



ABSTRACT

Minorities Welfare – Tamil Nadu Linguistic Minorities Social and Economic Development Corporation (TALMEDCO) – Formation – Sanctioned – Orders – Issued.

Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare (MWRU) Department

G.O.(Ms) No.2

Dated 07.01.2021

திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2051
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Read:

1. G.O. (Ms) No. 61, Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes & Minorities Welfare dated 01.07.1999.
2. Letter No. B4/ 4108/ 2020, dated 01.12.2020 from the Director of Minorities Welfare and Member-Secretary of State Minorities Commission, Chennai.

ORDER: -

The Government of Tamil Nadu is implementing various welfare programs and schemes to safeguard the rights of Minorities and promote their social and economic development. Minorities in the state are classified as Religious minorities and Linguistic minorities. Christians, Muslims, Jains, Sikhs, Buddhist and Parsis are the major religious minorities in Tamil Nadu. Linguistic minorities are groups of people whose mother tongue is different from the principal language of the state. Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Urdu, and Saurashtra speakers are major linguistic minorities in Tamil Nadu.

2. In the Government Order first read above, Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation (TAMCO) was created with the objective of taking up interventions to empower and promote the socio-economic development of minorities in the state. This is being done by taking up employment generation schemes, promoting skill development, and entrepreneurship development programs. It provides financial assistance to entrepreneurs for self-employment and income generation activities.

3. Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation is the state channelising agency for schemes of the National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC), New Delhi. It provides loans to beneficiaries as per norms of NMDFC. Co-operative Banks act as sub- channelising Agencies, through which loans are disbursed to beneficiaries. Under the Chairmanship of the District Collector this scheme is being monitored by the District Level Monitoring Committee in all districts.

4. The Director of Minorities Welfare has stated that the population of Linguistic Minorities in Tamil Nadu is 83.84 lakhs as per 2011 census (11.63% of the population of the state). Linguistic minorities face many problems including inability to access education in a language of their choice, under representation in employment, business, and inadequate access to economic opportunities. The poor offtake of schemes amongst Linguistic minorities is a matter of concern. He has therefore proposed to set up a separate corporation for the socio-economic development of Linguistic minorities to provide them better access to various schemes and promote their interests.

5. The Government after careful consideration of the proposal of the Director of Minorities welfare, has decided to set up a company in the name of **"Tamil Nadu Linguistic Minorities Social and Economic Development Corporation(TALMEDCO)"** under the Companies Act, 2013. TALMEDCO will have its headquarters at Chennai and have jurisdiction throughout the state of Tamil Nadu. The Corporation will cater to the requirements of notified linguistic minorities that are not included or covered by the religious minorities.

6. The objectives of the Corporation are as indicated in the Annexure.

7. The authorized capital of the Corporation will be as per the Memorandum and Articles of Association and shall not exceed Rs.9.00 crore (Rupees Nine Crore only).

8. The Corporation is permitted to mobilise loans from other institutions including commercial banks for onward lending to beneficiaries.

9. The Corporation may also assist the beneficiaries through interest subvention for loans/assistance availed by the beneficiaries from commercial banks as per the schemes approved by the Government from time to time.

10. Funding pattern of the Corporation for disbursement of project assistance will be 95% as loan and 5% as margin money by the beneficiary. Interest rates will be decided from time to time depending on market trends.

11. The affairs of the proposed Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors constituted as follows:

1. Chairman	To be nominated by Government
2. Managing Director	Director of Minorities Welfare
3. Director	Secretary to Government, Finance Department, or his nominee.
4. Director	The Secretary to Government, Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department or his nominee.
5. Director	Director, Backward Classes
6. Director	Director of Industries & Commerce
7. Director	Registrar of Co-operative Societies.
8. Director	Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Co-operative Milk Producers' Federation Limited
9. Director	Managing Director, Tamil Nadu State Rural livelihood mission or Tamil Nadu Pudukkottai project
10. Director	Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation
11. Director	Commissioner of Municipal Administration or his representative
12. Director	Commissioner of Greater Chennai Corporation or his representative
13-16. 4 Directors	One member per linguistic minority group as appointed by Government

12. Religious & Linguistic minorities in the State will be notified by this Department from time to time.

13. Religious & Linguistic minority Certificates will be issued to eligible applicants by the Revenue authorities as per the notification issued by this department. These certificates will be necessary for availing benefits and assistance under various schemes.

14. The Director of Minorities Welfare shall send proposals for approval of staffing pattern and request for other funds that may be required for the formation and functioning of Tamil Nadu Linguistic Minorities Social and Economic Development Corporation (TALMEDCO).

15. The Director of Minorities Welfare is directed to utilize the services of a practicing company secretary for preparation of the draft Memorandum and Articles of Association for the proposed Tamil Nadu Linguistic Minorities Social and Economic Development Corporation (TALMEDCO) and the same may be submitted for approval of the Government urgently.

16. Orders of financial sanction for Paid up capital, Seed fund, salaries and other administrative expenses will be issued separately based on the orders obtained in circulation.

17. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O. No.50884/Fin(BPE)/2020, dated 05.01.2021.

(By Order of the Governor)

Dr Chandra Mohan. B
Principal Secretary to Government

To:

The Director,
Minorities Welfare, Chennai-05.
The Member-Secretary,
State Minorities Commission, Chennai-2.
The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic
Development Corporation Chennai-05.
Commissioner of Revenue Administration, Chennai-5.
All Secretaries to Government.
All District Collectors.
All District Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Officers.
All District Treasury Officers.
The Accountant General,
Chennai-18.
The Pay and Accounts Officer (East), Chennai-8.

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Office of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Chennai - 9.
Office of the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Chennai-9.
The Special Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Backward Classes
and Minorities Welfare), Chennai-9.
The Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Minority Affairs, New Delhi.

The Secretary, National Commission for Minorities, New Delhi.
The Additional Chief Secretary,
Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Chennai-9.
Finance (BC, MBC & MW / BPE) Department, Chennai-9.
The Registrar of Companies, Chennai-34.
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Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities
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21/12/21
Section Officer

Annexure to G.O.(Ms) No.2 , Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department, dated 07.01.2021.

Objectives of the Tamil Nadu Linguistic Minorities Social and Economic Development Corporation (TALMEDCO).

1. To promote the social and economic development of the linguistic minorities in the state with special emphasis on the backward and disadvantaged sections including women.
2. To act as a nodal agency to implement and channelise various Government policies and programs for the development of Linguistic minorities
3. To facilitate access to various Government services for the betterment and empowerment of Linguistic minorities
4. To take steps for the preservation and promotion of their languages.
5. To carry out advocacy for the protection of Linguistic minority rights and access to benefits.
6. To promote access to education including promotion of establishment of educational institutions focusing on the needs of linguistic minorities.
7. To aid individuals or groups of individuals by way of loans and advances for economically and financially viable schemes and projects for economic development.
8. The Corporation may provide financial assistance by way of granting loans and advances on its own or by way of interest subvention for loans obtained from commercial banks and lending institutions, at such rates of interest as decided by the state Government from time to time.
9. Promote various schemes including micro finance schemes to groups of individuals.
10. To promote self-employment and other ventures including start-ups in sectors like IT and other technology led interventions.
11. To extend loans and advances to eligible members for pursuing general/ professional/ technical education at graduate and higher levels.
12. To assist in the upgradation of technical and entrepreneurial skills of individuals for better employability and for the proper and efficient management of production units.

13. To provide margin money at low rates of interest to start new or expand existing commercial and industrial ventures for economic development.
14. Any other objects incidental to the above and as decided by the Corporation from time to time.

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Section Officer 21/1/21