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**BIRTHDAY OF THIRU KAMARAJ –
EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY**

**INAUGURAL FUNCTION OF THE SCHEME OF SUPPLY OF
THREE EGGS PER WEEK**

NOTE ON SCHEME OF SUPPLY OF THREE EGGS PER WEEK

Social welfare Department - PRESS NOTE .

The Government under the leadership of Kalaingnar take keen interest in the welfare of children and their development in order to improve the potential of future generation in Tamilnadu.

2. Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingnar started a new scheme on 03-06-1989 for providing one boiled egg in a fortnight for the children and the students in the age group of 2-15 years in anganwadi and nutritious meal centres in schools. Subsequently, this was modified during April 1998 by the Government under the leadership of Kalaingnar to provide one boiled egg every week for the nutritious meal beneficiaries.

3. It has been announced in the election manifesto for the year 2006, that two boiled eggs will be provided every week. In order to implement this announcement, Hon'ble Chief Minister as soon as assuming office, signed in the concerned file and passed orders for providing two boiled eggs every week. This is a pioneer event in the history of democracy. This Government has announced that 15th July, the birthday of Great Leader

Kamarajar will be celebrated as "Educational Development Day". Government issued orders to celebrate the birth day of Thiru Kamarajar by making the children to wear new dresses and garland the portrait of the Great Leader Thiru Kamarajar and pay homage in all schools.

4. It is announced in the Budget for 2007-2008 that three boiled eggs will be provided every week along with nutritious meal. On that basis, it has been ordered that three boiled eggs will be provided every week from 15-07-2007, the birthday of Thiru. Kamarajar. As a result, 71 lakh children and students in the age group of 2-15 years will be benefited under this scheme through 87,642 nutritious meal centres and anganwadi centres functioning under Puratchi Thalaivar MGR Nutritious Meal Programme and Integrated Child Development Services Scheme.

5. Further Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered to provide one boiled egg every week to the children in the age group of 1-2 years also. About 2,40,017 children will be benefited by this new scheme from 15-07-2007. The expenditure for these schemes will be Rs.224 crores per annum.

6. The Supreme Court of India has advised to provide nutritious food with 300 calories of energy and 8-12 grams protein for a minimum of 200 days only. However, nutritious meal is provided on all the 365 days throughout the year with 435 calories of energy and 10.6 grams of protein

for the children and students in the age group of 2-10 years and for 220 days for the students of 11-15 years. Apart from this, it is significant to note that students are receiving 238.8 calories of energy and 18.36 grams of protein additionally every week since 3 boiled eggs are provided every week with nutritious meal.
