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UNITEDLY LET US WORK TO BANISH SCARCITY FROM TAMIL NADU

Message of the
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Selvi J Jayalalithaa
on the New Year Greetings (English Translation)

I offer my loving greetings to the people of Tamil Nadu on this New Year Day that blossoms with new and fresh hopes.

The goal of your Beloved Sister's Government is, to make Tamil Nadu the foremost State and to improve the living standards of the people. All know very well that the Tamil Nadu Government is implementing with fervour several constructive schemes to realise this goal.

A country can achieve an alround growth only through economic development that is inclusive. All should get all things. Let us take a pledge in this New Year to work unitedly and realise my Government's goal of banishing altogether scarcity from the State.

Let this New Year bring in a new life, prosperity and victories to you all. I once again offer to my beloved people of Tamil Nadu my hearty New Year greetings.



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The people's interest should be paramount. Purely political considerations being brought to weigh on the Plan is a grave injustice done to the States and is not conducive to the healthy growth of the Nation. The already inherent imbalances will only get more pronounced.

Selvi J Jayalalithaa
- Hon'ble Chief Minister

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THINK OUT OF BOX TO IMPROVE TEA SALES

ADVICE OF THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER TO CO-OPERATIVE TEA FACTORIES

Speech delivered by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Selvi J Jayalalithaa at the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Kundah Industrial
Co-operative Tea Factory at Edakkadu Mattam, Nilgiris District on 4.1.2013
(English Translation)

Hon'ble Minister for Rural Industries
Thiru. P. Mohan who has delivered an address
in this elegant function,

Hon'ble Minister for Environment
Thiru M.C. Sampath,

Hon'ble Ministers, Members of Parliament
and Legislative Assembly, Representatives of
Local Bodies, Chief Secretary to Government
Tmt. Sheela Balakrishnan who has delivered
the introductory speech, Thiru. Niranjan Mardi,
Principal Secretary, Highways Department,
Thiru. K. Dhanavel, Secretary, Micro, Small
and Medium Enterprises Department, Thiru.
Harmander Singh, Commissioner and Director
of Industries & Commerce Department
who delivered the welcome address,

Tmt. Archana Patnaik, Collector of the Nilgris
District, Thiru. T. Udhayachandran, Special
Officer, INDCOSERVE who is to propose
vote of thanks, Workers of Tea Plantations,
Respected Elders, Ladies, my veritable
Goddesses who sustain me, my dear siblings
who are Idaya Deivam Puratchi Thalaivar
MGR's blood unto blood and dearer to me
than my own life,

At the outset, I offer my kind regards to all
of you.

Nature's beauty that abounds in the Nilgris
District demands one's rapt attention without
the winking of eyes. I am extremely happy
to stand, amidst this gentle breeze, sky-
high trees and eucalyptus aroma hanging





in the air and to participate in the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Kundah Industrial Co-operative Tea Factory and inaugurate the sale of INDCOSERVE 'Ooty Tea' in new 250 gram pouches and their sale in the Aavin outlets.

Though there was growth from 1930s in the small scale sector of tea industry, the small growers were largely selling their manufactured tea to private industries. They were getting a low price for their manufactured tea. Also they were subjected to several difficulties like larger rebate and irregularities in counting. To put it in brief, small growers of tea were at the mercy of private industries.

Small and micro level growers were cheated on account of their ignorance and their socio-economic conditions. This Kundah Industrial Co-operative Tea factory is the first factory to have been started by Tamil Nadu Government in the co-operative fold, to change the socio-economic conditions of the micro and small tea

growers. The venture was also to vindicate the adage 'Co-operation is country's upliftment', 'unity ushers in limitless good' and to uphold the doctrine of co-operation – Society for the individual; and individual for the society'.

The Kundah factory got registered in 1958, commenced its production in 1962 and is now celebrating its golden jubilee. Now, 15 such co-operative factories are operating in the Nilgris District. By way of co-ordinating these 15 factories, an apex co-operative institution, 'INDCOSERVE' was set up and has been functioning. This apex body works as the guardian of the small growers of tea. The functioning of the co-operative factories has strengthened the bargaining power of the micro and small growers to get an enhanced price for their tea. Since the setting up of these factories, not only have the micro and small growers been getting a fair price for tea, but they have also been protected from exploitation.

As the tea dust sold in private auction centres did not fetch a good price, I inaugurated in

October 2003, a new computerised tea auction centre, 'Tea Serve', a pioneering effort in the whole world, with the view that there should be a Government-run auction centre. I am immensely happy that this auction centre has been functioning extremely well for the last 10 years.

Not only this, in my earlier regime, in 2005, a 'Small Tea Growers Protection Scheme' was launched, keeping the interests of small growers in mind. I would like to recall that under this scheme Rs. 28 crores subsidy was given to 50,152 small growers between July 2005 and March 2006 at the rate of Rs. 4,200/- per acre; and conceding the tea factories' request the Value Added Tax (VAT) on tea dust was also reduced to one percent from 4 percent.

I also provided subsidy to enable small growers to join the Price Stabilisation Fund Scheme and to purchase new machinery for improving the standard of the Industrial Co-operative Tea Factories. Now, after assuming office as Chief Minister for the third time, I have effected a Rs. 2/- increase per kilo in the price of tea to the small growers who are members of the 15 co-operative tea factories. This has helped 22,000 growers to get an additional Rs. 17.20 crores.

I would like to point out, in this context, that my Government has given a subsidy of Rs. 5.46 crores for developing and modernising these 15 factories so as to increase their productivity.

Though my Government has been taking steps to improve the co-operative tea factories,

new strategies have to be devised to increase the sales in these establishments.

As for me, I like novelty. To boost the sales in co-optex, I introduced a new scheme: 'for every two purchase one free' in the current year. Customers responded greatly and the retail sale of co-optex in the year 2011-2012 created a record and fetched Rs. 220 crores. This is unprecedented in the 77 year history of the co-optex.

Likewise, I adopted a new strategy in 2001 to increase the sales of INDCOSERVE factories. As per this plan, the sale of 'Ooty Tea' was routed through the Public Distribution System so as to enable small growers to get a good price for their green tea and the public to get quality tea dust at low rates and to increase the sale of co-operative tea factories' products.

Through this strategy, 317 lakh kilos of tea dust was sold for Rs. 280 crores in the last 12 years. Out of the profit earned through this sale, Rs. 26 crores was disbursed to the small growers of the INDCOSERVE factories. I am extremely happy over this.

One should think, out of box, for development of an institution and for the improvement of its marketing abilities. New ideas which usher in great changes, ensure victory.

A footwear manufacturing unit wanted to select a particular area for locating a sales centre for its products. A majority in the Board of Directors of the unit felt that locating a place where people will result in poor sales, don't use footwear at all. But one differed and said: 'opening a sales centre in a place where



people don't use footwear, will increase the business'. A sales outlet was set up in that locality and the unit's business flourished. If such extraordinary ideas are adopted, the industrial co-operative tea factories will flourish.

Success is certain in business if along with new strategies, there is self confidence. There was a bell boy in a town working at a place of worship which belonged to a private person. One day, a meeting of the administrators of the place of worship took place and it decided that all their employees should be literates. It also prescribed a time limit of six months for the uneducated among the employees including the bell boy to become literate. But the person doing the bell boy's work could not rise up to meet the demand. The management dismissed him. With sorrow, he departed for home but wanted to have a cup of tea as he had a headache. But there was no tea stall. He thought a mobile tea stall on a bi-cycle should be started here. He implemented his idea the next day.

Following this, he opened an eatery there. Business flourished. He opened a bank account to save his earnings. His bank account swelled. On seeing this, the bank manager advised him to convert his savings into a fixed deposit as that would fetch a higher rate of interest. The person agreed. The manager himself filled up the necessary form and asked the person to sign. 'I don't know how to sign; I am an illiterate', he said. "You are earning so much without education; what would have you done if you were educated", the bank manager asked. That person replied: "If I had been educated, I would have been a bell boy at a place of worship". What you should learn from this episode is that education alone is not enough to progress in life. Hard work and self-confidence are necessary. We need intelligence and efficiency to fully utilise the opportunities that come hard our way.

You, the small growers and factory workers, have all come up in life through work. You vindicate that work alone will uplift one.

I wish to tell you a parable to highlight the glory of labour.

There was a very wealthy man in a town. He was under the impression that he alone was enjoying a lot of comforts.

One day a sanyasi came to him and the rich man paid his respects and welcomed him.

Later, the rich man asked the sanyasi whether he had seen, from his experience as a globe-trotter, any person who was enjoying greater comforts than himself.

With a curly smile, the sanyasi replied: “You need not search for such a person anywhere else. He is very much in your own country”.

“In my country? Where?”, the wealthy man asked.

“Come; I will take you to him”, said the sanyasi.

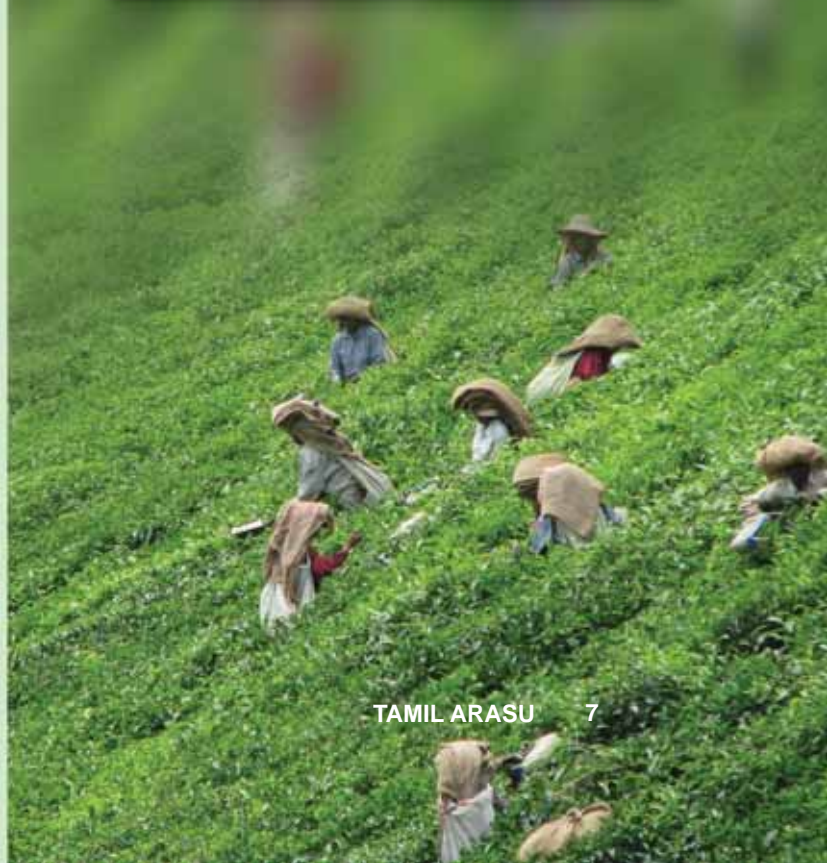
He took the wealthy man to the fields. It was summer and the sun was scorching.

There, an elderly person about 60 years of age, was tilling the land like an young man without minding the sun or his sweating body.

“He is the person who enjoys life better than you”, the sanyasi said pointing out to that person.

“Don’t cut jokes; Is this old man, a greater enjoyer of comforts than me?”, the rich man asked.

The Sanyasi smiled and said: “See how he toils even in this old age. He puts in hard work. He is not afraid of the scorching sun. He will



experience good appetite after he completes his work. Whatever be the simple food he takes, it will be nectar to him. Again, he will toil the whole day. He will have a sound and peaceful sleep in the night. Comfort is that which equips you to face, with great pleasure, the summer heat, the mist, the storm and the rain. He is ever ready to face them. Heaven is nothing but the sleep one gets after hard work. Anything that comes without work is not enjoyment. Now you tell me: Whether you are the enjoyer of comforts or that worker”.

The wealthy man bowed to the sanyasi and said: ‘Pardon me; I am ready to work’.

If all of you, who stand high because of your work, unite and work jointly, these co-operative factories will flourish further. Your living standards also will improve.

The ‘Vision 2023’ document released by me has fixed targets for small industries sector. You have to work hard with idealism, enthusiasm, perseverance and self-confidence so as to enable Tamil Nadu realise the targets. There is nothing that you cannot achieve.

If we take up works with unity, perseverance and with the self-confidence that ‘we can

achieve’, you will certainly succeed in your life.

My Government is working with the concept that industries should flourish, workers should prosper. I appeal to you, the tea growers, to extend your whole hearted co-operation to the activities of my Government. My Government is always prepared to extend to you whatever help you need.

1. As a golden jubilee incentive, a month’s salary will be disbursed to workers in Kundah Industrial co-operative Tea factory, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 3,000/- and for employees, 15 days salary subject to a ceiling of Rs. 10,000/-.

2. A new industrial co-operative tea factory will be set up in Nanjanaadu area at a cost of Rs. 5 crores for the benefit of small tea growers at Nanjanaadu area, in Nilgris District.

3. To encourage further the tea industry in the Nilgris District, a Tea cluster – Common Facilitation Centre will be set up at a cost of Rs.15 crores near Mettupalayam in Coimbatore District. In this godown, mixing of tea dust, packeting and laboratory facilities will be set up as also a marketing centre.

My good wishes to this Kundah Industrial Co-operative Tea factory for further on the road of success and for creating several other records like celebrating diamond jubilee platinum jubilee and centenary functions. I take leave of you hailing Anna Naaman Vaazhga! Puratchi Thalaivar Naaman Vaazhga! Thank you, Vanakkam ●

3,000 NEW BUSES COSTING Rs. 548 CRORES FOR STATE TRANSPORT CORPORATIONS THIS YEAR

If the economy and the living standards of people are to improve, there should be, along with all basic facilities, excellent transport facility. Among the transport facilities, road transport is the most important one. It links the people like a bridge. Only when the road transport facility is good, rural economy will flourish. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa's Government has been taking several measures to provide transport facility to every nook and corner of Tamil Nadu. The Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporations play a vital role in giving transport service to city/town, suburbs, hill areas and to rural areas.

The State Transport Corporation in Tamil Nadu operate 21,989 buses. They carry 1.82 lakh passengers daily. In Chennai metropolitan area alone, more than 47 lakh commuters use the Metro Transport Corporation buses. Hence, last year the Hon'ble Chief Minister ordered to purchase 3,000 new buses costing Rs. 434.75 crores for fulfilling the transport needs of the people and to replace the condemned buses. The Hon'ble Chief Minister had also ordered the re-building of 1,432 buses whose chassis and engines are in good condition, at a cost of Rs. 97.56 crores.

This year, 3,000 new buses are to be procured for State Transport Corporation at a cost of Rs. 548 crores. For this procurement, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has sanctioned Rs. 150 crores as share capital assistance and Rs. 150 crores as loan.

Government services are taken to people quickly if they are offered through the electronic and computerised modes. In that way, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has directed that the conventional way of issuing tickets be replaced with electronic hand sets with the facility of geo-physical stationing-GPS in all buses of the State Transport Corporation. Through this, tickets can be issued to passengers easily. The job of the conductor work also will get simplified. The Transport Corporations' depots, regional and zonal offices will come to know immediately the number of tickets issued in each of the buses. Also, the corporation offices and its high ranking officers can come to know all the details like the number of travelling passengers, the distance they travel, the exact location where the buses ply and whether they are keeping the time schedule.

To effect the change, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the procurement of 43,987 electronic hand-set machines and the creation of necessary infrastructure in the 285 depots, 20 zonal offices and at the headquarters of the 8 Transport Corporations and their linking through internet with the central control room to be located in Chennai.

These measures of the Government will pave the way for improving the State Transport Corporations' work in Tamil Nadu. ■



'DEAL STERNLY WITH SMUGGLING OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES; WEED OUT BOGUS CARDS IN PDS SYSTEMATICALLY'

INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF
SELVI J JAYALALITHAA,
HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU IN THE CONFERENCE
OF THE COLLECTORS AND POLICE OFFICERS ON 17.12.2012

Hon'ble Ministers,
Chief Secretary,
Director General of Police,
Principal Secretary, Home
Secretaries to Government,
Heads of Departments,
Senior Police Officers,
Commissioners of Police,
District Collectors, and
Superintendents of Police,

I am happy to interact with all of you at this Second Conference of District Collectors and Superintendents of Police today. I would like to recall my observations made in the First Conference last year where I specifically emphasized that this Government would come out with concrete strategies for creating an environment to realize the aspirations of the people. During this Conference, we will find out whether we have moved in that direction and if necessary fine-tune our strategies for speedier implementation of various schemes thereby ensuring timely benefits to the targeted groups.

2. I would like to reiterate that this

Government is fully committed to giving a clean, transparent, efficient and responsive administration. The people of this State have reposed their faith in this Government by giving us a decisive mandate. This Government is therefore duty bound to ensure that the poor and the downtrodden are given all possible assistance to lead a decent and dignified life.

3. It is well known that a just and fair society prospers the fastest. There is not only economic well being in such a society but also genuine happiness. I have outlined a vision for Tamil Nadu, which encompasses within itself material progress and distributive justice. I rely upon all of you present here today, to convert that vision into a reality. This can be achieved only through exemplary governance.

4. Exemplary and not just good governance is the goal that we have set for ourselves. I have led the State's administration from the front. Eradication of poverty by providing the essential needs of food, clothing and shelter, implementation of social security schemes in a comprehensive manner, development of infrastructure for economic development, improving health care and promoting the well being of the people, and providing a life of

dignity to the people with access to education, employment opportunities and growth in an atmosphere characterised by peace stability and order have been my watchwords. Maintenance of public order, political stability and a plan for progress that focuses on the greatest good for the greatest number are the prerequisites for such governance. I am proud to say that with regard to these prerequisites we have achieved a lot of progress in the last 19 months. But there are always many more improvements to be made. Exemplary governance will require not mere progress but perfection in every sphere.

5. Law and order has been well maintained in the State. And there are no major issues threatening to affect public stability and order. Left wing extremism is non-existent in Tamil Nadu and religious fundamentalism

has not been allowed to rear its ugly head. Instances of communal tension were speedily brought under control and there is an atmosphere of satisfied calm with regard to the corrective measures undertaken. All this has been possible because of the effective co-ordination that exists between the Collectors and the Superintendents of Police in the various Districts.

6. The last 19 months have also seen the unravelling of many sensational and grave crimes that had been committed before. The land grabbing cases that have been detected are being followed up to ensure that the victims are given back their property. I am happy to inform you that so far 1,627 cases have been registered and properties worth Rs.835.94 crore have been returned to the rightful owners. In a similar fashion, granite





valued at Rs.4,000 crore, that was found to have been illegally mined is being confiscated. Further, in cases where granite was mined and sold off illegally, action is being pursued for attachment of properties equivalent to about Rs. 9,783 crore and for securing an early conviction for the culprits. These are just a few examples. Indeed, there are many other cases of crime of a grave nature, which have been unearthed, thanks to the diligence and devotion displayed by the Police Department. This has been possible because the Police administration has been freed from the interference of any kind thus securing for Tamil Nadu the pride of place in the country in this respect.

7. At this juncture, it is necessary for me to emphasise the importance of taking recourse to the preventive sections of the law to bring down the incidence of crime. The District Collectors and the Superintendents of Police should apply the relevant sections of the Criminal Procedure Code in a more effective manner than has historically been seen. This will instill a greater sense of confidence and security in the minds of the law abiding

citizens and instill fear among those intending to commit evil.

8. Let me now draw your attention to a few external threats that merit special attention. Attacks on our fishermen by the Sri Lankan Navy, still continue though they have been subdued greatly thanks to the persistent and powerful protests made to the Government of India by my Government. It is however, a matter of great satisfaction that unlike in the past, when the precious lives of many fishermen were lost, not a single fisherman has died on account of this problem in 2012.

We should continue to maintain the same level of vigil and control with regard to our territorial waters so that the rights of our fishermen are not jeopardised.

9. Tamil Nadu is the only State in the country, which provides rice free of cost to the people under the Public Distribution System. There is therefore a temptation to smuggle out rice meant for the Public Distribution System. It must be remembered that the State spends nearly 3,300 crore rupees on providing free rice to its citizens. Therefore there is a great responsibility cast upon the

district administration to ensure that the illegal transportation of rice is not permitted across the State borders.

10. The flow of spurious liquor into the State from neighbouring areas of other States needs to be curbed fully and effectively so that our policy of prohibition enforcement achieves the desired goals of preventing hooch tragedies and arresting the evasion of excise duty on the sale of liquor.

11. Promotion of road safety and prevention of loss of innocent lives on this account is another area which deserves your careful attention. With greater material prosperity and better quality of roads, there is bound to be a tendency for more people to travel and for those travelling to move faster. I had in 2003 introduced the concept of Highway Patrolling in the State by sanctioning 80 vehicles and the necessary complement of staff. Emergency Accident Relief Centres were also started in 2002. It is necessary to rejuvenate these Centres and practise intensive highway patrolling and proper adoption of road safety methods for the occurrence of road accidents to be reduced.

12. While the agenda has extensively dealt with vital issues across various sectors of administration, I would like to highlight at this stage a few of them leaving the rest for your detailed deliberations. As you are already aware, I have released the 'Vision Tamil Nadu 2023' Document in the month of March of this year. I am given to understand that this Document has been well received in the industry circle and has set off a whole lot of expectations on the part of the investors both national and international. In this Document, due importance has been accorded to the primary sectors like Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Husbandry. The Government has

set for itself an ambitious but doable Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) growth rate target of 11% for which the primary sector has to grow at 5.1% annually. It is only with this intention in mind that the Government has gone ahead with large investments in agriculture, latest farming technologies and mechanization including creating a chain of godowns to store foodgrains for better realization of the revenue by the farmers. It is imperative that we implement this strategy without giving room for any lapse. Similarly, the Government's Flagship Scheme of distribution of milch cows and goats or sheep to the poor rural households headed by women calls for the highest priority in implementation. These schemes are aimed at empowering rural women socially and economically. I understand that through the distribution of milch cows and formation of new Milk Producers Co-operative Societies, milk production in the State has gone up appreciably. The Government has already set up a new Tamil Nadu Fisheries University and Fisheries Institute of Technology during this year. All these efforts will result in ensuring a second green revolution and a white revolution for which the Collectors will have to play a pivotal role. The key strategy in the primary sector is a mixed farming system comprising modern agricultural operations; healthy and productive live-stock and sustainable fish farming; and all these put together will enhance the income level of rural households in a sustainable manner.

13. The rise in the prices of essential commodities is a matter of serious concern. To provide food security to the people of Tamil Nadu, this Government has launched the free rice distribution scheme under the universal PDS. Apart from this, other items like dal, edible oil etc., are also distributed



under the PDS at subsidized cost. This Government has also taken a novel step of creating a Price Stabilization Fund of Rs.50 crore last year in order to undertake market interventions to stabilize the prices of essential commodities. All these have cast a huge subsidy burden on the Government. The Collectors should understand the spirit of the scheme and closely monitor its implementation so that the benefits reach the intended beneficiaries. Smuggling of essential commodities should be sternly dealt with. The Collectors should ensure that bogus cards are weeded out systematically. I understand that the Biometric enumeration of people under the National Population Registry is in progress in all the Districts. The AADHAR number will be ultimately incorporated into that database. Once it is completed we should be able to use this data for end to end computerization of the PDS. This will help us to weed out bogus and ghost cards completely and facilitate the Government to issue smart family cards.

14. As you may be aware, the 97th Constitutional Amendment, 2011 has enjoined that the elections to Co-operative Societies will have to be conducted. While necessary consequential Amendments to the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Societies Act, 1983 will be brought in by the Government, it is the duty of the Collectors to ensure that law and order is maintained at the time

of the elections to Co-operative Societies in their respective Districts. The list of critical and sensitive areas is already available with the District Administration.

15. 'Health for All' is the Government's goal in the health sector. Towards this goal, the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme with assistance up to Rs.4 lakh and enhanced coverage of diseases has been launched recently. While this scheme has been widely acclaimed by one and all, more efforts are called for to fine-tune this scheme in order to ensure that no person is denied treatment because he or she is poor. Collectors must also keep a sharp eye on vital health indicators like Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) and Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) and they should evolve innovative solutions to tackle these problems. The Government has allocated sizeable funds for upgrading various facilities in Government Hospitals and Primary Health Centres with special emphasis on creating modern and sophisticated diagnostic centres in major Government Hospitals. The intention of this Government is to provide health care of the highest standard round the clock to every one. Having said this, I would like to draw your attention to the spread of communicable diseases, like dengue in recent months in the State. The Government has already issued clear cut guidelines on the handling of this emergent situation. The prevention of such diseases is entirely in the hands of the District Administration and I hope you will rise to the occasion and take effective steps to control this vector disease by providing immediate medical care as well as conducting Public Awareness Campaigns involving all stake holders.

16. Implementation of the Right to Education Act has mandated the Government

to see to it that no child in the 6 to 14 age group is kept out of school. Already, the Government has been implementing several innovative schemes which include cash incentives to prevent dropping out, scholarships and provision of all material needs of schooling like text books, note books, school bags, uniforms, geometry boxes, atlases, laptop computers, footwear etc., to school children free of cost. All these schemes, I am sure, will help us in realizing the goal of 'Education for All' and also provide quality education to our children. In this connection, I would like to draw your attention to providing sanitary facilities in schools, especially for girls, as it is a major impediment to inclusive education. Through periodic inspections, the Collectors should ensure that schools and hostel buildings are kept clean and tidy with proper drinking water facilities.

17. The Collectors should guide the Rural and Urban Local Bodies in the identification of felt needs and privatization of projects ensuring speedy execution without compromising on the quality. Many urban local bodies are facing problems in identifying land for solid waste disposal. The establishment of Underground Sewerage Systems and effective Solid Waste Management Systems are the key to building clean, garbage free cities and towns. I have directed that Underground Sewerage Schemes should be provided in all the Urban Local Bodies of the State in a phased manner in order to provide better sanitation. On my directions, Detailed Project Reports at an estimated cost of Rs.21,777 crore have been prepared covering Corporations, Municipalities and Town Panchayats. I have sanctioned a sum of Rs. 273.96 crore for Solid Waste Management activities under the Mission Mode Programmes including strengthening of infrastructure, procurement of vehicles and equipment. The Collectors should regularly



monitor the progress of urban infrastructure schemes and facilitate timely execution by ensuring availability of land, co-ordination with other line departments and co-operation of all stake holders.

I expect you to pay particular attention to removal of garbage by taking up mass cleaning campaigns. This must be a continuing exercise and a visible feature of our cities and towns.

18. In the 'Vision Tamil Nadu 2023' Document that I released in March, 2012, I envisaged our cities as the nuclei and engines of economic growth. Their infrastructure will be made robust and capable of giving the people universal access to 24x7 piped water supply, safe sanitation, including an open defecation free and garbage free environment. The Government is fully committed to providing all the necessary civic amenities needed to make our cities and towns safe, healthy and environmentally friendly. It is for this reason that I announced two path breaking funding schemes for urban infrastructure development – The Chennai Mega City Development Mission for Chennai and the Integrated Urban Development Mission for all other Corporations, Municipalities and Town Panchayats.

In 2011-12 and 2012-13, I have sanctioned Rs.1,000 crore for Chennai City and Rs.1,500 crore for other Corporations, Municipalities and Town Panchayats to upgrade the

standards of basic infrastructure like Roads, Street Lights, Drinking Water, Sewerage, Sanitation and Solid Waste Management.

19. A major public health concern impacting the well being of the people is the practice of open defecation. I have announced that Tamil Nadu will be made “Open Defecation Free” by 2015. I have already sanctioned Rs.92.43 crore for the construction of public toilets, repairs of toilets with the provision of water supply and electricity in the urban areas. We must adopt a multi-pronged strategy to ensure the goal of an open defecation free Tamil Nadu. The provision of sufficient numbers of toilets accessible to all, including the differently abled, well constructed and well maintained, must go hand in hand with an aggressive IEC campaign to discourage open defecation. All District Collectors should take up this programme in a Mission Mode and provide the necessary leadership in their Districts to organize all stake holders into a mass movement to root out this practice. The hallmark of this campaign should be community involvement, technological innovation and upgradation of infrastructure.

20. Quick response to natural calamities and effective disaster management will mitigate the hardships faced by the people.

21. Recently, the Government has released the ‘Tamil Nadu Solar Energy Policy 2012’, which has been widely appreciated. Tamil Nadu is committed to leading the country by generating 3,000 MW of solar power by 2015 through a policy conducive to promoting investments in solar energy production. The Government intends to make the generation of solar energy a people’s movement like rain water harvesting. The Vision is to make Tamil Nadu a World Leader in solar energy production which will help the State to

achieve energy security and to reduce carbon emission. I request the Collectors to act as catalysts to make solar energy production a successful people’s movement.

22. A new scheme called ‘New Entrepreneur-cum-Enterprise Development Scheme (NEEDS)’ has been formulated by this Government to assist educated youth to become first generation entrepreneurs from 2012 onwards by giving entrepreneurship training, preparing business plans, and helping them to tie up with financial institutions to set up new business ventures, besides linking them with major industrial clients. A sum of Rs.100 crore has been provided in the Budget Estimate for this scheme, out of which a sum of Rs.51.80 crore has already been released as the first instalment. The scheme gives priority to youth from SC & ST and Differently Abled categories. Besides this, under this scheme 50% of the allocation will be earmarked for women beneficiaries. The selection of beneficiaries under this scheme will be done at the District Level by a Task Force Committee headed by the Collector. The District Collectors are requested to give wide publicity to this scheme and ensure its successful implementation through periodical reviews and effective monitoring.

23. The agenda for the meeting is comprehensive covering many key subjects including the maintenance of law and order and the entire gamut of developmental programmes. I have highlighted a few salient points. I hope the deliberations will lead to constructive suggestions. I request the officers to be precise in their presentations. Before concluding my remarks, I call upon all of you to rise to the occasion and help the State to realize its goal set out in the ‘Vision Tamil Nadu 2023’.

'MAKE TAMIL NADU THE CYNOSURE OF ALL STATES IN INDIA'



Opening remarks of **Selvi J Jayalalithaa**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in the Conference of Collectors held on 18.12.2012

Hon'ble Ministers of Government,

Chief Secretary,

Secretaries to Government and Heads of Departments,

District Collectors,

We have had a fruitful discussion on the issues concerning the maintenance of peace and order in the State, yesterday. Today we propose to focus on the development agenda that will fuel growth and prosperity for the people of the State. I have been personally focusing on the prime issues concerning the economic development of the State. With the strong bedrock of peace and stability which the State can justifiably be proud of, we can confidently move towards a development agenda that will give Tamil Nadu the numero uno status in growth and development in the

country. All economic thinkers are agreed that for ensuring sustainable development, there should be growth coupled with distributive justice. This aspect if given due focus in the sectors of agriculture, industry and services and when propelled by a sound base in education, health and infrastructure will surely make Tamil Nadu the cynosure of all the States of the country. I am sure that this vision will become a reality if the policies laid down by the Government are successfully implemented in the field. The Collectors have been vested with the task of discharging this important responsibility.

I request you to take this responsibility seriously and perform your duties with devotion and sincerity. The items listed out in the agenda may be now taken up sequentially for a meaningful discussion. ■

'Ensure Unparalleled Results in Law & Order Maintenance, Detection and Control of Crime'

Opening remarks of Selvi J Jayalithaa Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in the Conference of Police Officers held on 19.12.2012

Hon'ble Ministers of the Government of Tamil Nadu,

Chief Secretary,

Principal Secretary, Home,

Director General of Police,

Senior Police Officers,

District Superintendents of Police and

Delegates of this Conference,

On the first day of the conference of Collectors and Police Officers, we conducted an in-depth analysis of important matters concerning law and order and internal security wherein close co-ordination between the Collector and the Superintendent of Police is required. Now we will be discussing the issues that exclusively concern the Police Department.

Tamil Nadu can justifiably be proud of many firsts in the country, as far as the Police Department is concerned. The scheme of Modernisation of the Police Force was started by me in 1991, way ahead of the introduction of a similar programme by the Government of India in 2001. The concept of All Women Police Stations took shape in my first tenure as Chief Minister in 1992. The Coastal Security Group was started in 1994 again by my Government to intensify vigil along the coastal borders of Tamil Nadu. The Government of India started funding a similar programme 11 years later. The Uniformed Services Recruitment Board was set up in 1991. The Emergency Accident Relief Centres were started in 2002 and the Highway Patrols in 2003 during my second tenure as Chief Minister. The Boys Clubs which have been now renamed as Boys and Girls Clubs were also started in 2003.

Police Canteens have been inaugurated in 2012 during my 3rd tenure as Chief Minister and so have outpatient medical dispensaries for Police personnel and their families. The launch of the project for the construction of 36,000 houses under the "Own Your House" scheme for Police personnel took place in October 2012. The purchase of well equipped vehicles, arms and ammunition and the provision of increased insurance cover, risk allowance cover, uniform allowances and other allowances have been a matter of priority for me. It is with the same concern that I announced the Tamil Nadu Special Police Youth Brigade during the Assembly Session in October 2012. Above all, I have ensured an atmosphere of professionalism for policing by keeping it free from nepotism and interference from evil elements outside the Government. In short, all the prerequisites for the functioning of a strong efficient and disciplined Police Force have been satisfied. It is, therefore, expected from the senior Police Officers assembled here, that unparalleled results are ensured in the maintenance of law and order and in the control and detection of crime.

Many Police Officers have contributed well during the discussions on the first day of the Conference. The topics listed out in the agenda for discussion today are thought provoking and meaningful. I am sure that your useful contributions on these topics will enable us to make the Police Force function even better. Now, the agenda will be taken up for discussion sequentially to enable us to proceed towards an outcome that will be fruitful and satisfying. ■

**CONCLUDING REMARKS OF SELVI J JAYALALITHAA,
HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU IN THE
CONFERENCE OF COLLECTORS
AND POLICE OFFICERS ON 19.12.2012**

The Conference of Collectors and Police Officers is an important administrative function which the Government performs annually. And I have been conducting these conferences with complete involvement and sincerity.

I am sure that all of you would have noticed that there was a decision taken on every point that was mentioned here by the Collectors and the Police Officers. As a team, we were all actively involved in this brain storming exercise which illumined the way forward.

Everyone assembled here, benefited immensely from this exercise. The Collectors and Superintendents of Police on first day of the Conference, elaborated on the issues concerning law and order and internal security. On the second day a number of issues concerning the development agenda of the Government to uplift the common people were discussed. Today the senior Police officers have stated the prevailing position and sought guidance and support with regard to various operational issues concerning the functioning of the Police Force. These discussions have enabled the officers at State Head quarters to appreciate the field realities better and the Officers functioning in the various Districts have been enabled to acquire a thorough understanding of the policy priorities of the Government. When ideas are stated there are bound to be issues cropping up such as the financial requirements, the need for ensuring regional and social equity, the necessity to identify the means of implementation in a speedy manner etc. I should say that these issues were smoothly ironed out and meaningful decisions were arrived at. I on my part feel satisfied and confident that the ideas exchanged at the Conference will lead us all to perform better and in a manner that fulfills the needs of the common people.

We must remember that in a democracy the people are the ultimate masters and all of us are here to help them lead a life of dignity, free from want and full of opportunity, and hope. Towards achieving this end several ideas that were discussed

have been crystallized into schemes during the deliberations.

I consider this approach to be the path breaking achievement of this Conference.

Now, I am happy to make the following announcements which have emerged as the outcome of the deliberations at this three day Conference.

1. Recharge shafts will be erected in 4,000 places at an estimated cost of Rs.20 crore in Tiruvarur District.
2. Muthupettai in Tiruvarur District will be developed as an "Eco-Tourist Centre".
3. In all the class rooms in Government Schools from 3rd Std. to 8th Std., District Maps, Tamil Nadu Map, and Map of India have been pasted in Tiruvarur District. This should be emulated in all the other Districts.
4. At present, one day training is given to the beneficiaries, under the free distribution of milch cows scheme. Henceforth, intensive training for three days will be given.
5. Two more mobile vans for PDS will be provided for Kalrayan Hill area of Villupuram District.
6. One post of DEO will be sanctioned for Kallakurichi in Villupuram District.
7. The surplus water from the Harichandra River in Nagapattinam District will be stored in the land available, adjoining the river by constructing a storage structure in 1,000 acres which would serve as a drinking water source.
8. Additional funds will be sanctioned for completing the construction of 7 schools in Nagapattinam District which could not be completed within the sanctioned amount.
9. Engagement of temporary Mazdoors has been sanctioned till December 2012. This will be extended for a further period of 3 months in

- order to effectively control Dengue and other vector borne diseases.
10. ECO-Tourism will be promoted at Pachamalai Hills in Trichy District.
 11. A Milk Dairy will be established at Perambalur catering to the needs of Perambalur and Ariyalur Districts.
 12. A separate Highways Division will be established at Perambalur.
 13. Funds for developmental works in the Districts will be enhanced from Rs.2 crores to 5 crores for each District.
 14. Discretionary Funds allocated to the Collectors will be enhanced to Rs. 10 lakhs.
 15. Tenements will be constructed for 6,730 families living in slums in Thiruvallur District.
 16. The Government Hospital at Tiruvallur will be upgraded to the standard of a Medical College Hospital.
 17. A Trauma Care Centre will be set up on NH-5 in Tiruvallur District.
 18. Vehicles will be provided for Deputy Tahsildar cadre Taluk Supply Officers in Vellore District.
 19. All expenditure in connection with the Girivalam and other festivals in Thiruvannamalai temple will be borne entirely by the HR&CE Department.
 20. A Milk Federation will be established in Thiruvannamalai.
 21. A separate Highways Division will be established in Thiruvannamalai.
 22. Uniforms given to Children studying in the Schools under various Departments will be similar.
 23. For temporary incapacitation on account of HIV, Cancer, T.B. relief amount is given under “உழவர் பாதுகாப்புத் திட்டம்”. This will be extended to those who are undergoing dialysis.
 24. One post of Assistant Director, Town Panchayat will be sanctioned for Theni.
 25. A Sports Hostel will be established at Theni.
 26. MRI Scan facility will be provided at Theni Medical College.
 27. A Road will be laid between Chinnamanur and Megamalai in Theni District.
 28. An over Bridge at மணியாச்சிபள்ளம் in Erode District will be sanctioned.
 29. Avalpoonthurai in Erode District will be developed as a tourist area including Boating and a Park.
 30. Government Loan and Subsidy will be sanctioned for a Dyeing Units Park to be established at Karur.
 31. A Combined Water Supply Scheme with Cauvery as the source will be provided to குளித்தலை, தோகமலை areas at a cost of Rs. 12.50 crores
 32. Karur General Hospital will be upgraded to the level of a Medical College Hospital.
 33. Various software on Land Records will be linked
 34. 14 additional staff will be sanctioned for the office of Assistant Director, Town Panchayat in Kanniyakumari District.
 35. Provision of Water Supply for Nagercoil Municipality from குழித்துறை River will be sanctioned.
 36. Heritage Office Buildings in Kanniyakumari will be renovated.
 37. Construction of additional 4 floors for the Kanniyakumari Collectorate at Nagercoil at a cost of Rs. 9 Crores will be sanctioned.
 38. All roads in Kancheepuram Town will be repaired.
 39. Over Bridge will be provided at கோழிமேடு and உத்திரமேரூர் in Kancheepuram District.
 40. More street lights will be provided in Kancheepuram Taluk.
 41. 56 Roads connecting ECR in Kancheepuram District will be repaired.
 42. 15 Borewells with R.O. Plant will be provided at பம்மல், அனகாபத்தூர் in Kancheepuram District.
 43. A District Police Office Building will be sanctioned for Coimbatore District.

44. An A.R. Complex will be sanctioned for Coimbatore.
45. A Dormitory will be constructed at Mettupalayam for Police personnel.
46. Roads leading to Tiruchendur temple will be renovated in Thoothukudi District.
47. Synthetic Hockey Turf will be laid at Kovilpatti in Thoothukudi District.
48. A Combined Water Supply Scheme will be sanctioned covering Kulathur, Karambakudi, Alangudi, Gantharvakottai Taluks in Pudukottai District.
49. The bus stand at Pudukottai will be expanded.
50. The bus stand at Gandarvakottai will be expanded.
51. Necessary buildings and equipment will be provided for the upgraded District Hospital at Ariyalur.
52. A Museum for fossils will be established at Ariyalur.
53. 1 additional post of Deputy Registrar (Dairy) will be sanctioned for Tiruppur District.
54. A mobile PDS Unit will be sanctioned for Tiruppur District.
55. A new building for Kangeyam Taluk Office will be constructed in Erode District.
56. The over bridge at Manchalpattinam on the Vaigai left bank connecting Ilayankudi and Paramakudi will be repaired in Sivagangai District.
57. A bus stand will be constructed at Pillaiyarpatti in Sivagangai District.
58. 1 E.B. Sub-Station at Pottapalayam in Tirupuvanam Taluk in Sivagangai District will be upgraded to 110 KVA.
59. The District Headquarters hospital at Ramanathapuram will be upgraded to the level of a Medical College Hospital.
60. Farm ponds are formed up to a depth of 1 mtr under MGNREGS. Further deepening will be taken up through the Agricultural Engineering Department in Ramanathapuram District.
61. A Unit for Communicable Diseases will be established at Rameswaram Hospital in Ramanathapuram District.
62. 4 Check dams will be constructed across the river Vaigai in Ramanathapuram District.
63. By-pass Road around Parthibanur will be taken up.
64. An Additional Building will be constructed in the Master Plan Complex in Ramanathapuram District for accommodating 35 Departments now functioning in rented buildings.
65. A Railway over Bridge at Tiruthangal Municipality will be sanctioned in Virudhunagar District.
66. A Government Arts and Science College will be established at Sivakasi in Virudhunagar District.
67. A separate Hostel for Boys and Girls will be provided in Sitheri Area in Dharmapuri District.
68. Pennagaram and Morappur Blocks will be bifurcated in Dharmapuri District.
69. The Nursery Farm now under the RD Dept. will be transferred to the Horticulture Dept in Dharmapuri District.
70. Kirupananda Variyar Higher Secondary School under HR&CE Dept. in Dharmapuri District will be taken over by the School Education Dept.
71. An Arts and Science College for women will be set up at Karimangalam in Dharmapuri District.
72. For children who have dropped out of school, a stipend will be given to the persons who escort them to schools.
73. Woollen clothing will be provided as part of their uniform for children in the Nilgiris and other hill areas.
74. The District Hospital at Udhagamandalam will be upgraded to the standard of a Medical College Hospital.
75. A building will be constructed to house 28 offices functioning in rented buildings in the Nilgiris District.

76. Mixie, Big வாணலி and கரண்டி will be supplied to all Noon Meal centres for making various types of rice and dishes recently added to the menu.
77. For providing parking facility at Kodaikanal, 3 acres of land belonging to the Transport Department will be transferred to the Municipality.
78. A Trauma Care Centre will be established in Palani.
79. Additional Buildings will be constructed for the Dindigul Hospital.
80. Pipe lines for water supply in Aathur area of Dindigul District will be replaced.
81. A Check Dam at Kilkundaru in Kodaikanal will be constructed for augmenting drinking water.
82. Construction of 25 numbers of Grade wall structures in the various tributaries of Cauvery river, channels and drainage to enable restoration of theoretical bed level in order to provide effective irrigation to farmers at an estimated cost of Rs.68.55 crores will be sanctioned.
83. Bus stand for Tindivanam in Villupuram District will be sanctioned.
84. Fly overs will be constructed in Madurai City to reduce Traffic congestion.
85. A Generator will be sanctioned for the water supply scheme at Kinathukadavu in Coimbatore District.
86. New Buildings will be constructed at Coimbatore Collectorate after dismantling some old buildings in the complex.
87. Nellithurai Road in Coimbatore District will be re-laid.
88. Orphans whose parents died due to HIV will be given monthly grant.
89. Post of Accountant and Junior Assistant will be sanctioned for “Uzhavar Paadhukaappu Thittam” in Thoothukudi District.
90. A Government Arts and Science College will be sanctioned for Koilpatti in Thoothukudi District.
91. A mental Hospital will be established at Erwadi in Ramanathapuram District.
92. The Museum in the Nilgiris District will be transferred to ‘old stone house’.
93. Two A.R. Platoons for Coimbatore will be sanctioned.
94. CC TV Cameras will be installed at Pillayarpatti, Rameswaram and Erwadi.
95. Earlier instructions of the Government on maintaining of statues of important leaders should be strictly adhered to and the statues should be provided with Grill Fence, lock and key and the key should be with Collector / Superintendent of Police.
96. A DPO Annexe Building for Sivaganga will be sanctioned.
97. A Solar Energy Park will be provided in Ramnathapuram District.
98. Co-ed. Colleges will be started in Kadaladi, Mudukulathur and Tiruvadanai in Ramanathapuram District.
99. Fish processing Parks will be set up in Ramanathapuram District.
100. Ramnad – Thoothukudi Road will be converted as a four lane road and an Industrial Corridor will be developed.
101. An Ultra Mega Power Project will be established in Ramnathapuram District.
102. Four Traffic Police Stations at Musiri, Thuraiyur, Jeeyapuram and Lalgudi in Trichy District will be established.
103. An All Women Police Station for Jeeyapuram Sub Division in Trichy District will be established.
104. 10 Police Stations will be upgraded as Heavy Police Stations and 7 Police Stations will be upgraded as Medium Police Stations in Trichy District.
105. 3 additional A.R. Platoons will be sanctioned for Trichy District.
106. 85 new Quarters for A.R. Police will be constructed in Trichy District.
107. Police Quarters for 3 ADSPs and 5 DSPs will be constructed in Trichy District.

108. A Community Hall and a Canteen Building will be constructed in Trichy District for Police personnel.
109. A Camp Office for S.P., Trichy will be constructed.
110. Data with Transport Department will be made available to the Police Department on real time basis to check stolen vehicles in Check posts.
111. Permission will be accorded to fill up 97 vacancies in the Temple Protection Force with Home Guards in Trichy District.
112. 99 new houses will be constructed to replace the houses fully destroyed in the Dharmapuri caste clashes.
113. The amount sanctioned for 32 Naxal Prone Villages in Dharmapuri District for developmental activity will be enhanced from Rs. 7 crores to Rs. 20 crores.
114. A SIPCOT Industrial Estate will be established in Dharmapuri District.
115. SIDCO Industrial Estates will be established in Pennagaram and Harur Taluks of Dharmapuri District.
116. Funds will be sanctioned to District S.P.s for engaging lawyers in private cases filed against Police Personnel.
117. Cash rewards to Police Personnel will be enhanced from the existing Rs.300 to Rs.600 for individual effort and Rs.1500 to Rs.3000 for team effort.
118. Widening of hill roads at Kodaikanal will be undertaken.
119. Mega Tourism Project at Manavanur in Kodaikanal will be taken up.
120. An Additional rope car for Palani Temple will be provided.
121. Administrative building for AR Police will be sanctioned in Dindigul District.
122. Community Halls for the welfare of Police Personnel at Dindigul and Theni will be constructed.
123. Road roko without prior notice of at least 30 days will be banned.
124. Two more Prohibition Check posts and one Mobile Check post at Sirkazhi and Mayiladuthurai areas will be sanctioned.
125. Financial sanction for road accident victims sanctioned under Accident Relief Fund will be simplified as in the case of CMPRF.
126. Two additional A.R. Platoons will be sanctioned for Kanniyakumari District.
127. Separate Police personnel will be sanctioned to man the 37 Inter-state check posts in Kanniyakumari District.
128. A Combined Office Building will be sanctioned for accommodating Police Offices in Kanniyakumari District.
129. One additional Platoon will be sanctioned for Madurai.
130. Repeater Station and 100 Walkie-Talkies will be sanctioned for Usilampatti, Solavanthaan and Melur areas in Madurai District.
131. Wireless sets for Tahsildars and RDOs in Madurai District will be sanctioned.
132. Traffic Police Stations will be sanctioned for Melur, Othakadai and Oomachikulam in Madurai District.
133. In the Elementary Education syllabus, lessons on the creation of a Casteless Society will be included.
134. A collaborative campaign will be taken up by the Education and Police Departments through Best communicators to propagate a casteless society through drama, plays etc.
135. Quarters for DSP (AR), Madurai and Administrative Building for A.R., Madurai will be sanctioned.
136. 2 Motor Cycle Patrol Vehicles each, for 7 Police Stations in Madurai will be sanctioned.
137. Hostel for Police personnel near the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court will be sanctioned.
138. 25% of funds collected as Traffic Fines will be given to Districts as Traffic Contingency Fund from the Road Safety Fund.
139. A new Building will be sanctioned for Madurai City Police Office (CPO).

140. Jurisdiction of City Police will be made co-terminus with the City Corporation in Madurai.
141. 2 Fly-overs one each at Kalavasal Junction and Goripalayam Junction in Madurai will be sanctioned.
142. It will be made mandatory that roads leading to Fire Work units are well maintained to facilitate speedy rescue operations in case of blast.
143. Video Conferencing facilities for Police Officers will be revived.
144. 2 Sky-lifts (101 mtr height) will be sanctioned for the Fire and Rescue Services Department.
145. Blood count equipment for the 3 hospitals in Kancheepuram District will be sanctioned.
146. Police Strength in Manimangalam, Semmangalam and Otteri Police Stations in Kancheepuram District will be augmented.
147. Three A.R. Platoons will be sanctioned for Kancheepuram District.
148. 12 Police Stations bordering Chennai will be upgraded as heavy Police Stations.
149. 42 Kms length of road damaged because of lorries plying from cement factories will be repaired with a bearing strength of 40 tonnes in Ariyalur District.
150. Pipelines will be laid for 274 hamlets in Ariyalur District.
151. A தரைப்பாலம் (sinking causeway) at மேலராமநல்லூர் in Ariyalur District will be sanctioned.
152. A SIDCO Industrial Complex will be established at Ariyalur.
153. Traffic Police Stations will be sanctioned for Ariyalur and Jeyamkondam.
154. A Traffic Unit will be sanctioned for Namakkal District.
155. Railway over Bridge in SH 79 at Chainage 90/2 in Namakkal District will be sanctioned.
156. A Community Hall for Police Personnel in Namakkal District will be sanctioned.
157. A Textile Park on the Tiruchi – Chennai Highway in Perambalur District will be sanctioned.
158. An Arts and Science College for Women will be established at வேப்பூர் Block in Perambalur District.
159. One Sub-division will be sanctioned in Mangala Medu in Perambalur District.
160. 2 Highway Patrol Vehicles will be sanctioned for Perambalur District.
161. One new Revenue sub – division will be sanctioned for Pudukkottai.
162. A Record Room building will be sanctioned for Pudukkottai District.
163. A Circular road and semi circular road for Pudukkottai will be sanctioned.
164. Two Arts and Science Colleges will be set up at Gandarvakottai and Karambakudi in Pudukkottai District.
165. Two AR Additional platoons will be sanctioned for Pudukkottai.
166. 2 Traffic Police Stations at Alangudi and Ponamaravathi in Pudukkottai will be sanctioned.
167. 3 Fly overs at AVR Round tana, 5 road junction and குறவஞ்சாவடி in Salem District will be sanctioned.
168. Drinking water facilities will be provided for மேச்சேரி and நங்கவள்ளி Blocks in Salem District.
169. Five Mobile Toilets per District for Police personnel engaged in Bandobust duty will be provided.
170. Financial Powers given to the S.P. for sanctioning petty construction will be increased from Rs. 10,000/- to Rs.50,000/-.
171. Kondlampatti, Steel Plant, Veeranam Police Stations and 14 Mother Villages adjoining Salem City will be annexed to Salem City.
172. 56 CCTV Cameras will be sanctioned for Salem City.
173. Construction of Government building for the office of the DIG, Salem, will be sanctioned.

174. A special Socio Economic Development Fund will be sanctioned for Sivagangai and Ramanad Districts as in the case of Dharmapuri and Krishnagiri Districts.
175. One Food processing and Training and Research Centre for Sivagangai will be sanctioned.
176. Administrative Building for AR for Sivagangai will be sanctioned.
177. 2 AR Platoons for Sivagangai will be sanctioned.
178. Traffic Police Stations in Devakottai, Ilaiyangudi, Manamadurai and Singampunari will be sanctioned.
179. Traffic improvement facility at Palli Agraharam in Thanjavur District and 4-way junction will be established.
180. C.T. Scan facility at Thanjavur Medical College will be provided.
181. Palakkarai Bridge in Thanjavur will be reconstructed.
182. Two additional AR Platoons will be sanctioned for Thanjavur.
183. Two modern control rooms with 100 CCTV cameras in Thanjavur and Kumbakonam will be sanctioned.
184. Two Additional Highway Patrols will be sanctioned for Thanjavur.
185. 200 additional quarters for AR personnel will be sanctioned for Thanjavur.
186. DSP camp offices at Orathanadu and Thiruvidaimaruthur in Thanjavur District will be sanctioned.
187. Separate staff for DSP office in Thanjavur District will be sanctioned.
188. Five Police Stations in Thanjavur will be upgraded to Inspector Level Police Stations.
189. A new Bus stand in Karur Municipality will be sanctioned.
190. A Ring road will be sanctioned for Karur.
191. Six Police Stations in Karur District will be upgraded as medium type police stations.
192. Pasupathypalayam Police Station in Karur District will be upgraded to heavy type.
193. One Traffic Police Station will be sanctioned in Kulithalai Municipality in Karur District.
194. For Naxal prone areas, in addition to a one time grant of Rs. 1 crore, a recurring grant of Rs. 25 lakhs per year will be sanctioned.
195. MRI scan facility for Theni Medical College will be provided.
196. Children of Tamilians staying in Kerala Border area will be admitted in the Hostels in Theni District.
197. A Community Hall will be constructed at the Border near Kannagi Temple in Theni District for the use of Police personnel deployed for Bandobust duty.
198. 2 AR Platoons will be sanctioned for Theni District.
199. Installation of sprinklers on the ceilings of Fire Cracker Units will be made mandatory for effectively putting out fire.
200. A Separate traffic unit for Aruppukottai Town in Virudhunagar District will be sanctioned.
201. A separate National Highway Traffic Unit at Rajapalayam in Virudhunagar District will be sanctioned.
202. An AR Administrative Block will be sanctioned for Virudhunagar.
203. Outer Ring road will be sanctioned for Sivakasi Town.
204. AR company will be sanctioned for Vathirairuppu Village in Srivilliputhur.
205. Police Stations at W.Pudupatti and Koommapatti in Virudhunagar District will be upgraded as Inspector manned Stations.
206. Exclusive Road Safety Van for awareness Campaign about Traffic Rules will be sanctioned for Villupuram.
207. One Trauma Care Centre (24x7) for Villupuram Medical College will be sanctioned.
208. One SIDCO Unit at Sankarapuram will be sanctioned.
209. Auroville Police Station will be upgraded as Inspector manned Police Station.

210. CC TV cameras and Burglar alarms will be installed in all Co-operative banks.
211. Two A.R. Platoons will be sanctioned for Villupuram.
212. Administrative building for Home Guards' Office will be sanctioned at Villupuram.
213. Two Traffic Police Stations at Ginjee and Tirukovilur in Villupuram District will be sanctioned.
214. Sea erosion prevention structures in 5 places viz. Vembaar, Veerapandipattinam, Periyathazhai, Kallamozhi, Keelavaipar will be sanctioned.
215. A Water Sports Centre will be established at Manapaadu in Thoothukudi District.
216. A Ship building Yard will be sanctioned for Thoothukudi.
217. Establishment of a desalination plant through PPP mode with industries will be sanctioned for Thoothukudi.
218. Subsidy for conversion of Bottom Trawlers will be increased by 50%.
219. Subsidy for purchase of Scuba Diving Equipment for skin divers will be provided in Thoothukudi District.
220. Three patrol boats will be provided to the Fisheries Dept of Thoothukudi for rescue operations.
221. Administrative Block for A.R. will be sanctioned for Thoothukudi District.
222. Quarters for all 458 personnel belonging to A.R. in Thoothukudi will be sanctioned.
223. Two more highway patrols for ECR Road in Thiruvannamalai District will be provided.
224. A Guest House at Muthupettai in Thiruvannamalai District will be constructed.
225. Following amendments will be made to the Goondas Act.
 - i. Instead of habitual offenders, single offence which has the propensity to disturb public order
 - ii. Cyber Crime
 - iii. Confiscation of vehicles
226. The amount for preparation of cases under Goondas Act will be increased from Rs.3,000/- to Rs. 8,000/-.
227. Additional fund of Rs.96.11 lakhs will be sanctioned for the completion of DPO building in Thiruvannamalai.
228. Residential Quarters for 2 ADSPs and 4 DSPs in Thiruvannamalai will be sanctioned.
229. Feeding Charges for escorted prisoners will be increased from Rs.35/- to Rs.100/- per head.
230. For expansion of Vellore bus stand, a feasibility study will be undertaken.
231. A Feasibility study for an IT Park at Vellore will be undertaken.
232. Two more A.R. platoons will be sanctioned for Vellore.
233. One Traffic Police Station will be sanctioned for Arakkonam in Vellore District.
234. Quarters for 162 A.R. Police personnel will be constructed for Vellore.
235. A review will be taken up at the district level for Preventive Measures as well as crime related issues.
236. At Thiruvannamalai, the 14 km Girivalam path will be developed by widening it and by providing emergency lanes. A Detailed Project Report will be prepared.
237. Funds will be provided for land acquisition to provide path ways for access to burial grounds of BCs and MBCs in Thiruvannamalai District.
238. 5 acres of land will be allotted for functioning of Permanent Bus stands at Chengam, Thandarampattu, Vettavalam and Avalakottai in Thiruvannamalai District.
239. Two A.R. platoons will be sanctioned for Thiruvannamalai.
240. DPO, A.R. and S.P. quarters will be sanctioned in the Master Plan Complex, Tiruppur.
241. Two A.R. Platoons will be sanctioned for Tiruppur.
242. Special Units like Finger Print, Photo Units, Dog Squad, Shorthand Bureau, PTB, MFSL will be sanctioned for Tiruppur.

243. Compensation in land acquisition for GAIL Project in Tiruppur will be linked to Market value.
244. Permanent barracks will be constructed to accommodate 2500 A.R. personnel in Chennai.
245. Temporary pre-fabricated barracks will be provided for TSP Battalion in Chennai.
246. The Police Hospital at Egmore, Chennai, will be upgraded with modern equipment.
247. Exclusive Police Canteen will be constructed for the Chennai City Police at Egmore.
248. An administrative Building will be constructed for A.R. in Chennai.
249. 35 Ambassador cars now used for VIP escorts and convoy in Chennai will be replaced with High Speed Vehicles.
250. Three A.R. platoons will be sanctioned for Tiruvallur District.
251. Sholavaram, Vellavedu, Minjur, Vengal, Sevvapettai Police Stations in Tiruvallur District will be upgraded to the level of Heavy Police Stations.
252. The strength in Tiruttani Town Police Station will be augmented by adding 50 police personnel.
253. Barracks will be provided at Tiruttani in Tiruvallur District.
254. Two TSP companies will be sanctioned for Tiruvallur District.
255. Three Temporary Check posts in Krishnagiri District will be made permanent and necessary structures provided.
256. Traffic Investigation Wing in Krishnagiri District will be augmented by providing additional strength of 1 Sub Inspector and 10 Police Constables.
257. Quarters for Superintendent of Police, Krishnagiri will be constructed.
258. The District Headquarters hospital in Krishnagiri will be upgraded.
259. Parking facility will be provided in Ooty.
260. The strength of Traffic Police Station in Ooty will be doubled.
261. Traffic Police Stations will be sanctioned for Gudalur and Kothagiri.
262. A dormitory will be constructed for Police personnel in Ooty.
263. Four more Highway Patrols will be sanctioned for The Nilgiris District.
264. As the roads in The Nilgiris District are narrow, four units of pick up vans with equipment will be provided for the Fire and Rescue Services Department in the Nilgiris District.
265. Two Quarters for Deputy Commissioners in Coimbatore will be sanctioned. Permission will be granted for converting two Inspectors' Quarters into DC Quarters with some modifications.
266. Buildings will be sanctioned for three police stations in Coimbatore District.
267. Two Heavy duty Tow-away vehicles will be sanctioned for Coimbatore District.
268. One Traffic Investigation Police Station will be sanctioned for Coimbatore City.
269. Two A.R. Platoons for Erode will be sanctioned.
270. Traffic Police Stations will be sanctioned for Perunthurai and Sathyamangalam in Erode District.
271. Ten Additional patrol vehicles will be sanctioned for Trichy City.
272. AR Administrative Building will be constructed in Trichy City.
273. Two Quarters will be sanctioned for Deputy Commissioner in Trichy.
274. Two Posts of Inspector of Crime will be sanctioned for Trichy City Police.
275. Two posts of Deputy Director of Fire and Rescue Services Department will be upgraded to that of Joint Director.
276. A.R. Administrative Building will be constructed for Cuddalore District.
277. A building will be constructed for the Police Hospital in Cuddalore.
278. Administrative Building for AR will be constructed with a compound wall in Ramanathapuram District.

279. Repeater stations will be put up at Tiruvadanai and Kamuthi in Ramanathapuram District.
280. Two Highway Patrols will be sanctioned for Ramanathapuram District.
281. Additional posts of Technical Advisor and Assistant Engineers will be sanctioned for the Police Housing Corporation.
282. The strength in TNUSRB will be augmented with One DIG, One SP, Three ADSPs, Two DSPs and Four Inspectors.
283. One post of Deputy Legal Advisor will be sanctioned for TNUSRB.
284. Twenty five computers with printers and all accessories will be sanctioned for TNUSRB.
285. The post of Senior Legal Advisor in CBCID will be filled up.
286. A District Jail will be sanctioned for Thoothukudi.
287. The Sub-jail at Chengalpattu will be upgraded as a District Jail.
288. Tamil Nadu Special Police Companies will be provided for Madurai and Cuddalore Central Prisons.
289. Funds will be sanctioned for comprehensive maintenance of 7 Central Prisons and sub-jails.
290. A pilot Solar Power Generator Plant will be put up in Puzhal Complex at a cost of Rs. 3 crores.
291. Baggage Scanners will be provided to Central Prisons at Puzhal, Vellore, Cuddalore and Salem at a cost of Rs. 25 lakhs each.
292. 918 Quarters for Prison Personnel will be repaired at a cost of Rs.1.8 crores.
293. Video Conferencing facility will be provided in 60 more locations. The defunct facilities in 11 locations will be repaired. All Prisons and Courts will be covered by Video Conferencing Facilities.
294. Rs.30 lakhs will be provided as Revolving Fund to the Tamil Nadu Police Academy.
295. The Old Police Recruit Schools will be sanctioned staff on par with the new Police Recruit Schools.
296. Sanction will be accorded for the purchase of 8900 chairs for Police Recruit Schools.
297. Rs. 10.14 lakhs will be sanctioned for purchase of utensils for Police Recruit Schools.
298. Rs.98 lakhs will be sanctioned for purchase of equipment for State Disaster Response Force.
299. For those winning trophies in Team events in Police Competitions, a prize amount of Rs.10,000/- will be given for each member of the team.
300. A Sum of Rs.1.75 crores will be provided for purchase of sports calibre weapons and amenities.
301. Pipeline will be laid for Marutham Complex for providing water supply.
302. A building will be provided for the Police Hospital in Vellore.
303. Rs.25 lakhs will be sanctioned for conducting 100 sensitisation workshops on drug abuse throughout the State.
304. One post of Legal Officer will be sanctioned to assist the Superintendents of Police in all the Districts.
305. Instructions in Prison Manual that the classification of prisoner should be intimated to the Prison Superintendent will be incorporated in the Police Standing Order also.
306. Police will be required to send the photographs of the wanted persons to the Prison Superintendents.
307. Co-ordination meetings between the Superintendents of Police and Superintendents of Prisons will be made mandatory.
308. A post of Additional DRO will be sanctioned for 6 months to enable filing of O.A. in Special Courts on attachment orders issued by Government.
309. One post of Legal Advisor will be sanctioned for Economic Offences Wing at the Headquarters.
310. Rs.2 lakhs will be sanctioned for establishing a control room for the Railway Police. A

- sum of Rs.24,000/- will also be sanctioned towards recurring expenditure.
311. One time grant of Rs.50 lakhs sanctioned for the Socio Economic Development Project for Krishnagiri District will be enhanced to 1 crore rupees.
 312. Cyber Safety Practices will be included in the School Curriculum.
 313. 14 additional check posts will be sanctioned with a strength of one SI, one Head Constable and four Police Constables for each check post for the Prohibition Enforcement Wing.
 314. For the existing 29 check posts pre-fabricated structures will be provided. They will be given permanent buildings in a phased manner.
 315. A prohibition 'Help Line' will be sanctioned.
 316. Rs.25 crores will be sanctioned every year for maintenance of Police buildings.
 317. Sanction under investigation charges will be increased to Rs.1.5 crores.
 318. An additional amount of Rs.75 lakhs will be provided towards hire charges of vehicles this year.
 319. All Police personnel will be brought under "Closed User Group" format in the use of mobile phones.
 320. Three Unmanned Aerial Vehicles at a cost of Rs.95 lakhs will be procured from the Anna University for the use of the Police Force.
 321. Adequate VHF sets will be provided to the Police Department.
 322. Lease to the Forest Department where Repeater Stations are located will be reduced to the minimum.
 323. A building will be provided for the Special Task Force premises at Sathyamangalam at a cost of Rs.9 crores.
 324. Risk Allowance for Special Task Force Personnel will be increased from Rs.2,000/- to Rs.3,000/-.
 325. The Food Secretary will write to all Collectors clarifying the legal position on confiscation of vehicles indulging in smuggling of PDS commodities.
 326. Extra units will be sanctioned for Food Cell, CID so that there is a unit in each district.
 327. The amount for paper work for preventive detention will be enhanced from Rs. 3,000/- to Rs. 8,000/-
 328. Extra work allowance will be given to police personnel in the Food Cell.
 329. An additional floor over the existing ground floor building will be constructed for the Security Branch CID Office at Marudham complex at a cost of Rs. 81.8 lakhs.
 330. Ten explosive sniffer dogs will be added to the existing strength to deal with explosive cases at a cost of Rs. 42 lakhs.
 331. 16 Horses will be purchased for Chennai City Mounted Branch.
 332. One post of Legal Adviser will be sanctioned for the Chennai Central Crime Branch.
 333. Four more posts of Special Public Prosecutors will be sanctioned for the Social Justice and Human Rights Wing.
 334. 11 DSP Offices of Social Justice and Human Rights Wing will be provided with furniture, computers and fax machines.
 335. Housing Board Flats will be earmarked as quarters for the Collector and District Revenue Officer of Chennai District.
 336. Innova vehicles will be sanctioned to District Superintendents of Police, Deputy Commissioners, Range DIGs, Joint Commissioners and Additional Commissioners of Police.
 337. The ADSP, Crime, in Districts, and ADSPs in Special Units will be designated as ADSP (Headquarters) and will be delegated with all administrative powers except posting, promotion, punishment and rewards, which will continue with the SPs.
 338. Appropriate re-delegation of administrative powers now vested in the DGP to ADGPs and IGP's will be done.
 339. Many Collectors have requested for bifurcation of existing Taluks. As per my announcement in the Assembly, a Committee has been constituted to make

recommendations on bifurcation of Taluks. Taluks will be bifurcated on receipt of the recommendations of this Committee.

340. The Collectors should pay special attention to opening zero balance accounts for crediting the special incentives granted to students studying in 10th standard to 12th standard in Government and Government Aided Schools.
341. The Collectors should also personally monitor the opening of zero balance accounts and crediting the scholarship amount to this account of the students.
342. Distribution of School bags and educational kits to students will begin from January, 2013. The Collectors should ensure the quality of the material supplied and its prompt and proper distribution before March, 2013.

343. The items in the agenda are focused on helping the common people. For better monitoring of these schemes it will be useful to have regular field visits by Senior Officers at least once in a month. The system of monthly monitoring which was in existence earlier has almost been discontinued. This will be revived. In a way this will also help to reassert the authority of the Collector since all Departmental Heads will be held accountable at this monthly meeting which will be chaired by a Senior Officer from Chennai and the District Collector.

Now, I am happy to inform all of you that Tamil Nadu has been selected for the 'Krishi Karman Award' for the year 2011-2012, as the best performing State, in total food grain production, in the Category of States with food grain production below 100 lakh MTs by the Government of India.

Hon'ble Chief Minister Greets Narendra Modi on his Election Victory



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** called on **Shri. Narendra Modi**, Chief Minister of Gujarat on 20.12.2012 and congratulated him on his splendid victory in the Gujarat Assembly elections. Shri. Narendra Modi thanked the Hon'ble Chief Minister for the kind gesture.



TEACHERS SHOULD INSTIL SELF-CONFIDENCE IN STUDENTS

Speech delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** on 13.12.2012 at the function held at the grounds of YMCA college of Physical Education, Nandanam for the distribution of employment orders to Teachers and Welfare Assistance to Students
(English Translation)

Hon'ble Minister for School Education, Sports and Youth Welfare, Law, Courts and Prisons Department Thiru. N.R. Sivapathy, who delivered a speech in this pleasant function,

Hon'ble Ministers,

Representatives of Local Bodies,

Thiru. Debendranath Sarangi, Chief Secretary to Government who delivered the welcome address,

Tmt. D. Sabitha, Secretary, School Education Department who is to propose a vote of thanks,

Dear students, the future pillars of India,

Teachers who shape those pillars,

Respected Elders,

Ladies, the veritable Goddesses who sustain me in life,

My dear siblings who are Idaya Deivam Puratchi Thalaivar MGR's blood unto blood and who are dearer to me than my own life,

At the outset, I would like to offer my respect with love to one and all of you.

I am immensely pleased to participate and address a meeting organised to distribute appointment orders to teachers and welfare assistance to students.

Thiruvalluvar has said: Only the educated can be deemed to have right. For the uneducated, their eyes are but sores. The sangam age books say that it is education that bestows true knowledge. As Tamil Nadu excels in education from Sangam Age to the present day, Maha Kavi Bharathiar extols Tamil Nadu as one 'excellent in education'. 'Education lifts one up; its absence downgrades one', sings Pulavar Elangeeranaar. The saying of the wise is: If one is educated, he/she will be strong in mind; humble in behaviour. Of education Avvaiyaar says it confers glory and greatness. A 'Naaladiyar' song makes it clear that the beauty one acquires through education is far superior than that brought about by ornaments. As mind sprouts both good and bad, people should be taught only character-building education says Plato, the philosopher.

Perarignar Anna said: 'we will become an awakened society only when our people

construct their houses with a room exclusively for study' in addition to puja room cooking room and bed room.

To provide this important education to one and all and make Tamil Nadu, an illiteracy-free state, my Government has been extending several concessions in the field of education.

Free education is provided from class 1 to class 12.

The Nutritious Meals Scheme is implemented to facilitate students to study without the pinch of hunger. The dietary menu has been changed to cater to the preferencess of students.

Text books, note books, 4 pairs of uniform, shoes, geometry box, crayons, school bag and atlas are supplied to students every year at no cost.

To encourage education among the rural populace, schools are started near their places of residence. Besides, elementary schools have been upgraded as middle schools, middle schools as high schools and high schools as higher secondary schools.

Bi-cycles have been distributed at no cost to higher secondary students.

To stop the drop-out phenomenon at the higher secondary level, students from 10th to 12th classes, are given an incentive of Rs. 5000/- each.

My Government is implementing a scheme to distribute laptops at no cost to higher secondary students.

Education through computers is also implemented.

Works costing Rs. 1,660 crores have



been taken up to improve the infrastructure facilities in schools.

My Government has allotted an unprecedented Rs. 14,553 crores to school education department this year.

More than all these, steps are taken to fill the vacant posts of teachers and in the last 1 ½ years 26,220 teachers have been appointed.

Qualifying tests for teachers' appointment were held twice and you have all been selected on the basis of merit. You are about to receive the appointment orders today. I offer my hearty congratulations and good wishes to you all.

Teacher's job is one of righteousness. It is a selfless service. There is no better avocation than that of a teacher's.

A teacher's job is not only imparting education, but also imparting discipline, culture, general knowledge and spirituality to students. You are going to take up the responsibility of guiding the future generation. You are going to impart the inexhaustible wealth of education. No proprietor in any trade will like to see his subordinates excel him. But teachers will be pleased to see their students raise up in the ladder of fame and become great intellectuals. Such a noble profession is the teaching profession. It is they who bring out the talents of the students. It is they who



encourage the students' desire to excel. You should all take up this responsible work and bring into existence a society of intellectuals. You should inculcate efficiency in students which will enable them to face any challenge. You should instil confidence in students.

A poor man was walking along a street. An old coin was lying on the road. He picked it up. There was a hole in that coin. He believed that it was one's good fortune to pick up a coin with a hole. Hence he stored the coin safely in his pocket. After reaching home, he put the coin in a polythene cover and sealed it in a cloth cover. He informed his wife about the good luck that struck him. He kept the coin in his shirt pocket, fondled it often but never took it out.

With a firm belief that the coin would help him to prosper in life, he started to work displaying his full efficiency. Later he took to business and succeeded in that too. He started several business ventures and he succeeded in all of them. Money, position and fame, all surrounded him. Everyone started congratulating him. Whatever he ventured in, was a success. He thought, it was all due to that coin with a hole.

Several years passed by.

One day, he desired to see that coin. He called his wife and told her: "After a very long time, I am going to take out that coin today and see it". "Not now", his wife gently told him.

"No, no; today I have to see it", he said, and inserted his hand in the shirt pocket opened the cover and took the coin out. To his great surprise, the coin had no hole on it. He was confused.

His wife told him: "Forgetting the fact that you have

kept the coin in your shirt pocket, it was I who dusted your shirt outside the window one day and the coin rolled out into the street. I could not retrieve it despite my best efforts. As you may feel sad at the loss of the coin when you come to know of it, I took another coin, wrapped it in a similar cover and replaced it in your shirt pocket".

"When did it happen", he asked.

"The very next day after you got the coin", the wife said.

Please ponder over this.

It is not the coin that brought good luck to the man. But it is his self-confidence, hard work and perseverance. Self-confidence is very essential for those who want to come up in life. If this self-confidence is instilled in students in their tender age, there is nothing that they cannot achieve.

If you, teachers too, act with self-confidence and encourage the students the desire for study, their talent will certainly emerge out. Each is endowed with talent. It is the duty of the teachers to bring it out.

Lessons are to be taught in an attractive, facile way with practical demonstration.

Newton's Law of Heat states that the rate of loss of heat in an object is directly proportional to the difference between the state of heat of the object and that of the atmosphere.

I would like to point out how a teacher explained this law with a practical example to make the students understand it easily.

Two friends were chatting in a room. The servant brought them milk, coffee, decoction and sugar in separate containers. The milk was boiling hot. The decoction was at the room temperature. At that time, the superior officer of one of the friends called him on mobile phone and asked him certain details. He was compelled to search for the details in his laptop and send them to the officer immediately. There was a delay in taking the coffee. The teacher posed the question to students: "In this situation, to keep the coffee hot, should we mix the milk and the decoction or keep them separately in their containers?". Some students endorsed the first method and some others the latter method. But they were not able to explain the reason.

The teacher pointed out that since milk was at a higher temperature than that of the room and decoction at the room's temperature, it was better to mix the milk and decoction for minimising the loss of heat and thus explained the laws of Newton on heat to students. When lessons are explained with examples from ordinary events, the students grasp them easily and it remains with them throughout their lives.

This is what, the great intellectual, William A. Ward has stated - "The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires".

Teacher, student and parents form a triangle. The most important vertex is teacher. At the same time, parents should desist the thought that their duty is over with sending the wards to schools.

To elevate the children, parents should be supportive. At the same time they should not compel the children to choose a particular course. The success achieved in the study of a course chosen after one's heart cannot be achieved in the course pursued with no enthusiasm.

Several years ago, a discussion took place in the house of a lad, Swaminathan, about his higher studies. An elderly person in the house

told him. "Either take up the study of Sanskrit or that of English. If you take up English, you can lead a comfortable life in this world. If it is Sanskrit, you can be comfortable in the other world. Which course are you choosing?" he asked.

"I am going to study Tamil", the boy replied. The elderly person became angry at the reply. The boy said very clearly once again, "If I study English I can be well off here; if it is Sanskrit I can be well off there. If it is Tamil I can be well off in both the places".

The boy is none other than U.V. Swaminatha Iyer, fondly called by us as the grand old man of Tamil- 'Tamil Thatha'. He was the one who retrieved the ancient Tamil classics for us. Today if Tamil is well off, it is because he studied Tamil.

While instilling into children the interest for study, they should be allowed to pursue their education as per their wish. If this is done, students are certain to succeed.

I am immensely happy to inaugurate at this function the distribution of shoes, school uniforms, geometry boxes, crayons, school bags and atlas at no cost to 92 lakhs students. I am proud to distribute appointment orders to 20,920 teachers. I will hand over the welfare assistance to 16 students and appointment orders to 36 teachers as a token of this on this dais. For the rest of the teachers, Hon'ble Minister will hand over the appointment orders in this function itself.

I offer my good wishes to the students who receive the welfare assistance and the teachers who receive their appointment orders, for all prosperity in their lives. I convey my desire that all should work with full involvement and with a sense of dedication for the total eradication of poverty and illiteracy from Tamil Nadu.

I conclude and take leave of you, hailing
'Anna Naamam Vaazhga'
'Puratchi Thalaivar Naamam Vaazhga'
Thank you. Vanakkam.

‘ACCORD TOP PRIORITY AND TAKE UP INTER-REGIONAL POWER TRANSMISSION PROJECTS ON A WAR-FOOTING’



Speech delivered by **Selvi J Jayalalithaa**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu during the 57th Meeting of the National Development Council at New Delhi on 27.12.2012

We have assembled yet again for what are turning out to be purely periodic rituals – this time the 57th National Development Council meeting, which has been convened for the approval of the Twelfth Five Year Plan.

1. To be honest, the purpose and intention of such meetings completely eludes me. We are already nearly three-quarters of

the way into the first year of the Twelfth Plan. I wonder whether it would be useful to comment on the contents of the 12th Plan Document, since it is very unlikely that any such views would be taken on board. When we assembled last in this forum more than a year ago, many of the Hon'ble Chief Ministers present here and I had made several valuable

and useful suggestions on the Approach to the Twelfth Plan. Given that it took nearly 14 months for the final draft of the Twelfth Plan to be prepared, I had a fond hope that at least some of the suggestions made in the last NDC meeting would find their way into the final Plan Document. Unfortunately, when I read the draft Plan Document, I found that no reasonable and legitimate suggestion from the States has been accepted and the big brotherly and undemocratic approach of superimposing on elected State Governments the dubious policies, priorities and programmes of a minority ruling coterie in Delhi has prevailed.

2. We get the impression that the Government at the Centre is indifferent about reducing poverty. Large scale poverty and inequality persists and even widens with every Plan. The Union Government, far from serving the common man / woman, is conspiring against him / her by hiking the prices of essential commodities and inputs and appears more focused on facilitating the interests of foreign investors. The regime at the Centre, caught up in the daily squabbles of its constituents, in merely trying to survive from day to day, has neither the time nor the inclination to pay attention to the problems of the people of this country.

3. I am constrained to point out that many of the adverse initial conditions faced by the country and the slowdown in growth as we enter the 12th Plan period have been caused primarily by the poor macro-economic management and faulty policy making of the present regime at the Centre. I must compliment the Planning Commission for admitting to such policy failures – both in infrastructure project implementation and in tax related issues in the Plan Document itself. The Central Government has miserably failed in effective economic management of the country and is now forcing the resultant hardship on the people at large.

4. We, in Tamil Nadu, have been particularly hard hit by the attitude of the Government of India. Every single legitimate request of our State has been turned down or ignored and every initiative stymied. We have repeatedly demanded action on critical issues affecting our State but the Centre has failed to take cognizance. I made a request for a package of assistance from the Central Government as soon as I assumed office last year, but till date and even after repeated reminders, the Centre is insensitive to the request made and demands raised.



5. We have established the Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Development Board as the nodal agency for developing infrastructure through Public Private Partnership in the State

“The Tamil Nadu Solar Energy Policy, 2012, has been announced with a vision of developing Tamil Nadu as a world leader in Solar Energy by establishing a generation capacity of 3000 MW by 2015. Our Government intends to make Solar Energy a people’s movement just as we did earlier with Rain Water Harvesting”.

to attract investment. Inadequate support of the Central Government for the State Government’s infrastructure initiative and lack of access to Central Government Department lands even for projects like airports, metro-rail and road projects is resulting in delays and cost overrun.

6. The Central Government has been completely ineffective in playing its constitutional role in ensuring that the Final award of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal is duly notified so that it can be implemented and the rights of Tamil Nadu as a lower riparian State are protected. The Central Government has also failed in protecting the citizens of the country – the fishermen belonging to Tamil Nadu - from attacks across the maritime boundary.

Even a simple request from a State PSU for a Digital Addressable System (DAS) License for Chennai City has not been granted on totally extraneous considerations. The Central Government has ordered that Metros such as Chennai should migrate to telecasting TV Channels in digital mode before the end of December 2012. Despite repeated

representations to the Prime Minister and the concerned Union Minister, the D.A.S. licence is yet to be given to the Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation. It is a known fact that the Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation caters to the poor and the middle class at nominal costs. This delay is intended to facilitate the switching over of subscribers to a family owned TV network.

The deliberate non-issuance of D.A.S licence to the State Government owned Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation is only to facilitate the business interests of a particular family which forms part of the ruling coalition at the Centre.

This vindictive and discriminative act of the Government of India is highly condemnable and is yet another example of subverting the interest of the common people and the ruling dispensation’s perpetual pandering to allies to ensure the survival of the Central Government.

7. As the Central Government remains aloof and disdainfully distant from the people’s real needs, there have been efforts to arrogate greater powers by the Central Government for itself, by reducing the role of States which can only jeopardise the people’s welfare. As the elected head of the Government of Tamil Nadu, while I shall continue to demand for the State what should rightfully belong to it, I cannot let down the people by merely waiting for the Central Government to act on various development initiatives. The State aims to forge ahead and we are embarking on many path breaking initiatives. In the Twelfth Plan, our State is poised to reach a higher growth trajectory.

8. I had urged in the last NDC meeting that an ambitious double digit growth

target should be set for the 12th Plan. I am disappointed to note that the Plan Document scales down the growth target from 9 per cent in the Approach Paper to 8.2 per cent. We however, have a different objective. Tamil Nadu under my leadership, plans to achieve a double digit growth rate, as it envisions Accelerated, Inclusive and Innovative growth in the Twelfth Five Year Plan. Tamil Nadu's economy has shown great resilience and after my resuming office has recorded 7.4% growth in the terminal year of the Eleventh Plan, in spite of the poor performance of the previous Government in the earlier years. This is higher than the national average growth rate despite the global economic crisis and recession.

9. I unveiled the vision document for the State: "Vision Tamil Nadu 2023" in March this year, with three major outcomes that I have envisioned for the State to reach by 2023: First: the per capita income of Tamil Nadu's residents will reach 10,000 US Dollars per annum (at 2010 prices) – the present median income of Upper Middle Income countries. Second: Tamil Nadu will attain a high standard of social development, with the Human Development Index of the State matching that of developed countries and third: Tamil Nadu would provide to its residents, high quality infrastructure all over the State, comparable with the best in the world. It is against this backdrop that our Twelfth Five Year Plan has been conceived.

10. Financing the Plan is crucial. The Plan Document has adequate evidence on how unfair the Central Government is being to the States. The proportion of Central Assistance to the States for the Plan is down from 24.42 per cent of the States' aggregate resources in the Eleventh Plan, to 23.08 per cent in the

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Twelfth Plan. The entire incremental outlay on State Plans as a proportion of GDP is to be raised by the States themselves. Even in terms of the break up of Central Assistance, the share of "Normal Central Assistance", which is the untied portion, has been systematically whittled down. The States have been placed at the whim and mercy of petty bureaucrats in different Ministries in Delhi to receive assistance for the many centrally funded schemes, for which funding has been carved out of the State's share of central plan financing. This confirms what I had already apprehended in my speech at the 56th National Development Council when I said: "The bulk of the outlay on the thirteen so-called flagship programmes was earlier provided to the States as untied 'Normal Central Assistance' to finance State determined priorities. With the big brotherly attitude that has come to characterize the Central Government, untied funds have been replaced by the "flagship programmes", consequently treating the elected State Governments as mere local supplicants. In my view, such a design is completely flawed and violative of the spirit of the Constitutional scheme where States, being closer to the people, have been accorded a key role in development related activities."

11. The Plan Document also speaks of one more sham exercise in which the so



called Centrally Sponsored Schemes are to be abolished with fund transfer to States. But, undoubtedly, they will be reborn in another guise. After all, the objective of this rigmarole appears to be to keep the States firmly in a supplicant position!

12. While the general approach towards the States is condescending, when one analyzes the data regarding allocations for individual States in the Eleventh Plan, the unfairness displayed towards Tamil Nadu takes one's breath away. Comparing Tamil Nadu's population as per the 2011 census against the resource allocation as the Plan Document does, is an exercise already loaded in advance against a State which was an early adopter of the national goal of population control. What is even more disturbing is that Tamil Nadu does not receive even the share that it receives as Normal Central Assistance from various centrally funded schemes like the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, National Rural Health Mission, Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme and

Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP). It is just 4.328 per cent in the fund flow for these schemes against 6.062 per cent population share in the aggregate. Not just does this design of fund flow penalize a better performing State in the country, it actually raises a very serious doubt in my mind that this is the outcome of a sinister conspiracy to consciously discriminate against some States, and in favour of a few, in the matter of fund allocation.

13. A key issue in the generation of resources for the plan is the implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST). We note the adamant attitude of the Government of India with great anxiety. The legitimate concerns of the State Governments for whom VAT is the main revenue resource have to be taken note of. Compensation for the permanent loss on account of abolition of CST has to be provided in a sustainable and non-discretionary manner. The Centre should be prepared to consider more radical approaches, including delegating the levy and collection of the substitutes for VAT, Central Excise Duty and Service Tax within a State, completely to the State machinery, with the Central machinery focusing on inter-state taxation, customs duties and direct taxes. Without the Centre creating the requisite atmosphere of trust both in the minds of the States and of other stake holders including small traders, it would be impossible to implement this tax reform measure.

14. The "direct cash transfer" mechanism is being touted as a "game changer" and a panacea for all ills in implementation. This is unjustified and shortsighted and reveals how little the Central Government understands ground level realities. The cash transfer mechanism will not work for certain

schemes like the Public Distribution System and fertilizer subsidy, where ensuring availability of food grains and fertilizers is much more crucial to preserve food security than transferring cash. It is almost as if the Central Government is trying to abdicate its responsibility and just throw money around, instead of addressing real issues of availability. For other transfers, like pensions and scholarships, our State has attempted to operate through banks. However, the banking system, which is entirely under the control of the Central Government, is as yet unequal to the task of providing the crucial last mile connectivity to scheme beneficiaries without imposing hardships and costs on them. Further, the implementation of the “Aadhaar” scheme is getting more and more politicized and the roll out delayed. This will not lead to the desired outcomes.

15. Tamil Nadu with all its constraints has initiated dynamic action for the timely completion of ongoing generation and transmission schemes and to undertake quick gestation schemes in order to become a power surplus State again by 2015. The Financial Restructuring Plan for Distribution Companies (DISCOMS) is a long overdue measure. However, the rigid insistence on Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) limits is a major hindrance to its effective implementation. The State also took courageous decisions under my leadership to raise power tariffs after ten years. It shows my Government’s firm resolve to tackle the power crisis in the State, which is not of our making, and is the legacy left behind by the previous Government.

16. The Tamil Nadu Solar Energy Policy, 2012, has been announced with a vision of developing Tamil Nadu as a world leader in



Solar Energy by establishing a generation capacity of 3000 MW by 2015. Our Government intends to make Solar Energy a people’s movement just as we did earlier with Rain Water Harvesting. I urge the Government of India to support our initiatives financially and with appropriate policy measures.

17. The Transport Scenario in the Plan Document is conspicuously biased in favour of National Highways. The PMGSY focuses only on last mile connectivity. My Government is making unprecedented allocations for the huge network of State Highways, Major District Roads and other District Roads, but, the Plan Document is silent about these roads. The proposal for a North-South Freight Corridor from Villupuram to Kanyakumari does not find even a cursory mention in the Plan.

18. The Eleventh Plan performance in the Agriculture Sector for the country has been disappointing with only 2.8 per cent growth in the terminal year. Tamil Nadu however, registered a 7.08 per cent growth for the same year after I assumed office and initiated several farm sector measures with the objective of

doubling farmers' income. I have reoriented the Agriculture Sector, ushering in a Second Green Revolution with focus on integrated farming and development of the Animal Husbandry and Dairy sector. The State Government's unprecedented investment in this sector by providing milch cows and sheep and goats to poor families and by organizing farmers' fairs (Uzhavar peruvizha) in all the 16,564 Revenue Villages has resulted in higher growth in the Agriculture Sector.

19. Tamil Nadu has limited irrigation potential. NADP offers only a minor incremental Plan allocation which barely covers inflation. The Central Government's confused and non-transparent implementation of the Nutrient Based Subsidy Scheme has been detrimental to our farmers. My Government has provided an exemption from VAT on fertilizers and agricultural implements for the first time in the country to reduce the cost burden on farmers.

20. Irrigation is a very important issue. We have repeatedly appealed to the Central Government, in vain, to ensure justice for Tamil Nadu in inter-state river water sharing issues including Cauvery, Pennaiyar, Mullaiperiyar dam and Attapadi dam issues. Time and again, we have been raising the issue of inter-linking of rivers both as a means of enhancing irrigation facilities, flood mitigation and creating a waterways grid and the need for seeing it as a national priority fully deserving of Central support. This has not found any real support from the Central Government. Surprisingly, the 12th Plan Document is also silent on this vital issue. The Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) has been a very disappointing scheme. It has no thrust on minor irrigation and on water conservation, two critical areas of concern for the 21st century. I demand that



this programme be completely recast. The 12th Plan Document suggests pricing of water as a measure of conservation. Water, though a precious resource, cannot always be priced in commercial terms. In this regard, I expect that the 12th Plan Document should be more realistic instead of making unimplementable theoretical propositions.

21. Sustained economic growth requires a clear vision and leadership and it is my deep concern that growth should translate into inclusive development and poverty eradication. We have adopted a multi pronged strategy of targeted family based interventions on the one hand, and addressing inter-district and inter-regional disparities in the State, on the other, along with increasing employment and employability by improving the share of the Manufacturing Sector and focusing on skill development. The State has introduced the State Balanced Growth Fund to address inter and intra district disparities. We expect more substantial allocations from the Government of India under the Backward Regions Grant Fund, since the Plan Document recognizes that there are districts with high poverty in Tamil Nadu as well. The substantially stepped up and clearly earmarked allocation for Special Area Programmes in the 12th Plan must be equitably distributed to all areas and regions in the country which are in need of assistance and not be used just to pamper political allies – past, present or potential.

22. Poverty eradication needs to be uppermost in our priorities. The National Rural Livelihood Mission appears to have drawn some key lessons from precursor programmes under implementation. In Tamil Nadu, the urban poor are a large category. We are awaiting the roll out of the Urban Livelihood Mission which is now long overdue. The State has in the meantime decided to go ahead on its own with a State level urban poverty eradication initiative.

23. Even though Tamil Nadu is implementing the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) well, we recognize that the scheme has many flaws. MGNREGS should be used as an instrument to generate skills and employment opportunities in key sectors including agriculture and for asset creation in rural areas. There ought to be a scheme holiday in the peak agricultural season. The scheme should also allow for more flexibility in project selection and mode of operation.

24. The cost of housing has gone up due to inflation but the Centre has not considered this aspect seriously and the States have had to put in an increasing share to meet the housing needs of the houseless poor and vulnerable sections. There is also an urgent need to revisit the space norms and to step up the unit cost of houses under the Indira Awas Yojana to at least One lakh rupees. Tamil Nadu has taken up the construction of environmentally sustainable green houses with solar power that could be a model for other States to emulate. I call upon the Centre to financially support this novel initiative in the area of clean energy. In urban housing, the Rajiv Awas Yojana and the interest subvention scheme have not been very effective nor attractive and the schemes need revamping.

25. The Plan Document correctly recognizes manufacturing as the key to inclusive growth which would promote employment. However, the 12th Plan target for growth in this sector is relatively modest. In contrast, Tamil Nadu expects to achieve an average growth rate of 10.5% in the Manufacturing Sector. Tamil Nadu continues to be a favoured investment destination as is evident from the recent signing of MOUs with twelve private companies on a single day for an investment of 20,925 crore rupees. These projects alone would generate direct and indirect employment for nearly 1.35 lakh persons in the coming years. The State also proposes to venture into sectors like aerospace and pharmaceuticals in addition to its existing areas of strength in automobiles, auto components, engineering, leather and textile sectors.

26. Skill development has been identified as a crucial intervention and accorded high priority. The Tamil Nadu Skill Development Mission with a Special Purpose Vehicle will be at the vanguard of these efforts to address the skill issue with a flexible approach. Many of the initiatives under this Mission will be in the Public Private Partnership mode. We urge continued Central support for this crucial area.

27. The attacks on Tamil Nadu Fishermen by the Sri Lankan Navy is an issue infringing on National sovereignty and should not be ignored. Our requests for the development of deep sea fishing and fishing harbours have not found matching Central assistance.

28. The inordinate delay in the launching of JNNURM Mission-II is a cause of deep concern for us. We would favour a scheme design with substantial flexibility to the States to use their local knowledge and ingenuity in solving urban infrastructure problems.

29. Tamil Nadu has achieved the target of Universalisation of Primary Education and is now moving to universalising Secondary education. Allocations under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) are yet to be released. These so called flagship initiatives should be adequately funded.

30. We hope that the proposed expansion of the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) into the National Health Mission will provide the flexibility to absorb the more extensive coverage provided under some of the State schemes including the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Programme in Tamil Nadu.

31. The State is reeling under widespread load shedding. The demand-supply gap is 4,000 MW - the highest in the Southern Region. Failure of the monsoon, coupled with power shortage, has taken its toll on the Agriculture Sector, affecting food production. The Small Scale Industrial Sector is also facing a major problem.

My repeated requests for substantial assistance for Power Sector Investment, ceding a concessional funding window, finalising Fuel Supply Agreements and coal linkages, removing corridor constraints and strengthening the evacuation of wind energy have elicited no response.

Amongst my various letters on requests for power, my letter dated 23.10.2012 to avail of surplus power in the Northern States to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India elicited only a sermon on transmission constraints, negating our request.

May I now, in this august forum, register my request? Within the State of Tamil Nadu, there are no transmission

constraints. The total power generated in the Central Generating Stations in Tamil Nadu by the Neyveli Lignite Corporation, 1,890 MW, the Madras Atomic Power Station at Kalpakkam, 440 MW, and the joint venture unit between the National Thermal Power Corporation and the Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited (TANGEDCO), 500 MW, commissioned recently at Vallur near Chennai adding up to a total of 2,830 MW may be allotted to Tamil Nadu. This is requested only as an interim arrangement, for a period of one year, to meet the huge power deficit and to alleviate the hardship faced by the people, until all the new power projects under construction in Tamil Nadu are fully commissioned, after which, the status quo ante may be restored.

May I again repeat my request that the entire power of 2,000 MW generated from the Koodangulam project, on successful commissioning, be allotted to the State of Tamil Nadu? This is not an unreasonable request, as there is a precedent that I would like to quote. Of the first 2 units of 500 MW each, totalling 1,000 MW, produced at the Central Generating Station at Simhadri in Andhra Pradesh, constructed and operated by the National Thermal Power Corporation, the entire 1,000 MW have been dedicated to Andhra Pradesh. I have addressed the Hon'ble Prime Minister on this issue in my letter dated 25.12.2012 and hope to receive a favourable reply.

Predatory tendencies poaching on the powers and resources of the States notwithstanding, solutions available with the Government of India are wilfully withheld.

The federal nature of our existence demands that the Government of India discharge its obligations to the States.

The State of Tamil Nadu appeals to the Prime Minister of this country to grant our request for power.

32. The energy security of our country is in great danger and is facing unprecedented uncertainties. This is mainly due to the failure of the Government of India to anticipate problems and act in a proactive and co-ordinated manner, to ensure adequate supply of coal, and to provide coal linkages to new power plants. Policy failure on the part of the Government of India is starkly evident for all to see. Domestic coal production is stagnant and cannot meet the requirements of even the existing power plants, leave alone the new plants under construction and about to be commissioned. Power plants for an estimated capacity of 25,000 MW in the country are non-starters for want of clearances to link coal mines. Delay in environmental clearances have affected the speedy execution of coal mining projects and power plants. I urge the Hon'ble Prime Minister to intervene, clear the policy muddle and resolve the co-ordination issues between the Ministries of Environment and Forests, Power and Coal. Lack of adequate inter-regional power transmission infrastructure is another matter of great concern. Power deficit regions like the Southern States are not able to access surplus power available in the rest of the country. This is mainly because of the lack of long term vision and speedy action to address corridor constraints by the Power Grid Corporation of India Limited. I urge the Government of India to accord top priority to the taking up of inter-regional transmission projects on a war footing.

33. The Centre should use the NDC to discuss the issues concerning the States and consult with the Chief Ministers on various issues and give due weightage to their

viewpoints rather than treating such occasions as purely ceremonial events intended to rubber stamp a Central Plan. Reasonableness and magnanimity should characterize such interactions rather than a vengeful attitude – where even fully justified requests of the States are not given due consideration. Such a vindictive attitude only shows that the Union Government has lost its direction and wants to leave the State Governments to face public ire. I sincerely hope that in order to meet the expectations of the people at large and the poor in particular, the Union Government recognizes the ground realities at least now and lends its ear to the States' genuine demands. I also hope that our consistent demand for more flexibility in fiscal devolution and greater freedom in utilizing the funds allocated under Centrally Sponsored Schemes are met.

34. The people's interest should be paramount. Purely political considerations being brought to weigh on the Plan is a grave injustice done to the States and is not conducive to the healthy growth of the Nation. The already inherent imbalances will only get more pronounced. Let me conclude my speech in the sincere hope and belief that the voice of the States would be heard. The NDC should be a forum where the States are called to discuss, debate and evolve mutually beneficial programmes and policies, instead of a meeting place where opinions are sought with monotonous regularity but no action is taken. I sincerely hope that the Central Government takes cognizance of the aspirations of the States and commits more untied funds to allow for flexibility in framing people oriented programmes that result in accelerated, inclusive, innovative and sustainable growth.

VANAKKAM!



Festive Bonanza for workers



“**W**ork elevates (you)”. True to this age old saying, it is the workers who form basis for the economic growth of a country. Workers’ real progress alone indicates the full growth of a Country. Workers’ in-put plays a great role in increasing the production and hastening the economic growth. With the view to accord due recognition to the works of such a labour force, the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has ordered the payment of Bonus and Ex-gratia to Labours and Personnel in the various public sector undertakings so as to enthuse and encourage them.

Though the Electricity and Transport sectors suffer from funds crunch, the Hon’ble Chief Minister has directed payment of bonus and ex-gratia to their staff also so that the families of the employees can celebrate the festival season with contentment.

The Hon’ble Chief Minister has directed payment of 8.33 percent bonus and 11.67 percent ex-gratia (total 20 percent) to the 74,950 labourers and personnel in the Tamil Nadu generation and Distribution Corporation for the financial year 2011-2012 and an ex-gratia payment of Rs. 1,500/- to the 9,350 contract labour. On account of this, the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board will incur an expenditure of Rs. 64.35 crores. About 84,300 labours and personnel will benefit.

Likewise, 1,27,102 workers of the Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporations will get a 8.33 percent bonus and 11.67 percent ex-gratia (total 20 percent) and 11,452 substitute workers will get a bonus of 8.33

percent. The Transport Corporations will incur an expenditure of Rs. 100.32 crores. About 1,38,554 labours and personnel of the Transport Corporations will benefit.

As for the labours and personnel of the Tamil Nadu Tea Plantation Corporation a bonus of 8.33 percent, an ex-gratia of 1.67 percent and an additional ex-gratia of 10 percent, totally 20 percent will be paid. The Corporation's expenses will come to Rs. 5.69 crores on account of this. Labourers and personnel numbering 8,686 will benefit. Likewise a 20 percent bonus will be paid to Government Rubber Corporation employees and temporary staff. The Rubber Corporation will incur an expense of Rs. 1,37,77,000/- crores. About 2,270 employees and temporary staff will benefit.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has directed payment of 20 percent bonus to the Tamil Nadu Forest Plantation Corporation personnel also. The Corporation will incur an expense of Rs. 35.20 lakhs and 419 personnel will benefit.

The 79 personnel in the Poompuhar Shipping Corporation will get a 8.33 percent bonus and 11.67 percent ex-gratia (total 20 percent). The Corporation will incur an expenditure of Rs. 6.63 lakhs.

The 121 'C' and 'D' personnel in the Tamil Nadu Text Book Corporation will get a 20 percent bonus for 2011-2012. For the Corporation the expenditure will be Rs. 9.43 lakhs.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has directed payment of a 8.33 percent, 1.67 percent ex-gratia payment and a special

ex-gratia of 10 percent (total 20 percent) to the 8,029 employees in the 16 co-operative and 2 public sector sugar mills. An expenditure of Rs. 5.50 crores will be incurred on account of this.

The 28,910 employees of Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation (TASMAC) will also get a similar 20 percent bonus. The Corporation will incur Rs. 22.14 crores expenditure.

As for the Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation, the 'C' and 'D' employees will get a bonus of 8.33 percent and a 11.67 percent ex-gratia; for the personnel in the Direct Purchase centre 8.33 percent bonus and a 11.67 percent ex-gratia or a minimum ex-gratia of Rs. 2,000/- whichever is higher; for loaders without distinction of green and light red card holders and for loaders without cards who have put in a service of not less than 30 days in the period between 1.4.2011 and 31.3.2012, - all will get a bonus of 8.33 percent and ex-gratia of 11.67 percent or a minimum ex-gratia of Rs. 1,500/- whichever is higher; for daily wage earners Grade I (those working in godowns), for daily wage earners (those whose work schedule is fixed on the basis of minimum wages) 8.33 percent bonus and 11.67 percent



ex-gratia for Grade II workers who have put in a minimum of 30 days between 1.4.2011 and 31.3.2012, daily workers who have put in not less than 30 days between 1.4.2011 and 31.3.2012 and other eligible workers an ex-gratia of Rs. 1,500/- and for seasonal loaders working in open-air godowns an ex-gratia of Rs. 1,500/-. On account of this, the Government will incur an expenditure of Rs. 15,12,02,000/-. About 41,271 employees of the Corporation will benefit.

A bonus of 8.33 percent and an ex-gratia of 11.67 percent will be paid to employees of the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Milk Producers' federation (Aavin) and District Co-operative Milk Producers' Union. The Federation and the Unions will incur an expenditure of Rs. 4.72 crores. About 6,074 workers will benefit.

The 1,207 'C' and 'D' employees of the Tamil Nadu Housing Board will get a bonus of 8.33 percent and an ex-gratia of 1.67 percent. The Board will incur an expenditure of Rs. 50.69 lakhs.

Likewise, the 'C' and 'D' employees of the Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board will get a bonus of 8.33 percent and an ex-gratia of 1.67 percent. The Board will meet an expenditure of Rs. 1.30 crores. On account of this 3,089 workers will benefit.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also ordered payment of a 8.33 percent bonus and 1.67 percent ex-gratia to employees of Tamil Nadu Co-operative Societies that do not have any surplus fund and a bonus of 8.33 percent, an ex-gratia of 1.67 percent and an additional ex-gratia of 10 percent to employees in societies which have surplus fund, an ex-gratia of Rs. 1,500/- to employees in co-operative federations not covered by the Bonus Act, and an ex-gratia of Rs. 1,200/- to employees in Primary Co-operative Societies. This will entail an expenditure of Rs. 18.29 crores. About 46,230 workers will benefit.

For the 'C' and 'D' employees of the Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, a bonus of 8.33 percent will be disbursed. The Board will meet an expenditure of Rs. 1.38 crores and 3,942 employees will benefit.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the immediate disbursement of this bonus.

This announcement of the Government headed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister who has always evinced great interest in the welfare of the workers will pave way for the celebration of the festival days of the workers and employees of these establishments and their families with enthusiasm and happiness.



FOLLOW THE ANDHRA PRADESH PRECEDENT AND 'DEDICATE THE ENTIRE KOODANGULAM POWER TO TAMIL NADU'

D.O. letter dated 25.12.2012 addressed by **Selvi J Jayalalithaa**,
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to **Dr. Manmohan Singh**,
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

“As you are aware, Tamil Nadu has been undergoing a severe power crisis of a magnitude unprecedented in recent memory. While the demand is of the order of 12,000 MW, supply from all available sources is only about 8,000 MW, thereby leaving a huge gap of about 4,000 MW. Ever since I assumed office as Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for the third time in 2011, I have been requesting you for additional allocation of power. To our great disappointment, the response from the Government of India to our request has been totally negative. While I had requested in my letter dated 6.6.2011 for 1,000 MW of additional allocation of power, we were allocated a meagre quantum of 100 MW only.

When I had written a letter to you on 23.10.2012 requesting to allocate the power from Central Generating Stations surrendered by the Government of Delhi, I did not receive any positive response. On the contrary, the Government of India cited transmission constraints virtually negating our request. Therefore, it stands to reason that at least, the entire power generated by Central Generating Stations in Tamil Nadu by the Neyveli Lignite Corporation, the Madras Atomic Power Station at Kalpakkam and the Joint Venture Unit between NTPC and Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Ltd. (TANGEDCO) commissioned recently at Vallur near Chennai totalling 2,830 MW is allocated to Tamil Nadu where there are no transmission constraints, as an interim arrangement, to meet the huge power deficit and to alleviate the severe hardship faced by the people of Tamil Nadu, till all the new power projects under construction in Tamil Nadu are fully commissioned.

You are also aware of the extraordinary lengths to which the Government of Tamil Nadu has gone to ensure the smooth commissioning of the Atomic Power Project at Koodangulam. In fact, when I had an occasion to meet you recently, you were gracious enough to acknowledge the great effort made by my Government under my leadership in handling the very complex and large scale law and order issues and continuous agitations that were conducted with the sole objective of stalling the commissioning of this nuclear power project. In return, I expect the Government of India to dedicate the entire power of 2,000 MW from this project on successful commissioning, to the State of Tamil Nadu.

I would like to point out that this request is not an unreasonable one and not without a precedent. I would also like to point out that the first two Units of 500 MW each totalling 1,000 MW produced by the Central Generating Station at Simhadri in Andhra Pradesh, constructed and operated by the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has been entirely dedicated to the State of Andhra Pradesh. I request the Government of India to adopt the same yardstick to dedicate the entire power produced by the Koodangulam Power Project to the State of Tamil Nadu in the interest of the people of this State suffering from severe power deficit.

In conclusion, I urge you to bestow your deepest attention on and give your urgent consideration to our request to allocate the entire power produced by the Central Generating Stations in Tamil Nadu to our State as an interim measure and to dedicate the entire Koodangulam Power to our State.”

TRAINING TO TURN OUT 1,000 FIRST GENERATION ENTREPRENEURS EVERY YEAR

- Chief Minister's initiative

“Wealth will find the way to him
who has unshaken enthusiasm”.

Poet-Saint Thiruvalluvar says fortune knocks at the doors of the enterprising individual on its own. In accordance with this saying, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalithaa's Government has been taking several specific actions to turn every enthusiastic young person into an industrial entrepreneur.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the implementation of the 'New Entrepreneur-cum-Enterprise Development Scheme (NEEDS) from 2012-2013 in order to convert the educated youth into first generation industrial entrepreneurs. As per this plan, steps will be taken to provide entrepreneurial training to the educated youth, to prepare business plans, help them get funds from financial institutions and link them with major industrial clients. They will be assisted to get the 25 percent capital subsidy not exceeding Rs. 25 lakhs from banks and the Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporation and loans with an interest rate lower by three percent.

Under this plan, 1,000 entrepreneurs will be trained every year. Preference will be given to Adi Dravidars to the extent of 18 percent, Scheduled Tribes one percent, the differently abled 3 percent and women upto 50 percent.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has given administrative sanction for Rs. 100 crores to implement the plan and has ordered the release of Rs. 51.80 crores as first instalment. The entrepreneurial training institutue and the Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporation will play an important role in the implementation of the plan.

Only when industrial estate are properly maintained the industries in them, the industries can increase their production. Not only that, new establishments too will frequently approach the estate administration for starting their units there. Taking this into account the Hon'ble Chief Minister has allotted Rs. 1 crore for this year (2012-2013) for the development of infrastructure facilities including strengthening of roads, repairing sewage treatment plants, laying storm water drainage and fixing street lights at the Electric and Electronic Industrial Estates at Kaakkalur in Tiruvallur District and at Perungudi in Chennai.

These measures of the Government will pave way for the educated youth to come forward and start their own industries and turn themselves into entrepreneurs in life. ■



FISH LANDING CENTRES AT 11 PLACES AT A COST OF Rs. 63 CRORES

Tamil Nadu has a 1,076 KM long coastline. About 9 lakh fishermen live in the 591 coastal fishermen villages. Six thousand two hundred mechanized fishing boats and 50,000 traditional crafts engage in fishing operations. Marine fish catch in Tamil Nadu is 4.25 lakh tons. Marine products worth Rs. 2,000 crores are exported from Tamil Nadu.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has already ordered the setting up of a fisheries University on a 85 acre landscape in the Villages of Panangudi and Nagore muttam in Nagapattinam Taluk for encouraging fisheries education which is essential for fisheries development, and for the introduction of modern technology to boost fish wealth and thereby improve fishermen's income.

Also, for increasing the inland fish production, and for total utilization of inland water sources and thereby increase the fish catch, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the setting up of fish seed farms with modern facilities at 11 places at a cost of Rs. 37 crores. The farms are to come up at Bhavanisagar (Erode District), Thirukambuliur (Karur District), Asur (Tiruchy), Thattamanaipatti (Pudukottai), Agarapettai, Neithalur, and Thattonkulam (Thanjavur), Veedur dam (Villupuram) Vaniyanchavadi (Kancheepuram), Manimutharu (Tirunelveli) and Lalpettai (Cuddalore District).

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also ordered the construction of fish landing centres with all facilities like auction hall to handle the fish, net weaving hall, fish drying platform, inner road, street light, water, sewage and office building at 11 places at a cost of Rs. 63 crores. The chosen places are Kadapakkam (Kancheepuram District), Samiyarpettai (Cuddalore District), Seruthur (Nagapattinam), Muthukooda (Pudukottai), Devipattinam and Rochmaanagar (Ramanathapuram) Tharuvaikulam and Thirespuram (Vivekanadar colony) in Thoothukudi District, and Inayamputhanthurai, Simon Colony and Kurumpanai in Kanniyakumari District.

To bring about an awareness among people about fish rearing, fish production, importance of fish meal and the food varieties prepared from fish, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has directed the holding of a 'Fish Food Festival' at Chennai Island grounds for three to four days this year and has allotted Rs. 1 crore for the same.

In this 'Fest', National level organisations engaged in fish rearing, fish meal production, fish food manufacture and sale and production of colour fishes, will participate.

These measures of the Government will promote fish production and thereby the living standards of fishermen. ●



THE FIRST SOLAR POWER PARK UNDER THE SOLAR ENERGY POLICY 2012 AT PARAMAKUDI TALUK

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation and Messer's Raasi Green Earth Energy Private Ltd. on 13.12.2012 at the Secretariat in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Selvi J Jayalalithaa for setting up a Rs. 920 crores Solar Power Park on a 500 acre site at Paramakudi Taluk in Ramanathapuram District. The park will generate 100 MW of power.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister announced in the Vision Tamil Nadu 2023 document she had released, that 5,000 MW power would be generated in the next 11 years in Tamil Nadu through solar energy. Also, the Tamil Nadu Solar Energy Policy 2012 proclaimed that 3,000 MW of solar energy would be generated in the state by 2015. On that basis, encouraging the setting up of Solar Energy Parks is a component of the Solar Energy Policy so that investors can implement their electricity generation schemes through solar energy.

To achieve the above target, the Tamil Nadu Government has directed the setting up of Solar Power Parks with Government and private participation in such a way as to implement projects for generation of 1,000 MW of solar power in the next 5 years through the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation.

On behalf of the Tamil Nadu Government, Thiru. Hans Raj Varma IAS, Principal

Secretary and Chairman and Managing Director of the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation and on behalf of M/S Raasi Green Earth Energy Private Ltd., its Chairman and Managing Director Thiru C. Narasimhan signed the MoU.

The Paramakudi Solar Power Park will be set up with necessary infrastructure like roads, drainage, water facility, enriched landscape and power transmission lines so that solar power projects can be located there, effectively. These facilities will attract the investors to set up power projects in more numbers. This park is the first of its kind in the whole of India, set up exclusively for solar power generation on a Public Private Partnership Mode.

This Park is targeted to be completed in 12 months. It will provide direct and indirect employment opportunities to 2,000 persons. This is the first park to be set up under the Tamil Nadu Solar Energy Policy 2012.

Speaking after the signing of the MoU, the Hon'ble Chief Minister said: "I wish your project all success. I assure you of the total co-operation of the State Government. I am happy to know that you plan to expand the capacity to 1,000 MW and I hope that this will prove to be a launching platform for many more such Solar Power Projects to be established in Tamil Nadu. I wish your project all success".



The newly elected office bearers of Dakshina Maara Nadar Association met and thanked the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** at the Secretariat on 24.12.2012 for opposing foreign direct investment in retail trade and for supporting the Nadar Community in the controversy over the CBSE text book.



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** presented at the Secretariat on 7.12.2012 a cheque for Rs. 50 lakhs to Thiru. E. Thangaraj, General Secretary of Indo Cine Appreciation Foundation (ICAF) as Government's contribution to the 10th Chennai International Film Festival.



Direct Information Ministry to issue Digital Addressable System Licence to Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV

D.O. letter dated 16.12.2012 addressed to **Dr.Manmohan Singh**,
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India by **Selvi J Jayalalithaa**,
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

“As you are aware, after the assumption of the Government under my leadership in May, 2011, I have revived the Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation, a Government of Tamil Nadu Public Sector Undertaking which was earlier kept in a defunct state.

The Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation Ltd. has commenced its Cable TV services in all the 31 Districts of Tamil Nadu on 2.9.2011 barring Chennai, which is a Conditional Access System area. The Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation Ltd. is providing 100 channels to the subscribers at a cost of Rs.70/- per month per subscriber. There has been an overwhelming response from the public and the Local Cable Operators. 23,000 Local Cable Operators with a subscriber base of 60 lakhs are availing of the services of this Corporation.

I take pride in stating that the Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation Ltd. is now the single largest Multi System Operator in India, offering its services across the State at the lowest rate in the entire country. Through this service, the people of Tamil Nadu have been freed from the clutches of the erstwhile Multi

System Operators, who used to fleece them by charging Rs.150 – Rs.250 per month as subscription for showing just 30 – 70 channels only.

The Government of India issued a Conditional Access System licence to this Corporation for Chennai City on 2.4.2008 and the Conditional Access System services are now in operation. The Government of India has subsequently amended the Act and modified the Conditional Access System area into Digital Addressable System area. Accordingly, the Corporation has taken all efforts to start its operations in the Digital Mode in Chennai City. The Corporation has placed orders for the supply of Set Top Boxes, Conditional Access System and Subscriber Management System and erection of Head End at a cost of about Rs.50 crores.

The Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation Ltd. had applied for the Digital Addressable System licence to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on 5.7.2012. The issue of the licence is still pending. It is learnt that the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has issued the Digital Addressable System licence

to nine other Multi System Operators in Tamil Nadu, including those who applied after the Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation Ltd.

A delegation led by Dr. M. Thambidurai, M.P., met Smt. Ambika Soni, the then Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting on 26.10.2012, who promised to issue the licence immediately. Afterwards, senior officials of the Government of Tamil Nadu also met the Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, several times.

As the issue of licence was further delayed, on my direction a delegation led by Dr. M. Thambidurai, M.P. met Shri. Manish Tiwari, Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, on 27.11.2012, and requested him to expeditiously issue the Digital Addressable System licence as

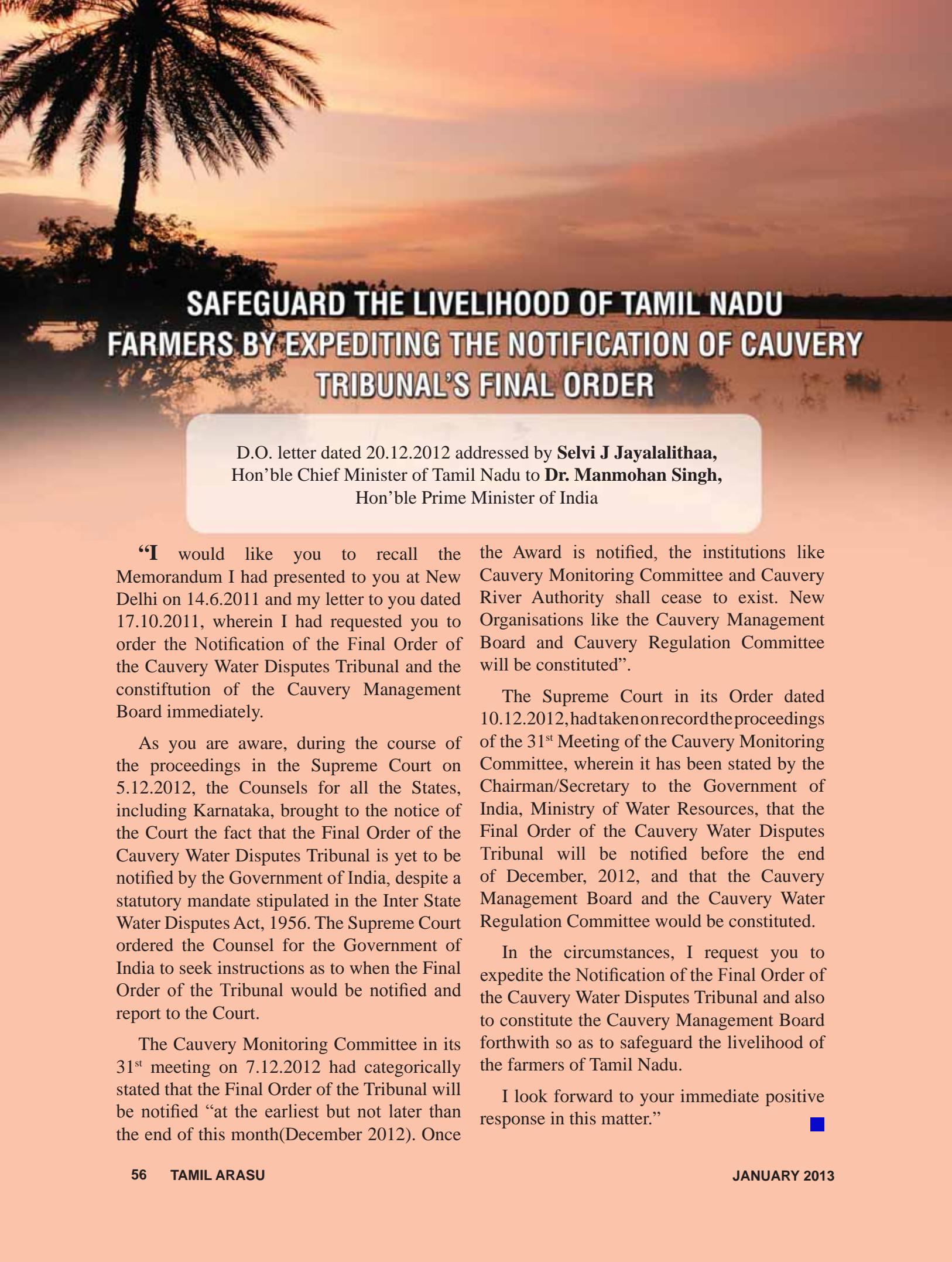
digitalization has to be completed within a time frame.

Meanwhile, a team of MPs of my Party have also called on you on 29.11.2012 and given a representation in this matter. However, the Digital Addressable System licence is yet to be issued by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. It is pertinent to mention here that the Hon'ble Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court has also passed orders on 6.12.2012 that "the process of issue of licence to Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation may go on and the licence may also be issued".

Hence, I urge you to intervene in the matter and direct the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to issue the Digital Addressable System licence to the Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation Ltd immediately." ■



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** presented on 7.12.2012 a cheque for Rs. 2 crores to Thiru. M.A. Alagappan, President of Tamil Nadu Tennis Association as Government cotribution to the conduct of the "Chennai Open" tennis competitions held at Chennai from 31.12.2012 to 6.1.2013



SAFEGUARD THE LIVELIHOOD OF TAMIL NADU FARMERS BY EXPEDITING THE NOTIFICATION OF CAUVERY TRIBUNAL'S FINAL ORDER

D.O. letter dated 20.12.2012 addressed by **Selvi J Jayalalithaa**,
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to **Dr. Manmohan Singh**,
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

“I would like you to recall the Memorandum I had presented to you at New Delhi on 14.6.2011 and my letter to you dated 17.10.2011, wherein I had requested you to order the Notification of the Final Order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal and the constiftution of the Cauvery Management Board immediately.

As you are aware, during the course of the proceedings in the Supreme Court on 5.12.2012, the Counsels for all the States, including Karnataka, brought to the notice of the Court the fact that the Final Order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal is yet to be notified by the Government of India, despite a statutory mandate stipulated in the Inter State Water Disputes Act, 1956. The Supreme Court ordered the Counsel for the Government of India to seek instructions as to when the Final Order of the Tribunal would be notified and report to the Court.

The Cauvery Monitoring Committee in its 31st meeting on 7.12.2012 had categorically stated that the Final Order of the Tribunal will be notified “at the earliest but not later than the end of this month(December 2012). Once

the Award is notified, the institutions like Cauvery Monitoring Committee and Cauvery River Authority shall cease to exist. New Organisations like the Cauvery Management Board and Cauvery Regulation Committee will be constituted”.

The Supreme Court in its Order dated 10.12.2012, had taken on record the proceedings of the 31st Meeting of the Cauvery Monitoring Committee, wherein it has been stated by the Chairman/Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Water Resources, that the Final Order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal will be notified before the end of December, 2012, and that the Cauvery Management Board and the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee would be constituted.

In the circumstances, I request you to expedite the Notification of the Final Order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal and also to constitute the Cauvery Management Board forthwith so as to safeguard the livelihood of the farmers of Tamil Nadu.

I look forward to your immediate positive response in this matter.”



NOTIFY THE FINAL ORDER OF THE CAUVERY TRIBUNAL AS WAS DONE FOR ITS INTERIM ORDER

D.O. letter dated 22.12.2012 addressed by **Selvi J Jayalalithaa**,
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to **Dr. Manmohan Singh**,
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

“I am writing this letter in continuation of my letter dated 20th December, 2012, wherein I had requested you to expedite the Notification of the Final Order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal and to constitute the Cauvery Management Board and Cauvery Water Regulation Committee.

The storage position in Mettur Reservoir has reached a precarious position and a calamitous situation prevails in the Cauvery fed Districts of Tamil Nadu. As on 21st December, 2012, the storage in Mettur Reservoir is just 8.8 TMC ft. The situation in the Cauvery fed Districts has become grim affecting the livelihood and the survival of millions of farmers and agricultural labourers of Tamil Nadu. As you are aware, this year we have been made to run from pillar to post to get our due share of water from Karnataka but, in spite of all our efforts, Karnataka continues to utilise all the waters of the river Cauvery brazenly, as if it owns the river Cauvery, with scant regard to the plight of the lower riparian State. Therefore, I reiterate my earlier demand that the Final Order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal should be notified without any further loss of time and the Cauvery Management Board and the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee put in place so that the Final Order of February, 2007, which could not be implemented till date, can be brought to force and the releases to Tamil Nadu by Karnataka can be ensured so that the withering crops can be saved at least to some extent during this distress year.

In this context, I would also like to bring to your notice once again the observation of

the Supreme Court on 5th December, 2012, wherein the Supreme Court had requested the Additional Solicitor General to seek instructions as to when the Final Order would be notified. In the 31st Meeting of the Cauvery Monitoring Committee held on 7th December, 2012, it has been recorded that the Final Order of the Tribunal will be notified at the earliest but not later than the end of this month (December 2012) and this fact has also been taken on record by the Supreme Court on 10th December, 2012.

I would also like to draw your attention to the fact that, when the Tribunal pronounced the Interim Order on 25th June, 1991, based on the advisory opinion rendered by the Supreme Court on 22nd November, 1991, in the Presidential Reference, the Government of India notified the Interim Order of the Tribunal on 10th December, 1991, even when a Clarificatory Petition was pending before the Tribunal and a Suit and SLP were pending in the Supreme Court against the Interim Order of the Tribunal. On the same analogy, the Final Order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal should be notified immediately.

I hope that you will consider the plight of the farmers and agricultural labourers of Tamil Nadu and instruct the Ministry of Water Resources to notify the Final Order of the Tribunal forthwith.

I shall be thankful for your urgent action in this matter. Expecting an immediate favourable reply.”





HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER SANCTIONS Rs. 322.37 CRORES TO BYPASS RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSINGS IN 8 DISTRICTS

Infrastructure development paves the way for a state's economic growth and for the development of the standard of living of the people. Excellent road infrastructure facilities greatly help the economic development of the rural people. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalithaa's Government has been taking steps to improve road infrastructure and thereby improve the economic growth of the whole country.

In that way, orders were issued last year to lay new roads, construct new railway overbridges and take up maintenance work for the existing roads and bridges at a cost of Rs. 3,793 crores.

In the current year, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has already issued orders for the construction of flyovers, bridges, subways, footpaths and skywalks at a cost of Rs. 340.68 crores in Chennai and its suburbs and in other districts.

Further to this, Rs. 2,262.50 crores has been already allotted this year under the Integrated Road Infrastructure Development Plan for road infrastructure works in Tamil Nadu.

Railway lines cross the various highways in the state at several places. Where there are no railway overbridges or underbridges, vehicles have to wait for a long time at the railway level crossings. This results in wastage of time, lengthening of travel time, fuel wastage and accidents.

Taking this into consideration, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has sanctioned Rs. 322.37 crores for taking up works on construction of new railway overbridges and underbridges in 8 districts where the railway lines intersect the roads.

In the first phase, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has allotted Rs. 70,03,65,000/- towards land acquisition and for preliminary works for the construction of 7 road overbridges and one subway. These will come up on Keezhveedhi-Ameerpettai Road near Anvarthikhanpet railway station in Vellore District; on Cuddalore – Chittoor road between the Panruti and Nellikuppam railway stations in Cuddalore District; on the Cauvery road between Srirangam and Tiruchy Town railway stations in Tiruchy District; on the Ramanathapuram – Keezhakarai road between

Ramanathapuram and Uchupuli railway stations in Ramanathapuram District; on the Palayamkottai – Sivanthipatti road between Palayamkottai and Saithunganallur railway stations in Tirunelveli District; a subway on the Dindigul – Gujiliamparai – Karur road between Dindigul and Akkaraipatti railway stations in Dindigul District; an overbridge on the BCC road between Dindigul and Akkaraipatti railway stations and a road overbridge on the Cholvandan – Valayapatti road between Madurai and Dindigul railway stations.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also directed the construction of an Integrated Chief Engineer office building at a cost of Rs. 13,21,28,400/- which will house the offices of all the Chief Engineers in the Highways Department. This integrated office will be located in the present Highways Department's complex at Guindy where its Quality Assurance and Research Wing is functioning. The integrated office building will have 3 floors and will occupy an area of 7,256 sq.meters.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also ordered the construction of an additional two-way road overbridge at a cost of Rs. 20 crores on the National Highway 209 near Textool factory at Ganapathy, to avert traffic congestion and benefit public in Coimbatore.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has allotted Rs. 10.06 crores for acquisition of 96.24 hectares of land for laying a 23.48 KM long ring road on the Kumbakonam - Mannargudi – Athiraamapattinam road for reducing traffic congestion in Mannargudi town and ensure smooth flow of traffic. Presently, Mannargudi, an important town in Tiruvarur District, swarms with tourist vehicles (besides the famous Sri Rajagopalaswamy temple in the town, pilgrim centres like Velankanni and Nagore Dharga are located nearby) and commercial vehicles to move the agro-products and salt

manufactured in the surrounding areas. The ring road will considerably de-congest traffic in the town.

Likewise, Rs. 14.40 crores have been allotted for acquisition of 6.58 hectares of land for laying a two-way 2.62 KM long bypass road on the Tiruchy – Thuraiyur road in Mannachanallur town in Tiruchy District to de-congest traffic in that town. Mannachanallur abounds in rice mills, Government offices and tourist spots. The increase in traffic on account of this, leads to traffic congestion.

Tiruttani town in Thiruvallur District, a pilgrim centre (it is one of the six hill stations of Lord Muruga) also lies on the route to Tirupathi another great pilgrim centre. Moreover, the industry-intensive Arakkonam town is nearby. The round the year festivals and the movement of industrial goods result in traffic congestion in Tiruttani town. To avert traffic congestion in Tiruttani, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has allotted Rs. 11.61 crores for acquisition of 9.11 hectares of land for laying a 3.241 KM long bypass road on the Sadras – Chengalpattu – Kancheepuram – Arakkonam – Tiruttani road near Tiruttani.

Thoothukudi Town has attained the status of a Municipal Corporation. It is also a major port town accounting for a high flow of vehicular traffic. Also, the town is developing fast in all fields. Hence, it is essential to create infrastructure facilities to avert traffic snarls-up in the town.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has directed the development of Thoothukudi – Kollam road by widening the road from the 2 KM point to the 6 KM point with a centre median at a cost of Rs. 3.80 crores. Also, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has allotted Rs. 11.60 crores for widening the two-lane Madurai – Thoothukudi road into a multi-lane road and for its re-construction.

These road-infrastructure works of the Highways Department will improve the state's road transport and benefit the people greatly.

Rs. 352 crores

loan sanctioned to Expedite work on Parallel Power Plants in Sugar Mills

Presently, parallel Power Generation Plants are functioning in three co-operative sugar mills in Tamil Nadu. M.R. Krishnamurthy Co-operative Sugar Mills and Cheyyar Co-operative Sugar Mills respectively generate 7.5 MW of electricity and in the Subramania Siva Co-operative Sugar Mill, 5 MW of power is generated and they are supplied to the Government's common grid.

On similar lines, work on installing parallel power plants in the 10 co-operative and 2 public sector sugar mills with the help of Tamil Nadu Electricity Board for a total capacity of 183 MW is on in Tamil Nadu. The project is proposed to be funded by obtaining financial assistance from the Power finance corporation, Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency, the Sugar Development fund and through loans and the share capital raised from farmers.

As there is a delay in getting credit from the Sugar Development Fund, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Selvi J Jayalalithaa has ordered the release of Rs. 352 crores as Tamil Nadu Government's short term loan so that, work on the installation of parallel power generation plant can be completed early.

From the proceeds obtained through the surrendering the electric power generated from those parallel power plants, the 10 co-operative sugar mills and the 2 public sector sugar mills can streamline their financial position and implement schemes for improving the mills' efficiency.

During monsoon failure, power generation in hydel projects comes down drastically. To make good this loss, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa in her earlier regime, had directed a financial arrangement by which the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board would get funds for procurement of additional power. The arrangement was a compensatory investment of Rs. 125 crores every year in Treasury Bonds during the periods of vigorous monsoon and their redemption during the times of drought and handing over the amount to the Electricity Board.

In that way, the investment in Treasury Bonds now stands at Rs. 375 crores. As monsoon has failed this year, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has ordered the making over of this amount to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board as hydel power generation compensatory grant.



RS. 2 LAKHS EACH TO FAMILIES OF 5 FISHERMEN LANGUISHING IN SRI LANKAN PRISON



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa presented cheques for Rs. 2 lakhs each to the families of Messers Emerson, Agustus, Wilson, Prasad and Langlet, fishermen of Rameswaram who have been arrested and detained by the Sri Lankan Navy at the Secretariat on 13.12.2012.

These five fishermen were arrested on 28.11.2011 by the Sri Lankan Navy along with their motor boat with the registration number TN/10/MFB/822 on a charge of smuggling drugs when they were fishing near Neduntheevu in the Sri Lankan waters. A case was also filed in this connection in the Mallakkam Court in Jaffna. Fishermen from Rameswaram requested the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa to initiate necessary action immediately to get these innocent fishermen freed stating that the case against them was a foisted one.

After considering their request kindly, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa had directed on 14.12.2011 that the case against the fishermen be contested and their release secured through an advocate of Sri Lanka and that necessary steps to get the fishermen released be taken through the Alliance for Release of

Innocent Fishermen Trust at Rameswaram. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa also released Rs. 2 lakhs towards court expenses.

With financial assistance from Tamil Nadu Government, a petition was filed in the Jaffna High Court on 21.3.2012 praying for the release of the fishermen on bail. But the bail petition was rejected on 11.6.2012 and the fishermen were sent back to prison.

The families of these fishermen depend on fishing trade for their day-to-day livelihood. Taking into account their sufferings due to inadequate income as their breadwinners are in prison, the Hon'ble Chief Minister had ordered on 6.8.2012 the disbursement of Rs. 7,500/- per month for each of these families. Considering the economic condition of these families despite the continuance of this assistance, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa presented to the families of these 5 fishermen who are languishing in a Colombo prison, cheques for Rs. 2 lakhs each as a relief assistance from the Chief Minister's General Relief Fund.

Members of the families of these fishermen conveyed their heart felt gratitude to the Hon'ble Chief Minister. ■

State to Pay Tution and Special Fees in full to BC, MBC and De-notified Community Students in Government and Aided Colleges

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalithaa's Government has been taking all steps for all those in the age group of learning in Tamil Nadu to get the best education. It has been implementing countless schemes like providing tuition fees, supply of all educational accessories at no cost and distribution of uniforms and nutrition food for students to help them complete their education and achieve excellence.

Under the assistance scheme for higher education, students belonging to the Backward, Most Backward and De-notified Communities and whose parents' annual income does not exceed Rs. one lakh, are given the special fee, tuition fee, and the fee for books at the rates stipulated in the Education Assistance Notification and the examination fee in full. But the rates stipulated in the Notification are those fixed in the year 1980. Though educational institutions have revised upward their tuition and special fees, no change has been effected in the Education Assistance Notification and the 1980 rates are still continued.

To avert any possible adverse effect in the admission of the students of these communities on account of the hike effected in colleges in the tuition and special fees, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has directed that these fees also be paid in full as in the case of the examination fees for students in the Government and Government aided colleges, under the school higher education assistance scheme.

As for technical education like engineering and medicine, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has directed that the fee prescribed for Government colleges be paid in full under the School Higher Education Assistance Scheme to students of the Backward, Most Backward and De-notified Communities selected under the Government quota through the Single Window Method. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also directed that the Education Assistance Notification be amended suitably without expecting any separate Government order whenever the various Government departments hike in future the education fee for courses connected with their departments and disburse immediately the increased fee to students of these communities under the School Higher Education Assistance Scheme. This will entail additional expenditure of Rs. 16.54 crores to Government. Students numbering 74,181 will benefit out of this.

Presently, special Guide books are distributed to students in the hostels run by the Backward, Most-Backward and De-notified Communities Welfare Departments and to the 10th and 12th standard students in the Kallar Reclamation Schools. Likewise, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has directed the distribution of special guide books at no cost to students in the 10th and 12th standards in Government and aided schools in the 8 most backward districts of Perambalur, Sivagangai, Thiruvannamalai, Villupuram, Dharmapuri, Dindigul, Krishnagiri and Cuddalore so as to facilitate a higher pass percentage in their public examinations. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has allotted Rs. 2.47 crores and 2,21,400 students will benefit. These measures of the Government will greatly benefit students of these communities.



RS. 70.20 CRORES


GRANT TO 4 DISTRICT CENTRAL CO-OPERATIVE BANKS

“Co-operation is Society’s Upliftment”. The wise say so. In tune with that saying, the co-operative banks and the agricultural co-operative societies have been taking up several important works, for improving the economic conditions of villages. The works include issuing loans to villagers, facilitating the marketing of agricultural produce and selling at fair price the inputs and consumer goods. In the growth of rural economy, the District Central Co-operative Banks and the Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies are putting in excellent work.

The District Central Co-operative Banks are financing many co-operative institutions like Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies and consumer co-operative societies out of the funds raised from the people through deposits and the re-finance obtained from the Tamil Nadu State Apex Co-operative Bank. The societies extend both agricultural and non-agricultural loans in rural areas.

The District Central Co-operative Banks and the Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies are extending loans to farmers and the rural population at low rates of interest. To streamline their finances, the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa ordered the release of Rs. 82,54,57,662/- as grant last year. Now, the Hon’ble Chief Minister has ordered the release of Rs. 72,08,52,310/- as grant – Rs. 1,87,82,119/- to 23 eligible Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies as Government share and Rs. 70,20,70,191/- to the District Central Co-operative Banks at Ramanathapuram, Thirunelveli, Pudukottai and Madurai.

Through these activities of the Government the works of the District Central Co-operative Banks and the Primary Credit Societies that lend short-term loans will be streamlined and the Banks will achieve excellence. The interests of farmers too will be protected.



BETTER LEAVE COUNTER TERRORIST OPERATIONS TO STATE POLICE

D.O letter dated 28.12.2012 addressed by **Selvi J Jayalalithaa**,
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to **Dr. Manmohan Singh**,
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

“I learn from reliable sources that there is a renewed move to set up the NCTC (National Counter Terrorism Centre) under the Home Ministry. I am sure that you will recall the views expressed by several Chief Ministers, including myself, against the NCTC emerging as a single point of control for counter terrorist measures, at the special conference convened for this purpose, under your Chairmanship in May 2012.

The proposal for the setting up of a single point of control under the Home Ministry for all anti-terrorist measures was objected to, by almost all the State Chief Ministers. Co-ordination and not control was considered to be the right way forward. For this, the present system of a multi agency centre at Delhi interacting with the subsidiary multi agency centres at the level of the States was considered to be working well. Further, the establishment of an operations division under the NCTC with the powers of arrest and seizure and armed with the freedom to operate independent of the State Police was a proposal completely unacceptable to even the Chief Ministers of Congress ruled states. The present move seems to be an extension of the ill advised steps taken by the Home Ministry earlier.

Chief Ministers of States have their feet firmly on the ground and are in direct touch



with ground realities on a day to day basis. Hence the views expressed at the Conference by many of us need to be given due attention and be incorporated into any mechanism that is desired to be set up as a nodal agency at the Central Government. I would like to emphasize that any institution that is set up should only be a nodal Central agency which will interact with a nodal agency at the State level for sharing of intelligence. Action in the form of counter terrorist operations is better left to the State Police to perform. For this a Rapid Action Counter Terrorist Force should be created in every State, to function under



the nodal State agency. The flow of funds from the Centre for this effort should be liberal so as to enable State agencies to be equipped with modern means of communication and fire power.

The above points were made by me at the Conference and are being repeated in this letter to ensure that the Central Government follows the right course of action. In this context I also wish to recall another point made at that Conference; that further action with regard to the setting up of the NCTC will be taken only in consultation with the States. It appears that these commitments are all being thrown to the winds when it comes to the point of considering the views of State Chief Ministers before finalizing policy in the Ministries of the Union Government. The situation has deteriorated to such a level that today the views of the Chief Ministers are not even heard, let alone considered for policy making.

The indifferent treatment meted out to Chief Ministers at the National Development Council meeting held yesterday (27.12.2012) is one such instance. I had to cut short my

speech in the middle because of so-called time regulation which stifled the opportunity to express one's views fully. The other Chief Ministers and I came to Delhi to state the field situation and bring a sense of realism and fairness to the process of plan preparation. Instead we acquired the impression that the intention was to cow us down with a display of might by the Central Government. I do hope your office will give necessary directions to the Ministries to conduct such plenary conferences where State Chief Ministers are invited, in a more polite and dignified manner, at least in future.

I wish to conclude by reminding you of the strong opposition already expressed by State Chief Ministers to the setting up of the NCTC in the manner planned by the Home Ministry and request you to communicate to us the draft of any proposal that may be prepared for setting up an institution at the national level to combat terrorism. The finalisation of any such initiative may be done only after completing the process of consultation with the States.”



SELECT GOVERNMENT COLLEGE STUDENTS TO STUDY IN RENOWNED UNIVERSITIES ABROAD AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE



A Memorandum of Understanding was signed on 13.12.2012 at the Secretariat in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa for students of Government colleges in the state and professors to study in renowned universities abroad and take up co-ordinated special training and joint research, in those institutions. The move is aimed at improving the learning and understanding capacities of students in Government colleges and the teaching skills of the professors.

The Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education and South India British Council.

Sending students of Government colleges for study abroad for a term at Government expense is a pioneering project, and is implemented for the first time in the whole of India.

It is the desire of the Hon'ble Chief Minister that all the students, especially the economically backward studying in Government colleges should get excellent higher education of international standards. An aspect of the Hon'ble Chief Minister's 'Vision 2023' Plan is that students studying in Government colleges in Tamil Nadu should shine as highly skilled ones. Hence, the Government headed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister accepted in principle, the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Tamil Nadu State

Council for Higher Education and renowned foreign universities for Government college students and professors to study and take up co-ordinated training and joint research in those institutions.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has given administrative sanction to Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the South India British Council, for sending, in the first phase, 25 students and 5 professors for studies abroad and for training from the year 2013. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also sanctioned Rs. 15 lakhs to each of the students and professors to be routed through the Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education. Under this plan, the students will be selected from among the 1st year post-graduate students. Arrangements have been made for the selected students to prosecute their 3rd term studies in the second year course at renowned foreign universities and for professors to get their training during the same period. By providing such an excellent higher education, students' academic skills will greatly improve and this will pave way for a bright future to them.

On behalf of the Tamil Nadu Government, Prof. Dr. Cynthia Pandian, Vice-Chair Person of the Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education and on behalf of the South India British Council, its Director, Thiru. Paul Sellers signed the MoU. ■

TEAKWOOD CULTIVATION TO BE TAKEN UP IN 8 DISTRICTS AT A COST OF Rs. 6.08 CRORES

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa's Government has been taking all necessary steps to develop the natural resources of the State, foster the environment and increase the green cover.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa had announced that teakwood tree cultivation would be taken up on a 19,075 hectare area at a cost of Rs. 39.50 crores by way of strengthening the teakwood plantation scheme inaugurated in the earlier regime between 2001-2006 and that funds would be allotted to maintain the teakwood trees already cultivated.

Accordingly, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has directed

the implementation of the teakwood tree cultivation programme in the current year in 6,475 hectares in the districts of Cuddalore, Karur, Tiruchy, Thanjavur, Nagapattinam, Tiruvarur, Perambalur and Tirunelveli at a cost of Rs. 6,08,65,000/- and has released Rs. 2,97,88,000/- for the maintenance of teakwood tree plantations that have already been grown.

Not only the demand for teakwood in Tamil Nadu would be met by these measures of the Government, but the soil erosion in the river and canal bunds would be prevented and will pave the way for strengthening the river banks.



National Archery Competitions



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** presented a cheque for Rs. 50 lakhs to Thiru. Sihan Hussaini, General Secretary of the Tamil Nadu Archery Association at the Secretariat as the State Government's contribution in the 33rd National Archery competitions held for the first time in Chennai on 31.12.2012.



‘MY GOVERNMENT WILL REMAIN A BULWARK FOR FARMERS’

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 24.12.2012
(English Translation)

Tamil Nadu's rights over the Cauvery waters have been guaranteed under an agreement between the State and Karnataka 120 year ago. Subsequently there has been another agreement between the two States in 1924. Still, Tamil Nadu is deprived of its entitled share of water for several years now. This is due to Karnataka constructing new reservoirs without adhering to the conditions laid in the two agreements, increasing the ayacut under Cauvery and utilising the river water for its summer irrigation.

This year, when Karnataka released water from its reservoirs for summer irrigation, Tamil Nadu filed a petition in the Supreme Court on 21.3.2012 seeking to stop it as the release of waters will affect the Kuruvai cultivation in the State. Following the

deprivation of its legal entitlements of waters, I wrote a letter to the Prime Minister on 18.5.2012 urging him to convene a meeting of the Cauvery River Authority immediately. When no action was forthcoming on the letter, an interim petition was filed in the Supreme Court on 21.7.2012 on behalf of Tamil Nadu praying for a direction to the Centre to convene a meeting of the Cauvery River Authority. I again wrote to the Prime Minister on 23.8.2012 explaining the necessity for such a meeting. On Supreme Court's intervention, the Prime Minister convened a meeting of the Cauvery River Authority on 19.9.2012. At that meeting, I insisted that Karnataka should release the deficit of 48 TMC ft of water calculated as per the distress sharing formula; after that,



water should continue to be released as per the interim award of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal. But contrary to my demand, the Prime Minister announced that Karnataka should release 9,000 cusecs of water per day from 20.9.2012 to 15.10.2012 and that the Cauvery Monitoring Committee will decide the quantum of water to be released thereafter. A petition was filed in the Supreme Court on behalf of Tamil Nadu Government stressing that Karnataka should release water that is legally due to Tamil Nadu.

The Supreme Court, the Cauvery River Authority and the Cauvery monitoring committee have, through several orders, directed that 56.816 TMC ft of water should be released at the Billigundulu point between 12.9.2012 and 31.12.2012. Till date the receipt at Mettur Reservoir was 47 TMC ft of water. Tamil Nadu filed one more petition in the Supreme Court on 20.12.2012 stating that Karnataka should atleast release a minimum of 18 TMC ft of water. The Mettur Reservoir was opened on September 17 to facilitate the taking up of Samba cultivation in the usual area on the hope that Karnataka will release our share of water during the distress period, that the North-East monsoon will be normal and that new agro techniques can be employed.

Taking into consideration the water shortage, I announced a Rs. 68.10 crores special composite plan at the end of August, which included the raising of community nurseries at Government expense in the fields of farmers who have water facility, distribution of required paddy seedlings at no cost, supply of chemical fertilizers, zinc sulphate, gypsum, nutrients and bio fertilizers for base application, procuring farm machineries through Agricultural Engineering Department and supplying them to farmers to enable them to take up quickly samba cultivation in a short time, taking up direct sowing of paddy, taking up tilling operations where direct paddy sowing is undertaken, and supply of seeds and other inputs like weedicides at subsidised rates.

To save the standing samba crop, I announced on 05.12.2012, an additional Rs. 69.88 crores composite plan. As per this plan, 3-phase power is continued to be supplied for 12 hours in a day, 6 hours during the daytime and six hours in the night – from 29.11.2012 for operating pumpsets in the Cauvery delta areas for utilising the ground water; a diesel subsidy of Rs. 600/- per acre is being given to encourage the use of diesel pumpsets to convey surface water to fields.



HDPE pipes and flexible ducts are supplied to farmers with 100 percent subsidy. Steps are taken to spray MOP fertiliser and pink pigmented facultative methylotroph as per the needs to save the withering crops and make them drought-resistant. To carry out this operation, orders have been issued for the purchase of 300 multi-brand sprinklers and 500 mobile sprinklers. Also, in an unprecedented move, the Government itself has paid the crop insurance premium for the cauvery delta farmers. As per this, 5.51 lakh farmers have registered themselves under the insurance scheme. Through this, all the delta farmers have been covered under the insurance scheme.

As per the distress sharing formula, Karnataka should have made available 110 TMC ft. of water to Tamil Nadu. But only 63 TMC ft. of water have been received at Mettur. The present storage in Mettur has come down to 8.582 TMC ft. of water. Hence, water for irrigation from Mettur has been stopped from the evening of 21.12.2012. Presently, water is released to cater to drinking water needs only. As North East

monsoon has defaulted in December too, as Karnataka has not released Tamil Nadu's share of water and as Mettur dam has been closed for irrigation, farmers are worried whether it is possible to save the samba crop. I am aware of the farmers' worries. I hope the supreme court will pass orders for the release of water to Tamil Nadu when the petition for the release of 18 TMC ft. of water comes up for hearing on 04.01.2013. I firmly declare the present supply of 3-phased power will continue till the end of the samba crop period. Through this and through the adoption of the new techniques already enunciated, I hope samba crop will be saved largely. I once again reiterate that my Government will disburse the relief amount in toto to farmers who could not save the samba crop.

As I have stated already, farmers who lose their crops will be given upto a total of Rs. 13,692/- per acre from the insurance scheme and the Calamity Relief fund. My Government is pro-agriculturists. All possible steps have been taken to save the paddy crop and provide full relief in the event of crop loss. In these circumstances farmers need not entertain any anxiety or fear. I appeal to farmers not to take any extreme step. I cannot tolerate even for a moment Tamil Nadu farmers to suffer even if Nature fails, Karnataka betrays and Central Government remains indifferent. I once again declare that my Government will remain a bulwark and protect the farmers by providing them adequate relief in the event of samba crop loss.





FACTS ABOUT THE STAND ON CAUVERY TRIBUNAL'S FINAL AWARD

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 29.12.2012
(English Translation)

The DMK President Thiru. M. Karunanidhi was in power both at the centre and in the State for more than 4 years after the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal gave its final award in 2007. But he did not lift even his little finger till 2011 to get the final award published in the Central Government Gazette. Now, he sheds crocodile tears and pens a statement in a letter format under the caption 'Water stopping Karnataka; tear-shedding Tamil Nadu'. This only reminds one of the proverb 'Sweetness in talk; deceit at heart'.

In his statement, Thiru Karunanidhi has said that I had dubbed the final award as one that went against the interests of Tamil Nadu, when it was given out by the Tribunal, and that now I have been writing to the Prime Minister to Gazette that very same award.

It is my duty to explain the facts about this.

An all party meeting was held on 19.2.2007 after the Tribunal gave its final order on 5.2.2007. At that meeting the All India Anna DMK stressed that the Tribunal verdict on

the sharing of waters should be gazetted immediately as it would take some years to get the repugnant portions removed and obtain a favorable verdict. It also emphasized that whole hearted and constructive steps should be taken to get the Cauvery Management Board and the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee constituted without any delay. In this context, I would like to point out that it was AIADMK which urged at the All Party Meeting convened on 15.4.2007, for filing an appeal in the Supreme Court against the final award of the Tribunal. But the DMK preferred to go back to the Tribunal and to the Supreme Court if a need arose for it. A resolution was also passed to that effect. The AIADMK recorded its dissent. Not only this. I would like to point out that it was Thiru. Karunanidhi who put forth the argument that once the final award of the Tribunal was gazetted, it could not be challenged in the Supreme Court.

Ignoring totally the AIADMK's viewpoint, the earlier minority DMK Government filed a petition in the Tribunal and it rejected

the petition on 10.7.2007, smearing tar on Thiru. Karunanidhi's face and vindicating the proverb 'even an intelligent person's lie is short-lived'.

While these are the facts, Thiru. Karunanidhi has issued a statement, twisting the facts as if I had described the final order of the Tribunal as one which went against the interests of Tamil Nadu and that I have been writing to the Prime Minister, now, to gazette the very same order. This is highly condemnable.

At the beginning of his statement, Thiru. Karunanidhi has said that even before my letters of 20.12.2012 and 22.12.2012 to the Prime Minister for gazetting the Tribunal's final order, he had asked the DMK Members of Parliament on 17.12.2012 to press the Prime Minister to gazette the order; they had also met the Prime Minister and represented the matter; and the Prime Minister had also assured them to do the needful after examining the representation.

As far as the AIADMK is concerned it is firm, from the day of publication of the Tribunal's final order in 2007, that those aspects of the order that affected the interests of Tamil Nadu should be challenged in the Supreme Court, the final order should be gazetted; and the Cauvery Management Board and the Cauvery Water Regulation committee should be constituted. After I assumed office as Chief Minister for a third time, I presented a petition in person in this regard when I met the Prime Minister on 14.6.2011. I followed

it up with a letter on 17.10.2011. I received a 4-sentence reply from the Prime Minister stating that the Central Water Resources Ministry had been asked to look into the matter. As Tamil Nadu felt it cannot expect justice from the Centre, a petition was filed in the Supreme Court on 17.4.2012.

Meanwhile, the petition for the release of water from Karnataka came up for hearing in the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court raised the question when the final order of the Tribunal would be published in Central Government Gazette and directed the Additional Solicitor-General on 5.12.2012 to file an affidavit in this regard.

Following this, the chairman of the Cauvery Monitoring Committee and Secretary of the Central Water Resources Ministry announced at the committee's meeting on 7.12.2012 that the Tribunal's final order would be gazetted before the end of December 2012 and that the Cauvery Management Board and Cauvery Water Regulation Committee would be constituted. The Supreme Court recorded the proceedings of this meeting, in its order on 10.12.2012.

In this situation, I again requested the Prime Minister, through my letters of 20.12.2012 and 22.12.2012, to expedite the gazetting of the final order of the Tribunal and the setting up of the Cauvery Management Board. I explained in detail about this at the National Development Council meeting also on 27.12.2012.

In the meantime, Thiru. Karunanidhi requested his party MPs to meet the Prime Minister, fearing the AIADMK would earn a good name if the final order of the Tribunal gets gazetted. They also met the Prime Minister. It remains a puzzle whether the DMK MPs at this meeting really pressed for the publication of the Tribunal's final order in the Central Government gazette or placed hurdles under the cloak of making a representation to the gazetting of the final order. For, if the DMK MPs really requested the gazetting of the final order, their request should have been in writing. If the request was made in writing, Thiru. Karunanidhi should have released it to the media. But, till date, nothing of that sort has happened. From this, it is clear that no request was presented by Thiru. Karunanidhi in writing on behalf of DMK.

A strong suspicion has arisen in the minds of the people of Tamil Nadu that the DMK MPs would have orally urged the Prime Minister not to gazette the Tribunal's final order. The grounds for this suspicion are: Thiru. Karunanidhi had not urged his party MPs to meet the Prime Minister while in power at the Centre and State for more than 4 years (after the Tribunal gave its final award) but has now asked them to do so and they too have carried out the same; on the same issue when AIADMK MPs sought an appointment with the Prime Minister, no time has so far

been allotted though several days have passed by; restricting the speech of the Chief Minister of a state, in an unprecedented way, for just 10 minutes at the National Development Council meeting on 27.12.2012; and the counting of this time on a descending scale as in sports events was displayed in a big screen and it was also laced with conditions such as the speaker would be alerted with a buzzer sound after 5 minutes, an orange light would blip after 8 minutes and a red light after 10 minutes followed by the ringing of a bell; and the silence maintained by Thiru. Karunanidhi on this issue though it is his practice to write letters to the Prime Minister and issue statements even at the drop of a hat.

Whatever be the case, let me urge Thiru. Karunanidhi on behalf of the people of Tamil Nadu not to create difficulties in the garb of extending a helping hand. In this issue, it will be a great service to the people of Tamil Nadu, if Thiru. Karunanidhi keeps his silence.

I once again urge the Central Government to immediately gazette the Tribunal's final order and constitute the Cauvery Management Board, keeping in mind the interests of Tamil Nadu farmers and the promise made before the Supreme Court. ■



HIGH-LEVEL COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE FURTHER RELIEF FOR FARMERS; Rs. 100 CASH FOR PONGAL

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 5.1.2013 (English Translation)

All Tamil Nadu farmers know well that my Government's several constructive and one-pointed actions fetched 47 TMC ft. of Cauvery water to the State when Karnataka was refusing to release even a drop of water. Not only that, my Government's endeavour resulted in the Cauvery Monitoring Committee deciding and informing the Supreme Court that the final award of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal will be notified in the Central Government's gazette before 31.12.2012 and the apex court recording the same.

Still, Karnataka is refusing to release Tamil Nadu's share of water as per the distress sharing formula and is opposing the notification of the final order in the Central Government gazette. The Congress led Central Government which DMK is a partner is refusing to gazette the final award of the Tribunal. The DMK president Thiru. M. Karunanidhi's actions too, give the impression of one of support to the Central Government's decision.

Opposing the selfish attitude of the Congress led coalition Government at the Centre in which the DMK is a partner and the intransigence of Karnataka, it was represented on behalf of Tamil Nadu Government at the hearing in the Supreme Court on 4.1.2013 that a directive should be issued to the Central Government to Gazette the final order of the Tribunal. A petition had already been filed in the Supreme Court praying for a direction to the Karnataka Government for the release of 18 TMC ft. of water to save the samba crop. The Supreme Court heard the petition on 4.1.2013 and ordered that the Cauvery Monitoring Committee should decide before 11.1.2013 on the quantum of water to be released to Tamil Nadu and that the Central Government should decide before 31.1.2013 on notifying the final award in the Central Government's gazette.

The North East monsoon has failed Tamil Nadu. Karnataka has not released water as per the distress sharing formula. These two

factors, not only delayed the release of water from Mettur dam but forced the early closure of the dam. Samba/Thaladi paddy crops have been raised in 11 lakh acres in the delta region. Due to water scarcity the crops in the tail-end areas are likely to be affected.

By way of removing the delta farmers' distress, I have already announced that relief upto Rs. 13,692/- per acre will be given under the crop insurance scheme and the state calamity relief fund.

To examine the relief to be provided further to farmers, I have ordered the constitution of a high level committee under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Finance Minister. The other members of the Committee will be Hon'ble Minister for Electricity, Prohibition and Excise, Hon'ble Minister for Municipal Administration and Rural Development, Hon'ble Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Hon'ble Minister for Co-operation, Hon'ble Minister for Food and Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries. The Relief Commissioner / Revenue Administration Commissioner will be the Member-Secretary. The respective Secretaries/Heads of Departments will be official members.

After examining the drought conditions and crop loss, this High Level Committee will recommend to the State Government, the taluks and Panchayat Unions that should be declared as drought-hit. On the basis of those recommendations, adequate relief will be provided in time to farmers in the drought hit areas. My Government will ensure that the relief is provided in a fair manner without subjecting the farmers to any difficulty.

Large scale employment providing measures like de-silting of water sources and cleansing of rivers and channels will be taken up as special programmes under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. This will recompense loss of livelihood and forced unemployment on account of crop loss and help farmers to store and use water in an efficient way.

Also, a special pongal gift package worth Rs. 160/- will be offered for the Pongal festival to the 1.84 crore Family card holders eligible to draw rice. The package consists of a Rs. 20/- worth Kilogram of raw rice, a kilo of sugar worth Rs. 40/- and a cash amount of Rs. 100/- for purchase of other ingredients for the celebration of Pongal. This can be obtained from their respective fair price shops. The Government will incur, on account of this, an additional expenditure of Rs. 300 crores.

These announcements of my Government will pave way, not only to remove the distress of farmers but help all Tamils to celebrate Pongal with joy. With great joy, I offer my Pongal greetings to all.





Rs.10 Crores for Developing Roads Linking Tourist Spots

Tourism is the prime factor which lends colour to life and keeps it active. Through tourism people visit and enjoy Nature's grandeur, historical places and hoary pilgrim spots. It is no exaggeration to say that tourism stimulates thought and paves the way for intellectual reformation.

Realising the importance of tourism, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has directed the creation of basic facilities for tourists visiting the tradition-rich pilgrim centres in Tamil Nadu.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has sanctioned a total of Rs. 10 crores for the creation of facilities to pilgrims like rest house, drinking water, dining hall, cloak room, toilet and approach roads in the following places:

Karai Vetti Birds Sancturary in Ariyalur District (Rs. 30 lakhs), at Kallaar in Coimbatore District (Rs. 25 lakhs), at Saanarpetti – Senkurichi in Dindigul District (Rs. 45 lakhs), at Vadasennimalai temple in Salem District (Rs. 25 lakhs), at Idai Kaattoor Church, Piraanmalai Naatarasankottai, Yeriyur Marundeeswarar temple and Thirupathur Pariya Marundeeswar temple in Sivagangai District (Rs. 1.57 crores), at Dhavalagireeswarar temple in

Thiruvannamalai District (Rs. 25 lakhs), at Thirukollikaadu Saneeswarar temple, Aavur Pasupatheeswarar Pancha Bairavar temple in Thiruvarur District (Rs. 40 lakhs), at Sankaran Kovil, Pottal Puthur and Mohideen Dargah in Thirunelveli District (Rs. 96 lakhs), at Kalvarayanmalai, Gomuki Dam and Koothaandavar temple in Villupuram District (Rs. 69.16 lakhs), at Nayinarkovil, Utharakosamangai and Oriyur in Ramanathapuram District (Rs. 91.50 lakhs), at Periyapalayam Bhavani Amman temple and Siruvaapuri Murugan temple in Thiruvallur District (Rs. 1,56,14,000/-) at Kumbakarai falls in Theni District (Rs. 44 lakhs), at Andhiyur Varattupallathi in Erode District (Rs. 30 lakhs), at Thiruchengodu Arthanaareeswarar temple in Namakkal District (Rs. 50 lakhs), Viruinjipuram Sivan temple in Vellore District (Rs. 35 lakhs), at Dharapuram Anjaneyar temple in Tiruppur District (Rs. 31.20 lakhs) and at Puliyancholai in Tiruchy District (Rs. 50 lakhs).

For development works at Anna Park in Jodarpalayam, Paramathi taluk, Namakkal District, like setting up berths for boats, Train Park, fencing, construction of bathrooms, purchase of sports materials and laying



peripheral path, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has given administrative sanction for Rs. 4.56 crores, and has ordered the release of an amount of Rs. 3,64,80,000/- crores as the first instalment.

Mukkambu on the banks of Cauvery river in Srirangam Taluk, Tiruchirapalli District, is one of the best tourist spots in Tamil Nadu. For the convenience of tourists visiting this place, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has directed the creation of infrastructure like beautifying the parks in the place, providing lighting facilities lodging and toilet facilities, parking space for vehicles and water sports at a cost of Rs. 3.10 crores.

Good road infrastructure is an important factor for more people visiting tourist centres. With this in view, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has allotted Rs. 10 crores for developing through the Highways Department the roads that link the tourist spots.

Accordingly, Malaikozhindeeswarar Kovil road will be developed at a cost of Rs. 35 lakhs, lay concrete road at Piraanmalai car street (Rs. 62.50 lakhs), construct parapet wall and lay cement road at Yeriur Malai Marundeeswarar temple girivalam path (Rs. 16.50 lakhs), lay the Kovil Devalayam Road in Kallipattu Panchayat (Rs. 39.60 lakhs), widening the Thiruvakarai Sengamedu road in Villupuram

District and construct periphery wall (Rs. 45 lakhs), develop Thillaiyadi Railway Road in Nagapattinam District (Rs. 22.50 lakhs), widening the road from Maharajapuram Azhagapuri road to Thaanipaarai road in Virudhunagar District (Rs. 80 lakhs), develop Senganthisethia Kurichi road in Tiruvarur District (Rs. 62 lakhs), develop Melavayalur road (Murugan Kovil Road) (Rs. 52 lakhs), develop the Arulmigu Madhyaneeswarar temple concrete road in Pettavaithalai – both in Tiruchy District – (Rs. 25 lakhs), develop Aavudayar Kovil North Car street and the Kaalagam – Aavudayar Kovil feeder street (Rs. 55 lakhs), develop Viralimalai Ilupur Alangulam Road (Rs. one crore), develop Ramanathapuram Rameswaram Nambunayaki Kovil Road (Rs. 50 lakhs) develop Nambunayaki Kovil East-West Road (Rs. 50 lakhs) – all in Pudukottai District, develop Kodaikanal road from Vattakanal to 'Dolphin Nose' in Dindigul District (Rs. 92.95 lakhs), develop Sennimalai Perundurai – Kangeyam Road in Erode District (Rs. 1.20 crores), and developing the road in Ooty from Kaikatti to Melur Osaiyatti in Nilgiris District (Rs. 91.95 lakhs).

These measures of the Government will improve the conveniences available to tourists visiting these places.



TAMIL NADU MOOTS CHEMICAL CASTRATION FOR RAPISTS AND DEATH AS MAXIMUM PUNISHMENT

STATEMENT OF THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU
SELVI J JAYALALITHAA ON 1.1.2013 (ENGLISH TRANSLATION)

Poet Bharathi dreamt of ushering in equality between man and woman in India. In the capital of that India, a young woman was brutally and barbarically assaulted sexually. Her tragic death despite treatment at hospital has inflicted great sorrow and pain on one and all.

To protect the rights of women and eradicate atrocities against women, I set up 'All Women Police Stations' in 1992, a pioneering exercise for the whole world.

To wipe out crimes against women, I made the punishment stringent for crimes under the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act in 2002. As per this, the onus of proving innocence was shifted on the accused in cases of harassment death and harassment suicide.

This has resulted in lower rates of crimes against women in Tamil Nadu when compared to other states. Still, it is my desire that Tamil Nadu should be a crime-free state against women, especially in the matter of rape.

To prevent sex-related crimes, I have issued the following orders:

1. Sexual assaults will be treated as grave crimes. In these cases, Police Inspectors will conduct the investigation and it will be supervised by the Deputy Superintendent of Police. Steps will be taken to entrust enquiry in these cases to Women Police Inspectors to the extent possible and where it is not possible, to the Deputy Women Police Inspectors.
2. The District Superintendents of Police and the Deputy Inspector general of

Police of the concerned range will review the investigations in these cases. Such reviews will take place every month from the date of registering the case to its closure.

3. Steps will be taken to make Inspector Generals of Police to send a report to the Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order) on the number of sexual assault cases under investigation and pending in courts within 15 days and to show greater vigour in expediting these cases.

4. The Goondas Act will be amended to include sexual assaults in the list of crimes so that the Act can be invoked against such offenders.

5. Efforts will be made to set up fast track Mahila Courts in each district to try cases of sexual assault and crimes against women.

6. Women advocates will be appointed as Public Prosecutors in these courts.

7. Steps will be taken to conduct the cases in these courts on a daily basis so that verdicts can be obtained and the offenders punished, quickly.

8. The Central Government will be requested to amend the laws so as to increase the remand period for those arrested in sexual crime cases to 30 days as in the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act; deny grant of advance bail to offenders in these cases; prevent the accused from getting enlarged on bail till the trial is completed, inflicting chemical castration on rapists and death penalty by way of maximum punishment.

9. Training classes will be conducted in Tamil Nadu Police Academy, Police Recruit Schools and in In-service Training Centres on sexual assault cases, Prohibition of Harassment

of Women Act and on Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012. In these classes, instructions will be given, not only on conducting proper investigation in sexual offence cases but how to treat the victims with compassion and dignity.

10. The Tamil Nadu Government will bear the entire cost of medical treatment of the victims of sexual assault and provide necessary help to them for their rehabilitation.

11. On the lines of Childline service offering round the clock assistance to children needing protection and attention, an Integrated Women Helpline service will be set up, utilising the existing ones and co-opting service minded persons, those interested in ensuring women's safety and those trained in counselling.

12. The Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department has issued a Government order, on the basis of the decisions taken at the District Collectors and Police Officers Conference last year, mandating the installation of Closed Circuit TV Cameras (CCTV) in all public buildings. Measures will be initiated to implement the order fully. This will help identify persons who harass or indulge in crimes against women.

13. Also, police personnel in plain clothes will be deployed at places where people gather in large numbers like malls and educational institutions for women to keep a watch over the movements of eve-teasers and take severe action against those indulging in such crimes.

My Government will take all steps to remove the sense of fear in women. All sections of the society should realise that they have a duty to safeguard women and treat them with dignity. I appeal to them to extend their wholehearted co-operation to my Government's efforts. ■



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