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### **1. Introduction**

The Schemes for the Welfare of Sri Lankan Tamils, Non-Resident Tamils and the Rehabilitation of the Repatriates are being implemented by the Commissionerate of Rehabilitation and Welfare of Non-Resident Tamils functioning under the control of Public and Rehabilitation Department in the Secretariat. The Commissionerate of Rehabilitation was established in the year 1969, for the Welfare of Repatriates of Indian origin from Burma, Vietnam and Sri Lanka.

3,04,269 Sri Lankan Tamil refugees arrived in Tamil Nadu due to the internal war and outbreak of ethnic riots in Sri Lanka in 1983. At that time, this department was entrusted with the relief work for Sri Lankan Tamils.

From ancient times, Tamilians are migrating, to foreign countries for education, trade and in search of employment for their livelihood. In order to protect,

extend necessary help for such persons who have migrated, the Directorate of Rehabilitation was strengthened and renamed as "Commissionerate of Rehabilitation and Welfare of Non-Resident Tamils" in the year 2010. Further this Commissionerate was renamed as the "Commissionerate of Welfare of Non-Resident Tamils and Rehabilitation Department" in the year 2021.

Currently, as per the Government's Vision Plan, the subjects to identify the affected Non-Resident Tamils, to provide assistance to them, to provide necessary assistance to the families of those who have died abroad and to support their livelihood were brought under the aegis of the Hon'ble Minister for Minority Welfare and Non-Resident Tamils Welfare.

## **2. Welfare of Non-Resident Tamils**

The Commissionerate of Welfare of Non-Resident Tamils and Rehabilitation Department plays a vital role to protect, extend necessary help for persons who migrate abroad. Whenever, distress calls are received from the emigrants or from their family members, 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 died abroad in co-ordination with the Union Government and the respective Indian Missions abroad.

At the district level, District Collectors have been designated as “District Welfare Officer (Non-Resident Tamils)” and the section under the Magisterial Huzur Sarishtadar has been designated as “District Welfare Centre (Non-Resident Tamils)” and entrusted with the work.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has announced various projects which are being implemented for the Welfare of Non-Resident Tamils including formation of welfare board for Non-Resident Tamils.

## **2.1. Formation of Welfare Board for Non-Resident Tamils**

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu had announced on 06.10.2021, that a "Non-Resident Tamils

Welfare Board" will be set up to protect the welfare of Tamils living abroad and in other states of India.

Also, Section 10 (1) of Non-Resident Tamils Welfare Act, 2011 provides for the formation of a board for the welfare of Tamils living abroad.

On this basis, through a Government Order a "Non-Resident Tamils Welfare Board" has been set up with 15 members including the Chairman. The First Board Meeting was held on 28.02.2023. The following schemes will be implemented through this Board:

- Creation of Data Base of Non-Resident Tamils, Issue of Identity cards and Insurance scheme for those who register with Board.
- Education, Marriage assistance to children of Non-Resident Tamils with low income who die while working in Foreign Countries.
- Formation of Pre-Departure Orientation Training Centers in 7 districts namely Ramanathapuram, Pudukottai, Kanniyakumari,

Thanjavur, Perambalur, Sivagangai and Villupuram apart from Chennai.

- Creation of Toll free helpline, Website and App to give assistance to the Non-Resident Tamils.
- Formation of Legal cell to assist Non-Resident Tamils.

## **2.2. Other Welfare Schemes for Non- Resident Tamils**

The following measures for assistance are also in progress as per the announcement of Hon'ble Chief Minister for the Welfare of Non-Resident Tamils:-

- About 7 lakh Tamils have returned to their homeland due to the Covid pandemic, many of them have lost their jobs and have returned to Tamil Nadu. With the object to help them to start small and micro business, loan assistance with a maximum subsidy of Rs.2.5 lakh is being provided as per the "Migrants Employment Generation Programme".
- To facilitate safe investment for the Non-Resident Tamils in Tamil Nadu.



- To facilitate the Non-Resident Tamils to improve the basic amenities in their Home districts on education, Health etc., by “எனது கிராமம்” scheme.

### **2.3. Recognising the role of Tamil Diaspora and promoting cultural and Intellectual Integration**

#### **a. World Tamil Diaspora Day**

As per the announcement of Hon'ble Chief Minister, January 12<sup>th</sup> of every year is being celebrated as the “World Tamil Diaspora Day”. This is to celebrate the contribution of the Tamil Diaspora, to integrate the Tamils living in abroad and also to encourage them. It also aims to showcase the Tamil Heritage, art, literature and Culture and to bring it to the next generation.

During the year 2022, due to covid pandemic, the celebration was organized on January 12<sup>th</sup> in a hybrid mode with the theme “தமிழால் இணைவோம்”.

World Tamil Diaspora Day 2023 was celebrated with the theme "உலகெங்கும் தமிழ்" on 11.01.2023 and

12.01.2023 at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai under the leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. In this function Hon'ble Human Resource Minister for Malaysia Mr. Sivakumar Varadharaju; Hon'ble State Minister of Sri Lanka Mr. Arvinth Kumar; Hon'ble Governor of West New Britain Province, Papua New Guinea Mr.Sasindran Muthuvel; Former Prime Minister of Guyana Dr Moses Veerasamy Nagamooto; Former Interim President of Mauritius Dr.Paramasivam Pillay Vyapoory; Former Chief Minister of Sri Lanka Mr. Senthil Thondaman; Former Minister of Malaysia Mr. Saravanan; Hon'ble Members of Parliament of Sri Lanka Mr. Sumanthiran, Mr. Mano Ganesan; Member of Riverton Electoral District, Western Australian Legislative Assembly Mr. Jagadish (Jags) Krishnan and other prominent Tamil leaders across the globe participated as special guests. Also, Tamil Sangam executives from various countries participated and exchanged their views on different topics. Apart from these, art and cultural shows were also held.

## **b. Teaching Tamil Language to Non-Resident Tamils**

As per the announcement of Hon'ble Chief Minister a new scheme to teach Tamil language to the children living abroad is introduced by providing incentives and training to the teachers. For this Rs.12 lakh is sanctioned for the financial year 2022-2023. This scheme is being implemented through Tamil Virtual Academy.

## **2.4. Revolving Fund**

An amount of Rs.1 crore has been sanctioned by Government as Revolving Fund for the following purposes and the expenditure incurred will be recouped to the Fund by Government every year.

- During the year 2022-2023, 145 Tamilians who were stranded abroad have been rescued with the assistance of Indian Embassies
- Medical expenses for those who are in distress, abroad.

- During the year 2022-2023, arrangements were made to bring back the mortal remains of 158 Tamilians who have died abroad to their native places and free hearse service of Government of Tamil Nadu under the toll-free number (155377) has also been utilized for same.

For the above reasons, Rs.57.04 lakh has been spent in the financial year 2022-2023 from Revolving Fund.

## **2.5. Repatriation of Tamils from Cambodia, Thailand – Myanmar border**

Through media reports, it was brought to the attention of Government that many Indians including persons from Tamil Nadu, were taken to Cambodia, Thailand - Myanmar border areas on the pretext of employment in IT jobs and were forced to do illegal online work and were severely beaten, if they refused to do such work. A concerted effort was made by this Government with the Indian embassies in the concerned countries and till 31.03.2023, 73 Tamilians have been rescued and brought to Tamil Nadu safely from Cambodia, Thailand – Myanmar border. The air tickets

have been arranged by the Tamil Nadu Government for the same.

## **2.6. Transportation of mortal remains of Tamils died in helicopter crash in Uttarakhand state**

Three people from Tamil Nadu who were on a pilgrimage to Kedarnath temple in Uttarakhand died in a helicopter crash on 18.10.2022. The mortal remains of the deceased were brought to Chennai by flights on 20.10.2022 through the Commissionerate of Rehabilitation and Welfare of Non-Resident Tamils and handed over to the relatives, at the expense of the Tamil Nadu Government.

## **3. Welfare of Sri Lankan Tamils Living in Rehabilitation Camps**

In the 106 camps in 29 districts (including Special Camps in Tiruchirapalli and Ramanathapuram Districts), as on 31.03.2023, 19,408 families consisting of 58,457 persons are accommodated. The Sri Lankan Tamils living in the Rehabilitation Camps are being provided with various relief measures like, accommodation, drinking water, electricity etc., at free of cost as per the guidelines,

norms stipulated by the Union Government and the State Government of Tamil Nadu.

To ensure that the Sri Lankan Tamils living in Rehabilitation Camps are able to lead a life with dignity, safety and security as announced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, on the floor of Legislative Assembly on 28.08.2021, orders have been issued to change the nomenclature from "Sri Lankan Refugee camp" to "Sri Lankan Tamils Rehabilitation Camps" along with the following measures.

### **3.1. Construction of Houses and upgrading the Basic amenities**

Based on the announcement made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister under Rule 110, on the floor of Legislative Assembly on 27.08.2021 that 7,469 new houses will be constructed for the Sri lankan Tamils living in the camps, 3,510 new houses are being constructed in the 1<sup>st</sup> phase as 868 group houses (868x4=3,472) at a cost of Rs.173.60 crore and 38 individual houses at a cost of Rs.2.14 crore. Total cost of the scheme is Rs.187.24 crore including additional cost for raft

foundation, escalation of GST, Supervisory works, documentation etc., at a cost of Rs.11.5 crore. This construction work is being done by concerned District Rural Development Agencies of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department and the construction work is in good progress.

The rehabilitation camps at Adiyanuthu, Thotanuthu, Gopalpatti which are located at private lands in Dindigul District were merged into one camp and setup in a Government Land at Thotanuthu Village. The new camp with 321 houses was constructed at a cost of Rs.17.17 crore **and the camp was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 14.09.2022.** For the construction of 3,959 houses in the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase out of the total estimate of Rs.223 crore a sum of Rs.150 crore has been allocated as first installment in the financial year 2023-2024.

Administrative approval has been accorded for Rs.30 crore for providing drinking water, toilet, electricity and drainage facilities in the camps. In this regard, as first phase, Rs.10 crore has been sanctioned by the

Government during the financial year 2022-2023, necessary fund allotment is done to the districts and works are in good progress.

### **3.2. Sri Lankan Tamils Livelihood Development Fund**

Rs.5 crore has been sanctioned by Government during the financial year 2021-2022 for the provision of repairing and minor works in the Rehabilitation Camps in 29 districts as announced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on the floor of Legislative Assembly on 27.08.2021 under Rule 110. The works are completed as follows:

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Item of work</b>	<b>Amount (Rs)</b>
1.	Water Supply	74,51,250
2.	Sanitation Facilities	1,95,94,800
3.	Electricity Facilities	1,92,63,950
4.	Repairs to Road	36,90,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,00,00,000</b>

### **3.3. Women Self Help Groups**

For the 321 Self Help Groups formed in the camps, to improve the economic conditions and standard



of living of the Sri Lankan Tamils accommodated in Rehabilitation Camps a sum of Rs.50,000/- has been provided during 2020 as Community Investment Fund. Now, as per the announcement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister under Rule 110, an additional amount of Rs.75,000/- has been provided to these Self Help Groups. A total amount of Rs.2.40 crore has been sanctioned.

Also, as per the announcement, Rs.1.25 Lakh is being provided to newly formed 300 Self Help Groups as Community Investment Fund. So far, Rs.3.25 crore has been sanctioned to the Women Development Corporation for allotting the same.

### **3.4. Skill Development Training**

Skill Development training along with Employment opportunities will be given to 5,000 Sri Lankan Tamil youth as per the announcement made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on the floor of Legislative Assembly on 27.08.2021 under Rule 110 to improve the livelihood and employment of the Sri Lankan Tamils staying in the Rehabilitation Camps. In this regard, awareness

programme has been conducted by the Skill Development Department in the camps at the Districts and various trainings have been given to 3,289 persons and training of others is ongoing.

### **3.5. Clothing**

The clothes and blankets could not be supplied at the rates fixed by the Union Government. Therefore, based on the announcement made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on the floor of Legislative Assembly on 27.08.2021 under Rule 110, free clothes are supplied, through Co-optex during the financial year 2021-2022 and through Tamil Nadu Textile Corporation during the financial year 2022-2023. Further, free blankets are supplied once in two years through Co-optex to Sri Lankan Tamils accommodated in the Rehabilitation camps.

### **3.6. Utensils**

8 types of cooking utensils are provided to a Sri Lankan Tamil family once in two years free of cost at

the rate of Rs.250/-. The cooking utensils could not be supplied at the rate of Rs.250/- per family. Therefore, based on the announcement made by Hon'ble Chief Minister on the floor of Legislative Assembly on 27.08.2021 under Rule 110, the cooking utensils procured from M/s Steel Authority of India Ltd., Salem (SAIL) at a cost of Rs.1,285/- per set of 8 Stainless steel utensils and distributed to the Sri Lankan Tamils accommodated in the Rehabilitation Camps during financial year 2021-2022.

### **3.7. Provision of free Gas connections with cooking gas stove and gas cylinder at subsidised price**

The Hon'ble Chief Minister announced on the floor of Legislative Assembly on 27.08.2021 under Rule 110 that the Sri Lankan Tamils accommodated in the Rehabilitation camps, who have no gas connection will be provided with free gas connection and gas stove at a total cost of Rs.7 crore, since the kerosene allotment is not sufficient and they are unable to get LPG gas connection under the Prime Minister's Ujwala scheme. Further, subsidy of Rs.400/- per cylinder will be provided per family for maximum 5 cylinders every year.

As per the announcement 6,582 gas connections and gas stove have been provided free of cost further subsidy of Rs.400/- for 5 cylinders have been provided for 16,801 families at a cost of Rs.3.36 crore for the year 2022-2023.

### 3.8. Cash dole

The State Government has enhanced the monthly Cash Dole payable to the Sri Lankan Tamils accommodated in rehabilitation camps as announced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister under Rule 110 in the floor of Legislative Assembly on 27.08.2021. Orders were issued for enhancing the monthly cash dole at the following rates with an additional expenditure of Rs.21.29 Crore per year to the State Government:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Old Amount (in Rs.)	Enhanced amount with effect from 01.09.2021
1.	Head of the Family	Rs.1,000/-	Rs.1,500/-
2.	Each additional member (aged 12 years and above)	Rs. 750/-	Rs.1,000/-
3.	Children (below 12 years)	Rs. 400/-	Rs. 500/-

### **3.9. Rice Subsidy**

Each Sri Lankan Tamil Adult and Children under the age of 8 years living in the camps are provided with 12 kg and 6 kg of rice per month, respectively. Out of this, for every family the first 20 kg of rice was provided free of cost and the extra rice was given at a cost of Rs.0.57 per kg. The Hon'ble Chief Minister announced on the floor of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 27.08.2021 that the entire rice supplied to them will be at free of cost and the additional expenditure of Rs.19 lakh will be borne by the State Government. Orders were issued accordingly. In addition to that, oil, sugar and all essential items are being supplied to the Sri Lankan Tamils under the Public Distribution system, at concessional rate.

### **3.10. Educational Assistance**

In Sri Lankan Tamil camps, there are about 11,973 students studying upto class 12. The free education scheme is extended to them upto class 12. They are also provided with free uniforms, noon meals,

books and free bus passes as in the case of other students of Tamil Nadu.

Sri Lankan Tamil Students are being admitted for higher studies in Arts and Science Colleges, Polytechnics, Universities based on the merit through single window system under counseling in the general category.

As announced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on the floor of Legislative Assembly on 27.08.2021 under Rule 110 orders have been issued to enhance the existing scholarship provided to them at the following rates:-

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Educational Assistance (in Rupees)</b>	<b>Enhanced Educational Assistance (From 2021-2022) (in Rupees)</b>
1.	Polytechnic	2,500/-	10,000/-
2.	Bachelor of Arts/Science	3,000/-	12,000/-
3.	Bachelor professional courses	5,000/-	20,000/-
4.	B.E	5,000/-	Full Expenditure
5.	P.G Course	6,000/-	Full Expenditure

Also the full education fees and hostel fees for the first 50 students based on merit in respect of Engineering courses will be borne by the State Government. Similarly, in the case of first 5 students on merit who want to pursue Agriculture / Agriculture Engineering will be given full education fees and hostel fees. Apart from the above, in order to encourage the students to pursue Master's degree, the education fees and hostel fees for all the students will be met by the Government.

An amount of Rs.2.71 crore has been released for educational assistance and 1,504 students benefitted for the year 2021-2022. For 2022-2023 the fund will be released for 1,778 students in the first phase.

### **3.11. Advisory Committee for long term Solutions**

In order to explore solutions, for the long standing issues of the Sri Lankan Tamils who encounter enormous challenges both in and outside the camp, the Hon'ble Chief Minister announced on the floor of Legislative Assembly on 27.08.2021 under Rule 110, to form an Advisory committee to explore solutions. The committee

also envisages to explore the possibility of citizenship or to help the Sri Lankan Tamils to return to Sri Lanka voluntarily and an action plan will be proposed to the Government of Tamil Nadu. The first Advisory Committee meeting was held on 29.12.2021. Subsequently Advisory Committee meetings have been held on 11.07.2022, 12.07.2022, 07.10.2022 and 11.11.2022. Legal analysis meetings are also held for the same.

### **3.12. Waiver of Visa Fees and Penalty**

Based on the proposal of the Government of Tamil Nadu, the Union Government conveyed its approval to waive the Visa Fees and Overstay Penalty in respect of Sri Lankan Tamils those who opt to return voluntarily to Sri Lanka and to consider such proposals on case to case basis. As on 31.03.2023, 1,748 Sri Lankan Tamils of 920 families have been benefited under the scheme and returned to Sri Lanka.

### **3.13. Special Camp**

At present, there is a special camp each in Tiruchirappalli and Ramanathapuram Districts of



Tamil Nadu. In these camps, accommodation is given to the Sri Lankan Tamils who have Criminal background/under investigation or on bail. As on 31.03.2023, 81 Sri Lankan Tamils have been lodged in these special camps under section 3(2)(e) of the Foreigners Act, 1946. As their movements in the special camps are restricted within the camp, they are provided with feeding charges of Rs.175/- per day.

#### **4. Welfare of Sri Lankan Tamils living outside the Camps**

As on 31.03.2023, 13,320 families with 33,375 Sri Lankan Tamils have been registered with the local police station in Tamil Nadu and allowed to live outside the camp. The Chief Minister's Comprehensive Insurance Scheme has been extended to them.

#### **5. Economic Migrants from Sri Lanka to Tamil Nadu**

##### **5.1. Relief provided to Sri Lankans who have come due to economic crisis to Tamil Nadu**

Due to prevailing economic conditions in Sri Lanka as on 31.03.2023, 236 Sri Lankan Tamils have reached

Tamil Nadu and are accommodated in Mandapam Rehabilitation camp at Ramanathapuram District. On humanitarian basis, they are provided free cooked meal and basic relief items. An amount of Rs.49.95 lakh has been released by the State Government to meet the expenditure.

## **5.2. Supply of relief materials to Sri Lanka**

Due to economic crisis and food shortage in Sri Lanka, Government of Tamil Nadu has sent 40,000 MT of rice, Rs.15 crore worth of 500 tonnes of Aavin Milk Powder and Rs.27 crore worth of 101 tonnes of Life saving medicines in 3 shipments for the total worth of Rs.196.83 crore to the affected people there.

## **6. Rehabilitation of Repatriates**

4,61,639 persons of Indian origin from Sri Lanka, 1,44,445 persons from Burma and 2,055 persons from Vietnam were repatriated to India. The Tamil Nadu Government had initially established this department for the welfare of Tamil Repatriates who returned to their mother land. Among them, most of the repatriates have

settled in Tamil Nadu and others in Karnataka, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh. Various welfare schemes are being implemented to those repatriates by Government of Tamil Nadu.

## **6.1. Repco Bank**

The Union Government had established the Repco Bank in the year 1969 for the purpose of rehabilitation of repatriates from Sri Lanka, Burma, Vietnam and other countries. The Repatriates Co-operative Finance & Development Bank Ltd., Chennai is shortly known as Repco Bank. The Repco Bank is functioning with share capital of the Union Government and share capitals of five State Governments of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Kerala and Karnataka. The Bank is registered under Madras Co-operative Societies Act, 1961 (at present, Tamil Nadu Co-operative Societies Act 1983). The operations of the Bank commenced on 19.11.1969. After enactment of Multi State Co-operative Societies Act (MSCS) 1984, and subsequently 2002, the Bank was deemed to be registered under these Acts, and the MSCS Act 2002 is

in force now. The Bank is under the administrative control of FFR Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

The Repco Bank has 108 branches across the States of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Kerala and Union Territory of Puducherry. The Head Quarters is at Chennai.

The share-holding pattern of the Bank as on 31.03.2023 is as follows:

Sl. No.	Share Holders	Share Capital Amount (Rs. in lakh)	% of Share Holding
1.	Union Government	7,632.00	50.07
2.	Government of Tamil Nadu	713.00	4.68
3.	Government of Andhra Pradesh	104.77	0.69
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.	Individuals	6,639.60	43.56
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15,242.88</b>	<b>100.00</b>

In the initial stage, the repatriates have been provided with rehabilitation assistance by the Government of Tamil Nadu by settling them in tea, rubber, cinchona plantations. Employment opportunities were also provided in co-operative spinning mills and industrial units set up with the assistance of the Repco Bank.

#### **6.1.1. Performances of Repco bank for the financial year 2022-2023**

- Total business of the Bank reached Rs.17,746 crore with a growth rate of 8%
- Net profit of the Bank stood at Rs.70 crore with a growth rate of 15%
- Number of Repatriates were benefitted during the year is 45,000
- Under Graduate Apprenticeship Scheme, 30 Repatriate graduates have been selected and appointment orders are likely to be issued.

### **6.1.2. Outlook for Repco bank for the financial year 2023-2024**

- Bank is expected to grow by 9% and reach a business level of Rs.19,000 crore.
- Net Profit of the Bank is expected to grow by 14% and reach a level of Rs.80 crore.
- Number of Repatriate beneficiaries is expected to reach 52,000 in this year

### **6.1.3. Repatriates Welfare Trust**

The table below shows the amount spent by Repatriates Welfare Trust during the last 2 years:

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount (Rs. in lakh)</b>
1.	2021-2022	907.00
2.	2022-2023	780.50

## **7. Overseas Manpower Corporation Limited**

Overseas Manpower Corporation Limited (**OMCL**) came into existence on 1978, as a Government of Tamil Nadu Undertaking with an objective of facilitating overseas employment to the overseas job seekers. OMCL was registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956. OMCL is registered under the Indian Emigration Act, 1983 and functioning as recruiting agency with the license issued by Ministry of External Affairs, Union Government to deploy candidates for overseas employment. OMCL has a authorized share capital of Rs.50 Lakh and paid up share capital of Rs.15 Lakh.

### **7.1. Functions**

- To conduct awareness-cum-registration camp to register candidates desirous of overseas employment.
- To arrange Interviews on behalf of Foreign Employers and sponsor candidates registered with OMCL for interview and selection.

- To assist candidates selected for overseas employment for documents' attestation, Visa Stamping, etc.
- To obtain Emigration clearance from the Protector of Emigrants, Chennai for ECR passports to ECR countries.
- Travel arrangements to the selected employees to reach the destination country.

## **7.2. Registration**

A website (URL: <https://www.omcmanpower.com>) has been provided for overseas job seekers to register themselves for the overseas jobs. Totally 5,397 candidates have registered their names for getting overseas employment till 31.03.2023.

## **7.3. Deployment**

Since its inception in 1978, OMCL has placed 10,849 candidates in overseas employment. During the financial year 2022-2023 as on 31.03.2023, the Corporation has facilitated overseas placement for



310 persons in various countries viz. Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Oman.

#### **7.4. Revenue**

During the Financial Year 2022-2023, OMCL has earned Rs.1.33 crore as Gross revenue and Rs.11 lakh as profit (unaudited) upto 31.03.2023.

#### **7.5. New initiatives**

- OMCL has imparted the Occupational English Test (OET) for 481 final year Nursing Students in 15 Nursing Colleges across Tamil Nadu in coordination with Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation, Chennai.
- Gateway of payment for service charges has been created in the Admin page of OMCL website.

## **8. Conclusion**

The Hon'ble Chief Minister had announced a number of schemes for the Welfare of Non-Resident Tamils and the Sri Lankan Tamils staying in Rehabilitation camps. These schemes are implemented by the Public and Rehabilitation Department to protect the Welfare of Non-Resident Tamils and to provide relief to Sri Lankan Tamils and Repatriates under dynamic leadership of our Hon'ble Chief Minister.

In the Rehabilitation camps, the Sri Lankan Tamils are being provided with adequate basic amenities such as houses, drinking water and electricity to ensure a dignified, safe and improved life in Tamil Nadu and all measures have been taken to improve their education and livelihood.

To protect the Non-Resident Tamils who have gone abroad for education, employment, trade and commerce and to preserve the antiquity of Tamil Language, History, Art, Literature and pass it on to the next generation, the Government have constituted the

Non-Resident Welfare Board and it is functioning. Thus, this Government is functioning with great concern and attention to protect the Welfare of Non-Resident Tamils and the Sri Lankan Tamils.

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