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### **INTRODUCTION**

**பிறப்பொக்கும் எல்லா உயிர்க்கும் சிறப்பொவ்வா  
செய்தொழில் வேற்றுமை யான்**

**-திருவள்ளுவர்**

**[All lives are alike at birth, their worth  
(merit) differs with the difference of  
their vocations]**

According to the above verse, the Tamil Nadu Government endeavor to establish an egalitarian society, free from all forms of discrimination, which have been a cherished goal enshrined in the Constitution of India.

The Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department was set up in 1988 after the trifurcation of Social Welfare Department, with the

objective of providing a more focused approach towards the integrated socio-economic and educational development of the underprivileged Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes in a co-ordinated and planned manner.

This department is taking sincere efforts to promote education and raise the socio-economic status of the Adi Dravidar and Tribal communities and uplift them by introducing and implementing various welfare schemes.

Apart from this, this department acts as the nodal agency in co-ordinating two schemes viz., Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCSP) and the Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) meant for the economic development of Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes.

The Head of Departments viz., the Commissionerate of Adi Dravidar Welfare dealt with implementing the welfare schemes for the Adi Dravidar, Directorate of Tribal Welfare to



safeguard the welfare of the Scheduled Tribes, Office of the Additional Director General of Police (Social Justice and Human Rights Wing) implementing the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Housing and Development Corporation Limited (TAHDCO) are functioning under the administrative control of this department. Besides, a Tribal Research Centre at Nilgiris District is conducting research on the culture of Scheduled Tribes.

Schemes such as, running of Adi Dravidar Welfare schools, hostels, issuing house site pattas and improving basic amenities in Adi Dravidar habitations are being implemented through the Commissionerate of Adi Dravidar Welfare, for the educational socio-economic development of people belonging to Adi Dravidar community.

Schemes like running Government Tribal Residential Schools and hostels, establishing basic

infrastructure facilities in their habitations, implementation of the Forest Rights Act and implementing schemes for their economic developments are handled by the Directorate of Tribal Welfare for the betterment of Scheduled Tribes.

The Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Housing and Development Corporation Limited (TAHDCO) is providing subsidized loan schemes for the economic development of these poor people and imparting various skill development trainings to create self-employment / wage employment opportunities for these youth.

The Social Justice and Human Rights Wing of Police are monitoring the implementation of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, enacted for the protection of the rights and prevention of atrocities against this marginalized communities of the society.

A **State Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee** has been constituted under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister to review the implementation of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

In order to monitor the implementation of schemes meant for Adi Dravidar people and to ensure the benefits to reach these people properly, **State Adi Dravidar Welfare Committee** has been constituted, under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare.

Apart from these Committees, **Tamil Nadu Puthiraivannar Welfare Board** has been set up to reach the welfare schemes of the Government and other benefits to the Puthirai vannar community people.

The **Tamil Nadu Tribal Welfare Board** has been set up for the planned and guaranteed development of Scheduled Tribes.

The **Tamil Nadu Sanitation Workers Board** has been set up to monitor the implementation of schemes meant for the welfare of sanitary workers.

Moreover, **Tamil Nadu Tribal Advisory Council** has been set up to render advice in respect of welfare and development of Scheduled Tribes.

In order to ensure the overall development of the Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes, this Government is implementing several development and welfare schemes for which a sum of **Rs.4142.34 crore** has been provided in the Revised Budget Estimate for the year 2021-2022.

## **Sustainable Development Goals:**

The core theme of Sustainable Development Goals - 2030 adopted by the UN summit i.e **“Inclusive growth with Leaving No One Behind”** is directly related to this department. The department’s principle of Social Justice is articulated through all the Sustainable Development Goals.

Various schemes implemented under Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCSP) and Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) by all departments for Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes, directly address the target 10.4 of Goal 10 (Reduce inequalities). Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) have specific indicators that enable focus on SCSP fund utilised (Target 10.4.1) and TSP fund utilised (Target 10.4.2).

Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) unit has been formed in this department vide G.O.(Ms)No.14, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare

Department, dated 31.01.2020 for achievement of SDGs.

- The schemes implemented by this department viz. Adi Dravidar Welfare schools, Government Tribal Residential schools, Scholarship schemes, Supply of books, Distribution of bicycles, Hostels etc. address the Goal 1 (Poverty Reduction), Goal 4 (Quality Education) and Goal 10 (Reduced inequalities).
- The Special Incentive scheme for Girl students address the Goal 5 (Gender Equality).
- Schemes like Issuance of free house site pattas and Activities of TAHDCO address the Goal 1 (No Poverty), Goal 8 (Decent Work and Economic growth), Goal 10 (Reduced inequalities) and Goal 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities).
- Schemes for Vocational Guidance, Skill development training and other activities of

TAHDCO, address Goal 1 (No Poverty), Goal 4 (Quality Education), Goal 8 (Decent Work and Economic growth), Goal 10 (Reduced inequalities).

- The schemes intended for Tribal Welfare who are the most vulnerable, cover all the sustainable Goals.

The department would continue its focused work in co-ordination with other departments on enabling socio-economic empowerment of Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes in the light of Sustainable Development Goal Targets and Indicators.

## **I. ADI DRAVIDAR WELFARE**

The main objective of the Government is that all the sections of the people in the society should live without any disparity. According to 2011 census, the Adi Dravidar constitute 20.01% (1.44 crore) of the total population of Tamil Nadu (7.21 crore). The Government is very much concerned about the backwardness of these Adi Dravidar people. Hence, the Government is formulating policies, plans, budgets, schemes and programmes for their welfare.

Importance is given to the educational needs of the Adi Dravidar. In addition, various loans linked with subsidies and skill development training are provided for their economic development. Moreover, various activities are undertaken to ensure the socio equity. In order to counter the problems faced by the Adi Dravidar in our State they are supported with subsidies linked to different loan schemes for establishment of



Commercial units and purchase of land for agricultural purposes. In addition, they are provided with free house sites.

## **1 . Educational Development Schemes**

Education is a bountiful resource which forms the basis for environment of the individual's life upliftment, the society one belongs to and development of the nation at large. Hence, this Government gives top priority to the educational development of Adi Dravidar people.

Recognising the fact that the literacy rate of Adi Dravidar 73.26% is comparatively low with the literacy rate of other sections of the society 80.09% (Source: 2011 Census), a sum of **Rs.3480.24 crore** (84.02%) out of the total allocation of Rs.4142.34 crore in the Revised Budget Estimate for 2021-2022, has been earmarked for education and its allied schemes.

## **1 . 1 Schools**

In order to increase the rate of literacy of Adi Dravidar communities and to bring them on par with the rest of the society, this Government is running Adi Dravidar Welfare schools and hostels and providing scholarships to underprivileged Adi Dravidar students. The sustained efforts of the Government have led to an impressive rise in the literacy rate and educational standards amongst the Adi Dravidar students.

There are 27,87,388 Adi Dravidar students studying in Government, Government aided and private schools. (Source: UDISE)

This Department has established 1,138 schools at the habitations where the Adi Dravidar people are concentrated for sustained educational development of these people.

## **Details of Adi Dravidar Welfare Schools (2020-21)**

<b>Classification</b>	<b>No. of Schools</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Total</b>
Primary Schools	833	16,756	16,980	33,736
Middle Schools	99	4,056	4,091	8,147
High Schools	108	6,460	6,121	12,581
Higher Secondary Schools	98	15,007	13,788	28,795
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,138</b>	<b>42,279</b>	<b>40,980</b>	<b>83,259</b>

Further, in order to meet out the increasing demand for higher education, the schools run by this department are upgraded to the next higher level whenever required. In order to upgrade the standard of education of the students studying in these schools, infrastructure facilities such as additional classrooms, science labs, drinking water, toilets etc., are also provided.

A sum of **Rs.120.00** crore has been allocated for the provision of infrastructure facilities in the Adi Dravidar Welfare schools during the year 2021-2022.

## **1 . 2 Educational Scholarships**

In order to encourage the economically backward Adi Dravidar people to pursue education, this Government is providing various scholarships and fee concessions as below:-

### **(a) Government of India Post-Matric Scholarship**

Under this scheme, the maintenance allowance and educational fees are paid as scholarship to the Adi Dravidar students pursuing recognized courses above 10<sup>th</sup> standard in recognized institutions. The expenditure incurred under this scheme is shared between the Government of India and State Governments in the ratio of 60 :40.

## Maintenance Allowance

The course wise rates of maintenance allowance being paid are as tabulated below:-

Group	Courses	Rate of Maintenance allowance per annum (Rs.)	
		Hosteller	Day Scholar
I	Professional courses leading to Degree, Diploma, Certificate courses in Engineering, Medicine, Fashion Technology, Veterinary and Agriculture PG Diploma Courses in Management and Medicine CA/CWA/CS/CFA etc., and M.Phil. Ph.D and Post doctoral programmes.	13,500/-	7,000/-

Group	Courses	Rate of Maintenance allowance per annum ( Rs.)	
		Hosteller	Day Scholar
<b>II</b>	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 <sup>th</sup> Std.) B.Sc.(Nursing), B.Pharm, B.O.T, B.P.T, M.Sc. (Nursing), M.Pharm, M.P.T. etc.,	9,500/-	6,500/-
<b>III</b>	U.G and P.G Courses leading to a Degree but not covered under Group I & II. (B.A. B.Sc., B.Com., M.A., M.Sc., M.Com., etc.,)	6,000/-	3,000/-
<b>IV</b>	All Diploma Courses, Certificate courses etc., non degree courses for which entrance qualification is 10 <sup>th</sup> Std. (e.g. XI, XII, ITI, Polytechnic) etc.,	4,000/-	2,500/-

Under this scheme, all the compulsory and non refundable fees payable by the students studying in Government and Government aided institutions are credited to the Savings Bank account of the students as scholarship by the Government.

On behalf of the 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 the Government in respect of Self Financing professional courses are compensated to the institutions.

On behalf of the Adi Dravidar students admitted under management quota seats in self financing colleges, the compulsory non refundable fees as fixed for the Government quota seats by fee fixation committee is compensated to the institutions.

## **Eligibility:**

- (i) Adi Dravidar student's parent / guardian's annual income should not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh.
- (ii) Fee for the course is fixed by fee fixation / fee regulatory committee constituted by the competent authority.
- (iii) Admission process for the seats should be carried out in a transparent manner by calling applications through advertisement, publication of rank list, short listing the selected applications on merit etc.,

In the financial year 2020-2021, 7,60,109 students have been benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs.1745.42 crore.

A sum of **Rs.1798.25 crore** has been allocated for this scheme for the financial year 2021-2022.



## **(b) State Government's Special Post-Matric Scholarship**

The State Government is providing Special Post Matric Scholarship to the Adi Dravidar and Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity students who are not eligible to avail benefit due to the norms fixed under Government of India Post-Matric Scholarship scheme. Under this scheme, 100% financial assistance is being sanctioned by the State Government.

Under this scheme, maintenance allowance and the educational fees are paid as scholarship.

### **Maintenance Allowance**

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

Group	Courses	Rate of maintenance allowance per month (Rs.)	
		Hosteller	Day Scholar
I	Professional Courses like Engineering, Medicine etc.,	350/-	175/-
II	Post Graduate courses in Arts, Science	225/-	140/-
III	Under Graduate courses in Arts, Science	175/-	100/-
IV	(a) XI and XII	175/-	100/-
	(b) ITI and Diploma courses etc.,	225/-	140/-

Maintenance Allowance is credited to the student's bank account. Fees as given under Government of India Post Matric Scholarship Scheme are also given.

## **Eligibility:**

- (i) Should belong to Adi Dravidar or Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity communities.
- (ii) Their parent / guardian's annual income should not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh.

27,875 students were benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs.68.11 crore during the financial year 2020-2021.

A sum of **Rs.81.00 crore** has been allocated for the financial year 2021-2022 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**

The children of those who engaged in unclean occupations and occupations involving cleaning and prone to health hazards, such as

sanitary workers, Tanners, Flayers and Waste pickers etc., are given this scholarship irrespective of their religion, caste and income. The students studying from 1<sup>st</sup> standard to 10<sup>th</sup> standard in recognised institutions are eligible to avail this scholarship.

Maintenance allowance and adhoc grant are given as scholarship under this scheme and credited to the bank accounts of the students at the following rates;

	<b>Hosteller (in Rs.)</b>	<b>Day Scholar (in Rs.)</b>
Maintenance allowance (per month)	700/-	225/-
Adhoc Grant (per annum)	1000/-	750/-

In the financial year 2020-2021, 35,462 students have been benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs.10.54 crore.

For this scheme, a sum of **Rs.10.69 crore** has been allocated for the financial year 2021-2022.

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

In order to continue the studies by the Adi Dravidar students beyond 8<sup>th</sup> standard, this scholarship is given. Under this scheme, scholarship is credited to the bank accounts of the students belonging to Adi Dravidar communities, pursuing IX and X standard in Government / Government recognized or Central / State Board of Secondary Education approved schools, at the following rates:-

	<b>Hosteller (in Rs.)</b>	<b>Day Scholar (in Rs.)</b>
Maintenance allowance (per month)	525/-	225/-
Adhoc Grant (per annum)	1000/-	750/-

The expenditure incurred under this scheme is shared between the Government of India and State Government in the ratio of 60 :40.

**Eligibility:**

Student's parent / guardian's annual income should not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh.

In the financial year 2020-2021, 2,78,838 students have been benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs.76.42 crore.

During the financial year 2021-2022, a sum of **Rs.83.63 crore** has been allocated for implementing this scheme.

**(d) State Government's Higher Educational Special Scholarship**

Under this scheme, for the Adi Dravidar and Adi Dravidar Converted Christianity students staying in paid hostels and pursuing Under graduate / Post graduate courses in Government / Government aided institutions, Special grants are

credited to their bank accounts as tabulated below:-

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Courses</b>	<b>Scholarship per annum</b>
1.	Under Graduate Courses in Arts and Science and Polytechnic courses	Rs.7,500/-
2.	Post Graduate courses in Arts and Science, Graduate/Post Graduate professional courses	Rs.8,000/-

**Eligibility:**

Student's parent / guardian's annual income should not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh.

In the financial year 2020-2021, 7,633 students have been benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs.5.93 crore.

For the financial year 2021-2022, a sum of **Rs.12.00 crore** has been allocated for this scheme.

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

Of late, the Adi Dravidar, Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity and Scheduled Tribe students aspire to pursue their post graduate and research studies abroad in the fields of Engineering, Technology, Medicine and Science to fulfill their desire. This scheme is being implemented to encourage such students. However, only 4 students were benefitted since the inception of this scheme. Hence, this scheme will be revamped to ensure opportunities for the students belonging to these communities to pursue higher education and get employment.

For the financial year 2021-2022 a sum of **Rs.5.31 crore** has been allocated for the implementation of this scheme.



## **(f) Incentive to Full time Ph.D. Scholars**

In order to encourage the Scholars belonging to Adi Dravidar, Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity and Scheduled Tribe communities and to benefit more number of scholars pursuing full time Ph.D. Research Courses in the fields of Medicine, Engineering, Arts, Science, Law, Literature, Political Science etc., in the universities of Tamil Nadu recognized by Government of India and the State, the scheme Incentive to Ph.D scholars will be restructured.

The amount of incentive of Rs. 50,000/- given under this scheme so far will be enhanced to Rs.1,00,000/-.

For the financial year 2021-2022, a sum of **Rs.16.00 crore** has been allocated for the implementation of this scheme.

## **1 . 3 Educational Fee Concessions**

### **(a) Tuition Fee Concession**

This Government is determined to impart education to all the Adi Dravidar students, because education alone can bring social transformation. In order to implement this, all students who belong to Adi Dravidar and Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity studying in Government / Government aided colleges are totally exempted from the payment of tuition fee. There is no income limit to avail this concession. The tuition fee is compensated to the institutions directly by the Government.

In the financial year 2020-2021, 20,022 students have been benefitted under this scheme and a sum of Rs.13.14 crore has been paid as tuition fees by Government.

For the financial year 2021-2022, a sum of **Rs.10.51 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.

### **(b) Concession to the Under Graduate students**

The students belonging to Adi Dravidar 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 irrespective of their parent / guardian's annual income.

In the financial year 2020-2021, 752 students have been benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs.23.50 lakh.

For the financial year 2021-2022, a sum of **Rs.8.00 lakh** has been allocated under this scheme.

### **(c) Concession to the Post Graduate Girl students**

The Girl students belonging to Adi Dravidar and Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity, who pursue post Graduate courses in Government / Government aided Arts and Science Colleges are exempted from the payment of Special Fees and Examination fees, irrespective of their parent / guardian's annual income.

In the financial year 2020-2021, 85 students have been benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs.5.41 lakh.

For the financial year 2021-2022, a sum of **Rs.6.00 lakh** has been allocated under this scheme.

### **(d) Special Fee and Tuition Fee Concession to School students**

All students studying in Adi Dravidar Welfare and Government Tribal Residential

Schools in 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> standard are exempted from payment of special fee and tuition fee and the fee is released directly to the institutions by the Government.

In the financial year 2020-2021, 44,607 students have been benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs.40.05 lakh.

For the financial year 2021-2022, a sum of **Rs.45.00 lakh** has been allocated under this scheme.

### **(e) Other Fee Concessions**

The Examination fee is exempted for the Adi Dravidar and Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity students studying in X, XI and XII Std. in Government and Government aided schools. The fee is compensated directly to the Directorate of Government Examinations.

Payment of Application and Registration fees for Under Graduate, Post Graduate and

Professional Courses in Government and Government aided colleges are exempted to all Adi Dravidar and Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity students. The fees are compensated to the educational institutions directly.

In the financial year 2020-2021, 42,918 students have been benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs.2.68 crore.

For the financial year 2021-2022, a sum of **Rs.2.90 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.

#### **1.4 Special Incentive Scheme for Girl Students**

Girls' education is vital component for ensuring equality and social justice. In order to promote their education by ensuring 100% enrollment and reducing dropouts, an incentive scheme is being implemented by the State Government for Adi Dravidar girl students

studying in Government and Government aided schools. The rate of incentive is as below:

<b>Standard</b>	<b>Amount (per annum)</b>	<b>Amount allotted in B.E. (2021-2022)</b>
III to V	Rs.500/-	Rs.11.31 crore
VI	Rs.1000/-	Rs.34.00 crore
VII & VIII	Rs.1500/-	

In the financial year 2020-2021, 3,99,679 students have been benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs.38.40 crore.

### **1 . 5 Prize Money Scheme**

Awarding prizes and appreciation will motivate the students in education. This encouragement will pave way for employment opportunities. In order to encourage them cash award is given to the first 1000 Adi Dravidar, Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity and Scheduled

Tribe students who secure 60% and above marks in Under Graduate (500 students), Post Graduate (300 students) and Professional Courses (200 students) at the following rates:-

<b>Courses</b>	<b>Amount (per head)</b>	<b>Number of students awarded every year</b>	<b>Allotment for 2021-22 (Rs.in lakh)</b>
Under Graduate	Rs.3000/-	500	15.00
Post Graduate	Rs.5000/-	300	15.00
Professional Courses	Rs.6000/-	200	12.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>42.00</b>

Under this scheme, 1000 students have been awarded at a cost of Rs.42.00 lakh during the financial year 2020-2021.



## **1.6 Supply of Text Books and Note Books**

Considering the financial burden of the parents and also the need to impart education to all students, text books are supplied to all the students studying from I to XII Standard in the schools run by this department and Note books to students studying from I to X Standard through School Education Department.

In the financial year 2020-2021, 41,961 boys and 42,208 girls students have been benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs.1.22 crore.

For the financial year 2021-2022, a sum of **Rs.1.50 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.

## **1.7 Distribution of Uniform**

Four sets of uniform stitched by the Industrial Co-operative Societies functioning under the control of Social Welfare Department

are provided to the students studying in Adi Dravidar Welfare, Government Tribal Residential Schools and inmates of school hostels run by this department.

In the financial year 2020-2021, 43,412 boys and 32,609 girl students have been benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs.11.10 crore.

For the financial year 2021-2022, a sum of **Rs.13.00 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.

## **1.8 Supply of Magazines and books**

Library books and magazines are supplied for the use of the students in High / Higher Secondary schools and hostels run by this department, in order to improve the General Knowledge among Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe students to prepare for the Civil Services and other competitive examinations, as below:-

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

During the financial year 2020-2021, a sum of Rs.9.02 lakh has been spent under this scheme.

For the financial year 2021-2022, a sum of **Rs.13.70 lakh** has been allocated under this scheme.

### **1.9 Distribution of Bicycles**

To encourage the students who are residing far away from the schools to continue education, bicycles are distributed to Adi Dravidar, Scheduled

Tribes and Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity students 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.

In the Financial year 2020-2021, 68,000 boys and 89,558 girl students were given bicycles at a cost of Rs.62.07 crore.

For the financial year 2021-2022, a sum of **Rs.65.40 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.

### **1.10 Admission of students in 6<sup>th</sup> Standard in Reputed Schools**

This scheme was introduced during the year 2008 with the intention to ensure the students a good future.

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, passed in 5<sup>th</sup> Std from 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 6<sup>th</sup> standard in reputed private residential schools with due recommendation from the concerned District Collector. Under this scheme, the expenditure till the students complete XII standard is borne by the Government.

In the financial year 2020-2021, 1,931 students have been benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs.10.16 crore.

For the financial year 2021-2022, a sum of **Rs.13.00 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.

### **1.11 Admission of students in 11<sup>th</sup> Standard in Reputed Schools**

The scheme to admit students in XI standard in reputed schools was introduced during the year 2007. Under this scheme, 10 best performer students in 10<sup>th</sup> standard belonging to Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe communities studying in Government, Government Aided, Adi Dravidar Welfare, Government Tribal Residential, Corporation and Municipality Schools from each District, are selected and admitted in 11<sup>th</sup> standard in reputed private schools. As soon as the 10<sup>th</sup> 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 Officer 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, the Government spend an amount of Rs.56,000/- per student (Rs.28,000/-per annum).

### **Eligibility:**

The student's parent / guardian's annual income should not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh per annum.

In the financial year 2020-2021, 185 boys and 259 girl students have been benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs.79.00 lakh.

For the financial year 2021-2022, a sum of **Rs.2.00 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.

### **1.12 Hostels**

The Adi Dravidar students need more motivation to concentrate on their studies. In order to continue their studies and promote the education of students from remote villages and also to reduce dropouts, this Department run 1,326 Adi Dravidar Welfare hostels close to their

educational institutions for the welfare of Adi Dravidar and Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity students.

The details of Adi Dravidar Welfare hostels functioning under this Department and sanctioned strength of the students are as follows:

(2020-2021)

Type of Hostels	Number of Hostels			Number of students		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
School Hostels	742	401	1,143	54,331	28,435	82,766
College Hostels	67	78	145	7,506	5,644	13,150
I.T.I. Hostels	15	2	17	1,256	116	1,372
Polytechnic Hostels	3	2	5	178	110	288
PG Students Hostels	9	6	15	693	315	1,008
Law College Hostel	1	0	1	55	0	55
<b>Total</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>1,326</b>	<b>64,019</b>	<b>34,620</b>	<b>98,639</b>



- ❖ Additional 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, additional 5 seats have been allocated for accommodating children of Srilankan Tamils.

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

- i) Two tier Cots and blanket to the college hostels.
- ii) Steam boilers.
- iii) Water purifiers, Wet Grinders and Electronic Weighing machines.
- iv) Washing Machines and Incinerators to Adi Dravidar Welfare girls hostels.
- v) First Aid Box with Medicines.
- vi) Library facility.
- vii) Gas connection.

- viii) Supply of News papers.
- ix) Mats, Bed Sheets and Pillow with cover.
- x) Stainless Steel Plate and Tumbler.
- xi) "India Year Book" "Yojana" monthly magazine to college hostels.

For the upgradation of school and college hostels, a Special Capital allocation of **Rs.25.00 crore** has been made for the year 2021-2022.

### **(b) Feeding Charges**

Feeding Charges and Miscellaneous charges are being provided to the boarding students of Adi Dravidar Welfare hostels at the following rates :-

<b>Type of Charges</b>	<b>School Students</b>	<b>College Students</b>
Food Charges (per month)	Rs.1000/-	Rs. 1100/-
Miscellaneous Charges (Per month) (Soap, sikakai,Oil and Haircutting)	Rs.50/-	Rs.75/-
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

<b>Week days</b>	<b>Morning (Breakfast)</b>	<b>Afternoon (Lunch)</b>	<b>Evening (Snacks)</b>	<b>Night ( Dinner )</b>
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) Kuruma, 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

<b>Week days</b>	<b>Morning (Break fast)</b>	<b>Afternoon (Lunch)</b>	<b>Evening (Snacks)</b>	<b>Night ( Dinner )</b>
Monday	Pongal, Chutney	Rice, Sambar, Poriyal, Buttermilk	Sundal, Chukkumalli Coffee/Tea	Rice, Kara kuzhambu, Poriyal, Rasam, Egg-1
Tuesday	Idly, Sambar	Rice, Vegetable Kuruma, Kootu, Buttermilk	Sundal, Chukkumalli Coffee/Tea	Rice, Sambar, Poriyal, Rasam Egg - 1
Wednesday	Rava Kichadi, Chutney	Rice, Mutton (80 grams) / Chicken (120 grams) Kuruma, Poriyal, Buttermilk	Sundal, Chukkumalli Coffee/Tea	Rice, Tomato Soup, Poriyal, Rasam
Thursday	Lemon Rice, Thuvaiyal	Rice, Kulambu, Kootu, Buttermilk	Sundal, Chukkumalli Coffee/Tea	Rice, Kara kuzhambu, 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 Kuruma, Poriyal, Buttermilk	Sundal, Chukkumalli Coffee/Tea	Idly, Sambar

**(c) Assistance to schools and hostels run by Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO)**

**(i) Hostels**

Grant for Feeding charges, miscellaneous charges and other allowances are provided to the inmates of 4,659 Adi Dravidar students residing in the 23 hostels run by 15 Non-Governmental Organizations as provided to the inmates of the hostels run by this department.

**(ii) School with Hostels**

For the school and hostels run by the Muthukaruppan Memorial Educational Trust in Thoothukudi District, the Government is sanctioning staff salary as grant since 2006.

In the year 2020-2021, sum of Rs.9.88 crore has been sanctioned towards salary of 160 teaching and non teaching staff.

For the year 2021-2022. a sum of **Rs.9.91 crore** has been allocated for this school.

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

Most of the Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe people are living below poverty line due to their poor economic condition. If house site pattas are allotted to them with basic amenities, their social status will be improved. Hence, 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 Acts and distributed to eligible beneficiaries as below:

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

In the financial year 2020-2021, 458 beneficiaries have been issued with house site patta at a cost of Rs.4.21 crore.

For the financial year 2021-2022, a sum of **Rs.6.00 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.

### **3. Burial Grounds and Pathways**

The Government is implementing the scheme of providing burial grounds to Adi Dravidar habitations and pathways to burial grounds. Funds are provided for acquiring and purchasing land for this purpose.

For the financial year 2021-2022, a sum of **Rs.75.84 lakh** has been allocated under this scheme.

### **4. Improvement of Infrastructure in Adi Dravidar habitations**

In order to provide basic amenities in all the Adi Dravidar habitations, a sum of

Rs.100.00 crore is being allocated from the year 2018-2019 and the scheme is implemented through the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj department.

A sum of **Rs.100.00 crore** has been allocated for this scheme for the financial year 2021-2022.

## **5. Financial Assistance for Funeral Rites**

Financial assistance of Rs.5,000/- is given to the Adi Dravidar, Scheduled Tribes and Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity families to meet out the expenditure towards funeral rites on the death of a member of their family.

In the financial year 2020-2021, 36,285 beneficiaries have been benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs.9.07 crore.



For the financial year 2021-2022, a sum of **Rs.9.95 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.

## **6. Scheduled Castes Sub Plan**

The Government desires to improve the status of the Adi Dravidar people through various welfare schemes.

The Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCSP) has been implemented in Tamil Nadu from the year 1980-1981 to bring about concentrated socio-economic and educational development of the Adi Dravidar.

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.

Out of the State's Total Annual Plan Outlay (Welfare Expenditure of State) of

Rs.67,097.46 crore, a sum of Rs.14,696.60 crore (21.90%) has been allocated under the Scheduled Castes Sub Plan(Expenditure on Scheduled Castes Welfare) for the financial year 2021-2022 which is more than the percentage of Scheduled Caste population (20.01%) of the State.

The Nodal Officers appointed by the sectoral departments coordinating with this department for the effective implementation of the schemes for Adi Dravidar. There are 19 sectoral departments comprising of 48 Heads of Departments which are implementing the schemes under Scheduled Castes Sub Plan for the development and welfare of the Adi Dravidar.

The Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare department has been designated as the Nodal department and the Principal Secretary to Government of this department as the Nodal Officer for the purpose of monitoring the formulation and implementation of Scheduled

Castes Sub Plan at the State level. The Commissioner 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.

## **7. Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCA to SCSP)**

For the effective implementation of Scheduled Castes Sub Plan of the State, the Government of India is providing Special Central Assistance, as an additive grant to improve infrastructure facilities, enhance family income and productivity, encourage economic development and provide skill development.

Under this scheme 80% of the total funds allocated 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 Commissioner of Adi Dravidar Welfare for providing infrastructure facilities to habitations where 50% or more of the population are Adi Dravidar.

From the year 2021-2022, the Pradhan Mantri – Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY) has been introduced by Government of India by merging three existing schemes viz., Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY), Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCA to SCSP) and Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana (BJRCY).

During the financial year 2021-2022, a sum of **Rs.150.00 crore** is expected to be received from the Government of India under this scheme.

## **8. Community Certificates**

### **(i) Issuance:**

The Community Certificates relating to Adi Dravidar are issued by the Tahsildars. If the community certificate is refused by the Tahsildar, appeal may be preferred before the Revenue Divisional Officer or Sub-Collector. Further, the District Collector may also be approached for further redressal of grievances, if any, in issuance of community certificates to the Adi Dravidar.

### **(ii) Verification:**

In some occasions, admission in education institutions or appointment in Public Services are obtained by other communities by providing bogus community certificates. This practice affects the genuine Adi Dravidar. In order to protect the interests of the Adi Dravidar, District Level Vigilance Committees have been constituted in all the districts to verify the genuineness and

correctness 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 Certificates and to pass final orders. If aggrieved by the orders, appeal may be preferred only with the Hon'ble High Court of Madras under Article 226 of the Constitution of India and then with Supreme Court under Article 136 of the Constitution of India.
2	District Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Officer	Member-Secretary	
3	An Anthropologist	Member	

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

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 Amended Rules, 2016 and 2018 enacted by the Government of India and are being implemented effectively in our State.

In order to abolish untouchability and prevent atrocities against Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes, the above said Amendment Act, 2015 and Amendment Rules, 2016 and 2018 came into force on 01.01.2016, 14.04.2016 and 27.06.2018 respectively.

The Social Justice and Human Rights wing, under the control of the Additional Director General of Police with its headquarters at Chennai is supervising the registration, investigation and filing of cases under these two Acts and acting as a Protection Cell for Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes.

## **(a) Exclusive Special Courts**

For the quick disposal of cases registered under Protection of Civil Rights Act 1955 and Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act 1989, Exclusive Special Courts have been established. The details of existing Exclusive Special Courts are given below:-

<b>Name of the District</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
1. Tiruchirapalli 2. Thanjavur 3. Madurai 4. Tirunelveli	Existing. Orders issued in G.O.(Ms)No.2686, (Home Courts) Dept.Dated 13.11.1981.
5. Villupuram 6. Sivagangai	Existing. Orders issued in G.O(Ms)No.793, (Home (Courts) Dept.Dated 7.10.2013.
7. Dindigul 8.Ramanathapuram 9. Virudhunagar (Srivilliputhur) 10. Pudukottai	In G.O.(Ms)No.334, (Home (Courts) Dept. Dated 6.4.2017, orders have been issued for the administrative sanction of 16 Exclusive Special Courts in 16 districts in 4 phases from 2016-2017 to 2019-2020. Financial sanction has been accorded in the same order for the constitution of these 4 courts and they started functioning from 14.8.2018.



11. Cuddalore 12. Namakkal 13. Theni 14. Thiruvannamalai	In G.O.(Ms)No.1704, Home (Courts) Dept.Dated 3.10.2018 financial sanction was accorded and the 4 courts have started functioning from 30.4.2019.
15. Perambalur 16. Vellore 17. Thoothukudi 18. Kanniyakumari at Nagarcoil	In G.O.(Ms)No.502, Home (Courts) Dept. Dated 24.9.2019 financial sanction was accorded and the Courts are functioning.
19. Kancheepuram (Chengalpet) 20. Tiruppur 21. Tiruvarur 22. Coimbatore	Orders for the financial sanction will be issued shortly.

In all other districts, the existing session courts have been empowered for trial of these cases.

The 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.

- (i) Under Rule 16, of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules, 1995, 2016 and 2018, 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.
- (ii) Further under Rule 17(1) of the Rules, 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 is well versed about the problems of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes as members. 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 measures provided to the victims and review the progress of the cases registered under these Acts at the district level.

- (iii) As stipulated in rule 17A, of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules, 1995, orders have been issued for the constitution of Sub-Division Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee in all the sub-divisions of all districts. Accordingly, committees are being constituted in all the districts.

In the financial year 2020-2021, relief measures at a cost of Rs.42.49 crore have been disbursed to 3,940 victims.

For the financial year 2021-2022, a sum of **Rs.30.00 crore** has been allocated for the implementation of these Acts.

## **(b) Campaign for the removal of Untouchability**

In order to create awareness among the people against untouchability "Manitha Neyavaara Vizha" is celebrated in all the districts of Tamil Nadu from 24<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> January every year. A sum of Rs.50,000/- at district level and Rs.1,00,000/- at State level are being provided for conducting "Manitha Neyavaara Vizha" every year.

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

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

In 2020-2021 a sum of Rs.20.41 lakh has been spent under this scheme.

For the financial year 2021-2022, a sum of **Rs.69.37 lakh** has been allocated for the above activities.

### **(c) Select Village Scheme**

Under the select village scheme, one village in each district (except Chennai) where untouchability is not practiced and people are living in harmony is selected and a sum of Rs.10.00 lakh is being sanctioned for providing infrastructure facilities to that village.

In the financial year 2020-2021, 36 villages have been benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs.3.60 crore.

For the financial year 2021-2022, a sum of **Rs.3.60 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.

## **10. Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Art and Literature Society**

During the year 2003, the Government set up Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes Art and Literature Society to encourage creativity and literary expressions in the fields of Art, Culture, Literature and Research activities and financially support Adi Dravidar, Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity and Scheduled Tribe writers. For this purpose, a Corpus Fund of Rs.50.00 lakh has been created and kept in fixed deposit. Interest accrued is utilised for the purpose of giving cash awards to the selected writers of Stories, Articles, Poetry, History and Novels. 10 Adi Dravidar, Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity and Scheduled Tribe writers and one Non-Adi Dravidar writer, totally 11 writers are selected for their literary work every year and a sum of Rs.50,000/- is awarded by the Government for publishing their literary work.

50% of the cash award is given as advance to publish their books and the remaining 50% is given after handing over of the printed books.

## **11. Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Award**

In tribute to Dr.B.R.Ambedkar's tireless work in drafting the "Constitution of India" and to eliminate the caste differences in the society, orders have been issued in G.O.(Ms.)No.52, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, Dated:22.03.1995 for the creation of "Dr.Ambedkar Award". The Government is presenting the award to the person who contributed services for the socio-economic and educational development of people belonging to Adi Dravidar and the betterment of their life style.

This award carries a cheque for Rs.1,00,000/-, a gold medal and certificate and presented by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on the Thirvalluar Day, every year.

Dr. Ambedkar Award for the year 2020 was presented to the former Minister, Thiru.Varagur A.Arunachalam during the year 2021 on Thiruvalluvar Day function.



## **II. TRIBAL WELFARE**

The main objective of Tribal Development is to reduce the gap between the tribal and non tribal population by enhancing their educational and social status and integrate them into the main stream of economic and social development. In order to achieve this objective, a separate Directorate has been established for the welfare of the Scheduled Tribes from April 2000. It is functioning as an independent unit having full powers in terms of administration and finance pertaining to Tribal welfare since 01.04.2018.

According to 2011 census, the population of 36 Scheduled Tribe communities living in Tamil Nadu is 7,94,697 constituting 1.10% of the total population of the State. Most of them are living in hilly and other places adjacent to hilly areas. Their social, economic and educational levels are below than those of the State average.

The Government of Tamil Nadu is paying special attention for the development of Scheduled Tribes in the 23 districts where they are mainly found, i.e. Salem, Tiruvannamalai, Tirupatur, Viluppuram, Kallakurichi, Vellore, Ranipet, Dharmapuri, Namakkal, Thiruvallur, Kancheepuram, Chengalpet, Nilgiris, Coimbatore, Krishnagiri, Erode, Tiruchirappalli, Cuddalore, Madurai, Ariyalur, Thirunelveli, Tenkasi and Chennai.

In the recent days the problems such as nutritional deficiencies, poor living conditions and migration due to degradation of forest resources and lack of economic opportunities and low literacy are noted and the Government is taking sincere efforts.

The improvement and development of the Scheduled Tribes in the fields of education, health and sanitation and provision of drinking water to tribal habitations and infrastructure facilities such

as link roads, provision of electricity and construction of houses are focused keenly.

## **1. Education**

In Tamil Nadu 1,81,239 Scheduled Tribe students are studying in the Government, Government aided schools, Schools functioning under forest department, other private schools and Eklavya Model Residential Schools. (Source : UDISE)

Recognising the fact that the literacy rate of Scheduled Tribes (54.34%) is comparatively very low when compared with the literacy rate of other sections of the society (80.09%) (Source: 2011 Census) this Government gives top priority to the educational development of the Scheduled Tribe people.

## 1.1 Schools

This Department has established and running Residential schools near Scheduled Tribe habitations to improve their literacy through access to quality education.

### **Details of schools functioning under Tribal Welfare Department and students strength (2020-2021)**

#### **(a) Government Tribal Residential Schools**

<b>Classification</b>	<b>No. of Schools</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Total No. of Students</b>
<b>Primary Schools</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>4,599</b>	<b>4,317</b>	<b>8,916</b>
<b>Middle Schools</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>1,965</b>	<b>1,931</b>	<b>3,896</b>
<b>High Schools</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>2,062</b>	<b>1,776</b>	<b>3,838</b>
<b>Higher Secondary Schools</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3,931</b>	<b>3,623</b>	<b>7,554</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>12,557</b>	<b>11,647</b>	<b>24,204</b>

## **(b) Eklavya Model Residential Schools**

8 Eklavya Model Residential Schools are also functioning with the financial assistance from Government of India. The details are as below:

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Total</b>
1	Kallakurichi	Vellimalai	478	0	478
2	Salem	Abinavam	0	480	480
3	Salem	Yercaud (Nagalur)	134	68	202
4	Nilgiris	Kodappamandu	175	139	314
5	Tiruvanna malai	Athipattu	223	181	404
6	Thirupathur	Visamangalam	215	142	357
7	Namakkal	Sengarai	325	122	447
8	Chengalpet	Pattipulam	78	58	136
Total			1,628	1,190	2,818

## 1.2. Hostels

In order to promote education to Scheduled Tribe students staying far away, this department is running hostels for the benefit of Scheduled Tribe school and college students and various amenities are provided in these hostels. The details of such hostels are as below:

### **Details of Hostels functioning under Tribal Welfare Department and student strength (2020-2021)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Classification</b>	<b>No. of Hostels</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girsl</b>	<b>No. of Students</b>
1	School Hostels	40	1,095	891	1,986
2	College Hostels	2	0	83	83
3	ITI Hostel	6	383	0	383
	<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>1,478</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>2,452</b>

Various amenities are provided to the inmates of Tribal Welfare hostels to excel in education. In addition to all amenities provided to the inmates of Adi Dravidar Welfare hostels, Solar lamps, Sweaters and Raincoats are provided to the inmates of these hostels.

## **1.2(a) Assistance to the Schools and Hostels run by Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)**

### **(i) Hostels**

The hostels run by the Non Governmental Organisations are also supported by the Government by providing feeding charges as grant to the seven hostels run by six Non-Governmental Organizations through which 570 tribal students benefit every year. Moreover, miscellaneous charges and other charges are also provided to the inmates of these hostels.

## **(ii) School with hostels**

Since 2005, the Government is sanctioning teaching grant towards the salary for 36 teaching and 7 non teaching staff working at the school with hostels for boys and girls at Jawadhu hills in Thirupathur District run by the Society for Rural Development (SFRD) for the welfare of 1800 tribal students studying from 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Standard.

In addition, the Government provides feeding charges, miscellaneous charges and other concessions for 550 tribal students staying in the Trust's hostel.

In the year 2020-2021, Rs.2.62 crore was sanctioned for this school and hostels and 1800 students were benefitted.

For the financial year 2021-2022, a sum of **Rs.3.18 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.



**(b) Scheme for Supporting Non-Governmental Organizations to run Schools in Interior Tribal habitations**

The literacy rate of Scheduled Tribes which is significantly lower than the State average, in order to improve it, the scheme to extend financial support to Non Governmental organizations to run schools in ITDP areas for the benefit of Scheduled Tribe students, is being implemented since 2019-2020.

In the year 2020-2021, 748 students were benefitted at a cost of Rs.1.75 crore.

For the financial year 2021-2022, a sum of **Rs.15.00 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.

### **1.3 Educational Scholarships**

#### **(i) Government of India Post-Matric Scholarship (Sharing pattern: Government of India and State share 75 : 25)**

This scholarship consists of maintenance allowance and all compulsory and non-refundable fees are given to the Scheduled Tribe students pursuing recognized courses above X standard in Government / Government aided institutions.

On behalf of 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 the Government for the self financing colleges is compensated to the institutions by the Government.

In the financial year 2020-2021, 21,383 students were benefitted at a total cost of Rs.44.65 crore.

For the financial year 2021-2022, a sum of **Rs.46.44 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.

**Eligibility:**

Student's parent / guardian's annual income should not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh.

**(ii) Government of India Pre-Matric scholarship scheme for the students studying in IX and X standard (GoI and State share 75 : 25)**

For the Scheduled Tribe students pursuing IX and X standard, the scholarship in the form of monthly maintenance allowance and annual adhoc grant are credited to their bank accounts at the following rates:-

	<b>Hosteller (in Rs.)</b>	<b>Day Scholar (in Rs.)</b>
Maintenance allowance (per month)	525/-	225/-
Adhoc Grant (per annum)	1000/-	750/-

This scholarship is sanctioned to the Scheduled Tribe students studying in Government / Government recognized or Central / State Board of Secondary Education approved schools.

During the financial year 2020-2021, a sum of Rs.3.90 crore has been spent for implementing this scheme and 14,570 students were benefited.

For the financial year 2021-2022, a sum of Rs.4.10 crore has been allocated under this scheme.

**Eligibility:**

Student's parent / guardian's annual income should not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh.

**(iii) State Government Education Schemes**

State Government is providing scholarship and fee concessions to Scheduled Tribe students under various schemes as done for Adi Dravidar students. The Scheme details are as below:

- State Government Special Scholarship Scheme.
- Government's Higher Educational Special Scholarship.
- Tuition Fee concession
- Concession to the Under Graduate students.
- Concession to the Post Graduate Girl students.
- Special Fee concession for school students.
- Other fee concessions.
- Special Incentive Scheme for Girl students (from III to VIII Standard).

## **2. Centrally Sponsored Schemes**

### **(a) Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Scheme (SCA to TSS)**

Every year, the Government of India releases grants under Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Scheme to support the efforts of the State Government in bridging gap between Scheduled Tribe people and other sections of the

society in the fields of education, health and socio-economic development. The Assistance received is utilized as below:

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Percentage of funds utilized</b>
1.	Income generating activities such as provision of Power Tillers, provision of Beehive boxes, provision of Petty Shops	60%
2.	Creating infrastructure facilities in tribal areas such as repair and maintenance of school buildings, construction of toilet blocks and provision of borewell.	30%
3.	Creating employment opportunities for the Scheduled Tribes.	10%

During the financial year 2020-2021, 2,070 beneficiaries were benefitted at a cost of Rs.3.89 crore.

For the financial year 2021-2022, a sum of **Rs.6.51 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.

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

To address critical gaps in the fields of Human Resource development, enhancement of quality of life, reduction in poverty and protection against exploitation, the Government of India releases Grant-in-aid under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution of India.

The grants received under this scheme is being utilized for the recurring expenditure and maintenance for the existing eight Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) functioning at Vellimalai in Kallakurichi district, Abinavam and Yercaud in Salem district, Athipattu in Tiruvannamalai district, Kodappamund in Nilgiris district, Visamangalam in Tirupathur District,

Sengarai in Namakkal district and Pattipulam in Chengalpet district.

In the financial year 2020-2021, 2502 students were benefitted at a total cost of Rs.24.49 crore.

For the financial year 2021-2022, a sum of **Rs.17.00 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.

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

Out of the 36 tribal communities in Tamil Nadu, the population of 6 types of tribal communities is either declining or stagnant. These communities viz., Toda, Kota, Kurumbas, Irular, Paniyan and Kattunayakan have been identified as Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs).

Based on the livelihood pattern of the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups many welfare schemes are being implemented by the



Government. Accordingly, baseline survey of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups has been undertaken and based on that funds are being sanctioned for the activities like housing, enhancement of education, health infrastructure, land development, agricultural development, animal husbandry, solar lighting, irrigation, skill development and conservation of their culture.

In the year 2020-2021, 4437 tribal people were benefitted at a cost of Rs.5.51 crore.

For the financial year 2021-2022, a sum of **Rs.40.00 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.

#### **(d) Minimum Support Price for Minor Forest Produce Scheme [MSP to MFP]**

Most of the forest dwellers depend on minor forest produce for their food, shelter, medicines and cash income etc., The price of minor forest produce is most often determined by the traders than by the demand. In order to ensure fair price

for the minor forest produce gatherers, the “Minimum Support Price for Minor Forest Produce Scheme” is implemented by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India through “The Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India” (TRIFED).

Under each Van Dhan Vikas Kendhra (VDVK) 10 self help groups are formed with 30 Minor Forest Produce gatherers involved in primary processing / value addition of minor forest produces. In Tamil Nadu, 7 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras are functioning at Jawadhu hills in Tiruvannamalai and Tirupathur districts and Yercaud hills in Salem District.

The department of Tribal Welfare has been assigned as State Nodal agency for the implementation of this scheme. The Registrar of Co-operative Societies has been designated as the implementing agency through 22 Large size Multipurpose co-operative Societies (LAMPS).

For the financial year 2020-2021, a sum of Rs.3.05 crore was sanctioned under this scheme.

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

In order to protect and legitimize the land ownership of the Scheduled Tribes 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 for award of titles confirming their rights. 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. The above said Act has been implemented in 18 districts in Tamil Nadu.

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.

Based on the Geographical information system, the District Collectors are distributing individual and community rights for the lands in which the Scheduled Tribe people are residing. So far, out of the recommended 9,120 applications, 9,056 Individual Rights have been distributed and out of the 545 applications recommended, 472 Community Rights have been distributed.

#### **(f ) Tribal Research Centre (TRC)**

To undertake systematic studies on Scheduled Tribes and also to formulate schemes for their development, the Tribal Research Centre

was established during the year 1984-85 in M.Palada, Nilgiris district under the aegis of Tamil University, Thanjavur. Later, it was taken over by the Government in 1996. Since then, it is being run under the control of the Government.

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.

To promote cultural activities of Scheduled Tribes, 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.

To enable the Scheduled Tribe people, particularly, women belonging to the particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups to get employment opportunity, a fuel station has been set up in the premises of this centre at a cost of Rs.14.25 crore through Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited.

This centre also houses an open air tribal museum established during the year 1996, wherein tribal artifacts and photographs on the life style of the Scheduled Tribes are protected with acrylic enclosures and exhibited with solar lighting.

An expenditure of sum of Rs.43.67 lakh has been incurred towards administrative cost and Rs.1.10 crore for the implementation of activities during the financial year 2020-2021.

For the year 2021-2022, a sum of **Rs.59.33 lakh** has been allocated by the State Government towards administrative cost.

### **3. State Schemes**

#### **(a) Comprehensive Tribal Development Programme (CTDP)**

Since 2012-13, the Government is allocating Rs.50.00 crore every year for the development of Scheduled Tribes under this programme.

Under this programme, land development activities, renovation of thatched roof houses, road works, renovation and repair works of Government Tribal Residential schools, provision of drinking water facilities are being carried out through the department of Tribal Welfare. Economic Development Programme for the Scheduled Tribes and skill development programmes for the Youth belonging to

Scheduled Tribes are being implemented through TAHDCO.

During 2020-2021, orders have been issued for undertaking the following works and the works are in progress.

- (a) Providing free Diploma in General Nursing and Midwifery Course (DGNM) at a cost of Rs.70.00 lakh.
- (b) Establishing brick kilns at a cost of Rs.82.00 lakh.
- (c) Establishing geographic information system for the implementation of Forest Rights Act at a cost of Rs.1.00 crore.
- (d) Provision of Free Fast track power supply to Scheduled Tribe farmers at a cost of Rs.75.00 lakh
- (e) Implementing Economic Development Schemes with subsidies for Scheduled Tribes through TAHDCO at a cost of Rs.10.00 crore.
- (f) Release of Rs.1.45 crore towards second installment for the construction of hostel buildings for Scheduled Tribe Students in Karumandhurai in Salem District, Pudurnadu in Tirupathur District and Thuraiyur in Tiruchirappalli District.



An expenditure of sum of Rs.34.59 crore has been incurred during the financial year 2020-2021.

For the year 2021-2022, a sum of **Rs.52.12 crore** has been allocated.

**(b) Integrated Tribal Development Programme (ITDP)**

The Government have catagorised the following 10 areas of 7 Districts in Tamil Nadu where the Tribal population exceeds 50% or more of the population, as in that area as Integrated Tribal Development Programme Areas.

1	Salem	Yercaud, Pachamalai, Aranuthumalai & Kalrayan Hills
2	Namakkal	Kolli Hills
3	Kallakurichi	Kalrayan Hills
4	Tiruvannamalai	Jawadhu Hills
5	Tiruchirappalli	Pachamalai
6	Dharmapuri	Sitheri Hills
7	Vellore (Tirupathur)	Jawadhu & Yelagiri Hills

The Tribal Welfare Schemes in the Integrated Tribal Development Programme areas in the above districts are implemented through seven Project Offices.

An expenditure of a sum of Rs.2.41 crore has been incurred under this scheme during the financial year 2020-2021

For the financial year 2021-2022, a sum of **Rs.2.59 crore** has been allocated for this scheme.

### **(c) Special Vocational Guidance Centre**

As ordered in G.O.(Ms.) No.80, Social Welfare Department, Dated 04.02.1980, a special Vocational Guidance Centre for the Scheduled Tribes is functioning at Udhagamandalam in Nilgiris District. This centre is guiding the tribal youth to choose their career and profession and providing training to them for appearing various competitive examinations.

During the financial year 2020-2021 an expenditure of Rs.29.42 lakh has been incurred for the functioning of this centre.

For the financial year 2021-2022, a sum of **Rs.28.56 lakh** has been allocated for the functioning of this centre.

### **(d ) Industrial Training Institutes**

The Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) are functioning under the administrative control of the Directorate of Employment and Training. Student hostels for the above six ITIs are run by the Department of Tribal Welfare.

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.

An expenditure of a sum of Rs.6.79 crore has been incurred during the financial year 2020-2021.

For the financial year 2021-2022, a sum of **Rs.7.75 crore** has been allocated for the functioning of these six institutes.

### **(e) Improvement of Infrastructure in Tribal Habitations.**

The Government have sanctioned an amount of Rs.50.00 crore for the provision of basic infrastructure facilities such as housing, drinking water, link roads and pathways, street lamps or solar power lamps are being provided to tribal habitations during the year 2019-2020.

During the year 2020-2021, the Government have also sanctioned an amount of Rs.265.00 crore for the construction of 8,803 houses in the tribal areas and an amount of Rs.395.00 crore sanctioned for providing basic

infrastructure facilities such as provision of link roads, street lights, solar lights and drinking water supply, over a period of three years and the works are in progress.

An expenditure of a sum of Rs.160.39 crore has been incurred during the financial year 2020-2021.

For the financial year 2021-2022, a sum of **Rs.130.00 crore** has been allocated for implementing the above scheme.

#### **4. Verification of correctness of Scheduled Tribe Community Certificates**

##### **(i) Issuance :**

The Revenue Divisional officer / Sub-collector is the competent authority to issue Scheduled Tribe community certificates. Upon rejection by them, appeal may be preferred to the District Collector and further grievances if any may be redressed with State Level Scrutiny Committee.

## **(ii) Verification:**

As per the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No.5894/94, dated 02.09.1994, three State Level Scrutiny Committees have been formed to verify the correctness of the Scheduled Tribe community certificates issued. The constitution of the committees is as below:

### **State Level Scrutiny Committee (SLSC)**

1	Principal Secretary to Government / Additional Secretaries 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 / Deputy Conservators of Forest	Member - Secretary	
3	Director, Tribal Research Centre/ Anthropologists	Member	

## **Vigilance Cells**

To inquire, inspect and verify the community status of the persons belonging to Scheduled Tribes and submit reports to State Level Scrutiny Committees, vigilance cells are functioning in four regions i.e., Chennai, Tiruchirappalli, Salem and Madurai. Each Vigilance Cell consists of the following Police Officials:

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

Besides, the Government have engaged 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 to carry out the verification of genuineness / correctness of Scheduled Tribes community certificates in addition to their normal work after conducting field enquiry and send recommendations so as to enable the State Level Scrutiny Committee to issue final orders. Ten anthropologists are assisting the Vigilance Cells in the process of verification at district level.

## **5. Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP)**

The Tribal Sub-Plan is implemented in Tamil Nadu from the year 1976-77. Under this plan funds flow from the State Annual Plan Outlay to the Tribal Sub-Plan for the socio-economic & educational development of the Scheduled Tribes in proportion to their population. For the year 2021-2022, out of the State's Total Annual Plan Outlay of Rs.67,097.46 crore for the year 2021-2022, a sum of **Rs.1,306.02** crore (1.95%)



has been allocated under the Tribal Sub-Plan, which is more than the percentage of Scheduled Tribe population (1.10%) of the State.

This Department has been designated as the Nodal Department and the Principal 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 19 Sectoral Departments comprising 48 Heads of Departments for the Welfare and Development of the Tribes. For the effective implementation of the schemes, the Nodal Officers of sectoral departments are closely co-ordinating with the Tribal Welfare Department.

# **TAMIL NADU ADI DRAVIDAR HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED (TAHDCO)**

Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Housing and Development Corporation (TAHDCO) has been functioning since 15.02.1974 for the exclusive development of Adi Dravidar. The Corporation has got two wings, namely construction wing and development wing. Initially fire proof houses to the homeless Adi Dravidar were constructed by the construction wing of Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Housing and Development Corporation Limited (TAHDCO). Now it also undertakes construction of schools, hostels and community halls. The Development wing which was started during 1980-81 is implementing various welfare schemes for the economic development of Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes by formulating need based schemes.

## **1. Share Capital**

The Authorized Share Capital of the Corporation is Rs.200 Crore and Paid up Share Capital is Rs.143.53 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. Implementation of Economic Development Programmes.
2. Providing Skill Development Training.
3. Undertaking Construction activities.

### **2.1 Economic Development Programmes**

For the betterment of the economically backward Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes various need based economic development schemes are implemented through the District Managers of Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Housing and

Development Corporation Limited (TAHDCO) with Government subsidy and bank loan assistance. The upper income ceiling limit to avail this assistance is between Rs.2.00 lakh and Rs.3.00 lakh. The Government is granting subsidy of 30% of the project cost or a maximum of Rs.2.25 lakh whichever is lesser in case of Adi Dravidar and 50% of the project cost or a maximum of Rs.3.75 lakh whichever is lesser in case of Scheduled Tribes, so as to enable them to avail financial assistance through nationalized banks and co-operative banks for creating capital assets. These schemes have made a visible change in their social economic status.

During the financial year 2020-2021, 18,795 Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe beneficiaries were benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs. 114.56 crore.

## **2.1(A) Schemes under Loan with subsidy for Adi Dravidar**

### **(i) Entrepreneur Development Programme (EDP) for Adi Dravidar.**

In order to improve the economic conditions of Adi Dravidar people, financial assistance of 30% of the project cost or a maximum of Rs.2.25 lakh whichever is lesser is provided to start various business activities in the age group of 18 and 65 irrespective of their educational qualification. This scheme can be accessed both by individual and groups.

During the financial year 2020-2021, 5,026 beneficiaries were benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs. 65.96 crore.

**(ii) Entrepreneur Development Scheme (EDP) for Scheduled Tribes**

For the economic development of Scheduled Tribes, assistance is provided to start any income generating activity. Subsidy under the scheme is 50% of the project cost subject to a maximum limit of Rs.3.75 lakh whichever is lesser per individual.

During the financial year 2020-2021, 373 beneficiaries were benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs. 8.24 crore.

**(iii) Special Scheme Under EDP – Assistance for establishing Petrol / Diesel / Gas Retail Outlets for Adi Dravidar.**

A Special scheme of assistance for establishing Petrol, Diesel and Gas retail outlets has been introduced during the financial year 2012-13. The Adi Dravidar People while applying

for agencies of oil companies under the A & B categories of Petrol/ Diesel/Gas outlets, can access loan assistance for purchase of land and deposit required for bank guarantee. Upon sanctioning of dealership the selected persons are provided with financial assistance for working capital. Under this scheme, assistance can be availed either before selection or on selection by the oil companies.

#### **(iv) Self Employment Programme For Youth (SEPY) for Adi Dravidar.**

Under this scheme, 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.

During the financial year 2020-2021, 1432 beneficiaries were benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs. 22.43 crore.

## **(v) Self Employment Programme for Youth-Scheduled Tribes (SEPY)**

Under this scheme tribal youth who possess driving licence and badge are provided with financial assistance for purchase of Passenger Vehicle / Jeep, 50% of project cost or a maximum of Rs.4.00 lakh for light vehicle, 50% of project cost or a maximum of Rs.5.50 lakh for Heavy vehicles and 50% of project cost or a maximum limit of Rs.3.75 lakh for other trades.

During the financial year 2020-2021, under this scheme 13 beneficiaries were benefitted at a cost of Rs. 46.64 lakh.

## **(vi) Special Self Employment Programme for Youth – (Special SEPY) for Adi Dravidar.**

Under this scheme, financial assistance is provided to graduates in the fields of Allopathy (MBBS), Dental (BDS), Siddha (BSMS), Ayurvedic (BAMS), Naturopathy and Yoga (BNYS) for



establishing their own Clinic / Lab / Pharmacy. From the year 2013 -2014, this scheme was extended to the persons qualified in paramedical disciplines such as, physiotherapy, pharmacy, ophthalmology and lab technology to setup Clinic, Spectacle shop, Pharmacy and Laboratory. The applicants should have been registered with medical authority concerned.

During the financial year 2020-2021, 18 beneficiaries were benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs. 32.87 lakh.

### **(vii) Economic Assistance to Adi Dravidar Women Self Help Groups.**

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

activities. A maximum of 50% of the project cost or Rs.2.50 lakh whichever is lesser is sanctioned as subsidy to the self help groups to establish profession or business enterprises known to them.

During the financial year 2020-2021, 6160 members of 496 women Self Help Groups (SHG) were benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs. 12.38 crore.

### **(viii) Economic Assistance to Tribal Women Self Help Groups.**

Under this scheme, Tribal Women Self Help Groups which have been accredited twice can avail assistance for various income generating activities such as making handicrafts, horticulture, floriculture, establishment of hotels in tourist spots, other tourism and hospitality based activities. 50% of the project cost subject to a maximum limit of Rs.3.75 lakh is released as subsidy.

### **(ix) Land Development Scheme.**

The aim of this scheme is to enhance the utilization 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, pump sets, drip irrigation and sprinkler irrigation. Since 2013–2014, the benefit under this scheme is extended to all the land owners belonging to Adi Dravidar and Schedule Tribe communities.

During the financial year 2020-2021, 50 beneficiaries were benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs. 65.09 lakh.

### **(x) 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. In their non-availability the assistance is extended to men in their family.

**The salient features of this scheme are:**

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

**2.1(B). Schemes under Financial Assistance**

In addition to the loan assistance for income generating schemes, TAHDCO also supports the Adi Dravidar and Tribal aspirants of UPSC and TNPSC Group I examinations. Successful Law Graduates, Chartered Accountants, Cost Accountants belonging to these communities are also supported with 100% grant to set up their own profession.

### **(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.

### **(ii) Tamil Nadu State Civil Services Exam Aspirants (TNPSC Group -I)**

Financial assistance at the rate of Rs.50,000/- is being provided to Adi Dravidar and Tribal youth, who appears for the Tamil Nadu State Civil Services – Group –I Main Examination.

### **(iii) Law Graduates to set up 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 Law Colleges recognized by the Law University on regular curriculum and registered with All India Bar Council or State Bar Council.

**(iv) Chartered Accountants and Cost Accountants to set up their profession**

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

**2.1(C) Subsidy for Fast Track Power Supply**

The scheme to provide financial assistance to Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe farmers towards electricity connection charges to TANGEDCO for getting Fast Track Power Supply was introduced in the year 2008-2009.

The amount of assistance provided under this scheme was enhanced from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.75,000/- since 2016-2017.

During the financial year 2020-2021, 95 Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe farmers were benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs.61.58 lakh.

## **2.2 Skill Development Training.**

In order to equip the Adi Dravidar and Tribal youth, several skill development training programmes are organised through institutes empanelled with the Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation / National Skill Development Corporation. These programmes are conducted with the 10% allocation received under Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCSP) and Comprehensive Tribal Development Programme.

## **The important Training Programmes given by TAHDCO:**

- Apparel designing, Made-Ups & Home Furnishing related courses.
- Automotive sector and allied courses
- Banking, Financial Services and Insurance sector and allied courses
- Beauty & Wellness sector and allied courses
- Electronics & Hardware sector and allied courses
- Healthcare sector and allied courses
- Leather technology and allied courses
- IT-ITES and allied courses
- Logistics and allied courses
- Media & Entertainment and allied courses
- Plumbing and allied courses
- Power sector and allied courses
- Retail sector and allied courses

From the year 2013-2014 to 2020-2021, 43,046 Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes were



given skill development training through 349 institutes at a cost of Rs. 62.84 crore.

### **3. Construction Activities**

The construction wing of TAHDCO is undertaking works such as, construction of schools and hostels run by this department and modern community halls for the welfare of Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes. 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 and Government Tribal Residential schools.

At Present, TAHDCO construction wing has taken up 502 works to a total value of Rs.380.64 crore under various schemes.

## **(i) Works under Government of India Assistance**

Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare boys and girls hostel buildings under Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana Scheme (BJRCY) and Eklavya Model Residential School buildings (EMRS) are constructed with the assistance received from Government of India.

## **(ii) State Government Works.**

Construction of additional class rooms and science labs to the upgraded Adi Dravidar and Government Tribal Residential Schools, Hostels, Compound Wall, Modern Community Halls, Special repair work to hostel buildings and provision of additional infrastructure facilities to Government Tribal Residential Schools under State Balanced Growth Fund (SBGF) in Kalrayan hills are being undertaken under State Government schemes.

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

For the benefit of the students belonging to Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe communities, construction of additional classrooms and science laboratories, providing infrastructure facilities such as compound wall, water supply and toilet blocks to Adi Dravidar Welfare & Government Tribal Residential Schools and new hostel buildings are undertaken under NABARD – RIDF scheme.

## **IV. WELFARE COMMITTEES**

### **(a) State Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee**

As per Rule 16(1) of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules 1995, and amended rules 2016, a State Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee has to be constituted. Accordingly, the State Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee has been reconstituted on 20.07.2021 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble Ministers, Members of Parliament and Members of Legislative Assembly belonging to Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe communities as Members.

The committee will meet atleast twice in a year and shall review the implementation of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and Rules, cases registered under the Act, compensation and other relief measures provided to the victims of

atrocities and the role of the officers / organizations related to the implementation of this Act.

The meeting of the committee was held on 19.08.2021 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister.

### **(b) State Adi Dravidar Welfare Committee**

The State Adi Dravidar Welfare committee was constituted in the year 1995 under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister, Adi Dravidar Welfare to review the welfare schemes implemented for the Adi Dravidar people. The Committee consists of 3 official members and 30 non official members (i.e) 24 members of the Legislative Assembly and 6 academicians / social activists. The commissioner, Adi Dravidar Welfare is the Member-Secretary of this committee.

### **(c) Tribal Advisory Council**

As per Rule 4(1) of the 5<sup>th</sup> schedule in the Constitution of India, Tribal Advisory Council was constituted during the year 1961 to render advice for the welfare and development of Scheduled Tribes in Tamil Nadu. The Hon'ble Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare is the Chairperson and the Director, Tribal Welfare is the Member – Secretary of this Committee. A total number of 20 members comprising 3 official members, 15 Non official Members and 2 Non-Scheduled Tribe are members of the council. The tenure of this council is three years. This Council will meet atleast twice in a year.

## **V. WELFARE BOARDS**

### **(a) Puthirai Vannar Welfare Board**

For the educational, socio-economic development of the Puthirai Vannar community, which is one of the sub-sections of Adi Dravidar communities, "Puthirai Vannar Welfare Board" was established during the year 2009 under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare. There are 12 official members and 13 non official members nominated to this Board. The Commissioner of Adi Dravidar Welfare is the Member- Secretary of this Board.

A sum of Rs.1.00 crore has been sanctioned from the year 2009 to 2012 for implementing various welfare measures to the registered members of the board and their dependants.

## **(b) Scavengers Welfare Board**

In order to monitor implementation of the Welfare Schemes meant for the sanitary workers in the field of education, social and economic development, "Scavengers Workers Welfare Board" has been constituted during the year 2007. The Board function under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare. A Deputy Chairman, 13 official members and 14 non-official members are nominated to this Board.

The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Housing and Development Corporation Limited (TAHDCO) acts as the Member-Secretary to this board.

A sum of Rs.3.00 crore has been sanctioned from the year 2008-2010 for implementing various measures to the registered members of this board and their dependents.



### **(c) Tribal Welfare Board**

“Tamil Nadu Tribal Welfare Board” has been constituted under the Chairpersonship of the Hon’ble Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare during the year 2007, for the overall development of the Scheduled Tribes in the fields of education, economic development and social welfare. 8 official members and 13 non-official members have been nominated to this board. The Director, Tribal Welfare is the Member-Secretary of this Board.

From the year 2008 to 2010, a sum of Rs.4.00 crore has been sanctioned for implementing various welfare measures to the registered members of this board and their dependents.

**VI. Financial allocation to Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department during 2021-2022**

**(Rs. in Crore)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Capital</b>	<b>Loan</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Secretariat</b>	<b>9.64</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.40</b>	<b>10.04</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Adi Dravidar Welfare</b>	<b>3385.39</b>	<b>203.49</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3588.88</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Tribal Welfare</b>	<b>342.02</b>	<b>201.40</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>543.42</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3737.05</b>	<b>404.89</b>	<b>0.40</b>	<b>4142.34</b>

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Hon'ble Tamilnadu Chief Minister distributed cash awards and certificates on 9.7.2021 to 21 best writers who were selected through Adi Dravidar Art and Literature Society, for their literary work.



**Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated new hostel buildings on 30.8.2021 constructed by the Adi Dravidar Department.**



**Hostel building for the students of Polytechnic college in Krishnagiri, Krishnagiri District.**



**Hostel Building for Girls students of Adi Dravidar Welfare school in Thillaiyadi, Mayiladuthurai District**





**State Level High Power Vigilance and Monitoring Committee Meeting held on 19.8.2021 in secretariat under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister.**



Hon'ble Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare distributed TAHDCO Economic Development Schemes.





**Newly constructed 12 classroom building in Nallammalpuram Adi Dravidar Higher Secondary School, Tirunelveli District.**



**Petrol Bunk fully operated by the Tribal women in the campus of Tribal Research Centre, Muthorai palada, Nilgiris District.**