

## PRESS NOTE

Today (17.06.2008) at Kalaivanar Arangam, the Honourable Minister for Transport has handed over 8 cheques to the tune of Rs.1,00,49,000/- (Rupees One crore and forty nine thousand only) to the banks which offered loans to 402 beneficiaries, being the subsidy granted by the Government of Tamil Nadu. The connected certificates have also been distributed to the beneficiaries.

2) The Government of Tamil Nadu have formulated a scheme, to grant 5000 auto permits to the unemployed youths, women, scheduled caste and scheduled tribes applicants whose annual income is Rs.36,000/- and who have educational qualification of pass in 10<sup>th</sup> standard, with subsidy component and 5000 permits without subsidy. The Government have earmarked Rs.12.5 crore as subsidy.

3) Of the total cost, the Government have come forward to grant 25% of the loan amount or Rs.25,000/- whichever is lesser. The Honourable Minister for Transport, last month has distributed certificates to 163 beneficiaries and Government of Tamil Nadu released Rs.40,75,000/- as subsidy.

4) The Government have so far, spent Rs.1,41,24,000/- as subsidy on this scheme benefiting 565 persons. The permits under this scheme were granted with a condition that these vehicles shall be operated with "LPG" as fuel, in accordance with an earlier judgment of the apex court which identified 9 cities, inclusive of Chennai, to be pollution free.

5) The function was presided over by the Special Commissioner and Transport Commissioner Thiru C.P.Singh, I.A.S.,. The worshipful Mayor Thiru M.Subramanian, Thiru S.Suresh Kumar, Chairman, Standing Committee (Works), Thiru Dhanasekaran (Alias) A.R.P.M, Kamaraj, President of Zonal Committee and Thiru Elumalai, Corporation Council Member also felicitated the function.

6) Various Trade Union Leaders, auto owners / drivers and public have also attended the meeting.

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