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HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER AWARDS PONGAL MEDALS TO 1685 POLICE & OTHER UNIFORMED SERVICES PERSONNEL ON THE OCCASION OF PONGAL DAY, 2015

In recognition of the Outstanding Devotion to Duty displayed by personnel of the Police, Fire & Rescue Services, Prison Services departments and with a view towards motivating them the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Medals are announced and awarded on the occasion of Pongal Day, every year.

2. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered that 1500 police personnel in the rank of Police Constables, Head Constables and equivalent ranks be awarded the "Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Constabulary Medals" for this year; 120 Fire and Rescue Services Personnel in the rank of Leading Fireman, Driver Mechanic, Fireman Drivers and Firemen and 60 Prison Service Personnel in the rank of Grade-I Warders are also being awarded the "Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Medals" in recognition of their outstanding

devotion to duty. The monthly medal allowance to the recipients of these Medals is Rs.200/- with effect from 1st February 2015, irrespective of their ranks. These medals will be presented to the recipients, at District Headquarters, in a ceremonial parade on a convenient date to be fixed by the Director General of Police/Director, Fire and Rescue Services and the Additional Director General of Police and Inspector General of Prisons.

3. In addition to the above awards, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered for the award of the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Medal for Excellence in Technical and Specialised Services to 5 personnel, 2 from the Police Radio Branch, 1 Police Photographer and 2 from Dog Squad. The officers in the rank of Constables and Head Constables will receive Rs.3,000/- while those in the levels of Sub-Inspectors to Inspectors and Deputy Superintendents of Police will receive Rs.4,000/- and Rs.6,000/- respectively. This Medal will be presented by the Hon'ble Chief Minister to the recipients at a ceremonial medal parade to be held in due course.

4. Further, Thiru G.Kanagaraj, (Late) Head Constable

2262 of the Tamil Nadu Police Subordinate Service has been

awarded the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Police Medal for

Gallantry (Posthumously) in recognition of his brave act by

sacrificing his life while encountering one Suresh, an anti-social

element in an effort to apprehend him, on 20.07.2014 at

Uriyurkuppam Village, Thakkolam Police Station, Vellore District

while smuggling sand from Kosasthalai river bed. The legal heir of

the recipient is eligible for a Cash Prize of Rs.5 lakhs.

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