by withdrawing the boards carrying “Tamil Archanai are also performed” and replacing them with “Tamil Archanais are performed”. The Tamil Archana Books have been published.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaaignar M. Karunanidhi announced training for Archagars without any caste discrimination.

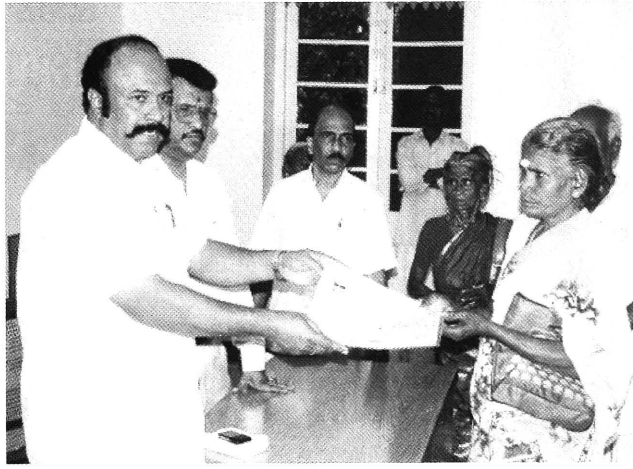
- ★ Recital of Tamil Devara Thirumurais has been revived at the Thirucitrumbala Medai at Thillai Natarajar temple at Chidambaram after a very long time, by passing necessary Government Order.
- ★ To ensure the egalitarian principle that “all are equal before God”, the practice of rendering respect to V.I.P.s by offering Parivattams at temples have been abolished.
- ★ Appointing a woman as a member of Trust Board in temples has been made as law.

New Goshalas

- ★ The cows and cattle offered by devotees to temples have been banned from being auctioned. Integrated Goshalas are being set up to protect the same. Initially two such Goshalas are being established at Tiruchendur and Kambarasanpettai at Trichy.
- ★ For the betterment of the administration of HR&CE department and to render better service for the public in every district, it was decided that every district should possess an office of this department. Accordingly offices of the Assistant Commissioner of HR&CE department have been setup at the revenue districts of Karur, Dindigul, Thiruvavur, Namakkal and Thiruvallur. These Offices have started functioning from 15.4.2008.
- ★ With an aim to establish a composite Office in Thanjavur Division, an Office complex was newly constructed at an estimated cost of Rs.70.83 Lakh and inaugurated on 27.9.2007.

Fixation of rent for building & sites owned by temples

- ★ The mode of fixation of rent for the residential sites and building of temples has been streamlined, reducing the rent by 50% for the tenants.
- ★ The periodical rental hike proposed for every 3 years for all sites and buildings belonging to the temples for both residential and commercial usages have been ordered to be reduced to 15% instead of 33.3%.
- ★ It has been decided to recognize encroachers residing on temple lands for over a long time, as tenants of the temple themselves in the interest of the temples. By this gesture these tenants will receive the basic amenities such as electricity, drinking water and road conveniences.



Welfare of Temple workers

- ★ Considering the rise in value of lands located in and around Chennai City and to protect such valuable lands belonging to temples and to augment income from them, Vehicle parking yards at 7 places in the City are being set up.
- ★ Further, 500 new temples have been inducted to the scheme of Orukala Pooja.
- ★ 50% Dearness Allowance has been merged with the basic pay for the temple employees.
- ★ The Temple Employees' Pension scheme has been implemented. Initially pension for 109 employees has been disbursed. The eligibility condition to pay a sum of Rs. 20,000/- to the Corpus Fund in this scheme has been withdrawn.
- ★ Icon centers have been constructed at Kumbakonam, Kancheepuram, Vellore, Thiruvannamalai, Cuddalore, Coimbatore, Pudukottai, Madurai, Sivagangai and Tirunelveli to protect the idols and icons of temples. These centres have started functioning.

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317 LAKH SAREES & 321 LAKH DHOTIES DISTRIBUTED TO POOR

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

HANDLOOMS
DEPARTMENT

Free Dhoti and Saree Distribution Scheme

- ★ The Government have implemented the Free Supply of Sarees and Dhoties scheme continuously every year at a cost of Rs.256 crore. During Pongal 2007-08, 317.43 Lakh sarees and 320.59 Lakh dhoties were distributed to the poor. This scheme provides employment to 15,000 handloom weavers and 30,000 powerloom weavers.

Free Uniform Scheme

- ★ The Government have continued the scheme of supply of free uniforms to about 59 Lakh school children studying from Std I to VIII under Noon Meal Programme at a cost of Rs.45.61 Crore every year. In two years, 137.16 Lakh metres of uniform cloth were distributed. 22.36 Lakh metres of uniform cloth has also been supplied to the Adi-Dravidar and Tribal Welfare and Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare and Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Departments.

Health Insurance Scheme

- ★ The Government have extended the Health Insurance Scheme to all handloom weavers. Families of 2 Lakh weavers will get medical assistance upto Rs.15,000/- annually. Under this scheme, the State Government have sanctioned Rs.8.17 Crore.

Old Age Pension Scheme

- ★ The Old Age Pension payable to the handloom weavers after attaining the age of 60 years has been enhanced from Rs.200/- to Rs.400/- At present 14,141 handloom weavers are getting benefits under the scheme, for which the State Government have sanctioned Rs.663.65 Lakh during 2007-08.

Family Pension Scheme

- ★ The Family Pension payable to nominees of deceased handloom weavers has been enhanced to Rs.550/-



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi was presented a display of Thirukkural silk saree produced by Co-optex.

Under this scheme, 1,029 families of deceased handloom weavers are getting benefits of Rs.66.73 Lakh.

Free Power Supply To Weavers

- ★ Free Power Supply of upto 100 units bi-monthly to handloom weavers and 500 units bi-monthly to powerloom weavers is being provided. At present, 1,34,981 handloom weavers and 98,465 powerloom weavers are availing benefits for which the Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.136.90 Crore.

Design Intervention

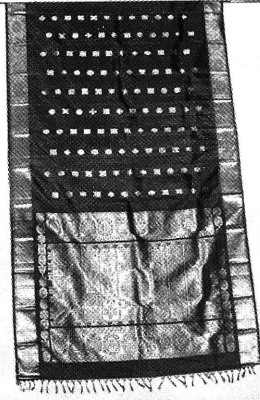
- ★ Design Intervention Project at a cost of Rs.65 Lakh implemented by the Handlooms and Textiles Department in coordination with the National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad has introduced 1,602 new designs for various products of cotton and silk fabrics. About 15,000 weavers are engaged under this project which has enhanced the income of weavers from Rs.75/- to Rs.120/- per day.

Integrated Handloom Cluster Development Scheme

- ★ Under Integrated Handloom Cluster Development Scheme in 28 handloom clusters, assistance is provided for creating basic infrastructure facilities to the handloom weavers, so as to improve the overall socio economic status of handloom weavers of the clusters. Financial assistance to the extent of Rs.2 Crore each for 3 big clusters having more than 5000 weavers and Rs.60 Lakh each for 25 clusters having 500 weavers has been given.

Integrated Textile Parks

- ★ Under the scheme for Integrated Textile Parks, 7 Textiles special projects have been approved by the Government of India at an estimated cost of Rs.572.53 Crore.



Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development and Local Administration Thiru M.K.Stalin inaugurated the National Handloom Expo-2008 at Co-optex complex, Chennai on 19.3.2008. Hon'ble Ministers were also present.

- ★ The Cauvery Hi-Tech Weaving Park, Komarapalayam sanctioned under Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme (TCIDS) has been inaugurated. In respect of remaining 6 textile special projects, works are in progress. These textile parks will provide direct and indirect employment to around 60,500 persons in the State.

Abolition of Sales Tax On Hank Yarn

- ★ The 2% Sales Tax hitherto levied on hank yarn was fully abolished, benefiting around 6.08 Lakh weavers.

Rebate For Handlooms

- ★ Rebate claims to the extent of Rs.208 Crore have been sanctioned to the Primary Weavers Cooperative Societies and Co-optex.

Handloom Mark

- ★ 724 primary weavers cooperative societies and 1,324 individuals have been registered under Handloom Mark Scheme whose products will display the mark of quality.

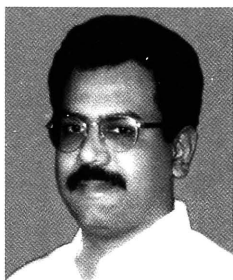
Mayil Thogai Saree

- ★ Co-optex has introduced a unique silk saree with 1,64,492 colours woven with 7 wonders of the world named as 'Mayil thogai'.

National Handloom EXPO

- ★ During the National Handloom Expos in 2007 and 2008, Co-optex handloom goods worth Rs.7.37 Crore were sold.

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30,916 TEACHERS NEWLY APPOINTED. 1,880 SCHOOLS RECEIVE COMPUTERS WORTH RS.118 CRORE

Thiru. THANGAM THENARASU
Hon'ble Minister for School Education

SCHOOL
EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT

Education Development Day

- ★ In consonance with this Government's announcement in the Budget 2006-07, a law has been enacted for making Tamil a compulsory language subject in Schools. Another law has been enacted to celebrate 15th July, the birthday of Perunthaliyar Kamarajar as "Education Development day".

Time Scale of Pay

- ★ 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 45,987 teachers at an expenditure of Rs.345 Crore per annum.

Education for all

- ★ 7,979 B.T. Teacher posts for 6,7,8 classes in Government High Schools / Higher Secondary Schools, 1,926 B.T Teachers posts for Middle schools and 150 District coordinator posts have been created under "Education for all" scheme and action is being taken to fill up these posts as per employment exchange seniority.
- ★ Construction of 14,354 class rooms and 1,075 Cluster Resource Centres under "Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan" scheme at a cost of Rs.332 Crore are under progress.

Instant issue of certificates

- ★ Distribution of free bicycles and free text books to school students, free bus passes and issue of community certificate, Nativity Certificate and Income Certificate to students studying 10th and 12th standards in the school itself are continued.

Upgradation of Schools

- ★ During the year 2006-07, 120 middle schools and 120 High schools have been upgraded as High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools respectively.
- ★ 1,880 Computer instructor posts have been created for implementing Computer Education in all Government, Municipal and Corporation Higher Secondary Schools. It is also proposed to provide computers at a cost of Rs.118 Crore to these schools.
- ★ Computers were supplied to 125 Government High Schools at a cost of Rs.8.38 Crore. Provision of Computers to 1,000 High Schools at



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaigiar M. Karunanidhi distributed cash prizes and certificates to the Top Three Rank holders in Plus Two Examinations in the State on 23.5.07.

a cost of Rs.44.49 Crore is under Process. Provision of Computers to 400 Government High Schools under ICT Schemes at a cost of Rs.26.80 Crore is also under process.

- ★ In educationally backward districts such as Dharmapuri, Villupuram, Perambur, Salem and Erode, 200 schools have been identified wherein to students scored below average pass percentage, special coaching is being given to them in the schools itself at a cost of Rs.78 Lakh per annum.

Uniform education

- ★ A High Level Committee has been constituted to examine how to provide uniform standard of education to all students.
- ★ A task force has been constituted to examine methods to prevent accidents involving students and adopt road safety measures.

New infrastructure

- ★ Additional class rooms in 1,583 Government High/Higher Secondary Schools are being provided at a cost of Rs.69.11 Crore.
- ★ 1,90,140 tables and chairs to students and 15,845 Tables and chairs to teachers are being supplied.
- ★ 1,583 Schools are being provided with class rooms, laboratories, Drinking water facilities at a cost of Rs.708 Crore.
- ★ English Language learning laboratories were established in 26 Government Higher Secondary Schools at a cost of Rs.130 Lakh to help students attain proficiency in English.

Modern Library

- ★ A world class library is being set up in Chennai Kotturpuram at a cost of Rs.100 Crore.
- ★ A mega 'Book Park' wherein all books are made available is being set up in Chennai. ★



INCREASE IN REVENUE DESPITE TAX CONCESSIONS

Thiru. S.N.M. UBAYADULLAH
Hon'ble Minister for Commercial Taxes

COMMERCIAL
TAXES
DEPARTMENT

Value Added Tax

- ★ Tamil Nadu Value Added Tax Act, 2006 has been implemented with effect from 1.1.2007 following which various other taxes such as Surcharge, Additional Sales Tax and Resale Tax have been abolished.

New Samadhan Scheme

- ★ A new trader friendly Samadhan Scheme was introduced for a period of three months with effect from 1.10.2006 for settlement of arrears of all dealers. A sum of Rs.1.85 Crore was collected from 283 applicants till 31.12.2006.

Waiver Committee

- ★ A Waiver Committee consisting of Commissioner (Commercial Taxes), Secretary (Commercial Taxes) and Secretary (Finance) has been constituted in accordance with the announcement made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister and so far, a sum of Rs.3.44 Crore has been waived in 8 cases.

Tax Concessions

- ★ The Government presented a tax-free budget for the second consecutive time on 23.3.2007. Besides, exemption has been granted for various commodities including Pulses and Grams, Flour of pulses and grams, fried grams, vegetable oils, Tamil software, sambirani, fly-ash, hank yarn, jaggery, coconut, peas, oil cake etc.,
- ★ In the Budget 2007-08, the rate of tax on Tea has been reduced from 4% to 1%.
- ★ The rate of tax on wheat has been reduced from 4% to 2%.
- ★ In the Budget 2007-08, exemption has been granted for 25 more commodities including fertilizer mixture, seeds for sowing purposes etc.,
- ★ Sale of all raw materials used in the manufacture as industrial inputs, by manufacturer or trader, is ordered to be taxed at 4% w.e.f. 1.2.2007.



- ★ The rate of tax on various 25 commodities has been reduced from 12.5% to 4% with effect from 23.3.2007.
- ★ 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's mechanised boats was increased from 50,000 to 75,000 kilo litres per annum from 1.8.2006.

Films Titled in Tamil

- ★ Full exemption from entertainment tax has been given to new films if the film was titled in Tamil with effect from 22.7.2006.

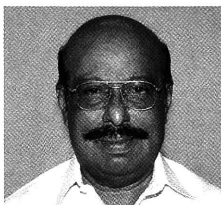
Revenue

- ★ During the year 2006-2007, the total revenue collection was Rs.19,217 Crore as against the revenue collection in 2005-2006 of Rs.16,615. Revenue collection upto December 2007 is Rs.14,677.63 Crore. Even after the implementation of Value Added Tax with effect from 1.1.2007 and abolition of Surcharge, Additional Sales Tax and Resale tax and granting various concessions, an increased revenue collection of Rs.206.81 Crore has been achieved when compared to the collection upto December 2006 which was Rs.14,470.82 Crore.

Traders' Welfare Board

- ★ Family Benefit Fund for the members has been increased from Rs.20,000/- to Rs.50,000/-. Medical assistance for heart surgery and cancer treatment of members has been increased from Rs.25,000/- to Rs.50,000/-. Rs.20,000/- sanctioned for ovarian surgery for female members.
- ★ Educational aid for the children of members has been raised from Rs.3,000/- to Rs.5,000/-. Aid of Rs.10,000/- is being given for students of technical education every year.
- ★ Financial Assistance of Rs.10,000/- is granted to indigent members.





SPECIAL EFFORTS FOR ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION

Thiru. T.P.M. MOHIDEEN KHAN
Hon'ble Minister for Environment

ENVIRONMENT
DEPARTMENT

Environment Awareness Camps

- ★ Rs.37.50 Lakh have been spent for conducting three day environment awareness camps for students of schools which have 7,500 normal green army and 1,200 environment clubs.

Demarcation of High Tide Line (HTL) along the coast of Tamil Nadu

- ★ Demarcation of HTL along the coast of Tamil Nadu from Palar River Mouth to Thengapattinam in Kanniyakumari District including tidal influenced water bodies, superimposed on Cadastral maps containing survey numbers at a cost of Rs.2.21 Crore, is being undertaken by Institute of Remote Sensing, Anna University, Chennai and the work commenced from September 2006 and was completed in 2006-07.

Hot spots monitoring

- ★ In view of accidents and pollution related problems in industrial areas, TNPCB has identified 10 hot spot industrial areas viz., Manali, Cuddalore, Thoothukudi, Mettur, Ranipet, Sriperumpudur, IT corridor at Perungudi, Perundurai, Gummidipoondi, Tiruppur (CETPs). An Assistant Environmental Engineer is posted for each hot spot with independent charge for close monitoring and frequent interaction with the public in that area.



Hon'ble Chief Minister
Kalaigñar M. Karunanidhi
inaugurated the Eesha Trust's
project of planting
a lakh saplings
on 15.10.2006.

Hazardous Waste Management

- ★ For effective handing and management of hazardous waste in an environmentally safe manner, a common hazardous waste, treatment storage and disposal facility has started functioning at SIPCOT Industrial Estate, Gummidipoondi.

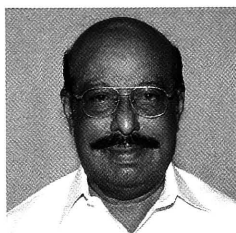
Municipal Solid Wastes Management

- ★ To manage municipal solid waste in a scientific manner, 8 Municipalities such as Kancheepuram, Hosur, Nagapattinam, Thiruchengode, Alandur, Ambasamudram, Tenkasi and Kadayanallur have been selected and Rs.12.50 Lakh per municipality totalling to Rs.1 Crore was granted by the Board.

Air Quality Monitoring

- ★ TNPCB has installed an electronic display board at its Corporate Office in Guindy. The ambient air quality of Chennai City is displayed. To enable the public to know the status of air quality in their area, electronic display boards are proposed to be installed at other areas too.

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GENEROUS CASH INCENTIVES TO PROVIDE IMPETUS TO SPORTS

Thiru. T.P.M. MOHIDEEN KHAN
Hon'ble Minister for Environment

YOUTH
WELFARE
AND
SPORTS
DEPARTMENT

- ★ Hon'ble Chief Minister distributed cash awards to the tune of Rs. 60 Lakh to winners of Gold, Silver and Bronze medals in the 15th Asian Games held in Qatar.
- ★ Rs. 1 Lakh was given to 5 year old Selvi. L.S. Sivasree who desires to create a Guinness record.
- ★ Rs. 2 Lakh assistance given to Fencing player Selvi. Bhavani Devi for participation in International Fencing competitions.
- ★ During the first National Level Inter School competitions 2006-2007, Tamil Nadu won 99 medals.
- ★ Participants from Tamil Nadu won 106 medals in the National Inter School Games held at Rourkela and Thiruvananthapuram.
- ★ The Tamil Nadu Woman's Basket ball team won Gold and many Gold, silver and bronze medals were won in gymnastics and swimming at the National women's games.
- ★ Tamil Nadu participated and won 49 medals in various categories during the National Women's Games held at Thane and Madurai.
- ★ 208 college and school students won medals at the National games and were given Rs. 12.12 Lakh as incentive.
- ★ Rs. 1.70 Crore sanctioned for food and other expenditure for sports hostels, modern sports stadia and sports academics.
- ★ Rs. 15.84 Crore was spent on maintenance of modern stadia.
- ★ A cash incentive of Rs. 12.41 Lakh given to medal winners of the 10th SAF Games held in Srilanka.
- ★ Rs. 14.5 Lakh spent for re-orientation camp for physical education teachers.
- ★ Rs. 25 Lakh sanctioned for conducting Asian Cup Hockey championship.
- ★ Rs. 30 Lakh sanctioned for Talent Development Centres.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi distributed cash awards amounting to Rs.1,31,95,000 to 38 Tamil Nadu Sports persons who had won medals at the Commonwealth Games at Melbourne and SAF Games at Srilanka.

- ★ Rs. 11.25 Lakh sanctioned for giving cash incentives to medal winners of the 15th Asian Games.
- ★ Rs. 77.70 Lakh sanctioned for conducting Panchayat Union, District and State Level Sports and Games competitions.
- ★ Sports equipments worth Rs.5 Crore supplied to all Panchayat Unions.
- ★ Rs. 5 Lakh incentive was given to Selvi. S. Kavitha for having participated in Asian Kabaddi Championships 2007.
- ★ Rs. 5 Lakh sanctioned as incentive to Tamil Nadu Cricketer Thiru. Dinesh Karthik for being member of the World Cup winning 20-20 cricket team.
- ★ Rs. 1.5 Crore sanctioned for 20 special and additional sports academies.
- ★ Rs. 5 Lakh sanctioned for Spirit Academy and land worth Rs. 2,13,730 allotted to Kabaddi player Thiru. Rajarathinam.
- ★ Rs. 4 Lakh assistance given to Tamil Nadu Fencing Association for holding the First Commonwealth Fencing championships.
- ★ Rs. 52.83 Lakh given to prominent sportspersons for participating in competitions abroad and for special training.
- ★ Rs. 92.69 Lakh to State Sports Associations to participate in National competitions.

- ★ Medal winning school and college students given Rs. 6. 80 Lakh as incentive.
- ★ Rs. 7 Lakh allocated for conducting Chess and Rowing competitions.
- ★ District sports stadia at Nagapattinam, Namakkal, Dindigul, Villupuram, Krishnagiri, Tiruvannamalai, Thiruvavarur districts were given Rs. 131.80 Crore as Central and State assistance.
- ★ Indoor stadia at Mayiladudurai and Tiruchirapalli to be constructed at a cost of Rs. 115.60 Lakh.
- ★ World Beaters Talent training camp held at a cost of Rs. 8 Lakh.
- ★ Rs. 10 Lakh for inter school competitions, Rs. 48.26 Lakh for conducting monthly competitions, Rs. 1.57 Crore for conducting the state championships at district and union level, Rs. 51.38 Lakh for distributing sports equipments for sports persons and Rs. 14 Lakh for laying synthetic tennis court at Tirunelveli and Salem have been sanctioned.
- ★ Rs. 2.50 Crore has been sanctioned for replacing the synthetic track at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai.
- ★ Rs. 2 Crore allocated for conducting World cup Tennis Competitions.
- ★ Rs. 1.21 Crore for swimming pools in Theni, Krishnagiri, Thiruvannamalai, Thiruvavarur districts, Rs.5 Crore as loan assistance for conducting Open Tennis Championships, Rs.90 Lakh for swimming pool at Matha Amirthanandamayi Math at Edimadai (Coimbatore), Rs. 22.5 Lakh for swimming pool at Chennai Dolphin Club and Rs. 15 Lakh for toilet and maintenance of swimming pools have been sanctioned.
- ★ Rs. 22.2 Crore for constructing small stadia, multipurpose indoor stadia, indoor badminton court in districts have been sanctioned.
- ★ Rs. 66.5 Lakh for improving sports hostels in Madurai and Trichirapalli districts.
- ★ Rs. 2 Crore for repair works in Indoor stadium at Periyamedu, Chennai and Rs. 1.2 Crore for purchase of sports equipments have been sanctioned.
- ★ Rs. 50 Lakh for renovating flood lit Basket ball court in Madurai Race course has been sanctioned.
- ★ Rs. 49.8 Lakh to hold training programmes and Rs. 1.70 Crore for special schemes, Rs. 9.61 Lakh for the participation of Tamil Nadu team in the 33rd National Games at Gauhati, Assam, Rs. 10 Lakh to Selvi. Ilavazhagi for her achievement in World Carrom Championships, Rs. 56 Lakh for construction of sports hostels in Tirunelveli and Erode, Rs. 58 Lakh for creating rural sports centers in all districts, Rs. 3 Lakh for laying a synthetic Tennis court at



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi presented a cheque for Rs.10 lakh to Selvi Ilavazhagi who won the World Carrom Championship in France.

Tamil Nadu Sports Authority's Nehru park sports campus, Rs. 8.6 Lakh for promoting sports among fishermen and Rs. 21.05 Lakh for repair works at Modern Stadia constructed during SAF Games have also been sanctioned during the last two years.

- ★ Rs. 25 Lakh given as incentive to Thiru. Viswanathan Anand for winning the World Chess Championship 2007.
- ★ Rs. 15 Lakh sanctioned for allotment of higher income group house to Thiru. G.E. Sreedharan, volleyball player.
- ★ Rs. 1.035 Crore distributed to the medal winners and trainers of 18th Commonwealth Games at Melbourne as incentive.
- ★ Rs. 8.4 Lakh for presenting State Chief Minister's Award to trainers sports pension sanctioned.
- ★ Training to sports trainers arranged at a cost of Rs. 13.25 Lakh.
- ★ Rs. 22 Lakh for presenting Chief Minister's State Sports Award.
- ★ Rs. 67.66 Lakh as GoI subsidy and Rs. 30 Lakh as State Government subsidy sanctioned for constructing indoor stadium at Tiruchirapalli.





EFFECTIVE FOREST MANAGEMENT

Thiru. N. SELVARAJ
Hon'ble Minister for Forests

FORESTS
DEPARTMENT

Tree cultivation in Private Lands

- ★ One Crore quality seedlings of teak, casuarina, pungan, melia dubia from identified elite trees were raised and planted on 28,000 acres of land. An incentive of Rs.3 Crore has been provided to maintain the saplings.

Urban Forestry

- ★ Under this programme, species like Azadirachta indica, Derries indica, Mimusops elingi, Cassia fistula and Delonix regia have been planted. During 2007-08, 1,17,647 seedlings have been raised and planted in Municipal Corporations and their suburban areas.

Teak Plantation

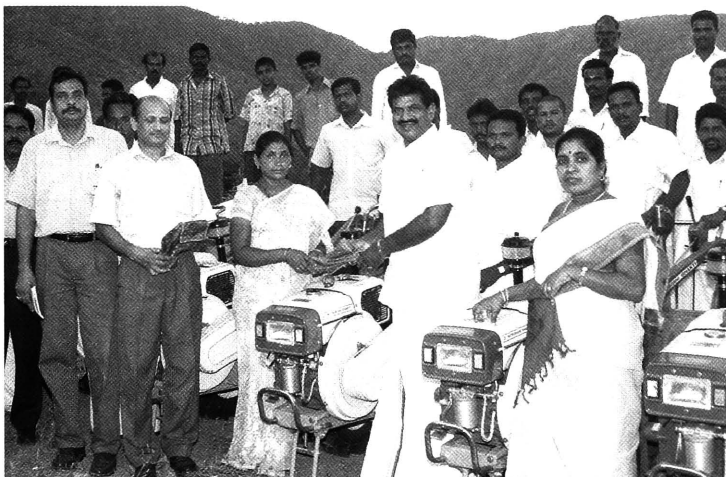
- ★ Quality teak seedlings were planted at Thanjavur, Tiruchirappalli, Madurai, Erode, Salem and Villupuram along the canal banks covering an area of 6,440 ha. at a cost of Rs.1,016.88 Lakh.

Coastal Area Management

- ★ Shelterbelts of an extent of 2,778 ha. were raised and mangroves of an extent of 1,462 ha. were restored along the coastal areas of Tamil Nadu during 2006-07 at a cost of Rs.1,325.55 Lakh. During 2007-08 the existing shelter belt and mangroves were maintained at a cost of Rs.214.16 Lakh.

Free distribution of Seedlings

- ★ During 2006-07 and 2007-08, 2.08 Lakh tall seedlings were raised and freely distributed to schools, colleges, educational institutions and health institutions at a cost of Rs. 62.50 Lakh.
- ★ Orders have been issued for devolution of the share of local bodies from the social/farm forestry revenues earned for the period from 2000-2001 to 2003-2004, to the tune of Rs.15.16 Crore.



Hon'ble Minister for Forests Thiru.N.Selvaraj distributed power tillers to beneficiaries at Sobanapuram, Thiruchirappalli District.

Tamil Nadu Afforestation Programme

- ★ Forest Restoration work was carried out on 96.750 hectares. 435 VFCs were established. 1662 SHGs were established benefiting 24,284 women. In addition, 1980 check dams and 600 percolation ponds, 598 village development works, VFC buildings and school compound walls were constructed. Further, 319 buildings were constructed and 81.96 Lakh mandays were generated under the programme.

12th Finance Commission

- ★ Rs.1,325.91 Lakh was provided for Restoration of degraded shola forests to an extent of 300 ha. in Nilgiris and Palani, Improvement of road net works within the forests, Bio-diversity conservation and Improvement of the forest buildings. During 2007- 08 an amount of Rs.517.29 Lakh was provided to restore 300 ha. of shola forests and for the improvement of roads and buildings.

Tribal Development

- ★ The forest department runs 19 tribal schools in forest areas like Indira Gandhi Sanctuary and Javadhu hills. More than 5,000 students were enrolled in these schools. A proposal for Rs. 507.05 Lakh have been approved by NABARD for development of schools. During 2007-08, Rs.101.42 Lakh was spent for improvement of tribal settlements.

Hill Area Development Programme

- ★ Development and conservation works costing Rs.442.73 Lakh were taken up.

Western Ghat Development Programme

- ★ Work have been implemented in identified watersheds on an outlay of Rs. 432.30 Lakh.

Wildlife

- ★ The Forest Department has taken concrete actions for development of the Tiger habitats in the State. In 2007-08, the Indira Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary and Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary were declared to be under Project Tiger.
- ★ In order to provide water to wildlife water holes and checkdams have been provided in forest. For the first time in the state, solar fencing to cover large extent along forest boundaries were taken up. Solar fence of a length 578.25 km at a cost of Rs.9.29 Crore have been formed. Crop damages by wildlife have been considerably reduced now.
- ★ For the first time, an amount of Rs.157.87 Lakh was paid as compensation for death, crop damages and injury caused.
- ★ The AAZP at Vandalur close to Chennai is an ideal area for the establishment of a Night Safari. A Night Safari at AAZP at a cost of Rs.256 Crore has been planned. In 2007-08, Rs. 5 Crore was allocated and the works are under progress.
- ★ To Attract visitors, a Butterfly Park is to be established at AAZP. Tamil Nadu Tourist Development Corporation has provided Rs.4.87 Crore for the establishment of Butterfly Park and the work have been entrusted to Tamilnadu Agricultural University.
- ★ The Biological Diversity Act, 2002, provides for constitution of biodiversity board. A State Biodiversity Board has been formed.

Forest Protection

- ★ During 2007-08, 583.1 hectare of forests were cleared of encroachments. To prevent encroachments 31,998 cairns were constructed along forest boundaries.
- ★ During 2006-07, road improvement works to the tune of Rs.10.28 Crore were taken up. New forest divisions have been created in



Tree Cultivation on Private Lands of Thiruvannamalai Poloor Block

Tiruvarur and Perambalur district. Royalties to teak and rose wood trees in Kanyakumari District and Shenkottah Taluk of Tirunelveli District have been abolished.

- ★ Orders have been issued to abolish collection of cess for use of forest roads by farmers, tribals, forest dwellings and tourists, for which over the last 100 years charges were collected for use.

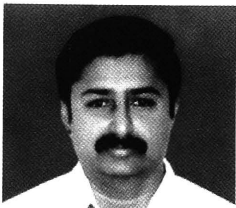
Human Resource Development

- ★ Tamil Nadu is the first state in the country to have constituted the State Forest Commission.
- ★ The washing allowance for rangers, foresters, guards and watchers has been raised from Rs.30 to Rs.100 p.m.

TANTEA

- ★ The wage settlement in TANTEA pending for more than 5 years was concluded in 2007 with higher wages for the workers.





31,740 KM OF ROAD IMPROVED AT A COST OF Rs.4,690 CRORE

Thiru. VELLAKOIL M.P. SAMINATHAN
Hon'ble Minister for Highways

HIGHWAYS & PORTS DEPARTMENT

Road Development

- ★ A total length of 31,740 Km of Road improvement and maintenance works have been implemented at a cost of Rs.4,690 Crore in the last 2 years.
- ★ Under the scheme of improving bus plying roads and other Panchayat union roads, 3,012 Km length of roads have been improved in the villages.
- ★ A new scheme of improving the ODRs which gives connectivity to Adi-Dravida habitations, was introduced. Under this scheme, 700 Km length of roads have been improved at a cost of Rs. 94.15 Crore. Under the Special Component Plan for giving connectivity to the Adi-Dravida habitations, 1,405 Km length of road works have been carried out at a cost of Rs.156 Crore. By this, 105 Adi-Dravida habitations have received black topped road facilities.
- ★ Maintenance works were taken up at a cost of Rs.250 Crore in non maintained Panchayat and Panchayat union roads and renewal works were taken up of Sugarcane roads at a cost of Rs. 35 Crore.
- ★ Works have been taken as per the policy of the Government to have a minimum of two lane in all the State Highways in a phased manner.

Bridges

- ★ In the last 2 years, 343 bridges have been built at a cost of Rs.214 Crore.
- ★ Peranai river bridge in Dindigul District at the cost of Rs.5 Crore, Thirumukkudal bridge in Kancheepuram District at the cost of Rs.7.70 Crore and the Mangadu bridge in Kanyakumari District at the cost of Rs.2 Crore were completed in 2007-08 and thrown open for public use. Similarly, the bridge across Manimuktha river in Vridhachalam town, Cuddalore District at the cost of Rs.5.50 Crore, the bridge at Rayandapuram near Thandarampattu in



Hon'ble Chief Minister KALAINAR M. KARUNANIDHI distributed appointment orders to newly recruited Asst. Engineers, regularised NMRs and to those appointed on compassionate ground in Highways Department. (7.12.2007)

Tiruvannamalai District at the cost of Rs.3.65 Crore, Manickapangu bridge in Nagapattinam District at the cost of Rs.1.30 Crore, Madavamedu bridge at the cost of Rs.1.30 Crore, Komeswaram bridge in Vellore District at the cost of Rs.1.70 Crore, Ittamozhi bridge in Tirunelveli District at the cost of Rs.1.30 Crore, Saliamangalam bridge in Thanjavur District at the cost of Rs.2.10 Crore, Kumaralingam bridge in Coimbatore District at the cost of Rs.1.25 Crore, Konkudi bridge in Pudukkottai District at the cost of Rs.1.50 Crore and Melmangalam bridge in Theni District at the cost of Rs.1.10 Crore have been completed and thrown open to the public.

- ★ 8 Railway Over Bridges at Tirupathur, Karur, Tiruchi-Palakkarai, Kovai Ondipudhur and Ukkadam, Salem-Omalur, Kovilpatti and Madurai-Koodal Nagar were completed at a cost of Rs. 92 Crore.
- ★ It has been planned to construct 4 major bridges at the total cost of Rs.121.50 Crore, with NABARD assistance across the major rivers in Karur, Thanjavur, Cuddalore and Ramnad Districts. The preparation of Detailed Project Report is in progress.
- ★ Government accorded sanction on 04.12.2007 for construction of bridge near Chellapandian statue in the Tirunelveli bypass at an estimated cost of Rs.16.40 Crore.

Special Projects

- ★ First phase of six laning of Rajiv Gandhi Salai from Taramani to Siruseri have been completed. Further sanction have been accorded for Land Acquisition at a cost of Rs. 70 Crore and the six laning the Rajiv Gandhi Salai (IT

Expressway) from Siruseri to Mamallapuram, under Phase-II of the scheme are under way.

- ★ Under the Tiruppur town road infrastructure development scheme, Government sanctioned 98.60 Km length of road works and 8 bridge works at a total cost of Rs.70 Crore and 70.70 Km length of road works at a cost of Rs.20.97 Crore. The works have been completed.
- ★ To cater to the increased vehicular traffic in the stretch from Neelambur to Thandu Mariammankoil of Salem-Cochin Road (Avinashi Salai) in Coimbatore city, orders have been issued to widen this road as six lane and to widen 13 minor bridges at a total cost of Rs.27 Crore. Works to the value of Rs.16.25 Crore have been completed so far.
- ★ In order to improve the roads which connect the villages in and around Madurai with Madurai city, 14 road works to the length of 122.30 Km, have been sanctioned at a cost of Rs.70.60 Crore and the works are in progress.

Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project

- ★ The progress of the works taken up under the Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project with World Bank assistance have been expedited and 742 Km length of upgradation works had been completed. Out of 395.42 Hectare lands required for this scheme. 382.42 Hectare lands have been acquired.
- ★ Land acquisition and road works have been expedited and the total expenditure was estimated now at Rs.1,085 Crore. The World Bank Team which reviewed the progress of this scheme has expressed satisfaction over the implementation of the scheme.

Road Development Works by NHAI

- ★ 195 Km length of road works have been completed and works are in good progress on 1,184 Km length of roads. Further in the last 2 years, 1,280 hectares of lands have been acquired by the Authority. Moreover, two major bridges one in (Tiruvallur on NH4 and another on Kuzhithurai in NH47) have been completed in 2007-08 and thrown open for traffic.

Computerisation

- ★ 1,779 computers have been procured and supplied to 750 offices of the different wings of the department. Computerisation scheme have been implemented at the cost of Rs.14.77 Crore. The system of e-tendering i.e. getting tender schedules through on-line have been implemented.

Upgradation of Roads

- ★ 6,475 Km length of roads have been reclassified to higher categories in the last 2 years.
- ★ In an effort to reform the administration of the department, a separate division for Dharmapuri District was formed. In Tiruvallur District, a new sub division at Pallipet was also formed.
- ★ Action has been taken to improve 28 accident prone black spots under the Comprehensive Road Infrastructure Development Plan (CRIDP).
- ★ It has been proposed to form by-passes at Perambalur, Hosur, Rasipuram, Dharapuram, Thiruthuraipoondi, Thanjavur, Ettukkudi, Pattukkottai, Erode and Kancheepuram towns.

Appointments

- ★ 211 candidates were selected for Assistant Engineer post through Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission and appointed on 07.12.2007. 51 vacancies in the Junior Engineer post were filled up through promotion.
- ★ Permission was granted to fill up 300 posts of Gang Mazdoor on compassionate ground and 144 persons have been appointed so far.
- ★ The services of 77 NMRs have been regularised.
- ★ 45 persons appointed for implementation of schemes other than Self Sufficiency Scheme prior to 1,986 and ousted for want of vacancy, have been appointed as Road Inspectors.

Speed Breakers

- ★ 1,622 Nos. of non-standard speed breakers were detected throughout the State and rectified.

Saplings by the Highways

- ★ During 2007-08, 3,93,000 new saplings were planted on the highway road margins throughout the state.

Demarcation of boundaries of Roads

- ★ Demarcation of boundaries in various categories of roads under the control of Highways Department have been taken up. This work will be extended to other categories of roads also. By this exercise the full extent of roads will be known and it will help in widening of roads.

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EARLY INTERVENTION CENTRES FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

Tmt. P. GEETHA JEEVAN
Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare

**SOCIAL
WELFARE
DEPARTMENT**

- ★ From 15-7-2006, Two boiled eggs per week are given to children in the age group of 2-15 under the Nutritious Meal Programme. From 15.7.2007, three eggs per week are given under the Nutritious Meal Programme. 74.71 Lakh children are benefited under the three egg per week scheme. Moreover, one egg per week is also given to the children in the age group of 1-2 years in Child centres. 2.40 Lakh children are benefited under the scheme.
- ★ The Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Marriage Assistance Scheme was revived from 3-6-2006 and the financial assistance was also increased from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.15,000/-. Under this scheme, 1,29,332 women have benefited and Rs.194 Crore have been sanctioned. The financial assistance has now been increased to Rs.20,000.
- ★ From 1-8-2006, the pension given to the Old age persons, Physically Handicapped, Destitute widows, Destitute



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi announced Perunthalaivar Kamarajar's birthday as Educational Development Day and inaugurated the scheme of providing three eggs in Nutritious Meal Programme for school children.



Hon'ble Minister for
Rural Development and
Local Administration
Thiru M.K.Stalin distributed free
gas stoves with free gas
connections to beneficiaries
in Thoothukudi district.

Agricultural Labourers, Destitute/Deserted women was increased from Rs.200/- to Rs.400/-

- ★ The maintenance allowance provided to the severely handicapped was increased from Rs.200/- to Rs.500/-. This maintenance grant has also extended to Mentally Retarded persons. 30,000 are benefited by the scheme.
- ★ The financial assistance provided to the normal persons marrying physically handicapped persons(visually handicapped, hearing impaired and Orthopaedically handicapped) has been increased from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.20,000/-.
- ★ To encourage visually handicapped students who get first three ranks in 10th Std and 12th Std exams, at the District and State level with Tamil as a subject, cash awards have been established.
- ★ Early Intervention Centres have been established in 10 districts to detect the deafness in early age and to enable the children receive normal education in general schools. 30 Early Intervention Centres for Mentally Retarded have been established to identify infants and young children with Mentally Retardation and to provide Early Intervention Services.
- ★ In order to provide Social Security to the disabled, an exclusive Welfare Board for the Disabled has been established.
- ★ The upper age limit of 35 years, for availing assistance under Dr. Dharmambal Ammaiyar Ninaivu Widow Re-Marriage Scheme, has been removed.
- ★ 1,500 school Nutritious Meal Centres have been modernised at a total cost of Rs.300 Lakh.
- ★ 3,940 child centres have been modernised at a cost of Rs. 2.82 Crore.
- ★ Motorized tricycles have been given to physically disabled persons at a subsidy of Rs. 50 Lakh.
- ★ Legal approval for Women Commission. ★



2000 ADDITIONAL SEATS IN ADI DRAVIDAR HOSTELS CREATED

Tmt. A. TAMILARASI
Hon'ble Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare

ADI DRAVIDAR
WELFARE
DEPARTMENT

Committee for the Prevention of Atrocity

- ★ The State Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee for prevention of atrocities has been reconstituted under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister.

Free Bicycles

- ★ In 2006-07, free bicycles were distributed to 65,609 SC/ST/SCC students at a cost of Rs.13,61,95,000.
- ★ During 2007-08, bicycles were given to 1,34,174 students at a cost of Rs.2,900.14 Lakh.

Improving General Knowledge

- ★ The Government have issued orders for supply of books and magazines on General Knowledge such as "Competition Success Review" to all the Adi Dravidar Welfare High / Higher Secondary Schools and hostels for the first time in order to improve their general knowledge in their preparation for I.A.S. and higher level recruitment examinations. A sum of Rs.5.50 Lakh per year has been provided towards this.

Cancellation of Special Fees

- ★ During 2006-07 Government cancelled Special fees for 10,73,199 boys / girls studying in standard 10 and below. In 2007-08, a total of 12,15,200 boys / girls were benefited.
- ★ For students studying above 10th Standard the Government have issued orders for providing State Special Postmatric Scholarship to 33,373 boys / girls on an outlay of Rs.3.97 Crore.

100% Admission

- ★ To ensure 100% admission of girl students in schools, 60,000 Adi Dravidar and Tribal girls in Std III to V were given Rs. 50/- per



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaaignar M. Karunanidhi distributed bicycles to Eleventh & Twelfth students of Most Backward, Backward and Adi Dravidar communities on 14.1.2008.

month for 10 months at a cost of Rs.3 Crore. Similarly, to encourage girls studying in 6th standard Rs.100 each was given to 30,000 girls at a cost of Rs.3 Crore.

Special Coaching

- ★ Special Coaching was given to the students studying from Std IX to XII at a cost of Rs. 50/- Lakh.
- ★ 208 Adi Dravidar and Tribal beneficiaries were given special coaching in typewriting, shorthand, general knowledge, maths and computer education at a cost of Rs.5.56 Lakh.

Uniforms to Boys / Girls

- ★ From 2006-07 onwards, a new design in school uniform has been adopted. Churidar is provided to girl students studying in 6th to 12th Standard and trousers for boys studying in 8th to 12th standard. During 2007-08, a total of Rs.2,91,542 students received uniforms worth Rs.1,500.96 Lakh.

Typewriting & Shorthand Training

- ★ Rs.14,11,950 has been released from Central Special Fund for training 1,594 students in typewriting and 186 students in shorthand in 20 districts.

Welfare of Hostel Students

- ★ The Contingency allowance provided to Adi Dravidar school students in the hostels has been increased from Rs. 15/- to Rs. 25/- and in college Hostels from Rs. 15/- to Rs. 35/- for the purchase of Soaps and Oil.

- ★ The contingency allowance has been increased from Rs.25/- to Rs.35/- per month for boarders in hostels. Rs.129.73 Lakh sanctioned and 1,18,768 Boy/Girl Students have benefited.
- ★ Rs.10 Crore has been sanctioned for taking up special repair works at Adi Dravidar/Tribal Welfare hostels and works are in progress in 706 hostels.

Improvements to Hostels

- ★ 100 Wet Grinders at a cost of Rs. 10,000 each to 100 Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Hostels at a cost of Rs. 10 Lakh were supplied.
- ★ Rs. 99.45 Lakh was sanctioned for provision of fans to 585 Adi Dravidar Welfare Hostels functioning in Government buildings at the rate of 15 fans per Hostel. Totally 8,775 fans were supplied to 585 hostels.
- ★ A sum of Rs. 94.71 Lakh was sanctioned for the purchase and supply of one chair and one cot to every student of the Post Graduate and College Hostels. Totally 2,706 students have benefited.
- ★ Compound walls have been erected at a cost of Rs.34.06 Lakh in 14 Adi Dravidar Welfare hostels.

2000 Additional Seats in Hostels

- ★ As students prefer to stay in hostels, 1000 additional seats in 2006-07 at an expenditure of Rs.35.22 Lakh and 1000 additional seats in 2007-08 at an expenditure of Rs.50 Lakh have been created.

New Hostels

- ★ One new Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare hostel has been built; 50 numbers of girl students admitted at Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare School in Thiruvavur.
- ★ The Government have sanctioned one Boys and one Girls Hostel at Bharathidasan University Complex and one Boys Hostel and One Girls hostel at Thanjavur Tamil University at a total cost of Rs.370.20 Lakh.

Schools Upgraded

- ★ 5 Government Adi Dravidar middle schools as high schools at a cost of Rs.1.32 Crore and 5 high schools as higher secondary schools at Rs.1.77 Crore have been upgraded.

New School Buildings

- ★ Construction of 43 Additional Class rooms sanctioned on an outlay of Rs. 199.90 Lakh. Lab Buildings for 3 Adi Dravidar Welfare Higher Secondary Schools and One High School, and also additional Class rooms for 10 High Schools and 12 Higher Secondary Schools have been built.

- ★ Welfare Schemes for Scheduled Castes with funds released to TAHDCO for taking up economic development programmes Funds received from Government of India to the tune of Rs.44.82 Crore was released to TAHDCO.
- ★ Long writing desks at a cost of Rs.138 Crore have been distributed to 40 Government Adi Dravidar Welfare high / higher secondary schools.
- ★ Laboratory building for 3 Adi Dravidar Welfare high schools at a cost of Rs.30 Lakh and 2 class rooms each for 3 Adi Dravidar Welfare high schools at a cost of Rs.19.80 Lakh have been constructed.
- ★ Works to improve the infrastructure in Adi Dravidar Welfare high / higher secondary schools are in progress with loan assistance of Rs.45.80 Crore from NABARD.
- ★ Under the special programme for economic development of scheduled castes, Rs.48.98 Crore was received from Government of India of which Rs.44.08 Crore was released to TAHDCO and Rs.4.90 Crore to Director of Adi Dravidar Welfare for providing basic amenities to Adi Dravidar Welfare schools.

Assistance to Law Graduates

- ★ The incentive of Rs. 5,000/- given to Adi Dravidar and tribal law graduates has been increased to Rs.10,000/- to enable law graduates to start their career.
- ★ An amount of Rs. 50/- Lakh provided to sanction a sum of Rs. 10,000/- each to 500 Adi Dravidar and Tribal law graduates as subsidy who have completed their studies during the years 2002-03 to 2006-07 in order to start their career.

Training

- ★ The Government for the first time in the history of the State have sanctioned an outlay of Rs. 25 Crore as Special State Assistance to impart training for economic Development of Adi Dravidars. Under this scheme Special Training Courses such as Air Hostess training, Cabin crew training for youth, Training Course in L&T institutions, Fashion Technology Training, Training for Production of Plastic Articles, Training for Production of Chappals, Preparation of Food, Providing Food and Serving, House Keeping, Nurses Training, Software Computer Training Sales Manager Training, Training in Spoken English and Communication Skills, BPO Call Centre and Medical Transcription Training are given.
- ★ Special Training courses were provided at an outlay of Rs. 10 Crore to get jobs.
- ★ An outlay of Rs. 7 Crore was granted as subsidy to 6,000 Adi Dravidar youth for starting self employment.



Hon'ble Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare Tmt.A.Tamilarasi inaugurated a programme of training Adidraavidar Girls for Air Hostess Jobs.

Bonded Labour Rehabilitation

- ★ The Government have conducted resurvey of bonded labour in all districts with central assistance at a cost of Rs. 60 Lakh.
- ★ The Schemes implemented under Scheduled Castes sub plan are classified as divisible and indivisible schemes. To ensure that 19% expenditure is incurred to Adi Dravidars and 1.04% to Tribal Welfare. The Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department has been designated as the Nodal Department for formulation and implementation of SCSP schemes.

Community Hall

- ★ 12 Community Halls at an outlay of Rs. 74 Lakh have been constructed during 2006-07. During 2007-08, eight community halls were constructed at a cost of Rs.80 Lakh.

Free House Site Pattas

- ★ In 2006-07, 12,215 Free House Site Pattas worth Rs.5.26 Crore were issued to Adi Dravidars. In 2007-08, 12,740 Free House Site Pattas were issued to Adi Dravidars at a cost of Rs.5.71 Crore.
- ★ 112 cooks working in Adi Dravidar Welfare Hostels, who were receiving consolidated pay of Rs. 500/- per month are now granted the regular time scale of pay. 102 Cook Assistants those who were getting consolidated pay of Rs. 70/-, Rs.90/-, Rs. 100/- and Rs. 250/- now receive an enhanced Rs.500/-.

- ★ A teaching grant of Rs.57.65 Lakh sanctioned for granting Time Scale of Pay to 45 Teachers, working in Muthukaruppan Memorial Institution High/Higher Secondary Schools Chillankulam Village, Ottapidaram Taluk at Thoothukudi District, from the year 2006-07 onwards.

Assistance to Civil Service aspirants

- ★ 100 Adi Dravidar Boys/ Girls who had passed the Preliminary Civil Service Examination are provided assistance of Rs. 25,000/- each for preparation to the main examination. The total outlay of this Scheme is Rs. 25 Lakh.

New Appointments

32 P.G. Assistant Teachers, 299 B.T. Assistant Teachers, 211 Secondary Grade Teachers, 256 Cooks and 70 Watchmen have been newly appointed.

Tribal Students' welfare

- ★ The Government have allotted Rs.53.70 Lakh in two years for conducting Special coaching classes to students of 9th to 12th Standard of Government Tribal High/Higher Secondary Schools.
- ★ Grants to 200 boarders of SFRD Institution School in Thiruvannamalai district amounting to Rs.4.68 Lakh and boarding grant of Rs.1.52 Lakh to 69 students to the Residential School of RAMCO Group in Virudhunagar district have been sanctioned.

GTR Schools

- ★ Two Government Tribal Middle Schools were upgraded to High school in S.Thathampatti in Dharmapuri district and Kariakoilvalavu in Salem districts at a total cost of Rs.49.47 Lakh in 2006-07.
- ★ A sum of Rs.30 Lakh have been sanctioned for construction of additional class rooms and supply of furniture to 3 GTR High/Higher secondary schools at Asanur of Erode district, Karumandurai of Salem district and Anaikatti of Coimbatore district.
- ★ Rs.1 Crore sanctioned for non-recurring expenditure of Eklayva Model School at Salem district.
- ★ A sum of Rs.150 Lakh for non-recurring expenditure and Rs.30 Lakh for recurring expenditure of Eklayva Model Residential School at Salem district were sanctioned.

Housing for Tribals

- ★ Rs.16.79 Lakh was sanctioned for construction of 46 houses in the ITDP areas in Villupuram, Thiruchirappalli and Thiruvannamalai districts.
- ★ Rs.10.14 Lakh was sanctioned for supply of 71 Sheep Units and 25 Milch animals to the Dispersed Tribes in Erode, Perambalur, Thiruvannamalai, Vellore and Salem districts.

- ★ Rs 27.57 Lakh was sanctioned for provision of electrification at Melur and Keelur villages of Salem district.
- ★ Rs.32 Lakh was sanctioned for provision of drinking water facilities in 8 tribal habitations in the ITDP areas of 5 districts viz Tiruvannamalai, Namakkal, Vellore, Villupuram and Dharmapuri.
- ★ Rs. 80 Lakh was sanctioned for Janashree Bima Yojana Insurance scheme for the benefit of 16,000 Primitive Tribal Groups.

Group Houses for Tribals

- ★ A sum of Rs.44.57 Lakh was sanctioned for construction of 123 group houses in Dindigul, Krishnagiri and Salem districts.
- ★ A sum of Rs.144.595 Lakh has been sanctioned for provision of drinking water facilities, street lights, formation of roads, construction of culverts, houses, thrashing floors and minor irrigation schemes in six districts viz Thiruvannamalai, Namakkal, Dharmapuri, Tiruchirappalli, Villupuram and Erode.
- ★ A sum of Rs.106.405 Lakh has been sanctioned for provision of street lights, formation of roads, construction of culverts, houses and minor irrigation schemes in four districts viz Thiruvannamalai, Salem, Tiruchirappalli, and Erode.
- ★ A sum of Rs.326.97 Lakh has been sanctioned for income generating activities in Integrated Tribal Development Programme areas and other tribal areas under Special Cash Assistance to Tribal Sub - Plan Scheme for the year 2006-07.

Housing Scheme for Tribals

- ★ A sum of Rs.29.50 Lakh has been sanctioned for provision of drinking water facilities, construction of group houses and provision of street lights in Thiruvallur, Kancheepuram and Nilgiris district under central sector scheme for the development of Primitive Tribal Grants.
- ★ A sum of Rs.139 Lakh has been sanctioned for construction of check-dams (Minor irrigation schemes) in Erode, Vellore, Dharmapuri and Salem districts.
- ★ A sum of Rs.4.95 Lakh has been sanctioned for construction of Check-dam across the Pachamalai Odai in Top Sengattupatti / Thenparanadu village, Uppiliyapuram Panchayat Union, Thuraiyur Taluk of Tiruchirappalli district under Minor Irrigation scheme of Tribal Sub-Plan.
- ★ A sum of Rs.86.55 Lakh has been sanctioned for income generating activities for supply of milch animals and sheep units in 7 districts under Special Cash Assistance of Tribal Sub-Plan Scheme.

- ★ A sum of Rs.48.55 Lakh has been sanctioned for income generating activities for supply of milch animals and construction of Brick lines in 6 districts i.e. Thiruvannamalai, Villupuram, Thiruchirappalli, Vellore, Namakkal and Salem under incentive grant of Special Cash Assistance of Tribal Sub-Plan Scheme for the year 2006-07.
- ★ A sum of Rs.32.71 Lakh has been sanctioned under incentive grant of Special Cash Assistance of Tribal Sub-Plan Scheme for the year 2005-06 for implementing tribal welfare schemes in Harur Forest Division in Dharmapuri district.

Hill area Development Programme

- ★ Rs. 1,226.39 Lakh was spent for the welfare of Tribals who were residing in the Nilgiris district.

Western Ghat Development Programme

- ★ Under the Western Ghat Development scheme during 2007-08, a sum of Rs. 50.90 Lakh has been allocated for the implementation of Tribal Welfare schemes in Coimbatore, Dindigul, Theni, Madurai, Virudhunagar, Tirunelveli, and Kanniyakumari districts.

Tamil Nadu Tribal Welfare Board

- ★ The Government have issued orders for the formation of Tribal Welfare Board for the upliftment of Tribals in the field of socio-economic and education development. Government have sanctioned Rs. One Crore for the Board's activity.
- ★ Rs.611.96 Lakh has been given as subsidy to 2,745 in two years under Adi Dravidar / Tribal Youth self employment scheme.
- ★ Rs.651.91 Lakh has been given as subsidy to 8,720 beneficiaries under the District Collector discretionary fund.
- ★ Under the scheme for the social and economic development of Adi Dravidar Women, Rs.1,266.56 Lakh has been given as subsidy to 3,927 beneficiaries in two years.
- ★ Under Individual Loan scheme in two years Rs.2,323.27 Lakh has been given as subsidy for starting self - employment to 23,539 Adi Dravidar People living below poverty line.
- ★ Rs.4,344.92 Lakh has been given to 72,127 beneficiaries in two years as economic assistance to Adidraavidar / Tribal Self Help Groups.
- ★ Rs.695.59 Lakh has been given as subsidy for revolving fund to 1,27,870 beneficiaries of woman Self Help Groups.
- ★ Under Central Special Assistance Scheme, only Adi Dravidars were eligible. To enable the tribal and converted Adidraavidar Christians also, the State Government allocated Rs.10 Crore in 2006 - 07 and Rs.25 Crore for 2007 - 08 as Special State Assistance.

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5,72,118 FISHERFOLK BENEFIT BY SAVINGS & RELIEF SCHEMES

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

FISHERIES
DEPARTMENT

National Fishermen Savings cum Relief Scheme

- ★ During the past 2 years, 3,55,649 Fishermen have been given Rs.42,03,40,650 under this scheme.

Fisherwomen Savings cum Relief Scheme

- ★ 2,16,419 members have benefited in this scheme and Rs. 25,82,33,450 Lakh has been sanctioned.

Sales Tax exemption on purchase of diesel

- ★ The Government have sanctioned 100% exemption from payment of sales tax for the purchase of HSD oil. Price is reduced by Rs.6.00 (approximately) for every litre of diesel. 20,200 fishermen are benefited.
- ★ Government of Tamil Nadu has enhanced the quantity of sales tax exempted diesel oil from 1000 KL. to 1500 KL. from August 2008.

Assistance for purchase of Diesel

- ★ During 2006-07, a sum of Rs.259 Lakh was given as subsidy for diesel purchased by the mechanised fishing vessels.
- ★ 5,000 fishermen have been benefited.

Fishermen Free Housing Scheme

- ★ Rs.740 Lakh was sanctioned for construction of 2,000 houses for the year 2006-07.

Installation of Artificial Reefs

- ★ The Government have sanctioned installation of artificial reefs at 10 places at a cost of Rs.20 Lakh in Thanjavur and Kanyakumari Districts.

Swarna Jayanthi Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY)

- ★ Under the Swarna Jayanthi Gram Swarozgar Yojana Scheme, 16,837 beneficiaries were trained at an expenditure of Rs.83.25 Lakh.
- ★ Under training programme in fish processing using solar drying, 3,310 persons were trained at an expenditure of Rs.1,245.33 Lakh.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaaignar M. Karunanidhi distributed bicycles, life jackets, ice boxes, emergency lamps and First Aid boxes to uplift the livelihood of the Tsunami affected fishermen on 12.10.2007.

- ★ In order to establish a marine fish hatchery, a society by name CARD has been registered and site selection is in progress.

Water bodies Restoration

- ★ It is proposed to develop Fisheries activities in 63 sub-basins and at a cost of Rs.17.3 Crore approved by World Bank.
- ★ For the year 2008-09, Project proposals for 16 sub basins have been prepared for Rs.253.12 Lakh.

Western Ghats Development Programme

- ★ This programme is implemented with the assistance of Government of India to uplift the socio-economic status of the people living in the Western Ghats.
- ★ Government of India have sanctioned Rs.10 Lakh as second Instalment for the construction of Mahseer Hatchery at Sholayer for the year 2006 - 07.
- ★ During 2007 - 2008, Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.22.50 Lakh for Gadana fish farm in Thirunelveli district for repair works.

National Agriculture Development Programme (NADP)

- ★ Various schemes are being implemented under this programme at a cost of Rs.703 Lakh.

Training

- ★ Government of India have accorded sanction for Rs. 65 Lakh for setting up of Awareness centre at Pulicat and three Fish Farmers Training centres at Rameswaram, Colachel and Thoothukudi . The Government of India have released Rs.52 Lakh as 80% share and the Government of Tamil Nadu have released its 20% share of Rs.13 Lakh.

Maritime Education

- ★ The Government have sanctioned Rs.50 Lakh every year for creating employment opportunities to 100 educated fishermen youth through upgradation of skills in Maritime education and Nautical Sciences.

Relief to the Tsunami affected

- ★ The Hon'ble Chief Minister has announced additional relief sanctioning Rs.110.36 Crore for the purchase of supply of nets, life jackets, handy rechargeable lanterns, heavy duty bicycles and insulated ice boxes to 42,000 fishermen who were affected by Tsunami.

TAFCOFED loans to Fishermen

- ★ Loan to the fishermen are provided for purchase of Catamaran / Vallams / Nets / OBM's / IBEs through the Tamil Nadu State Apex Fisheries Co-operative Federation (TAFCOFED).
- ★ The Government have ordered the waiver of loan, interest and share capital assistance benefiting 5,635 fishermen to the tune of Rs.19.56 Crore.





RECORD PROCUREMENT OF MILK AT RS.26.27 LAKH PER DAY

Thiru U. MATHIVANAN
Hon'ble Minister for Dairy Development

DAIRY
DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT

Milk Procurement

- ★ In 2006-2007, 7,662 Co-operative Milk Producers Societies had procured 25.10 Lakh litres of milk per day (LLPD). In 2007-2008, number of MPCS increased to 7,833 and milk procurement had also increased to 26.27 LLPD.

Milk Procurement Price

- ★ The cow milk price has been increased by Rs.2/- per litre and buffalo milk price has been increased by Rs.4/- per litre with effect from 10.03.2008. 4.08 Lakh milk producers were benefited.
- ★ Out of an estimated amount of Rs.418 Lakh for creation of infrastructure for the benefit of milk producers, a sum of Rs.218 Lakh was sanctioned as subsidy.
- ★ 364 new milk producers co-operative societies were formed, of which 129 were women milk producers co-operative societies.
- ★ 178 dormant societies were revived and made functional.
- ★ Highest milk production of 29.40 LLPD through co-operative sector was achieved on 21.06.2007.
- ★ 7,145 of the 7,833 societies are working in profit as per the tentative financial statement.
- ★ Rs.524 Lakh was distributed from the profit to 3,20,741 milk producers of 1,500 societies towards dividend, member bonus, and additional purchase price.



Hon'ble Minister for Dairy Development Thiru. U. Mathivanan distributed promotion orders to employees of Dairy Development Department & gave away Pongal incentives to employees of Primary Milk Producing Co-operatives.

- ★ The Government have given administrative approval for the establishment of 2 Lakh litre handling capacity dairy and a powder plant with capacity of 20 MTs. at a cost of Rs.29.31 Crore. A sum of Rs.703.52 Lakh have been released by Government during the year 2007-08.
- ★ Under National Agricultural Development Programme, the Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs.600 Lakh to the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Milk Producers' Federation Limited.

Conversion of Ways and Means Advance into Share Capital and Medium Term Loan

- ★ The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.25 Crore under Ways and Means advance. The Ways and Means advance together with interest, penal interest of Rs.30.20 Crore has been converted as share capital.
- ★ Milk products worth Rs.50,22,500 given as gift to 24,500 employees.

Bonus and Exgratia

- ★ The amount of Rs.431.16 Lakh was disbursed to 7,436 employees.
- ★ Bonus and exgratia were disbursed to 7,279 employees, by relaxing the limit from Rs.2,500/- to Rs.3,500/-. The total expenditure was about Rs.597.87 Lakh.

Production linked incentive

- ★ The production linked incentive during Pongal Festival was discontinued from 2002 to 2006. From 2007 onwards it has been revived.
- ★ The Production linked incentive of Rs.825/- per employee was enhanced to Rs.1000/- during Pongal 2008. 7,310 employees of Federation and District Unions were benefited at a cost of Rs.73.10 Lakh.

Medical Reimbursement Scheme

- ★ 266 employees have benefited from the scheme and an amount of Rs.45.85 Lakh have been paid to them.

Employees Welfare

- ★ Stitching charges were enhanced from Rs.300/- to Rs.400/- for male employees and from Rs.60/- to Rs.90/- to female employees.
- ★ Monthly washing allowance was enhanced from Rs.25/- to Rs.50/- per month.
- ★ Night Shift allowance was enhanced from Rs.5/- to Rs.10/- per day.
- ★ 5% personal pay has been extended and paid to employees who went on strike.
- ★ 131 cattle feed employees in Kanchipuram-Thiruvallur union have been absorbed into the Federation.
- ★ Uniform leave facilities have been extended to all light vehicle drivers.

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REHABILITATION OF TRADITIONAL CRAFT INDUSTRIES

Thiru. K. RAMACHANDHIRAN
Hon'ble Minister for Khadi

KHADI DEPARTMENT

Tamil Nadu Khadi & Village Industries Board

- ★ The Hon'ble Chief Minister sympathetically considered the future of the retrenched Board's employees and without going in for appeal, accepted the judgement of the Hon'ble High Court and issued reinstatement orders to 97 labourers.
- ★ The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.5,18,98,335/- for the settlement of the pensionary benefits to those employees who retired from the Board.
- ★ The Government have sanctioned a grant of Rs.9 Crore for the salary of trading staff.
- ★ The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.235.16 Lakh, towards 60% of DCRG and Commutation of the retired pensioners Board on the recommendation of VIth Pay Commission. Pensionary benefits sanctioned to the retired pensioners.
- ★ Long pending payments of 14% D.A. totalling Rs.90 Lakh have been paid to the Board employees.
- ★ Out of various orders received from Government Departments the supply of carpentry and blacksmithy items worth Rs.7.09 Crore of orders have been fulfilled.
- ★ The Government have sanctioned Rs.35 Lakh for the implementation of Khadi and Village Industries Commission's SHURIT Scheme by Tamil Nadu Khadi and Village Industries Board for the establishment of Khadi Cluster around Sulur in Coimbatore District for providing employment to 510 families at a total project cost of Rs.180 Lakh.



Hon'ble Rural Development and Local Administration Minister
Thiru.M.K.Stalin laid the foundation stone for new schemes and distributed welfare schemes at Nilgiris district(23.5.2007).

- ★ The sale amount for Khadi products was Rs.3,460 Lakh. The sale of Village Industries products was Rs.2794.22 Lakh.

Tamil Nadu Palm Products Development Board

- ★ A Palm Labourer Welfare Board started with Thiru. Kumari Anandan as chairman.
- ★ During 2006-07, a sum of Rs.20 Lakh has been provided for the purchase of machineries and equipments for Palmgur artists.
- ★ During 2007-08, a sum of Rs.8 Lakh has been provided for the distribution of tools and equipments to the Palmgur artisans and to purchase of pre packing machine, Neera (Pathaneer) Cooler and other equipments for Neera catering unit.
- ★ Under Drought relief Scheme, an amount of Rs.42,33,500 was given as relief for Palm seeding and for withered Palm trees.
- ★ The Government has issued orders to extend the licenses to the tappers for three years from 2007 to 2009 for tapping of Neera (Pathaneer) from Palm trees, to extract Jaggery from Palm trees, date Palm trees and for transport of Neera for sales.



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