

**PRESS RELEASE**

The Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Human Resources Management Department, Dr. Palanivel Thiaga Rajan convened a Special State Level Bankers' Committee Meeting at the Secretariat on 24.01.2022. As per the directions of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, the Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Human Resources Management urged all bankers to ensure that Tamil Language is used in all public interfaces such as ATMs, Bank Forms, etc. He stressed the need for bank officials who are deployed in frontline desks and helpline desks in banks to be conversant in Tamil. The Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Human Resources Management reviewed the banks on the progress made in the implementation of various Government schemes. He urged the banks to expedite the implementation of all priority sector lending schemes and particularly, to extend education loans to the students from the poorer sections of the society. He also urged the banks to ensure banking solutions in unbanked remote areas, particularly forested and tribal habitations. For the first time, consultation was held and suggestions sought from bankers for the upcoming budget F.Y. 2022-23 of the Government of Tamil Nadu.

The Meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Finance Department, Thiru. N.Muruganandam, IAS., MD & CEO, Indian Overseas Bank & Chairman, SLBC, Tamil Nadu, Thiru. Partha Prathim Sengupta, Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India (Chennai) Thiru SMN Swamy, Secretary (Expenditure) to Government Finance Department Thiru. V.Arun Roy, IAS., and senior officials from Finance Department and senior officials from all major banks.

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