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On the recommendation of the Chief Minister, His Excellency the Governor of Tamil Nadu has dropped Thiru C.Ve. Shanmugam, Minister for Commercial Taxes & Registration from the Council of Ministers and inducted Tr. P. Mohan, MLA, Sankarapuram Assembly Constituency and the Govt. Chief Whip into the Council of Minister.

H.E. the Governor has also approved following changes in the Portfolios recommended by the Hon'ble Chief Minister:

- (i) The portfolios "Rural Industries including Cottage Industries and Small Industries" may be allocated to Thiru P. Mohan and to designate him as Minister for Rural Industries.
- (ii) Tmt. B. Valarmathi, Minister for Social Welfare will additionally hold the portfolio of "Nutritious Noon Meal Programme" and to designate her as Minister for Social Welfare and Nutritious Noon Meal Programme.
- (iii) The portfolio of "Environment and Pollution Control" may be allocated to Thiru M.C. Sampath and he may be designated as Minister for Environment.
- (iv) The portfolio of Commercial Taxes and Registration and Stamp Act may be allocated to Thiru B.V. Ramanaa and he may be designated as Minister for Commercial Taxes and Registration.
- (v) Thiru N.R. Sivapathy, Minister for School Eduction, Sports & Youth Welfare will additionally hold the portfolio "Law, Courts and Prisons, Personnel and Administrative Reforms and Prevention of Corruption" and he may be designated as Minister for School Education, Sports & Youth Welfare, Law, Courts and Prisons.

The Swearing in of the new Minister will be held at Raj Bhavan on 06.10.2012 at 11.00.a.m.

Raj Bhavan, Chennai – 600 022 Dated:03.10.2012

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR