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INTRODUCTION

The State of Tamil Nadu is the pioneer in the country in protecting the legal rights of the minority communities and ensuring their share in education, employment and economic benefits. This Government is committed to maintain communal harmony among various sections of the society.

To converge attention on the socio, economic advancement of the minority communities, to implement the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme and to give effect to the justice Rajindar Sachar committee, a separate

Directorate of Minorities welfare has been formed in the year 2007.

This Government in 1989 set up the State Minorities Commission to safeguard the interest and the rights of religious and linguistic minorities. This Government in 1999, established Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation in order to improve their economic status.

Schemes such as, sanction of Government of India scholarships to minorities students, running of hostels, providing various welfare assistance to the members of Ulema and Employees Welfare Board, establishing Muslim and Christian Women Aid Societies and providing financial assistance to them, 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.

In 2015, United Nations General Assembly spelt out Sustainable Development Goals. Of these, Goal -1 (No Poverty), Goal 4-(Quality Education) and Goal-10 (Reduce inequalities) are directly related to this department. This department will continue to work in a focused manner to achieve these Sustainable Development Goals.

2. SEPARATE RESERVATION FOR BACKWARD CLASS MUSLIMS

The Government considering the representations of minority communities to provide for separate representation, enacted the law providing 3.5% reservation to Backward Class Muslims out of the 30% reservation earmarked for Backward Classes in the year 2007 after receiving recommendations from Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Commission. 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

*"தொட்டனைத்து ஊறும் மணற்கேணி மாந்தர்க்குக்
கற்றனைத்து ஊறும் அறிவு" - குறள் 396*

*"In sandy soil, when deep you delve, you reach the springs below;
The more you learn, the freer streams of wisdom flow"*

Government continues to give importance to education by effectively implementing the scholarship schemes of Government of India to enable the minority community students belonging to Christian, Muslim, Sikh, Buddhist, Parsi and Jain religions to continue their education without interruption. The following scholarship schemes are implemented for Minority students studying from 1st 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

This scheme is 100% funded by the Government of India and based on the population of minorities in the States as per Census 2011. The scholarship amount is directly credited into students' bank account through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). 30% scholarship is earmarked for girl students of each minority community, a student residing in a particular State will be entitled for scholarship under the quota of that State only irrespective of his/her place of study.

The Details of the Scholarship are as follows:-

Name of the Scholarship	Classes covered	Parent/ Guardian's Annual Income limit	Eligibility criteria
Pre-matric	Std. 1 to X	Rs.1.00 Lakh	50% marks in the previous year final examination
Post-matric	Std. 11 th 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 1st standard to 10th standard.

The number of fresh scholarships for minorities available in a year is fixed and limited, Inter-se selection weightage is given to poverty rather than marks. In case of same income,

selection is based on the 'Date of Birth' criteria of applicants.

There is no merit list generation for renewal cases. Renewal applicant will get the scholarship if one has obtained 50% in his/her previous year's examinations (at the same Institute and in same course). Actual financial assistance will be provided for admission/tuition fee and maintenance allowance is given subject to the maximum ceiling indicated against the item concerned.

Details	Hosteller	Day Scholar
Admission fee from class VI to X	Actual fee paid by the student or maximum Rs.500 per annum. (whichever is less)	
Tuition fee from class VI to X	Actual fee paid by the student or maximum Rs.3,500 per annum. (whichever is less)	
Maintenance Allowance for 10 months in an academic year Classes I to V	-	Rs. 1,000
Classes VI to X	Rs. 6,000	Rs. 1,000

Under the scheme, during the year 2021-2022 scholarships have been sanctioned to 4,46,640 students which includes 2,12,604 boys, 2,33,965 girls and 71 transgenders at a cost of Rs.8,611.96 lakh.

3.2 Post-matric Scholarship

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.

The number of fresh scholarships for minorities available in a year is fixed and limited, Inter-se selection weightage is given to poverty rather than marks. In case of same income, selection is based on the 'Date of Birth' criteria of applicants.

There is no merit list generation for renewal cases. Renewal applicant will get the scholarship if one has obtained 50% in his/her previous year's examinations (at the same Institute and in same course).

Actual financial assistance will be provided for admission/tuition fee and maintenance allowance is given subject to the maximum ceiling indicated against the item concerned.

Details of Courses	Admission & Tuition fees Rs.	Maintenance Allowance (for 10 Months per annum)	
		Hosteller Rs.	Day Scholar Rs.
Classes XI and XII	Actual fee paid by the student or maximum Rs.7,000 per annum (whichever is less)	3,800	2,300
Technical / Vocational Courses for XI	Actual fee paid by the student or	3,800	2,300

& XII level, ITI/ITC (including NCVT Courses) Polytechnic, Diploma in Nursing, Teacher Training etc.	maximum Rs.10,000 per annum (whichever is less)		
Degree Courses of Under Graduate/Post graduate level (Other than Technical and Professional courses)	Actual fee paid by the student or maximum Rs.3,000 per annum (whichever is less)	5,700	3,000
M. Phil and Ph.D.	-	12,000	5,500

Under the scheme, during the year 2021-2022 scholarships have been sanctioned to 51,828 students which includes 20,047 boys, 31,777 girls and 4 transgenders at a cost of Rs.2,882.54 lakh.

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.

The number of fresh scholarships has been fixed. The applications from Listed Institutions (IIT, IIM, etc,) will be exhausted. Thereafter other students will be selected based on the merit list, i.e. Percentage/marks of last academic course/board (higher secondary / graduation) exam. In case of similar marks, income will be taken as deciding factor.

There is no merit list generation for renewal cases. Renewal applicant will get the scholarship if

one has obtained 50% in his/her previous year's examinations (at the same Institute and in same course).

Full course fee (except refundable fee) will be reimbursed to the students studying Professional/Technical Courses in the 85 listed Institutions notified by the 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 & Manufacturing (IIIT&DM) Kancheepuram;
- 4) National Institute of Fashion Technology, Chennai and
- 5) Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Tiruchirapalli.

In respect of other students studying in Government, Government recognized institutions actual financial assistance will be provided for admission and course fee /tuition fee and

maintenance allowance is given subject to the maximum ceiling indicated against the item concerned.

Details of Scholarship	Hosteller	Day Scholar
Course Fee	Actual fee paid by the student or maximum Rs.20,000 per annum (whichever is less)	
Maintenance allowances (for 10 months per annum)	Rs.10,000 per annum	Rs.5,000 per annum
Scholarship for Listed Institutions	Full course fee paid by the student is fully reimbursed (without any maximum limit)	

Under the scheme, during the year 2021-2022 scholarships have been sanctioned to 6,822 students which includes 4,199 boys, 2,622 girls and 1 transgender at a cost of Rs.1,737.35 lakh.

3.4 Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship for Girl Students

To recognize the students of Minority community who excel in education and encourage

them to continue their pre matric and post matric schooling, the “Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship scheme” was introduced by the Union Government in 2003 and is being implemented through the Moulana Azad Educational Trust of the Ministry of Minority Affairs.

In view of implementing the scheme on par with other Minority Scholarship Schemes, Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship Scheme is integrated with National Scholarship Portal from 2021-22 onwards with 100% funding from Government of India.

Girls students who are studying 9th and 10th Standards are sanctioned Rs.5,000 per annum whereas the girls students who are studying 11th and 12th Standards are sanctioned Rs.6,000 per annum and the scholarship amount is directly credited into the students’ bank accounts under DBT Scheme. This scholarship includes admission fee, tuition fee, purchase of

books, purchase of stationery and boarding and lodging charges.

During the year 2021-22, applications from 6,879 students have been received and forwarded to Union Government for sanction.

4. MINORITY HOSTELS

To enable Minority students to pursue their studies without any impediments, 18 minority hostels are functioning in Tamil Nadu under the control of this department. The details of hostels are as follows:

Hostel	No. of Hostels	Sanctioned strength	Admitted Strength
College	9	900	585
School cum College	5	250	201
School	4	350	180
Total	18	1,500	966

Out of these 18 hostels, one 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. In the year 2021-2022, parental annual income ceiling for hostel admission has been enhanced from Rs.1 lakh to Rs.2 lakh.

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 certificate 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 for hostel boarders at the rate of Rs.1,000 for school students and Rs.1,100 for college students for 10 months in a year.

The Government is sanctioning Rs.40 per student for school students and Rs.80 per student for college students for providing special food during festivals (Christmas, Ramzan, Bakrid, Mahaveer Jayanthi and Buddha Poornima)

Miscellaneous charges of Rs. 100/- per month for school students and Rs. 150/- per month for college students are sanctioned to

boarders for purchase of soap, toothpaste, etc. This amount is directly credited into the student's bank account through ECS.

During the year 2021-2022, a sum of Rs.270.22 lakh has been spent towards food charges, administration, maintenance and other expenses for running these hostels.

For the year 2022-2023, a sum of Rs.397.57 lakh has been allotted towards running of these hostels.

4.2 Benefits provided to boarders of hostels

1. Special Guides are provided free of cost to the boarders studying in 10th and 12th Standard to improve their performance in Public Examinations.
2. 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.
3. The boarders of hostels studying up to 12th Standard are supplied with all the text

books free of cost by the Department of School Education.

4. Medical checkups are conducted three times a year for all hostel boarders.
5. One English and two Tamil dailies are supplied to each hostel.
6. Mats, jamakkalam, bedsheets, stainless steel plates and tumblers, etc., are provided to all hostel boarders.
7. Woolen sweaters are provided to the boarders in hill stations.
8. 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.
9. Annually Rs.50,000 is sanctioned to each hostel to carry out emergency repair works.
10. 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.

11. Sundal and Chukkumalli coffee/ tea are provided to the hostel boarders every evening.
12. 20 eggs are provided to each boarder per month. Bananas are given to the boarders who do not take eggs.
13. Mutton and chicken are provided on the first and third Wednesday and second and fourth Wednesday respectively every month.

4.3 Construction of own building for hostels

Out of 18 hostels functioning under this department, 10 hostels are functioning in own buildings. In the remaining 8 hostels, orders were issued for the construction of own buildings to 3 hostels and works are being carried out by Public Works Department (PWD) and based on the student strength own buildings will be constructed to the remaining 5 hostels.

For the year 2022-2023, a sum of Rs.300 lakh has been allotted for the scheme.

4.4 Maintenance of Hostel building

Maintenance works in hostels functioning in Government buildings are taken up through Public Works Department. During the year 2021-2022, special maintenance and repair works were carried out in 3 hostels at a cost of Rs.14.50 lakh through Public Works Department.

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.

An announcement was made in the year 2021-2022, that additional Muslim Women Aid Societies would be formed on need basis. Accordingly, orders were issued to form 3 Muslim Women Aid Societies in Theni, Krishnagiri and Villupuram Districts and seed money of Rs.1 lakh has been provided to each society.

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. Twice the amount of donation collected by these societies are sanctioned as Government grant to each society up to a maximum of Rs.20 lakh per annum, per society.

During the year 2021-2022, a sum of Rs.436.11 lakh has been sanctioned to these societies as matching grant.

For the year 2022-2023, a sum of Rs.433.11 lakh 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.

An announcement was made in the year 2021-2022, that additional Christian Women Aid Societies would be formed on need basis. Accordingly, orders were issued to form Christian Women Aid Societies in Karur, Madurai and Theni Districts and seed money of Rs.1 lakh has been provided to each society.

Funds available with the societies are used for providing financial assistance to destitute widows and aged Christian women. Further, training in the field of tailoring, embroidery, shoemaking, handicraft and other need-based training are given free of cost. These societies are registered under the Societies Registration Act. Twice the amount of donation collected by these societies are sanctioned as Government grant to each society up to a maximum of Rs.20 lakh per annum, per society.

During the year 2021-2022, a sum of Rs.247.49 lakh has been sanctioned to these societies as matching grant.

For the year 2022-2023, a sum of Rs.297.54 lakh has been allotted 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 Skill Development Department.

There are 13,963 registered members in the board including 1,397 members newly registered in the year 2021-2022.

During the year 2021-2022, a sum of Rs.39.33 lakh has been disbursed as welfare assistance to 627 registered members of the board.

The financial assistance given to the members of the Ulemas and Other Employees Welfare Board are as follows:-

Sl. No	Details of Assistance	Financial Assistance (Rs.)
1	Accidental Insurance	
	a) Fatal due to accident	1,00,000
	b) Disability due to accident (with reference to percentage of Disability)	10,000 to 1,00,000
2	Natural Death	20,000
3	Funeral Expenses	5,000
4	Scholarship	
	a) Girl student studying in X Std.	1,000
	b) student passed in X Std.	1,000
	c) Girl student studying in XI Std.	1,000
	d) Girl student studying in XII Std.	1,500
	e) Student passed in XII std.	1,500
	f) Student studying Degree courses (Day Scholar)	1,500
	g) Student studying Degree courses (Hosteller)	1,750

	h) Student studying Post Graduate courses (Day Scholar)	4,000
	i) Student studying Post Graduate courses (Hosteller)	5,000
	j) Student studying Under Graduate Professional courses (Day Scholar)	4,000
	k) Student studying Under Graduate Professional courses (Hosteller)	6,000
	l) Student studying Post Graduate Professional courses (Day Scholar)	6,000
	m) Student studying in Post Graduate 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 Male Female	3,000 5,000
6	Maternity Assistance	
	a) Pregnancy period : Rs.1,000 per month for six months	6,000
	b) Abortion	3,000
7	Reimbursement for the cost of Spectacle	500 (Max.)
8	Old Age Pension	1,000 per month

So far, a sum of Rs.180.92 lakh has been disbursed as welfare assistance to 4,479 registered members of the board.

7.1 Supply of bicycles to members of Ulemas and Employees Welfare Board

An announcement was made in the year 2021-2022, that bicycles would be provided to members of the Ulemas and Employees Welfare Board. Accordingly, orders have been issued and action is being taken to supply bicycles to members of the board at a cost of Rs.476.23 lakh.

7.2 Grant for purchase of Two wheelers for Ulemas working in Registered Waqf Institutions.

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 the registered Waqf institutions for the purchase of new two wheeler. A sum of Rs.703.50 lakh has been provided for the scheme.

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. The total number of pilgrims per year is 600. Of this, 50 seats are earmarked for Nuns/Sisters. A sum of Rs.60,000 is sanctioned as financial assistance for Nuns/Sisters and Rs.37,000 to other pilgrims. Under this scheme, so far, 4,128 Christians have performed this pilgrimage by availing financial assistance of Rs.825.60 lakh.

For the year 2022-2023, 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.65.40 lakh has been sanctioned for repair and renovation of 25 churches in 18 districts.

For the year 2022-2023, a sum of Rs.600 lakh has been allotted 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. SUPPLY OF MOTORIZED SEWING MACHINES TO MINORITIES

An announcement was made in the year 2021-2022, that 1,000 motorized sewing machines would be provided to poor people belonging to minorities communities for their economic development at a cost of Rs.45 lakh. Accordingly, orders have been issued and action is being taken to supply motorized sewing machines.

13. ESTABLISHMENT OF 5 DISTRICT MINORITY WELFARE OFFICES

An announcement was made in the year 2021-2022, that District minority welfare office would be established in 5 minority concentrated districts viz., Chennai, Vellore, Villupuram, Tirunelveli and Coimbatore at a cost of Rs.175.05 lakh. Accordingly, orders have been issued for establishing 5 District minority welfare offices with sanction of posts.

14. CHRISTIAN PRIESTS AND CHURCH EMPLOYEES WELFARE BOARD

An announcement was made in the year 2021-2022, that "Christian Priests and Church Employees Welfare Board" would be established for the benefit of Church Priests and Employees, and action is being taken to establish the board.

15. 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.

16. 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 (25% of Minority Population in the area) 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

Sl. No	District	Panchayat
1.	Ramanathapuram	Thiruvaadani
2.	Ramanathapuram	Mandapam
3.	Nilgiris	Gudalur
4.	Pudukkottai	Manamelkudi

2. List of Towns

Sl. No	District	Sl. No	Urban areas
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.	Keelakarai
7.	Tirunelveli	9.	Tirunelveli
8.	Thoothukudi	10.	Thoothukudi
		11.	Kayalpattinam
9.	Tirupathur	12.	Ambur
		13.	Vaniyambadi
10.	Karur	14.	Pallapatti
11.	Tenkasi	15.	Tenkasi
		16.	Kadayanallur
12.	Kanniyakumari	17.	Kollancode
		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 2021-2022, approval has been accorded for implementing 62 projects in 10 districts of Tamil Nadu at an estimate cost of Rs.61,575.41 lakh in which central share of Rs.18,422.22 lakh has been released as 1st installment.

For the year 2022-2023, a sum of Rs.1,000 lakh has been allotted for the scheme.

17. The Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation (TAMCO)

The Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation (TAMCO) was established on 31.8.1999 as a Company under Companies Act, 1956 for the benefit of Minorities viz., Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsis and Jains in Tamil Nadu. The prime mandate of TAMCO is to provide concessional finance to Minorities for Self Employment and income generation activities. 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, VIRASAT loan, Micro Credit Loan and Education Loan for economic advancement of Minorities. The authorized Share Capital of this Corporation is

Rs.500 lakh and a paid up Share Capital is Rs.205 lakh. The Corporation obtains loan from NMDFC upon guarantee given by State Government for funding various loan schemes of NMDFC.

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 Term Loan, Virasat Loan and Micro Financing are as follows:

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

17.1 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:

Sl. No	Loan Amount	Interest Rate (per annum)	Annual Income Ceiling
1	Credit line I Scheme Upto Rs.20 lakh	6%	Rural Areas Rs.98,000 Urban Areas Rs.1.20 lakh
2	Credit line II Scheme Upto Rs.30 lakh	Male 8%. Female 6%	Persons who cannot avail benefit under credit line-I and having annual income upto Rs.8 lakh (For both Rural and Urban Areas)

During the year 2021-2022 loan amount of Rs.1,335.95 lakh has been disbursed to 2,002 beneficiaries under this scheme.

17.2 VIRASAT Scheme

For the economic advancement of poor minority crafts persons, credit is extended at lower rate of interest for purchase of raw material, equipment/tools/machineries under VIRASAT scheme. The details of the scheme are as follows:

Sl. No	Loan Amount	Interest Rate (per annum)	Annual Income Ceiling
1	VIRASAT Scheme Upto Rs.10 Lakhs	5% for Male 4% for Female	Rural Areas Rs.98,000 Urban Areas Rs.1.20 lakh

17.3 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, Tiffin shop, textile business,

manufacturing of pickles, snacks, appalam, basket weaving etc., as detailed below:-

Sl. No	Loan Amount	Interest Rate (per annum)	Annual Income Ceiling
1	Credit line I Scheme Upto Rs.1 lakh (per member of SHG)	7%	Rural Areas Rs.98,000 Urban Areas Rs.1.20 lakh
2	Credit line II Scheme Upto Rs.1.5 lakh (per member of SHG)	Male 10% Female 8%	Persons who cannot avail benefit under credit line -I and having annual income upto Rs.8 lakh (For both Rural and Urban Areas)

Under this scheme Rs.2,273.84 lakh has been disbursed to 4,025 beneficiaries through Self Help Groups during the year 2021-2022.

17.4 Educational Loan

Educational Loan is sanctioned to the Minorities who pursue Professional Courses and Job oriented degree courses in the Government/Private Institutions recognized by the Government as detailed below:-

Sl. No	Loan Amount	Interest Rate (per annum)	Parental Annual Income Ceiling
1	Credit line I Scheme Upto Rs.20 Lakh for professional job oriented degree courses in India with a maximum duration of 5 years at Rs.4 lakh per annum. Upto Rs.30 lakh for Courses	3%	Rural Areas Rs.98,000 Urban Areas Rs.1.20 lakh

	Abroad with a maximum duration of 5 years at Rs.6 lakh per annum.		
2	<p>Credit line II Scheme</p> <p>Upto Rs.20 lakh for courses in India with a maximum duration of 5 years at Rs.4 lakh per annum.</p> <p>Upto 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 lakh (For both Rural and Urban Areas)</p>

Under this scheme Rs.8.50 lakh has been disbursed to 7 students during the year 2021-2022.

During the year 2021-2022, a total loan amount of Rs.3,618.29 lakh has been disbursed to 6,034 beneficiaries by this corporation.

17.5. Skill Development Training (“Kaushal Se Kushalta”)

Skill Development Training “Kaushal Se Kushalta” is imparted to Minority youth. Through this scheme minority youth can start self-employment and get employment in other organizations. To avail benefit under the scheme, the annual parental income should not exceed Rs.6 lakh. Training is imparted through Institutions empaneled by National Skill Development Council / 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, Tailoring (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.

17.6 Mahila Samridhi Yojana

Mahila Samridhi Yojana is a scheme linking micro credit with the training to the women members formed into self help group (SHG's) trades such as tailoring, cutting and Embroidery etc. After the training, need based micro credit subject to a maximum of Rs.1.00 lakh will be made available to each members of Self Help Group (SHG) so formed at an interest of 7% per annum.

Under this scheme, for the year 2021-22, proposals have been recommended to National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) and NMDFC has sanctioned two training institutes in Pudukottai District to conduct tailoring training programme for 40 members for a duration of 6 months at a cost of Rs.6 lakh.

18.TAMIL NADU LINGUISTIC MINORITIES SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TALMEDCO)

Government have formed of Tamil Nadu Linguistic Minorities Social and Economic Development Corporation (TALMEDCO) in the year 2021, for the socio-economic development of Linguistic Minorities in Tamil Nadu to provide them better access to various schemes and promote their interests. The authorised capital of the Corporation is Rs.900 lakh.

Under Clause (d) of section 2 of the Tamil Nadu State Minorities Commission Act, 2010 (Tamil Nadu Act 21 of 2010) Government has

notified that the persons belonging to the Minority communities who are natives of Tamil Nadu and having Telugu, Urdu, Kannada, Malayalam, Sourashtra and Marathi as their mother tongue as “Linguistic Minorities”

Government have accorded financial sanction for paid up share capital of Rs.500 lakh, seed fund Rs.1,000 lakh and a sum of Rs.109.20 lakh for salaries and other administrative expenses totalling to Rs.1,609.20 lakh.

19. 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.

This Commission has been reconstituted in the year 2021 with Thiru. S. Peter Alphonse as chairman, Dr. Masthan as vice chairman and 8 other members.

This Commission enquire the requests received from minority people and institutions by

calling them in person and forward the requests to concerned departments and receive reports from the departments. The Commission is visiting various districts of the State in order to identify the grievances of the minorities and forward it's recommendation to the Government for the effective implementation of the welfare schemes for minorities.

Field visits of the State Minorities Commission in Districts

The Commission has visited Thiruvallur, Kancheepuram, Chengalpattu, Thanjavur, Trichy, Tirunelveli, Tenkasi, Chennai, Coimbatore and Trippur districts and enquired the request of the minorities and advised the district collectors to take immediate action. About 2,400 persons attended these meetings and submitted their requests.

20. TAMIL NADU WAQF BOARD

The Tamil Nadu Waqf Board was constituted on 18.01.1958 under the Waqf Act, 1954. The board is reconstituted once in 5 years as per the Waqf Act, 1995 (Central Act 43/1995) and the present board is functioning with 11 members. Thiru. M. Abdul Rahman has been elected as chairman of the Board by the members on 22.07.2021. The Tamil Nadu Waqf Board having its head office at Chennai is functioning with 11 zonal offices at district level.

Mission and Functions of the Board

Protection, Retrieval and Monitoring of Waqf under the provision of the Waqf Act, 1995. Proactive role in protection development of Waqf and to work closely with the Waqf Institutions to improve their functioning.

1. To maintain a record containing information relating to the origin, income, object and beneficiaries of every Waqf.
2. 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.
3. To give directions for the administration of the Waqf.
4. To settle schemes of management for Waqfs.
5. To scrutinize and approve the Budget submitted by Muthawallis and to arrange for the auditing of the accounts of the Waqfs.
6. To appoint and remove Muthawallis in accordance with the provisions of the Waqf Act.
7. To take measures for the recovery of the lost properties of Waqfs.

8. To institute and defend suits and proceedings in a Court of law relating to Waqfs, and their properties.
9. To administer the Waqf fund.
10. To call for such returns, statistics, accounts and other informations from the Muthawallis with respect to the Waqf properties as the Board may require from time to time.
11. To inspect or cause inspection of Waqf properties, accounts or records or deeds and documents relating thereto;
12. To investigate and determine the nature and extent of Waqfs and Waqf properties and to cause, whenever necessary, survey of Waqf properties;
13. To do generally all such acts as may be necessary for the due maintenance and administration of Waqfs.

Apart from this, the Board is implementing certain schemes for the needy Waqf institutions such as Renovation scheme for the repair and

renovation of mosque and darghas, Ulema pension Scheme, Payment of maintenance amount to Muslim women as per the orders of the court. The board is also supervising M.S.S. Waqf Board College, Madurai.

20.2 Registration of Waqf properties

There are 7,504 Waqf Institutions under the supervisory control of Tamil Nadu Waqf Board. Of which, 3,470 are registered waqfs and 4,034 are unregistered Waqfs. In 2021-2022, 52 new Waqfs were created and registered. The details are as follows:-

1.	Already registered waqfs	2814
2.	Waqf registered during the last year	604
3.	Waqfs newly created and registered during the last year	52
	Total	3470

20.3 Survey of Waqf properties

Under section 4 of the Waqf Act 1995, the Government have 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.

As per the direction of the Government, District-wise particulars of Waqf properties have been extracted from the original registers of the Tamil Nadu Waqf Board already prepared as per the provisions of Waqf Act, 1954 and handed over to all the District Revenue Officers in the State. As per the details submitted, the Survey Commissioner of Waqfs have completed the survey of Waqf properties relating to 27 districts in the State of Tamil Nadu and the survey of Waqf

properties in the remaining districts are under progress.

20.4 Constitution of Waqf Tribunal

As per section 83 of the Waqf Act, 1995 for determination any disputes relating to Waqf or Waqf Properties, the Government of Tamil Nadu constituted Tamil Nadu Waqf Tribunal in the year 2018 at Chennai. The Tribunal consists of District Judge as Chairman, an officer from the State Civil Services equivalent in rank to that of the Additional District Magistrate as one Member and one person having knowledge of Muslim Law and Jurisprudence as another Member. The details of the cases at the Tribunal are as follows:-

Cases pending as on 31.03.2021	Cases registered during 2021-2022	Total	Case Disposed during 2021 – 2022	Pending
2445	931	3376	1076	2300

20.5 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 the commencement of the last year 85 Waqf institutions were under direct management of Tamil Nadu Waqf Board. Of which, direct management was withdrawn for 36 Waqfs and handed over to the Waqf institutions by the board and 6 Waqfs institutions newly taken under direct management during the last year. Thus at present 55 Waqf institutions are under direct management of the Tamil Nadu Waqf Board.

20.6 Retrieval of Waqf properties from Encroachments

Action is being taken for retrieval of Waqf properties under section 54 of the Waqf Act, 1995

and Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1995.

At present, Waqf Properties worth Rs.15,800 lakh with an extent of 16 lakh sq.ft. have been recovered from the encroachers and handed over to the concerned Waqf Institutions.

Further, concerned Sub Registrars are addressed under Section 22A of the Registration Act 1908 not to register Waqf properties in favour of third parties without obtaining Non Objection Certificate from Tamil Nadu Waqf Board.

20.7 Administrative Grants Sanctioned to Tamil Nadu Waqf Board

The State Government sanctions Administrative Grant of Rs.250 lakh to Tamil Nadu Waqf Board every year. Orders were issued for sanction of incentive at the rate of 5% as additional administrative grant based on the contribution collected by the Tamil Nadu Waqf Board from the year 2022-2023 onwards.

20.8 Construction of Zonal Offices - Grants sanctioned to Tamil Nadu Waqf Board

An announcement has been made that building for 8 Zonal Offices of Tamil Nadu Waqf Board at Poonamallee, Vellore, Cuddalore, Trichy, Thanjavur, Madurai, Ramanathapuram and Salem will be constructed at an estimated cost of Rs.16 lakhs for each zonal office building. At the first instance the Government has sanctioned and released grant of Rs.64 lakh for construction of 4 Zonal Offices at Poonamallee, Vellore, Ramanathapuram and Cuddalore.

20.9 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 being paid to 7 divorced Muslim Women by the Tamil Nadu Waqf Board as per the orders of the Court. Tamil

Nadu Waqf Board sanctions Rs.67,800 per annum for this purpose.

20.10 Government schemes implemented by Tamil Nadu Waqf Board

20.10.1 Ulema Pension Scheme

Ulema Pension Scheme is being effectively implemented since 1981. Under the scheme poor Pesh Imams, Mothinars, Arabic Teachers, Mujawars who have served and retired after rendering service in Tamil Nadu Waqf institutions are being 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 was periodically enhanced and at present the Ulema Pension of Rs.3,000 per month is being paid to the Ulemas. The Ulema Sanction Committee under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Waqfs is the sanctioning authority for payment of Ulema Pension and this committee sanctioned Ulema Pensions to 1,314 Ulemas.

For the year 2022 – 2023 Rs.475.68 lakh has been allotted for this purpose.

20.10.2 Major Repair and Renovation Grant

The Government sanction grant for renovation and repair of Mosques, Dargahs and other Waqf institutions as Major Renovation Grant. The Government has allotted enhanced grant of Rs.600 lakh for the year 2021-2022 and 70 Waqf Institutions is being benefitted. Further the Government has allotted Rs.600 lakh for the repair and renovation of Old Mosques and Darghas for the year 2022-2023.

20.10.3 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 Darghas a corpus fund of Rs.300 lakh has been created. The interest accrued on this fund will be utilized by Tamil Nadu

Waqf Board for sanctioning to the needy and eligible Waqf institutions.

20.10.4 Honorarium to Kazis

The Government of Tamil Nadu has ordered to pay honorarium of Rs.20,000 per month to District Kazis working in the Tamil Nadu. A sum of Rs.74.40 Lakhs has been allotted for the year 2022-2023.

20.11 Implementation of Central Waqf Council schemes by Tamil Nadu Waqf Board:

20.11.1 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". Under the scheme the Central Waqf Council has sanctioned a sum of Rs.102 lakh for the year 2019-2020 and Rs.86 lakh for the year 2020-2021 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 Centralized Computing Facility and to conduct awareness programme to the Muthawallis of the Waqf institutions in Tamil Nadu and purchase of stationery items. Appointment of staff, 100% completion of digitization of documents relating to Waqf properties, GIS mapping of 13,400 Waqf properties are completed under this scheme. Out of which 13,000 Waqf properties were uploaded in Central Waqf Council website and at present 9,070 Waqf properties details can be seen in central Waqf council website: www.wamsi.nic.in

Mapping of Waqf properties by using drones

Action has been taken for the GPS/GIS mapping of the Waqf Properties of Tamil Nadu by using drones.

Central Waqf Council New Delhi, Tamil Nadu Waqf Board and Institute of Remote Sensing, Anna University, Chennai has signed Memorandum of Understanding for completion of GPS/GIS mapping of 20,000 Waqf Properties, the Central Waqf Council New Delhi, Tamil Nadu Waqf Board and Jawaharlal Technological University, Hyderabad has signed Memorandum of Understanding for completion of GPS/GIS mapping of 15,000 Waqf Properties, and the Central Waqf Council, New Delhi, Tamil Nadu Waqf Board and the Department of Geography, University of Madras has signed Memorandum of Understanding for completion of GPS/GIS mapping of 25,000 Waqf properties.

20.11.2 Sahari Sampathi Vikas Yojana

The Central Waqf Council is sanctioning development loans to Waqf institutions under the above scheme. The Waqf lands proposed to be developed under this scheme are to be free from

encumbrances. A maximum of Rs.200 lakh or 75% of the estimated cost whichever is less is being sanctioned as loan. An amount of 8% of the project cost will be charged as Administrative Processing Cost by the Central Waqf Council. Information are provided to all the muthawallis through zonal officers to get the details from central Waqf council website: www.centralwaqfcouncil.gov.in.

20.11.3 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. The funds for development of waqf lands on commercial purpose will be sanctioned 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.

21. TAMIL NADU STATE HAJ COMMITTEE

Haj Committee Act, 2002 was enacted by the Government of India to make arrangements pertaining to travel and accommodation to the Haj pilgrims visiting Makkah at Saudi Arabia. As per the provisions contained in the said Act, the Tamil Nadu State Haj Committee is periodically reconstituted by the Government for a period of 3 years.

21.1 Functions of the Committee

- (i) Based on the guidelines of Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India, the Haj Committee of India, Mumbai, 100% online Haj Applications are received from the intending pilgrims.
- (ii) Receipt of applications and selection of applicants for Haj pilgrimage from Tamil Nadu, by draw of lots using computer

software when the number of applications is more than the quota.

- (iii) Issuing guidelines to the applicants regarding payment of passage fare and other dues to the Haj Committee of India, Mumbai.
- (iv) Deputation of representatives to the Building Selection Team to assist Consulate General of India to select suitable buildings every year.
- (v) Deputation of Haj volunteers every year to look after the welfare of the Hajis from Tamil Nadu when they are in Saudi Arabia.
- (vi) Liaise with the Regional Passport Offices for obtaining (Haj) passports for the intending Haj pilgrims, if necessary.
- (vii) Printing and supply of hand book on 'Haj and Umrah' free of cost in Tamil language every year to Haj pilgrims.
- (viii) Coordinate the functions relating to various agencies of Government of India, State Government, the Haj Committee of India, Mumbai etc, and

other agencies such as Saudi Arabian Airlines, Air India, Airports Authority of India, Immigration, Customs, BCAS, etc., and other voluntary organizations for smooth, hassle free and successful arrangements for Haj flight operations, etc.

- (ix) Provide supporting arrangements for operation of direct Haj flights from Chennai to Jeddah and back such as transit accommodation, transport from accommodation centers to airport and back, etc.
- (x) Conduct inoculation camps and orientation programmes at various district/taluk headquarters benefitting the pilgrims.
- (xi) Other incidental activities relating to Haj pilgrimage.

21.2 Arrangements for Hajj pilgrimage

The Tamil Nadu State Haj Committee undertakes various functions such as calling for applications, issuing guidelines regarding

payments to be made to Haj Committee of India, issuing travel documents, providing transit accommodation facility etc., in Chennai as per the guidelines from Ministry of Minority Affairs, Haj Committee of India with the help of Tamil Nadu Haj Service Society, other Government departments and voluntary organizations.

Further, this Committee coordinates other functions such as flight operations, remote check-in counters, immigration and customs, security at transit accommodation centers and at airport, transport facility to Haj pilgrims for movement to Airport etc. The State Haj Committee functions as per the guidelines of the Haj Committee of India.

Embarkation point:

Previously, Chennai was notified as embarkation point for Haj pilgrims from Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Due to Corona Pandemic, the Haj

Committee of India, Mumbai has reduced the number of embarkation points from 20 to 10. Based on the Haj guidelines 2022, the embarkation point for haj pilgrims of Tamil Nadu State has now been changed from Chennai to Cochin. The State Government is requesting the Union Government to re-designate Chennai airport as embarkation point to ease the difficulties of Haj pilgrims from Tamil Nadu.

21.3 Grants / assistance from State Government

21.3.1 State Government Haj Subsidy

In order to fulfil one of the five religious obligations of Islamic people of Tamil Nadu, the Government is implementing a scheme of providing subsidy to the pilgrims of Tamil Nadu who are performing Haj pilgrimage for the first time. Orders have been issued to grant Rs.1000 lakh per annum as subsidy. Under this scheme

subsidy is directly credited into the bank accounts of the first time pilgrims.

21.3.2 Administrative Grant

Tamil Nadu State Haj Committee meets the administrative cost towards the staff from out of financial assistance provided by the Government of Tamil Nadu. The Government of Tamil Nadu sanctions a sum of Rs.50 lakh as administrative grant every year to the Haj Committee towards payment of salaries to staff, settlement of charges like property tax, electricity charges, metro water and sewerage charges, etc. Accordingly, a sum of Rs.50 lakh is allotted as administrative grant for the year 2022-2023.

21.3.3 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 expenditure on deputation of Haj volunteers to Saudi Arabia who assist the pilgrims and for

deputation of representatives in Building Selection Team to Saudi Arabia for selection of buildings to accommodate the pilgrims. Due to Corona pandemic, Saudi Arabia has cancelled Haj for the years 2020 and 2021. Hence, no members were deputed under Building Selection Team and Haj volunteers to Saudi Arabia. For 2022-2023, a sum of Rs.10.29 lakh is allotted under this scheme.

21.3.4 Other grants

The Government also reimburses expenditure towards T.A./D.A. bills of members of Tamil Nadu State Haj Committee in respect of their visits to attend meeting of the Committee. The Government also sanctions grants every year for non-recurring expenditure like provision of certain equipment for the smooth functioning of the Tamil Nadu State Haj Committee.

CONCLUSION

This Government, being the saviour of Minorities, is striving tirelessly to promote the upliftment and economic advancement of the Minority Communities through effective implementation of various development schemes and welfare measures.

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ANNEXURE

ALLOTMENT FOR THE YEAR 2022 – 2023

(Rs. in lakh)

Department	Revenue	Capital	Loan	Total
Tamil Nadu Waqf Board and Haj Committee	2120.47	-	-	2120.47
State Minorities Commission	73.29	-	-	73.29
Directorate of Minorities Welfare	3129.19	1300.00	-	4429.19
Tamil Nadu Waqf Tribunal	91.84	-	-	91.84
Total	5414.79	1300.00	-	6714.79



Hon'ble Chief Minister distributed welfare assistances in Villupuram District on 05.04.2022



Hon'ble Minister for Minorities Welfare and Non-Resident Tamils Welfare reviewed the activities of the Department on 23.11.2021



Minorities Rights Day was celebrated by State Minorities Commission on 18.12.2021 at Santhoam Higher Secondary School, Chennai

