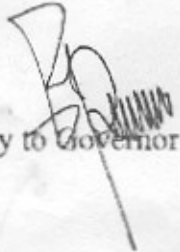


PRESS RELEASE

On the advice of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, His Excellency the Governor is pleased to appoint Dr.(Tmt.)Poongothai, MLA, Alankulam Constituency as Cabinet Minister in the Council of Ministers of the Government of Tamil Nadu.

The subject Information Technology hitherto held by the Chief Minister be allocated to Dr.(Tmt.)Poongothai. Dr.(Tmt.)Poongothai is designated as Minister for Information Technology.

The Swearing-in-Ceremony of the new Minister will take place at Raj Bhavan, Chennai at 12.00 Noon on 27.02.2009.


Secretary to Governor

Raj Bhavan, Chennai 22.
Date: 26.02.2009