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INTRODUCTION

Tamil Nadu is in the forefront in striving for the socio, economic and educational upliftment of the people belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, Denotified Communities and Minorities by formulating and implementing various Welfare Schemes. The Government have placed highest emphasis to alleviate disparity and bring equality among the people by implementing various Welfare Schemes. Since education is key to attain the socio-economic development, the Government is implementing schemes for their educational advancement such as granting of scholarships, award of incentives, supply of bi-cycles, providing hostel facilities and running of Kallar Reclamation Schools for

the educational advancement of Piramalai Kallar Community students. Schemes such as supply of Iron Boxes, Sewing Machines, issue of house sites, sanction of loans to start self employment through Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Economic Development Corporation and Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation are implemented for their economic development. Denotified Communities Welfare Board, Tamil Nadu Narikuravar Welfare Board and Ulemas and other Employees Welfare Board are functioning under this department for providing welfare assistance to the registered members of the boards. Tamil Nadu Waqf Board is functioning to maintain and safeguard the Waqf properties and to administer the works relating to the Waqf. The Government provides financial assistance for Jerusalem Pilgrimage and facilitate hajj pilgrimage. The Government also sanctions pension to Ulemas.

2. RESERVATION

Tamil Nadu is a pioneer State in implementing reservation policy, in appointments to Government jobs

and admissions in educational institutions. The policy of reservation is being implemented in Tamil Nadu from the year 1921. Reservation has paid good dividends and contributed to substantial socio, economic and educational advancement of these classes. More than two third of the State population belongs to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, Denotified communities and Minorities. The extent of reservation for the above communities along with the reservation for Schedule Castes and Schedule Tribes has been increased upto 69% as detailed below:-

Sl. No.	Category	Percentage of reservation
1	Backward Classes	26.5
2	Backward Class Muslims	3.5
3	Most Backward Classes/Denotified Communities	20
4	Scheduled Castes	18
5	Scheduled Tribes	1

Consequent to the judgement, delivered by the Supreme Court of India in Indira Sawhney Vs Union of India case (Mandal Commission Cases), restricting reservation to 50%, the Government of Tamil Nadu has enacted the historic Tamil Nadu Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Reservation of seats in Educational Institutions and of appointment or posts in the Service under the State) Act, 1993 (Tamil Nadu Act 45 of 1994) to continue the 69% reservation in the State and included the same in the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution to get protection under Article 31-B of the Constitution.

Supreme Court of India, in its judgement, on the petitions challenging the Tamil Nadu Act 45 of 1994 had directed that the Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Commission to decide the quantum of reservation to be provided to various categories in the State, based on quantifiable data furnished by the State Government. The Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Commission, after analyzing the data furnished by the State Government,

has given its report justifying 69% reservation without excluding creamy layer. The Government accepted the recommendations of the Commission and issued orders on 11.07.2011, continuing the 69% reservation without exclusion of creamy layer in admission of students to educational institutions and appointments in the State services.

3. EDUCATION

The Government has taken intensive efforts to promote literacy and improve educational standards of the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, Denotified Communities and Minorities. Government have provided hostel facilities for the welfare of these community students. Government also runs Kallar Reclamation schools in Madurai, Theni and Dindigul districts for the educational advancement of Pirmalai Kallar Community students.

In order to provide compatible accommodation to the hostellers the scheme of constructing own buildings

for all the hostels is taken up in a phased manner. In addition, the Government is also implementing various schemes such as scholarships, supply of school uniforms and bicycles for the benefit of students belonging to these communities.

4. EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

The Government implements three kinds of Scholarship schemes viz., Prematric, Postmatric and Free Education schemes to the poor students of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities. The Government has enhanced the annual income ceiling of parents from Rs.1 lakh to Rs.2 lakh from the year 2013-2014 to avail scholarship.

4.1. Prematric scholarship

The details of scholarship provided to Tamil and English medium students studying in Government and Government aided schools are tabulated below.

Fees	Tamil Medium students	English Medium students
Special fee	Exempted	Exempted
Tuition fee	Exempted	<p>For both BC, MBC and DNC students, the scholarship rates are</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Rs. 200/- p.a for 6th to 8th standard b) Rs. 250/- p.a for 9th and 10th standard c) For BC students, the conditions are <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Annual Income of the parent should not exceed Rs.2 lakh. ii) There should not be any graduate in the family. d) For MBC and DNC students, no conditions.
Exam Fee	Exempted	Reimbursed to Directorate of Government Examinations for 10 th standard BC, MBC and DNC students.

During the year 2017-2018 expenditure to the tune of Rs.301.08 lakh has been incurred benefitting 1,30,340 students as given below.

Number of Students			Amount Spent (Rs. in lakh)		
BC	MBC / DNC	TOTAL	BC	MBC / DNC	TOTAL
66,299	64,041	1,30,340	167.04	134.04	301.08

A sum of Rs.167.05 lakh for Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs.178.08 lakh for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department, totalling Rs.345.13 lakh has been provided for the year 2018-2019.

4.2. Postmatric scholarship for school students

The details of scholarship provided to Tamil and English medium students studying 11th and 12th standard in Government and Government aided schools are tabulated below.

Fees	Tamil Medium students	English Medium students
Special fee	Exempted	Exempted
Tuition fee	Exempted	<p>For both BC, MBC and DNC students, the scholarship rates are</p> <p>a) Rs. 500/- p.a</p> <p>b) For BC students the conditions are,</p> <p>i) Annual Income of the parent should not exceed Rs.2 lakh.</p> <p>ii) There should not be any graduate in the family.</p> <p>c) For MBC and DNC students, no conditions.</p>
Exam Fee	Exempted	Reimbursed to Directorate of Government Examinations for 12 th standard BC, MBC and DNC students.

4.3 Post matric scholarship to college students

Students of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities studying Diploma in Polytechnics, ITI, Post Graduate, Professional and Ph.D. courses are sanctioned Special fee and Tuition fee as fixed for the Government educational institutions, examination fee in full and book money as fixed in the scholarship notification, subject to condition that annual parental income should not exceed Rs.2 lakh. Students studying in second shift in Government and Government aided colleges are also sanctioned scholarship. In addition to the scholarship amount, boarding and lodging charges are sanctioned to students who are staying in hostels attached to Educational Institutions, at the rate of Rs.350 per month for Professional courses, Rs.225 per month for ITI / Diploma and Post Graduate courses for 10 months in a year.

During the year 2017-2018 expenditure has been incurred to the tune of Rs.8,317.93 lakh benefitting 2,28,661 students as given below.

Number of Students			Amount Spent (Rs. in lakh)		
BC	MBC/ DNC	TOTAL	BC	MBC/ DNC	TOTAL
1,55,831	72,830	2,28,661	5,333.07	2,984.86	8,317.93

A sum of Rs.5,725 lakh for Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs.3,334.43 lakh for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department, totalling Rs.9,059.43 lakh has been provided for the year 2018-2019.

5. FREE EDUCATION

5.1. Degree courses

Students of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities studying in three year Degree Courses in Government and Government aided Arts and Science Colleges are sanctioned special fee and other non-refundable compulsory fee as prescribed by the Government, book money as fixed in the scholarship notification and examination fee in full without any condition. In addition to the scholarship amount, Boarding and Lodging charges at the rate of

Rs.175 per month for 10 months in a year is sanctioned to students who are staying in hostels attached to Educational Institutions.

During the year 2017-2018 expenditure has been incurred to the tune of Rs.3,069.02 lakh benefitting 1,82,165 students as given below.

Number of Students			Amount Spent (Rs. in lakh)		
BC	MBC/ DNC	TOTAL	BC	MBC/ DNC	TOTAL
1,01,572	80,593	1,82,165	1,747.00	1,322.02	3,069.02

A sum of Rs.2,050 lakh for Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs.1,358.04 lakh for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department, totalling Rs.3,408.04 lakh has been provided for the year 2018-2019.

5.2. Free Education - Diploma courses

Under the scheme, students of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities studying Diploma courses in Government

and Government aided Polytechnic Colleges are sanctioned tuition fee, special fee and non-refundable compulsory fee as prescribed by the Government, book money as fixed in the scholarship notification and examination fee in full, subject to the conditions that the annual parental income should not exceed Rs.2,00,000 and the beneficiary should be the first diploma holder / graduate in the family. In addition to the scholarship amount, Boarding and Lodging charges at the rate of Rs.225 per month for 10 months in a year is sanctioned to students who are staying in hostels attached to Educational Institutions.

During the year 2017-2018 expenditure has been incurred to the tune of Rs.200.62 lakh benefitting 5,314 students as given below.

Number of Students			Amount Spent (Rs. in lakh)		
BC	MBC/ DNC	TOTAL	BC	MBC/ DNC	TOTAL
3,225	2,089	5,314	123.26	77.36	200.62

A sum of Rs.260 lakh for Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs.275.82 lakh for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department, totalling Rs.535.82 lakh has been provided for the year 2018-2019.

5.3.Free Education - Professional courses

Under the scheme, students of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities selected under Government quota through single window system and perusing professional courses in Government, Government aided and self financing colleges, are sanctioned special fee and non-refundable compulsory fee as prescribed by the Government, book money as fixed in scholarship notification and examination fee in full, subject to the conditions that the annual parental income should not exceed Rs.2,00,000 and the beneficiary should be the first graduate in the family. In addition to the scholarship amount, Boarding and Lodging charges at the rate of Rs.350 per month for 10 months in a year is sanctioned

to students who are staying in hostels attached to Educational Institutions.

During the year 2017-2018 expenditure has been incurred to the tune of Rs.8,343.94 lakh benefitting 1,65,088 students as given below.

Number of Students			Amount Spent (Rs. in lakh)		
BC	MBC/ DNC	TOTAL	BC	MBC/ DNC	TOTAL
1,02,343	62,745	1,65,088	5,177.17	3,166.77	8,343.94

A sum of Rs.5,895 lakh for Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs.3,555.22 lakh for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department, totalling Rs.9,450.22 lakh has been provided for the year 2018-2019.

5.4. Web enabled sanction of scholarship

Sanction and disbursement of scholarship to the college students of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities is implemented through the web application www.escholarship.tn.gov.in

developed by the National Informatics Centre. From 2013-2014 scholarship amount is directly credited into the bank account of the students through ECS by the District Backward Classes and Minority Welfare Officers. From the year 2016-2017 onwards, the system has been upgraded and scholarships are directly credited into the students' bank account through ECS by the respective Heads of the Department.

6. INCENTIVE SCHEME FOR RURAL GIRL STUDENTS OF THE MOST BACKWARD CLASSES AND DENOTIFIED COMMUNITIES

In order to reduce dropouts among the girl students in rural areas and encourage the girl students to continue their education, an incentive of Rs.500 per year is given to rural girl students of Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities, studying in III to V standard and Rs.1,000 per year is given to girl students studying in VI Standard. The annual parental income ceiling for availing this benefit has been enhanced from Rs.25,000 to Rs.72,000 from the year 2017-2018.

During the year 2017-2018 expenditure has been incurred to the tune of Rs.1,528.25 lakh benefitting 2,49,784 girl students

A sum of Rs.1,434.50 lakh has been provided for the year 2018-2019.

7. HOSTELS

In order to enable the poor students of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, Denotified Communities and Minorities to pursue their studies without any impediments, the Government is running 1,343 hostels across the State. Out of this, 735 are functioning under the control of the Department of Backward Classes, 592 are functioning under the control of the Department of Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities and 16 are functioning under the control of the Department of Minorities Welfare. Annually 84,814 students are benefitted by these hostels. Students with annual parental income up to Rs.1 lakh are admitted in the hostels. Accommodation

and food charges are borne by the Government and no fee is collected from the students.

The District Collectors have been empowered to sanction 10% additional strength to the needy hostels, from the year 2011-2012. If demand for hostel admissions exceeds even after sanctioning additional seats by District Collectors, the Heads of the Department have been empowered to admit 2,185 students additionally over and above the sanctioned strength of the hostels. Apart from this, 5 additional seats are allotted in each hostel to accommodate children of Sri Lankan Tamil refugees who reside in camps.

Children of plantation workers having nativity in Tamilnadu but working in plantations in Kerala border adjacent to Theni district have been exempted from producing community and income certificates for admission in the hostels situated in Theni District from the year 2012-2013. In lieu of these, they are admitted in the hostels, on the basis of a self declaration by the parents.

7.1 Opening of new hostels

New hostels are opened on need basis for the benefit of students. 5 new college hostels have been opened during the year 2017-2018 with a sanctioned strength of 100 boarders per hostel benefitting 500 students additionally from the year 2017-2018.

7.2 Food charges

The Government has enhanced the monthly food charges of school hostel boarders from Rs.755 to Rs.900 and college hostel boarders from Rs.875 to Rs.1,000 with effect from 1.6.2017. Besides this, miscellaneous charges of Rs.50 per month for school hostel boarders and Rs.75 per month for college hostel boarders are given to meet out expenses on soap, hair oil etc., The Government have also sanctioned Rs.20 per student for school hostel boarders and Rs.40 per student for college hostel boarders for providing special food during festivals.

During the year 2017-2018 expenditure has been incurred to a tune of Rs.23,605.49 lakh towards food

charges, administration, maintenance and other expenditure for running of hostels.

A sum of Rs.14,936.42 lakh for Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs.11,743.72 lakh for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department, totalling Rs.26,680.14 lakh has been provided for the year 2018-2019.

7.3. Benefits provided to boarders of hostels

1. One English and two Tamil dailies are supplied to each hostel.
2. The boarders of hostels studying up to XII standard are supplied with all the text books free of cost by the Department of School Education.
3. Special Guides are provided free of cost to the boarders studying in 10th and 12th Standard to improve their performance in Public Examinations.
4. Four sets of uniforms are provided to the hostel boarders studying from IV to X standard as per

the colour and pattern adopted under Noon Meal Scheme.

5. Colour television, play materials, water purifier, book shelves, wet grinder, mixer, napkin incinerator, fire extinguishers, idly steamers, library books and electric insect destroyer are supplied to both school and college hostels. In addition, inverter, reference books, instant wet grinder, steam boiler and two tier bunk cots are supplied to college hostels.
6. Mats, Jamakkalam, bed sheets, stainless steel plates and tumblers etc, are provided to all hostel boarders. Woolen sweaters are provided to the boarders in hill stations.
7. Three medical checkups are conducted for all hostel boarders and Kallar Reclamation school students every year.
8. Boiled eggs are provided at the rate of one per student per day for five days in a week. Bananas are given to the boarders who do not take egg.

9. Mutton and chicken are provided on the first and third Wednesday and second and fourth Wednesday respectively in every month.
10. Sundal and Chukkumalli coffee/ tea are provided to the boarders every evening.
11. Career guidance programmes were conducted for creating awareness among hostel boarders studying in Standard 10th, 12th and College to aid in their preparation for competitive exams during the year 2017-2018.
12. Play materials have been provided to all hostels at a cost of Rs.49.84 lakh during the year 2017-2018.
13. Consolidated pay of part time sanitary workers working in hostels have been enhanced from Rs.2,000 per month to Rs.3,000 per month and 28 part time sanitary worker posts in hostels have been newly sanctioned during the year 2017-2018.

8. BOARDING GRANTS TO THE GOVERNMENT APPROVED PRIVATE HOSTELS

The Government provides boarding grants at the rate of Rs.650 per month for 10 months in a year to the students of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities staying in the 39 Government recognized private hostels, subject to the condition that their annual parental annual income does not exceed Rs.50,000.

During the year 2017-2018 expenditure has been incurred to the tune of Rs.69.46 lakh for 1,069 students as given below.

Number of Students benefitted			Amount Spent (Rs. in lakh)		
BC	MBC/DNC	TOTAL	BC	MBC/DNC	TOTAL
567	502	1,069	36.85	32.61	69.46

A sum of Rs.50 lakh for Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs.50 lakh for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare

Department, totalling Rs.100 lakh has been provided for the year 2018-2019.

9. STATE LEVEL AWARDS TO BEST WARDENS/ MATRONS

State level prizes are awarded to the wardens / matrons who perform well in hostel administration and who function commendably for the over all development of the students. The prizes are awarded at the rate of Rs.5,000, Rs.3,000 and Rs.2,000 respectively for the first, second and third places. During the year 2017-2018 expenditure has been incurred to the tune of Rs.0.10 lakh.

A sum of Rs.0.10 lakh has been provided for the year 2018-2019.

10. CONSTRUCTION OF OWN BUILDINGS FOR HOSTELS

Of 1,343 hostels functioning under the control of this Department, 1,265 hostels are functioning in own buildings. 78 hostels are functioning in rented buildings, orders have been issued for construction of own buildings for 37 hostels and works are in progress.

Action is being taken to construct own buildings for the remaining 41 hostels.

Hon'ble Chief Minister has inaugurated buildings for 73 hostels during the last one year.

During the year 2017-2018 expenditure has been incurred to the tune of Rs.1,806.61 lakh for construction of hostel buildings.

A sum of Rs.842.80 lakh for Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs.836.98 lakh for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department and Rs.267 lakh for Minorities Welfare Department totalling Rs.1,946.78 lakh has been provided for the year 2018-2019.

10.1. Maintenance of hostels

Maintenance works in the hostels functioning in Government buildings are taken up through Public Works Department. An allotment of Rs.600 lakh is being provided every year for taking up maintenance works. During 2017-2018, maintenance works were carried out in 150 hostels at a total cost of Rs. 600 lakh.

For the year 2018-2019 a sum of Rs.600 lakh has been provided for maintenance of hostels.

11. KALLAR RECLAMATION SCHOOLS

292 Kallar Reclamation Schools are run by the Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department in Madurai, Theni and Dindigul districts to improve the educational standards of Piramalai Kallars who are predominant in these districts. The Department runs 214 Primary Schools, 21 Middle Schools, 22 High Schools and 35 Higher Secondary Schools. 26,039 students are studying in these 292 Schools.

Students of Kallar Reclamation schools are given special cash incentive, foot wear, lap-top, school bag, geometry box, crayons and Atlas by the School Education Department as provided to the students studying in Government / Aided schools. During the academic year 2017-2018 Kallar Reclamation schools have registered a pass percentage of 96.9% and

92% in 10th and 12th Standard Public Examinations respectively.

During the year 2011-2012, Lower Kindergarten English medium classes were started in 15 Kallar Primary Schools in Madurai, Theni and Dindigul districts at the rate of 5 in each district. At present these schools have English medium classes up to 5th standard benefiting 1,042 students.

During the year 2017-2018, Rs.13.07 crore has been sanctioned to improve infrastructure facilities in Kallar Reclamation Schools under NABARD loan assistance and works are in progress.

During the year 2017-2018, expenditure to the tune of Rs.9,136.24 lakh has been incurred for the administration of Kallar Reclamation schools.

A sum of Rs. 11,064.59 lakh has been provided for the year 2018-2019.

11.1. Maintenance of Kallar Reclamation school buildings

A sum of Rs.1 crore is allotted every year to carry out maintenance and repair works in Kallar Reclamation schools. For the year 2017-2018 maintenance works have been carried out in 22 Schools.

A sum of Rs.1 crore has been allotted for the maintenance of Kallar Reclamation School buildings for the year 2018-2019.

11.2 Prize scheme for the Headmasters / Teachers of Kallar Reclamation Schools

The scheme of awarding prizes to headmasters of Kallar Reclamation High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools was introduced in the academic year 2011-2012. The Headmasters of those schools which achieve pass percentage of 95% and above in 10th and 12th standard public examinations are selected for the award, which consists of Rs.10,000 and a Certificate of Appreciation.

Similarly the scheme of awarding cash incentive of Rs.5,000 to PG / B.T Teachers of Kallar Reclamation Schools, who achieve 100% result in their subject in 10th and 12th standard public examinations, is being implemented from the academic year 2014-2015.

During the year 2017-2018 expenditure has been incurred to the tune of Rs.27.65 lakh for awarding prizes.

A sum of Rs.18 lakh has been provided for the year 2018-2019 under the scheme.

12. DISTRIBUTION OF UNIFORMS

The boarders of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, Denotified Communities and Minority hostels studying upto 10th Standard are supplied four sets of uniforms free of cost every year. Similarly four sets of uniforms are supplied free of cost to the students of Kallar Reclamation Schools studying upto 8th Standard by the Social Welfare Department. The colour and pattern of the uniforms are same as that of the uniforms followed in schools. Clothes for uniforms

are procured from the Co-optex and stitched through the District Women Weavers Co-operative Societies functioning under the control of the Social Welfare Department.

During the year 2017-2018, uniforms have been supplied to 43,065 boarders at a cost of Rs. 343.51 lakh as given below:-

Number of Students benefitted			Amount Spent (Rs. in lakh)		
BC	MBC / DNC	TOTAL	BC	MBC / DNC	TOTAL
22,354	20,711	43,065	234.05	109.46	343.51

A sum of Rs.200 lakh for Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs.224.73 lakh for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department, totalling Rs.424.73 lakh has been provided for the year 2018-2019.

13. DISTRIBUTION OF BICYCLES

Bicycles are supplied free of cost to the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, Denotified

Communities and Minority students studying 11th Standard in Government, Government aided and partly aided schools without any condition except for students staying in the hostels situated in the school premises and students of residential schools. Distribution of bicycles is monitored through online (www.agaram.tn.gov.in/freecycles).

Action is being taken to supply bicycles to students who had studied 11th Standard in the academic year 2017-2018 and as well as to the students who are studying 11th Standard in the academic year 2018-2019. Totally 12 lakh bicycles will be procured and supplied for the above two years combined.

A sum of Rs.11,652.87 lakh for Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs.11,345.54 lakh for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department, totalling Rs.22,998.41 lakh has been provided for the year 2018-2019.

14. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES

14.1 Supply of Sewing Machines and Iron Boxes

Sewing machines and iron boxes are distributed free of cost to the economically poor of the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Community for improving their livelihood. The annual family income ceiling of Rs.40,000 in rural areas and 60,000 in urban areas for availing the benefit has been enhanced to Rs.72,000 for both rural and urban beneficiaries from the year 2017-2018. In the year 2017-2018, 2,092 iron boxes were distributed at a cost of Rs.104.97 lakh.

A sum of Rs.92.80 lakh for supply of sewing machines and Rs.85 lakh for supply of iron boxes have been provided for the year 2018-2019.

14.2 Distribution of House Sites

Under the scheme house sites are assigned to the houseless of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities free of cost. The annual income ceiling of Rs.40,000 in rural areas and

60,000 in urban areas for availing the benefit has been enhanced to Rs.72,000 for both rural and urban beneficiaries from the year 2017-2018.

During the year 2017-2018, 278 house sites have been distributed to beneficiaries

A sum of Rs.200 lakh for Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs.150 lakh for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department, totalling Rs.350 lakh has been provided for the year 2018-2019.

15. WELFARE BOARDS

The Government have formed Welfare Boards for the social, educational and economic development of the Denotified Communities and Narikoravar community. Members of the boards are sanctioned various welfare assistances as provided for members of the Welfare Boards for the unorganized labourers, functioning under the administrative control of Labour and Employment Department.

15.1 Denotified Communities Welfare Board

Members enrolled in the Board are sanctioned various welfare assistances such as, accident relief, educational assistance, marriage assistance, maternity assistance and old age pension. So far, a sum of Rs.200 lakh has been provided to the Board.

Welfare assistance provided to members enrolled in the Denotified Communities Welfare Board

1	Accident Relief	
	a) Death due to accident	Rs.1,00,000
	b) Disability due to accident	Rs.10,000 to Rs.1,00,000
2.	Natural death	Rs.15,000
3.	Funeral expenses	Rs.2,000
4.	Educational assistance	
	a) Girls Studying X standard	Rs.1,000
	b) Students passed X standard	Rs.1,000
	c) Girls studying XI standard	Rs.1,000
	d) Girls studying XII standard	Rs.1,500

	e) Students passed XII standard	Rs.1,500
	f (i) Regular degree course	Rs.1,500
	(ii) Regular degree course with hostel facility	Rs.1,750
	g(i) Regular post graduate degree course	Rs.4,000
	ii) Regular post graduate degree course with hostel facility	Rs.5,000
	h(i) Professional degree course	Rs.4,000
	ii) Professional degree course with hostel facility	Rs.6,000
	i (i) Professional post graduate degree course	Rs.6,000
	(ii) Professional post graduate degree course with hostel facility	Rs.8,000
	j (i) ITI or Vocational Training	Rs.1,000
	(ii) ITI or Vocational Training with hostel facility	Rs.1,200
5.	Marriage assistance	Rs.2,000
6.	a) Maternity assistance of Rs.1,000 per month for 6 months. b) Abortion	Rs.6,000 Rs.3,000
7.	Reimbursement of Spectacle expenses	Upto Rs.500
8.	Old age pension per month	Rs.1,000

Upto 31.03.2018 expenditure has been incurred to the tune of Rs.54.99 lakh for providing various welfare assistances to the registered members of the board.

15.2 Tamil Nadu Narikoravar Welfare Board

Members enrolled in the Board are sanctioned various welfare assistances such as, accident relief, educational assistance, marriage assistance, maternity assistance and old age pension.

Financial assistance is provided to the members of the Board to take up self employment activities either individually or as a group, at the rate of Rs.7,500 for individual and a maximum back ended subsidy of Rs.1,25,000 for a group. So far a sum of Rs.890 lakh has been provided to the Board.

Welfare assistance provided to the registered members of the Tamil Nadu Narikoravar Welfare Board

1.	Accident Relief	
	a) Death due to accident	Rs.1,00,000

	b) Disability due to accident	Rs.10,000 to Rs.1,00,000
2.	Natural death	Rs.15,000
3.	Funeral expenses	Rs.2,000
4.	Education	
	a) Students studying from 1 st to 5 th standard	Rs.500
	b) Students studying from 6 th to 9 th standard	Rs.1,000
	c) Girls Studying X standard	Rs.1,000
	d) Students passed X standard	Rs.1,000
	e) Girls studying XI standard	Rs.1,000
	f) Girls studying XII standard	Rs.1,500
	g) Students passed XII standard	Rs.1,500
	h (i) Regular degree course	Rs.1,500
	(ii)Regular degree course with hostel facility	Rs.1,750
	i(i) Regular post graduate course	Rs.4,000
	(ii) Regular post graduate course with hostel facility	Rs.5,000
	j(i) Professional degree course	Rs.4,000
	(ii) Professional degree course with hostel facility	Rs.6,000
	k(i) Professional post graduate course	Rs.6,000
	(ii)Professional post graduate courses with hostel facility	Rs.8,000

	I (i) ITI or Vocational Training	Rs.1,000
	(ii) ITI or Vocational Training with hostel Facility	Rs.1,200
5.	Marriage assistance	Rs.2,000
6.	Financial Assistance to Pregnant Women	
	a) Maternity Assistance of Rs.1,000 per month for 6 months	Rs.6,000 Rs.3,000
	b) Abortion	
7.	Reimbursement of Spectacle expenses	Upto Rs.500
8.	Old age pension per month	Rs.1,000

Upto 31.03.2018, expenditure has been incurred to the tune of Rs.759.65 lakh for providing various welfare assistances to the registered members of the Board.

A sum of Rs.100 lakh has been provided for the year 2018-2019.

16. VANNIYAR PUBLIC PROPERTY WELFARE BOARD

The Government have formed the Vanniyar Public Property Welfare Board to identify and integrate various charitable trusts bequeathed by the Vanniyar

philanthropists and to find ways and means to fulfill the objectives of the trusts. So far, 79 Vanniyar Public Properties / Trusts spread over 18 districts in the State have been identified.

17. THANTHAI PERIYAR AWARD FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Thanthai Periyar award is being given by the Government to honour those who have made outstanding contribution to the cause of social justice. The award was instituted in the year 1994. The awardee is selected by the Hon'ble Chief Minister every year. The award carries a gold medal of 1 sovereign and a cash prize of Rs.1 lakh. Thanthai Periyar award for Social Justice for the year 2017 has been awarded to Tmt. B. Valarmathi.

A sum of Rs.1.50 lakh has been provided for the year 2018-2019.

18. TAMIL NADU BACKWARD CLASSES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Economic Development Corporation was established in the year 1982 with the objective of providing loan assistance at lower interest to the poor of the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities to take up economic activities. It is a State owned Company registered under the Companies Act, 1956. The Corporation has an authorised share capital of Rs.30 crore and a paid up capital of Rs.12.27 crore. The Corporation has been acting as the State channelising agency of the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation and obtains loan from the latter upon the Guarantee given by the Tamil Nadu Government for funding various loan schemes.

TABCEDCO is functioning out of its own building, constructed at a cost of Rs.2.84 crore on a free of cost land alienated by the Government in Egmore, Chennai.

18.1 Loan Schemes

Loans provided by the Corporation contains contribution of the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation, Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Economic Development Corporation and the beneficiaries. District level Screening Committee consisting of the Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies, District Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Officer, General Manager of District Industries Centre and Managing Director of the respective District Central Co-operative Banks, select beneficiaries for various loan schemes. The Corporation sanctions and disburses loans through Co-operative Banks/ Societies.

Annual family income limit for all the loan schemes has been enhanced from Rs.98,000 to Rs.3,00,000 in rural areas and from Rs.1,20,000 to Rs.3,00,000 in urban areas, with effect from 1.4.2018.

18.1.1 General Term Loan Scheme

Under the scheme, loan upto Rs.5 lakh is sanctioned to a beneficiary at 6% rate of interest per

annum for taking up small trade / business. Loans above Rs.5 lakh and upto Rs.10 lakh carry 7% rate of interest per annum. Repayment period vary from 3 to 8 years.

18.1.2 New Swarnima Scheme for Women

This scheme is implemented to inculcate the spirit of self-dependence among women. Under the scheme, maximum loan of Rs.1,00,000 per beneficiary is sanctioned at 5% rate of interest per annum. Repayment period vary from 3 to 8 years.

18.1.3 Micro Credit for Women (Mahila Samridhi Yojana)

Under the scheme, micro finance is provided to Women Self Help Groups for taking up small trade / business, either individually or as a group. Maximum loan amount is Rs.60,000 per beneficiary which carries 4% rate of interest per annum. Repayment period is 4 years.

18.1.4 Micro Credit for Men

Under the scheme, micro finance is provided to Men Self Help Groups for taking up small trade / business, either individually or as a group. Maximum loan amount is Rs.60,000 per beneficiary which carries 5% rate of interest per annum. Repayment period is 4 years.

During the year 2017-2018, an amount of Rs.7,924.25 lakh has been disbursed to 17,468 beneficiaries. The details are as follows.

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Number of Beneficiaries	Amount (Rs. in lakh)
1.	Micro Credit Scheme	16,641	7,483.55
2.	General Term Loan Scheme	709	392.32
3.	New Swarnima Scheme for Women	118	48.38
Total		17,468	7,924.25

For the year 2018-2019, it has been proposed to provide loans to the tune of Rs.100 crore under various schemes.

18.2 Loan cum Subsidy Scheme for Small and Marginal Farmers for Creating Irrigation Facility

Under the scheme, small and marginal farmers of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities, are provided loan assistance through Co-operative Banks / Nationalised Banks, to create irrigation sources upto a maximum of Rs.1,00,000 with 50% Government subsidy. So far subsidy to a tune of Rs.1,273.80 lakh has been disbursed benefitting 2,799 small and marginal farmers.

The National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation has introduced loan schemes such as Krishi Sampada (Micro Credit loan for small farmers / vegetable growers), Shilp Sampada (Term loan for traditional Artisans and Craft persons), Saksham (Term loan for young professionals) from the year 2012-2013.

19. TAMIL NADU BACKWARD CLASSES COMMISSION

The Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Commission has been constituted as a permanent body under Article 16(4) read with Article 340 of the Constitution of India, pursuant to the directions of the Supreme Court of India in Indra Sawhney and others Vs. Union of India and others (J.T. 1992 (6) SC 273), known as Mandal case. The Commission is functioning from 15.3.1993 under the Chairmanship of a retired Judge of High Court.

The functions of the Commission are quasi-judicial in nature. The following are the terms of reference for the Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Commission.

- (i) The Commission shall entertain, examine and recommend upon requests for inclusion and complaints of over-inclusion and under-inclusion in the lists of Backward Classes / Most Backward Classes.

- (ii) Periodic revision of list of Backward Classes and Most Backward Classes in the State as and when decided.
- (iii) The Commission shall base its recommendations in the light of the provision contained in Article 16(4) read with relevant provisions of the Constitution of India and the various decisions of the Supreme Court bearing on the subject.
- (iv) The Commission shall examine and make recommendations on any other matter relating to Backward Classes that may be referred to it by Government from time to time.

The Commission has been reconstituted for a period of 3 years on 28.12.2015 under the Chairmanship of Justice Thiru M.S.Janarthanam, retired Judge of High Court and eight Members.

20. MINORITIES WELFARE

Tamil Nadu is a pioneer State in the upliftment of the Socio, Educational and Economic status of the minorities. This Government is implementing various

welfare schemes with an objective to bring about equity among the minorities and majority population.

20.1 Separate Reservation

A separate reservation of 3.5% has been provided to Backward Class Muslims out of the 30% reservation earmarked for Backward Classes. The Government has ordered to follow the carry forward procedure in respect of Backward Class Muslims in direct recruitments.

20.2 Scholarships

The Government is implementing the following scholarship schemes of Government of India effectively to the students belonging to Christian, Muslim, Sikh, Buddhist, Parsi and Jain religions.

1. Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme
2. Post-matric Scholarship Scheme
3. Merit-cum-means based Scholarship Scheme

This benefits students studying from 1st Standard to Professional Courses / Research level courses in

Government / Government Aided and all the Government recognized institutions. The annual income of the parent / guardian shall not exceed Rs.1 lakh for Pre-matric scholarship scheme, Rs.2 lakh for Post-matric scholarship scheme and Rs.2.50 lakh for Merit-cum-means based scholarship scheme. Students who have secured minimum of 50% marks in the previous year final examination will be eligible for benefit under these schemes. Out of the total beneficiaries 30% is earmarked for girl students. The scholarship amount under the above schemes are directly credited into the students' bank account through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

20.2.1 Prematric Scholarship Scheme

This scholarship is sanctioned to the minority students studying from 1st to 10th Standard with 100% financial assistance of the Government of India.

The students studying from 6th to 10th Standard are sanctioned admission fee upto Rs.500 and Tuition fee upto Rs.3,500 per annum. Apart from this,

maintenance allowance is also granted at the rate of Rs.100 per month for day scholars studying from 1st standard to 10th standard and Rs.600 per month for hostellers studying from 6th to 10th Standard for a maximum period of 10 months in an academic year.

Under this scheme, a sum of Rs.6,927.42 lakh has been disbursed as scholarship to 3,53,184 students during the year 2017-2018.

20.2.2 Postmatric Scholarship Scheme

This scholarship is sanctioned to the Minority students studying from 11th Standard to Ph.D level studies with 100% financial assistance of the Government of India.

Under this scheme, scholarship towards Admission and Tuition fee ranging from Rs.3,000 to Rs.10,000 and Maintenance allowance ranging from Rs.2,300 to Rs.5,500 in respect of day scholars and Rs.3,800 to Rs.12,000 in respect of hostellers are sanctioned in an academic year depending on the course of study.

During the year 2017-2018, a sum of Rs.2,179.23 lakh has been disbursed as scholarship to 39,193 students.

20.2.3 Merit-cum-Means Based Scholarship Scheme

This scholarship scheme is implemented with 100% financial assistance of Government of India with a view to encourage the Minority students to score high marks and to study Professional/Technical courses.

Students pursuing Professional and Technical courses in Government, Government aided and Private Colleges recognised by the Government are sanctioned course fee up to Rs.20,000. There is no ceiling for reimbursement of course fee sanctioned to the students who are studying in the listed Institutions notified by the Ministry of Minority Affairs. Maintenance fee of Rs.5,000 per annum for day scholars and Rs.10,000 per annum for hostellers are also sanctioned to the students.

Under this scheme, a sum of Rs.1,572.19 lakh has been disbursed as scholarship to 6,105 students during the year 2017-2018.

20.3.1 Minorities Hostels

For the benefit of poor Minority students studying in schools and colleges, 16 Minority hostels are functioning at Chennai, Vellore, Krishnagiri, Coimbatore, Thanjavur, Tiruchirappalli, Dindigul, Madurai, Theni, Tirunelveli, Ramanathapuram and Kanniyakumari districts with free boarding and lodging facilities.

In order to develop the knowledge of the boarders, two Tamil and one English dailies are provided to all the hostels. Library facilities are made in these hostels. Special Guides are also provided to the X and XII Standard students to score high marks in Public Examinations. Awareness creation through Career Guidance Programme to the hostel boarders of X, XII standards and Degree courses during the year 2017-2018 has been taken up on various job opportunities available to them. Annually three medical check-ups are conducted for all hostel boarders. Colour Television, Water Purifier, Solar Water heater, Invertors, etc., are provided to these hostels.

A sum of Rs.324.54 lakh has been spent towards Food Charges, Administration, Maintenance and other expenditure for running of these hostels during the year 2017-2018. For the above expenditures a sum of Rs.372.43 lakh has been allotted for the year 2018-2019.

20.3.2 Working Women Hostel for Muslim Women

A working women hostel will be constructed for working Muslim women in a place owned by Waqf Board in Chennai with Government's financial assistance.

20.4 Muslim Women Aid Society

In order to provide assistance to the poor destitute and aged women, Muslim Women Aid Societies have been formed in all the District Head Quarters headed by the District Collector as Ex-officio Chairman. These societies are registered under Societies Registration Act. The Government sanctions grants twice the amount of donation collected by the

societies, at the ratio of 1:2 up to the maximum of Rs.20 lakh per annum.

With the funds available with societies, financial assistance is provided to destitute, poor and aged Muslim women. Further free training in the field of tailoring, embroidery, shoe making, artisan and other need based training are given free of cost. The Government have sanctioned Rs.104.05 lakh as matching grant to Muslim Women Aid Societies for the year 2017-2018.

A sum of Rs.100 lakh has been provided for the year 2018-2019. The Government allotment will be increased by providing grant equivalent to twice the amount of donations collected by the Muslim Women Aid Societies.

20.5 Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme

In Tamil Nadu, Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme is being implemented in order to ensure equitable share under various schemes are extended to minorities in proportion to their population.

Benefits of Integrated Child Development Services, job opportunities, grant of scholarship, self-employment programme, upgradation of skills through technical training, recruitment to State-Central Governments, improvement in condition of slums inhabited by Minority communities, providing rehabilitation assistance to the victims of the communal riots and prevention and controlling of communal riots are the important objectives of this scheme.

A State Level Committee under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary to Government and District Level Committee under the Chairmanship of the District Collector have been constituted to monitor the proper implementation of this programme.

20.6 Rehabilitation Assistance

With a view to give a new hope of life to the minority families who have lost their livelihood due to communal riots and to assist the discharged prisoners of petty offences to lead a decent life in the society, a rehabilitation scheme is being implemented. Under this

scheme, financial assistance is given upto Rs.10,000/- per family to set-up petty trades.

20.7 Financial Assistance For Jerusalem Pilgrimage

The scheme of providing financial assistance for Jerusalem Pilgrimage by all sects of Christians in Tamil Nadu is implemented by the Government from the year 2011-2012. A sum of Rs.1 crore is provided every year to benefit 500 Pilgrims at the rate of Rs. 20,000 per pilgrim. Under this scheme so far 2,800 Christians have performed this pilgrimage by availing finance assistance of Rs.560 lakh.

A sum of Rs.1 crore has been provided for the scheme for the year 2018-2019.

20.8 Grant in Aid for Repair and Renovation of Churches

A scheme of providing financial assistance for the Repair and Renovation of Christian Churches has been introduced by the Government in the year 2016-2017. Under the scheme, a grant of Rs.21.70 lakh has been sanctioned to 9 Churches during the year 2017-2018.

A sum of Rs.1 crore has been allotted for the scheme for the year 2018-2019.

20.9 Ulemas and Other Employees Welfare Board

Ulema and Other Employees Welfare Board was formed for the upliftment of economic and educational status of the Ulemas, Aalims, Pesh-Imams, Arabic Teachers, Mothinars, Bilal, and other Employees working in Mosques, Madarasas, Darghas, Ashurkhanas, Burial grounds, Thaikas, Muslim Orphanages, etc. So far 14,165 Members have been enrolled in this Welfare Board and Identity cards have been issued to them.

The details of financial assistance provided to the members enrolled in this Board

Sl. No.	Details of Assistance	Financial Assistance Rs.
1	Accidental Insurance	
	a) Fatal due to accident	1,00,000
	b) Disability due to accident (with reference to percentage of disability)	10,000 to 1,00,000
2	Natural Death	15,000

3	Funeral Expenses	2,000
4	Scholarship	
	a)Girl student studying in X Std.	1,000
	b)student passed in X Std.	1,000
	c)Girl student studying in XI Std.	1,000
	d)Girl student studying in XII Std.	1,500
	e)Student passed in XII std.	1,500
	f)Student studying Degree Courses (Day Scholar)	1,500
	g)Student studying Degree courses (Hosteller)	1,750
	h)Student studying Post Graduate Courses (Day Scholar)	4,000
	i)Student studying Post Graduate Courses (Hosteller)	5,000
	j)Student studying Under Graduate Professional Courses (Day Scholar)	4,000
	k)Student studying Under Graduate Professional Courses (Hosteller)	6,000
	l) Student studying Postgraduate Professional Courses (Day Scholar)	6,000
	m)Student studying in Postgraduate Professional Courses(Hosteller)	8,000
	n)Student studying in ITI/ Polytechnic	1,000
	o)Student studying in ITI/ Polytechnic (Hosteller)	1,200

5	Marriage assistance	2,000
6	Maternity Assistance	
	a) Pregnancy period : Rs.1,000 per month for six months	6,000
	b) Abortion	3,000
7	Reimbursement for the cost of Spectacle	500 (Max.)
8	Old Age Pension	1,000 p.m

So far, welfare assistance of Rs.83.93 lakh has been sanctioned to 3,239 beneficiaries through this board.

21. TAMIL NADU STATE MINORITIES COMMISSION

The Tamil Nadu State Minorities Commission is a statutory body, constituted for safeguarding the rights and interests of religious and linguistic minorities.

The Commission is undertaking the functions like examining and monitoring the working of various safeguards provided in the constitution of India and laws enacted by the State Government for the protection of minorities, making appropriate suggestions

to the State Government regarding proposed legislations and welfare schemes to be undertaken in respect of minorities and also making recommendations for ensuring, maintaining and promoting communal harmony in the State.

The Commission has been reconstituted for a period of 3 years on 01.01.2016 under the Chairmanship of Bishop Dr. M. Prakash and six members.

22. TAMIL NADU MINORITIES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation was established in the year 1999 with the objective of providing loan assistance to economically backward religious minorities viz., Muslims, Christians, Buddhist, Sikhs, Parsis and Jains at lower rate of interest for taking up self employment. It is a State owned Corporation registered under the Companies Act, 1956. The authorized share capital of this Corporation is Rs.5 crore and a paid up Share Capital is

Rs.2.05 crore. TAMCO is acting as the State Channelising agency of the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC). The Corporation obtains loan from NMDFC upon guarantee given by State Government for funding various loan schemes.

22.1 Loan Schemes

Loans provided by the Corporation contains contribution of the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation, Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation and beneficiaries. The Corporation sanctions and disburses loans through Co-operative Banks/ Co-operative Societies.

22.1.1 Individual Term Loan Scheme

Under this scheme, individual term loans are provided by Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation for economically backward Minorities for carrying out business/trade as detailed below.

Sl. No	Loan Amount	Interest Rate	Annual Income Ceiling
1	Upto Rs. 50,000	5%	Rural Areas Rs.98,000 Urban Areas Rs.1,20,000
2.	From Rs.50,001 to Rs.20,00,000	6%	
3.	Upto Rs. 30,00,000	Male 8% Female 6%	Above Rs.1,20,000 Upto Rs.6,00,000 (For both Rural and Urban)

Auto loan is sanctioned to Minorities who form Industrial Co-operative Societies under the Department of Industries and Commerce and this loan is sanctioned through TAICO Bank at 6% interest per annum.

A loan amount of Rs.50,000 for purchase of two Cross Breed Cows or Rs. 70,000 for two Graded Murrah Buffalos is sanctioned at 6% interest per annum through AAVIN.

During the year 2017-2018, loan amount of Rs.1,214.26 lakh has been disbursed to 1,285 beneficiaries under these schemes.

22.1.2 Micro-Financing through Self-Help Groups

Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation is providing loan assistance under Micro-Finance to the members of Minority Self Help Groups (for both men and women self help groups) to take up various small trades like sweet stall, footwear, Tiffin shop, textile business, manufacturing of pickles, snacks, appalam, basket weaving, etc., as detailed below.

Sl. No.	Loan Amount	Interest Rate	Annual Income Ceiling
1	Upto Rs. 1,00,000 (per person)	7%	Rural Areas Rs.98,000 Urban Areas Rs.1,20,000
2.	Upto Rs.1,50,000 (per person)	Male 10% Female 8%	Above Rs.1,20,000 Upto Rs.6,00,000 (For both Rural and Urban)

Under this scheme Rs.2,250.39 lakh has been disbursed to 5,561 beneficiaries through Self Help Groups during the year 2017-2018 .

22.1.3 Education Loan

Education Loan is sanctioned to the Minorities who pursue Professional Courses and Job Oriented degree courses in the Government / Private Institutions recognized by the Government as detailed below.

Sl. No	Loan Amount	Parental Annual Income Ceiling	Interest Rate
1.	(Studies in India) Rs.4 lakh per academic year upto maximum of Rs.20 lakh for 5 years	Rural Areas Rs.98,000 Urban Areas Rs.1,20,000	3%
		Above Rs.1,20,000 upto Rs.6,00,000 (For both Rural and Urban)	Male Students 8% Female Students 5%

2.	(Studies in Abroad) Rs 6 lakh per academic year upto maximum of Rs.30 lakh for 5 year	Rural Areas Rs.98,000 Urban Areas Rs.1,20,000	3%
		Above Rs.1,20,000 upto Rs.6,00,000 (For both Rural and Urban)	Male Students 8% Female Students 5%

23. TAMIL NADU WAQF BOARD

The Waqf Act, 1995 (Central Act 43/1995) was enacted and came into force with effect from 01.01.1996 to maintain the Waqf properties and to administer the works relating to the Waqf. As per the provision of the Act, Tamil Nadu Waqf Board is formed and reconstituted once in 5 years regularly. The Board has been reconstituted with 11 members in the year 2017. Thiru. A. Anwhar Raajhaa has been elected as Chairman of the Board.

The Waqf Act, 1995 has been amended in 2013 by incorporating certain new provisions, to deal

effectively in issues like retrieval of encroached Waqf properties, prohibition of sale and gift of Waqf properties and development of Waqf properties. As per the Amended Act, a Waqf Tribunal has been setup in Chennai for the whole State for settlement of disputes relating to Waqfs and Waqf properties.

The work relating to survey of Waqf properties in Tamil Nadu by the Commissioner of Survey and Settlements is under progress. So far 1,679 Waqf properties in 19 districts have been surveyed.

23.1 Administrative Grant

As the income derived by way of contribution from the Waqf institutions is not sufficient to meet out the administrative expenses of Tamil Nadu Waqf Board, the Government of Tamil Nadu sanctions an administrative grant every year. From the year 2017-2018, the Government has enhanced the annual administrative grant from Rs.1 crore to Rs.2 crore. For the year 2018-2019, Rs.2 crore has been allotted for the Tamil Nadu Waqf Board as administrative grant.

23.2 Ulema Pension Scheme

Ulema Pension Scheme is being effectively implemented since 1981. Under the scheme poor Pesh Imams, Mothinars, Arabic Teachers, Mujawars and those who have served and retired after rendering service in Tamil Nadu Waqf institutions are paid pension. Under the scheme those who have attained 60 years of age and completed 20 years of service are eligible for the pension. The ulema pension has been enhanced from Rs.1,000 to Rs.1,500 per month from the year 2016-2017.

23.3 Maintenance Payments to Divorced Muslim Women

As per the Section 4(2) of the Muslim Women (Protection of rights on Divorce) Act, 1986 maintenance amount is paid to divorced Muslim women as per the orders of the Court by the Tamil Nadu Waqf Board.

23.4 Repair and Renovation Grant

The Government sanctions grant for repair and renovation of Mosques, Dargahs and other Waqf

Institutions as repair and renovation grant. A sum of Rs.60 lakh has been allotted by the Government for the year 2018-2019 for this purpose.

23.5 Corpus Fund for repair and renovation of Waqf Institutions

In order to carry out repair and renovation work in Waqf Institutions like Mosques and Darghas a corpus fund of Rs.3 crore has been created. This amount is deposited into a separate bank account of Tamil Nadu Waqf Board on 09.01.2018. After completion of one year with the accumulated interest on the above corpus fund, repair and renovation works will be taken up in necessary Waqf Institutions.

23.6 Honorarium to Kazis

Honorarium to a tune of Rs.20,000 per month is sanctioned to districts Kazis. A sum of Rs.67.20 lakh has been allotted for the scheme for the year 2018-2019.

24. TAMIL NADU STATE HAJJ COMMITTEE

24.1 Constitution of the Committee

As per the Hajj Committee Act, 2002, (Central Act No.35 of 2002), the State Government is constituting the Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee for a period of three years to look after the welfare of the Hajj pilgrims and also for making necessary arrangements for the successful performance of Hajj pilgrimage with the guidance of Hajj Committee of India and Ministry of Minority Affairs, New Delhi. Government of Tamil Nadu has reconstituted the Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee with 12 members in the year 2017. The Committee has elected Thiru.A. Abdul Jabbar as the Chairman of Hajj Committee of Tamil Nadu.

24.2 Functions of the Committee

The important functions of the Committee are as follows:-

- (i) Receiving of applications from the pilgrims of Tamil Nadu for Hajj pilgrimage and selection of pilgrims by conducting computerized drawal of lots.

- (ii) Issuing periodical instructions to the pilgrims about payment of advance hajj amount, balance hajj amount, airfare and other dues to be paid to the Hajj Committee of India, Mumbai.
- (iii) Sending officials in Building Selection Team to Saudi Arabia for selection of suitable buildings at Makkah and Madinah in coordination with Consulate General of India.
- (iv) Deputation of Hajj volunteers to look after the welfare of the pilgrims of Tamil Nadu during their stay in Saudi Arabia.
- (v) Liaise with the Regional Passport Offices for obtaining passports for the intending pilgrims.
- (vi) Printing and supplying of free hand book on 'Hajj and Umrah' in Tamil every year to the pilgrims.
- (vii) Arranging transit accommodation to the out-station pilgrims and providing transport from accommodation centers to airport and back, etc., during operation of Hajj flights from Chennai to Jeddah/Madinah and back.

- (viii) Holding of orientation/training programmes at various district/taluk headquarters to educate the selected pilgrims on travel formalities and procedures/rituals to be observed during the pilgrimage.
- (ix) Conducting inoculation camps for administering vaccination against meningitis and administering of polio drops in various districts to the pilgrims.
- (x) Arranging accommodation to the Hajj pilgrims at Makkah and Madinah.
- (xi) Coordinating with various agencies of Central and State Government, the Hajj Committee of India, Mumbai, etc., and other agencies such as Air India, Saudi Arabian Airlines, Airports Authority of India, Immigration, Customs, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security, and other voluntary organizations for smooth and successful Hajj flight operations.
- (xii) Other incidental activities relating to Hajj pilgrimage.

24.3 Administrative Grant for the Committee

The State Government sanctions an annual administrative grant to the Committee every year. Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee meets the administrative expenses like payment of salaries to staff, settlement of charges like property tax, electricity charges, metro water and sewerage charges, etc., out of the grant sanctioned by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

The Government of Tamil Nadu has enhanced the grant from Rs.20 lakh to Rs.30 lakh from the year 2013-2014. For the year 2018-2019, a sum of Rs.30 lakh has been allotted as administrative grant.

24.4 Sanction of Grant for Deputation of Hajj Volunteers and Members in Building Selection Team

The Government also sanctions grant to the Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee to meet expenses on deputation of Hajj volunteers to Saudi Arabia who assist the pilgrims and for deputation of member in Building Selection Team to Saudi Arabia for selection of buildings. The Government has provided a sum of Rs.10.29 lakh for this purpose for the year 2018-2019.

CONCLUSION

Various welfare schemes are implemented effectively in the State with a view to improve the Educational, Social and Economic standards of the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, Denotified Communities and Minorities in Tamil Nadu. This Government will continue to undertake all efforts to protect and promote the welfare of these communities.

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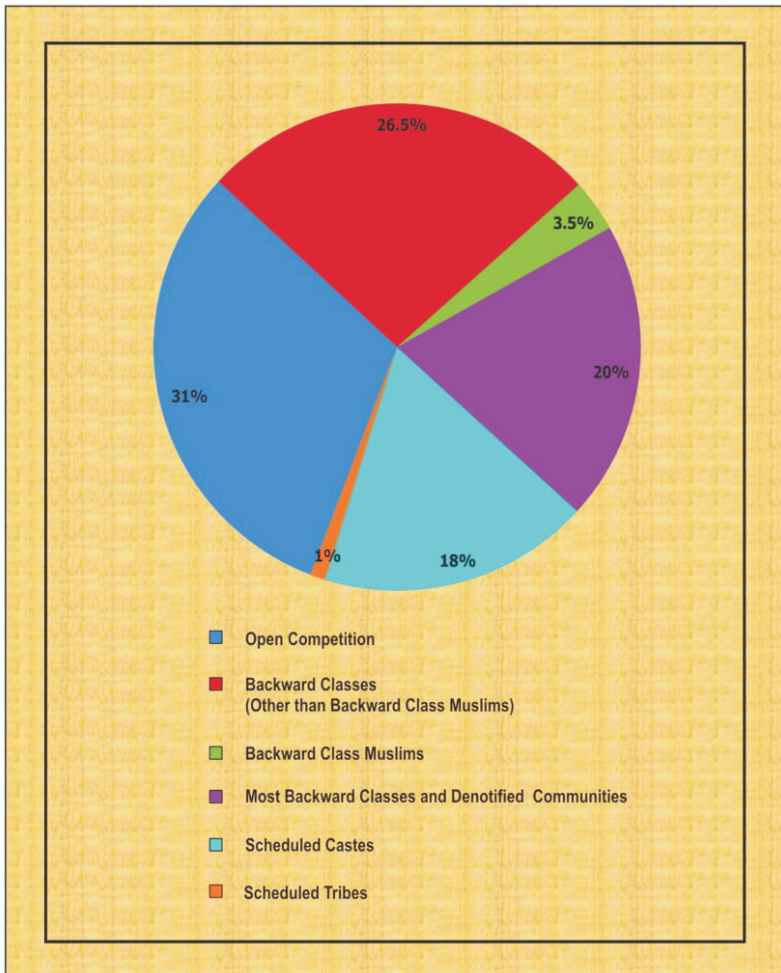
ANNEXURE

ALLOTMENT FOR THE YEAR 2018-2019

(Rs. in lakh)

Department	Revenue	Capital	Loan	Total
Secretariat	556.82	--	0.01	556.83
Waqf and Hajj Committee	698.29	--	--	698.29
Backward Classes Welfare	47068.12	842.81	--	47910.93
Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities	48208.17	1167.53	--	49375.70
Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Commission	123.38	--	--	123.38
State Minorities Commission	62.65	--	--	62.65
Minorities Welfare	1046.77	267.72	--	1314.49
Total	97764.20	2278.06	0.01	100042.27

DETAILS OF RESERVATION



DISTRICT WISE DETAILS OF HOSTELS (1343)





Hon'ble Chief Minister has inaugurated the newly constructed School and College Hostel Buildings on 01.03.2018