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INTRODUCTION

The Tamil Nadu Government under the dynamic leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister have formulated various welfare schemes to develop socio-economic and educational status of the Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes on par with other sections of the society.

As per the Census of 2011, the total population of Tamil Nadu is 7.21 crore. Of which the population of Adi Dravidar is 1.44 crore (20.01%) and Scheduled Tribes is 7.95 lakh (1.10%). It is the endeavour of the State Government to improve the livelihood of Adi Dravidar and Tribal communities and uplift them by introducing and implementing various welfare schemes to seek social justice by providing necessary infrastructure for their socio-economic

and educational development. In order to ensure the all round development of the Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes, this Government is implementing various welfare schemes for which a sum of **Rs.3810.28 crore** has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2019-2020.

A great emphasis is laid down by this department on educational sector as a means to uplift and empower the Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes. Out of the total allocation of Rs.3810.28 crore in the Budget Estimate for 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.3343.80 crore (87.76%) has been earmarked for education and its allied schemes.

I. ADI DRAVIDAR WELFARE

In order to ensure the dignity and security of Adi Dravidars (mostly referred as Scheduled Castes in other States) and remove all forms of exclusion, marginalization, untouchability and discrimination the Government formulates policies, plans, budgets, schemes and programmes for ensuring the right to social equity, access to entitlements and right to dignity.

Further, to counter the increasing problems faced by Adi Dravidar of modern Tamil Nadu, in rural areas they are supported with subsidies, linked to different loan schemes such as establishment of Commercial units, purchase of land for agricultural purposes and free house sites for housing in Corporations, Municipalities and Town Panchayats.

1. Education

The sustained efforts of the Government in running Adi Dravidar Welfare schools, disbursement of scholarships to large numbers of Adi Dravidar students, providing hostel facilities to students has led to an impressive rise in the literacy rate and educational standards amongst the Adi Dravidars.

With an intention to create sustained development and improvement in education, this Department is running 1135 schools at the habitations where the Adi Dravidar people are concentrated.

Details of Schools

Classification	No. of Schools	No. of Students
Primary School	836	35,338
Middle School	96	9,063
High School	116	14,046
Higher Secondary School	87	34,309
Total	1,135	92,756

1.1 Educational Scholarships

The Adi Dravidar people, mostly engaged in Agriculture or related activities are unable to afford the payment of fees to Educational Institutions due to their poor economic conditions. In order to encourage these underprivileged people in education, this Government is providing various scholarships and fee concessions as below:-

(a) Government of India Post-Matric Scholarship

This scholarship is given to the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes students to pursue studies above X standard in recognized institutions with recognized courses if their parental / guardian's annual income does not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh. Under the Post-matric Scholarship, maintenance allowance and all compulsory and non-refundable fees are covered.

Maintenance Allowance

The course wise rates of Maintenance Allowance payable under this scheme are tabulated below:-

Group	Courses	Rate of Maintenance allowance (in Rupees per month)	
		Hosteller	Day Scholar
I	I. Degree and PG courses in Medicine, Engineering, Technology, Planning, Architecture, Design, Fashion Technology, Agriculture, Veterinary and Allied Science courses.	1200	550
	II. PG Diploma Courses in Management & Medicine	1200	550
	III. CA/CWA/CS/CFA etc.,	-----	550

Group	Courses	Rate of Maintenance allowance (in Rupees per month)	
		Hosteller	Day Scholar
	IV. M.Phil., Phd.,and Post doctoral programmes	1200	550
II	Professional courses leading to Degree, Diploma, certificate courses in Pharmacy, Nursing, LLB, Hospitality, Tourism and Hotel Management etc.(for which entrance qualification is minimum 12 th Std.)	820	530
III	U.G and P.G Courses leading to a Degree but not covered under Group I & II. (M.A.,M.Sc.,M.com., etc.,)	570	300
IV	All Post-Matric level non degree courses for which entrance qualification is Xth Std. (e.g. XI, XII, ITI, Polytechnics etc.,)	380	230

Besides the above allowance, all the compulsory and non refundable fees payable by the students studying in Government and Government aided institutions are credited to the account of the students as scholarship by the Government.

In respect of Adi Dravidar students admitted under Government quota in self financing colleges, the compulsory and non refundable fees as fixed by the Government / Fee Fixation Committee appointed by Government in respect of Self Financing professional courses is compensated to the institutions by the Government.

As far as the Scheduled Tribe students admitted in Self Financing Colleges, the compulsory and non refundable fees as fixed by the Government / Fee Fixation Committee appointed by Government is compensated to the institutions by the Government.

Under this scheme, a sum of Rs.1727.95 crore for Adi Dravidar and a sum of Rs. 46.44 crore for Scheduled Tribes have been allocated for the financial year 2019-2020.

(b) State Government Special Post-Matric Scholarship

Adi Dravidar, Scheduled Tribe and Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity students who cannot avail benefit under Government of India Post-Matric Scholarship scheme are eligible to avail scholarship under the State scheme if their parental/guardian’s annual income does not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh. Maintenance allowance and compulsory and non-refundable fee are given as scholarship under this scheme.

Maintenance Allowance

The course wise rates of maintenance allowance payable under this scheme are tabulated below:-

Group	Courses	Rate of maintenance allowance (in Rupees per month)	
		Hostellers	Day Scholar
I	Engineering, Medicine	350	175
II	Post Graduate in Arts, Science	225	140
III	Under Graduate in Arts, Science	175	100
IV	ITI , +1, +2	175	100

Further, all the compulsory and non refundable fees payable by the students in Government and Government aided institutions are credited into the savings bank accounts of the students by the Government.

In respect of the students admitted under Government quota seats in Self Financing Colleges, the compulsory and non refundable fees as fixed by Government / Government appointed Fee Fixation Committee is compensated to the institutions and maintenance allowance is given as scholarship

and is credited to the bank accounts of the students by the Government.

A sum of Rs.82.74 crore for Adi Dravidar and Rs.1 lakh for Scheduled Tribes has been allocated for the financial year 2019-2020 under this scheme.

(c) Government of India Pre-Matric Scholarship schemes.

(i) Pre-Matric scholarship for wards of those who are engaged in unclean occupations and occupations involving cleaning and prone to health hazards.

This scholarship is given to the children of Scavengers, Tanners, Flayers and Waste pickers studying from 1st standard to 10th standard in recognized institutions at the following rates;

	Day Scholars (in Rs.)	Hostellers (in Rs.)
Maintenance allowance (per month)	225/-	700/-
Adhoc Grant (per annum)	750/-	1000/-

Maintenance allowance and adhoc grant are credited to the bank accounts of the students.

For the financial year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.12.31 crore has been allocated under this scheme.

(ii) Pre-Matric scholarship scheme for the students studying in IX and X standard

Scholarship is being credited to the bank accounts of the Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe students studying in IX and X standard in the Government / Government recognized or Central / State Board of Secondary Education schools, at the following rates subject to the parental or guardian's annual income ceiling of of Rs.2.50 lakh for Adi Dravidar and Rs.2 lakh for Scheduled Tribes as below:-

	Day Scholar	Hosteller
Maintenance allowance per month		
Adi Dravidar	Rs.225/-	Rs.525/-
Scheduled Tribes	Rs.150/-	Rs.350/-
Adhoc Grant per annum		
Adi Dravidar / Scheduled Tribes	Rs.750/-	Rs.1000/-

For the financial year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.102.63 crore for Adi Dravidar and Rs.4.10 crore for Scheduled Tribes has been allocated under this scheme.

(d) State Government's Higher Educational Special Scholarship

Special Grants at the rate of Rs.7500/- per annum for the Adi Dravidar, Scheduled Tribe, Adi Dravidar Converted to Christianity students pursuing Degree and Polytechnic courses and Rs.8000/- per annum for the students pursuing Post Graduate and Professional courses in

Government / Government Aided Institutions is being credited in the bank accounts of the students, if they stay in paid hostels run by Government / Government aided Educational institutions and their parental / guardian annual income does not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh.

For the financial year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.26.19 crore for Adi Dravidar and Rs.26.46 lakh for Scheduled Tribes has been allocated under this scheme.

(e) Overseas Scholarship to pursue Post Graduate and Research courses

This scholarship is provided to the Adi Dravidar, Scheduled Tribe students who aspire to do Post Graduate and Ph.D. Research studies abroad in the fields of Engineering, Technology, Medicine and Science disciplines, if their parental/guardian's income does not exceed Rs.3 lakh per annum.

For the year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.30 lakh has been allocated under this scheme.

(f) Incentive to Full time Ph.D. scholars.

Incentive at the rate of Rs.50,000/- per student per annum for a maximum period of 5 years is credited to the bank accounts of 1200 Adi Dravidar / Scheduled Tribe scholars pursuing full time Ph.D. Research Courses in the fields of Medicine, Engineering, Arts, Science, Law, Literature, Political Sciences, etc., in the Universities of Tamil Nadu recognized by Government of India and the State. The parental/guardian's annual income should not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh.

For the financial year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.6 crore has been allocated under this scheme.

1.2 Educational Fee Concessions

(a) Tuition Fee Concession

The tuition fee is fully exempted for the Adi Dravidar / Scheduled Tribe / Scheduled Caste Converted to Christianity students studying in Government / Government aided institutions without income ceiling of their parent / guardian. The tuition fee is compensated to the institutions by the Government.

For the financial year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.7.72 crore for Adi Dravidar and Rs.8.51 lakh for Scheduled Tribes has been allocated under this scheme.

(b) Concessions to the Under Graduate students

The students belonging to Adi Dravidar, Scheduled Tribes and Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity, pursuing Under Graduate courses in the Government and Government aided Arts and Science Colleges are exempted from the

payment of Special Fee and Examination Fee without any income limit.

For the year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.4 lakh for Adi Dravidar and Rs.4 lakh for Scheduled Tribes has been allocated under this scheme.

(c) Concession to the Post Graduate Girl students

The Post Graduate Girl Students belonging to Adi Dravidar / Scheduled Tribes and Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity studying in Government / Government aided Arts and Science Colleges are exempted from the payment of Special Fees and Examination fees, irrespective of their parental /guardian's annual income.

For the financial year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.2.50 lakh for Adi Dravidar and Rs.2.50 lakh for Scheduled Tribes has been allocated under this scheme.

(d) Tuition Fee and Special Fee concession to English medium students

All students studying in Adi Dravidar Welfare and Government Tribal Residential Schools in 6th to 12th standard are exempted from payment of Special fee and the fee is released directly to the institutions by the Government.

For the financial year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.1.71 crore for Adi Dravidar and Rs.3.04 lakh for Scheduled Tribes has been allocated under this scheme.

(e) Other Fee Concessions

The **Examination fee** is exempted for the Adi Dravidar, Scheduled Tribes and Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity students studying in X, XI and XII Std. The fee is compensated to the Directorate of Government Examinations by the Government.

Payment of **Application** and **Registration fees** for Under Graduate, Post Graduate and Professional Courses in Government and Government aided colleges are exempted to Adi Dravidar, Scheduled Tribes and Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity students. The fees are compensated to the Educational Institutions directly.

For the financial year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.2.90 crore for Adi Dravidar and Rs.7.50 lakh for Scheduled Tribes has been allocated under this scheme.

1.3 Special Incentive scheme for Girl Students

In order to ensure 100% enrollment and to reduce dropouts, an incentive scheme is being implemented by the State Government for Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe girl students studying in Government and Government aided schools. The rate of incentive is as below:

Standard	Amount (per annum)	Amount allotted in B.E. 2019-20
III to V	Rs.500/-	Rs.11.47 crore for Adi Dravidar and Rs.75 Lakh for Scheduled Tribes
VI	Rs.1000/-	Rs.34.37 crore for Adi Dravidar and Rs.1.50 crore for Scheduled Tribes
VII & VIII	Rs.1500/-	

1.4 Prize Money Scheme

A cash award is given to the first 1000 Adi Dravidar, Scheduled Tribes and Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity students who secure 60% and above marks in Under Graduate, Post

Graduate and Professional Courses at the following rates:-

Courses	Amount (per head)	Allotment for 2019-20
Under Graduate	Rs.3000/-	Rs.42 lakh
Post Graduate	Rs.5000/-	
Professional Courses	Rs.6000/-	

1.5 Supply of Text Books and Note Books

Funds have been provided through School Education Department for the supply of Text books to all the students studying from I to XII Standard and Note books to from I to X Standard in the schools run by this department.

For the financial year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.1.80 crore has been allocated under this scheme.

1.6 Distribution of Uniform

Four sets of uniform are supplied to the students studying in Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare schools and inmates of school hostels run by this department as detailed below:-

Sl.No	Class	Supplied by
1	1-8 th Standard	Social Welfare Department
2	9-12 th Standard	Industrial Co-operative Societies
3	Inmates of hostels	Industrial Co-operative Societies

For the financial year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.13 crore has been allocated under this scheme.

1.7 Supply of Magazines and books

To improve the General Knowledge among Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe students to prepare for the Civil Services and other competitive examinations funds have been provided for the purchase of library books and

magazines for the use of the students in schools and hostels.

Sl. No	School / Hostel	Library Books	Magazines
		(Amount in Rs.) Per Annum	
1	High/ Higher secondary schools	Rs.1000/-	Rs.450/-
2	School hostels	-	Rs.450/-
3	College hostels	-	Rs.3100/-

For the financial year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.18.66 lakh has been allocated under this scheme.

1.8 Distribution of Bicycles

Bicycles are distributed to the students belonging to Adi Dravidar, Scheduled Tribes and Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity studying in XI standard in the Government, Government aided and partly aided higher secondary schools. Further, Bicycles are also supplied to the

students studying in XII standard who were not supplied in XI standard.

For the financial year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.69 crore has been allocated under this scheme.

1.9 Admission of Students in VI Standard in Reputed Schools

Under this scheme, 385 Bright students from 385 blocks, at the ratio of one student from each block, among Adi Dravidar, Scheduled Tribes and Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity studying in 5th Std in Adi Dravidar Welfare / Government Tribal Residential / Government / Government Aided / Corporation and Municipality Schools are selected by conducting a special examination by the Project Officer (SSA) and admitted in 6th standard in reputed private residential schools with due recommendation from the concerned District Collector. Under this scheme, the entire

expenditure till the students complete XII standard is borne by the Government.

For the financial year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.13 crore has been allocated under this scheme.

1.10 Admission of students in 11th Standard in Reputed Schools

Under this scheme, 10 best performing Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes students studying in Government, Government Aided, Adi Dravidar Welfare, Government Tribal Residential, Corporation and Municipality Schools from each District in 10th Standard are selected and admitted in reputed private schools in 11th standard. For this scheme, Government spends an amount of Rs.28,000/- per student per annum. As soon as the 10th results are published the District Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Officers obtain the list of the 10 best performers from the website or the Chief

Educational Officers and admit them in reputed private schools in the same or nearby Districts. The fees are directly released to the concerned educational institutions.

Under this scheme, 320 students benefit every year. Annual income limit should not exceed Rs.1 lakh per annum.

For the financial year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.2 crore has been allocated under this scheme.

1.11 Hostels

To encourage and improve the education of students from remote villages and to reduce dropouts, this Department runs 1324 Adi Dravidar Welfare hostels close to their educational institutions for the welfare of Adi Dravidar students.

The number of Adi Dravidar Welfare hostels functioning under this Department and

sanctioned strength of the students are as follows:-

Sl. No.	Hostel Details	No. of Hostels	No. of Students
1	School Hostels	1143	82766
2	College Hostels	143	13050
3	ITI Hostels	17	1372
4	Polytechnic Hostels	5	288
5	PG Hostels	15	1008
6	Law College Hostel	1	55
	Total	1324	98539

- ❖ 10 seats each in 16 hostels in Theni district (total 160 seats) along the Tamil Nadu – Kerala border have been earmarked for the children whose parents are having origin of Tamil Nadu working in Coffee / Tea estates in Kerala.

- ❖ In each hostel, 5 seats have been increased for accommodating Srilankan Tamil Refugee children.

(a) Facilities provided to the students staying in Hostels:-

- i) Two tier Cots are provided to College hostels.
- ii) Incinerator (Napkin Burners) have been provided to 582 Girls hostels.
- iii) Water purifier, Wet Grinder, Colour Television and Electronic Weighing machine have been provided to all the hostels.
- iv) Washing Machines have been provided to 76 Adi Dravidar Welfare Girls hostels.
- v) Steam Boilers for cooking hygienic food have been provided to 380 Adi Dravidar Welfare Hostels and 160 Government Tribal Residential Schools.
- vi) First Aid Box with Medicines is provided to all the hostels.

- vii) Library facilities are made available in all the hostels.
- viii) Gas connection has been provided to all the hostels.
- ix) News papers are provided to all the hostels
- x) Mats, Bed Sheets and Pillow with covers are supplied to the hostellers.
- xi) Stainless steel plate and Tumbler have been provided to all the students.
- xii) "Yojana" monthly magazine and "India Year Book" have been provided to all the college hostels.

(b) Feeding Charges

Food Charges and Miscellaneous charges are being provided to the students staying in Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Hostels and in Government Tribal Residential Schools at the following rates :-

	School Students	College Students
Food Charges	Rs.900/- per month	Rs. 1000/- Per month
Miscellaneous Charges (Soap, Oil and Hair dressing)	Rs.50/- Per month	Rs.75/- Per month
Special Feeding Charges (On the occasion of Pongal, Republic Day, Tamil New year, Independence day, and Diwali)	Rs.20/-	Rs.40/-

Weekly Food chart for School hostels

Week days	Morning (Breakfast)	Afternoon (Lunch)	Evening (Snacks)	Night (Dinner)
Monday	Rava kichadi, Chutney	Rice, Vegetables kootu, Kuruma, Buttermilk	Sundal, Chukkumalli Coffee/Tea	Rice, Kara kuzhambu, Ginger Rasam, Poriyal, Egg-1
Tuesday	Pongal, Chutney	Rice, Sambar, Poriyal, Buttermilk	Sundal, Chukkumalli Coffee/Tea	Rice, Sambar, Kootu, Egg – 1
Wednesday	Lemon rice, Thuvaiyal	Rice, Mutton (80 grams) / Chicken (100 grams) Kurma, Kootu, Buttermilk	Sundal, Chukkumalli Coffee/Tea	Rice, Karakuzhambu, Rasam
Thursday	Rava kichadi, Chutney	Rice, Sambar, Poriyal, Buttermilk	Sundal, Chukkumalli Coffee/Tea	Rice, Kara kuzhambu, Poriyal, Rasam Egg – 1
Friday	Pongal, Chutney	Rice, Morekuzhambu, Poriyal, Buttermilk	Sundal, Chukkumalli Coffee/Tea	Rice, Karakuzhambu, Poriyal, Rasam, Egg-1
Saturday	Idly, Chutney	Rice, Sambar, Kootu, Buttermilk	Sundal, Chukkumalli Coffee/Tea	Rice, Sambar, Kootu, Egg-1
Sunday	Idly, Sambar	Rice, Sambar, Buttermilk	Sundal, Chukkumalli Coffee/Tea	Rice, Tomato Soup, Poriyal, Rasam

Weekly Food chart for College hostels

Week days	Morning (Breakfast)	Afternoon (Lunch)	Evening (Snacks)	Night (Dinner)
Monday	Pongal, Chutney	Rice, Sambar, Poriyal, Buttermilk	Sundal, Chukkumalli Coffee/Tea	Rice, Kara kuzhambu, Poriyal, Rasam, Egg-1
Tuesday	Idly, Sambar	Rice, Vegetable Kurma, Kootu, Buttermilk	Sundal, Chukkumalli Coffee/Tea	Rice, Sambar, Poriyal, Rasam Egg – 1
Wednesday	Rava Kichadi, Chutney	Rice, Mutton (80 grams) / Chicken (120 grams) Kurma, Poriyal, Buttermilk	Sundal, Chukkumalli Coffee/Tea	Rice, Tomato Soup, Poriyal, Rasam
Thursday	Lemon Rice, Thuvaiyal	Rice, Kulambu, Kootu, Buttermilk	Sundal, Chukkumalli Coffee/Tea	Rice, Karakuzhambu, Poriyal, Rasam , Egg – 1
Friday	Rava Kichadi, Chutney	Rice, Sambar, Poriyal, Buttermilk	Sundal, Chukkumalli Coffee/Tea	Rice, Sambar, Poriyal, Rasam, Buttermilk, Egg-1
Saturday	Idly, Sambar	Rice, Sambar, Kootu, Buttermilk	Sundal, Chukkumalli Coffee/Tea	Rice, Sambar, Rasam Buttermilk, Egg-1
Sunday	Pongal, Chutney	Rice, Vegetable Kurma, Poriyal, Buttermilk	Sundal, Chukkumalli Coffee/Tea	Idly, Sambar

(c) Assistance to the Schools and Hostels run by Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO)

(i) Hostels

Similar to the grants provided to the inmates of this department hostels, the grants for Food charges, miscellaneous charges and other allowances are provided by this Department to the inmates of 4943 Adi Dravidar students residing in the 29 hostels run by Non-Governmental Organizations.

(ii) School with Hostels

In the schools run by the Muthukaruppan Memorial Educational Trust in Thoothukudi District, 4132 students from 1st to 12th standard studied during 2018-19. Since 2006, the Government is giving salary as grant. At present 127 teaching and non-teaching staff are getting salary as grant from the Government. For the year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.9.49 crore has been allocated for this school.

Moreover, 3500 students are staying in the two hostels (Boys-1 & Girls-1) run by the above trust. Since 2014-2015, salary for 32 staff consisting of Warden, Cook, Watchman and Sweeper is sanctioned by the Government as grant.

2. Issuance of Free House Site Pattas to Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes

Free house site pattas are distributed to the homeless Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe families. The land is purchased through private negotiation or acquired under the Land Acquisition Act and distributed to eligible beneficiaries.

	Area of Land Provided	Annual income ceiling limit for the Beneficiary
Village	3 Cents	Rs.72,000/-
Municipality	1 ½ Cent	
Corporation	1 Cent	

For the financial year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.6 crore has been allocated under this scheme.

3. Burial Grounds and Pathways

The Government is allocating funds for providing burial grounds and pathways to Adi Dravidar habitations and also for acquiring / purchasing land for this purpose.

Local bodies are also providing the required basic amenities to the Adi Dravidar burial grounds from their own funds. For this purpose, 15% of the cost in respect of drinking water facility and 10% of cost in respect of link roads are borne by the Adi Dravidar Welfare Department.

For the financial year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.75.84 lakh has been allocated under this scheme.

4. Financial Assistance for Funeral Rites

Financial assistance of Rs.2,500/- is given to the Adi Dravidar, Scheduled Tribes and Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity families to meet out the expenditure towards funeral rites at the time of death of a member of the family.

For the financial year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.4.97 crore has been allocated under this scheme.

5. Scheduled Castes Sub Plan

In order to bring about concentrated Socio, Economic and Educational development of the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCSP) has been implemented in Tamil Nadu from the year 1980-1981. The basic objective of this scheme is to channelise the flow of funds from the State Annual Plan Outlay to Scheduled Castes Sub Plan in proportion to the population of the Scheduled Castes (20.01%) in the State.

The Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare department has been designated as the Nodal Department and the Additional Chief Secretary to Government of this department is the Nodal Officer for the purpose of monitoring the formulation and implementation of Scheduled Castes Sub Plan at the State level. The Director of Adi Dravidar Welfare has been nominated as the Monitoring Officer to oversee and review the schemes under Scheduled Castes Sub Plan at district level.

The Nodal Officer appointed by the sectoral departments are coordinating with this department for the effective implementation of the schemes for Adi Dravidars. There are 19 sectoral departments comprising of 45 Heads of Departments which are implementing the schemes under Scheduled Castes Sub Plan for the development and welfare of the Scheduled Castes.

Out of the State's Total Annual Plan Outlay of Rs.56,849.96 crore, a sum of Rs.12103.72 crore (21.29%) has been allocated under the Scheduled Castes Sub Plan for the financial year 2019-2020 which is more than the percentage of Scheduled Caste population (20.01%) of the State.

6. Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCA to SCSP)

The Government of India is providing Special Central Assistance, as a supplementary grant to the Scheduled Castes Sub Plan of the State to enhance infrastructure facilities, facilitate family income generating schemes, encourage economic development and provide skill development schemes and also to enhance the productivity and income of the Scheduled Caste families. Under this scheme 80% of the funds are utilised for Economic Development activities for Adi Dravidar. 10% of the fund is used for imparting Skill Development Training

to unemployed Adi Dravidar Youth through TAHDCO. Remaining 10% of the amount is released to the Director of Adi Dravidar Welfare for providing infrastructure facilities to Adi Dravidar habitations where 50% or more of the population are Adi Dravidars.

During the financial year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.135 crore is expected to be received from the Government of India.

7. Community Certificates

(i) Issuance:-

The Tahsildar is empowered to issue community certificates to the Scheduled Castes. Appeal may be preferred before the Revenue Divisional Officer or Sub-Collector if issuance of Scheduled Caste Certificate is refused by the Tahsildar. Further, the District Collector may also be approached for redressal of grievances if any in issuance of certificate.

(ii) Verification:-

District Level Vigilance Committees have been constituted in all the Districts to verify the genuineness of the Scheduled Caste community certificates as detailed below :-

District Level Vigilance Committee (DLVC)

1	District Collector	Chairman	To scrutinize the correctness of the Scheduled Caste Community
2	District Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Officer	Member Secretary	Certificates and to pass final orders. If aggrieved by the orders, appeal will lie only with the Hon'ble High Court of Madras under Article 226 of the Constitution of India
3	An Anthro-pologist	Member	and then with Supreme Court under Article 136 of the Constitution of India.

8. Implementation of Protection of Civil Rights (PCR) Act, 1955 and Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and Amendment Act, 2015

(a) Removal of Untouchability

Effective steps are being taken by the Government to abolish untouchability and prevent atrocities against Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes. For this purpose, the Protection of Civil Rights (PCR) Act, 1955, the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and Amendment Act, 2015, Prevention of Atrocities Rules, 1995 and Amended Rules, 2016 have been enacted by the Government of India and are being implemented effectively in our State. The above said Amendment Act, 2015 and Amendment Rules, 2016 came into force on 01.01.2016 and 14.04.2016 respectively.

The Social Justice and Human Rights wing, under the control of the Additional Director General of Police with its headquarter at Chennai is implementing these Acts and Rules very effectively.

The functions of the Social Justice & Human Rights wing are (i) to supervise the registration, investigation and filing of cases under these two Acts (ii) to act as a Protection Cell for Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes.

(b) Exclusive Special Courts

Exclusive Special Courts have been established for the speedy disposal of cases registered under Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and Protection of Civil Rights Act.

The Government have established 6 exclusive Special Courts functioning in Thanjavur, Tiruchirappalli, Madurai, Tirunelveli, Villupuram and Sivagangai Districts for the trial

of the cases registered under these Acts. Further, in G.O (Ms) No. 334, Home (Courts-II) Department, Dated: 06.04.2017, administrative sanction was accorded for the creation of 16 Exclusive Special Courts in 16 Districts viz., Dindigul, Ramanathapuram, Virudhunagar, Pudukottai, Kancheepuram, Perambalur, Theni, Thiruppur, Thiruvannamalai, Vellore, Thiruvarur, Thoothukudi, Kanniyakumari, Coimbatore, Cuddalore and Namakkal Districts in 4 phases from 2016-2017 to 2019-2020. A sum of Rs.3.22 Crore has been sanctioned for constituting Exclusive Special Courts in Dindigul, Ramanathapuram, Virudhunagar and Pudukottai Districts in the first phase. In G.O(Ms).No.1704, Home (Courts.II) Department, dated 03.10.2018, orders have been issued according financial sanction for the constitution of Exclusive Special Courts in Cuddalore, Namakkal, Theni and Thiruvannamalai. In all other districts, the existing Session Courts have been empowered

for trial of these cases. The District Social Justice and Human Rights Wing monitors the implementation of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 in all the police stations in the State under the supervision of Additional Director General of Police and Assistant Inspector General of Police at State level, 31 Deputy Superintendent of Police and 7 Assistant Commissioners of police at District level.

Under Rule 17(1), of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules,1995, the State Government has constituted District Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committees in each district headed by the District Collector concerned with five official and non-official members. The District Collectors are also empowered to nominate a person who has the right attitude and understanding of the problems of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes as member. The

District Level Committee shall meet atleast once in every three months to review the implementation of the provisions of these Acts, monitor the relief and rehabilitation facilities provided to the victims and review the progress of the cases registered under these Acts at the district level. Further, a State Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister to review and monitor the implementation of these Acts.

For the financial year 2019-2020 a sum of Rs.11.87 crore has been allocated for the implementation of these Acts.

(c) Campaign for the removal of Untouchability

"Manitha Neya Vara Vizha" is celebrated in all the districts from 24th to 30th January every year for creating awareness among the people against untouchability. A sum of Rs.50,000/- at district level and Rs.1,00,000/-

at state level are being provided for conducting "Manitha Neya Vara Vizha" every year.

Publicity is made through Villupattu Artists about the evils of untouchability.

Besides, Community feasts are also arranged every year on 26th January, 15th August, 2nd October and on any other important local holiday in the districts. Voluntary organisations are involved in arranging the Samabandhi Virundhu.

In order to sensitize the provisions of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act,1989 and the amendmends thereon special training has been imparted to the Revenue officials and other officials through Anna Institute of Management. The District Colectors, being the special officers as per rule 10 of Prevention of Atrocities rules, are organising workshops and awareness centre to educate the persons belonging to Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes

about their rights and the protection available to them.

For the financial year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.82.75 lakh has been allocated for the above activities.

(d) Select Village Scheme

A sum of Rs.10 lakh is being sanctioned for providing infrastructure facilities to the selected village in all Districts (except Chennai) where untouchability is not practiced and people are living in harmony.

For the financial year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.3.10 crore has been allocated under this scheme.

9. Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Art and Literature Society

In order to encourage creativity and literary expressions in the fields of Art, Culture, Literature and Research activities the Government financially supports Adi Dravidar

writers. For this purpose, a Corpus Fund of Rs.50 lakh has been created and kept in fixed deposit. Interest accrued is utilised for the purpose of giving cash awards to the selected writers. 10 Adi Dravidar writers and one Non-Adi Dravidar writer, totally 11 writers are selected for their literary work every year and an amount of Rs.40,000/- is awarded by the Government for publishing their work.

II. TRIBAL WELFARE

INTRODUCTION

Most of the Scheduled Tribes are living in forest areas or in other isolated areas. Their social, economic and educational parameters are below those of the state average. It is the duty of the Government to bring them at par by bridging the socio-economic gap between the Scheduled Tribes and others. Hence, the Government established a separate Directorate from April 2000 exclusively for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes bifurcating from the erstwhile Directorate of Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare. It is functioning as an independent unit having full powers in terms of administration and finance pertaining to Tribal welfare w.e.f 1.4.2018 as ordered in G.O. (Ms.)No.56, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare (ADW1) Department, Dated: 28.08.2017. Various innovative schemes are implemented by this department for developing and bringing the tribals on par with the social,

economic and educational status of the State. The Government of Tamil Nadu is paying special attention for the development of tribal people in the 18 districts where they are mainly found, i.e. Salem, Thiruvannamalai, Villupuram, Vellore, Dharmapuri, Namakkal, Thiruvallur, Kancheepuram, Nilgiris, Coimbatore, Krishnagiri, Erode, Tiruchirappalli, Cuddalore, Madurai, Ariyalur, Tirunelveli and Chennai.

Low literacy, nutritional deficiencies, poor living conditions and migration due to degradation of forest resources and lack of economic opportunities are the major areas of concern which are being addressed by the Government.

The prime objective of the Government is overall improvement and development of the tribes in the fields of education, health and sanitation and to improve the infrastructure facilities in tribal habitations like provision of drinking water, link roads to the villages and

construction of houses. Therefore, this Government focuses on the socio economic upliftment of the Scheduled Tribes so as to reduce the gap between the Scheduled Tribes and the general population.

1. Education

a) Schools

In order to improve the literacy of Tribal people through access to quality education, this Department has established and is running Residential schools near their habitations.

Details of schools functioning under Tribal Welfare Department and students strength

Classification	No. of Schools	No. of Students
Primary School	207	9,065
Middle School	54	5,103
High School	29	3,795
Higher Secondary School	25*	8,521*
Total	315	26,484

(* includes 7 Ekalvya Model residential schools with 1553 students)

b) Hostels

This department has constructed and is running hostels for the Scheduled Tribe students as follows:-

Details of Hostels functioning under Tribal Welfare Department and students strength

Sl. No.	Classification	No. of Hostels	No. of Students
1	School Hostels	40	1899
2	ITI Hostel	1	131
3	College Hostels	2	102
	Total	43	2132

Over and above the facilities provided in Adi Dravidar Welfare hostels, the students of the Scheduled tribe hostels are provided with Sweaters, Raincoats and Solar lamps for their benefit.

c) Assistance to the Schools and Hostels run by Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)

(i) Hostels

The Government is providing feeding charges as grant to the hostels run by 5 Non-Governmental Organizations through which 337 tribal students benefit every year. Moreover, miscellaneous charges and other allowances are also provided to the hostels run by the NGOs as provided to the inmates of the Government hostels.

(ii) School with hostels

The Society for Rural Development is running a school with hostels for boys and girls at Jawadhu hills in Thiruvannamalai District for the welfare of 2560 tribal students studying from 1st to 12th Standard. Teaching grant is being sanctioned to the organization since 2005. A sum of Rs.3.78 crore has been sanctioned as grant by the Government towards salary for 36 teaching and 7 non- teaching posts.

Moreover, food charges and miscellaneous charges for 550 Tribal students staying in the Trust's hostel are also provided by the Government.

2. Centrally Sponsored Schemes

The following Centrally Sponsored Schemes are being implemented in Tribal Areas;

(a) Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Plan (SCA to TSP)

The Government of India sanction Special Central Assistance to the Tribal Sub-plan every year. Under this scheme 60% of the fund is utilised for income generating activities such as Provision of Power Tillers, provision of Beehive Boxes, provision of Petty Shops and 30% of the above fund is utilized for creating infrastructure facilities in tribal areas such as repair and maintenance of school buildings, construction of toilet blocks and provision of borewell. The remaining 10% of the fund is utilized for

creating employment opportunities for the Scheduled Tribes.

For the financial year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.6.51 crore has been allocated under this scheme.

(b) Article 275 (1) of the Constitution of India

Provision of Foot Over Bridges, Link Roads, Electrification, Check Dams, Screening Test for Sickle Cell Anaemia etc., are the schemes implemented in Tribal areas from the Grant-in-aid released by the Government of India under Article 275(1) of the Constitution of India. This fund is also being utilised for the implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.

Funds have also been earmarked for the recurring expenditure for the existing seven Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) functioning at Vellimalai in Villupuram District,

Abinavam in Salem District, Athipattu in Thiruvannamalai District, Kodappamandhu in The Nilgiris District, Athanavur in Vellore District, Sengarai in Namakkal District and Pattipulam in Kancheepuram district.

For the financial year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.17 crore has been allocated under this scheme.

(c) Development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)

Out of the 36 Tribal communities in Tamil Nadu, 6 Tribal Communities i.e. Toda, Kota, Kurumbas, Irular, Paniyan and Kattunayakan have been classified as Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs).

The Government of India is sanctioning Grants-in-aid every year for the development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups.

Facilities like construction of traditional houses, distribution of milch animals, provision of drinking water facilities, street lights,

construction of Primary Health Centres and for economic development activities like providing Fishing Nets and Two Wheelers, provision of Beehive boxes, construction of Brick kiln, provision of Bore-wells, construction of check dam for irrigation facility, Road facilities etc., and Baseline survey of PVTGs, are also undertaken under this scheme. A new Eklavya Model Residential School has been opened at Yercaud in Salem district.

Two pickup vehicles have been provided in Nilgiris District for the conveyance of tribal people and students from the hill to plain area and vice versa.

For the financial year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.40 crore has been allocated under this scheme.

(d) Implementation of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006

The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 was enacted by Government of India and has come into force from 29.12.2006. Tribals residing in the forests prior to 13.12.2005 and other traditional forest dwellers residing in the forests for 3 generations i.e. for 75 years as on 13.12.2005 are eligible for issuance of titles confirming their rights under this Act.

Implementation of this Act is being monitored by the following Committees:

- i) State Level Monitoring Committee headed by the Chief Secretary.
- ii) District Level Committee headed by the District Collector.

iii) Sub-Divisional Level Committee – headed by the Revenue Divisional Officer.

In order to protect and legitimize the land ownership of the Scheduled Tribes in the forest areas, the above said Act has been implemented in 17 Districts. The District Collectors are distributing individual and community rights under the Forest Rights Act, 2006. So far 7146 Individual Rights and 417 Community Rights have been distributed to the beneficiaries.

3. State Schemes

(a) Comprehensive Tribal Development Programme (CTDP)

Since 2012-13 the Government is allocating Rs.50 Crore every year for the development of Scheduled Tribes under this programme. Accordingly this year also the Government has allocated a sum of Rs.50 crore. Under this programme, land development activities, renovation of katcha houses, road work, renovation and repair works of GTR

schools, provision of drinking water facilities, economic development activities and skill development programmes are implemented through TAHDCO for Tribal Development.

During 2018-19, orders have been issued for undertaking the following works and works are under progress at various stages;

- Repair / renovation of 500 damaged houses of Scheduled Tribes, belonging to Toda, Kota, Irular, Kattunayakan, Kurumbas and Paniyan in Nilgiris district at a cost of Rs.5 crore.
- Construction of 250 houses for Tribals of Tiruvannamalai, Villupuram, Salem, Dharmapuri and Vellore districts (50 houses per district) at a total cost of Rs.7.50 crore.
- Establishing 25 Self Help Groups (with 10 members in each group) with a total financial assistance of Rs.2.50 crore to start the businesses after training the group members.

- Economic Development Schemes for Tribals through TAHDCO at a cost of Rs.10 crore as subsidy.
- Upgradation of 5 GTR Schools (2 - Middle and 3 - High Schools) at a cost of Rs.3.79 crore.
- Creation of Centre for Master Virtual Class Room in Nandanam GTR Primary School at a cost of Rs.1 crore and upgrading existing Smart Class rooms created in 57 GTR Schools into Virtual Interactive Classrooms.
- Establishing free coaching centres in 10 Districts for Tribal candidates appearing for all Competitive Exams at a cost of Rs.35 lakh.
- Creation of Centre of Excellence in Academic and Centre of Excellence in Sports in GTR High / Hr.Sec. Schools at Coimbatore and in Tiruchirappalli Districts respectively and provision of requisite infrastructure at a cost of Rs.50 lakh.

- Conducting District / State level sports meet among the students of GTR Schools at a cost of Rs.43.20 lakh.
- Conducting District / State level essay writing, elocution, recitation, quiz and analytical competition among the students of GTR schools at a cost of Rs.22.10 lakh.
- Creation of a new website at a cost of Rs.8.50 lakh, for online application of various welfare schemes by Scheduled Tribes
- Construction of a new Girls hostel at Athanavur, Elagiri taluk in Vellore district at a cost of Rs.1.35 crore.

(b) Integrated Tribal Development Programme

In order to focus on the areas where the Scheduled Tribes are concentrated the Government have formulated and is implementing Integrated Tribal Development Programme (ITDP), in the following 10 areas of

7 Districts, where the Tribal population exceeds 50% or more of the population in that area.

1. Salem	- Yercaud Pachamalai, Aranuthumalai & Kalrayan Hills
2. Namakkal	- Kolli Hills
3. Villupuram	- Kalrayan Hills
4. Tiruvannamalai	- Jawadhu Hills
5. Tiruchirappalli	- Pachamalai
6. Dharmapuri	- Sittheri Hills
7. Vellore	- Jawadhu & Yelagiri Hills

For the effective implementation of the Tribal Welfare Schemes in the Integrated Tribal Development Programme areas in the above seven districts, 7 Project Offices functioning under the control of Project Officers, have been established vide G.O(Ms.) No.34, Adi Dravidar

and Tribal Welfare Department, Dated: 25.04.2017.

(c) Vocational Guidance Centre

A Special Vocational Guidance Centre is functioning at Udhagamandalam in Nilgiris District for guiding the tribal youth to choose their career and profession.

For the financial year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.75.25 lakh has been allocated for the functioning of this centre.

(d) Industrial Training Institutes

Six Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) exclusively for the Scheduled Tribes are functioning at Karumanthurai in Salem District, Kolli Hills in Namakkal District, Jamunamarathur in Tiruvannamalai District, Anaikatti in Coimbatore District, Gudalur in Nilgiris District and Sankarapuram in Villupuram District.

For the financial year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.9.81 crore has been allocated for the functioning of these six ITIs.

4. Verification of Genuineness / Correctness of Scheduled Tribe Community Certificates

Verification of the Genuineness / Correctness of Scheduled Tribes community certificates is an important task of this department.

- i. The Revenue Divisional officer / Sub-collector is the competent authority to issue Scheduled Tribe Community Certificates
- ii. Upon rejection by them, appeal may be preferred to the concerned District Collector and then further grievances may be redressed with State Level Scrutiny Committee.

iii. The State Level Scrutiny Committee has been formed to verify the Genuineness / Correctness of the Scheduled Tribe community certificates issued. The constitution of the committee is detailed below:-

State Level Scrutiny Committee (SLSC)

1	Secretary to Government, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department	Chairman	To scrutinize the genuineness / correctness of the Scheduled Tribe Community Certificates and pass final orders. If aggrieved by the orders, appeal will lie only with Hon'ble High Court of Madras under Article 226 of the Constitution of India and then with Hon'ble Supreme Court under Article 136 of the Constitution of India.
2	Director, Tribal Welfare	Member - Secretary	
3	An Anthropologist	Member	

Vigilance Cells

Vigilance Cells are functioning in four regions i.e., Chennai, Tiruchirappalli, Salem and Madurai to inquire, inspect and verify the community status of the persons belonging to Scheduled Tribes and to submit its report to the State Level Scrutiny Committee.

Each Vigilance Cell consists of the following Police Official:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	Number of Posts
1.	Senior Deputy Superintendent of Police	1
2.	Inspector of Police or Sub Inspector of Police	1
3.	Head Constable	1

Since large number of cases are pending for verification, Government have issued orders vide G.O. (Ms). No. 50, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, Dated:28.07.2017 to carry out the verification of genuineness / correctness

of Scheduled Tribes Community Certificates with the officers working in the 38 units of (31 Units in the Districts and 7 units in the Corporations) Social Justice and Human Rights wing working under the control of Additional Director General of Police, Social Justice and Human Rights in addition to their normal work. Along with the existing four Vigilance Cells, 10 Anthropologists are assisting the Vigilance Cells in the process of verification at district level vide G.O. (Ms) No. 263, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, dated: 26.10.2017. The State Level Scrutiny Committee will refer the cases received from the employers and educational institutions to the concerned Vigilance Cells through the Director, Tribal Welfare for enquiry and report on the community status of the persons.

Since cases are pending in thousands, the Government established two more additional State Level Scrutiny Committees under the

chairmanship of Additional Secretaries to Government vide G.O. (Ms.) No. 40, AD&TW (CV-1) Dept. Dated:13.07.2018.

5. TRIBAL RESEARCH CENTRE (TRC)

An exclusive Tribal Research Centre was established in the year 1983 with the assistance of Government of India at Muthorai Palada, Udthagamandalam in the Nilgiris District, for collecting data about the Tribes and conducting research about their life-style, culture, language, socio-economic and educational status. A Director, who is specialized in Anthropology is heading the Tribal Research Centre. The Administrative cost of the Centre is borne by the State Government whereas the cost of the activities of the centre are borne by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India.

The Tribal Research Centre has been recording and publishing monographs on the life and the culture of Tribal people, collecting and documenting folk songs and folklore and also

documenting the tribal languages and culture of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs).

The Tribal Research Centre is conducting evaluation studies on development programmes implemented by Government and Non-Government Organizations in Tribal areas, organizing seminars and workshops on tribal developmental issues, imparting training and orientation on tribal culture and development to those who are concerned with tribal development.

A Tribal Museum, established in the year 1996, is located within the Tribal Research Centre. Tribal artifacts and photographs on the life style of the Tribes are protected with Acrylic Enclosures and exhibited in an Open Air Tribal Museum with solar lighting.

During 2018-19, a sum of Rs.1.77 crore has been released by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India to Tribal Research Centre for undertaking various activities.

For the year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.1.64 crore has been allocated by the State Government towards administrative cost and an action plan for a sum of Rs.3.80 crore has been sent to Government of India for release of funds.

6. Tribal Sub-plan (TSP)

The Tribal Sub-Plan is implemented in Tamil Nadu from the year 1976-77. Funds flow from the State Annual Plan Outlay to the Tribal Sub-Plan for the socio-economic & educational development of the Scheduled Tribes. Out of the State's Total Annual Plan Outlay of Rs.56,849.96 crore for the year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.1277.84 crore (2.25%) has been allocated under the Tribal Sub-Plan, which is more than the percentage of Scheduled Tribes population (1.10%) of the State.

This Department has been designated as the Nodal Department and the Additional Chief Secretary to Government of this Department is the Nodal Officer for the formulation and

implementation of Tribal Sub-Plan at the State Level. The Director, Tribal Welfare is entrusted with monitoring and reviewing of the schemes at District level. The Nodal Officer is closely monitoring the expenditure of the allocation with the HOD concerned.

The schemes under Tribal Sub Plan are implemented through 17 Sectoral Departments comprising 43 Heads of Departments for the Welfare and Development of the Tribes. For effective implementation of the schemes, the Nodal Officers of sectoral departments are closely co-ordinating with the Tribal Welfare Department.

III. TAMIL NADU ADI DRAVIDAR HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED (TAHDCO)

Introduction

Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Housing and Development Corporation (TAHDCO) was incorporated as a construction company in 1974 under the Companies Act, 1956 with a share capital of Rs.1 crore. Later the activities of the Corporation were extended to undertake a wide range of economic development schemes, income generation and skill development training for Adi Dravidars and Scheduled Tribes to bring them on par with other sections of society.

1. Share Capital

The authorized Share Capital of the Corporation is Rs.150 crore and paid up Share Capital is Rs.141.53 crore. Since 1980, the paid up Share Capital of the Corporation is being

contributed by the Government of Tamil Nadu and Government of India in the ratio of 51:49.

2. Activities of TAHDCO

1. Economic Development activities
2. Training and Skill Development.
3. Construction activities

2.1 Economic Development activities

The Development wing of the Corporation is executing various need based economic development schemes for the economic development of Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes, who are economically backward with the upper income ceiling between Rs.1 lakh and Rs.3 lakh per annum.

In the economic development of these people the nationalized banks and co-operative banks play a vital role. The Government is granting subsidy of 30% of the project cost or a

maximum of Rs.2.25 lakh so as to enable them to avail financial assistance through banks for creating capital assets. These schemes have made a visible change in their socio-economic status.

During 2018-19, a sum of Rs.71.05 crore has been given as loan to 7915 persons. A sum of Rs.44.80 crore has been released as subsidy.

A. Schemes under Loan with Subsidy for Adi Dravidars

(i) Land Purchase Scheme

Since the ownership of land provides dignity in society, the State Government introduced the scheme in the year 2004-05 to purchase land in the name of Adi Dravidar Women to empower them.

This scheme has been extended to Adi Dravidar Men and Transgenders also.

The Salient Features of this Scheme are:

- The Title Deeds are registered in the name of the Adi Dravidar beneficiary.
- Exemption of 100% stamp duty and registration fees to the land value upto Rs.1 lakh.
- Seller should be a non Adi Dravidar

(ii) Land Development Scheme

The aim of the scheme is to enhance the utilisation of land as well as to generate income by providing subsidy with loan assistance from banks for irrigation facilities like sinking of bore wells / open wells, pumpsets, drip irrigation and sprinkler irrigation.

For the financial year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.3.00 crore has been allocated as subsidy to benefit 200 persons.

(iii) Entrepreneur Development Programme (EDP)

In order to reduce the impoverished conditions of Adi Dravidar people financial assistance is provided to start various business activities within the age group between 18 and 65 irrespective of their educational qualification. Under this scheme, both individuals and groups are benefitted.

For the financial year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.67.12 crore has been allocated as subsidy to benefit 5050 persons.

(iv) SPECIAL SCHEME UNDER EDP – Assistance for Petrol / Diesel / Gas retail outlets

A Special scheme of assistance for establishing Petrol/Diesel/Gas retail outlets has been introduced in the financial year 2012-13. The Adi Dravidar people while applying for agencies in the A & B categories of Petrol/Diesel/Gas outlets, can access loan assistance for purchase of land and deposit required for

bank guarantee. On sanctioning of dealership the selected persons are provided with financial assistance for working capital.

For the financial year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.22.50 lakh has been allocated as subsidy to benefit 10 persons.

(v) Self Employment Programme For Youth (SEPY)

Financial assistance is provided to the educated un-employed youth in the age group between 18 and 45, who desire to establish their own profession or business enterprises.

For the financial year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.37.40 crore has been allocated as subsidy for the benefit of 3253 persons.

vi) Special Self Employment Programme for Youth – (Spl.SEPY)

Under this scheme, financial assistance is provided to those who establish their own Clinic / Lab / Medical stores in the fields of Allopathy (MBBS) viz., Dental (BDS), Siddha (BSMS),

Ayurvedha (BAMS), Naturopathy and Yoga (BNYS). From the year 2013 – 14, this scheme was extended to the persons qualified in paramedical disciplines such as, Physiotherapy, Pharmacy, Ophthalmology and Lab technology to setup Clinics / Medical stores and Labs. The applicants should have already been registered with Councils concerned.

For the financial year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.75 lakh has been allocated as subsidy for the benefit of 50 persons.

(vii) Economic Assistance to Self Help Groups (SHGs)

In order to promote the economic empowerment of Adi Dravidar Self Help Group members, financial assistance with low cost interest is provided to invest in the income generating programme. Adi Dravidar Self Help Groups which have been accredited twice can avail the loan for the income generating economic activities. A maximum of 50% of the

project cost or Rs.2.50 lakh whichever is less is sanctioned as subsidy to the Self Help Groups to establish profession or business enterprises known to them.

For the financial year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.8.00 crore has been allocated as front ended subsidy to benefit 350 SHGs with 5750 beneficiaries / members.

B. Schemes under Financial Assistance

TAHDCO not only assists for income generating programmes by providing loan and subsidy but also supports through 100% grant the youth in pursuit of Civil Services and those setting up their profession and any other deserving person not covered under any other schemes.

(i) Civil Services Exam Aspirants (UPSC)

Financial assistance of Rs.50,000/- is given to those who have passed Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination to enable the Adi

Dravidar youth to prepare for Civil Services (Main) Examination.

A sum of Rs.50 lakh has been allocated as grant to benefit 100 persons during the financial year 2019-2020.

(ii) State Civil Services exam Aspirants (TNPSC Group-I)

Financial assistance at the rate of Rs.50,000/- is being provided to Adi Dravidar youth, who appear for the State Civil Services-Group-I Main Exams.

A sum of Rs.25 lakh has been allocated as grant to benefit 50 persons for the financial year 2019-2020.

(iii) Law Graduates to setup their profession

Financial Assistance of Rs.50,000/- is provided as one time assistance for setting up their own profession to Adi Dravidar Law graduates aged between 23 and 45, who have

qualified from Tamil Nadu Law University, Deemed Universities and the Law Colleges recognized by the Law University on regular curriculum and registered in the State or All India Bar Council.

A sum of Rs.2.50 Crore has been allocated as grant to benefit of 500 persons during the year 2019-2020.

(iv) Chartered Accountants / Cost Accountants to set up their profession

Financial Assistance at the rate of Rs.50,000/- is provided as grant to encourage young Chartered Accountants / Cost Accountants to set up their own profession.

For the financial year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.5 lakh has been allocated as grant for the benefit of 10 persons.

(v) Discretionary Fund

a) TAHDCO Chairman's Fund

Financial assistance of Rs.40,000/- is being provided under the TAHDCO Chairman Discretionary Fund which was introduced from the year 2016-17. A sum of Rs.1 crore is allocated for this in 2019-2020.

b) Managing Director's Fund

A Financial assistance of Rs.30,000/- is being provided under the Managing Director's Discretionary Fund, introduced during 2012-13.

Priority is being accorded to widows, differently abled persons, orphan children, indigent artists, persons afflicted with incurable diseases. Further, financial relief is being provided for skill development courses, gap filling assistance to those who pursue education from primary to professional courses and persons affected in communal clashes / fire

accidents and any other activities which deserve a helping hand subject to rules in force.

For the financial year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.1.40 crore has been allocated as grant.

c) District Collectors' Fund

An assistance upto Rs.20,000/- is granted to differently abled, destitute widows, indigent artists, unmarried women above 30 years of age and children with no parent / guardian and any other person who is considered as deserving by the District Collector.

A sum of Rs.56 lakh has been allocated as grant to benefit 280 persons during the financial year 2019-2020.

(vi) Fast Track Power Supply

TAHDCO is providing financial assistance to Adi Dravidar farmers as EB Deposit to TANGEDCO under Fast Track Power Supply scheme since 2007-08.

Under this scheme an amount of Rs.75,000/- is provided per beneficiary from the year 2016-17.

For the financial year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs.7.50 Crore has been allocated as subsidy for the benefit of 1000 persons.

C. Financial Assistance for Scheduled Tribes

TAHDCO has been implementing following economic development schemes for the Scheduled Tribes from 2012-13.

(i) Land Purchase Scheme

Since, land holding is an index of empowerment of women in a society, the tribal women are encouraged to purchase land. Under this scheme maximum project cost of Rs.7.50 lakh with 50% subsidy is allowed. The land should be purchased from non- Scheduled Tribes.

(ii) Land Development Scheme

Under this scheme financial assistance is given for the development of lands by creating water sources, irrigation facilities and electrification for irrigation. Maximum amount of Rs.7.50 lakh including the subsidy of 50% is provided.

(iii) Entrepreneur Development Programme

For the socio-economic development of Scheduled Tribes, loan assistance is provided for income generating activities. The minimum cost of the project is Rs.1.50 lakh. Under this scheme, 50% of the project cost subject to a maximum limit of Rs.3.75 lakh per individual is released as subsidy.

(iv) Self Employment Programme for Tribal youth

Tribal youth who possess driving licence are provided with financial assistance for purchase of Passenger Vehicle / Jeep. Under this scheme, 50% of the unit cost or a

maximum of Rs.4 lakh is released as subsidy. In case of purchase of heavy vehicles, Rs.5.50 lakh is released as subsidy.

(v) Economic Loan Assistance to Women Self Help Groups

Under this scheme, the Self Help Groups exclusively of tribal women can avail assistance for various income generating activities like handicrafts, horticulture, floriculture, establishment of canteen in tourist spots and other tourism and hospitality related professions. Under this scheme, 50% of the project cost or a maximum amount of Rs.3.75 lakh is released as subsidy.

(vi) Financial Assistance to Civil Services Aspirants

Recognising the need for assistance to the candidates in pursuit of Civil Services appearing for Group-I Main examinations and for the main examination of Civil Services (UPSC), a financial

assistance of Rs.50,000/- is provided to the Scheduled Tribes candidates.

(vii) Fast Track Power Supply

A financial assistance of Rs.75000/- per beneficiary is paid as EB deposit on behalf of Scheduled Tribe farmers.

2.2 Skill Development Training

Several skill development training programmes are organized through empanelled Institutes of Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation from the 10% allocation under Special Central Assistance fund to equip the youth belonging to Adi Dravidar, Scheduled Tribe and Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity. These programmes create employment opportunities and strengthen their skill needs specific to trades and thereby they earn their livelihood by wage employment / self employment.

Important Training Programmes provided by TAHDCO.

- *Multimedia & Animation*
- *Architectural & Civil 2D Drafting with Auto CAD*
- *Fashion Technology*
- *Apparel Pattern Making*
- *Beautician*
- *Hair Stylist*
- *Repair & Maintenance of Air Conditioners*
- *Electrician*
- *Cutting & Tailoring*
- *Computer Hardware & Networking*
- *Retail Management*
- *Telecom management*

- *Solar Electric installer & Service Provider*
- *Tour Agent & Travel operator*
- *Accountant*
- *Ticket Reservation*
- *Hand Embroider*
- *Plastic Processing*
- *Injection Moulding*
- *Blow Moulding*
- *Machine Operator*

From the year 2013-14 to 2018-2019, **27,711** candidates were trained through 100 institutes at a cost of Rs.41.02 crore.

2.3. Construction Activities

The construction wing of TAHDCO is undertaking works such as Construction of schools and hostels run by this Department and

Community halls for the welfare of Adi Dravidar and Tribals. Further, TAHDCO has also been entrusted with the work of providing additional amenities and improvement of basic infrastructure facilities to Adi Dravidar and Tribal habitations and Adi Dravidar Welfare & GTR schools.

(i) Works under Central Assistance

The Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare boys and girls hostel buildings, Eklavya Model Residential School buildings, Classrooms and Laboratory buildings under Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana (VKY) Scheme are being constructed from the funds provided by Government of India.

(ii) State Government works

The construction of ITI buildings for Adi Dravidar and Tribal students, ITI hostels, Class rooms, Science Labs, Hostels, Working Women Hostels, Compound Wall, Community Hall, Toilet

Block, laying of black top roads, maintenance and repairs of Tribal hostels are being undertaken under State Government Schemes.

(iii) Works under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (NABARD)

Sanction has been accorded by the Government under RIDF- XXI, XXII and XXIII Schemes for the construction of additional classrooms and laboratories, providing infrastructure facilities such as compound wall, water supply and Toilet Blocks to Adi Dravidar Welfare & GTR Schools and construction of new buildings for hostels run by this department for the benefit of Adi Dravidar and Tribal students.

At present, TAHDCO construction wing has taken up 476 works to a total value of Rs.339.69 crore from different schemes.

IV. Financial allocation to Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department during 2019-2020

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	Department	Revenue	Capital	Total
1	Secretariat	8.79	0	8.79
2	Adi Dravidar Welfare	3218.69	100.00	3318.69
3	Tribal Welfare	454.78	28.02	482.80
	Total	3682.26	128.02	3810.28

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