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CHAPTER-1

1.1 Introduction

Tamil Nadu is one of the developed States in India and its growth is achieved by a well connected public transport system. It provides people with mobility and access to employment, education, medical care, markets, social and recreational activities, transportation of agriculture products for selling in towns/cities etc. Further, public transportation is a form of travel offered locally that enables more people to travel together along designated routes. Public transportation continues to be much more efficient and beneficial system of getting people from one place to another.

Bus transport is common mode of transportation aimed at facilitating the movement of people locally, within a city, inter-city, rural areas and inter-state. Good mobility can become a major booster to economic growth and cause the quality of life to improve. A vision is therefore needed for the bus transport system for future.

- To make bus transportation user friendly, affordable, efficient and to provide last mile connectivity to the general public.
- To ensure transportation facilities to the public in town and rural areas including long distance and inter-state services.
- Introduction of buses enabling easy access for the Differently Abled persons.
- To provide bus travel to general public with alternate fuel such as Electric buses, CNG and LNG.

1.2 Public Transport in Tamil Nadu

The State of Tamil Nadu is a forerunner in providing efficient, safe, affordable, comfortable,

reliable and sustainable access for the growing number of city residents to jobs, education, recreation and such other needs within the cities and rural people to reach cities and also all parts of the State are well connected with one another through dense and reliable road transport connectivity.

The State Transport Undertakings under the administrative control of the Government of Tamil Nadu are pioneers in public bus transport in India. The State Transport Undertakings transported about 1.3142 Crore passengers every day and it was 1.7 Crore with all concession holders during the normal period of the year 2019-2020 which has temporarily come down to about 0.7 Crore per day in the year 2020-2021 and maintained about 0.76 Crore per day in the year 2021-2022 (upto July 2021) due to Covid Pandemic.

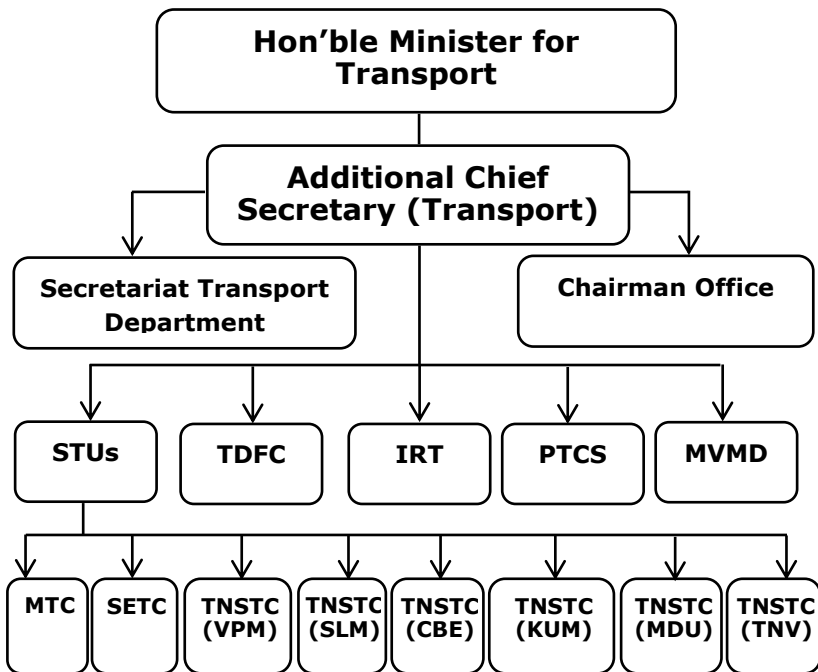
To accomplish the vision of the Government, the State Transport Undertakings have planned to introduce electric buses with financial assistance from KfW (German Development Bank) to make the public bus transport environment friendly in future.

To achieve social inclusion of women by facilitating greater mobility, all women passengers are allowed to travel free of charge in ordinary fare town buses (white board) in all State Transport Undertakings. 7,312 ordinary town buses are being operated across the State of Tamil Nadu. STUs are issuing zero value tickets to women passengers for survey purposes from 12.07.2021. 1463.15 lakhs women have travelled from 12.07.2021 to 26.08.2021, which constitutes about 60.70% of the total passengers travelling in ordinary fare town buses. This free travel facility is extended to transgenders and escort of differently abled persons with disability of 40% and above. To spread the verses of Thirukkural,

boards containing a picture of great Tamil Poet Saint Thiruvalluvar, Thirukkural along with their meanings have been fixed in all 20,557 State Transport Undertaking Buses in the State.

1.3 Organisation set-up of Transport Department

The Transport Department is headed by the Hon'ble Minister for Transport and Additional Chief Secretary to Government.



The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Transport Department is the Ex-Officio Chairman of all State Transport Undertakings and the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of the Tamil Nadu Transport Development Finance Corporation Limited. The Transport Department is also the Nodal Agency of the State Government in respect of Railway and Airports Projects to be implemented within the State of Tamil Nadu.

CHAPTER-2

STATE TRANSPORT UNDERTAKINGS

2.1 Role of State Transport Undertakings

In Tamil Nadu, bus based public transport services are provided by State owned eight State Transport Undertakings and private operators which are operated as stage carriage buses. The Transport Department is the administrative department for State Transport Undertakings.

State Transport Undertakings operational jurisdictions are listed below:-

S. No.	STUs	Region	Districts covered
1.	Metropolitan Transport Corporation (Chennai) Limited.	Chennai	Chennai Metropolitan Area
2.	State Express Transport Corporation Tamil Nadu Limited.	Chennai	Entire Tamil Nadu State, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh & Puducherry

S. No.	STUs	Region	Districts covered
3.	Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Villupuram) Limited.	Villupuram	Villupuram, Kallakurichi
		Vellore	Vellore, Ranipet & Tirupathur
		Kancheepuram	Kancheepuram, Chengalpattu
		Tiruvannamalai	Tiruvannamalai
		Tiruvallur	Tiruvallur
		Cuddalore	Cuddalore
4.	Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Salem) Limited.	Salem	Salem & Namakkal
		Dharmapuri	Dharmapuri & Krishnagiri
5.	Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Coimbatore) Limited.	Coimbatore	Coimbatore
		Ooty	Nilgiris
		Erode	Erode
		Tiruppur	Tiruppur
6.	Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Kumbakonam) Limited.	Kumbakonam	Thanjavur
		Nagapattinam	Nagapattinam, Thiruvarur & Mayiladuthurai
		Trichy	Trichy, Perambalur & Ariyalur
		Karur	Karur
		Karaikudi	Sivagangai & Ramanathapuram
		Pudukkottai	Pudukkottai
7.	Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Madurai) Limited.	Madurai	Madurai
		Dindigul	Dindigul & Theni
		Virudhunagar	Virudhunagar
8.	Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Tirunelveli) Limited.	Tirunelveli	Tirunelveli & Tenkasi
		Thoothukudi	Thoothukudi
		Nagercoil	Kanniyakumari

2.2 Infrastructures of State Transport Undertakings

State Transport Undertakings have the following Units as on 31.07.2021:-

Sl. No.	Description	MTC	SETC	TNSTC (VPM)	TNSTC (SLM)	TNSTC (CBE)	TNSTC(KUM)	TNSTC (MDU)	TNSTC (TNV)	Total
1	Regions	1	1	6	2	4	6	3	3	26
2	Depots	31	22	60	32	44	60	40	30	319
3	Workshops	2	2	3	2	2	4	3	2	20
4	Driver Training Schools	1	1	6	4	2	7	3	2	26
5	Number of Employees	21,199	4,925	20,854	12,239	16,926	20,802	14,320	10,615	1,21,880

2.3 Bus Operations

Based on the class of service and stopping at specified stops with differential fare, Town Services are classified as ordinary, express, LSS, deluxe and air-condition. Mofussil services are classified as ordinary, semi-deluxe / express, super-deluxe, ultra deluxe, air-condition (seater), non air condition sleeper, air-condition sleeper, non air condition seater cum sleeper, air-condition seater cum sleeper and classic provided with toilet facilities. In ghat areas, the types are ordinary and semi-deluxe / express.

Total number of State Transport Undertaking buses in the State is 20,557 out of which 19,290 Scheduled buses covering 10,535 routes are operated as scheduled services and the details as on 31.07.2021 are given in the following Table:-

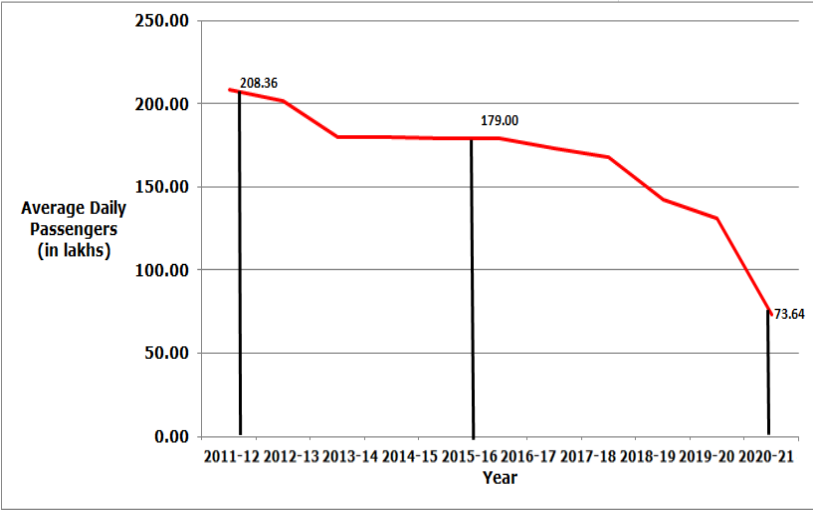
STUs	Town		Mofusil/ Express	Ghat	Scheduled Services	Spare buses	Total
	Ordinary / Ladies Free travel	LSS/ Express/ Deluxe					
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(F+G)
MTC	1,559	1,674	0	0	3,233	235	3,468
SETC	0	0	1,082	0	1,082	41	1,123
VPM	1,065	9	2,063	29	3,166	199	3,365
SLM	813	24	1,038	25	1,900	213	2,113
CBE	1,141	182	1,055	369	2,747	214	2,961
KUM	1,257	28	2,050	0	3,335	91	3,426
MDU	890	380	832	64	2,166	162	2,328
TNV	587	234	840	0	1,661	112	1,773
TOTAL	7,312	2,531	8,960	487	19,290	1,267	20,557

2.4 Performance of State Transport Undertakings

The State Transport Undertaking buses provide connectivity to the villages which have a minimum population of 1000. Almost all areas in urban habitations, inter-district and inter-state to the neighbouring states are connected on a wider scale and transported about 1.3142 Crore

passengers every day and it was 1.7 Crore passengers with all concession holders during normal period of the year 2019-2020 which has dropped temporarily to about 0.7 Crore per day in the year 2020-2021 due to impact of COVID-19, public transport ridership again dropped in first quarter of the year 2021-2022 and reached about 0.76 Crore per day in July 2021.

Passenger Ridership in STUs buses have come down from the year 2011 to 2021 as shown in chart below:-



The State Transport Undertakings in Tamil Nadu have the lowest fares with the highest fleet utilization and good network coverage in India. Fare structure which is in force from 29.01.2018 is presented below:-

Types of Service	Class of Service	Fare (excluding cess)
Town (minimum fare)	Ordinary	Rs.4
	Limited Stop Service	Rs.5
	Express	Rs.6
	Deluxe	Rs.10
	Night Service	Rs.10
Mofussil	Ordinary	58 paise per km
	Semi Deluxe	75 paise per km
	Express / Super Deluxe	85 paise per km
	Ultra Deluxe	100 paise per km
	AC Seater	130 paise per km
	Non AC Sleeper	155 paise per km
	AC Sleeper	200 paise per km

Comparison of bus fares with neighbouring States is furnished below:-

State	Last Fare Revision Date	Mofussil (paise per km)									
		Ordinary	Semi Deluxe	Exp/Sup. Deluxe	Ultra Deluxe	AC Seater		Non AC Sleeper		AC Sleeper	
						Peak	Lean	Peak	Lean	Peak	Lean
Tamil Nadu	29.01.18	58	75	85	100	130	110	155	135	200	180
Andhra Pradesh	11.12.19	73	118	-	136	156	156	-	-	220	220
Karnataka	26.02.20	66	123	-	145	214	-	163	-	240	-

Cost of town bus travel for 10 km in Tamil Nadu is found to be lower than other neighbouring States' fares:-

(in Rupees)

State	Ordinary Fare	Express Fare
Tamil Nadu	8.00	12.00
Andhra Pradesh	10.00	15.00
Karnataka	15.00	16.00

Also, a 100 km mofussil bus travel in Tamil Nadu weighed in the order of types of services operated in neighbouring States, it is seen that fares are lower in Tamil Nadu:-

(in Rupees)

State	Ordinary Fare	Express Fare	Ultra Deluxe	AC Bus Fare	
				Seater	Sleeper
Tamil Nadu	58.00	75.00	100.00	130.00	200.00
Andhra Pradesh	73.00	118.00	136.00	156.00	220.00
Karnataka	66.00	123.00	145.00	216.00	240.00

2.5 Physical Performance Indicators

Major physical performance indicators of the STUs in Tamil Nadu are given below:-

Item	2019-2020 (Pre-Covid)	2020-2021 (During Covid)	2021-2022 (During Covid) (upto July 2021)
Fleet Strength	21,513	20,670	20,557
Scheduled Services	19,290	19,290	19,290

Item	2019-2020 (Pre-Covid)	2020-2021 (During Covid)	2021-2022 (During Covid) (upto July 2021)
Total Kilometres operated per day (in lakhs Kms)	83.68	60.25	61.02
Fuel Performance (KMPL) Average	5.33	5.39	5.35
Km run per condemned tyre (in lakh kms)	2.54	2.77	2.79
Men per bus	6.45	6.35	6.31

2.6 Financial Performance of State Transport Undertakings

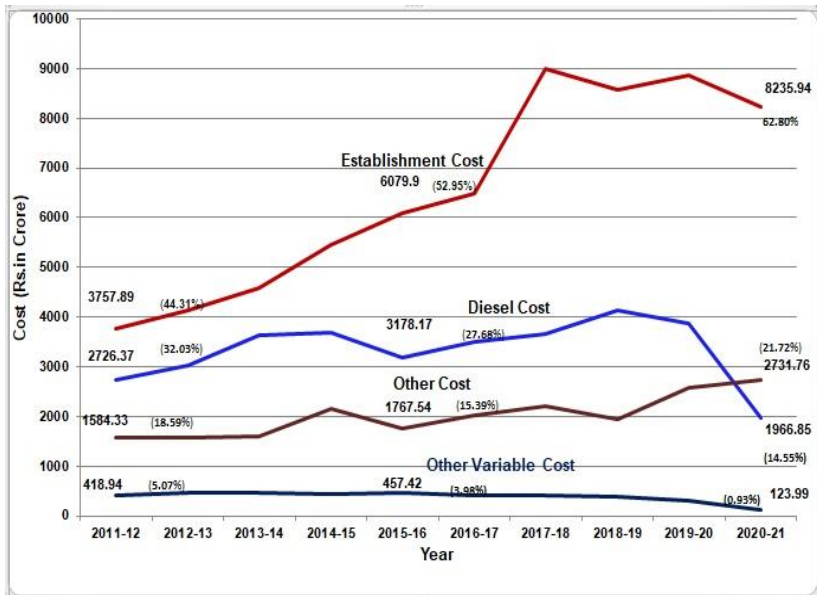
Frequent diesel price hikes, increase in the cost of spare parts, wage agreement, hike in D.A. to the employees etc., has led to the State Transport Undertakings incurring additional expenditures every year. Covid-19 Pandemic caused heavy loss due to complete lockdown in the year 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. Buses were halted for a period of 8 days in the year 2019-2020, 141 days in the year 2020-2021 and 42 - 56 days in the year 2021-2022. Financial

Performance for the period of 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 (Upto July) is presented below:-

		Rs. in Crore		
Sl No.	Particulars	2019-20 (Pre-Covid)	2020-21 (During Covid) Pre Audit	2021-22 (During Covid) Pre Audit
Income				
1	Operational Revenue	8827.39	3517.31	1004.54
	Contract Carriage	6.08	59.51	7.78
	Profit on Sale of condemned buses	24.04	18.69	1.69
	Non-Operational Revenue	1694.91	1459.18	696.59
	Sale of Scrap	20.10	19.79	0.66
	Total	10572.52	5074.48	1711.26
Expenditure				
Variable cost				
2	HSD Oil	3860.32	1966.85	756.70
	Others(Lubricants,Tyre,Tube, Spring,Spare,Etc..)	312.15	123.99	44.21
	Total	4172.47	2090.84	800.91
Fixed cost				
3	Salary&Wages (including PF,Gratuity and Others)	8849.63	8235.94	2715.23
	M.V Tax	196.45	104.60	53.30
	Depreciation	540.65	634.39	138.61
	Interest	1177.65	1871.38	601.30
	Others (PF trust loss, Toll fee, MCOP, cps interest)	866.23	121.38	133.57
Total	11630.61	10967.69	3642.01	
Total Expenditure		15803.08	13058.53	4442.92
Loss		-5230.56	-7984.05	-2731.66

2.7 Operational cost

The percentage of cost components over the years from 2011 to 2021 is depicted in the following chart.



Establishment costs like salary, PF, gratuity etc., have increased over a period. Similarly interest cost has gone up which comes under other expenditures. Diesel cost and maintenance costs are related to market based prices and

quantum of usage, both parameters have come down in the year 2020-2021 because of complete halt of buses in Covid-19 pandemic lockdown period.

2.8 Financial Assistance by the Government

The Government regularly sanctioned funds in the form of Share Capital Assistance, Loans, Ways & Means Advances and Grants to the STUs for purchasing new buses, settlement of statutory retirement dues to the employees of STUs and Motor Accident Claims. The Government reimbursed the STUs towards the issue of concessions to various categories such as Students, Senior Citizens and other passes. The Government have also permitted STUs to seek reimbursement for increasing cost for High Speed Diesel. In the Revised Budget Estimate of the

financial year 2021-2022, the Government have provided following funds as below:-

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl.No.	Items	RBE 2021-2022
1.	Share Capital Assistance	596.5609
2.	Students Concession Passes	1300.000
3.	Women Free Bus Passes	670.0000
4.	Loans(KfW)	451.5000
5.	Senior Citizen Passes	52.0000
6.	High Speed Diesel	750.0000

As on 31.07.2021 of the current financial year, the Government have sanctioned (i) Rs.649.07 Crore to all State Transport Undertakings for reimbursement of Student Concession Passes (ii) Rs.3.57 Crore to MTC for reimbursement of Senior Citizen Concession Passes (iii) Rs.196.4983 Crore (upto 30 June 2021) to all State Transport Undertakings for

reimbursement of increase in High Speed Diesel cost and (iv) Rs.424.47 Crore for Share Capital Assistance to Tamil Nadu Transport Development Finance Corporation Limited.

2.9 Government Guarantee

Due to Covid-19 lockdown the State Transport Undertakings have been instructed to stop operation of all regular buses except those required for essential services. Consequently, the State Transport Undertakings are facing severe financial crisis. To help the State Transport Undertakings to meet their working capital requirements, the Government have issued Government Guarantee in order to avail loans from Nationalized Banks. Recently, the Government issued orders in G.O. (Ms)No.80, Transport (T1) Department, dated 03.08.2021 for Government Guarantee to the tune of Rs.1,500.81 Crore to all State Transport Undertakings to meet their Working Capital

requirement for the period from June 2021 to August 2021.

2.10 Measures to improve Public Services

i) Introduction of New Bus Routes and Resumed the Stopped Bus Routes

Based on the public demand, as a social obligation to connect the rural areas with the neighbouring cities/towns, necessary bus facilities are provided by the State Transport Undertaking to facilitate employment opportunities to the villagers, visiting hospitals, markets etc., New routes are also planned to change the route course for the benefit of the new places covered. The Government have introduced 54 new routes with 70 bus services from 7th May 2021 to 22nd August 2021. Similarly, some of the routes stopped previously were re-introduced and this category is 123 routes with 140 bus services.

STUs	New Routes Introduced (in Numbers)		Resumed the withdrawn routes (in Numbers)	
	Routes	Bus Services	Routes	Bus Services
MTC Ltd.,	17	25	21	36
SETC TN Ltd.,	11	20	8	10
TNSTC (VPM) Ltd.,	11	10	10	10
TNSTC (SLM) Ltd.,	0	0	4	6
TNSTC (CBE) Ltd.,	2	2	11	11
TNSTC (KUM) Ltd.,	11	10	39	34
TNSTC (MDU) Ltd.,	0	0	22	25
TNSTC (TNV) Ltd.,	2	3	8	8
TOTAL	54	70	123	140

ii) Small buses Operations in Chennai

Metropolitan Transport Corporation (Chennai) Limited has 210 small buses. Out of this, 66 buses are operating now and remaining 144 buses are off the road due to low patronage resulting in heavy losses. To utilise the idle small

buses in a better way, these small buses will be operated as feeder services to Metro Rail stations which will increase the ridership of Metro Rail and will bring revenue to MTC. MTC and Chennai Metro Rail Limited are working on it.

iii) E-ticketing

Online e-ticket booking for long distance routes by using State Transport Undertakings website: <https://www.tnstc.in> was introduced for the benefit of the travelling public in State Transport Undertaking buses. Booking through e-ticketing on an average increased to 76.14% during the year 2021-2022 (upto July 2021).

2.11 Fare concessions

i) Travel Concessions are provided for the following categories of persons

- Present and ex-Members of Parliament / Legislative Assembly and ex-Members of Legislative Council.

- Women Passengers, Transgender, Differently Abled Persons with Disability of 40% and above along with escorts.
- Accredited journalists / Media persons.
- Freedom Fighters drawing Central / State Pension and Widows and Legal-heirs of Freedom Fighters drawing Central / State Pension / Aged Tamil Scholars / Participants in Language stirs and their Legal-heirs.
- Cancer Patients.
- Drama Artists along with their instruments.
- H.I.V. / AIDS patients.
- Senior Citizen Bus Travel Pass (age 60 above) – In all Metropolitan Transport Corporation Buses other than Air-condition buses.

ii) Special Concession to Students

The Government have granted following free travel concessions in all State Transport

Undertaking buses (except State Express Transport Corporation Tamil Nadu Limited) to encourage School and College Students. The concession amount is being reimbursed to the State Transport Undertakings by the Government.

(a)	All Schools including Private Schools recognised by the Government. (1 st Standard – 12 th Standard)
(b)	National Child Labour Project.
(c)	Government Polytechnics.
(d)	Government Industrial Training Institutes.
(e)	Government Arts and Science Colleges.
(f)	Community Colleges.
(g)	Government aided Private ITIs.
(h)	Music Colleges.
(i)	Chennai Corporation ITIs.

iii) 50% Travel Concession

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| (a) Private Colleges | } Recognised by Government |
| (b) Private Polytechnics | |
| (c) Private Engineering Colleges | |

iv) Travel as you please tickets on monthly basis

To benefit the passengers travelling in town buses of State Transport Undertakings in Chennai and other Municipal Corporation areas such as Madurai, Coimbatore, Salem, Tiruchirapalli, Tirunelveli, Vellore, Tiruppur, Erode and Thoothukudi, Travel as you please tickets on monthly basis are being issued at Rs.1000/- per ticket under certain conditions to assist passengers.

v) One Third Concession Bus Pass

1/3rd concession bus pass scheme was implemented in City / Town and mofussil buses for the benefit of regular travellers. The scheme is very well received by the regular travelling public.

2.12 Employees Welfare Measures

i) TNSTC Employees Pension Fund Trust

The Tamil Nadu State Transport Undertaking Employees Pension Fund Trust is the Nodal Agency for implementing the pension scheme for the retired employees of STUs. The pension scheme was introduced by the Government with effect from 01.09.1998. The employees recruited on or before 31.03.2003 are covered under the above pension scheme. A total of 1,28,362 employees are covered under this pension scheme. Out of this, 83,222 employees retired from service as on 31.07.2021 and monthly pension commitment is about Rs.107.25 Crore.

ii) Settlement of Statutory Retirement Dues

The Government regularly sanctioned funds in the form of Share Capital Assistance, Short

Term Loans and Ways and Means Advances to STUs in order to settle the statutory retirement dues such as Provident Fund, Gratuity, Surrender leave, Commutation and Compensatory Pension Scheme.

The Government have distributed Rs.497.32 Crore towards Statutory Retirement Dues to the retired employees of STUs who retired from January 2020 to April 2020.

2.13 Measures Initiated to Improve Bus Transport

i) KfW Project

To replace the aged buses by way of putting new buses, the Government have entered into agreement with KfW (German Development Bank) to procure 12,000 BS-VI buses and 2,000 Electric buses commencing from the year 2021 in a span of 5 years with costs sharing ratio of 80%

(KfW) as interest free loan and 20% share by Government of Tamil Nadu.

In the first and second phase, 2213 diesel buses and 500 electric buses are to be purchased. Other major investment components are IT software and Hardware up-gradation in State Transport Undertakings, Passenger Information System, cashless transaction system etc.

ii) New Initiatives

- Modernization and development of 16 bus depots/terminals in MTC through commercial development model through Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Development Board (TNIDB).
- Solar Power generation units on roof top of STUs buildings.
- To set-up retail outlets of petrol/diesel under dealership model taking from Oil

Marketing Companies for fuel dispensing to the public at places owned by STUs initially to raise additional revenue for the State Transport Undertakings.

2.14 Accident Claim Settlement Fund

To give compensation to the injured and the legal heirs of the deceased persons in accidents involving State Transport Undertaking buses early, the Government have formed a separate Corpus Fund in the year 2010-2011 with yearly contribution of Rs.40 Crore i.e, contribution of Rs.20 Crore by the Government and Rs.20 Crore by the STUs. From the year 2015-2016, yearly contribution was increased to Rs.60 Crore with Rs.30 Crore by the Government and Rs.30 Crore by the STUs. The above Fund is administered by Tamil Nadu Transport Development Finance Corporation Limited, Chennai.

A cess is being collected from all passengers with effect from 20.01.2018 towards compensation, funding of accident prevention measures and Toll Fees. Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation Accident Compensation and Toll Fee Fund Trust has been formed to administer the cess collected and settle the claims.

The cess collected from the passengers is furnished below:-

(In Rupees)

Sl. No.	Ticket Rate	Town	Mofussil
		Cess on Passenger (Rs.)	Cess on Passenger (Rs.)
1.	Upto Rs.25	1	1
2.	Rs.26 to Rs.50	-	2
3.	Rs.51 to Rs.75	-	3
4.	Rs.76 to Rs.100	-	4
5.	Rs.101 to Rs.200	-	5
6.	Rs.201 to Rs.300	-	6
7.	Rs.301 to Rs.400	-	7
8.	Rs.401 to Rs.500	-	8
9.	Rs.501 and above	-	10

The cess fund collected from 20.01.2018 to 31.07.2021 is Rs.1431.86 Crore. Out of this, Rs.477.52 Crore was spent towards toll fee and Rs.531.79 Crore was spent to settle 10,081 accident claims. While seeing the breakups for accidents claims, 6342 cases with Rs.326.68 Crore were settled through Hon'ble Courts and 3,739 cases with a compensation of Rs.205.11 Crore before the Lok-Adalat.

The Government have also constituted a Committee and framed the procedure to be followed for quick settlement. The State Transport Undertakings have made direct settlement through this scheme in 12 cases settling an amount of Rs.0.19 Crore (upto July 2021).

2.15 State Express Transport Corporation Tamil Nadu Limited, Chennai

The Corporation is headed by a Managing Director with its headquarters at Chennai. The areas of operations have been extended to Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Puducherry.

- As on 31.07.2021, there are 22 depots and a total fleet strength of 1,123 buses. Operational area of the Corporation covers all over Tamil Nadu and adjoining States like Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Puducherry with the total routes of 251, which includes 112 Inter State routes and 139 Intra State routes.
- The total staff strength of the Corporation is 4,925 as on 31.07.2021. The various types of services operated are Ultra Deluxe, Air-condition Buses, Air-condition Sleeper Buses, Air-condition Sleeper cum Seater

Buses, Non Air-condition Sleeper Buses, Non Air-condition Sleeper cum Seater buses and Classic Buses.

- E-Ticketing was introduced similar to the system in Railways and Airways in SETC and long distance buses of TNSTCs through internet and mobile phones for the convenience of passengers.
- Providing Online Ticket Reservation System (OTRS) in 58 Centers with 64 counters in Tamil Nadu and the neighboring States of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Puducherry and Karnataka.
- For the benefit of reserved passengers “Other End Return Ticket” can be reserved through online and also provided for the single routes where counters are not available.
- SETC introduced CLASSIC vehicles provided with toilet facilities from Chennai to various places of the State.

- The CCTV Surveillance is being executed in all main places like Bus Stands, Head Quarters etc., for the close monitoring of Bus Stands, Passengers movements and assesses the traffic demand.
- The Corporation has introduced 50 Numbers of "PREMIUM SERVICES" with a specific Brand Name on various potential routes. The Corporation offers pick up services at prefixed "pick-up points" and was increased to 13 places in the urban area of the major cities like Coimbatore, Tirunelveli and Nagercoil.
- In order to facilitate ease of travel to the general public during important festivals like Deepavali and Pongal, the operation of buses are conducted from five bus stands in Chennai Metropolitan Areas to make their travel hassle free and avoid traffic congestion in Chennai City.

- The passengers who reserved tickets are provided with the vehicle Registration Number, Conductor Name & Mobile number through SMS to the passenger mobile number mentioned during reservation before 30 minutes of the journey departure time. Passengers can contact conductor through the mobile number to get information about bus timings and locations.
- Three training centers with advanced training facilities have been built in the major depots in Chennai, Madurai and Tiruchirappalli. Drivers and conductors are being given training on accident free driving, fuel efficiency improvement maintenance practices, Technical advancement and stress management with the help of experienced and knowledgeable trainers and faculties from various industries.

2.16 Metropolitan Transport Corporation (Chennai) Limited, Chennai

The Corporation headquarters is located at Chennai and it is headed by Managing Director. Metropolitan Transport Corporation (Chennai) Ltd., Chennai is the Monopoly Public Transport Service provider in Chennai City and operates city services in the Chennai Metropolitan area and in the adjoining areas in Kancheepuram, Thiruvallur and Chengalpattu Districts.

- As on 31.07.2021, the Corporation has 31 depots with a fleet strength of 3,468 buses. It operates 3,233 scheduled services in 578 routes. The total staff strength is 21,199. The various types of services operated are Ordinary, Express, Deluxe and Air-Condition buses. This Corporation has two body building units at Chrompet.

- This Corporation earns additional revenue through permitting commercial advertisement boards in buses.
- Safe City Project for Women's Safety in Public Places in Chennai was sanctioned under Nirbhaya Fund aimed at combating violence against women and children in urban areas and instilling sense of security in women in metro cities. The objective of the project is to ensure safety and security of the passengers, particularly of women and child passengers through IP based CCTV surveillance cameras in the buses of MTC and their depots and bus terminals, ultimately it creates a secure environment for women and children in mobility. The surveillance cameras inside the buses shall record and store the footage locally, however the live feeds can be viewed from the Command & Control Centre whenever

required. SOS Panic Button when pressed will connect to the Police Control Centre for emergency response. CCTV cameras installation works are under progress across 2,500 Buses which travel throughout Chennai City and also 66 Locations of Depots, Terminals and Units at an estimated cost of Rs.72.71 Crore.

- MTC has planned to introduce CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) / LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas) Buses, by which pollution will be reduced and operation cost will come down.

Implementation of Intelligent Transport Management System (ITMS) under Chennai Smart City

- Providing latest and proven Information and Communication Technology (ICT) to improve the Bus operations, Schedule adherence, vehicle dispatch, Depot

management and incident handling for MTC under Chennai Smart City. Providing live fleet information to commuters. Its components are:-

1. Automatic Vehicle Location.
 2. Passenger Information System.
 3. Depot Management System(Operation Related).
- To enhance Road Safety measures, the MTC has fitted "Under Run Protection Units" for 65 buses so far.

2.17 Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Villupuram) Limited, Villupuram

The Corporation has its headquarters at Villupuram, functioning under the control of Managing Director. Regional Offices of this Corporation are functioning at Villupuram, Cuddalore, Tiruvannamalai, Vellore, Kancheepuram and Thiruvallur for monitoring the

operation of bus services and it operates Town / City, Mofussil and Ghat services.

- As on 31.07.2021, the total number of depots are 60. The fleet strength of the Corporation is 3,365 and it operates 3,166 scheduled services. The total staff strength is 20,854.
- The various types of mofussil services operated are Ordinary, Express, Deluxe, Point to Point and 3 x 2 seat A/C buses.

The Corporation operating special buses during auspicious days like Amavasai (to Melmalayanur), Pournami (to Thiruvannamalai), Adikirthigai (to Thiruthani), Thai Pooam (to Vadalur), Kuvagam, ChithiraiPournami, Deepam, Pongal and Deepavali Occasions from its operational jurisdiction according to the traffic need of travelling public.

This Corporation is operating 29 ghat services to various areas viz. Kalvarayan hills, Serapattu hills, Vellimalai hills, Jamunamarathur Hills, Puthurnadu, Elagiri, Velathikamanibenda, Arvatla, Balamathi and Senganatham Hills.

Point to Point service is operated for the benefit of direct passengers in 5 routes from Villupuram, Kancheepuram, Puducherry, Vellore, Tiruvannamalai to Chennai. Now, this Corporation is operating 95 buses on this route.

Air-Condition Vehicles

Initially 2 numbers of Air-condition vehicles with 3 x 2 seating pattern were introduced. In order to attract more number of passengers, 92 Air-condition buses are being operated.

This Corporation earns additional revenue through permitting commercial advertisement boards in buses and advertising on the depots compound walls.

Driver Training Centres

Driver Training Centres are located at all six Regions of the Corporation. Also, the Corporation has two Heavy Vehicle Driver Training ranges (HVDT).

2.18 Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Salem) Limited, Salem.

The operational jurisdiction of the Corporation covers Salem, Namakkal, Dharmapuri, Krishnagiri and part of Tirupathur Districts. The Corporation has its headquarters at Salem and functioning under the control of Managing Director. The Corporation has two Regions at Salem and Dharmapuri.

As on 31.07.2021, the total numbers of depots are 32. The fleet strength of the Corporation is 2,113 and it operates 1,900 scheduled services. The total staff strength is 12,239.

This Corporation earns additional revenue through permitting commercial advertisement boards in buses and advertising on the depots compound walls.

This Corporation has provided special bus transport facilities for the benefit of the traveling passengers to the following tourist places as well as pilgrim spots:

- (i) During weekends as well as important auspicious days, special bus facilities are provided to the tourist places viz. Yercaud hills, Kollihills, Hogenakkal Cauvery river waterfalls and Mettur Dam situated across the river Cauvery.
- (ii) During festival seasons, special bus facilities are provided to the pilgrim places viz. Malai Madheswara Temple, Lord Easwaran Temples at Tharamangalam, Tiruchengode, Belur, Aragalur and Lord Murugan Temples

at Kalipatty, KabilarMalai and Lord Anjaneyar Temple at Namakkal etc.,

This Corporation is operating 25 Ghat services to provide transport services to hill area people viz. Yercaud Hills, Kolli Hills, Kalrayan Hills (Vellimalai) and Nallamathi Hills (Pachamalai) for the convenience of people living in the Ghat area, and thus benefiting tribal people and school going tribal children.

2.19 Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Coimbatore) Limited, Coimbatore

The operational Jurisdiction of this Corporation is mainly covering Coimbatore District and the adjacent districts like Nilgiris, Erode and Tiruppur. It also provides services to adjoining States of Kerala and Karnataka. Headquarters of the Corporation is located at Coimbatore and it is

functioning under the control of Managing Director.

As on 31.07.2021, the total numbers of depots are 44. The fleet strength of the Corporation is 2,961 and it operates 2,747 scheduled services. The total staff strength is 16,926.

This Corporation earns additional revenue through permitting commercial advertisement boards in buses and advertising on the depots compound walls.

This Corporation has a Training Institute at Pollachi to impart training to crew, technical staff, line staff and supervisory staff and another one at Bhavanisagar controlled by Erode region.

A bus driving simulator has been installed at Training Institute, Pollachi to impart training to newly recruited drivers and existing drivers to improve their driving skills. As on date 3,975 drivers were imparted training in this unit.

Another simulator has been purchased under Road Safety Fund and installed at Training Institute, Bhavanisagar to uplift the driving skills of Drivers.

- This Corporation has constructed and maintaining bus stands at Valparai, Maruthamalai, Ooty and Gudalur.
- For the convenience of the passengers, this Corporation is maintaining Motels at Barliyar and Hasanoor.
- Training Institutes are functioning at Coimbatore, Bhavanisagar, Pollachi and Ooty for the benefit of employees.

2.20 Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Kumbakonam) Limited, Kumbakonam.

The Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Kumbakonam) Limited, Kumbakonam is headed by the Managing Director functioning with headquarters at Kumbakonam. The Regional

offices of this Corporation are functioning at Kumbakonam, Tiruchirappalli, Karaikudi, Pudukottai, Nagapattinam and Karur.

As on 31.07.2021, the Corporation has 60 depots, the fleet strength is 3,426 and its operating 3,335 scheduled services. The total staff strength is 20,802.

The various types of services operated are Ordinary, Express, Super deluxe buses and 3 x 2 Seater Air-Condition buses. This Corporation has body building Units at Poraiyar, Karur (Manmangalam), Karaikudi and Pudukottai with reconditioning Units, Retreading Plants at Kumbakonam, Tiruchirappalli, Devakottai and Pudukottai.

The Operational jurisdiction of the Corporation spread over in 11 Revenue Districts and Inter-State bus operation to Puducherry, Karaikkal. Since, the World famous Velankanni

Shrine, World heritage monument Thanjai Brihadeeswarar Temple, Srirangam Temple, Navagraha Temples, Samayapuram Temple located in the operational area, it has the unique operation to these Pilgrim centres on auspicious days. During festival seasons special bus facilities are provided to the other pilgrim places viz. Palani, Thayamangalam, Nagoor and Erwadi Dargahs etc.

Air-Condition Vehicles

Initially a new type of Air-condition Vehicles with 3 x 2 seating pattern was introduced in Tiruchirappalli and Karur Region. In order to attract more passengers, 52 Air-condition buses are being operated in all 6 Regions.

This Corporation earns additional revenue through permitting commercial advertisement boards in buses and advertising on the depots compound walls.

Solar Power

10 Kilowatt Solar Top Roof Panel was installed at Kumbakonam Head Office by which savings were realised upto 20% of electricity charges.

2.21 Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Madurai) Limited, Madurai.

The Corporation is headed by a Managing Director with headquarters at Madurai. The Regional Offices of this Corporation are functioning at Madurai, Dindigul and Virudhunagar for monitoring the operation of services viz., Town, Mofussil and Ghat Services.

- As on 31.07.2021, the total number of depots is 40, the fleet strength of the Corporation is 2,328 and it operates 2,166 scheduled services.
- The total staff strength is 14,320 as on 31.07.2021. The various types of services

operated are Ordinary, Express and Air-condition buses.

- This Corporation have body building units at Madurai, Batlagundu and Virudhunagar.
- This Corporation earns additional revenue through permitting commercial advertisement boards in buses and advertising on the depots compound walls.
- Under the installation of highly modernized Simulator Driver Training, 210 drivers have benefited in Madurai, Dindigul and Virudhunagar Regions.
- Roof top Solar power plant has been proposed in the depots / Regional Offices.
- This Corporation provides monthly season tickets both in City and Mofussil services for the benefit of the Passengers.
- This Corporation also operates 30 night city services.
- Passenger Audio Announcement System (PAAS) was introduced in 75 City buses plying in Madurai City.

- During festivals, the Corporation operates special buses to (1) Veerapandi (2) Irukkankudi (3) Velankanni (4) Palani (5) Sri Sabarimalai Ayyappan Temple (6) AlagarKovil (7) Thiruchendur Temple (8) Masaniamman Temple (9) Thiruvannamalai Temple and (10) Thirupparankundram Temple.
- The Corporation is operating four special vehicles daily to Madurai Meenakshi Amman Temple for the benefit of the pilgrims from other states.
- Madurai is an ancient city having many tourist places, the Corporation operates Tourist Buses based on the needs of the public to Arulmigu Subramaniya Swamy Temple at Thiruparankundram, located at 10 Kms from Madurai and Kallalagar Thirukoil located nearly 23 Kms from Madurai.

2.22 Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Tirunelveli) Limited, Tirunelveli

The Corporation is headed by a Managing Director. It has its headquarters in Tirunelveli. Regional Offices of this Corporation are functioning at Tirunelveli, Nagercoil and Thoothukudi for monitoring the operation of services and the Corporation also operates Town and Mofussil Services.

- As on 31.07.2021, the total number of depots are 30. The fleet strength of the Corporation is 1,773 and it operates 1,661 scheduled services. The total staff strength is 10,615. The various types of services operated by this Corporation are Ordinary, Express, Super Deluxe and Air-condition buses.
- This Corporation is operating buses to important pilgrim and tourist centres such as Tiruchendur, Sankarankoil,

Srivilliputhur, Uvari, Kanniyakumari and Courtallam.

- Night service buses are being operated at Tirunelveli City and Nagercoil Town.
- 53 additional trips for women and children are being operated in 24 routes in Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi and Nagercoil Regions.
- This Corporation earns additional revenue through permitting commercial advertisement boards in buses and advertising on the depots compound walls.
- A Driving Range for special training to drivers has been constructed at Ranithottam in Kanniyakumari District.

CHAPTER-3

TAMIL NADU TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION LIMITED

3.1 Introduction of Tamil Nadu Transport Development Finance Corporation Limited

Tamil Nadu Transport Development Finance Corporation Limited (TDFC Ltd), Chennai is wholly owned by the Government of Tamil Nadu and commenced functioning on 25.03.1975. It is a Non-banking Finance Company registered with Reserve Bank of India. The main objective is moping up of funds from the public, Government Departments / Board / Undertakings for capital & working capital requirement of the STUs by way of mobilising deposits.

3.2 Financial Performance

Tamil Nadu Transport Development Finance Corporation Limited has been earning profit every

year since its inception from the year 1975. The profit earned from 2019-2020 is given below:-

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Year	Profit before waiver of interest	Waiver of interest to STUs	Profit after waiver of interest but before tax	Income tax	Profit after tax
2019-2020	1874.64	-	1874.64	656.24	1218.40
2020-2021	6145.75	-	6145.75	1236.72	4909.03
2021-2022 (Upto July 2021)	2083.29	-	2083.29	524.32	1558.97

3.3 Deposits

Public and other investors have confidence and trust in TDFC Ltd., as an investment avenue. Total deposits with TDFC Ltd., as on 31.07.2021 is Rs.7,228.56 Crore.

3.4 Interest rates on deposits

The interest offered on deposits is revised based on market conditions as well as depending

upon demand and repayment position of the STUs. It has fixed the interest rates on par with the rates of other Government owned financial institutions. The present rate of interest on deposits with TDFC Ltd., is as follows:-

Period	Interest rate on deposits (Interest compounded quarterly) From 18.01.2021	
	Public	Senior citizen
12 months	7.00%	7.25%
24 months	7.25%	7.50%
36 to 48 months	7.75%	8.25%
60 months	8.00%	8.50%

3.5 Deposit Schemes

At present, TDFC Ltd., is operating following two schemes of deposits:-

Description	Scheme I	Scheme II
	Periodic Interest Payment Scheme (PIPS)	Money Multiplier Scheme (MMS)
Minimum Deposit	Rs.50,000/-	Rs.50,000/-
Period (in months)	24,36,48 & 60	12, 24, 36, 48, & 60
Payment of interest	24 Months – Quarterly 36-60 Months – Monthly, Quarterly & Annually	On maturity (interest compounded on Quarterly basis)

3.6 Deposit under Girls child Protection Scheme

This scheme has been sponsored by the Government of Tamil Nadu along with the Department of Social welfare. As on 31.07.2021,

there are 83,657 depositors under Girl Child Protection Scheme with a sum of Rs.12.67 Crore.

3.7 Funds of the Company

The total resource base of TDFC Ltd., as on 31.07.2021 is given below:-

(Rs. in Crore)

Share Capital – (a) Government (b) STUs	2032.10 18.71 -----	2050.81
Reserves & Surplus		183.24
Deposits		7,228.56
Borrowings from SBI and Bank of Baroda		3,439.00
Total		12,901.61

3.8 Loans

During the year 2021-2022 (Upto July 2021), financial assistance has been extended to the STUs as indicated below:-

(Rs. in Crore)

Types of loans	Amount
1. Hire Purchase Loan	-
2. Short term loan from Bank	-
3. Term Loan for Working capital	3,333.17
Total	3,333.17

Tamil Nadu Transport Development Finance Corporation Limited has extended financial assistance to the State Transport Undertakings as given below:-

(Rs. in Crore)

Year	Finance Assistance
2019-2020	6,190.11
2020-2021	7,725.25
2021-2022 (upto July 2021)	3,333.17

3.9 Loan Outstanding as on 31.07.2021

(Rs in Crore)

STU Name	Principal Outstanding			
	HP Loan	ST Loan	LT Loan	Total
TNSTC (Coimbatore) Ltd	123.26	481.41	1,698.97	2,303.64
TNSTC (Kumbakonam) Ltd	152.95	338.31	1,154.61	1,645.87
TNSTC (Madurai) Ltd	51.33	282.12	1,106.28	1,439.73
MTC (Chennai) Ltd	185.57	289.40	1,290.93	1,765.90
SETC Tamil Nadu Ltd	202.33	159.62	1,019.95	1,381.90
TNSTC (Salem) Ltd	123.95	244.70	982.66	1,351.31
TNSTC (Tirunelveli) Ltd	58.41	427.10	1,434.25	1,919.76
TNSTC (Villupuram) Ltd	155.43	316.34	873.31	1,345.08
Total	1,053.23	2,539.00	9,560.96	13,153.19

3.10 Lending rates on new loans

Tamil Nadu Transport Development Finance Corporation Limited has revised the lending rates in respect of fresh loans to all STUs to match the average lending rate with deposit rate as follows:-

	Interest Rate	With effect from
Hire Purchase Loan.	7.60%	01.04.2019
Rs.600 Crore Hire Purchase Loan vide G.O. (Ms) No.26, Transport (A) Dept., dated 28.02.2019.	2.00%	28.02.2019
Rs.302.06 Crore Hire Purchase Loan vide G.O. (Ms) No.117, Transport (T1) Dept., dated 10.7.2019.	2.00%	24.07.2019
Rs.150/- Crore Hire Purchase Loan vide G.O. (Ms) No. 26, Transport (T1) Dept., dated 26.02.2020.	2.00%	26.02.2020
Short Term Loan (TDFC Fund).	8.50%	01.04.2019
Long Term Loan (TDFC Fund).	7.65%	
Long Term Loan.	8.15%	01.04.2020
Cash Credit Facility Availed from SBI Rs.900 Crore.	7.95%	30.09.2019
Short Term Loan From Bank – SBI Rs.1200 Crore.	7.20%	29.06.2020
Short Term Loan From Bank – SBI Rs.1900 Crore.	6.25%	30.09.2020
Short Term Loan From Bank – BOB Rs.639 Crore.	6.25%	26.03.2021

3.11 Streamlining of working capital arrangements to STUs

Tamil Nadu Transport Development Finance Corporation Limited has availed Rs.3,100 Crore with Government Guarantee from State bank of India due to COVID-19 Lock Down and non-generation of revenue by STUs and disbursed to STUs to meet out their working capital requirements in the year 2020-2021. Out of this, working capital loan of Rs.1,200/- Crore has been repaid to the State Bank of India on 22.04.2021. Further Rs.639/- Crore has been availed from Bank of Baroda with Government Guarantee on 26.03.2021 and disbursed to STUs to settle their outstanding dues to Oil companies.

CHAPTER-4

THE INSTITUTE OF ROAD TRANSPORT

4.1 Introduction of Institute of Road Transport

The Institute of Road Transport (IRT) was started in Chennai in the year 1976 as a society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. The main objective of IRT is applied research on issues pertaining to refresher training to all State Transport Undertakings employees, traffic, transportation, road safety and bus system management. It performs tests on samples of spare parts procured by the State Transport Undertakings in Tamil Nadu.

4.2 Heavy Vehicle Driver Training Schools

The Institute of Road Transport is at present running Heavy Vehicle Driver Training (HVDT) Schools at Gummidipoondi and Tiruchirappalli and

in 15 places in association with the State Transport Undertakings as given below:

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|---------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Tiruvallur | 6. Madurai | 11. Pollachi |
| 2. Vellore | 7. Dindigul | 12. Erode |
| 3. Villupuram | 8. Tirunelveli | 13. Kumbakonam |
| 4. Salem | 9. Nagercoil | 14. Karaikudi |
| 5. Dharmapuri | 10. Virudhunagar | 15. Pudukkottai |

The number of candidates trained in Heavy Vehicle Driver Training (HVDT) Course and Refresher Training Course is given below:-

Sl. No.	Location	Number of Candidates Trained		
		Upto 2019-2020	During 2020-2021	2021-2022 (Upto July 2021)
1	Gummidipoondi	23,515	758	267
2	Tiruchirappalli	2,519	48	19
3	Other STUs HVDT Centres	36,248	305	116
TOTAL		62,282	1,111	402
4	Refresher Training Programmes in Gummidipoondi Centre	64,011	1,385	226

4.3 Light Motor Vehicle (LMV) Driver Training Schools

Two Driver Training Schools were started during the year 1997-1998 one at Chennai and another at Tiruchirappalli for imparting LMV Training. Now LMV Training is going on in Institute of Road and Transport Technology (IRTT) Erode also. The details of number of candidates trained in LMV Driving are given below:-

Sl. No.	Location	Number of candidates trained		
		Upto 2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022 (Upto July 2021)
1.	Taramani, Chennai	2,817	173	15
2.	Tiruchirappalli	1069	30	13
3.	Erode	350	-	16
TOTAL		4,236	203	44

The Institute is conducting one day training course to the transport vehicle drivers before

renewal of their licence as per the orders of the Government. The details of number of candidates trained are given below:-

Sl. No.	Location	Number of candidates trained		
		Upto 2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022 (Upto July 2021)
1.	Taramani,	6,747	342	50
2.	Gummidipoondi	3,420	188	3
3.	Tiruchirappalli	25,254	345	19
TOTAL		35,421	875	72

4.4 Skill up-gradation Training Programme

The Institute conducts skill up-gradation training programmes for the employees of State Transport Undertakings in IRT, Taramani and IRTT, Erode by preparing an Annual Calendar. The Institute has so far conducted 1,944 such training programmes in which 41,055 employees have benefited upto 31.07.2021.

The Institute also conducts Departmental Examinations for Executives and Non-Executives

for all the State Transport Undertakings for further promotion to the next level.

4.5 Publication of IRT

The Research Wing of IRT has published as many as 526 Research Reports and 30 Consultancy Reports. The Research Wing has also published an Accident Investigation Manual, which serves as a Guide to the STUs while investigating the accidents in which the State Transport Undertaking vehicles are involved.

A Quarterly Journal titled, "Journal of Road Transport" is published by the IRT containing information on Road Transport, Road Safety, Electronic Ticketing and Accident analysis.

4.6 Procurement activities

The Institute of Road Transport is also acting as a Nodal Agency for purchase of major items like Chassis, Tyres, Fully Built Buses, Bus

Body Construction, Printing and supply of Tickets, Re-treading Materials and Lubricants to cater to the needs of State Transport Undertakings.

4.7 Education Institutions

Institute of Road and Transport Technology was started in 1984 at Chithode in Erode District with a special emphasis on Automobile Research under the aegis of IRT for imparting Under Graduate Engineering Degree Courses to the public and children of employees of State Transport Undertakings. The total annual intake of students for Under Graduate and Post Graduate Degree Courses is 462. So far 9,902 B.E. Graduates, 228 M.E. (Structural), and 35 ME (CSE) Post Graduates have completed these courses from this Engineering College.

The Higher Education Department has issued orders (G.O (Ms) No.165, Higher Education (J2) Department, Dated: 27.08.2021) converting the college into a Government Engineering

College from this academic year (2021-2022) with seat protection of 35% to the wards of State Transport Undertakings in admission.

The total number of seats available and the split up of the seats filled are as detailed below:-

Sl. No.	Description	Total No. of Seats	No. of Seats filled under	
			Government Quota	Management Quota
1.	Bachelor Degree Courses	462	300(65%)	162 (35%)
2.	Master Degree – M.E. (Structural)	24	16(65%)	8(35%)
3.	Master Degree – M.E. (CSE)	12	8(65%)	4(35%)

The Institute of Road Transport also started three Polytechnics at Chromepet (Chennai), Bargur and Tirunelveli. At present, Diploma in Engineering Courses are offered in four branches with a total annual intake of 770 Students. As many as 10,107 students have completed

Diploma in Engineering Course in these three Polytechnic Colleges upto 31.07.2021.

The total number of seats available and the split up of the seats filled are as detailed below:-

Sl. No.	Description	Total No. of Seats	No. of Seats filled under	
			Government Quota	Management Quota
1.	Diploma in Engineering	770	385 (50%)	385 (50%)

4.8 Material Testing and Quality Monitoring

The Material Testing Laboratory has facilities to test 54 different automobile components as per Association of State Road Transport Undertakings (ASRTU) and BIS Specifications. The Laboratory has tested 5,916 samples upto 31.07.2021.

CHAPTER-5

PALLAVAN TRANSPORT CONSULTANCY SERVICES LIMITED

Pallavan Transport Consultancy Services Limited, (PTCS) was established in April 1984 as a wholly owned Company of Government of Tamil Nadu with an Authorized share Capital of Rs.50.00 lakhs with a paid up Share Capital of Rs.10.00 lakhs. Its core objective is to provide Consultancy services in the area of Road Transport.

PTCS offers Consultancy assignments in the areas of Information Technology, Traffic and Transportation, Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) and document digitization. It is engaged in the Projects of (1) Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Chennai Bus Rapid Transit Systems (BRTS) for TNIDB, (2) Monitoring the functioning and Technical coordination for Online Ticket Reservation System (OTRS) for STUs.

CHAPTER-6

TAMIL NADU MOTOR VEHICLES MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

6.1 Introduction of Tami Nadu Motor Vehicles Maintenance Department

The Tamil Nadu Motor Vehicles Maintenance Department is functioning for the maintenance of Government Department Vehicles under the control of the Director. The department comprises 20 Government Automobile Workshops which are situated in Chennai and various District Head Quarters all over the State. The department has three Regional Deputy Directorates under the control of Regional Deputy Directors at Tiruchirappalli, Madurai and Salem.

The 20 Unit Workshops are located in the following places.

1	Chennai	6	Vellore	11	Cuddalore	16	Ramanathapuram
2	Salem	7	Erode	12	Kancheepuram	17	Tirunelveli
3	Dharmapuri	8	Thiruchirappalli	13	Villupuram	18	Virudhunagar
4	Coimbatore	9	Thanjavur	14	Madurai	19	Thoothukudi
5	Ooty	10	Dindigul	15	Sivagangai	20	Nagercoil

The Main objective of this Department is to provide quality and proper service to the maintenance needs of all the Government departmental vehicles in an economical and efficient manner.

6.2 Government Central Automobile Workshop

In this Department, the Central Automobile Workshop, at Chennai under the control of General Manager, looks after the maintenance needs of Hon'ble Chief Minister's convoy vehicles, Hon'ble Minister's, VVIP's, Secretaries to Government and other Departmental Officials

vehicles. As per the policy decision of the Government, New Generation Hi-tech vehicles are being purchased by the State Government Departments to avail the advantages of modern technology, fuel economy, safety and comfort aspects. The maintenance needs of these new generation Hi-tech vehicles are being carried out at Government Central Automobile Workshop, Chennai.

6.3 Government Automobile Workshops at District level

Three Government Automobile Workshops at Tiruchirappalli, Madurai and Salem are functioning under the control of Regional Deputy Directors. Other unit Offices at Coimbatore, Vellore, Dharmapuri, Nagercoil, Cuddalore, Erode, Thanjavur, Ramanathapuram, Kancheepuram, Tirunelveli and Dindigul are functioning for the maintenance of Government Department Vehicles,

under the control of Automobile Engineers and unit offices at Thoothukudi, Villupuram, Ooty, Virudhunagar and Sivagangai are functioning under the control of Technical Assistant / General Foreman.

This Department is looking after repairs and maintenance needs of nearly 21,469 Government Departmental vehicles, plying throughout the State. A Secretariat Service Station is functioning at Secretariat to carry out minor and petty repairs to VIP vehicles and the supply of fuels for the vehicles of Secretaries to Government. There are 10 Fuel dispensing bunks functioning under the control of this Department.

Total number of vehicles for which repairs carried out by this department during the year 2021-2022 (upto 31.07.2021) is 7,790.

Driver Training Centres have already been started in Government Automobile Workshops at

Salem, Tiruchirapalli and Madurai of this department for developing skill of drivers and also to refresh the Government Department drivers working in various Government Departments.

6.4 Government Automobile Mobile Workshop

Government Automobile Mobile Workshops are functioning at two districts on pilot basis at Tiruchirappalli and Thanjavur. Since the Government Automobile Workshops are functioning only at 20 Districts headquarters, the Government Vehicles in other districts and places where the Government Automobile Workshops are not available have to be brought to the nearest Government Automobile Workshop, for the repair and maintenance works. For this purpose, the vehicle has to travel a long distance, which will also cause more fuel consumption. To avoid these difficulties, two Government Automobile Mobile

Workshops are functioning at Tiruchirappalli and Thanjavur.

These Mobile Automobile Workshops visit the nearby districts of Tiruchirappalli, Thanjavur and satisfy the maintenance needs of the Government Vehicles plying in the Districts of Pudukottai, Ariyalur, Perambalur, Nagapattinam, Tiruvarvur and Mayiladudurai, where the Government Automobile Workshops are not available.

6.5 Condemnation and Disposal of Condemned Vehicles

As per the guidelines issued in the G.O. (Ms) No.2275 Home (Transport-E) department dated 10.10.1990 Tamil Nadu Motor Vehicles Maintenance Department is looking after the condemnation and disposal of the State Government Department Vehicles. This Department is also empowered to condemn all the

Quasi-Government / Board / Central Government Department vehicles, as per the existing norms for this purpose.

The condemned vehicles are disposed through e-auction, conducted by M/s. MSTC, as per the G.O. (Ms) No.51 Transport (H2) Department, dated 06.05.2019 after surrendering the registration certificate book of the vehicle to the concerned Regional Transport Office.

The numbers of Government Department Vehicles condemned in different categories from 01.04.2021 to 31.07.2021 are as follows:-

H.M.V	Car	Jeep	Van	M/C	TOTAL
10	26	60	21	63	180

CHAPTER-7

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CO-ORDINATION AIRPORTS AND RAILWAY PROJECTS

7.1 Transport Department acts as nodal department for acquiring lands for expansion of Airports and doubling / formation of new Railway line in the State of Tamil Nadu in liaison with District Collectors and Commissioner of Land Administration.

7.2 Airport Expansion Projects in Tamil Nadu

As per the earlier policy decision taken during the year 2007, Transport Department of Tamil Nadu acquiring lands and hand over the same on free of cost and without any encumbrance to the Airports Authority of India in order to construct a new Airport/ expansion of Airport.

Chennai Airport:

Airports Authority of India has requested the State Government to acquire 64.57 acres of patta land and alienation of 11.58 acres of poramboke land. Acquisition of patta land is in various stages for expansion of runways, providing simple approach lighting facility, construction of hangers & construction of parallel taxi track, installation of CAT approach lighting, establishing fuel farm etc.,

Further, action is also being taken separately to transfer 16.89 acres of Defence land to Airports Authority of India in consultation with Ministry of Defence.

Madurai Airport:

Madurai Airport is an important Airport in Southern Districts and catering the needs of Madurai and surrounding districts. Considering its importance, Airports Authority of India decided to go for expansion. Accordingly Land Plan Schedule

is received and have given administrative sanction for acquisition of 460.15 acres of patta land, which have been acquired and handed over to Airports Authority of India. The poramboke lands required for Airport expansion is 161.53 acres, out of which 75.38 acres have already been alienated, balance 86.15 acres (Water course poramboke) is under process at office of the Commissioner of Land Administration.

Coimbatore Airport:

Government have accorded Administrative Sanction to acquire / transfer 612.97 acres of patta land / poramboke land for the Extension of Runway at Coimbatore Airport and hand over the lands to the Airports Authority of India free of cost and free from all encumbrances. During the time of field inspection, the original extent has been increased to 627.89 acre (612.97+14.92). Out of which, the Revised Administrative sanction has been accorded only for an extent of

490.27 acre (461.90 acre of patta & 28.37 acre of poramboke lands) in 2017. Action is being taken by the District Collector, Coimbatore to alienate 28.37 acres of poramboke lands and 3.3 acres of other department lands. Totally 134.54 acres of Defence lands are required for Airport expansion. Steps are being taken to transfer the Defence land to Airports Authority of India for use of Coimbatore Airport expansion.

Tiruchirapalli Airport:

Administrative sanction was accorded to acquire 294.06 acres of patta land, 33.23 acres of poramboke land and 337.49 acres of defence land. So far, 38.88 acres of patta land have been acquired and acquisition is in different stages for remaining 255.18 acres of patta lands.

Action is being taken by the District Collector, Tiruchirappalli for alienation of poramboke lands and alienation proposals to the

extent of 33.23 acres have been sent to the Commissioner of Land Administration, Chennai.

Defence lands to the total extent of 337.49 acres have been identified for the expansion purpose. State Government suggested for exchange of land in lieu of Defence lands.

Salem Airport:

The Government have accorded administrative sanction for acquisition of 535.10 acres of patta land and alienation of 32.33 acres of poramboke lands. The land acquisition work is under process to acquire patta land. The works of alienation of poramboke lands is being attended by the District Collector.

Thoothukudi Airport:

The Government have accorded Administrative sanction for acquisition / alienation of 605.77 acres and Land Acquisition works have been completed and the lands handed over to the

Airports Authority of India. Further, 96.79 acres of land is required for alternating of Theri Road in connection with further expansion of Thoothukudi Airport and is under process.

7.3 Regional Air Connectivity – UDAN

In order to encourage Air travel at affordable price, the Ministry of Civil Aviation has introduced Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) – UDAN. The Government of Tamil Nadu have entered Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Civil Aviation for implementation of Regional Air Connectivity - UDAN in the State of Tamil Nadu. Following concessions are provided by the Government of Tamil Nadu to RCS Airports.

- The VAT (Value Added Tax) has been reduced to 1% on ATF (Air Turbine Fuel) at RCS Airports and for RCS flights.
- The Security and Fire services to RCS Airports have been provided at free of cost.

- 20% of VGF (Viability Gap Fund) as State share will be provided to the airline operators from Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Development Fund (TNIDF).
- Conditional subsidy will be provided to each functional UDAN – Airport to ensure that at least 50% of seats are sold at the rate per seat.

Salem Airport:

The Flight operation from Salem Airport has commenced from 25.03.2018 which was most welcomed by the travelling passengers.

Neyveli Airport:

The infrastructure facilities for flight operation at Neyveli Airport are ready and license from Director General of Civil Aviation is awaited and flight operations will be commenced thereafter.

Hosur Airport:

The Government of Tamil Nadu is taking all possible steps to develop the Hosur Airport and divisions in the Ministry of Civil Aviation has conducted technical feasibility for the conversion of private airport into public airport. Since the airport does not possess any passenger facility, and the technical team inspected Hosur Airport and assessed approximate requirement of Rs.30 Crore for taking up civil and electrical works and extending of additional 75 meters on either side of the existing runway. The Ministry of Civil Aviation has informed to the Government of Tamil Nadu to provide funds for construction of civil and electrical works to provide necessary passenger facilities. The Government of Tamil Nadu have informed its willingness to invest and develop Hosur Airport as a full-fledged airport.

Vellore Airport:

The Government have accorded administrative sanction for acquisition of 10 acres of patta land and alienation of 51.57 acres of poramboke lands to expand the existing Vellore airport developed during World War II. Land Acquisition works are under way besides re-routing of the State Highway.

7.4 Railway Projects in Tamil Nadu

(i) Railway Line Doubling Projects

Villupuram – Dindigul Doubling with Electrification:

This is the main artery line connecting Northern and Southern Tamil Nadu, movement of passengers traffic and goods are very high. Government have accorded Administrative Sanction for acquisition of 319.93 acres of patta land and 121.67 acres of poramboke land in

6 districts namely, Villupuram, Cuddalore, Perambalur, Ariyalur, Trichy and Dindigul for doubling of railway line with electrification. So far 144.16 acres of patta land have been acquired and acquisition is in different stages for remaining 175.77 acres of patta land. But based on the enter upon permission already given, construction of doubling works have been completed. Changes carryout into Revenue Records are under progress. The proposal for alienation of poramboke lands is under process at District level.

Omalur – Mettur Dam Doubling:

Government have accorded Administrative Sanction for acquisition of 61.16 acres of patta land and 11.00 acres of poramboke land in 15 villages of Salem District and acquisition works have already been completed and updating of Revenue records are under process. The proposal

for alienation of poramboke land is under process at District level.

Madurai – Thoothukudi Doubling:

This project covers Madurai, Virudhunagar and Thoothukudi Districts. Government have accorded Administrative Sanction for acquisition of 245.23 acres of patta land and 48.12 acres of poramboke land. The special staff for land acquisition have also been sanctioned, land acquisition works are under various stages.

Kanniyakumari – Thiruvananthapuram Doubling:

It covers three stretches viz., Kanniyakumari to Nagercoil, Nagercoil to Eraniel and Eraniel to Parassala. Government have accorded administrative sanction for acquisition of 10.81 acres of land between Kanniyakumari to Nagercoil. Administrative Sanction was issued recently for Nagercoil to Eraniel for an extent of

26.25 acres. Proposal for issuing of Administrative Sanction to Eraniel – Parassala stretch is under process.

Maniyachi – Nagercoil Doubling:

This project covers three districts viz., Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi and Kanniyakumari. Government have accorded, Administrative Sanction for acquisition of 208.41 acres of patta land and 39.48 acres of poramboke land. The special staff for attending land acquisition works for this project have been sanctioned and land acquisition works are in process.

(ii) Railway New Line Projects

Milavittan – Melamaruthur (Madurai – Thoothukudi via Aruppukottai New Line):

This New line will provide vital connectivity to Thoothukudi port and upcoming power plants in the region. An extent of 175.58 acres of patta land in Thoothukudi district has already been acquired and handed over to Southern Railway.

Laying of railway track have been already completed for about 17.15 km from Vadakkusilukanpati to Melamaruthur except for a distance of 200 meter due to construction of bridge at Valasamuthiram Village in Ottapidaram Taluk of Thoothukudi District. The proposal for alienation of 10.47 acres of poramboke land is under process at District level.

Chinna Salem – Kallakurichi Broad Gauge line:

This is the new railway line connecting Chinna Salem to Kallakurichi for about 16 km. The Government have accorded, Administrative Sanction for acquisition of 118.63 acres of patta land and 7.51 acres of poramboke land in 11 villages of Kallakurichi District. Award passed for an extent of 36.60 acres of patta lands and handed over to Southern Railway. Acquisition is in various stages to acquire remaining 74.52 acres of patta land. Alienation of 7.51 acres of

poramboke land is being processed by the District Collector.

Tindivanam – Nagari Broad Gauge line:

The proposed line is to connect between Tindivanam (Tamil Nadu) – Nagari (Andhra Pradesh), this line will pass through four Districts namely Villupuram, Tiruvannamalai, Ranipet and Tiruvallur Districts. Government have accorded Administrative Sanction for acquisition of 1345.22 acres of patta land and 299.89 acres of poramboke land. Award passed for an extent of 194.61 acres. Acquisition is in various stages to acquire remaining 1150.61 acres of patta lands. Alienation of 299.89 acres of poramboke land is being processed by the District Collectors.

3rd and 4th New line between Chennai Beach – Korrukupet:

The alignment of this 3rd and 4th lines traverses through districts of Chennai and

Tiruvallur and it will help augmentation of passenger carrying capacity of sub-urban rail between Chennai Beach and Gummidipoondi section. Government have accorded Administrative Sanction for acquisition of 506 Sq.mt. It is in the award passing stage.

Construction of 4th New line between Korukupet to Ennore:

The Southern Railway earlier submitted Land Plan Schedule to acquire 12516 Sq.mt of land for construction of 4th line between Korukupet to Ennore, but now the Revised Land Plan Schedule has been received for an extent of 12629 Sq.mt. which is under process for issue of Administrative Sanction.

Formation of 3rd and 4th line between Korukupet to Ennore

Government have accorded Administrative Sanction for acquisition of 2429 Sq.mt. But requisition body has now submitted Revised Land

Plan Schedule for 537 sq.mt and the proposal is under process at Office of the Commissioner of Land Administration.

CHAPTER-8

ROAD SAFETY MEASURES

8.1 Road Safety

Tamil Nadu is one of the States with the highest number of motor vehicles in the Country and now it has crossed 3 Crore. Also, the State has the most number of vehicle movements when compared to the other States of the Country, which results in heavy traffic, accidents on the road and more pollution. State Transport Undertakings are the shareholders in Road Safety.

The Government vision is moving towards an accident free Tamil Nadu. The Transport Department is working closely with the Transport Commissionerate to achieve the vision through State Transport Undertakings.

The State Road Safety Commissionerate takes up the Road Safety activities in the State. The Transport Commissioner has been nominated

as Road Safety Commissioner. The Commissioner will monitor the field level activities and advise the Government on the policies to be evolved on road safety.

8.2 State Road Safety Council

Tamil Nadu has already brought road safety policy into reality, institutional arrangements have been created in the State and District level. A high level body of the State Road Safety Council has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Transport with 20 members to review Road Safety measures that arise in this State. The Council meets once in every three months.

8.3 District Road Safety Committee

The District Road Safety Committee functions in each District under the Chairmanship of the District Collectors and it reviews Road Safety measures that arise in the districts. This

Committee has been entrusted with the job of considering various measures needed for road safety measures that arise in their districts. This District Road Safety Committee shall meet once a month regularly. This Committee promotes road safety, prepares road safety plans with special attention to the accident prone spots/stretches, maintenance of roads, drivers training, accident analysis, publicity initiatives and efforts, traffic planning, highway patrol, passenger amenities etc. in the Districts.

As far as Chennai City is concerned, a District Road Safety Committee for Chennai under the Chairmanship of Commissioner of Police, Chennai has been constituted to address various Road Safety related issues in Chennai City.

8.4 Road Safety Fund

The Government have constituted "The Road Safety Fund" out of the receipts of compounding fees and spot fines collected by the

Transport/Police Departments to finance road safety activities. The Road Safety Fund is administered by an Inter-Departmental Committee headed by the Home Secretary. The allocations have been made every year to the Road Safety fund.

8.5 Road Accident Data Management System (RADMS)

RADMS (Road Accident Data Management System) is a software management system implemented by the Tamil Nadu Road Sector (TNRS) Project to collect and analyse the data regarding the road accident which would help to identify the causes of the accident so that appropriate preventive measures can be taken.

In the above said system, the Police Department will feed the data into the RADMS with which they are concerned in the appropriate columns of the Accident Reporting Form and escalate the same to the other user department,

namely Transport Department. The Transport Department will fill up the details regarding the Motor Vehicles and escalate further to the Highways Department to fill up the data pertaining to them. After completing this task various kinds of reports can be generated from the RADMS.

8.6 Specific Measures for Road Safety

To prevent road accidents and to save precious lives involved in the accidents, the strategy of the Government on road safety measures is focused on three major thrust areas i.e.,

- i) Preventive measures.
- ii) Emergency care during golden hour.
- iii) Enforcement measures.

In order to analyze every case of fatal accidents taking place in this State, an Inter-Departmental team of officers comprising Police,

Transport and Highways departments has been constituted. This interdepartmental team visits the accident spot on the same day or at the most the very next day, make a comprehensive study from different angles, prepares a detailed report after may critically analyzing the data and offers specific information and suggests suitable measures, preventive, remedial and punitive that have to be initiated to avert such incidents in future.

8.7 Road Safety Week

Road safety week is observed regularly in January Month to bring road safety awareness among the road users.

The Government is actively working to enhance road safety measures and reduce the accidents involving State Transport Undertakings buses. Reductions in fatalities year on year are observed in which buses were involved.

The accidents are being analysed for their causes with respect to areas of buses, period of the day, frequencies of the particular months, categories of road users, gender, age group, drivers accident history and his eyes vision tests etc and constant trainings are being given to the drivers to reduce the accidents and ultimately eliminate the same.

The Institute of Road Transport has published an Accident Investigation Manual which serves as a guide to the STUs while investigating the accidents in which State Transport Undertakings buses are involved.

8.8 Measures taken by STUs to reduce the Road Accidents

- i. Periodical training of the drivers and conductors and coordination with other departments and stakeholders initiated.
- ii. Hot spots have been mapped.

- iii. Use of cell phones by drivers while driving the vehicle is prohibited.
- iv. At the time of driver shed out of bus from depot, breath analyzer test conducted.
- v. Surprise breath analyzing tests by the squads of Transport Department / Undertakings are being conducted to detect cases of drunken driving, if any and periodical regulatory monitoring by the department including through the Police department.
- vi. Crew rest rooms are being upgraded with modern facilities to ensure proper rest.
- vii. In the identified hot spot, with the help of the Highways, NHAI and Police Department, action is being taken to prevent accidents by improving roads, signage and traffic movements in accident prone areas.
- viii. The Chief Minister's Awards are given to drivers to encourage accident free driving.
- ix. There has been a decreasing number of accidents involving STUs buses in the last

few years. The details of fatal accidents are as follows:-

Year	No. of Bus services	No. of Fatal accidents	Total No. of Fatalities
2019-2020 (Pre-COVID)	19,290	867	969
2020-2021 (During COVID)	19,290	343	381
2021-2022 (During COVID) (upto July 2021)	19,290	113	123

Conclusion

The Government of Tamil Nadu had a vision in the year 1972 to nationalize the public transport bus system to serve all sections of the society at affordable fare and still maintain the same social cause over a period of five decades. It has the aim to connect the villages to the cities for creating employment opportunities resulting in improving economic level of household, education, market access, social activities etc.,

Development of all modes of transport is indispensable to economic development. Hence, this department continues to play a pivotal role in providing a seamless bus transport system in coordination with MRTS, Sub-Urban rail, Metro Rail in Chennai and development of Railways and Airports in the State.

State Transport Undertakings are taking efforts to increase the bus ridership to reach the

level of before the pandemic. Environment friendly BS-VI compliant diesel buses and electric buses being introduced in Tamil Nadu which will reduce pollution.

The Government issued orders to allow women, differently abled persons with disabilities of 40% and above with escort and transgender persons to travel free on town buses (white boards). This flagship scheme stimulates women to travel in buses for their basic needs like employment, education, social activities etc., and now more than 60% of the passengers travelling in town buses are women. The Government recognizes that an efficient, comfortable and affordable public transport system will increase the modal share of public transport systems with a positive environmental impact.

The Government is in the path of adopting technologies in bus transport to ensure safety and security of women passengers and children.

Delivering real time information like expected time of arrival of a bus at a bus stop through mobile, cashless ticketing system, depot management system, tracking of buses is being introduced.

A cash crunch State Transport Undertakings need other sources for generating revenue. The department is confident to generate out of fare box revenue by modernization of bus depots through commercial exploitation, utilise the available land parcels for creating fuel dispensing stations and installation of solar plants on premises to reduce electricity charges.

This Department will take necessary steps to reduce road accidents towards the Government's vision of accident free Tamil Nadu.

Transport Department is committed to spread the verses of Thirukkural through moving

buses and use of Tamil in all levels of this Department.

The Government will strive to keep the public transport bus system as the predominant mode for the use of the public at affordable fare and also encourage other public transport modes to provide seamless and last mile connectivity in Tamil Nadu.

R.S. RAJAKANNAPPAN
Minister for Transport

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ANNEXURE
DEMAND No. 48
TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT
REVISED BUDGET ESTIMATE 2021-2022

(Rupees in thousands)

Sl. No.	Head of Department	Revenue	Capital	Loan	Total
1	Secretariat	2,811,79,96	2,167,48,81	451,70,01	5,430,98,78
2	Motor Vehicles Maintenance Department	65,65,05	---	---	65,65,05
Total		2,877,45,01	2,167,48,81	451,70,01	5,496,63,83



Review meeting on functioning of Transport Department under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble C.M Thiru. M.K. Stalin was held at Secretariat on 26.07.2021. Hon'ble Minister for Transport Thiru. R.S. Rajakannappan, Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretary (Finance), Additional Chief Secretary (Transport), Special Secretary (Transport) and other High Officials were participated in the above meeting.



Hon'ble Minister for Transport Thiru. R.S. Rajakannappan has handed over a cheque of Rs.14,46,70,635/- one day salary of employees of all STUs for Chief Minister Relief Fund to the Hon'ble C.M Thiru. M.K. Stalin on 07.06.2021. The Additional Chief Secretary (Transport) and other High officials of STUs were presented in the event.



Government sanctioned Rs.497.32 Crore towards retirement dues to 2457 employees of STUs who were retired from January 2020 to April 2020. As token of gesture, the Hon'ble C.M Thiru.M.K. Stalin handed-over Cheque for Statutory Retirement Benefits to 6 Retired Employees of STUs at Secretariat on 02.06.2021. Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources Thiru. Duraimurugan, Hon'ble Minister for Transport Thiru.R.S.Rajakannappan, Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretary (Transport) and other High Officials are presented in the event.



On 07.07.2021, Hon'ble Minister for Transport Thiru. R.S. Rajakannappan, conducted meeting on Rationalization of Transport Department and the Schemes that are to be included in the Budget at the Office of TDFC Limited. Thiru. Dayanand Kataria, I.A.S., Additional Chief Secretary, Transport, Thiru. S. Natarajan, I.A.S., Special Secretary, Transport, and other High Officials of STUs were participated in the above meeting.



Hon'ble Minister for Transport Thiru. R.S. Rajakannappan, inspected fumigation works at MTC Central Depot on 21.06.2021. Thiru. Dayanand Kataria, I.A.S., Additional Chief Secretary, Transport Department and other High Officials of STUs were presented during the inspection.



On 17.07.2021, Hon'ble Minister for Rural Industries Thiru. T.M. Anbarasan and Hon'ble Minister for Transport Thiru. R.S. Rajakannappan, have flag-off operation of 17 buses on 12 new / old routes at Nanganallur and Iyyappanthangal Bus Stands. Thiru. R.S. Bharathi, M.P. and other High Officials of STUs were presented in the event.



On 12.08.2021, Hon'ble Minister for Transport, Thiru. R.S. Rajakannappan and Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare Thiru. Ma. Subramanian have flag-off operation of 23 buses at West Saidapet. High officials of STUs were presented in the event.



Hon'ble Minister for Transport Thiru. R.S. Rajakannappan have flag-off operation of Bus service on new routes at Mudukulathur Bus Stand, Ramanathapuram on 29.07.2021. District Collector Ramanathapuram and High Officials of STUs were presented in the event.



On 20.08.2021, Hon'ble Minister for Law, Courts, Prisons and Prevention of Corruption, Thiru. S. Ragupathy, Hon'ble Minister for Transport, Thiru. R.S. Rajakannappan have flag-off operation of Bus service at Ponnamaravathi Bus Stand, Pudukottai. District Collector, Pudukottai, Dr. Muthuraja, M.L.A, Pudukottai Constituency and Thiru M. Chinnadurai, M.L.A, Gandarvakottai Constituency and High Officials of STUs were presented in the event.

