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1. INTRODUCTION

Under the Prohibition and Excise Wing, the three Head of the Departments, viz., Commissionerate of Prohibition and Excise, Prohibition Enforcement Wing and Narcotic Intelligence Bureau (NIB) CID are functioning. Moreover, one Public Sector Undertaking, viz., Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation Limited (TASMAC) is also functioning under this Wing.

The Prohibition and Excise Wing functions under the administrative control of Home, Prohibition and Excise Department.

2. COMMISSIONERATE OF PROHIBITION AND EXCISE

2.1 The enforcing authority of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, 1937 (Tamil Nadu Act X of 1937) and the Rules made thereunder is the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise. The following are the broad objectives to implement the above said Act and the Rules:-

- Implementation of Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, 1937 (Tamil Nadu Act X of 1937) and various rules framed thereunder.
- By better Excise administration it is ensured to get maximum revenue to the Government.
- Awareness is created among the public about the evils of consuming liquor with the assistance of Prohibition and Enforcement Wing.
- Prohibits the illicit distillation, sale of illicit arrack and conduct raids to stop the inflow of spurious liquor through the State border.

2.2 The 2 Joint Commissioners in the cadre of District Revenue Officer, 1 Financial Controller in the cadre of Joint Secretary to Government (Finance Department) and 5 Assistant Commissioners in the cadre of Deputy Collector are assisting the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise to implement the Prohibition and Excise Policy. At district level, the District Collector is assisted by Deputy / Assistant Commissioner (Excise).

2.3 The officers in the cadre of Deputy Collector are posted in the Manufacturing Units to exercise effective control over the production of spirits / Indian Made Foreign Liquor / Beer / Wine and prevention of their unauthorized diversion and monitoring the levy of excise duty on excisable articles under the Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, 1937. The above work is exercised by Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars of Revenue Department, who are posted as Excise Supervisory Officers and Bonded Manufactory officers in the chemical units and bonded warehouses respectively.

Molasses

2.4 Molasses the by-product obtained during the production of sugar is used as a raw material for manufacture of alcohol. The District Collector / District Revenue Officer are the competent authority to issue licences for possession, use, sale, transport and import or export of molasses. The Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise will give prior approval to the Collector / District Revenue Officer for issuing licence for possession and use of molasses and give import / export permit. The licensees can possess and use molasses as per the possessional limit fixed by the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise.

Distilleries and Spirit Production

2.5 There are 17 Distilleries in Tamil Nadu. Out of this, 15 are in the Private Sector and 2 are in the Co-operative Sector. These Distilleries produce Spirit which is used as a raw material for the production of Liquor.

Grain based Extra Neutral Alcohol (GENA)

2.6 Grain based Extra Neutral Alcohol is used for the production of Premium brands of liquor by the Indian Made Foreign Spirits manufacturing units. Grain based Extra Neutral Alcohol is not produced in Tamil Nadu and is permitted to be imported from other States. During the year 2021-2022, 8.26 crore litres of Grain based Extra Neutral Alcohol was imported from other States.

Ethanol

2.7 Ethanol can be easily blended with petrol because it is a Bio-fuel and having non-polluting quality. Under the National Bio-fuel Programme of the Government of India, Ethanol Blended with Petrol Programme (EBPP) is being encouraged in the State. Ethanol can be produced in 17 Distilleries in the State.

Indian Made Foreign Spirits, Beer and Wine Manufacturing Units

2.8 At present there are 11 Indian Made Foreign Spirits Manufacturing Units, 7 Beer Manufacturing Units and 1 Wine Manufacturing Unit functioning in Tamil Nadu.

Export of Beer

2.9 The Government have permitted for export of Beer to other States / Union Territories and other Countries. Export permit for export of Beer to other States and Union Territories are being issued online.

Import of Foreign Liquor

2.10 The Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise is issuing import permits for importing foreign liquor from other Countries on collection of a special fee under the Tamil Nadu Liquor (Licence and Permit) Rules, 1981. From 02.03.2012, TASMAL imports foreign liquor by collecting a service charge at 3% on the Special

Fee and supplies to FL2 Licensees (Recreation Clubs) and FL3 Licensees (Star Hotels of 3 Star category and below and Non-Star Hotels).

2.11 The FL3 Licensees (Star Hotels of 4 Star category and above) will continue to procure imported foreign liquor items directly from the suppliers of imported foreign liquor whose excise bonded warehouses are located in other States.

2.12 During 2021-2022, the revenue earned by Government through Special Fee on imported foreign liquor is Rs.33.83 crores and the revenue earned by TASMAL from service charge is Rs.3.58 lakhs.

Neera

2.13 By using anti fermentation technology to arrest the fermentation, Neera a non-alcoholic nutritious drink is drawn from the unopened inflorescence of coconut trees. Government have permitted tapping of Neera from coconut trees and also manufacture of other products from Neera by obtaining licence.

2.14 Coconut Producer Companies registered under the Companies Act, 2013 or Co-operative Societies registered under the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Societies Act, 1983 are eligible to get licences for tapping, distribution, sale and manufacture of products from Neera. These Companies and Co-operative Societies can apply for the licence to the District Collector and they should also register with the Coconut Development Board.

Padani

2.15 A popular nutritious unfermented juice drawn from the inflorescence of palmyra, dates or any other kind of palm tree is Padani. Licence is issued to regulate the tapping, possession, transport, sale, distribution of padani and manufacture of products from padani.

State Excise Labels

2.16 The Government introduced foolproof Polyester based Hologram excise label in lieu of

paper label to eradicate the sale of spurious liquor, curb the smuggling of liquor from other States and to ensure payment of excise duty on IMFS / Beer and Wine bottles produced by the Manufacturing Units. The security features of these labels are being upgraded periodically. At present, the average monthly requirement of excise labels is around 27 crores. During 2021-2022, the net revenue earned by Government towards the sale of excise labels is Rs.18.58 crores.

Food Safety and Standards Regulations

2.17 Government of India have issued notification on 01.04.2019 on "Food Safety and Standards (Alcoholic Beverages) Regulations, 2018" in order to maintain food safety and standards for distilled and un-distilled alcoholic beverages.

e-Governance Initiatives

2.18. To substantially reduce the time taken for renewal of licenses and for issue of export and import permits, the following processes have been made online with web enabled applications:

- a. Import permit is issued for import of Foreign Liquor by FL2, FL3, FL3A and FL3AA licensees.
- b. Export permit is issued for export of beer to other States and Countries.
- c. Renewal of FL2, FL3, FL3A and FL3AA licensees.

2.19 Administrative Sanction has been accorded for enabling 74 services under e-Governance initiatives through online with web enabled applications. Action is being taken to implement the above services through National Informatics Centre.

Rehabilitation Fund for erstwhile Prohibition Offenders

2.20 With a view to rehabilitate the erstwhile prohibition offenders socially and economically, the Government is sanctioning financial assistance of Rs.5.00 crores by way of grant.

2.21 In order to identify the eligible beneficiaries under the scheme and distribute the grant to them for their economic rehabilitation, there is a Rehabilitation Committee in each district headed by the District Collector as Chairman, Superintendent of Police of the District, Senior Regional Manager, TASMAC and Deputy Commissioner (Excise) / Assistant Commissioner (Excise) as members.

2.22 To create permanent income through different kinds of professions like rearing of sheep and milch animals, production of agarbathi, camphor, preparation of instant sambrani, candles, paper cups, washing soap, soap powder and any other similar small trades, each identified beneficiary will get a grant upto a maximum of Rs.30,000/-.

2.23 During the year 2021-2022, a sum of Rs.2.61 crores has been granted for rehabilitating 872 Prohibition offenders.

Conducting Awareness Campaigns against the evils of Consumption of Liquor and Drunken Driving

2.24 For conducting Awareness Programmes in the Districts against evils of liquor consumption and drunken driving the Government sanctioned financial assistance of Rs.4.00 crores during 2021-2022 which has been allocated to all the District Collectors and the Enforcement Wing of Police Department.

2.25 In order to chalk out a plan to carry out the awareness activities in the districts against the evils of consumption of liquor and drunken driving, a District Level Committee has been constituted in each district under the Chairmanship of the District Collector, Zonal Superintendent of Police (Enforcement), Superintendent of Police of the District, Chief Educational Officer and Public Relations Officer as

Members and Deputy Commissioner (Excise) / Assistant Commissioner (Excise) as Member-Convener.

2.26 The awareness activities like rallies, camps, seminars, street plays, skits, elocution competition, essay competition, advertisement at public places, distribution of pamphlets, human chains etc., are being conducted every month specifically in identified locations by the district administration by involving Self Help Groups and Non-Governmental Organizations, targeting habitations with population vulnerable to liquor drinking. To create awareness about evils of consumption of liquor among school / college students, Group Discussions, poster making and essay competitions are being conducted in schools and colleges. Apart from this, awareness materials like T-shirts, Travel Bags and Calendars are being distributed to public. Apart from conducting street plays in villages, seminars in colleges and schools, mass awareness processions are being conducted and during the processions pamphlets are being circulated among the public to create awareness against consumption of liquor. Cultural events are being conducted in all

the districts. Stickers are being supplied to transport authorities and those stickers are being pasted in buses. Statewide competitions like poetry writing, story writing and short film making are being conducted in connection with awareness campaign.

De-Addiction Centres

2.27 Across the State 19 De-addiction Centres are functioning to provide integrated treatment and rehabilitation services for persons addicted to alcohol and drugs.

3. PROHIBITION ENFORCEMENT WING

3.1 The Prohibition Enforcement Wing is functioning with the objective of eradicating illicit distillation, transportation, possession, sale of illicit liquor, preventing smuggling of spurious liquor and non-duty paid Indian Made Foreign Liquor from the neighbouring States.

3.2 The Prohibition Enforcement Wing is headed by the Additional Director General of Police, Enforcement. He is assisted by a Superintendent of Police, Central Investigation Unit (now renamed as "Central Intelligence Unit") at Chennai and three Superintendents of Police (Enforcement) each at Chennai, Salem and Madurai Zones. The Superintendent of Police, Central Intelligence Unit is assisted by 2 Deputy Superintendents of Police, 6 Inspectors of Police, 8 Sub-Inspectors of Police, one Head Constable and one Grade II Police Constable.

3.3 There are 96 Prohibition Enforcement Wing units functioning in the State headed by Inspectors of Police. All these Prohibition Enforcement Wing units are declared as Police Stations for enforcing the Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, 1937 and the rules made thereunder. They are supervised by Deputy Superintendents of Police in cities/districts and Additional Superintendents of Police at selected places. The Prohibition Enforcement Wing units and its officers work under the administrative and operational control of the Commissioners of Police in Cities and District Superintendents of Police in the districts who have the primary role of enforcing prohibition.

3.4 Measures to curtail the smuggling of Spurious Liquor / Rectified Spirit from neighbouring States:-

- (i) Special teams have been formed to curtail the smuggling of rectified spirit, spurious liquor and other State IMFL from the neighbouring States by notorious offenders and to arrest them with the assistance of intelligence received from the General Public and CDR analysis.
- (ii) Temporary check posts have been erected time to time depending on festivals and dry days to restrain infiltration of spurious, non-duty paid IMFL, rectified spirit, arrack sachets from neighbouring States into Tamil Nadu. 45 permanent prohibition check posts have been established in Nagapattinam (5), Kanyakumari (1), Theni (1), Thiruvallur (5), Vellore (5), Cuddalore (4), Villupuram (9), Krishnagiri (7), Erode (1), Salem (2), The Nilgiris (1), Thiruvarur (1),

Tiruppur (1), Coimbatore (1) Districts and Chennai City (1). Apart from this, 7 mobile check posts are functioning in Nagapattinam (2), Cuddalore (1), Villupuram (1), Krishnagiri (1), Thiruvallur (1) and Thiruvarur (1) districts.

- (iii) Special raids have been conducted in affected places to curtail illicit distillation arrack and smuggling of liquor from neighbouring States.
- (iv) In order to track the route of rectified spirit and spurious liquor and to improve effective investigation towards prohibition offences action is being taken to purchase CDR Analysis Software.
- (v) Highly concentrated form of alcohol, viz., Rectified Spirit is generally transported for selling as unexcised cheap liquor. Many a time such liquor also results in hooch tragedies. On the basis of intelligence collected by

the staff of Central Intelligence Unit and PEW Units, surprise vehicle checks are being regularly organized throughout the State. During the year 2021, 1,81,254 cases were registered on the basis of surprise vehicle checks and a total number of 5,685 vehicles including 37 lorries, 1 bus, 6 jeeps, 188 vans, 575 cars, 127 autos and 4,751 motor cycles were seized.

Rewards to Informants

3.5 Every year, the Government grants permission to TASMAC to sanction Rs.15.00 lakhs from its own funds for sanction of awards to informants who are risking their life for providing information to Prohibition Enforcement Wing officials about the smuggling of illicit distillation arrack, spurious liquor, other State Indian Made Foreign Liquor and vehicles used for smuggling.

3.6 For the financial year 2020-2021, the Government have accorded permission to TASMAC to sanction a sum of Rs.3.29 lakhs to

Additional Director General of Police (Enforcement) for release of award amount to 23 informants.

Reward

3.7 The Government have announced monetary reward of Rs. 15.00 lakhs to Prohibition Enforcement Wing and local police personnel as incentive who help in seizure of smuggling rectified spirits, spurious and non-duty paid liquor, which has played a major role in encouraging the police personnel who are instrumental in major seizures.

3.8 For the year 2020-2021, the Government have sanctioned the amount of Rs.9.84 lakhs towards rewards to the Prohibition Enforcement Wing officials and local police from Police Constables to Additional Superintendents of Police who are instrumental in major seizures of smuggled rectified spirit, spurious and non-duty paid liquor.

Performance and Achievements

3.9 During the year 2021, a total of 7,76,464 litres of illicit distilled arrack was seized and destroyed. 1,16,516 litres of Rectified Spirit and 25,74,434 IMFL bottles smuggled from other States were seized. 5,685 motor vehicles involved in prohibition offences were also seized.

3.10 Consequent on the announcement made during the year 2021-2022 on the Floor of the Assembly, a new post in the cadre of Deputy Superintendent of Police has been created for the Prohibition Enforcement Wing in Theni District.

Steps taken to avert hooch tragedies

3.11 During the last 13 years, there is no hooch tragedy in the State due to the special efforts taken by the Prohibition Enforcement Wing. Intensive Illicit distillation of arrack raids are conducted time to time in a few districts wherein distillation of illicit distilled arrack was reported. In 2002, Methanol was brought within the ambit of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, 1937 since it was the main reason for causing hooch

tragedies. Suitable amendments were also made in the Tamil Nadu Denatured Spirit, Methyl Alcohol and Varnish (French Polish) Rules, 1959 to maintain strict control over possession, use, transportation, import, sales etc., of Methanol.

3.12 The District Superintendents of Police have also been instructed to check all Methanol manufacturing units, industries that have licence to possess and use Methanol in the State. Their monthly reports are closely analyzed at the Enforcement Headquarters.

Awareness about the evils of illicit liquor and liquor consumption

3.13 A sum of Rs.4.00 crore have been sanctioned for conducting awareness campaigns about the evils of consuming liquor and drunken driving for the year 2021-2022.

3.14 To create awareness about the evils of pre-mature consumption of liquor among school/college students, group discussions, poster making and essay competitions are conducted online in schools and colleges. Apart from this,

materials like T- Shirts, bags, pamphlets and calendars are circulated among the public to create awareness against consumption of liquor. Stickers are being supplied to transport authorities and such stickers are pasted in their buses as part of awareness campaign. Statewide competitions like poetry writing, story writing and short film making are also conducted.

Prohibition Help Line – 10581

3.15 In the office of the Additional Director General of Police (Enforcement) 24 hours toll free prohibition helpline No.10581 has been installed at the Control Room. The objective of the helpline is to gather information about prohibition offences, namely, illicit arrack distillation, transport of rectified spirit, spurious liquor, and selling of illicit liquor, etc.

Gandhi Adigal Police Medal

3.16 Every year, Gandhi Adigal Police Medal is awarded to the police officers and personnel who exhibit outstanding performance in curbing illicit liquor. During the year 2021, the award of Gandhi Adigal Police Medal has also been extended to the Indian Police Service officer of and below the rank of Superintendent of Police borne to Tamil Nadu cadre for outstanding performance in Prohibition Enforcement.

4. NARCOTIC INTELLIGENCE BUREAU (CID)

Formation of the Unit

4.1 The NIB CID unit was first formed in Tamil Nadu at Chennai on 17.12.1963. Subsequently, NIB CID units were started in Tiruchirapalli, Madurai, Salem, Dindigul, Theni, Villupuram, Ramanathapuram, Coimbatore, Thoothukudi, Vellore, Nagapattinam, Kancheepuram, Sivagangai and Kanniyakumari. At present there are 15 NIB CID units functioning all over the State. The prime duty of NIB CID is to collect intelligence and to take action against

persons indulging in criminal activities such as manufacturing, consumption and trafficking of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances.

Organisational Set Up

4.2 The NIB CID which functions under the administrative control of Additional Director General of Police (Crime) and supervised by the Inspector General of Police (Head of Anti Narcotic Task Force), has a sanctioned strength of 1 Superintendent of Police, 1 Additional Superintendent of Police, 12 Deputy Superintendents of Police, 16 Inspectors of Police, 17 Sub-Inspectors of Police and 126 other ranks of Police Personnel.

4.3 Plan of Action for 2022-2023

- Coordination with other State agencies to stop the movement of ganja into Tamil Nadu.
- Organizing training programmes for personnel of NIB CID units for better enforcement of NDPS Act, 1985.

- Organizing joint raids in the medical shops situated near schools and colleges along with Drug Inspectors.
- Collection of Intelligence and take action on inter State drug movement to Tamil Nadu.

Detection and seizure of drugs during the year 2021

4.4 During the year 2021, 20,452.4 kg., of Narcotic was seized in Tamil Nadu. 6853 cases were filed and 9571 accused were arrested including 19 foreign nationals.

4.5 Achievements for the year 2021-2022

- Action was taken to arrest inter-state drug cartels involving individuals from Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Odisha and Telengana.

- State wide joint raids were conducted along with drug inspectors against pharmacies to curb selling of medicines without proper documents.
- Cyber Cell was set up in NIBCID by using Director General of Police, Head of Police Force's discretionary fund.
- Social media awareness campaign was conducted against drug abuse by using the awareness campaign fund allocated by Government.
- Website for NIB CID has been created.
- Across the State, 10 sniffer dogs were engaged for anti-narcotic operation.

Preventive Detention of Drug Peddlers

4.6 Drug Offenders are detained under Tamil Nadu Prevention of Dangerous Activities of Bootleggers, Cyber Law Offenders, Drug-Offenders, Forest-Offenders, Goondas, Immoral Traffic Offenders, Sand-Offenders, Sexual-Offenders, Slum-grabbers and Video Pirates Act, 1982 (Tamil Nadu Act 14 of 1982).

Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT NDPS ACT – 1988)

4.7 Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (Central Act 46 of 1988) enacted by the Government of India came into force with effect from 01.07.1988. Under this Act, the Union Government and the State Government have been empowered to detain persons engaging in illicit trafficking of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances. The offenders can be detained for a minimum period of one year and a

maximum period of two years from the date of detention, under this Act.

5. TAMIL NADU STATE MARKETING CORPORATION LIMITED

5.1 Under the Companies Act, 1956, the Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation Limited (TASMAC) was incorporated as a company on 23.05.1983.

5.2 As per Section 17-C (1-A) (a) of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, 1937 (Tamil Nadu Act X of 1937), TASMAC has been granted the exclusive privilege of Wholesale of Indian Made Foreign Spirits and Foreign Liquor for the whole of the State of Tamil Nadu and is carrying on the Wholesale distribution of liquor from 23.05.1983. Under Section 17-C (1-B) (a) of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, 1937 (Tamil Nadu Act X of 1937), TASMAC has been granted the exclusive privilege of Retail Vending of Indian Made Foreign Spirits and is carrying on the Retail Vending of liquor from 29.11.2003. Apart from that, Imported

Foreign Liquor, Beer and Wine products are also marketed by TASMAC.

Board of Directors

5.3 The activities of the Corporation are directed and controlled by the Board of Directors of TASMAC. The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Home, Prohibition and Excise Department is the Chairman of TASMAC. The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Finance Department, the Secretary to Government, Commercial Taxes and Registration Department, the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise and the Managing Director, TASMAC are the members of the Board of TASMAC.

Share Capital

5.4 The authorized share capital of Rs. 15.00 crore has been fully contributed by the Government to TASMAC.

Organizational Setup

5.5 The Managing Director is supported by the General Manager (Finance), the General Managers in the cadre of District Revenue Officer, i.e., the General Manager (Wholesale and Administration) and the General Manager (Retail Vending), the General Manager (Personnel Welfare) in the cadre of Joint Commissioner of Labour, Deputy General Manager (Purchase and Sales), Company Secretary, Chief Accounts Officer, Law Officer and other supporting staff.

Registered Office and Regional Offices

5.6 TASMAC's Registered Office is situated at Chennai. TASMAC has 5 Regional Offices situated at Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai, Salem and Tiruchirappalli. These offices are administered by Senior Regional Managers in the cadre of District Revenue Officer.

Special Flying Squads

5.7 Special Flying Squads have been formed in the Regional Offices located at Chennai,

Coimbatore, Madurai, Salem and Tiruchirappalli for inspection of the proper functioning of the TASMAC Retail Vending Shops and attached bars. The Special Flying Squads are headed by officers in the cadre of Deputy Collector.

District Manager Offices, Depots, Liquor Retail Vending Shops and Bars

5.8 TASMAC has 38 District Manager Offices, 43 Indian Made Foreign Spirits Depots, 5,380 Liquor Retail Vending Shops and 3,240 bars attached to these Liquor Retail Vending Shops as on 31.03.2022.

5.9 TASMAC is stocking liquors in 43 depots. Out of the 43 depots, 31 depots are functioning in own building.

Liquor Retail Vending Shop Employees

5.10 In the Liquor Retail Vending Shops, 6,715 Shop Supervisors, 15,000 Salesmen and

3,090 Assistant Salesmen are working as on 31.03.2022 on contract/consolidated pay basis.

Welfare Measures for Liquor Retail Vending Shop Employees

5.11 The Liquor Retail Vending Shop employees are being paid Bonus and Ex-gratia every year as ordered by the Government apart from monthly consolidated pay. In addition to Medical Schemes being implemented for the welfare of these employees, Employees' Provident Fund Scheme, Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme, Gratuity, Family Benefit Fund Scheme, Annual Additional Incentive, etc., are also being implemented.

Procurement of Liquor

5.12 Indian Made Foreign Spirits, Beer and Wine products are procured by TASMAL from 11 Indian Made Foreign Spirits manufacturing units, 7 Beer manufacturing units and 1 Winery unit functioning in the State.

Sale of Imported Foreign Liquor through TASMALC Liquor Retail vending Shops

5.13 541 brands of Foreign Spirits, Beer and Wine products are being sold through 239 FL 11 Licenced retail outlets of TASMALC.

Installation of IP CCTV Cameras

5.14 IP CCTV Cameras with night vision have been installed in 3000 vulnerable shops across the State to prevent theft and to improve security. This will not only facilitate the reduction in number of theft / attempts to theft but also facilitate in identification of individuals who indulge in burglary and theft. It also facilitate in identification of suspicious activities near the shops. The feed / images captured by IP CCTV cameras are being linked to concerned District Manager's Office and Corporate Office.

FSSAI Licence

5.15 All Depots and Liquor Retail Vending Shops of TASMALC have been registered under the

provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 and rules framed thereunder. FSSAI Licence is renewed periodically.

Installation of Cash Safe

5.16 In 2825 Liquor Shops located in Town and Village Panchayats which are vulnerable for theft and ransacking, 2825 Cash Safes have been installed. Each Cash Safe weighs more than 300 kg., and it cannot be damaged by any instrument. They are grouted on the floor of the shop and protective wall is constructed in the rear side, top and both left and right sides of Cash Safe. After the working hours of shop, the shop personnel can safely protect the sale proceeds by keeping it inside the Cash Safe.

Installation of Point of Sale (PoS) Machines

5.17 The Point of Sale machines have been installed in all the Liquor Retail Vending Shops to enable the consumers to make payment by electronic mode also.

COVID – 19 Pandemic Preventive Measures

5.18 The Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)/Orders issued by the Government from time to time in connection with COVID-19 Pandemic Prevention Measures are being followed in all the Liquor Retail Vending Shops, IMFS Depots, District Manager Offices, Senior Regional Manager Offices and Corporate Office.

Dry Days

5.19 There will be no sale of liquor on the following Eight days in Tamil Nadu, viz., Gandhi Jayanthi Day, Thiruvalluvar Day, Mahavir Jayanthi Day, Birth Day Eve of Nabigal Nayagam, Vadalur Ramalingar Ninaivu Naal, Independence Day, Republic Day and May Day. Apart from the above, days of important events and days related to Parliament, Legislative Assembly and Local Body Elections are also now and then declared as dry days.

Government Revenue

5.20 The details of Government Revenue earned are given below:-

Sl. No.	Year	Excise Revenue	VAT (Sales Tax)	Total
		(Rs. in crores)		
1	2003-04	1657.10	1982.83	3639.93
2	2004-05	2549.00	2323.03	4872.03
3	2005-06	3176.65	2854.12	6030.77
4	2006-07	3986.41	3487.20	7473.61
5	2007-08	4764.05	4057.11	8821.16
6	2008-09	5755.42	4846.08	10601.50
7	2009-10	6740.59	5757.63	12498.22
8	2010-11	8115.90	6849.52	14965.42
9	2011-12	9956.06	8125.10	18081.16
10	2012-13	12125.31	9555.36	21680.67

11	2013-14	5034.82	16640.07	21674.89
12	2014-15	5731.18	18433.77	24164.95
13	2015-16	5836.01	20009.57	25845.58
14	2016-17	6248.17	20747.08	26995.25
15	2017-18	6009.25	20788.71	26797.96
16	2018-19	6863.11	24294.72	31157.83
17	2019-20	7205.97	25927.27	33133.24
18	2020-21	7821.69	25989.46	33811.15
19	2021-22 (*)	8201.83	27811.31	36013.14

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