

**OPENING REMARKS OF SELVI J JAYALALITHAA, HON'BLE
CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU AT THE CONFERENCE
OF POLICE OFFICERS HELD ON 19.12.2012**

Hon'ble Minister of the Government of Tamil Nadu,
Chief Secretary,
Principal Secretary, Home,
Director General of Police,
Senior Police Officers,
District Superintendents of Police and
Delegates of this Conference,

On the first day of the conference of Collectors and Police Officers, we conducted an in-depth analysis of important matters concerning law and order and internal security wherein close co-ordination between the Collector and the Superintendent of Police is required. Now we will be discussing the issues that exclusively concern the Police Department.

Tamil Nadu can justifiably be proud of many firsts in the country, as far as the Police Department is concerned. The scheme of Modernisation of the Police Force was started by me in 1991, way ahead of the introduction of a similar programme by the Government of India in 2001. The concept of All Women Police Stations took shape in my first tenure as Chief Minister in 1992. The Coastal Security Group was started in 1994 again by my Government to intensify vigil along the coastal borders of Tamil Nadu. The Government of India started funding a similar programme 11 years later. The Uniformed Services Recruitment Board was set up in 1991. The Emergency Accident Relief Centres were started in 2002 and the Highway Patrols in 2003 during my second tenure as Chief Minister. The Boys Clubs which have been now renamed as Boys and Girls Clubs were also started in 2003. Police Canteens have been inaugurated in 2012 during my 3rd tenure as Chief Minister and so have outpatient medical dispensaries for Police personnel and their families. The launch of the project for the construction of 36000 houses under the "Own Your House" scheme for Police personnel took place in October 2012. The purchase of well equipped vehicles, arms and ammunition and the provision of increased insurance cover, risk allowance cover, uniform allowances and other allowances have been a matter of priority

for me. It is with the same concern that I announced the Tamil Nadu Special Police Youth Brigade during the Assembly Session in October 2012. Above all, I have ensured an atmosphere of professionalism for policing by keeping it free from nepotism and interference from evil elements outside the Government. In short all the prerequisites for the functioning of a strong efficient and disciplined Police Force have been satisfied. It is, therefore, expected from the senior Police Officers assembled here, that unparalleled results are ensured in the maintenance of law and order and in the control and detection of crime.

Many Police Officers have contributed well during the discussions on the first day of the Conference. The topics listed out in the agenda for discussion today are thought provoking and meaningful. I am sure that your useful contributions on these topics will enable us to make the Police Force function even better. Now, the agenda will be taken up for discussion sequentially to enable us to proceed towards an outcome that will be fruitful and satisfying.

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