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**INTRODUCTION**

*"பிறப்பொக்கும் எல்லா உயிர்க்கும் சிறப்பொவ்வா  
செய்தொழில் வேற்றுமை யான்."*

*(குறள் 972)*

*"All men that live are in circumstances of birth;  
Diversities of works give each his special worth."*

This Government which is committed to the development of minorities is formulating and implementing many welfare schemes for the advancement of minorities.

In order to improve the social, educational and economic status of the minorities and to protect their constitutional and legal rights, to implement the recommendations made in the justice Rajindar Sachar Committee, to monitor the implementation of the Prime Minister's New 15 Point programme and to implement various welfare schemes for the improvement of minorities, the Government of Tamil Nadu have created "Directorate of Minorities Welfare" headed by an Indian Administrative Service Officer and it is functioning from 01.08.2007.

Schemes such as, sanction of Government of India scholarships to minorities students, running of hostels, provision of loans through TAMCO for self-employment, providing various welfare assistance to the members of Ulema and Employees welfare Board, financial assistance to Christians for Jerusalem pilgrimage and Muslims for Haj Pilgrimage and sanction of pension to Pesh

Imam, Mothinars, Arabic teachers and Mujawars who have served and retired from Tamil Nadu Waqf institutions are implemented by this Department. Tamil Nadu State Minorities Commission is functioning for safeguarding the rights of religious and linguistic minorities of the state.

This department is striving to achieve the Global Sustainable Development Goals as spelt out by United Nations General Assembly in 2015.

## **2. SEPARATE RESERVATION FOR BACKWARD CLASS MUSLIMS**

After considering the recommendations obtained from Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Commission on the various representations from the minority communities to provide for separate reservation, the Government have enacted the law providing 3.5% reservation to Backward Class Muslims out of the 30% reservation earmarked for Backward Classes. This law is being

implemented since 15.09.2007. The Government has ordered to follow the carry forward procedure in filling up of posts earmarked for Backward Class muslims in direct recruitments.

### **3. SCHOLARSHIPS**

*"பயன்தூக்கார் செய்த உதவி நயன்தூக்கின்  
நன்மை கடலின் பெரிது" (குறள் 103)*

*"Kindness shown by those who weigh not what  
the return may be;  
when you ponder right its merit, 'Tis vaster than  
the sea."*

Following the path of sage "Valluvar", the Government is effectively implementing the following scholarship schemes of Government of India for the benefit of minority community students belonging to Christian, Muslim, Sikh, Buddhist, Parsi and Jain religions studying from 1<sup>st</sup>std to Professional / Research level courses 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

Students studying from 1<sup>st</sup> Standard to Professional Courses / Research level courses are benefited by these scholarships. Government of India funds 100% of the cost of these schemes. Out of the total beneficiaries, 30% is earmarked for girl students. The scholarship amount is directly credited into the students' bank account through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

<b>Name of the Scholarship</b>	<b>Classes covered</b>	<b>Parent/ Guardian's Annual Income limit</b>	<b>Eligibility criteria</b>
Pre-matric	Std. 1 to X	Rs.1.00 Lakh	50% marks in the previous year final examination
Post-matric	Std. 11 <sup>th</sup> to Ph.D.	Rs.2.00 Lakh	
Merit-Cum- Means Based	Professional / Technical Courses	Rs.2.50 Lakh	



### **3.1 Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme**

This scheme, introduced by Government of India in the year 2008-2009, is sanctioned to the minority students studying from 1<sup>st</sup> standard to 10<sup>th</sup> standard.

To avail this scholarship, the annual income of the parent/guardian shall not exceed Rs.1.00 lakh and students should have obtained not less than 50% marks in the previous year final examination.

Students studying from 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> standard are sanctioned admission fee up to Rs.500 per annum 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 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> standard and Rs.600 per month for hostellers studying from 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> standard for a maximum period of 10 months in an academic year.

A sum of Rs.7,645.72 lakh has been spent for the benefit of 3,81,333 students during the year 2020-2021.

### **3.2 Post-matric Scholarship Scheme**

Post-matric scholarship is sanctioned to the minority students pursuing higher secondary education, technical and vocational courses including Polytechnic, Diploma in teacher training, UG and PG level courses, M.Phil and Ph.D., etc., This scheme is introduced by Government of India in the year 2007-2008.

To avail this scholarship, the annual income of the parent/guardian shall not exceed Rs.2 lakh and students should have obtained not less than 50% marks in the previous year final examination.

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 5,500 in respect of day scholar and Rs.3,800 to 12,000 in respect of hosteller are sanctioned in an academic year depending on the course of study.

A sum of Rs.2,477.32 lakh has been spent for the benefit of 44,294 students during the year 2020-2021.

### **3.3 Merit-cum-Means Based Scholarship Scheme**

Merit-cum-Means based scholarship is sanctioned to the students belonging to religious minorities notified by Government of India i.e., Muslims, Christians, Sikh, Buddhist, Parsi and Jain communities who are pursuing Professional/Technical courses in the recognized State and Central Government Institutions. This scholarship scheme is implemented from the year 2007-2008.

To avail this scholarship, the annual income of the parent/guardian shall not exceed Rs.2.50

lakh and students should have obtained not less than 50% marks in the previous year final examination.

Full course fee is reimbursed to the minority students who study Professional/Technical courses in the 85 listed institutions notified by Government of India, including

1. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Chennai;
2. National Institute of Technology (NIT), Tiruchirapalli;
3. Indian Institute of Information Technology, Design and Manufacturing (IIIT&DM), Kancheepuram;
4. National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Chennai; and
5. Indian Institute of Management, Tiruchirapalli.

In respect of other institutions, the eligible minority students are sanctioned tuition fee upto Rs.20,000 per annum. Further maintenance allowance of Rs.5,000 per annum for day scholars and Rs.10,000 per annum for hostellers are also

sanctioned. Students pursuing Professional / Technical UG / PG courses in various disciplines are sanctioned scholarship under the scheme.

A sum of Rs.1,342.39 lakh has been spent for the benefit of 5,279 students during the year 2020-2021.

#### **4. MINORITY HOSTELS**

In order to facilitate minority students to pursue their studies without any impediments, 18 minority hostels are functioning in Tamil Nadu. Out of these 18 hostels, 4 are school hostels and 14 are college hostels. 1,500 students benefit from these hostels.

Out of these 18 hostels, 1 is boys hostel (Ambur college boys Hostel in Tirupathur District) and 17 are girls hostels. 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. Apart from this, 5 additional seats are allotted in each hostel to accommodate children of Sri Lankan Tamils who reside in camps.

In each hostel 4% seats are allotted to differently abled students. Children who are rescued from child labour practices are admitted in the hostels even during the middle of an academic year.

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. They are admitted to the hostels on the basis of self-declaration by the parents.

## **4.1 Food charges**

The Government is sanctioning food charges at the rate of Rs.1,000 for school hostel boarders and Rs.1,100 for college hostel boarders for 10 months in a year.

The Government is sanctioning Rs.40 per student for school hostel boarders and Rs.80 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 for the purchase of soap, tooth paste, etc. This amount is directly credited into the student's bank account through ECS.

During the year 2020-2021, a sum of Rs.189.69 lakh has been spent towards food

charges, administration, maintenance and other expenses for running the hostels.

For the year 2021-2022, a sum of Rs.402.89 lakh has been allotted towards running of these hostels.

#### **4.2 Benefits provided to boarders of hostels**

1. The boarders of hostels studying up to 12<sup>th</sup> Standard are supplied with all the text books free of cost by the Department of School Education.
2. Four sets of uniforms are provided to the hostel boarders studying from 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Standard as per the colour and pattern adopted under Noon Meal Scheme.
3. Special Guides are provided free of cost to the boarders studying in 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Standard to improve their performance in Public Examinations.



4. One English and two Tamil dailies are supplied to each hostel.
5. Medical checkups are conducted three times a year for all hostel boarders.
6. Woolen sweaters are provided to the boarders in hill stations.
7. Mats, jamakkalam, bed sheets, stainless steel plates and tumblers, etc., are provided to all hostel boarders.
8. Sundal and Chukkumalli coffee/ tea are provided to the hostel boarders every evening.
9. Mutton and chicken are provided on the first and third Wednesday and second and fourth Wednesday respectively every month.
10. 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 eggs.

11. Career guidance programmes are conducted for creating awareness among hostel boarders studying in standard 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and colleges to aid in their preparation for competitive examinations.
12. Library books, bookshelves, play materials, colour television, wet grinder, mixer, water purifier, napkin incinerator, fire extinguishers, idly steamers and electric insect destroyer 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.

13. Annually Rs.50,000 is sanctioned to each hostel to carry out emergency repair works.

### **4.3 Construction of own building for hostels**

Out of 18 hostels functioning under this department, 10 hostels are functioning in own buildings. Out of the remaining 8 hostels, orders were issued for the construction of own buildings for 3 hostels and works are being carried out by Public Works Department (PWD). Action is being taken to construct own buildings for the remaining 5 hostels.

During the year 2020-2021, a sum of Rs.17.84 lakh has been spent for the construction of hostel buildings.

For the year 2021-2022, a sum of Rs.300 lakh has been allotted for the scheme.

#### **4.4 Maintenance of Hostel Buildings**

Maintenance works in hostels functioning in Government building are taken up through Public Works Department. During the year 2020-2021, a sum of Rs.19 lakh has been sanctioned for taking up special maintenance and repair works in hostels and works were carried in 4 hostels by the Public Works Department.

For the year 2021-2022, a sum of Rs.30 lakh has been allotted for the maintenance of hostels.

#### **5. MUSLIM WOMEN AID SOCIETY**

To help the destitute muslim widows by paying monthly allowances, a society was started in Chennai in the name "Mohammadan Gosha Widows Aid Charity" on 01.10.1892 by the Nawab of Carnatic. Subsequently, the name was changed into "Muslim Women Aid Society". This Society was registered under the Societies Registration

Act on 12.08.1976. This society is functioning under the chairmanship of District Collector, Chennai.

Based on the above Chennai Muslim Women Aid society, Muslim Women Aid Societies have been formed in all the District Headquarters of the State in the year 2007 with District collector as Ex-officio Chairman.

Funds available with the societies are used for providing financial assistance to destitute widows and aged Muslim women. Further, training in the field of tailoring, embroidery, shoemaking, handicraft and other need-based training are given free of cost. Matching grant twice the amount of donation collected by these societies are sanctioned to each society by the Government at the ratio of 1:2 up to a maximum of Rs.20 lakh per annum, per society.

During the year 2020-2021, a sum of Rs.586.16 lakh has been sanctioned to these societies as matching grant.

For the year 2021-2022, a sum of Rs.413.11lakh has been allotted for the scheme.

## **6. CHRISTIAN WOMEN AID SOCIETY**

Christian Women Aid Societies have been formed in all the districts headed by District Collectors as Ex-officio chairman for providing assistance to the poor, destitute widows and aged Christian Women. With the funds available with societies, financial assistance is provided to them. Free training in the field of tailoring, embroidery, shoemaking, handicraft and other need-based training is given free of cost. These societies are registered under the Societies Registration Act. Matching grant twice the amount of donation collected by these societies are sanctioned to each society by the Government at the ratio of 1:2 up

to a maximum of Rs.20 lakh per annum per society.

During the year 2020-2021, matching grant amounting to Rs.330.71 lakh was sanctioned to these societies.

For the year 2021-2022, a sum of Rs.297.54 lakh has been earmarked for the scheme.

## **7. ULEMAS AND EMPLOYEES WELFARE BOARD**

Ulemas and employees welfare board was formed in the year 2009 and it is functioning for the educational and economic upliftment 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.

Persons who have completed 18 years and not exceeding 60 years of age are eligible to get

registered as members in the Board. 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.

**Details of financial assistance provided to the members enrolled in Ulemas and Employees Welfare Board**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Details of Assistance</b>	<b>Financial Assistance Rs.</b>
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	20,000
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 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.1000/- 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, a sum of Rs.141.59 lakh has been disbursed as welfare assistance to 3852 registered members of the board.

### **7.1 Grant for purchase of Two wheelers for Ulemas working in Registered Waqf Institutions.**

At present 2814 Waqf institutions in the State are registered with Tamil Nadu Waqf Board. Orders have been issued to grant Rs.25,000 or 50% of the cost of the vehicle whichever is less to the Ulemas working in these registered Waqf

Institutions for the purchase of new two wheeler. This scheme will be implemented this year.

## **8. 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 state. A sum of Rs.37,000 per pilgrim is sanctioned as financial assistance. The total number of pilgrims per year is 600. Of this 50 seats are earmarked for Nuns/Sisters.

Under this scheme, so far, 4,128 Christians have performed this pilgrimage by availing financial assistance of Rs.825.60 lakh.

For the year 2021-2022, a sum of Rs.120 lakh has been allotted for the scheme.

## **9. GRANT IN AID FOR REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF CHURCHES**

A scheme of providing financial assistance for repair and renovation of Christian churches is being implemented in Tamil Nadu. So far, a sum of Rs.700 lakh was sanctioned for this scheme. Under this scheme so far, a sum of Rs.59.40 lakh has been sanctioned for repair and renovation of 23 churches in 18 districts.

For the year 2021-2022, a budgetary provision of Rs.6 crore has been made for the scheme.

## **10. REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE**

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

assistance up to Rs.10,000 per family is given to set up petty trades. So far, Rs.1.40 lakh has been given to 14 discharged prisoners of petty offences.

## **11. SETTING UP OF KABARSTAN AND BURIAL GROUND**

Based on the requests of Muslims and Christians, a scheme for acquiring lands for setting up of Kabarstan and Burial ground is implemented. Government has accorded administrative sanction of Rs.100 lakh for this scheme.

## **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.

A State level committee under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary and District level committee under the chairmanship of District Collector have been constituted to monitor and review the schemes implemented by various departments.

### Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme

1. Equitable availability of ICDS Services;
2. Improving access to School Education;
3. Greater resources for teaching Urdu ;
4. Modernizing Madarsa Education;
5. Scholarship for meritorious students from minority communities;
6. Improving educational infrastructure through Maulana Azad Education Foundation;
7. Self-employment and wage employment for the poor;
8. Upgradation of skills through technical training;
9. Enhanced credit support for economic activities;
10. Recruitment to State and Central services;

11. Equitable share in rural housing scheme;
12. Improvement in condition of slums inhabited by minority communities;
13. Prevention of communal incidents;
14. Prosecution for communal offences; and,
15. Rehabilitation of victims of communal riots.

### **13. 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 the 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 is being implemented in the Minority concentrated areas which have been identified by the Ministry of Minority Affairs based on census 2011.

The scheme is implemented in the following 4 blocks and 18 towns notified by the Ministry of Minority Affairs as Minority Concentrated Areas:

### 1. List of Blocks

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>District Name</b>	<b>Name of the Block</b>
1	Ramanathapuram	Tiruvadanai
2	Ramanathapuram	Mandapam
3	The Nilgirs	Gudalur
4	Pudukottai	Manamelkudi

### 2. List of Towns

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>District Name</b>	<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Name of the Area</b>
1	Coimbatore	1	Kurichi
		2	Kuniamuthur
2	Dindigul	3	Dindigul
3	Vellore	4	Vellore
		5	Pernampattu
4	Ranipet	6	Melvisharam
5	Nagapattinam	7	Nagapattinam
6	Ramanathapuram	8	Keelakkarai



7	Tirunelveli	9	Tirunelveli
8	Tuticorin	10	Tuticorin
		11	Kayalpattinam
9	Tirupattur	12	Ambur
		13	Vaniyambadi
10	Karur	14	Pallapatti
11	Tenkasi	15	Tenkasi
		16	Kadayanallur
12	Kanniyakumari	17	Kollankodu
		18	Nagercoil

The fund sharing pattern between Union 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 school buildings, construction of working women hostels, construction of hostels in State/Union 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.

During the year 2020-2021, a sum of Rs.2,134.39 lakh has been sanctioned (central share of Rs.1,280.63 lakh and state share of Rs.853.75 lakh) as first installment for implementing 61 projects in 11 districts of Tamil Nadu for the year 2019-2020 and works are under progress.

For the year 2021-2022, a sum of Rs.1,000 lakh has been allotted for the scheme.

## **14.TAMIL NADU MINORITIES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TAMCO)**

Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation was established by the Government in the year 1999 in order to assist the minorities by providing loans at low rate of interest to take up business enterprises and trades for improving their economic status and it is functioning effectively. Minorities viz. Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsis and Jains in Tamil Nadu are benefitted through this corporation. This Corporation was registered under the Companies Act 1956. The Corporation obtains loan from NMDFC upon guarantee given by State Government for funding various loan schemes of NMDFC. The authorized Share Capital of this Corporation is Rs.5 crore and a paidup 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. 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.

The funding pattern of various loan schemes of Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation such as Individual term loan, Virasat Loan and Micro Financing is as follows:

NMDFC Share	:	90%
TAMCO Share	:	5%
Beneficiary Share	:	5%

#### **14.1 Individual Term Loan 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:

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Loan Amount</b>	<b>Interest Rate (per annum)</b>	<b>Annual Income Ceiling</b>
1	<b>Credit line I Scheme</b> Upto Rs.20 lakh	6%	Rural areas Rs.98,000 Urban areas Rs.1,20,000
2	<b>Credit line IIScheme</b> Up to Rs.30 lakh	Male - 8% Female-6%	Persons who cannot avail benefit under credit line-I and having annual income upto Rs.8,00,000 (For both rural and urban areas)

During the year 2020-2021 loan amount of Rs.1,943.12 lakh has been disbursed to 2,720 beneficiaries under this scheme.

#### **14.2. VIRASAT Scheme – A credit scheme for craftspersons**

VIRASAT - A credit scheme for poor minority craftspersons has been launched with the objective to meet credit requirement at lower rate

interest for purchase of raw material and equipment/ tools/machinery. The details of the scheme are as follows:

<b>Loan Amount</b>	<b>Interest Rate (per annum)</b>	<b>Annual Income Ceiling</b>
<b>VIRASAT Scheme Loans</b> Up to Rs.10 lakh is provided	Male - 5% Female - 4%	Rural Areas Rs.98,000 Urban Areas Rs.1,20,000

### **14.3 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, footwear, tiffin shop, textile business, manufacturing of pickles, snacks and appalam, basket weaving etc., A group comprises of maximum 20 members and minimum 10 members. A Minority Self Help Group must have

a minimum of 60% members belongs to Minorities and remaining 40% may be Backward Classes / Most Backward Classes / Denotified Communities / Scheduled Caste / Scheduled Tribes etc., The details of loans disbursed is as follows: -

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Loan Amount</b>	<b>Interest Rate (per annum)</b>	<b>Annual Income Ceiling</b>
1	<b>Credit line I Scheme</b> Up to Rs.1,00,000/- (per member of SHG)	7%	Rural areas Rs.98,000 Urban areas Rs.1,20,000
2	<b>Credit line II Scheme</b> Up to Rs.1,50,000/- (per member of SHG)	Male - 10% Female- 8%	Persons who cannot avail benefit under credit line -II and having annual income upto Rs.8,00,000 (For both rural and urban areas)

Under this scheme Rs.2,235.31 lakh has been disbursed to 4,184 beneficiaries through Self Help Groups during the year 2020-2021.

#### **14.4 Educational Loan**

Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation sanctions educational loan to the Minorities who pursue Professional Courses and Job Oriented degree courses in the Government/Private Institutions recognized by the Government as detailed below.

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Loan Amount</b>	<b>Interest Rate (per annum)</b>	<b>Parental Annual Income Ceiling</b>
1.	<b>Credit line I Scheme</b> Up to Rs.20 lakh for professional job oriented degree courses in India with a maximum duration of 5 years at Rs.4 lakh per annum.	3%	Rural areas Rs.98,000 urban areas Rs.1,20,000



	Up to Rs.30 lakh for Courses Abroad with a maximum duration of 5 years at Rs.6 lakh per annum.		
2	<p><b>Credit line II Scheme</b></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 upto Rs.8,00,000 (For both rural and urban areas)</p>

Under this scheme Rs.7.25 lakh has been disbursed to six students during the year 2020-2021.

## **15. 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. Through this scheme minority youth can start self-employment and get employment in other organisations. Training is imparted through Institutions empanelled by NSDC/Related Sector Skill Council/State Skill Mission/Directorate of Technical Education for a duration of 200 to 250 hours. The Training institutes are approved by NMDFC.

Under this scheme, so far 3 courses namely, Stitchery (Goods and Garments), Pre-Assembly operator and Hand Embroidery training were conducted through two training institutes i.e., Central Footwear Training Institute (CFTI) and Apparel Training and Design Centre (ATDC) and training was given to 250 beneficiaries at a cost of Rs.30.72 lakh.

## **16. TAMIL NADU LINGUISTIC MINORITIES SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TALMEDCO)**

Tamil Nadu Linguistic Minorities Social and Economic Development Corporation (TALMEDCO) has been formed in order to promote the social and economic development of Linguistic minorities in the State and also to provide them better access to various schemes and promote their interests. During 2020-2021, orders have been issued sanctioning a sum of Rs.16.09 crore (paid-up capital-Rs.5 crore, seed fund - Rs.10 crore and salaries and other administrative expenses - Rs.109.20 lakh) to the corporation.

## **17. TAMIL NADU STATE MINORITIES COMMISSION**

The Tamil Nadu State Minorities Commission has been constituted in 1989 and functioning for safeguarding the right 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, 2010 (Act 21 of 2010) with effect from 01.08.2010.

The Commission is undertaking the functions like examination and monitoring the working of various safeguards provided in the Constitutions 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.

Thiru S. Peter Alphonse has been nominated as the chairman of the Commission on 28.6.2021 and Dr. Masthan as vice chairman and 8 other members have also been nominated to the Commission.

## 17.1. Religious/Linguistic Minorities

Government of Tamil Nadu have notified the persons who are native of Tamil Nadu and belonging to Christians, Muslims, Jains, Sikhs and Buddhists communities as Religious Minorities and persons who are native of Tamil Nadu and having Telugu, Urdu, Kannada, Malayalam, Sourashtra and Marathi languages as their mother tongue as Linguistic Minorities.

## 18. TAMIL NADU WAQF BOARD

*"Tie up the substance and give away fruits"*

*-Prophet Mohamed.*

"இயற்றலும் ஈட்டலுங் காத்தலும் காத்த  
வகுத்தலும் வல்ல தரசு" – திருக்குறள்

*"A king is he who treasure gains, store up,  
defends,  
And duly for his kingdom's weal expends"*

The Waqf Act, 1954 implemented in the State of Tamil Nadu on 15.01.1955, and the Board was constituted on 18.01.1958. The Waqf Act, 1995 (Central Act 43 of 1995) has come into force on 01.01.1996. The Government constitutes the Board once in 5 years. The Tamil Nadu Waqf Board having its head office at Chennai is functioning with 11 zonal offices. The Board was reconstituted with 12 members with effect from 19.09.2020. New members have been appointed to the Board and Thiru M. Abdul Rahman has been elected unanimously as Chairperson of the Board.

## **Vision**

Protection, Retrieval and Monitoring of waqfs under the provisions of the Waqf Act, 1995.

## **Mission**

Proactive role in protection, development of waqfs and to work closely with the Waqf Institutions to improve their functioning.

### **18.1 Functions of the Board**

- a) To maintain records containing information relating to the origin, income, object and beneficiaries of every Waqf;
- b) To ensure that the income and other properties of the Waqfs are applied to the objects and for the purposes for which such Waqfs were created or intended;
- c) To follow the directions given by the Government from time to time and to give directions for the administration of the Waqf;

- d) To settle scheme of management for Waqfs;
- e) To scrutinize and approve the Budget submitted by Muthawallis and to arrange for the auditing of the accounts of the Waqfs;
- f) To appoint and remove Muthawallis in accordance with the provisions of the Waqf Act;
- g) To take measures for the recovery of the lost properties of Waqfs;
- h) To institute and defend suits and proceedings in a Court of law relating to Waqfs and their properties;
- i) To administer the Waqf fund;
- j) To call for such informations from the Muthawallis with respect to the Waqf properties as the Board may require from time to time;



- k) To inspect or cause inspection of Waqf properties, accounts or records or deeds and documents relating thereto;
- l) To investigate and determine the nature and extent of Waqfs and Waqf properties and to cause, whenever necessary, survey of Waqf properties; and
- m) In general to do all such acts as may be necessary for the due control, maintenance and administration of Waqfs.

Apart from this, the board is implementing certain schemes with a grant received from Government, such as, carrying out repair and renovation work in Waqf institutions like Mosques and Dargahs and sanctioning pensions to Ulemas. As per the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Divorce) Act, 1986, maintenance amount is paid to the divorced Muslim women by the board as per the orders of the court. M.S.S Waqf Board

College, Madurai is functioning under the superintendence of the Tamil Nadu Waqf Board.

There are 7,452 Waqf institutions under the supervisory control of Tamil Nadu Waqf Board. Of which, 2814 are registered waqfs and 4,638 are unregistered waqfs.

### **18.2 Survey of Waqf Properties.**

Under section 4 of the Waqf Act, 1995, the Government appointed the Commissioner of Survey as Survey Commissioner of Waqfs for the purpose of survey of the Waqfs existing in the State. District Revenue Officers were appointed as Additional Survey Commissioner of Waqfs and Tahsildars in the State have been designated as Assistant Commissioner of Waqfs.

District-wise particulars of Waqf properties have been extracted from the original registers of the Tamil Nadu Waqf Board which were already prepared as per the provisions of Waqf Act, 1954

have been handed over. As per the details submitted, the Survey Commissioner of Waqfs have completed the survey of Waqf properties in 27 districts and the survey of Waqf properties in the remaining districts are under progress.

### **18.3 Constitution of Waqf Tribunal**

In order to resolve the disputes relating Waqf properties, Tamil Nadu Waqf Tribunal has been constituted under section 83 of Waqf Act 1995, with the chairman and two members at Chennai and it is functioning from 06.08.2018. For the year 2021-2022, Rs.75.92 lakh is provided for the administration of Tamil Nadu Waqf Tribunal.

### **18.4 Waqfs Under Direct Management of Tamil Nadu Waqf Board**

For administrative reasons, some of the Waqfs are taken under direct management of Tamil Nadu Waqf Board under section 65 of the Waqf Act, 1995 and Executive Officers are

appointed to administer the Waqfs under direct management. At present, 85 Waqf institutions are under direct management of Tamil Nadu Waqf Board and administrative charges are collected under section 45(7) of the Waqf Act, 1995 from these Waqf institutions.

### **18.5 Retrieval of Waqf Properties from Encroachments**

When the properties of Waqfs, which are under the purview of Tamil Nadu Waqf Board are encroached by individuals, action is taken for retrieval of such waqf properties under section 54 of the Waqf Act, 1995 and Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1975.

Further, concerned Sub Registrars are addressed under Section 22(A) of the Registration Act, 1908 not to register Waqf properties in favour of third parties without obtaining No Objection Certificate from Tamil Nadu Waqf Board.

## **18.6 Administrative Grants Sanctioned to Tamil Nadu Waqf Board**

The Government of Tamil Nadu, sanctions administrative grant every year to Tamil Nadu Waqf Board to meet out the administrative expenses. At present, annual administrative grant of Rs.2.50 crore is sanctioned to the board. For the year 2021-2022, Rs.2.50 crore has been allotted to the Tamil Nadu Waqf Board as administrative grant.

## **18.7 Maintenance of 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 by the Tamil Nadu Waqf Board as per the orders of the Court. The expenditure to the Tamil Nadu Waqf Board for this purpose is Rs.67,800/- per annum.

## **18.8 Government Funded Schemes Implemented by Tamil Nadu Waqf Board**

### **18.8.1 Ulema Pension Scheme**

Under Ulema Pension Scheme, poor Pesh Imams, Mothinars, Arabic Teachers, Mujawars 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. Ulema pension sanction committee under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister is functioning to sanction Ulema pension. At present Ulema pension of Rs.3,000 per month is being paid to the Ulemas. 2,600 persons can avail benefit under the scheme. At present 1,263 persons are receiving pension under the scheme.

For the year 2021-2022 Rs.454.68 lakh has been allotted for this purpose.

### **18.8.2 Major Repair and Renovation Grant**

The Government sanction grant for renovation and repairs of Mosques, Dargahs and other Waqf institutions. The annual grant sanctioned by the Government under the scheme has been enhanced from Rs.60 lakh to Rs.5 crore during the year 2020-2021. Rs.5 crore has been allotted for the scheme in the year 2020-2021 and 45 waqf institutions benefitted. For the year 2021-2022, a budgetary provision of Rs.6 crore has been made for the scheme.

### **18.8.3 Corpus fund for repair and renovation of Waqf institutions**

In order to carry out minor repairs and renovation work in Waqf Institutions like Mosques and Darghas a corpus fund of Rs.3 crore has been created.

### **18.8.4 Honorarium to Kazis**

The Government of Tamil Nadu sanctions a sum of Rs.20,000 per month as honorarium to district Kazis in Tamil Nadu. For the year 2021-2022 Rs.67.20 lakh has been allotted for providing honorarium to Kazis.

### **18.9 Implementation of Central Waqf Council Schemes by Tamil Nadu Waqf Board:**

#### **18.9.1 Qaumi Waqf Board Taraqqiati Scheme**

In order to strengthen the functioning of State Waqf Boards, the Central Waqf Council is providing assistance under "Qaumi Waqf Board Taraqqiati Scheme", for appointment of Assistant Programmers, Legal Support Officers, Survey Assistants, Zonal Waqf Officers and Accountants and digitization of Waqf records, GIS mapping of Waqf properties, maintenance of Centralised Computing Facility and to conduct awareness programme to the Muthawallis of the Waqf



institutions and purchase of stationery Items. Under the scheme Central Waqf Council has sanctioned a sum of Rs.1.02 lakh for the year 2019-2020 and Rs.86 lakh for the year 2020-2021. Appointment of staff, 100% of digitization of documents relating to Waqf properties and GIS mapping of 13,000 Waqf properties have been completed under this scheme. The relevant information have been uploaded in Central Waqf Council web site:[www.wamsi.nic.in](http://www.wamsi.nic.in).

### **18.9.2 Sahari Sampathi Vikas Yojana**

The Central Waqf Council is sanctioning loans to develop the waqf institutions based on their proposals. The Waqf lands proposed to be developed under this scheme are to be free from encumbrances. A maximum of Rs.2 crore or 75% of the estimated cost whichever is less is being sanctioned as loan. Of this, 8% of the project cost will be charged as Administrative Processing

Cost by the Central Waqf Council. Information are provided to all the muthawallis to get the details from Central Waqf Council website: [www.centralwaqfcouncil.gov.in](http://www.centralwaqfcouncil.gov.in).

### **18.9.3 National Waqf Development Corporation (NAWADCO).**

The Ministry of Minority Affairs along with Central Waqf Council have set up National Waqf Development Corporation for development of Waqf properties. Funds for development of Waqf properties for commercial purpose will be sanctioned by NAWADCO and the project will be implemented by NAWADCO and the income will be shared with the Waqf management for a stipulated period as per the Memorandum of Understanding entered by both the parties.

## **19. TAMIL NADU STATE HAJ 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 in the year 2020 reconstituted the Tamil Nadu State Haj Committee with 12 members including Secretary and Executive Officer as Ex-officio Member for a period of three years.

### **19.1 Functions of the Committee**

- (i) Calling for applications from the Haj pilgrims in Tamil Nadu intending to perform Haj, as per the guidelines of Haj Committee of India;
- (ii) Selection of pilgrims with reference to the quota allotted to the State by conducting qurrah (draw of lots), if necessary, and

- forwarding the applications to Haj Committee of India;
- (iii) Issuing guidelines to the Haj pilgrims from time to time and furnishing clarifications on specific requests from them;
  - (iv) Deputing member in the building selection team to Saudi Arabia for selection of buildings for providing accommodation to the pilgrims at Makkah;
  - (v) Selection and deputation of Haj Volunteers to Saudi Arabia to look after the welfare of the Haj pilgrims from Tamil Nadu;
  - (vi) Publication and free supply of Haj guidelines and "Haj and Umrah" handbooks to Haj pilgrims, every year;
  - (vii) Making necessary arrangements for successful operation of chartered flights direct from Chennai to Jeddah and Madinah to Chennai;
  - (viii) Coordinating with the Haj Committee of India, Mumbai and the Ministry of Minority

Affairs, Government of India regarding the arrangements for the pilgrimage and helping the pilgrims in the redressal of their grievances;

- (ix) Conducting Orientation Training programmes/Inoculation camps for the pilgrims in various Districts;
- (x) Arranging for accommodation to the Haj pilgrims at Mecca and Medina; and,
- (xi) Providing of transit accommodation at Chennai and transport of pilgrims from accommodation centre to Airport with the help of voluntary organizations.

## **19.2 Arrangements for Haj Pilgrimage**

The Government of India distributes quota allotted for the country among various States based on Muslim population as per 2011 census. The Tamil Nadu State Haj Committee invites applications from the intending pilgrims. The pilgrims are selected by holding district wise

qurrah (draw of lots) as per the quota allotted for Tamil Nadu.

Due to Covid pandemic, Government of India designated Cochin as the embarkation point instead of Chennai.

The State Haj Committee carries out its functions as per the guidelines of the Haj Committee of India. The finalisation of flight schedule, allotment of accommodation etc., are being done by Haj Committee of India/Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India.

### **19.3 Grants/assistance from State Government**

#### **19.3.1 Administrative Grant**

Tamil Nadu Government sanctions a sum of Rs.50 lakh to the Tamil Nadu State Haj Committee as annual administrative grant. Tamil Nadu State Haj 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., from out of the annual grant sanctioned by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

For the year 2021-2022, a sum of Rs.50 lakh has been allotted as administrative grant.

### **19.3.2 State Government Haj Subsidy**

The scheme of providing subsidy to the pilgrims of Tamil Nadu who are performing Haj pilgrimage through Tamil Nadu State Haj Committee for the first time is implemented by the Government. Annual subsidy for the scheme has been increased from Rs.6 crore to Rs.10 crore. For the year 2019-2020, Haj subsidy is disbursed to 4397 Haj pilgrims. Due to Global outbreak of Covid 19, Saudi Arabia has cancelled Haj pilgrimage for Haj 2020 and Haj 2021.

### **19.3.3 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. A sum of Rs.10.29 lakh has been provided for the year 2021-2022 for this purpose.

### **19.3.4 Other Grants**

The Government reimburses expenditure towards T.A./D.A. bills of members of Tamil Nadu State Haj Committee for their visits to attend the meetings of the Committee. The Government also reimburses expenditure on T.A./D.A. bills of Haj Committee officials who are participating in All India Haj Conference and Haj related meetings conducted by Haj Committee of India, Ministry of



Minority Affairs and Ministry of Civil Aviation. Further, the Government sanctions grants as non-recurring expenditure towards purchase of computer or other equipments for the smooth functioning of the Tamil Nadu State Haj Committee.

### **Conclusion**

The Government is striving tirelessly to promote the social, education and economic advancement of the minority communities through effective implementation of various developmental schemes and welfare measures. This Government will continue to undertake all efforts to protect and promote the welfare of minorities.

**GINGEE K.S. MASTHAN**

**Minister for Minorities Welfare and  
Non-Resident Tamils Welfare**



Hon'ble Chief Minister reviewed the activities of the department on 09.07.2021



Newly appointed Chairman and members of State Minorities Commission met the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 09.07.2021



Hon'ble Minister for Minorities Welfare and Non-Resident Tamils Welfare reviewed the activities of the Department on 10.06.2021.



Hon'ble Minister for Minorities Welfare and Non-Resident Tamils Welfare distributes welfare assistances through Muslim Women Aid Society in Chengalpattu District on 20.07.2021