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INTRODUCTION

Tamil Nadu has been in the forefront in striving for the welfare of the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, Denotified Communities and Minorities. It proactively implements various schemes for their social upliftment, educational advancement and economic development. These schemes include provision of scholarships to students, running of hostels, supplying of bicycles and running of Kallar reclamation schools for the development of Piramalai Kallars.

Further, schemes such as provision of loans through Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Economic

Development Corporation and Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation for self-employment, supply of iron boxes and sewing machines for their economic development, issue of free house sites, sanction of pension to Ulemas, financial assistance for Jerusalem pilgrimage and facilitation and sanction of financial assistance to Haj pilgrimage are some of the schemes implemented by this Department.

Welfare Boards such as Denotified Communities welfare board, Tamil Nadu Narikoravar welfare board and Ulemas and employees welfare board are functioning under this department. Welfare assistance is provided to the registered members of these boards. Tamil Nadu Waqf Board is functioning to maintain and safeguard Waqf properties and for the better administration of the Waqfs. In order to provide protection and maintenance of public charitable trusts and endowments created and administered

by the persons or organizations of Vanniyakula Kshatriya Community in the State, the Government of Tamil Nadu enacted the Tamil Nadu Vanniyakula Kshatriya Public Charitable Trusts and Endowments (Protection and Maintenance) Act, 2018 (Tamil Nadu Act No.44 of 2018) and established the 'Tamil Nadu Vanniyakula Kshatriya Public Charitable Trusts and Endowments Board' under the Act.

Sustainable Development Goals

In the UN summit held between 25-27th of September 2015 "Transforming our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" was adopted with 17 Goals and associated 169 Targets. *Leaving No One Behind* is central to Sustainable Development Goals and is particularly relevant to this department.

SDG unit has been formed in the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities

Welfare department vide G.O.Ms.No.81, dated 27.12.2019 to set up systems and mechanisms for achieving SDGs. The Additional Secretary to Government, Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare department is the head of the unit with key officials at State level including the Director of Backward Classes Welfare, Director of Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare and the Director of Minorities Welfare being members.

Various schemes implemented by the department viz., scholarship schemes, supply of special guides, distribution of bicycles, hostels, Kallar reclamation schools etc., address the Goal 1-No Poverty, Goal 4-Quality Education and Goal 10 -Reduce inequalities.

The schemes such as Incentive scheme for rural girl students etc., address the Goal 5 of Gender Equality.

The activities of the Tamil Nadu Narikoravar welfare board, Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Commission, Denotified Communities welfare board, Tamil Nadu State Minorities Commission, Tamil Nadu Waqf Board etc., address Goal 1-No Poverty, Goal 8-Decent Work and Economic growth and Goal 10–Reduce inequalities;

The Economic development schemes of Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Economic Development Corporation, Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation etc., help to achieve the Goal 1-No Poverty, Goal 8-Decent Work and Economic growth and Goal 10–Reduce inequalities.

The department will continue to work in a focused manner to enable the socio-economic empowerment of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare in the light of SDG Targets and Indicators.

2. RESERVATION

The policy of reservation for Backward Classes has been under successful implementation in Tamil Nadu for several years. Tamil Nadu pioneered the movement for reservation in Government jobs and seats in educational institutions and introduced the policy of reservation in the year 1921. This policy has paid good dividends and contributed to the social, economic and educational advancement of these classes. The extent of reservation has gradually increased and now stands at 69%. The details are as follows: -

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
Total		69

Consequent to the judgement delivered by the Constitution Bench of Supreme Court of India in Indira Sawhney Vs Union of India (Mandal Commission Cases) restricting the percentage of reservation to 50%, the Government of Tamil Nadu, enacted the 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 69% reservation in the State and was subsequently included in the Ninth Schedule to the Constitution to get protection under Article 31-B of the Constitution.

The Tamil Nadu Act 45 of 1994 was challenged in the Supreme Court of India and in the Judgement delivered by the Supreme Court on 13.07.2010, it directed the State Government to supply the Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Commission all quantifiable data and on the basis of the data furnished by the Government, the Commission should decide the quantum of

reservation to be provided to various categories in this State. Based on quantifiable data provided by the State Government, the Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Commission submitted its report justifying 69% reservation without excluding the creamy layer.

The Government accepted the recommendation of the Commission and passed orders on 11.07.2011 continuing 69% reservation without excluding the creamy layer for admission of students to educational institutions and appointments in the services in the State.

3. EDUCATION

Education is indispensable for social upliftment and economic development. The Government is implementing various schemes for the educational advancement of people belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, Denotified Communities and Minorities.

Hostel facilities, sanction of scholarships, maintenance of Kallar reclamation schools, supply of uniforms, sanction of incentives and supply of bicycles are some of the schemes that are implemented for the educational advancement of the disadvantaged sections of society.

4. HOSTELS

The Government is running 1,354 hostels in the State for the benefit of poor Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, Denotified Communities and Minorities students to pursue their studies without any impediments. The department-wise details of hostels are given below:

Sl. No.	Department	Number of hostels
1.	Directorate of Backward Classes	740
2.	Directorate of Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities	596
3.	Directorate of Minorities Welfare	18
Total		1,354

Out of these 1,354 hostels, 1,099 are school hostels and 255 are college hostels. Of these, 845 are boys hostels and 509 are girls hostels. Last year 85,914 students used these hostels. 7 School hostels will be upgraded into college hostels during 2020-2021. The hostel boarders need not pay any fees and their entire expenditure for boarding and lodging is borne by the Government. Students with annual parental income up to Rs. 1 lakh are admitted in the hostels.

District Collectors have been empowered to sanction 10% additional strength to the needy hostels. If demand for hostel admissions exceeds even after sanctioning additional seats by District Collectors, the Heads of the Department have been empowered to admit an additional 2,185 students 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 Tamil Nadu but working in plantations along the 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. They are admitted to the hostels on the basis of self-declaration by the parents.

4.1 Opening of new hostels

Based on demand new hostels are being opened. During the year 2019-2020, 6 new college hostels have been opened benefitting 600 students additionally.

4.2 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. The Government is sanctioning

Rs. 20 per student for school hostel boarders and Rs. 40 per student for college hostel boarders for providing special food during festivals.

Miscellaneous charges of Rs. 50 per month for school hostel boarders and Rs. 75 per month for college hostel boarders are sanctioned to boarders for purchase of soap, oil, etc. This amount is directly credited into the student's bank account through ECS.

During the year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs. 27,122.09 lakh is being spent towards food charges, administration, maintenance and other expenditure for running of hostels.

A total amount of Rs. 29,783.34 lakh has been provided for the scheme for the year 2020-2021. Of this, a sum of Rs. 16,114.55 lakh has been provided for Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs. 13,668.79 lakh for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department.

4.3 Benefits provided to boarders of hostels

1. One English and two Tamil dailies are supplied to each hostel.
2. Special guides are provided free of cost to the boarders studying in 10th and 12th standard to improve their performance in Public Examinations.
3. The boarders studying up to 12th standard are supplied with all the textbooks free of cost by the Department of School Education.
4. Library books, bookshelves, play materials, colour television, wet grinder, mixer, water purifier, napkin incinerator, fire extinguishers, idly steamers and electric insect destroyers are supplied to both school and college hostels. In addition, two-tier bunk cots, inverter, reference books, instant wet grinder, steam boiler are supplied to college hostels.

5. Mats, jamakkalam, bedsheets, stainless steel plates and tumblers, etc., are provided to all hostel boarders.
6. Four sets of uniforms are provided to the hostel boarders studying from 4th to 10th standard as per the colour and pattern adopted under Noon Meal Scheme.
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 eat eggs.
9. Woolen sweaters are provided to the boarders in hill stations.
10. Sundal and Chukkumalli coffee/tea are provided to the hostel boarders every evening.

11. Career guidance programmes are conducted for creating awareness among hostel boarders studying in standard 10th, 12th and colleges to aid in their preparation for competitive examinations.
12. Mutton and chicken are provided on the first and third Wednesday and second and fourth Wednesday respectively in every month.
13. Spoken English and Personality Development training programme is conducted for the hostel boarders studying in 11th and 12th standard.

4.4 New schemes taken up during 2019-2020 for hostels

1. 6 new college hostels have been opened at the cost of Rs. 257.10 lakh.
2. 7 School hostels have been upgraded into college hostels at the cost of Rs. 45.72 lakh.

3. Biometric System to ensure the daily attendance of the hostel inmates is being installed in 1,341 hostels at a total cost of Rs. 297.88 lakh.
4. Orders issued for construction of own buildings for 14 Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities hostels which are functioning in rented buildings at a cost of Rs. 38 crore.
5. Orders issued for construction of own building for 12 hostels under schemes shared between State and Central Government at a cost of Rs. 39.57 crore.
6. The amount provided for urgent maintenance works for 1,334 hostels has been enhanced from Rs. 15,000 / Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 50,000.

7. A sum of Rs. 683.60 lakh allotted for providing wet grinders to 1,088 school hostels, furniture and vessels to 1,301 hostels.
8. A sum of Rs. 5 crore has been additionally sanctioned for taking up repair and maintenance works in hostels.
9. Annual parental income ceiling of students admitted in the 39 Government recognized private hostels has been enhanced from Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 1,00,000.
10. A sum of Rs. 1.27 lakh has been allotted for awarding 3 State Level Awards to the best hostels of the State.
11. Orders have been issued for providing two-tier wooden and steel cots to 87 college hostels at a cost of Rs. 486.80 lakh.

12. A sum of Rs. 30.35 lakh has been allotted to provide BSNL broadband connection to 249 college hostels.

5. BOARDING GRANTS TO GOVERNMENT APPROVED PRIVATE HOSTELS

Boarding grant is sanctioned to students of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities staying in 39 Government recognized private hostels, at the rate of Rs. 900 per month. The annual parental income ceiling to avail this benefit has been enhanced from Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 1,00,000 in the year 2019-2020.

During the year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs. 85.81 lakh is being spent for the benefit of 952 students.

A total amount of Rs. 85.81 lakh has been provided for the scheme for the year 2020-2021. Of this, a sum of Rs. 43.81 lakh has been provided for Backward Classes Welfare

Department and Rs. 42 lakh for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department.

6. STATE LEVEL AWARDS TO HOSTELS AND STAFF BY SELECTING BEST THREE HOSTELS

In order to encourage the Wardens/Matrons to maintain the hostels in a hygienic manner 'Best Warden/Matron' were selected at State Level and awarded the first prize of Rs. 5,000, second prize of Rs. 3,000 and third prize of Rs. 2,000. From the year 2019-2020, three best hostels will be selected at the State Level. Shield and Memento will be awarded to the best three hostels and cash prizes will be awarded to the staff of these hostels. The details of cash prizes awarded to hostel staff is given below:

Sl. No.	Category	First prize Rs.	Second Prize Rs.	Third Prize Rs.
1.	Warden / Matron	20,000	15,000	10,000
2.	Servant cum Watchman	10,000	5,000	3,000
3.	Cook	10,000	5,000	3,000
4.	Sweeper	5,000	3,000	2,000

During the year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs. 1.37 lakh is being spent for awarding prizes.

A sum of Rs. 1.50 lakh has been provided for the year 2020-2021.

7. CONSTRUCTION OF OWN BUILDINGS FOR HOSTELS

Out of 1,354 hostels, 1,290 hostels are functioning in own buildings and 64 hostels are functioning in rented buildings. Construction of own buildings for 12 hostels through the Public Works Department is in progress. Orders have been issued for the construction of own building to 14 hostels at a total cost of Rs. 38 crore

through State fund and 12 hostels under schemes shared between State and Central Government at a cost of Rs. 39.57 crore and action is being taken by the Public Works Department for construction. Action is being taken to construct own buildings for the remaining 26 hostels.

Hon'ble Chief Minister has inaugurated buildings for 99 hostels during the last three years.

During the year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs. 136.95 lakh has been spent for construction of hostel buildings.

A total amount of Rs. 2,491.95 lakh has been provided for the scheme for the year 2020-2021. Of this, a sum of Rs. 733.02 lakh has been provided for Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs. 1,758.93 lakh for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department.

8. MAINTENANCE OF HOSTELS

Maintenance works for hostels functioning in Government buildings are taken up through the Public Works Department. An allotment of Rs. 600 lakh is being provided every year for maintenance works. During 2019-2020, maintenance works were carried out in 361 hostels at a total cost of Rs. 600 lakh. In addition to that, in the year 2019-2020, **Rs.** 500 lakh has been sanctioned for taking up special maintenance and repair works in hostels and the works were carried by the Public Works Department in 85 hostels.

For the year 2020-2021, a sum of Rs. 600 lakh has been provided for the maintenance of hostels.

9. EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

The Government implements three Scholarship schemes viz., Pre-matric, Post-matric and Free Education to enable the poor students of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and

Denotified Communities to continue their education without interruption. The parental income ceiling for availing these scholarships is Rs. 2 lakh/annum.

9.1. Pre-matric scholarship

The Government has waived the payment of tuition fee and special fee to students studying in Tamil and English medium in Government and Government aided schools. The examination fee for 10th standard Tamil medium students has also been waived. Hence under the pre-matric scholarship scheme, examination fee for the Backward Classes students studying in 10th standard in English medium in Government and Government aided schools is reimbursed. This is subject to the condition that their annual parental income should not exceed Rs. 2 lakh. For Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities

examination fee is reimbursed without any condition.

During the year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs. 179.05 lakh is being spent for the benefit of 1,17,895 students as given below.

Number of students			Amount (Rs. in lakh)		
BC	MBC / DNC	TOTAL	BC	MBC / DNC	Total
47,944	69,951	1,17,895	66.69	112.36	179.05

A total amount of Rs. 189.97 lakh has been provided for the scheme for the year 2020-2021. Of this, a sum of Rs. 103 lakh has been provided for Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs. 86.97 lakh for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department.

9.2. Post-matric scholarship

The Government has waived the payment of tuition fee and special fee to the students studying in Tamil and English medium in Government and Government aided schools. The examination fee for 11th and 12th standard Tamil medium students has also been waived. Hence under Post-matric scholarship scheme, examination fees for the Backward Classes students studying in 11th and 12th standard in English medium in Government and Government aided schools are being reimbursed. This is subject to the condition that their annual parental income should not exceed Rs. 2 lakh. For Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities students examination fee is reimbursed without any condition.

9.3 Scholarship to college students

Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities students studying

ITI, Diploma in Polytechnics, Post Graduate, Professional and Ph.D. courses are sanctioned tuition fee and special fee as fixed for the Government educational institutions. Examination fee is sanctioned in full and book money as notified in the scholarship notification. Students studying in the second shift in Government and Government aided colleges are also sanctioned scholarship by applying the same conditions stipulated for students studying in the morning shift. Annual parental income should not exceed Rs. 2 lakh to avail this 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. 175 per month for Under Graduate courses, Rs. 350 per month for Professional courses and Rs. 225 per month for ITI / Diploma and Post Graduate courses for 10 months in a year.

During the year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs. 8,393 lakh is being spent for the benefit of 2,82,800 students as given below.

Number of school and college students			Amount (Rs. in lakh)		
BC	MBC/DNC	Total	BC	MBC/DNC	Total
1,48,400	1,34,400	2,82,800	5,300.00	3,093.00	8,393.00

A total amount of Rs. 8,300 lakh has been provided for the scheme for the year 2020-2021. Of this, a sum of Rs. 5,300 lakh has been provided for Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs. 3,000 lakh for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department.

10. FREE EDUCATION

10.1. 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 non-refundable compulsory fee as prescribed by the Government (Tuition fee of students studying in three year Degree Courses in Government and Government aided Arts and Science colleges has been waived). Book money is sanctioned as notified in the scholarship notification and examination fee in full. This scholarship is sanctioned 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 are sanctioned to students who are staying in hostels attached to educational institutions.

During the year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs. 3,488.02 lakh is being spent for the benefit of 1,93,449 students as given below.

Number of students			Amount (Rs. in lakh)		
BC	MBC/DNC	Total	BC	MBC/DNC	Total
1,03,555	89,894	1,93,449	1,888.02	1,600.00	3,488.02

A total amount of Rs. 3,588.02 lakh has been provided for the scheme for the year 2020-2021. Of this, a sum of Rs. 1,888.02 lakh has been provided for Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs. 1,700 lakh for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department.

10.2. Diploma courses

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 is sanctioned as notified in the scholarship notification and

examination fee in full. This is 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 are sanctioned to students who are staying in hostels attached to educational institutions.

During the year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs. 152 lakh is being spent for the benefit of 3,632 students as given below.

Number of students			Amount (Rs. in lakh)		
BC	MBC/DNC	Total	BC	MBC/DNC	Total
2,074	1,558	3,632	89.00	63.00	152.00

A total amount of Rs. 216.49 lakh has been provided for the scheme for the year 2020-2021. Of this, a sum of Rs. 126.49 lakh has been provided for Backward Classes Welfare

Department and Rs. 90 lakh for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department.

10.3. Professional courses

Students of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities selected under Government quota through single window system and pursuing 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 is sanctioned as notified in scholarship notification and examination fee in full. This is 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 are sanctioned to

students who are staying in hostels attached to educational institutions.

During the year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs. 6,961.38 lakh is being spent for the benefit of 1,30,379 students as given below.

Number of students			Amount (Rs. in lakh)		
BC	MBC/DNC	Total	BC	MBC/DNC	Total
80,386	49,993	1,30,379	4,301.58	2,659.80	6,961.38

A total amount of Rs. 8,006.24 lakh has been provided for the scheme for the year 2020-2021. Of this, a sum of Rs. 4,806.24 lakh has been provided for Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs. 3,200 lakh for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department.

10.4. Web-enabled sanction of Scholarship

Web application www.escholarship.tn.gov.in developed by the National Informatics Centre is used for sanction and disbursement of

scholarship to the college students of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities. Scholarships are directly credited into the students' bank account through ECS by the respective Heads of the Department adopting a centralized payment system.

11. SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENTS STUDYING IN LISTED CENTRAL INSTITUTES

A new scheme to sanction scholarship to the students of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities of Tamil Nadu studying UG/PG courses in listed Central Institutes like IIT, IIM, IIIT, NIT and Central Universities has been introduced in the year 2019-2020. Initially, the scholarship will be sanctioned to 100 students. The conditions for availing the scholarship are given below:

Conditions:

1. The student should belong to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities.
2. The student should be a native of Tamil Nadu.
3. The student should be pursuing UG/PG Courses in IIT, IIM, IIIT, NIT and Central Universities.
4. The annual family income should not exceed Rs. 2 lakh.
5. The above scholarship amount will be reimbursed to the student every year for the entire duration of their courses.
6. The Government will reimburse the students scholarship amount comprising tuition fee, special fee, exam fee and other compulsory fee as prescribed by the Institution or Rs. 2 lakh whichever is less.
7. If more number of applications are received, the eligible students will be shortlisted based on their marks secured in 12th standard public examination.

The Government sanctioned Rs. 1,20,00,000 for 60 students of Backward Classes communities, and Rs. 80,00,000 for 40 students of Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities, a total of Rs. 2 crore for this scheme.

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

In order to minimize the dropouts in primary schools which are quite common in rural areas because of poverty, particularly among the girl children belonging to the Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities and to encourage them to continue their studies, an incentive of Rs. 500 per year to the girl students studying in standards III to V and Rs. 1,000 per year to the girl students studying standard VI are given. The annual parental income ceiling for availing this benefit has been enhanced to Rs. 72,000 from the year 2017-2018.

During the year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs. 1,584.61 lakh is being spent for the benefit of 2,56,556 girl students.

A sum of Rs. 1,675 lakh has been provided for the year 2020-2021.

13. KALLAR RECLAMATION SCHOOLS

For the educational upliftment of Piramalai Kallars in Madurai, Theni and Dindigul districts where they are living predominantly, 213 Primary schools, 22 Middle schools, 22 High schools and 38 Higher Secondary schools totaling 295 Kallar reclamation schools are functioning under the control of Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department. 24,480 students are studying in these schools.

During the year 2011-2012, Lower Kindergarten English medium classes were started in 15 Kallar reclamation primary schools in Madurai, Theni and Dindigul districts at the rate of

5 schools in each district. During the year 2019-2020, English medium classes have been introduced in 6th standard in 15 Kallar reclamation higher secondary schools.

Students of Kallar reclamation schools are given special cash incentive, footwear, lap-top, school bag, geometry box, crayons and Atlas by the School Education Department as provided to the students studying in Government/ Government aided schools. During the academic year 2018-2019, Kallar reclamation schools have registered a pass percentage of 94.9% in 10th standard, 96.5% in 11th standard and 96.8% in 12th standard Public Examinations.

During the year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs. 11,780.62 lakh is being spent for the administration of Kallar reclamation schools.

A sum of Rs. 13,736.45 lakh has been provided for the year 2020-2021.

13.1. 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 school buildings. Maintenance works have been carried out in 20 schools during the year 2019-2020.

A sum of Rs. 1 crore has been allotted for the maintenance of Kallar reclamation school buildings for the year 2020-2021.

13.2 Prize scheme for the Headmasters / Teachers of Kallar Reclamation schools

Cash prize of Rs. 5,000 is awarded to PG / B.T Teachers of Kallar reclamation schools, who achieve 100% result in their subject in 10th and 12th standard Public Examinations.

Cash prize of Rs. 10,000 and Certificate of appreciation is awarded to the Headmasters of Kallar reclamation high / higher secondary schools

who ensures pass percentage of 95% and above in 10th and 12th standard Public Examinations.

During the year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs. 30 lakh is being spent for awarding prizes.

A sum of Rs. 31 lakh has been provided for the year 2020-2021 for this scheme.

13.3 New Schemes announced for Kallar Reclamation Schools during the year 2019-2020

1. English medium classes in 6th standard have been introduced in 15 Kallar reclamation higher secondary schools.
2. Orders were issued to provide two seater wooden benches and desks to 213 Kallar reclamation primary schools at cost of Rs. 4.12 crore.
3. Orders were issued to impart "Personality Development and Communicative English Programme" to 3,450 students of Kallar reclamation

schools studying in 11th and 12th standards at a cost of Rs. 1.71 crore and courses are being conducted.

4. Lab equipments have been provided to 10 Kallar reclamation higher secondary schools at a cost of Rs. 67.50 lakh.
5. Orders were issued to provide "Smart Class Rooms" in 23 Kallar reclamation higher secondary schools at a cost of Rs. 1.06 crore.

14. DISTRIBUTION OF UNIFORMS

The boarders of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, Denotified Communities and Minority hostels studying up to 10th standard are supplied four sets of uniforms free of cost every year. For Students upto class 8 of kallar reclamation schools, four sets of uniforms are supplied free of cost by Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department every year. The colour and pattern of the uniforms are

the same as that of uniforms in Government schools. Cloth for uniforms is procured from the Co-optex and stitched through the District Women Weavers Co-operative Societies.

During the year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs. 539.90 lakh is being spent for the benefit of 38,561 students as given below.

Number of students			Amount (Rs. in lakh)		
BC	MBC / DNC	Total	BC	MBC / DNC	Total
19,750	18,811	38,561	275.50	264.40	539.90

A total amount of Rs. 476 lakh has been provided for the scheme for the year 2020-2021. Of this, a sum of Rs. 250 lakh has been provided for Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs. 226 lakh for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department.

15. DISTRIBUTION OF BICYCLES

Bicycles are distributed free of cost to the students belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, Denotified Communities and Minorities studying in 11th standard in Government, Government aided and partly aided schools without any income ceiling. The students staying in the hostels situated in the school premises and students of residential schools are not eligible to get bicycles.

During the year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs. 14,281.48 lakh is being spent for distribution of bicycles to 3,62,493 students.

Number of students			Amount (Rs. in lakh)		
BC	MBC / DNC	Total	BC	MBC / DNC	Total
1,90,298	1,72,195	3,62,493	7,494.73	6,786.75	14,281.48

A total amount of Rs. 14,283.77 lakh has been provided for the scheme for the year 2020-2021. Of this, a sum of Rs. 7,496.28 lakh has been provided for Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs. 6,787.49 lakh for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department.

16. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES

16.1 Supply of Iron Boxes

Iron boxes are distributed free of cost to the poor amongst Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities who are engaged in laundry activities to improve their economic status. For availing the benefit under the scheme, the annual income of the beneficiaries should not exceed Rs. 72,000.

Action is being taken to supply 2,000 iron boxes at a cost of Rs. 109.00 lakh for the year 2019-2020.

A sum of Rs. 109 lakh has been provided for the year 2020-2021.

16.2 Supply of Sewing Machines

Motorized sewing machines are distributed free of cost to the poor people belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities for their economic upliftment. For availing benefit under the scheme, the annual income of the beneficiaries should not exceed Rs. 72,000.

Orders have been issued for the purchase and supply of 3,000 motorized sewing machines at a cost of Rs. 135 lakh for the year 2019-2020 and purchase is underway.

A total amount of Rs. 131.38 lakh has been provided for the scheme for the year 2020-2021. Of this, a sum of Rs. 63.72 lakh has been provided for Backward Classes Welfare

Department and Rs. 67.66 lakh for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department.

16.3 Distribution of House Sites

Houseless persons of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities are allotted house sites free of cost, subject to the condition that the annual income of the beneficiaries should not exceed Rs. 72,000.

During the year 2019-2020, Rs. 123.55 lakh has been spent for providing house sites to 300 beneficiaries.

A total amount of Rs. 350.02 lakh has been provided for the scheme for the year 2020-2021. Of this, a sum of Rs. 200 lakh has been provided for Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs. 150.02 lakh for Most

Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department.

17. DENOTIFIED COMMUNITIES WELFARE BOARD

Denotified Communities welfare board has been formed by the Government for the social, educational and economic development of Denotified Communities. The members enrolled in this board are sanctioned various welfare assistances like accident relief, educational assistance, marriage assistance, maternity assistance, old-age pension as in the case of members of the welfare boards for unorganized labourers, functioning under the administrative control of Labour and Employment Department.

Welfare assistance provided to members enrolled in the Denotified Communities welfare board

Sl. No.	Details of the Assistance	Financial Assistance (in Rs.)
1.	Accident Relief	
	a) Death due to accident	1,00,000
	b) Disability due to accident	10,000 to 1,00,000
2.	Natural death	20,000
3.	Funeral expenses	5,000
4.	Educational assistance	
	a) Girls Studying X standard	1,000
	b) Students passed X standard	1,000
	c) Girls studying XI standard	1,000
	d) Girls studying XII standard	1,500
	e) Students passed XII standard	1,500

Sl. No.	Details of the Assistance	Financial Assistance (in Rs.)
	f) (i) Regular degree course	1,500
	(ii) Regular degree course with hostel facility	1,750
	g) (i) Regular postgraduate degree course	4,000
	(ii) Regular postgraduate degree course with hostel facility	5,000
	h) (i) Professional degree course	4,000
	(ii) Professional degree course with hostel facility	6,000
	i) (i) Professional postgraduate degree course	6,000
	(ii) Professional postgraduate degree course with hostel facility	8,000

Sl. No.	Details of the Assistance	Financial Assistance (in Rs.)
	j) (i) ITI or Vocational Training	1,000
	(ii) ITI or Vocational Training with hostel facility	1,200
5.	Marriage assistance	2,000
6.	Financial assistance to pregnant women	
	a) Maternity assistance of Rs. 1,000 per month for 6 months	6,000
	b) Abortion	3,000
7.	Reimbursement of spectacle expenses	Up to Rs. 500
8.	Old age pension per month	1,000

So far, Rs. 72.50 lakh has been spent for providing welfare assistance to 3,096 registered members of the board.

18. TAMIL NADU NARIKORAVAR WELFARE BOARD

“Tamil Nadu Narikoravar Welfare Board” is functioning for providing education and assistance for alternative employment to Narikoravars and to provide various welfare assistances to them. The members enrolled in this board are sanctioned various welfare assistances like accident relief, educational assistance, marriage assistance, maternity assistance, old-age pension as in the case of members of the welfare boards for unorganized labourers, functioning under the administrative control of Labour and Employment Department.

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. 1040 lakh has been provided to the board.

**Welfare assistance provided to members of
the Tamil Nadu Narikoravar welfare board**

Sl. No.	Details of the Assistance	Financial Assistance (in Rs.)
1.	Accident Relief	
	a) Death due to accident	1,00,000
	b) Disability due to accident	10,000 to 1,00,000
2.	Natural death	20,000
3.	Funeral expenses	5,000
4.	Education	
	a) Students studying from 1 st to 5 th standard	500
	b) Students studying from 6 th to 9 th standard	1,000
	c) Girls studying X standard	1,000
	d) Students passed X standard	1,000
	e) Girls studying XI standard	1,000
	f) Girls studying XII standard	1,500
	g) Students passed XII standard	1,500

Sl. No.	Details of the Assistance	Financial Assistance (in Rs.)
	h) (i) Regular degree course	1,500
	(ii) Regular degree course with hostel facility	1,750
	i) (i) Regular postgraduate course	4,000
	(ii) Regular postgraduate course with hostel facility	5,000
	(j) (i) Professional degree course	4,000
	(ii) Professional degree course with hostel facility	6,000
	k) (i) Professional postgraduate course	6,000
	(ii) Professional postgraduate courses with hostel facility	8,000
	l) (i) ITI or Vocational Training	1,000
	(ii) ITI or Vocational Training with hostel Facility	1,200
5.	Marriage assistance	2,000
6.	Financial assistance to pregnant	

Sl. No.	Details of the Assistance	Financial Assistance (in Rs.)
	women	
	a) Maternity assistance of Rs. 1,000 per month for 6 months	6,000
	b) Abortion	3,000
7.	Reimbursement of spectacle expenses	Up to 500
8.	Old age pension per month	1,000
9.	Subsidy for self-employment	
	a) Individual subsidy	7,500
	b) Starting business as a group	10,000 (individual) or 1,25,000 for group

So far, Rs. 780.23 lakh has been spent for providing welfare assistance to 13,798 registered members of the board.

A sum of Rs. 100 lakh has been provided for the year 2020-2021.

19. THANTHAI PERIYAR AWARD FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Thanthai Periyar Award for social justice is being given by the Government to honour those who have made outstanding contribution for 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 and a cash prize of Rs. 1 lakh. Thanthai Periyar Award for Social Justice for the year 2019 has been awarded to Thiru Gingee N.Ramachandran.

A sum of Rs. 1.50 lakh has been provided for the year 2020-2021.

20. TAMIL NADU VANNIYAKULA KSHATRIYA PUBLIC CHARITABLE TRUSTS AND ENDOWMENTS BOARD

In order to identify and co-ordinate with various charitable trusts endowed by Vanniyar philanthropists and to better fulfill the objectives

of the trusts, the Government has formed the Vanniyar Public Property Welfare Board.

People who are interested in the preservation, protection and maintenance of these trusts and endowments have represented to the Government to enact a separate act for the preservation of such trusts and endowments.

The Government after careful consideration has decided to constitute a Board to safeguard the properties of such trusts and endowments created by persons or organizations of Vanniyakula Kshatriya Community and to enact a separate law for the purpose and accordingly enacted a new act namely "The Tamil Nadu Vanniyakula Kshatriya Public Charitable Trusts and Endowments (Protection and Maintenance) Act 2018". The Act came into force on 04.02.2019.

As per the provisions of the Act, the Government has established Tamil Nadu

Vanniyakula Kshatriya Public Charitable Trusts and Endowments Board with a Chairperson and ten members. The Government has also appointed an officer in the cadre of District Revenue Officer as Member-Secretary for the newly constituted board and sanctioned 23 new posts. A one-time grant of Rs. 1 crore and recurring grant of Rs. 25 lakh has been sanctioned to the board. The board has so far identified 83 such trusts.

21. TAMIL NADU BACKWARD CLASSES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Economic Development Corporation was established in the year 1982. It is a State-owned Company registered under the Companies Act, 1956. This Corporation sanctions loan assistance at low rates of interest to individuals, groups belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities for establishing trade or

business for their economic advancement. The Corporation has an authorised share capital of Rs. 30 crore and a paid-up capital of Rs. 12.27 crore. The Corporation is the State channelising agency of the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation and obtains loans from the latter upon the guarantee given by the Tamil Nadu Government for funding various loan schemes.

TABCEDCO has been awarded **Performance Award (Bronze) for the year 2018-2019** by the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC), New Delhi for its all India level best performance. The award was presented by the Hon'ble Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India during the NBCFDC's National Conference held on 13.01.2020.

21.1 Loan Schemes

This Corporation sanctions loans to individuals, Self Help Groups. 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.

The annual family income limit for all the loan schemes has been enhanced to Rs.3,00,000 with effect from 1.4.2018.

21.1.1 General Term Loan Scheme

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

per annum for small trade/business. Loans above Rs. 5 lakh and up to Rs. 10 lakh carry 7% rate of interest and loans above Rs. 10 lakh and up to Rs. 15 lakh carry 8% rate of interest per annum. Repayment period of loan varies from 3 to 8 years.

21.1.2 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. 2,00,000 per beneficiary is sanctioned at 5% rate of interest per annum. Repayment period of loan varies from 3 to 8 years.

21.1.3 Micro Credit for Women

(Mahila Samridhi Yojana)

Under the scheme, micro finance is provided to women self help groups for small trade / business either individually or as a group. Maximum loan amount is Rs. 1,00,000 per

beneficiary which carries 4% rate of interest per annum. Repayment period of the loan is 4 years.

21.1.4 Micro Credit for Men

Under the scheme, micro finance is provided to men self help groups for small trade/business, either individually or as a group. Maximum loan amount is Rs. 1,00,000 per beneficiary which carries 5% rate of interest per annum. Repayment period of the loan is 4 years.

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.

During the year 2019-2020 up to 29.02.2020 an amount of Rs. 4098.93 lakh has

been disbursed to 7,877 beneficiaries. The details are as follows.

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Number of Beneficiaries	Amount (Rs. in lakh)
1.	General Term Loan Scheme	569	400.94
2.	New Swarnima Scheme for Women	205	112.97
3.	Micro Credit for Women	6,976	3,527.28
4.	Micro Credit for Men	127	57.74
Total		7,877	4,098.93

The target for the financial year 2019-2020 including TABCEDCO share is Rs. 106.00 crore (National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation share Rs. 100 crore and TABCEDCO share Rs. 6 crore). Out of which Rs. 40.99 crore disbursed to 7,877 beneficiaries up to 29.02.2020 and action is being taken to disburse the remaining amount of Rs. 65.01 crore to 11,741 beneficiaries before 31.03.2020.

For the year 2020-2021, it has been proposed to provide loans to the tune of Rs. 106 crore (National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation share Rs. 100 crore and TABCEDCO share Rs. 6 crore) under various schemes.

21.2 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 up to a maximum of Rs. 1,00,000 with 50% Government subsidy. So far subsidy to a tune of Rs. 1,660.22 lakh has been disbursed benefiting 3,582 small and marginal farmers.

22. TAMIL NADU BACKWARD CLASSES COMMISSION

The Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Commission has been constituted as a permanent body 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 the 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 provisions 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.

23. MINORITIES WELFARE

The Government is committed to maintain communal harmony among various sections of the society. Tamil Nadu has been a pioneer in formulating and implementing various welfare schemes aimed at improving the social, educational and economic conditions of Minorities.

23.1 Separate Reservation

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

23.2 Minorities Hostels

Government is running 18 Minority hostels at Chennai, Vellore, Krishnagiri, Coimbatore, Thanjavur, Tiruchirappalli, Dindigul, Madurai, Theni,

Tirunelveli, Ramanathapuram, Kanniyakumari, Cuddalore and Sivagangai districts to facilitate minorities students to continue their education. Boarding and lodging facilities are provided free of cost to the boarders of these hostels.

- i. Two Tamil Newspapers and one English Newspaper are supplied to every hostel for improving general knowledge of the boarders.
- ii. Library books and reference books are provided to the boarders.
- iii. The boarders of hostels studying up to 12th standard are supplied with all the textbooks free of cost by the Department of School Education.
- iv. Special guides are supplied to hostel boarders studying in 10th and 12th standard to get high marks in Public Examination.

- v. Four Sets of uniforms are supplied to the hotel boarders studying from standard IV to X.
- vi. Career guidance programmes are conducted to hostel boarders.
- vii. Annually three medical check-up are conducted to hostel boarders.
- viii. Two-tier cots are provided to the inmates of college hostels functioning in Government building.
- ix. Computer, water purifier, colour television, wet grinder, mixer grinder, idly steamer, sports materials and library books, fire extinguisher are provided to hostel, napkin incinerators are also provided to girls hostels.
- x. Bedsheets, mats and jamakkalam are provided to hostel boarders.

- xi. 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 eat eggs.
- xii. Mutton and chicken are provided on the first and third Wednesday and second and fourth Wednesday respectively in every month.
- xiii. Spoken english and personality development training programme is conducted for the hostel boarders studying in 11 and 12th standard.

During the year 2019-2020, a sum of Rs. 306.75 lakh is being spent towards food charges, administration, maintenance and other expenses for running of these hostels.

A sum of Rs. 479.81 lakh has been allotted for the year 2020-2021 for this purpose.

23.3 Scholarships

The Government is implementing the following scholarship schemes of Government of India for the benefit of students belonging to Christian, Muslim, Sikh, Buddhist, Parsi and Jain religions studying in Government / Government Aided and Government recognized private educational institutions.

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

These schemes are implemented for students studying from 1st standard to Professional Courses/Research level courses. Government of India funds 100% of the cost of these schemes. 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's final examination will be eligible for availing this benefit under these schemes. Out of the total beneficiaries, 30% is earmarked for girl students. The scholarship amount under the above schemes is directly credited into the students' bank account through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

23.3.1 Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme

This scholarship is sanctioned to the minority students studying from 1st to 10th standard. The students studying from 6th to 10th standard are sanctioned admission fee up to Rs. 500 and tuition fee up to 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.

During the year 2019-2020 up to 29.02.2020, a sum of Rs. 7,510.26 lakh has been spent for the benefit of 3,61,992 students.

23.3.2 Post-matric Scholarship Scheme

This scholarship is sanctioned to the minority students studying from 11th Std to Ph.D. level. Under this scheme, scholarships 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 2019-2020 up to 29.02.2020, a sum of Rs. 2,387.15 lakh has been spent for the benefit of 40,357 students.

23.3.3 Merit-Cum-Means Based Scholarship Scheme

This scholarship scheme is implemented to encourage Minority students who have secured high marks and are studying in Professional/ Technical courses.

Students pursuing Professional and Technical courses in Government, Government aided and private colleges recognized by the Government are sanctioned course fee up to Rs. 20,000. Course fee is reimbursed in full to the students who are studying in the listed institutions notified by the Ministry of Minority Affairs. Maintenance fee of Rs. 5000 per annum for day scholars and Rs. 10,000 per annum for hostellers are also sanctioned to the students.

During the year 2019-2020 up to 29.02.2020, a sum of Rs. 696.48 lakh has been spent for the benefit of 2,697 students.

23.4 Muslim women aid society

For providing assistance to the poor, destitute widow and aged Muslim 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 the Societies Registration Act. Government sanctions matching grant twice the amount of donation collected by the societies, at the ratio of 1:2 up to a maximum of Rs. 20 lakh per annum to each society.

The funds available with societies are used for providing financial assistance to poor, destitute widow and aged Muslim women. Further, free training in the field of tailoring, embroidery, shoemaking, artisan and other need based training are given free of cost. The Government has sanctioned Rs. 54.50 lakh as matching grant to Muslim women aid societies for the year 2019-2020.

A sum of Rs. 413.11 lakh has been provided for the year 2020-2021 under this scheme.

23.5 Ulemas and employees welfare board

Ulema and employees welfare board was formed for the upliftment of educational and economic status of the Aalims, Pesh-Imams, Arabic Teachers, Mothinars, Bilal, and other employees working in Mosques and Madarasas and Mujawars and other employees working in Darghas, Ashurkhanas, Burial grounds, Thaikas, Muslim orphanages.

Details of financial assistance provided to the members enrolled in Ulema and employees welfare 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 the percentage of disability)	10,000 to 1,00,000
2	Natural death	20,000

Sl. No.	Details of Assistance	Financial Assistance Rs.
3	Funeral expenses	5,000
4	Scholarship	
	a) Girl student studying in X standard	1,000
	b) Student passed in X standard	1,000
	c) Girl student studying in XI standard	1,000
	d) Girl student studying in XII standard	1,500
	e) Student passed in XII standard	1,500
	f) Student studying Degree Courses (Day Scholar)	1,500
	g) Student studying Degree courses (Hosteller)	1,750
	h) Student studying Postgraduate Courses (Day Scholar)	4,000
	i) Student studying Postgraduate Courses (Hosteller)	5,000
	j) Student studying Undergraduate Professional Courses (Day Scholar)	4,000

Sl. No.	Details of Assistance	Financial Assistance Rs.
	k) Student studying Undergraduate Professional Courses (Hosteller)	6,000
	k) Student studying Postgraduate Professional Courses (Day Scholar)	6,000
	l) Student studying in Postgraduate Professional Courses (Hosteller)	8,000
	m) Student studying in ITI/Polytechnic	1,000
	n) 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 (per month)	1,000

So far, Rs. 139.15 lakh has been spent for providing welfare assistance to 3,771 registered members of the Board.

23.6 Grant for purchase of Two wheelers for Ulemas

At present 2,814 Waqf Institutions in the State are registered with Tamil Nadu Waqf Board. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has announced that a grant of Rs. 25,000 or 50% of the cost of the vehicle whichever is less will be sanctioned to the Ulemas working in these registered Waqf Institutions for the purchase of new two wheeler.

23.7 Financial Assistance for Jerusalem Pilgrimage

The scheme of providing financial assistance for Jerusalem Pilgrimage by all sects of Christians in Tamil Nadu is being implemented by the Government from 2011-2012. A sum of Rs. 20,000 per pilgrim is sanctioned as financial assistance. Number of beneficiaries in Jerusalem

pilgrimage scheme has been enhanced from 500 to 600 per annum and 50 seats are earmarked for Nuns / Sisters from the year 2018-2019. Under this scheme so far, 4128 Christians have performed this pilgrimage by availing financial assistance of Rs. 825.60 lakh.

A sum of Rs. 120 lakh has been allotted for the year 2020-2021.

23.8 Christian women aid society

In order to provide assistance to poor, destitute widow and aged Christian women, Christian 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 the Societies Registration Act. The Government sanction matching grant 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 to each society.

With the funds available with societies, financial assistance is provided to poor, destitute widow and aged Christian women. Further, free training in the field of tailoring, embroidery, shoemaking, artisan and other need based training are given free of cost.

The Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs. 1.00 lakh as seed money to each society.

A sum of Rs. 297.54 lakh has been provided for the year 2020-2021 under this scheme.

23.9 Grant in Aid for repair and renovation of Churches

A scheme of providing financial assistance for repair and renovation of Christian churches has been introduced by the Government in the year 2016-2017.

So far, under this scheme a sum of Rs. 44.62 lakh has been sanctioned for repair and renovation of 18 churches. The allocation for

repair and renovation of churches will be enhanced from Rs. 1 crore to Rs. 5 crore in the year 2020-2021.

23.10 Rehabilitation assistance

With a view to giving a new hope of life to the Minority families who 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 up to Rs. 10,000 per family to set-up petty trades.

23.11 PRADHAN MANTRI JAN VIKAS KARYAKRAM (PMJVK)

The Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) aims to improve socio-economic conditions of the Minorities by providing basic amenities to them for improving quality of life of the people and reducing imbalances in the identified Minority concentrated areas. Projects

under the scheme would be related to creation of infrastructure mainly in the sectors of education, health and skill development. The scheme will be implemented in the Minority concentrated areas which have been identified by the Ministry of Minority Affairs on the basis of census 2011.

In Tamil Nadu, the scheme will be implemented in 4 blocks and 18 towns. The blocks are Gudalur, Manamelkudi, Tiruvadanai and Mandapam. The towns are Vellore, Pernampattu, Melvisharam, Ambur, Vaniyampadi, Dindigul, Pallapatti, Nagapattinam, Keelakkarai, Tuticorin, Kayalpattinam, Kadayanallur, Tenkasi, Tirunelveli, Kollankodu, Nagercoil, Kurichi and Kuniyamuthur.

The fund sharing pattern between Centre and State would be in the ratio of 60:40. Further 80% of the resources under this programme would be utilized for projects related to education, health and skill development of which atleast 33-40% will be earmarked for creation of assets/facilities for women/girls. Among the other

admissible projects under this scheme, infrastructures like construction of Sadbhav Mandap, residential school, smart class facility, construction of additional classrooms in existing Government ITIs/polytechnics, providing health care facilities, construction of higher secondary schools, polytechnics, construction of working women hostels, construction of hostels in State / Central Government Universities and establishing coaching classes within the premises of Universities, providing computers with internet facilities to Government recognized Madrasa schools, etc., and various infrastructural facilities recognized by Ministry of Minority Affairs will be provided in the selected Minority concentrated areas.

23.12 Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme

Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme is being implemented to ensure equitable share are

extended to Minorities in proportion to their population under various schemes in Tamil Nadu.

The important objectives of this schemes are to provide Minorities with benefits under Integrated Child Development Services, job opportunities, grant of scholarship, self employment programme, upgradation of skills through technical training, recruitment to State, Central Government, improvement of conditions in slums inhabited by Minority communities, providing rehabilitation assistance to the victims of the communal riots and prevention and controlling of communal riots.

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

24. TAMIL NADU STATE MINORITIES COMMISSION

The Tamil Nadu State Minorities Commission has been constituted and functioning for safeguarding the rights and interests of religious and linguistic Minorities of the State.

The State Minorities Commission has been conferred with statutory powers as per Tamil Nadu State Minorities Commission Act.

The Commission is undertaking the functions like examination and monitoring the working of various safeguards provided in the Constitution of India and the 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 present Commission has been reconstituted for a period of 3 years from 08.03.2019. This Commission is functioning with Chairman, Vice-Chairman and 8 members.

25. TAMIL NADU MINORITIES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation was established under Companies Act, 1956 for the benefit of Minorities viz., Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsis and Jains of Tamil Nadu. The objective of TAMCO is to provide loans at low rate of interest to Minorities for self-employment and income generation activities. The authorized Share Capital of this Corporation is Rs. 5 crore and a paid-up Share Capital is Rs. 2.05 crore. Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation is acting as State Channelising Agency of National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation

(NMDFC), New Delhi. TAMCO is lending Term Loan, Micro Credit Loan & Education Loan for the economic advancement of Minorities. The Corporation obtains loans from NMDFC upon guarantee giving by State Government for funding various loan schemes.

Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation sanctions and disburses loans to beneficiaries through Central Co-operative Banks/Urban Co-operative banks/ Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies.

25.1 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 (Per annum)	Annual Income Ceiling
1.	Credit line I Scheme Up to Rs. 20 lakh.	6%	Rural areas Rs. 98,000 Urban areas Rs. 1,20,000
2.	Credit line II Scheme Up to Rs. 30 lakh.	Male 8% Female 6%	Persons who cannot avail benefit under credit line-I and having annual income up to Rs. 6,00,000 (For both Rural and Urban areas)

Loans are also provided for purchase of Milch animals and autos under individual term loan scheme.

During the year 2019-2020 up to 29.02.2020, loan amount of Rs. 954.14 lakh has been disbursed to 1,437 beneficiaries under these schemes.

25.2 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 (both men and women self-help groups) to take up various small trades like sweet stall, tiffin shop, textile business, etc., as detailed below.

Sl. No.	Loan Amount	Interest Rate (per annum)	Annual Income Ceiling
1.	Credit line – I Up to Rs. 1 lakh (per member)	7%	Rural areas Rs. 98,000 Urban areas Rs. 1,20,000
2.	Credit line -II Up to Rs. 1.50 lakh (per member)	Male 10% Female 8%	Persons who cannot avail benefit under Credit line – I and having annual income up to Rs.6,00,000. (For both Rural and Urban areas)

During the year 2019-2020 up to 29.02.2020, Rs. 1,449.36 lakh has been disbursed to 3,270 beneficiaries through self help groups under this scheme.

25.3 Educational Loan

Educational Loan is sanctioned to the Minority students 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	Interest Rate (per annum)	Parental Annual Income Ceiling
1	<p>Credit line I Scheme</p> <p>Up to Rs. 20 lakh for courses in India with a maximum duration of 5 years at Rs. 4 lakh per annum.</p> <p>Up to Rs. 30 lakh for courses abroad with a maximum duration of 5 years at Rs. 6 lakh per annum.</p>	3%	<p>Rural areas Rs. 98,000</p> <p>Urban areas Rs. 1,20,000</p>

Sl. No.	Loan Amount	Interest Rate (per annum)	Parental Annual Income Ceiling
2	<p>Credit line II Scheme</p> <p>Up to Rs. 20 lakh for courses in India with a maximum duration of 5 years at Rs. 4 lakh per annum.</p> <p>Up to Rs. 30 lakh for courses abroad with a maximum duration of 5 years at Rs. 6 lakh per annum.</p>	<p>Male students 8%</p> <p>Female students 5%</p>	<p>Persons who cannot avail benefit under credit line -I and having annual income up to Rs. 6,00,000 (For both Rural and Urban areas)</p>

During the year 2019-2020 up to 29.02.2020, Rs. 18.43 lakh has been disbursed to 8 students under this scheme.

25.4 Skill Development Training (“Kaushal Se Kushalta”)

Skill Development Training **“Kaushal Se Kushalta”** is imparted to Minority youth. To avail benefit under the scheme, the annual parental income should not exceed Rs. 6 lakh. Training is imparted through Institutions empanelled by NSDC/Related Sector Skill Council/State Skill Mission/Directorate of Technical Education for duration of 200 to 250 hours. The training institutes are approved by NMDFC.

For the year 2019-2020, 3 courses namely, Stitchery (Goods and Garments), Pre-Assembly operator and Hand Embroidery through Central Footwear Training Institute (CFTI) and Apparel Training and Design Centre (ATDC) has been approved by NMDFC and training is presently given to 270 beneficiaries at a cost of Rs. 32.92 lakh.

26. TAMIL NADU WAQF BOARD

Tamil Nadu Waqf Board was constituted in the year 1958. The Waqf Act 1995, (Central Act 43 of 1995) came into force on 01.01.1996. As per the provisions of the Act, Tamil Nadu Waqf Board is established to maintain Waqf properties and to administer the works relating to Waqf. Tamil Nadu Waqf Board is reconstituted once in 5 years.

Tamil Nadu Waqf Board was reconstituted with 11 members in 2017. The Government of Tamil Nadu, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 99 of the Waqf Act, 1995 superseded the Tamil Nadu Waqf Board and appointed a special officer for a period of six months. The term of the special officer has been extended for a further period of six months.

The work relating to survey of Waqf properties in Tamil Nadu by the Commissioner of Survey and Settlements is under progress.

26.1 Ulema Pension Scheme

Pesh Imams, Mothinars, Arabic Teachers, Mujawars who have served and retired after rendering service in Tamil Nadu Waqf institutions are paid pension. This scheme is being effectively implemented since 1981. Under the scheme, those who have attained 60 years of age and completed 20 years of service are eligible for the pension. The number of beneficiaries under the scheme had been increased from 2,400 to 2,600 from the year 2011-2012. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has announced that Ulema Pension will be enhanced from Rs. 1,500 to Rs. 3,000 per month.

26.2 Administrative Grant

The Government of Tamil Nadu, sanctions administrative grant every year to Tamil Nadu Waqf Board, as the income derived by way of contribution from the Waqf institutions is not sufficient to meet out the administrative expenses

of the board. The Government of Tamil Nadu has enhanced the administrative grant from Rs. 1 crore to Rs. 2 crore from the year 2017-2018. The administrative grant has again been enhanced from Rs. 2 crore to Rs. 2.50 crore from the year 2019-2020. For the year 2020-2021, Rs. 2.50 crore has been allotted to the Tamil Nadu Waqf Board as administrative grant.

26.3 Repair and renovation grant

The Government sanctions a annual grant of Rs. 60 lakh for renovation and repair of Mosques and Dargahs as renovation grant. The annual allocation for the above scheme will be enhanced from Rs. 60 lakh to Rs. 5 crore.

26.4 Corpus Fund for repair and renovation of Waqf Institutions

In order to carry out major repair and renovation work in Waqf Institutions like Mosques

and Dargahs a Corpus Fund of Rs. 3 crore has been created.

26.5 Honorarium to Kazis

The Government sanctions a sum of Rs. 20,000 per month as honorarium to the district Kazis in Tamil Nadu. For the year 2020-2021, Rs. 67.20 lakh has been allotted for providing honorarium to Kazis.

26.6 Maintenance Payments to Divorced Muslim Women

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

26.7 Tamil Nadu Waqf Tribunal

For the determination of disputes arising out of Waqf properties, the Tamil Nadu Waqf Tribunal has been constituted as per Section

83 of the Waqf Act 1995 and it has commenced its judicial functions at Chennai on 06.08.2018. For the year 2020-2021, Rs. 97.15 lakh is provided for the administration of Tamil Nadu Waqf Tribunal.

27. TAMIL NADU STATE HAJ COMMITTEE

27.1 Constitution of the Committee

The Tamil Nadu State Haj Committee was constituted in 1958. After the enactment of the Haj Committee Act, 2002, (Central Act No.35 of 2002), the State Government is constituting the Tamil Nadu State Haj Committee to look after the welfare of the Haj pilgrims and also for making necessary arrangements for the successful performance of Haj pilgrimage with the guidance of Haj Committee of India and Ministry of Minority Affairs, New Delhi.

The Government during the year 2017 reconstituted the Tamil Nadu State Haj

Committee with 12 members for a period of three years.

27.2 Functions of the Committee

The main functions of the Committee are as follows:

- (i) Receiving of applications from the intending pilgrims and selection of applicants for Haj pilgrimage from among the residents of Tamil Nadu, by draw of lots using computer software.
- (ii) Periodical instructions to the pilgrims about payment of advance Haj amount, balance Haj amount, airfare and other dues to the Haj Committee of India, Mumbai.
- (iii) Sending an official in Building Selection Team to Saudi Arabia for the selection of suitable buildings at Makkah and Madinah in coordination with Consulate General of India, Jeddah.

- (iv) Deputation of Haj volunteers to look after the welfare of the pilgrims from 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 supply of handbook on 'Haj and Umrah' free of cost in Tamil language 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 Haj 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 camps for administering Polio drops and vaccination against meningitis in various districts based on the number of pilgrims.
- (x) Arranging for accommodation to the Haj pilgrims at Mecca and Medina.
- (xi) Coordinating with various agencies of Central and State Government, the Haj 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, etc., and the services of other voluntary organizations for smooth and successful Haj flight operations.

(xii) Disbursement of State Government Haj subsidy to the Haj pilgrims who are performing Haj for the first time through Tamil Nadu State Haj Committee.

(xiii) Other incidental activities relating to Haj pilgrimage.

27.3 Construction of Haj House

Every year more than 4,000 pilgrims proceed for Haj pilgrimage through Tamil Nadu State Haj Committee from the Chennai embarkation point. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has announced that a Haj House will be constructed at a cost of Rs. 15 crore in the land to be allotted by Tamil Nadu Waqf Board to facilitate the stay of Haj pilgrims before commencement of the journey to complete travel formalities such as collecting passport and submit their baggages, etc. Necessary action is being taken in this regard.

27.4 Grants from State Government to the Committee

27.4.1 Subsidy to Haj Pilgrims of Tamil Nadu

The Government of Tamil Nadu has introduced a new scheme from the year 2018-2019 to provide annual subsidy of Rs. 6 crore to the Tamil Nadu State Haj Committee for providing subsidy to Pilgrims of Tamil Nadu who are performing Haj Pilgrimage through Tamil Nadu State Haj Committee for the first time.

During the year 2019-2020, subsidy has been sanctioned to 4,397 Haj pilgrims under the scheme.

A sum of Rs. 6 crore has been provided for this scheme for the year 2020-2021.

27.4.2 Administrative Grant

Every year, the Government of Tamil Nadu sanctions an annual administrative grant to the

Committee. Tamil Nadu State Haj Committee meets the administrative expenses from the grant sanctioned by the Government of Tamil Nadu. The administrative grant to the Committee has been enhanced from Rs. 30 lakh to Rs. 50 lakh from the year 2018-2019. For the year 2020-2021, a sum of Rs. 50 lakh has been allotted as administrative grant.

27.4.3 Sanction of grant for deputation of Haj volunteers and member in Building Selection Team

The Government sanctions grants to the Tamil Nadu State Haj Committee to meet expenses on deputation of Haj volunteers to Saudi Arabia to assist the pilgrims and also for deputation of member in Building Selection Team to Saudi Arabia for selection of buildings. During 2019-2020, 21 Haj volunteers were deputed to Saudi Arabia to assist the Haj pilgrims. A sum of Rs. 10.29 lakh has been provided for the year 2020-2021 for this purpose.

CONCLUSION

The Government is implementing various welfare schemes with the objective of improving the living standard of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, Denotified Communities and Minorities. This Government will continuously strive hard for the socio, educational and economic development of these people.

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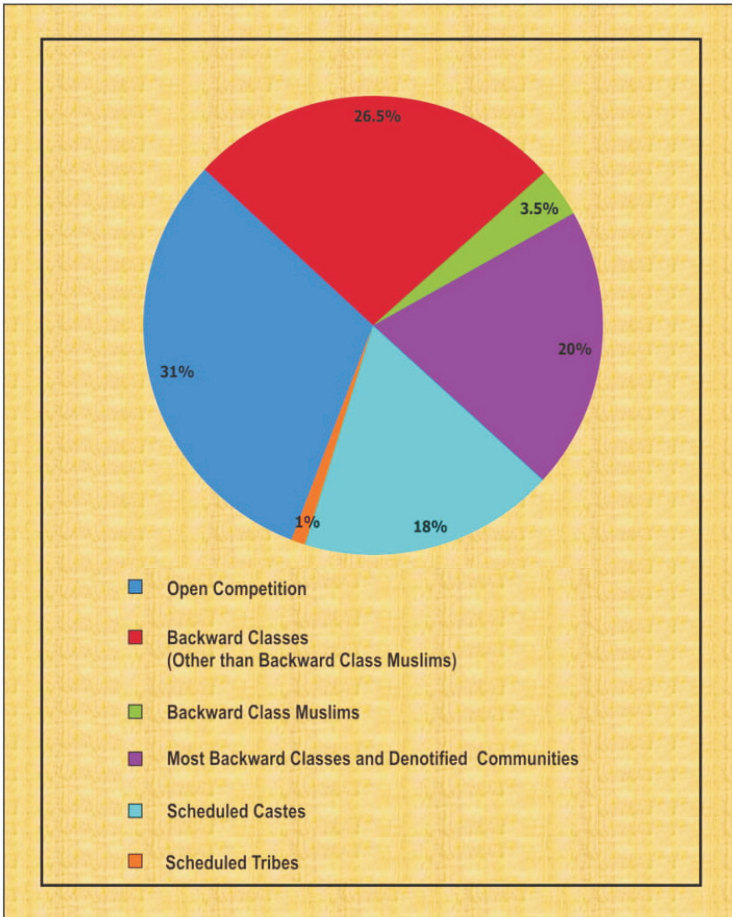
ANNEXURE-1

ALLOTMENT FOR THE YEAR 2020-2021

(Rs. in lakh)

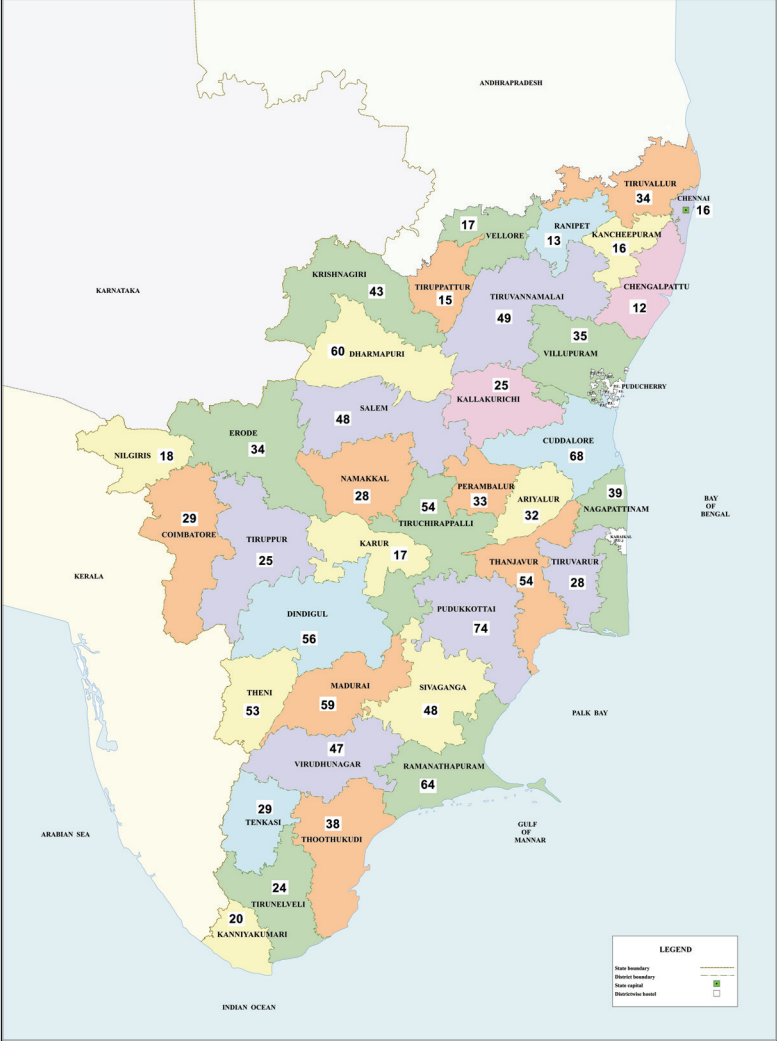
Department	Revenue	Capital	Loan	Total
Secretariat	650.30	---	30.00	680.30
Waqf and Haj Committee	1354.29	---	---	1354.29
Backward Classes Welfare	44440.67	733.02	---	45173.69
Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities	50114.17	3566.48	---	53680.65
Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Commission	89.87	---	---	89.87
State Minorities Commission	62.07	---	---	62.07
Minorities Welfare	1934.53	329.00	---	2263.53
Tamil Nadu Waqf Tribunal	97.15	---	---	97.15
Total	98743.05	4628.50	30.00	103401.55

ANNEXURE-2 DETAILS OF RESERVATION



ANNEXURE-3

DISTRICT WISE DETAILS OF HOSTELS (1354)





Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the scheme of distribution of bi-cycles on 23.12.2019.



Hon'ble Chief Minister distributes iron boxes to beneficiaries



Hon'ble Chief Minister distributes sewing machines to beneficiaries



Hon'ble Chief Minister distributes loan assistance to beneficiaries under General Term Loan scheme of Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation