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The State Planning Commission (SPC) presented the phase-II study report on "**Zero-Ticket Bus Travel Scheme for Women**" in the meeting held today 14.11.2022 in the Secretariat. The Phase-I study was conducted in the Chennai Metropolitan Area and report submitted to the Hon'ble Chief Minister during June 2022. The study was scaled up across the State by conducting survey in the following areas:

- Agri-belt of Nagapattinam
- Tourism-belt of Madurai
- Industrial-belt of Tiruppur

The study covered the Age-profile, Social-category, Educational-profile, Income-profile, Average savings of the women commuters who avail the Zero-Ticket scheme. The Socio-economic outcomes of the Scheme such as higher work participation among women, increased savings, reduced dependency on family members for travel needs were highlighted.

Thiru. S.S.Sivasankar, Hon'ble Minister for Transport, Dr. J. Jeyaranjan, Vice Chairman-SPC, Prof. M. Vijayabaskar, Additional Full Time Member-SPC, Dr. T.R.B. Rajaa MLA, Member-SPC, Dr. K. Gopal I.A.S., Principal Secretary to Government, Transport Department, Thiru. T.S. Rajsekar, IAS, Member-Secretary, SPC, Thiru T.N. Venkatesh, IAS, Special Secretary to Govt., Transport Department, Thiru A. Anbu Abraham, Managing Director, Metropolitan Transport Corporation and other officials of Transport Department and State Planning Commission participated in the meeting.

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