

Tamil Nadu bags 3 NREGA Awards
Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development and Local Administration
Thiru.M.K. Stalin Announcement

As per the communication dated 29.1.2009 received from the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, 22 districts of 13 States have been selected for the "*National Level Awards for Excellence in NREGA Administration*" for 2007-08. [There are 612 districts in the 28 States and 7 Union Territories of India]. Three districts of Tamil Nadu – Dindigul, Sivagangai and Cuddalore – are among the 22 districts selected for the Awards.

The Awards will be presented on 2nd February, 2009 during NREGA Sammelan - 2009 at Pusa Campus, New Delhi.

There is no inter-se ranking among the various districts in respect of these Awards. At present, Government of India has instituted Awards only for Districts and there are no such Awards for States.

Along with Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu is the only State to get Awards for 3 Districts. While Andhra Pradesh, Chattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and West Bengal have got Awards for 2 Districts each, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh have got Awards for 1 District each. It is also worth mentioning here that all the 3 Districts that were recommended by the Government of Tamil Nadu were selected for the Awards by the Government of India. This only confirms our averment that Tamil Nadu is among the best performing States in the country in the implementation of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.

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