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**I. INTRODUCTION**

The Public Department deals with important matters concerning the general administration of the State. Some of the important subjects handled by the Department include:-

- Matters relating to the Office of the Governor and establishment matters of the Governor's Household
- Appointment of Ministers and allied matters
- Establishment matters relating to the Office of the Chief Minister and Ministers
- Arrangements for Cabinet Meetings
- Protocol and security arrangements in connection with the visits of dignitaries of high stature to the State
- Issues concerning Centre-State relations including the National Integration Council, Inter-State Council and Southern Zonal Council
- Establishment matters of officers of the Indian Administrative Service and District Revenue Officers
- Appointment of District Judges and Law Officers to the High Court
- Maintenance of Law and Order
- Implementation of National Security Act, 1980 and Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Activities Act, 1974 (COFEPOSA)
- Liaison with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and the Foreign Consulates

- Issues pertaining to Human Rights - Implementation of Protection of the Human Rights Act, 1993 and matters relating to the State Human Rights Commission (SHRC) and the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).
- Liaison with military authorities i.e. the Indian Army, the Indian Navy, the Indian Air Force and the Indian Coast Guard.
- Implementation of Foreigners Act, 1946, registration of foreigners, granting extension of stay and issue of Exit Permit to foreigners who come to Tamil Nadu with a visa
- Welfare of the Sri Lankan Tamil Refugees who are accommodated in various camps in the State
- Welfare of Non-Resident Tamils
- Welfare of Ex-Servicemen and their families and the administration of the

Tamil Nadu Ex-Servicemen Corporation (TEXCO)

- Grant of pension and implementation of welfare schemes for freedom fighters and ex- INA personnel
- Processing and disposal of petitions received at the Chief Minister's Special Cell
- Administration of the State Guest Houses in Chennai, Udthagamandalam and New Delhi
- Administration and management of the Aviation Wing of the Government
- Declaration of Public and local Holidays
- Maintenance and administration of the buildings in the Secretariat

## **II. NATIONAL FUNCTIONS, SPECIAL DAYS AND AWARDS**

2. Public Department is the nodal department for organizing the observance of important National Days such as Republic Day

and Independence Day with patriotic fervour throughout the State. Every year, arrangements are made for the celebration of Republic Day at Marina Beach, Chennai, where the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu hoists the National Flag. This is followed by ceremonial march past and cultural events. Arrangements are also made for the celebration of Independence Day, where the Hon'ble Chief Minister hoists the National Flag at the Ramparts of Fort St. George, Secretariat, Chennai.

3. This Department also arranges for administering pledge on the special day of Martyrs' day declared by the Government of India, on which the Hon'ble Chief Minister administers the pledge to Ministers, Secretaries to Government and other staff of Secretariat in the Parade Ground.

4. The work relating to the selection of State Awards such as the Anna Medal for

Gallantry and Kalpana Chawla Award for Courage and Daring Enterprise to women are also taken up by this Department by obtaining nominations from the Secretaries to Government and District Collectors.

5. In addition to the above, recommendations for the Civilian awards given by the Central Government such as Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, Padma Shri, Jeevan Raksha Padak, Ashok Chakra, Keerthi Chakra, Shaurya Chakra, Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration, Kabeer Puraskar Award for Communal Harmony and Gandhi Peace Prize are sent to Government of India by this Department.

### **III. IMPLEMENTATION OF FOREIGNERS ACT**

6. The Public Department is serving as the Nodal Department at the State level for all matters pertaining to foreigners.

7. The Immigration, Visa, Foreigner's Registration and Tracking (IVFRT) System has been implemented. The IVFRT System helps the police to maintain surveillance on the foreigners within the State.

8. This Department also authenticates the Certificates of those who desire to go abroad for employment or education, after verifying the genuineness from the concerned issuing authorities. An active feedback mechanism, along with a real time online transfer of documents, has streamlined the process of verification of certificates in the State resulting in greater accountability, faster and hassle free disposal and reduction in handling cost.

#### **IV. STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

9. Human right is the fundamental principle for protection of honour of humanity. This principle which protects the individual's rights without

discrimination has to be followed in letter and spirit conscientiously.

10. Since the Universal Declaration of 1948 was adopted, many nations have made great progress in making human rights a reality. India is one of the signatories to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948. In pursuance thereof, the Protection of Human Rights Act was enacted and came into force on 28<sup>th</sup> September 1993. As per section 2(d) of the Act, Human Rights mean, the rights relating to life, liberty, equality and dignity of an individual guaranteed by the constitution or embodied in the International Covenants and enforceable by courts in India. In accordance with Section 3 & 21 of the Act, the National Human Rights Commission at the National Level and State Human Rights Commission, Tamil Nadu at the State level were constituted.

11. The Protection of Human Rights Act 1993 has been amended by Act 43 of 2006, and as per the Amendment, State Human Rights

Commission consists of Chairperson who has been a Chief Justice of a High Court; one Member who is, or has been, a Judge of High Court or District Judge in the State with the minimum of seven years experience as District Judge; and one Member appointed from amongst persons having knowledge of, or practical experience in, matters relating to Human Rights. Tmt. Justice T.Meenakumari (Retd. Chief Justice of Meghalaya High Court) is now serving as Chairperson of State Human Rights Commission, Tamil Nadu with effect from 24.11.2014. Thiru. D.Jayachandran, District Judge (Retd.), and Dr. A.Chittaranjan Mohandoss, IAS. (Retd.) are now serving as Members of State Human Rights Commission with effect from 02.11.2017 and 23.10.2017 respectively. The Commission consists of a Law Division, an Investigation Division and an Administration Wing. Complaints of violation of Human Rights may be filed before the Commission in any language and no fee is charged on

complaints. Complaint may be filed in writing by the victim or any one on his/her behalf. The Commission shall inquire on the petitions presented to it. It may also inquire suo-moto on Human Rights violations. The Commission shall enquire into violation of Human Rights or abetment thereof or negligence in the prevention of such violation by a public servant and recommend to the Government or the concerned authority for the grant of such immediate/ interim relief to the victim or to the member of his/her family, if the Commission considers it necessary. A copy of its recommendations is sent to the authority concerned with a request to forward its action taken report within a period of one month. The Commission may allow further time for the implementation of its recommendations on request by the concerned authority or the Government.

12. Tamil Nadu is one of the pioneer States to set up a Human Rights Commission which started functioning from 17.04.1997. From April

1997 to December 2018, 1,89,947 cases were received in this Commission and of these, 1,74,766 have been disposed of.

13. Students, who pursue education about Human Rights, Law, Psychology and Criminology, undergo internship in this Commission as a part of their curriculum. These students are also encouraged to spread Human Rights awareness and propagate information on the functioning of this Commission.

14. The Commission creates awareness by conducting seminars and training programmes to public servants to protect and promote Human Rights. Every year the International Human Rights Day is celebrated on 10<sup>th</sup> December.

#### **V. REHABILITATION OF REFUGEES AND WELFARE OF NON-RESIDENT TAMILS**

15. The Public Department caters to the relief and welfare measures for the Sri Lankan Tamil refugees residing in various refugee camps

in the State, Welfare of the repatriates and also the welfare of Non-Resident Tamils through the Commissionerate of Refugees Rehabilitation and Non-Resident Tamils Welfare.

The primary role of this Commissionerate is to provide relief and ensure the well being of Sri Lankan Tamil refugees. A total of 3,04,269 Sri Lankan Tamil refugees have come to Tamil Nadu after the eruption of ethnic violence in Sri Lanka in the year 1983. As per data as on 01.04.2019, 18,871 families consisting of 60,438 persons are staying in 107 refugee camps (including 1 special camp at Tiruchirappalli) located in 25 Districts in the State. In addition, 34,684 Sri Lankan Tamil refugees are staying outside the camps as on 31.03.2019. The Sri Lankan Tamils living in the refugee camps are being provided with various relief measures as per the guidelines and norms stipulated by



the Government of India and the Government of Tamil Nadu.

WELFARE SCHEMES FOR SRI LANKAN TAMILS IN CAMPS:

16. It is the endeavor of this Government to ensure that the Sri Lankan Tamils living in Refugee Camps are enabled to live a life of dignity, safety and security. Therefore, in addition to the welfare assistance given by the Government of India, this Government took a major policy decision to extend all welfare schemes being implemented for the benefit of the people of Tamil Nadu to the Sri Lankan refugees residing in camps from June, 2011.

CASH DOLE, FOOD AND ACCOMMODATION

17. The Sri Lankan Tamils living in the camps are provided with clothes, mats, blankets and equipments for differently-abled persons,

drinking water facility, toilet facility, electricity and accommodation free of cost.

The Sri Lankan Tamils accommodated in the camps are given enhanced monthly cash doles at the following rates with effect from 04.08.2011 :

1.	Head of Family	Rs.1,000
2.	Each additional member (aged 12 year and above)	Rs. 750
3.	Children (below 12 years)	Rs. 400

18. Essential commodities such as rice, sugar, wheat, etc., are also supplied at subsidized rates through the Public Distribution System outlets.

To maintain the cleanliness in the camps an amount of Rs. 34,59,000/- was sanctioned in

2018-2019 and the works have been completed. To augment the drinking water supply in the refugee camps, an amount of Rs.28,38,000/- was sanctioned and the works are under progress.

#### EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE :

19. Sri Lankan Tamil Students studying in Government and Government Aided schools are provided free education up to 12<sup>th</sup> Standard. Further, they are provided with uniforms, noon meals, note books, text books, bus passes and laptop computers free of cost as in the case of other students.

20. Sri Lankan Tamil Students are being admitted in Arts and Science Colleges, Professional Colleges, Polytechnics and Universities based on merit through single window counselling system under the general category. They are eligible for all types of

educational assistance that are being given to other students. Further, orders have been issued to reserve five seats in each hostel run by the Backward Class, Most Backward Class and Minorities Welfare and Adi-draavidar & Tribal Welfare Departments in the State so as to enable the deserving students from the families of Sri Lankan Tamils to pursue their education. Upto March, 2019, accommodation has been provided to 49 students in government hostels.

21. The Scholarship amount given to Sri Lankan Tamil Refugee Students residing in camps has been raised and extended to all the recognized courses as per G.O. (Ms) No.644, Public (R.H.II) Department, dated 28.8.2018 as follows :

Sl. No.	Name of the Course	Present amount of Scholarship (Rs.)	Revised amount of Scholarship (2018-2019) (Rs.)
1	Polytechnic	850/-	2500/-
2	U.G. Arts and Science Courses	1200/- & 1250/-	3000/-
3	P.G. Arts and Science Courses	1330/- & 1650/-	4000/-
4	U.G. Professional Courses	860/- & 4700/-	5000/-
5	P.G. Professional Courses	---	6000/-

During the year 2018-2019, an amount of Rs.33,10,000/- has been sanctioned to 988 students to get scholarship under this scheme.

Orders were issued vide G.O.Ms.No.399, Public (RH-II) Department, dated 28.06.2019.

OTHER WELFARE MEASURES : TRAINING

22. Sewing machines are provided at free of cost to poor women who have undergone the requisite training. Further, to encourage and empower enterprising women, a revolving fund of Rs.10,000/- was allotted as a onetime grant to each Women Self Help Groups in the camps during 2014-2015.

SOCIAL SECURITY PENSION AND RELIEF:

23. In addition to the monthly cash assistance, monthly pension at the rate of Rs.1,000/- is being paid under the Social Security Scheme to destitute widows, old aged persons, differently-abled persons, deserted wives and unmarried women living in camps. For the year 2018-2019, 4,058 refugees were given pension under these schemes. This Government

has enhanced the grant given to the family of the deceased in camps to meet expenses on funeral rites from Rs.2,500/-to Rs.5,000/-. So far, this grant has been disbursed to 322 families. Similarly, the relief amount being given in the case of death due to accident, has been enhanced from Rs.15,000/- to Rs.25,000/- in 2012-2013 and is paid to the family of the deceased from the Chief Minister's Sri Lankan Refugees' Relief Fund. In 2018-2019, 8 families have been benefited from this scheme.

#### WELFARE OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN:

##### MOOVALUR RAMAMIRTHAM AMMAIYAR MARRIAGE ASSISTANCE SCHEME:

24. This Scheme has been extended to Sri Lankan Tamil women. Under the Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyaar Marriage Assistance Scheme, an amount of Rs.50,000/- and 8 grams of gold for Thirumangalyam is being given to women who are graduates and diploma holders,

and Rs.25,000/- with 8 grams of gold to women who have studied upto the 10<sup>th</sup> Standard. In 2018-2019, 43 women have benefited under this scheme.

##### Dr. MUTHULAKSHMI REDDY MATERNITY ASSISTANCE SCHEME AND CHIEF MINISTER'S GIRL CHILD PROTECTOIN SCHEME:

25. Under this scheme, maternity assistance of Rs.18,000/- is given to pregnant women. In 2018-2019, 379 women have benefited from this scheme.

Similarly, the Chief Minister's Girl Child Protection Scheme has also been extended to Sri Lankan Tamils. Under this scheme, a sum of Rs.50,000/- is put up in fixed deposit for a period of twenty years in the name of the girl child, in case of the families with single girl child. In case of families with two girl children, a sum of Rs.25,000/- is invested in fixed deposit for 20 years in the name of each child. In 2018-2019, 3 girl children have benefited from this scheme.

### SPECIAL CAMP:

26. A special camp functions in Tiruchirappalli district to accommodate the Sri Lankan Tamils who have come to the adverse notice of the Police and therefore, cannot be allowed to move freely in the State. As on 31.03.2019, 31 Sri Lankan Tamils have been lodged in this special camp under section 3(2)(e) of the Foreigners Act, 1946. As their movements are restricted, they are provided with cooked food at the rate of Rs.100/- per day.

### REPATRIATION OF REFUGEES:

27. The refugees who are willing to go back to Sri Lanka on their own accord are issued Exit Permits by the District Collectors concerned, for which, to expedite the process, a simplified procedure has been formulated and implemented.

### Repatriation of refugees with the assistance of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of refugees</b>
1	2014	396
2	2015	452
3	2016	852
4	2017	1520
5	2018	1283
6	2019 (Upto March)	212

### NON-CAMP SRI LANKAN REFUGEES:

28. There are 13,684 families consisting of 34,684 Sri Lankan Tamil refugees, residing outside the refugee camps duly registered in the local Police Stations as on 31.03.2019. Some of the Sri Lankan Tamil families are not in a position to pay the overstay fee and visa fee, which comes to a considerable amount due to revision of visa fees by Government of India.

Now, based on the proposal of the Government of Tamil Nadu, the Government of India, conveyed its approval to waive the Visa Fees and Overstay Penalty in respect of Sri Lankan refugees who came to India prior to 09.01.2015 and those who opt to voluntarily return to Sri Lanka and to consider such proposals on case to case basis and waive the visa and penalty fees. As on 31.03.2019, 587 families consisting of 1,081 persons were benefited by this scheme.

#### WELFARE OF NON-RESIDENT TAMILS:

29. Historically, Tamils have ventured abroad for trade, expeditions and also to settle abroad. Every year, a large number of Tamils migrate to foreign countries due to economic reasons, for higher education and in search of employment for their livelihood. This Department helps out in rescue / repatriation of the Non-Resident Tamils, who are in distress,

settlement of their claims from the foreign employer and also in bringing back the mortal remains of the Non Resident Tamils who die abroad, in co-ordination with the respective Indian Missions abroad. In the Districts, the Personal Assistant (General) to the Collector has also been designated as "District Welfare Officer (Non-Resident Tamils)" and the section under the Magisterial Head Assistant in the Collectorates have been designated as "District Welfare Centre (Non-Resident Tamils)" and entrusted with the work.

30. Pre-Departure Orientation Training / Training of Trainers (TOT) workshop for the welfare of the migrant workers was conducted by the Government of Tamil Nadu in co-ordination with the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi. The above workshop was held for two days from 21.02.2019 to 22.02.2019 at the Anna Institute of Management, Chennai.

Officials from Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India also participated. Booklets on migration prepared by India Centre for Migration were translated into Tamil and distributed during the programme.

During the year 2018-2019, 91 distressed persons were repatriated from Iran, Malaysia, Qatar and Saudi Arabia on their request and arrangements were made for their onward journey to their native places. Arrangements were also made to bring back the 70 mortal remains from different countries and the mortal remains were transported to their native places through hearse vans of Health department. Three Non-Resident Tamils who were hospitalized in foreign countries were repatriated on medical grounds and they were admitted in the hospitals preferred by them.

REVOLVING FUND:

31. An amount of Rs.1 crore was sanctioned as revolving fund to be spent for the welfare of Non- resident Tamils. The amount being spent from the Revolving Fund is recouped subsequently by the Government. The following payments were released during the year 2018-2019 from the Revolving Fund :

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount (Rs.)</b>
1	Towards payment to the Consulate General of India, China, by way of Fund Transfer in connection with the transportation of mortal remains of Sheikh Alaudin of Tiruchirappalli District	3,70,000/-
2	Towards rescue and repatriation of 21 Tamil fishermen employed by Iranian vessel owners stranded at Iran to their native place.	2,00,000/-

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount (Rs.)</b>
3	Towards rescue and repatriation of 49 labourers from Malaysia to their native place	6,12,180/-
4	Towards repatriation of three distressed Tamil fishermen from Tehran, Iran to their native place	1,47,210/-
5	Towards transportation of mortal remains of Sankar of Tiruvannamalai District from Nepal to his native place	87,314/-
6	Expenditure towards flight tickets for the repatriation of 5 distressed Indian fishermen from Qatar to their native place. Return of expenses incurred by Tamil Nadu House, New Delhi.	54,360/-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>14,71,064/-</b>

#### WELFARE OF THE REPATRIATES:

32. 4,61,639 persons of Indian origin from Sri Lanka, around 1,44,445 persons from Burma and 2,055 persons from Vietnam were repatriated to India. Among them, most of the

repatriates have settled in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh. 1,000 new houses were allotted to the Repatriates under the Chief Minister's Solar Powered Green Houses Schemes and orders have been issued in G.O. (Ms) No.547, Public (RH.III) Department, dated 23.07.2018 to meet the expenditure from the funds allotted for 2018-2019 to the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department for this purpose. Work is under progress in Nilgiris, Coimbatore, Kanniyakumari, Pudukkottai, Dindigul, Thoothukudi and Vellore Districts for the above mentioned scheme.

#### REPCO BANK:

33. The Repatriates Co-operative Finance & Development Bank Ltd., Chennai shortly known as Repco Bank was established by Government of India with equity participation of Government of India and four Southern State Governments of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and



Karnataka for the purpose of rehabilitation of repatriates from Sri Lanka, Burma, Vietnam and other countries. The Bank was registered under Madras Co-operative Societies Act, 53 of 1961 on 09.09.1969. The operations of the Bank commenced on 19.11.1969. At present, the Bank is registered and functioning under Multi State Co-operative Societies Act, 2002. The Bank is under the administrative control of Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

Presently, the area of operation of the Bank covers the states of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Kerala and Union Territory of Puducherry with a network of 108 branches.

The share-holding pattern of the Bank as on 31.03.2019 is as follows :

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Share Holders</b>	<b>Share Capital Amount (Rs. In lakh)</b>	<b>% of Share Holding</b>
1	Government of India	7632.00	49.46
2	Government of Tamil Nadu	713.00	4.62
3	Government of Andhra Pradesh	104.77	0.68
4	Government of Telangana	74.88	0.49
5	Government of Kerala	61.16	0.40
6	Government of Karnataka	17.47	0.11
7	Repatriates	6827.63	44.24
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15430.91</b>	<b>100.00</b>

34. The repatriates have been provided with rehabilitation assistance and have been settled in tea, rubber, cinchona plantations and co-operative spinning mills and industrial units set up with the assistance of the REPCO Bank.

35. Presently, the Bank has implemented various welfare measures for the Repatriates, viz., Education Aid, Medical Aid, Loan Schemes at lower interest rates, Group Insurance Scheme, Solatium for deceased repatriates, free higher education to 10 repatriate children every year, renovation of dilapidated houses, donation of chairs for differently abled repatriates, etc. So far, more than 1,00,000 beneficiaries have benefitted out of the schemes.

The table below shows the amount spent during the last 5 years:-

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount (Rs. In lakh)</b>
1	2014-2015	303.00
2	2015-2016	330.00
3	2016-2017	470.00
4	2017-2018	484.00
5	2018-2019	618.00

#### **VI. WELFARE OF EX-SERVICEMEN**

36. Tamil Nadu has always been in the forefront in contributing large number of youngsters to the Indian Armed forces. Serving personnel who discharge their duties with utmost devotion and patriotism are being honoured and felicitated. It is essential to ensure that their families are taken care of in their absence and that after retirement they are enabled to lead a peaceful and productive life in their respective native places. The Directorate of Ex-Servicemen's Welfare was established in the

year 1974 with a sole aim to resettle and rehabilitate the retired armed forces personnel in their civil life and also to mitigate the problems of the families of serving personnel. The Department of Ex-Servicemen's Welfare is under the administrative control of the Public Department.

37. Every year nearly 1,400 Armed Forces Personnel belonging to Tamil Nadu retire from the forces. The Directorate formulates policies and programmes aimed at enhancing the welfare of Ex-Servicemen and the families of serving and martyred deceased personnel. The number of Ex-Servicemen and Widows registered with the Directorate is 1,79,895. The Directorate and 30 District Offices cater to their requirements. The welfare grants like marriage grant, interest subsidies for business, housing grant, medical grants, Education grant and training schemes of

the Department are met out from the donations received under the Flag Day Collection Scheme.

The donations made to the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund has been exempted under section 80-G(5)(vi) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 from the Assessment year 2019-2020.

The flagship schemes of the Directorate of Ex-Servicemen's Welfare are as given below :-

- a. Provision of financial assistance/grants
- b. Provision of re-employment opportunities
- c. Training and skill upgradation
- d. Reservations in educational institutions to wards of Ex-Servicemen
- e. Self employment schemes

Financial assistances are being granted from the Tamil Nadu Ex-Services Personnel Benevolent Fund and the Amalgamated Fund.

38. Armed Forces Flag Day Organisation Standing Committee and the State Managing Committee for Administration of Amalgamated Fund are being chaired by Hon'ble Governor. Tamil Nadu Soldiers', Sailors', and Airmen's Board are being headed by Hon'ble Minister in charge of Ex-Servicemen's Welfare.

#### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCES / GRANTS

39. Grants such as Lifetime Monthly Grant to World War Veterans, Old Age Pension, grants towards various types of medical ailment, marriage grant to daughters of Ex-Servicemen, funeral grant and artificial limb grant are some of the grants sanctioned from the Tamil Nadu Ex-Services Personnel Benevolent Fund.

A sum of Rs. 26,09,35,193/- has been sanctioned to 11,557 Ex-Servicemen and their dependants as various grant from the

Tamil Nadu Ex-Services Personnel Benevolent Fund (TNEPBF) in the year 2018-2019.

Various Grants to the next of kin of those killed and disabled in action, interest subsidy for the loan availed for self-employment ventures, and Housing Grant, etc are sanctioned from the Amalgamated Fund. Further, education grant ranging from Rs.500/- to Rs.25,000/- is paid to the wards of Ex-Servicemen from 1<sup>st</sup> Standard to Post Graduation / Technical Courses.

A sum of Rs.4,92,68,659/- has been sanctioned to 2,835 Ex-Servicemen and their dependants as grant from Amalgamated Fund in the year 2018-2019.

40. During the year 2018-2019, life time monthly financial assistance has been given to World War-II Veterans and their Widows at Rs.6,000/- and Rs.3,000/- respectively. 3,885

World War Veterans and Widows have benefited to the tune of Rs.14.56 crore.

The details of various financial assistance from Tamil Nadu Ex-Services Personnel Benevolent Fund are as follows :

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Grant</b>	<b>Amount (in Rs. per month)</b>
1.	World War II (Veterans) Grant	6,000/-
2.	World War (Widows) Grant	3,000/-
3.	Old Age Grant	2,500/-
4.	Paraplegic Relief Grant/ Tuberculosis Relief Grant / Differently Abled Grant	2,500/-
5.	Leprosy Relief Grant/Blind Relief Grant/Cancer Relief Grant and Mentally Retarded Children Relief Grant	3,000/-

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Other Grants (on occurrence)</b>	<b>One time grant (Rs.)</b>
1.	Marriage Grant	20,000/-
2.	Funeral Grant (Ex-Servicemen)	10,000/-
3.	Funeral Grant (Widow)	5,000/-

The lumpsum grant sanctioned by the Government to the children of Ex-Servicemen so as to motivate them to join the Armed Forces and to meet out the contingencies during the period of training is detailed below :

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount (Rs.)</b>
1.	To wards of Ex-Servicemen who have been selected as Permanent Commissioned Officers in National Defence Academy/ Indian Military Academy/ Naval Academy/ Air Force Academy.	1,00,000/-

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount (Rs.)</b>
2.	To wards of Ex-Servicemen who have been selected as Short Service Commissioned Officers of Armed Forces.	50,000/-
3.	To wards of Ex-Servicemen who have been selected as Junior Commissioned Officers and Other Ranks of Armed Forces.	25,000/-

CASH GRANTS TO THE RECIPIENTS OF GALLANTRY / DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS AND WAR SERVICE INCENTIVES TO THE PARENTS

41. Cash grants are sanctioned to the Armed Forces personnel who have been awarded Gallantry and Distinguished Service Medals, by the Government under budget provisions. The Government have enhanced the rates of cash grant as detailed below :-

CASH GRANTS FOR THE RECIPIENTS OF GALLANTRY AWARDS/ MEDALS

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of Award/Medal</b>	<b>Enhanced Cash Grant from 04.02.2016 (Rs.)</b>
1.	Param Vir Chakra	25,00,000/-
2.	Ashok Chakra	20,00,000/-
3.	Maha Vir Chakra	15,00,000/-
4.	Kirti Chakra	12,00,000/-
5.	Vir Chakra	10,00,000/-
6.	Shaurya Chakra	8,00,000/-
7.	Sena / Nao / Vayu Sena Medal (Gallantry)	1,00,000/-
8.	Mention-in-Despatches	15,000/-

CASH GRANT FOR THE RECIPIENTS OF  
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of Medal</b>	<b>Enhanced cash grant from 04.02.2016 (Rs.)</b>
1.	Param Vishisht Seva Medal	75,000/-
2.	Sarvottam Yudh Seva Medal	75,000/-
3.	Uttam Yudh Seva Medal	40,000/-
4.	Athi Vishisht Seva Medal	40,000/-
5.	Yudh Seva Medal	25,000/-
6.	Vishisht Seva Medal	25,000/-
7.	Sena Medal	25,000/-

During the year 2018-2019, a sum of Rs.4,33,000/- has been paid to seven Gallantry Award Winners / Distinguished Service Medalists.

In order to honour the parents who have sent their sons / daughters to join the Armed

Forces, an one time lumpsum grant of Rs.20,000/- and a Silver Medal is given to the parents who have sent their only son / daughter to the Armed Forces and Rs.25,000/- and a Silver Medal to the parents who have sent more than one son / daughter to the Armed Forces. A sum of Rs.99,35,400/- cash grant has been paid during the year 2018-2019 towards this incentive and 425 parents have benefited.

EX-GRATIA GRANT SANCTIONED TO BATTLE CASUALTIES

42. Recognizing the supreme sacrifice made by those who were killed / disabled while performing duties in war, in counter insurgency operations or while aiding the civil authorities and also to mitigate the distress of their families, the Government sanctions grants upto Rs.20 lakh to the next of kin of such personnel. This has also been extended to all paramilitary personnel (Central Reserve Police Force, Central

Industrial Security Force, Indo-Tibetan Border Force, Border Security Force and Sashastra Seema Bal) belonging to Tamil Nadu who are killed or disabled during such operations. The Government has extended this gesture to Indian Coast Guard also from 2018-2019. During 2018-2019, a sum of Rs.20 lakh each has been sanctioned from Kargil Personnel Relief fund to the next of kin of three martyrs. A sum of Rs.20 lakh each has also been sanctioned from Government Fund to next of kin of two Para Military Force personnel who lost their lives while performing duties in the Pulwama terrorist attack and Compassionate Appointments were also provided to them by Government of Tamil Nadu.

DUAL FAMILY PENSION

43. The Government of Tamil Nadu have ordered sanction of dual family pension to those families of Ex-Servicemen who have been re-employed in Civil (i.e.), State Government

Service and earned a pension out of the re-employment, in addition to Military Pension already drawn by them with effect from 02.09.2016.

Out of the 77 applicants who have been recommended for sanction of family pension, 48 applicants were sanctioned with family pension. 29 applications are under consideration in Accountant General’s Office.

RE-EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

44. Since Ex-Servicemen retire from active defence service at a relatively young age and have several years of active working life left, the Government have provided reservation in employment in Government of Tamil Nadu / Quasi Government organisations, as follows :

1.	Vacancies under Group "C" Category	5 %
2.	Vacancies under Basic Services in Government and Quasi Government Organisations	10 %



3.	Vacancies for the post of Forest Guards	10 %
4.	Vacancies for the post of Forest Watchers	5 %
5.	Vacancies for the post of Laskars, Drivers and Watchmen in N.C.C.	25 %
6.	Vacancies under Group "C" category in Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services	5 %
7.	Livestock Inspector	5 %

45. The Government has accorded co-sponsoring powers to the Department of Ex-Servicemen's Welfare for sponsoring Ex-Servicemen against reserved vacancies. Accordingly, during 2018-2019, 509 Ex-Servicemen have been placed in various Departments of the State Government / Central Government / Public Sector Undertakings / Private Organisations in Group "C" posts and 63 Ex-Servicemen were appointed in Group "D" posts.

#### EQUATION OF ARMY SERVICE SPECIAL CERTIFICATE TO GRADUATION

46. The Government have ordered that a Matriculate Ex-Servicemen who has put in not less than 15 years of service in the Armed Forces shall be considered eligible for appointment to the posts for which the essential qualification prescribed is graduation. This will enable the Ex-Servicemen to apply for the posts where graduation is the prescribed qualification for appointment to any reserved vacancy in Group "C" posts by Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission and Government Undertakings.

#### TEMPLE PROTECTION FORCE

47. With a view to protect the priceless idols, jewels, hundi collections and other valuables in temples throughout Tamil Nadu, a Temple Protection Force was formed in the year 1992 where provision has been made to induct Ex-Servicemen as Special Police Officers till

they attain 62 years of age. The monthly consolidated pay of these Ex-Servicemen is Rs. 5000/-. During the year 2018-2019, 1,090 Ex-Servicemen have been deployed under this Scheme.

#### APPOINTMENT ON COMPASSIONATE GROUNDS

48. Appointment on compassionate grounds is provided to the dependants of Defence personnel who died while in service or killed in action. 319 dependants have been provided with compassionate ground appointment so far.

#### TRAINING AND SKILL UPGRADATION TRAINING FOR YOUTH

49. In an attempt to improve the enrolment of interested youth as officers in the Armed Forces, orientation and training programmes were conducted in the State. 26 wards of Ex-Servicemen were given preparatory training in two stages at the cost of

Rs. 2.69 lakh in 2018-2019 to prepare them for Combined Defence Services Entrance Exams. An exclusive website, viz., [www.exweletutor.com](http://www.exweletutor.com) is operational, to handhold the aspiring youth and prepare them for the entrance examination.

#### SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING TO THE WOMEN DEPENDANTS OF EX-SERVICEMEN

50. A tailoring unit is run by the Department in the District Ex-Servicemen's Welfare Offices at Vellore and Krishnagiri for providing necessary skill sets to the dependants of Ex-Servicemen. Tailoring training is imparted for a period of six months to the widows / wives / unmarried daughters / unmarried sisters / widowed / divorced daughters and divorced sisters of Ex-Servicemen and Serving Armed Forces Personnel.

Each trainee is given Rs.50 per day as stipend and Rs.1000 per month towards the cost of raw materials. A sewing machine is

provided free of cost to all the trainees who complete the training. A sum of Rs. 13,67,548/- have been incurred for 41 trainees under the scheme during the financial year 2018-2019.

#### RESERVATIONS IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

51. Children of Ex-Servicemen are provided reservation for admission in various Professional and technical education courses. B.E.-150 seats, M.B.B.S.-10 seats, B.D.S.-1 seat, B.Sc. (Nursing)-4 seats, Diploma in Nursing-60 seats, B.Ed.-1 seat in Govt. and aided institution, Teacher Training-132 seats, Polytechnic courses-80 seats, B.A., B.Sc.-6 seats in each college, I.T.I.-5 seats in each institute and 1% of seats available for B.L. Course.

#### SELF EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES

52. It is the policy of the Government to promote gainful self employment opportunities amongst the Ex-Servicemen. To facilitate this, 75% of the interest charged on a loan amount of

Rs.10 Lakh is provided as interest subsidy. In the case of Self Help Groups, 100% interest subsidy is provided for bank loans up to an amount of Rs.15 lakh, from the Amalgamated Fund. Under this scheme, 547 Ex-Servicemen and 23 Self Help Groups have benefited during the year 2018-2019 to the extent of Rs.65,70,584/-.

#### JAWANS BHAVAN / DISTRICT EX-SERVICES CENTRE / DIRECTORATE OF EX-SERVICEMEN'S WELFARE COMPLEX

53. Jawans Bhavan / District Ex-Services Centre and Directorate of Ex-Servicemen's Welfare Complex with shopping / office complexes have been constructed with the aim of augmenting funds for welfare activities. Income derived from such centres is merged with the Tamil Nadu Ex-Services Personnel Benevolent Fund. The total income received

from these properties in 2018-2019 is Rs. 3,37,72,105/-.

#### E-GOVERNANCE PROJECT

54. The Government has introduced an e-Governance project for the Department of Ex-Servicemen's Welfare through NIC.

As on date all the available registration records of Ex-Servicemen and Widows have been digitized. The online registration for issue of Identity Cards to Ex-Servicemen / Widows has already been implemented. Generation of Dependency Certificate to Wards of Ex-Servicemen for college admission and registration of Ex-Servicemen for employment have also been made online.

A Brochure is published in English and Tamil on Armed Forces Flag Day every year in which the welfare schemes of the Department are detailed for the benefit of Ex-Servicemen.

Pamphlets on the welfare measures and activities of the Department of Ex-Servicemen's Welfare in English and Tamil is printed and distributed periodically among the Ex-Servicemen and their dependants through the District Offices.

#### TAMIL NADU EX-SERVICEMEN'S CORPORATION LIMITED (TEXCO)

55. In the year 1986, the Tamil Nadu Ex-Servicemen's Corporation Limited (TEXCO) was established to render all assistance required by Ex-Servicemen in Tamil Nadu in their resettlement phase. It helps in prompt placement of Ex-Servicemen at DGR wage rates as well as Tamil Nadu minimum wages rates in Central and State Government sector. It functions as a manpower agency catering to the demand of security personnel, drivers, clerks, telephone operators, tourism police, nursing assistants, fire crew, gunmen, teaching staff and

wardens to the requisitioning Government departments from out of the pool of Ex-Servicemen registered with the Directorate of Ex-Servicemen Welfare.

Commercial activities such as the management of Paid Parking System on net profit sharing basis on behalf of the Greater Chennai Corporation are also being undertaken by TEXCO, primarily to increase the job opportunities for Ex-Servicemen and their dependants. As on 31.03.2019, 8,852 Ex-Servicemen have been provided with employment.

Special Brigades with specific skill set are formed and trained by TEXCO on demand from user departments. On request from TNEB, Anti Power Theft Squad comprising of 215 Ex-Havildars and Ex-Junior Commissioned Officers with certificates on Electrical Trade have been deployed by TEXCO. They have been

instrumental in averting theft worth Rs.174.35 crore.

Similarly in Tourism Department also, a special squad of Tourist Wardens comprising of 31 Ex-Servicemen in the rank of Commissioned Officers, Junior Commissioned Officers and Ex-Havildars have been deployed.

#### OTHER WELFARE SCHEMES

56. TEXCO also implements the following schemes for the benefit of Ex-Servicemen :

- Skill Development Training in various fields is imparted to the personnel of the Tamil Nadu Ex-Servicemen's Corporation Limited. So far 3,686 personnel have been trained at a cost of Rs.69 lakh.
- Group Personal Accident Insurance Scheme has been introduced for all the

contract employees of Tamil Nadu Ex-Servicemen's Corporation Ltd. Under this scheme a sum of Rs.3 lakh is paid to the legal heirs of the deceased.

- In order to help Ex-Servicemen get substantial income after retirement, "TEXCO Welfare Fund Scheme" is being implemented for the contract personnel of TEXCO with an average annual expenditure of Rs.2.65 crore.

## **VII. CHIEF MINISTER'S SPECIAL CELL**

57. To redress the grievances of the public in an effective manner, the Chief Minister's Special Cell is working in a full fledged way. All the petitions received in the Chief Minister's Special Cell are numbered, details of petitioners name, address, grievance are registered and they are sent to the Departments/ Districts

concerned for taking further action. To monitor and expedite the action taken on the grievance petitions, the Special Officer, Chief Minister's Special Cell is conducting periodical review meetings with the Nodal Officers of Departments / Districts.

Petitions are being directly received by the Hon'ble Chief Minister from the public while on tour, at Office and at Residence. During the year 2018, out of 2,08,216 petitions received in Chief Minister's Special Cell, 2,05,949 petitions have been disposed of. Out of 49,791 online petitions received in [www.cmcell.tn.gov.in](http://www.cmcell.tn.gov.in), 49,169 petitions have been disposed of so far.

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