

Welfare of Minorities – Budget Speech made in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly for the year 2023-2024 – Grant provided for Repair and Renovation of Heritage Churches increased from Rs.6/- crore to Rs.10/-crore - Administrative Sanction – Orders – Issued.

<u>Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and</u> <u>Minorities Welfare (MWRU) Department</u>

G.O. (Ms) No.26

Dated 26.04.2023 திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு 2054 சித்திரைத் திங்கள் 13-ஆம் நாள்

Read:

- 1) G.O. (Ms) No.20, Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department, dated 30.03.2023.
- 2) Budget Speech of the Hon'ble Minister (Finance and Human Resources Management) for the year 2023-2024 on 20.03.2023.
- 3) From the Director of Minorities Welfare, Chennai-5, letter No.A4/1258/2021, dated 03.04.2023.

Order -

The Hon'ble Minister (Finance and Human Resources Management) delivered Budget Speech for the year 2023-2024 on the floor of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 20.03.2023 during which the following announcement was made:

"The annual grant for repair and renovation of Mosques and Dargahs has been increased from Rs.6/- crore to Rs.10/- crore in the current year. Rs.2 crore has been sanctioned towards renovation of the famous Nagore Dargah. Similarly, the grant provided for repair and renovation of Churches will be increased from Rs.6/- crore to Rs.10/-crore. Many heritage shrines including St. George Church, Madurai, Schwartz Church, Thanjavur and Christ Church, Salem will be taken up for renovation."

- 2. In the Government order first read above, a sum of Rs 6.00 crore (Rupees Six crore only) was sanctioned for the renovation of old churches such as Wesley Church and St Thomas Mount Church in Chennai, Caldwell Church in Tirunelveli, St Xavier Church in Nagercoil for the year 2022-2023.
- 3. The Director of Minorities Welfare, in his letter second read above, has requested the Government to accord administrative sanction for a sum of Rs 10.00 crore (Rupees Ten crore only) for the repair and renovation of heritage shrines including St. George Church, Madurai, Schwartz Church, Thanjavur and Christ Church, Salem for the year 2023-2024.
- 4. The Government after careful examination has decided to accept the proposal of the Director of Minorities Welfare and accord administrative sanction for a sum of Rs 10.00 crore (Rupees Ten crore only) for the repair and renovation of heritage shrines including St. George Church, Madurai, Schwartz Church, Thanjavur and Christ Church, Salem, for the year 2023-2024.
- 5. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. No.10517/Finance (BC, MBC & MW)/2023, dated 24.04.2023.

(By Order of the Governor)

Mangat Ram Sharma Additional Chief Secretary to Government

To

The Director,

Minorities Welfare,

Chennai-5.

All District Collectors.

All District Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Officers.

District Minorities Welfare Officers,

Chennai, Vellore, Villuppuram, Tirunelveli and Coimbatore.

The Accountant General (AAD/F&A Cell/Audit I/II), Chennai-18.

Copy to:-

The Commissioner,

Backward Classes Welfare,

Chennai-5.

The Commissioner,

Most Backward Classes and Denotified

Communities Welfare,

Chennai-5.

The Managing Director,

Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation,

Chennai-5.

The Member-Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Minorities Commission, Chennai-2.

The Special Personal Assistant to the Hon'ble Minister for Minorities Welfare and Non-Resident Tamils Welfare, Chennai-9.

Finance (BC, MBC & MW /BG I / II) Department, Chennai-9.

The Senior Principal Private Secretary to

the Additional Chief Secretary to Government,

Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department,

Chennai-9.

The Personal Clerk to the Special Secretary to Government, Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and
Minorities Welfare Department,

Chennai-9.

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