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I. Introduction

The controlled use of fire along with stone tools is the most significant technology in human evolution. The use of fire allowed for a transformation of human life. Great advances in human civilization came with the taming of fire. Today, the energy needs for modern homes, offices, industries, agriculture and transport rely on the use of fire. However, uncontrolled fires are extremely dangerous as they destroy property, kill and injure living things. The role of Fire and Rescue Services Department has

become inevitable in the modern era of rapid industrialization and urbanization where disaster management has become a policy challenge. Today firefighter responds to different emergencies like swift water and deep water rescue during floods, road traffic accidents, high angle rescue, hazardous materials incidents, confined space rescues involving building collapses apart from attending to fire calls. The unceasing work in saving lives exhibited by the Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Department during the recent floods is commendable. Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Department has established a reputation for itself for being modern, organized and adhering to the motto “We Serve to Save”.

II. History

The Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Department has established a reputation for itself as one of the largest and most efficient organizations in the Country. The task of firefighters is to save lives and property from fire and other disasters like floods, earthquakes, landslides etc. It was started in 1908 and functioned initially as a small city based fire-fighting force called “Madras Fire Brigade” under the control of the Commissioner of Police, Madras. It later on expanded to have strength of 55 Fire Stations in 1945. Considering its growing importance, the Fire Services Department was newly created in 1967, by separating it from the Police Department and was gradually entrusted with the twin tasks of fire-fighting and rescue related activities. This Department was given a new

identity corresponding to its role and was renamed as “Fire and Rescue Services Department” by my Government in the year 2001. Till the year 2000, women candidates were not considered for appointment as fire officers due to the hazardous nature of the service. However in the year 2001, my Government decided to appoint women in the Department, thereby removing the gender bias and became the forerunner for appointment of women officers in the Department in the Country. Now the Department has 11 women officers in the rank of Deputy Directors and Station Officers. My Government has initiated various schemes to modernize and equip the Department and motivate the Personnel with unprecedented welfare measures. My Government constituted a “Fire and Rescue Services Commission” in the year 2002, which

is the first ever Commission in India to go into the conditions of service, duties and responsibilities, modernization etc., of the Fire and Rescue Services. Various suggestions of this Fire and Rescue Services Commission were accepted by my Government and put into practice. Considering the crucial role played by this Department in handling disasters, creating awareness, fire safety audits etc., my Government created 17 new Stations during the years 2011 to 2016 and at present, this Department has 315 Fire and Rescue Services Stations apart from 2 exclusive Rescue Stations at Hogenakkal and Kothagiri. The Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Department, which started as a small city based Fire Service, has grown into a multi-disciplinary State unit with competence in handling all kinds of disasters.

III. Services at a Glance

Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Department plays an important role in protecting the life and property of the public and also renders services by rescuing lives in danger. In consonance with the motto of the Department “We Serve To Save”, this Department has also been rendering emergency relief and rescue measures to the victims of Natural Calamities such as floods, cyclones, landslides as well as other calamities and mishaps like building collapses, explosive accidents, railway accidents, road traffic accidents and major disasters, involving hazardous materials like gas leakages. This Department also undertakes standby duties at the time of elections, riots, fairs and festivals and VIP bandobust. On the regulatory side,

it acts as an advisory body to the various licensing authorities, on fire protection measures for multi-storied buildings, industries having substantial fire risks, places of public assembly and other occupancies having potential fire hazards. Organizing public fairs and exhibitions is permitted only after obtaining a “No Objection Certificate” from the Department, to ensure that they conform to the regulations contained in the Acts and Rules for fire preventive measures.

The Fire and Rescue Services Department plays a major role in creating awareness and sensitizing the society on fire prevention methods, do's and don'ts during disasters, preparedness for any emergencies etc. For this purpose, this Department has been sanctioned with thirteen Fire Prevention Wings

which undertake propaganda and awareness campaigns on best safety practices on fire prevention, evacuation, rescue methods etc. Fire Prevention Wings also ensure fire and life safety in the buildings by way of safety audits and enlighten the occupants on guidelines regarding fire and life safety. This Department creates awareness on fire and life safety through short films, street plays, puppet shows, road rallies, mock drills etc. To prevent fire accidents and injuries during Deepavali, this Department organizes intense propaganda through movies endorsed by popular actors and screens them in theatres and televisions throughout the State. Pamphlets are distributed and hoardings are displayed in prominent public places, so as to ensure that the fire accidents are reduced to a minimum.

IV. Organizational and Administrative Structure

The Director of Fire and Rescue Services is an IPS Officer, in the rank of Additional Director General of Police who is functioning under the control of the Home Department of the Government of Tamil Nadu. The Director is assisted by a Deputy Director (Headquarters) in Technical matters and a Deputy Director (Administration) in Administrative matters. Envisioning the expanding role of the Department and the significance of a Technical Officer in the Headquarters, the post of Deputy Director (Headquarters) was created by my Government. The Department is divided into five Regions namely Northern Region, North Western Region, Central Region, Western Region and Southern Region with headquarters at Chennai, Vellore, Tiruchirappalli, Coimbatore and Madurai respectively. Each Region is

headed by a Joint Director or a Deputy Director. The Regions are further divided into 34 Divisions and each Division is headed by a District Officer, Fire and Rescue Services. The basic level organization of the Fire and Rescue Services Department is the Fire and Rescue Services Station, which is headed by a Station Officer, functioning under the overall control of the District Officer.

This Department has a State Training Centre, to train the Personnel of the Department and the public in fire-fighting. A State Workshop which undertakes repairs and maintenance of vehicles functions under the control of a Joint Director (Training & Rescue Operations). The State Training Centre is sanctioned with 6 sniffer dogs of various breeds trained in locating trapped victims during the occurrence of various calamities.

Tamil Nadu is one of the few States to have a Sniffer Dog Squad in the Fire and Rescue Services Department.

The Fire and Rescue Services Department Organizational chart as in Tables- I and II, depict the organizational structure of the Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Department.

V. Integrated operational approach

The basic unit of the Fire and Rescue Services Department is a Fire and Rescue Services Station. Normally, for formation of a new Fire and Rescue Services Station, the following criteria are adopted:-

- (i) There should not be any other Station available within a radius of 25 Kms;
- (ii) A Station should serve a population of at least 50,000 and

- (iii) The likelihood of fire hazards causing loss of property to the extent of Rs.50,000/- should be there.

The Fire and Rescue Services Station is headed by a Station Officer with the staff pattern consisting of two Leading Firemen, one Driver Mechanic, two Fireman Drivers and eleven Firemen. The opening of a new Fire and Rescue Services Station involves a total expenditure of Rs.1.06 crores approximately in Chennai City and Rs.1.03 crores approximately in other places which includes the following:-

- (a) The cost of providing a Water Tender with accessories and special rescue equipment - Rs. 43 lakhs.
- (b) The recurring cost for Stations in Chennai City - Rs. 56 lakhs and in places other than Chennai City - Rs. 54 lakhs.

(c) Approximate expenditure towards rent and infrastructure in Chennai City - Rs. 7 lakhs and in places other than Chennai City - Rs.6 lakhs.

The District wise break up of Fire and Rescue Services Stations is given in Table - III.

Every Fire and Rescue Services Station in the State has been provided with a watch room and a telephone. All District Headquarter Stations are provided with a toll free number '101'. A Fire Control room functions in Chennai City with the toll free number '101' and '102'. Chennai City, Thiruvallur and Kanchipuram Districts are also connected by wireless transmissions from the Control Room. On receipt of an emergency call by the Leading Fireman through the telephone, the Station crew is alerted by ringing of a bell and the fire

unit turns out with the crew in 20 seconds to rush to the spot. In Chennai City, the calls received through the toll free number is then transmitted through wireless communication to the Stations and depending on the intensity of the emergency, adjoining Stations are also alerted and dispatched. To improve the Communication facilities in the Department, my Government has sanctioned the procurement of wireless sets to all the Regional Offices at a total cost of Rs.90.00 lakhs in G.O. (Ms.) No.115, Home (Police-XVII) Department, Dated 08.02.2016.

This Department is fully equipped for effective handling of all disasters. All the Fire Personnel of the Department are trained in swimming and operation of specialized tools to rescue victims from floods, landslides, collapsed structures etc. This Department did a

commendable job in rescuing people in the recent floods in Chennai City and Districts like Kanchipuram, Thiruvallur, Cuddalore, Thoothukudi etc.

VI. Manpower

This Department has an executive strength of 7,058 apart from 347 Personnel in the Ministerial categories. The posts of District Officer, Assistant Engineer (Automobile) in the State Workshop, Station Officer, Junior Assistant, Typist and Steno-Typist are recruited by the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission. Direct recruitment of Fireman is done by the Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board.

The sanctioned executive strength of the various categories is as follows:-

Sl.No.	Category	No. of Posts
1.	Director	1
2.	Joint Director	3
3.	Deputy Director	4
4.	District Officer	35
5.	Assistant District Officer	48
6.	Assistant Engineer (Automobile)	1
7.	Station Officer	355
8.	Station Officer (Transport)	171
9.	Assistant Station Officer	16
10.	Leading Fireman	817
11.	Driver Mechanic	130
12.	Fireman Driver	1126
13.	Fireman	4351
Total		7058

VII. Vehicles and Equipment

The role of Fire and Rescue Services Station during crises is vital and my Government is committed to handle any disaster with utmost proficiency and competency. For the purpose of meeting this objective, the Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Department is at present equipped with the following vehicles to perform its function effectively:-

Vehicles:

Sl. No.	Name of the vehicle	No. of Units
1.	Water Tenders	349
2.	Ambulances	58
3.	Small Foam Tenders	13
4.	Emergency Rescue Tenders	19
5.	Turn Table Ladder	1

6.	Hydraulic Platform-cum-Turn Table Ladders (Sky Lifts) of 37 Meters and 42 Meters respectively	2
7.	Aerial Ladder Platforms (Sky Lifts) of 54 Meters	3
8.	Water Lorries	55
9.	Wrecker	1
10.	Mobile Repair Vans	2
11.	Motor Bikes fitted with Portable Water mist cum compressed Air Foam	35
12.	Mini Water Tenders of 600 litres capacity with watermist technology	5
13.	Mini Water Tenders of 350 litres capacity with watermist technology	60
14.	Advanced Water Tenders	19
15.	Pickup Vans	4

In addition to the above, this Department has been provided with vehicles such as Jeeps, Cars, Mini buses, Big Buses and Motor Cycles for quick mobility of officers and men to the scene of accident. My Government also decided to provide vehicles in a phased manner to Assistant District Officers and Station Officers who are the first responders to attend to any emergencies. In the first phase, my Government sanctioned 10 Jeeps for Assistant District Officers and 50 Motor cycles for Station Officers with a total budget of Rs. 56 lakhs and Rs. 30 lakhs respectively.

My Government has always shown concern in improving the effectiveness and professionalism of the Department in terms of infrastructure, progressive technology and training. Five Educational Vans have been sanctioned to train the public under the

Innovative Scheme 2015-2016 at a total cost of Rs.1.00 crore.

Fire-fighting is the prime concern of the Department and Water Tender is the life line of the Department and is primarily provided at all Fire and Rescue Services Stations. My Government has accordingly sanctioned for periodical replacement of Water Tenders which have served for more than 15 years in a phased manner. For the years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, my Government has sanctioned purchase of 30 Water Tenders at a total cost of Rs.7.60 crores and 15 Water Tenders at a total cost of Rs.4.50 crores respectively. Similarly, recognizing the growing importance of Small Foam Tenders which are pivotal to tackle chemical and industrial fires, my Government has sanctioned for periodical procurement of this specialized vehicle for all Stations in the

District Headquarters as well as in important towns of the Districts in a phased manner. Accordingly for the year 2014-2015, my Government has sanctioned purchase of 5 Small Foam Tenders at a total cost of Rs.1.42 crores for major towns of Manali in Chennai City Sub-Urban, Sriperumbudur in Kanchipuram District, Cuddalore in Cuddalore District, Sivakasi in Virudhunagar District and Tiruppur in Tiruppur District. For the year 2015-2016, my Government has also sanctioned 4 Small Foam Tenders at a total cost of Rs.1.52 crores for Tambaram, Tondiarpet in Chennai, Hosur SIPCOT in Krishnagiri, Thirumangalam in Madurai.

Fire and Rescue Services Department is confronted with new challenges and my Government has revamped and modernized the Department to tackle any kind of

catastrophe especially taking into consideration the vertical expansion of buildings in major cities. The Department has already procured one 54 meter Aerial Ladder Platform Vehicle at a cost of Rs. 5.97 crores. Two Aerial Ladder Platform Vehicles of 104 meter procured at a cost of Rs. 39.74 crores will be received soon. These will enhance the fire- fighting and rescue operation capabilities especially in the Multi-storied buildings and Tamil Nadu would be the first State in the country to have skylifts reaching such heights.

Equipment:

Apart from Fire and Rescue Services vehicles, this Department is equipped with the following modern and specialized gadgets to aid the Personnel in saving lives of the people from disasters like floods, landslides, Building

Collapses, Industrial disasters, Road and Rail accidents etc.:-

Sl. No.	Name of the equipment	No.of Units
1.	Mechanized Fibre Boats	8
2.	Inflatable boats with life buoys and life jackets	69
3.	Thermal Imaging Camera	1
4.	Multi-gas Monitors	2
5.	Life Detectors	3
6.	Victim Location Units	3
7.	Inflatable Emergency Lighting Systems	73
8.	Power Saws with Generators	79
9.	Portable type 5 HP Petrol Driven Power Saws	41
10.	Concrete cutters	50
11.	Smoke Extractors	17
12.	Reciprocating Saws	17
13.	Portable Electrically Operated Circular Saws	21
14.	Portable Electric Drills	21

15.	Telescopic Ladders	51
16.	Fire-Entry Suits	81
17.	Chemical Protective Suits	111
18.	Heat Resistant Gloves	222 pairs
19.	Personal Protective Equipment	2155 sets
20.	High Range Portable Pumps	111
21.	Floto Pumps	17
22.	Combi-tools	60
23.	Power saw with inbuilt motors	37
24.	Electric gloves	64 pairs
25.	Rechargeable Search Lights	506
26.	First Aid boxes	840
27.	Bore well Rescue tools	5
28.	Snake catcher	139
29.	Rechargeable Torch Lights	250
30.	Rope Ladders	64

In order to strengthen the competence and capability of the Department in handling any emergency, my Government has sanctioned Rs.11.65 crores for the purchase

of vehicles and equipment from the year 2011 to 2015.

A sum of Rs.5 crores has been sanctioned for procurement of 1000 sets of Personal Protective Equipment consisting of three layered fire protective suit with gloves, hood and fire resistant shoes and separate fire retardant helmets, to afford protection from fire to all Officers and Personnel in G.O. (Ms.) No.115, Home (Police-XVII) Department, Dated 08.02.2016.

VIII. Communications

Telephones and wireless

In order to facilitate quick communication and quick response for any emergency, every Station is provided with a telephone. All Stations in District Headquarters and other important Stations are connected with toll free

number '101'. A modern fire control room with toll free telephone Nos.101 and 102 is functioning in Chennai City. On receipt of call from the public on the toll free number, the jurisdictional Fire and Rescue Services Station is alerted and the vehicle with crew is dispatched to the place of incident. Wireless communication sets connecting all vehicles and Stations are available for Chennai, Thiruvallur and Kanchipuram. My Government has sanctioned for the procurement of wireless sets along with accessories for strengthening the wireless communication system in the above Districts at a total cost of Rs. 32 lakhs in the year 2014-2015. In order to render the services further in a speedy manner in other 4 Regional Headquarters at Coimbatore, Madurai, Tiruchirappalli and Vellore, my Government has sanctioned 30 sets of Static, 30 Mobiles and

30 Walkie Talkie sets with antenna and accessories for a total cost of Rs.90.00 lakhs in the year 2015-2016. Moreover to ensure effective communication system among officers, Common User Group has been introduced in cell phones of the rank of Station Officer and above. The cell phone numbers of the Officers are displayed in the Departmental website for better coordination and service to the public.

Response Time

Response time is one of the determining factor of the efficiency of the Fire and Rescue Services Department. The Department constantly strives to reduce the response time in the event of a Fire and Rescue situation. In Chennai City, the targeted response time is approximately 6 minutes and in the mofussil

areas, it is less than 10 minutes. My Government by opening new Stations and by providing effective Communication Systems to all Regions is taking efforts to reduce the response time further.

Departmental Website

A website for the Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services with the address <http://www.tnfrs.tn.nic.in> is maintained by the National Informatics Centre. The website provides complete information about the Department and its activities and plays a vital role in educating the public on fire-safety, providing inputs on norms for fire licences, safety provisions to be adopted in various occupancies as per the National Building Code of India and other Statutory Rules.

IX. Training Facilities

In Fire and Rescue Services, training is an essential component to keep the Fire Personnel in a trim and fighting fit condition. As a means of improving the quality of training given to its Personnel at all levels and enabling them to keep abreast of modern developments and techniques in the field of fire-fighting and rescue, a State Training Centre is functioning at Tambaram which is equipped with all necessary vehicles and gadgets to impart training. The air conditioned class rooms, media projector, computer and internet connection, library and excellent accommodation with canteen facilities add to the quality of training. The Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi has designated the State Training Centre of Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Department as

one of the Regional Training Centers in the Country for conducting courses offered by the National Fire Service College, Nagpur.

The State Training Centre also conducts training for fire fighters from other States, Public Sector Undertakings, Government institutions and public. Basic fire-fighting training is given to private individuals at all District Headquarters for a period of one week on payment of a fee of Rs.1000/- per person. During 2015, 943 individuals were trained.

As the role of the Fire and Rescue Services Department is expanding, my Government has allotted 12.84 acres of land at Kalavakkam Village, Chengalpattu Taluk to upgrade the State Training Centre into an Autonomous Academy of International Standard. Further, my Government has

sanctioned Rs.60 lakhs towards provision of Compound wall to this land in G.O. (Ms.) No.167, Home (Police- XVII) Department, Dated 12.02.2016.

X. Buildings and Infrastructure

The Fire and Rescue Services Station is the lifeline of the Department and works round the clock. The extent of land required for the construction of a Fire and Rescue Services Station building is about 45 cents. The approximate cost of construction of a Fire and Rescue Services Station building in a built up area of 2300 sq.ft. is about Rs.70 lakhs.

Out of the 317 Stations (including 2 Rescue Stations) in the Department, 227 Stations are now functioning in own or rent free Government buildings, while 90 Stations

are housed in rented buildings. My Government has sanctioned the construction of own building for Mudukulathur Fire and Rescue Services Station at Ramanathapuram District at a cost of Rs. 64.18 lakhs in G.O.(Ms.) No 281, Home (Police -XVII) Department, Dated 04.03.2016.

The new headquarters building for the Directorate of Fire and Rescue Services constructed at a cost of Rs. 5.99 crores by the Tamil Nadu Police Housing Corporation was inaugurated by me and has started functioning with all infrastructural facilities from 25.02.2016.

My Government has allotted land free of cost measuring 4553sq.ft. at Bashyam Road and G.N. Chetty Road Junction for the construction of own building for a Fire and Rescue Services Station at T.Nagar.

XI. Initiatives taken for Preventing Fire

i) Fire Prevention

Fire Prevention is a proactive method for reducing emergencies and the damages caused by them. Fire prevention awareness programmes are intended to educate the public to take precautions to prevent fire and survive from its harmful effects. In order to intensify the fire prevention work, this Department has Fire Prevention Wings in 13 Districts. Moreover, Fire Prevention work is also undertaken by the Fire and Rescue Services Stations, wherever Prevention Wing is not available. Fire safety awareness programmes in the form of mock drills, exhibitions, stage plays, short films are conducted in schools, industries, offices, hutment areas, multi storied buildings etc. In

the year 2015, fire prevention programmes were conducted in 7,041 educational institutions and 7,780 industries and public assembly places.

As part of the “National Level Fire and Evacuation Drills in Schools in the Country” observed on January 21st every year, drills are conducted in one school in every District to create fire safety awareness and to educate them about the evacuation procedures in case of any emergency arising from the outbreak of fire. During Fire Service Week from April 14th to April 20th, this Department conducts intensive propaganda and safety campaigns.

A mandatory fire safety inspection is being undertaken in schools by Station Officers in order to ensure fire and life safety in the

premises. The jurisdictional Station Officer issues 'No Objection Certificate' to the school after inspection and audit of the safety systems installed.

Further, this Department made effective propaganda on safe handling and bursting of crackers and also made standby arrangements by deploying fire- fighting vehicles and crew at vulnerable places round the clock during Deepavali. As a result, there were only 84 fire calls throughout the State of Tamil Nadu during the period of Deepavali, 2015.

As part of capacity building for Communities in the Coastal areas under the Coastal Disaster Risk Reduction Project, this Department assisted the State Institute of Rural Development which is the implementing agency

for the Community Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) in conducting Mock Drills and training programmes in 167 Coastal villages.

ii) Fire Safety Volunteers

To involve the common public and students as a support mechanism for the Fire and Rescue Services Department, Fire Safety Volunteers are being enrolled from Schools, Colleges and Self Help Groups and they are trained in various elementary fire fighting skills and rescue methods. This Department has presently 7,348 Volunteers. These trained volunteers have been a great source of assistance to the Fire Personnel at times of emergencies.

iii) Prevention of Fires in vulnerable Occupancies

A Multi Departmental Committee under the head of the District Officer conducts inspection in all cinema theatres in the Districts once in a year and forward its report to the licensing authorities for taking appropriate action. 391 Cinema halls were inspected during the year 2015. This Department also conducts fire-safety audits in Government buildings and in the year 2015, 5,824 Government buildings were audited to ensure fire-safety. Apart from this, 9,228 other buildings were also inspected under various Acts and Rules from fire-safety point of view.

Fire Safety is very important in the hospitals due to the presence of immobile, aged, child and frail patients, inherent hazards and complex evacuation procedures involved in

these facilities. The Fire and Rescue Services Department carries out fire risk assessment in all Multi Specialty and Government Hospitals to identify the potential fire hazard and ensure proper fire and life safety to occupants.

The minimum necessary Fire and Life safety measures that have to be installed as preventive measures in any occupancy are as follows:-

1. Provision of adequate fire extinguishers and fire protection systems such as hose reels, hydrants, sprinklers etc.;
2. Adequate water capacity to feed the above systems to operate at the time of emergency;
3. Provision of automatic smoke detection and alarm systems in the

areas wherever necessary on the suggestion of the Local Fire Authority;

4. Provision of adequate width of corridors and staircases for timely evacuation of inmates;
5. Provision of adequate smoke venting facilities, smoke check doors or fire resistant compartments;
6. False ceiling and wall decorations should be constructed with fire proof materials;
7. Illuminated signages and maintenance of fire order;
8. Trained Fire Personnel in the premises to maintain the above systems in good condition and to assist the occupants at the time of emergencies.

iv) Mobile patrolling during Summer Season and Deepavali

Fire that occurs in slum areas is high during summer due to high temperature, spontaneous heating, dry winds etc. To quickly tackle fires in hutment areas and to reduce the response time, mobile patrolling is undertaken during the months of April, May, June and July every year. The patrolling is done in vulnerable areas based on the earlier fire call statistics. During the festival of lights too, this Department mobilizes vehicles and Personnel for undertaking standby duties at fire susceptible areas throughout the State.

v) Fire Service Day

The Fire Service Day is observed by the Department on 14th of April, every year. The Fire Service Week is observed nation-wide from April 14th. This is to commemorate the memory of the brave Firemen, who lost their lives in the devastating fire that erupted and the explosions that followed on 14th April, 1944, at the Victoria Dock in the Bombay Port. During this week, the Fire and Rescue Services Department organizes fire safety campaigns, lectures, seminars, quiz etc., for the benefit of all sections of people. Drawing and Essay Competitions are organized for the students all over the State. This Department also conducts safety campaigns and Mock Drills with the help of Volunteers, Self Help Groups and major Hazardous Industries. News on fire safety

propaganda is also disseminated through newspapers, television and radio periodically.

The theme followed throughout the Country for publicity this year is as follows:-

“PREVENT FIRE ACCIDENT

PROMOTE NATION’S DEVELOPMENT”

XII. Fire and Rescue calls

The Department responded to 19,866 Fire Calls and saved 52 lives in 2015. Properties worth Rs.241.08 crores were saved. Further, 44,327 lives were saved by promptly attending to 20,625 Rescue Calls. During the recent floods in Chennai, Thiruvallur, Kanchipuram, Cuddalore, Thoothukudi Districts etc., the Fire and Rescue Services Department sprang into action by deploying Personnel, vehicles and boats in various places and put in

their best efforts in rescuing people. Apart from the rescue of victims from inundated waters, this Department has also undertaken calls of dewatering flood waters from telephone exchanges, electrical substations, schools, subways, residential buildings etc., and played a vital role in assisting the restoration of essential services on a war footing. The Department also rescued people trapped in cars, lifts and behind the jammed doors. Removal of fallen trees on the highways and on arterial roads, attending fire calls due to electrical leakages, ferrying of patients, distribution of water, food and common medicines to the marooned people were also undertaken by the Department. This Department also rescued many animals stranded in flood waters.

XIII. Welfare Measures

i) Fire and Rescue Services Benevolent Fund

The Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Benevolent Fund was created in 1962 for providing financial support to the members of the Fire and Rescue Services Department and their families, in times of distress and for promoting their welfare. Financial assistance is granted from the Fund for the following purposes:-

- (i) To purchase nutritious food for firemen and their dependents, diagnosed as suffering from diseases such as Tuberculosis, Leprosy, Cancer etc.;
- (ii) To meet the cost of higher education of the children of Fire Personnel;

- (iii) To provide monetary assistance to the family of members of the Department who die in harness;
- (iv) To meet the funeral expenses of the members and their dependants.

The number of persons registered with the Fund is 5,209. The assistance granted to the registered members and their families from the Fund was Rs.50.51 lakhs in 2015-2016. The breakup details are as follows:–

Sl. No.	Particulars of Assistance	Amount (Rs.in lakhs)
1.	To meet the cost of higher education in respect of 217 children of the members	15.23
2.	Award of prizes for 10 th and 12 th Students who secured 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd positions among the	5.09

	children of the Personnel and also consolation Prizes for those who secured 85% and above. This prize amount was awarded to 194 children of the members.	
3.	Token grant for the Personnel at the time of retirement awarded to 205 persons.	11.23
4.	Monetary assistance to the families of deceased members.	18.96
	Total	50.51

The grant provided by the Government to the Fund was Rs.12 lakhs every year till 2014. Since the financial assistance extended to the Personnel are increasing, my Government has enhanced the grant to the Benevolent fund from Rs.12 lakhs to Rs. 20 lakhs in G.O. (Ms.)

No.222, Home (Police-XVII) Department,
Dated 18.02.2016.

ii) Ex-gratia Payment

Ex-gratia grant is sanctioned in cases of accidents suffered by Fire and Rescue Services Personnel while performing their duties. The levels of assistance being sanctioned are as follows:-

Sl. No.	Particulars of Assistance	Amount (Rs.)
(i)	In cases of death, while performing duty	5,00,000/-
(ii)	For those who suffer permanent disability, while on duty	1,00,000/-
(iii)	For those who are seriously injured while on duty	20,000/-
iv)	For those who suffer Minor injuries while on duty	10,000/-

iii) Group Insurance Scheme

In order to help the families of Fire and Rescue Services Personnel who dies while on duty, a Group Insurance Scheme covering all categories of Fire Fighting Personnel is implemented. The level of assistance has been enhanced in respect of Personnel up to the rank of Assistant District Officer from Rs.1 lakh to Rs.2 lakhs from the year 2012-2013. Subsequently, the assistance to the rank of District Officer, Deputy Director and Joint Director was enhanced from Rs.2 lakhs to Rs.4 lakhs from the year 2013-2014, under this scheme.

iv) Food Subsidy Scheme

Through the Public Distribution System outlets, rice is supplied free of cost and wheat, sugar, maida and dal are supplied at 50% of

the normal selling price to all the Personnel of the Department from the rank of Fireman to Assistant District Officer. A sum of Rs.63 lakhs per annum is spent under this scheme.

v) Dietary charges for Personnel

Earlier Fire and Rescue Services Personnel below the rank of Station Officer were paid dietary charges for attending to fire calls, rescue calls and for mobilization duty during emergencies at the rate of Rs.200/- per day in Chennai City and Rs.150/- per day in the mofussil areas. In the year 2014-2015, my Government has taken the initiative to grant feeding charges to the Station Officers (including 16 Assistant Station Officers), Station Officers (Transport) and Assistant District Officers also for attending to

fire/rescue calls and mobilization at the rate of Rs.200/- per day in Chennai City and Rs.150/- per day in the mofussil areas at a recurring cost of Rs. 43.00 lakhs per annum.

vi) Canteen facility for purchase of commodities at subsidized rates

The Canteen facility catering to the families of serving, retired and deceased Police Personnel has been extended to the Fire and Rescue Services Personnel in 2012-2013. The items being supplied are exempted from VAT and hence are available at much lower prices than in the open market.

vii) “Own Your House” scheme

In Melakottaiyur village, 2,673 houses have been constructed and inaugurated by me

on 25.02.2016. 113 houses were allotted to the Officers and Personnel of the Fire and Rescue Services Department. My Government has also sanctioned a sum of Rs. 8.71 crores as House Building Advance to the eligible Personnel.

viii) Construction of quarters

The Fire and Rescue Services being an emergency services and the Personnel attending to calls round the clock makes it absolutely necessary to provide quarters for the Personnel near their place of work, in order to maintain operational efficiency and for quick mobilization during emergencies. In the year 2014-2015, my Government has sanctioned construction of quarters for Station Officer and 16 Personnel at Arakkonam at a total cost of Rs. 2.13 crores. The Government has also sanctioned construction of quarters for

3 Station Officers at Washermanpet and 6 quarters for Personnel at Mint in Chennai at a cost of Rs.1.79 crores. My Government for the first time also sanctioned construction of two quarters for the Officers in Chennai City in the rank of District Officer and above along with a guest house for the use of Officers visiting the Headquarters. All the executive officers and men of this Department are eligible for rent-free quarters as per their service conditions. At present, 1,256 quarters are available in the State at different places and construction of 55 quarters by the Tamil Nadu Police Housing Corporation are in progress at various stages.

In the year 2015-2016, my Government has sanctioned Rs.1.13 crores for construction of barracks at Mint in Chennai City to accommodate 50 Fire and Rescue Services Personnel (Bachelors accommodation) in

G.O. (Ms.) No.167, Home (Police-XVII) Department, Dated 12.02.2016. Further, for the Personnel of Alangudi Fire and Rescue Services Station at Pudukottai District, my Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs. 2.22 crores for construction of 2 quarters for Station Officers and 15 quarters for firemen in G.O. (Ms.) No.280, Home (Police-XVII) Department, Dated 04.03.2016.

ix) Master Health Check up

The Fire Fighters working in challenging conditions are exposed to great stress and are vulnerable to diseases. In order to redress the suffering of the Personnel of the Fire and Rescue Services, my Government issued orders extending the Master Health Check up facility available for Police Personnel to all Fire and Rescue Services Personnel who have

completed 40 years of age at Government Hospitals free of cost.

XIV. Incentives and Awards

In order to motivate the Personnel of the Fire and Rescue Services Department who risk their lives while performing their duties the following Medals and Awards are being awarded by the Government:-

(i) The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Fire Service Medal (Anna Medal)

The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Fire Service Medal (Anna Medal) is awarded on the occasion of Perarignar Anna's Birthday, on 15th September every year.

The recipients of this medal for meritorious service are eligible for a lumpsum grant varying between Rs.4000/- to Rs.10,000/- according to their rank. 10 Meritorious Service

Medals were awarded to the Fire and Rescue Services Personnel during 2015.

The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Fire Service Medal for Gallantry (Anna Medal) recipients were eligible for a monetary allowance of Rs.500 per month. In the year 2014, my Government has ordered that in future, the recipients of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Fire Service Medal (Anna Medal) for Gallantry would be awarded a lumpsum cash reward amount of Rs.5 lakhs instead of allowance of Rs.500/- per month.

(ii) The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Fire Service Medal

The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Fire Service Medal is awarded on Pongal Day, every year, to recognize the services of Personnel below the rank of Station Officers

who enjoy a clean record of service for more than 10 years. On the occasion of Pongal festival, 2016, the Medal was awarded to 120 Fire and Rescue Services Personnel in the categories of Driver-Mechanic / Leading Fireman / Fireman Driver / Fireman. All these recipients are entitled to receive a cash allowance of Rs.200/- per month.

(iii) The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Fire Service Medal for Excellence

The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Fire Service Medal for Excellence was instituted by my Government in July 2001 as a recognition of excellence in performance of duty by the Fire and Rescue Services Personnel. Every year three Medals were being awarded, one each to a Station Officer, Leading Fireman and Fireman and equivalent ranks on the occasion of Fire Service Day i.e. April 14th. Each awardee

receives a Gold Medal weighing 8 grams and a lump sum grant ranging from Rs.2000/- to Rs.3000/-. My Government increased the number of medals awarded from three to six to the above ranks in order to recognize and motivate the act of valor and courage of Personnel who are engaged in risking their lives while fighting fires and rescue activities.

(iv) Anna Medal for Gallantry

Every year, the Government of Tamil Nadu presents “Anna Medal for Gallantry” to Government Servants / Civilians for their acts of bravery. The medal is awarded on the occasion of the Republic Day celebrations every year. The award carries a Gold Medal worth Rs.5000/- along with a Certificate and a prize amount of Rs.1,00,000/- to be shared by each one of the awardees under Anna Medal for Gallantry. This medal was awarded to three

Fire and Rescue Services Personnel for the year 2015.

In addition, the (i) President's Fire Service Medal for Distinguished / Meritorious Service on the occasion of Independence Day and Republic Day and the (ii) President's Fire Service Medal for Gallantry on the occasion of Independence Day and Republic Day are awarded by the Government of India based on the recommendations of the State Government. The President's Fire Service Medal for Meritorious Service on the occasion of Independence Day, 2015 was awarded to one Joint Director and 3 Personnel.

The President's Fire Service Medal for Meritorious Service on the occasion of Republic Day, 2016 was awarded to one Station Officer and 3 Personnel.

XV. Sports

My Government realizes the importance of sports in improving the mental alertness and physical strength of fire fighters apart from building team spirit, ethical behavior, integrity etc., which are essential for Personnel engaged in the challenging task of fire-fighting and rescue and hence has enhanced the grant for conducting Regional sports from Rs.8,000/- to Rs.1 lakh and from Rs.30,000/- to Rs.3 lakhs for conducting State sports vide G.O. (Ms.) No.19, Home (Police-XVII) Department, Dated 06.01.2015. State sports was conducted successfully at Tiruchirappalli in the year 2015 and Coimbatore in the year 2016.

XVI. Initiatives

Realizing the need to improve the quality of service rendered to the people and also in the interest of the welfare of the Personnel of the Department, the following important initiatives have been taken by the Government in the last 5 years:-

- ❖ New Fire and Rescue Services Stations at Chinna Salem in Villupuram District, T. Kallupatti in Madurai District and Alangulam in Tirunelveli District were formed at a total cost of Rs.2.36 crores.
- ❖ A new Division was formed with Headquarters at Sivagangai by bifurcating Ramanathapuram - Sivagangai Division at a cost of Rs.42.08 lakhs.

- ❖ Formation of a new Division for Nilgiris District with Headquarters at Ooty was sanctioned at a cost of Rs.55.89 lakhs.
- ❖ For the use of Greater Chennai City, purchase of one Skylift -Aerial Ladder Platform of 54 meters and two Skylifts - Aerial Ladder Platforms of 104 meters, in all 3 vehicles have been sanctioned at a total cost of Rs.45.70 crores. Further, staff for manning one Skylift was also sanctioned at a recurring cost of Rs.39.08 lakhs.
- ❖ For the use of major Cities, 9 Advanced Water Tenders, 8 Mini Water Tenders which contains Quick Response Vehicles duly mounted with High Pressure Pumps and 22 Combi-tools which has dual functions of cutter and spreader were sanctioned at a cost of Rs.3.20 crores.

- ❖ 4 Small Foam Tenders for the use of the Fire and Rescue Services Stations at Ambattur, Tiruchirappalli, Tiruvarur and Nagapattinam were sanctioned at a cost of Rs.96 lakhs.
- ❖ 14 four wheelers and 2 two wheelers for the use of the Department were sanctioned at a cost of Rs.71 lakhs.
- ❖ 38 Computers, Printers and 6 Xerox Machines were sanctioned at a cost of Rs.22 lakhs.
- ❖ Construction of buildings for the Fire and Rescue Services Stations and Offices would be undertaken by the Tamil Nadu Police Housing Corporation Limited.
- ❖ Director, Fire and Rescue Services has been delegated with powers to furnish estimate of vacancy for the post of

Fireman directly to Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board.

- ❖ The feeding charges for the Personnel in Chennai City was enhanced from Rs.80/- to Rs.100/- and for the Personnel in Mofussil from Rs.55/- to Rs.75/-. Thereafter, it has been further enhanced on par with Police Personnel i.e. from Rs.100/- to Rs.200/- for the Personnel in Chennai City and from Rs.75/- to Rs.150/- for the Personnel in mofussil.
- ❖ Risk Allowance on par with the Police Personnel has been enhanced to the Personnel up to the rank of Assistant District Officer from Rs.180/- to Rs.400/- and for District Officer from Rs. 210/- to Rs.450/-.

- ❖ Under the mega scheme of “Own Your House”, the Fire and Rescue Services Personnel have also been included as eligible for owning a house along with Police and Prison Personnel.
- ❖ In order to afford protection to the fire fighters from fire, procurement of 1980 sets of Personal Protective Equipment has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs.28.00 crores.
- ❖ Construction of a new building for the office of the Directorate at a cost of Rs.5.99 crores.
- ❖ In order to remove the stagnation of promotion to the Personnel of Fireman Drivers and Driver Mechanics, 165 Driver Mechanic posts were upgraded as Station Officers (Transport) during the year

2012-2013 involving a recurring cost of Rs.52.87 lakhs per annum.

- ❖ 791 persons were selected for appointment to the post of Fireman.
- ❖ For the First time in the Country, the canteen facility has been extended to the Personnel of Fire and Rescue Services Department on par with Police Department Personnel.
- ❖ Group Insurance for District Officers, Deputy Directors and Joint Directors has been enhanced from Rs.2 lakhs to Rs.4 lakhs.
- ❖ The financial assistance provided under Group Insurance Scheme to the families of the Personnel who lost their lives while on duty has been increased from Rs.1 lakh to Rs.2 lakhs.

- ❖ Purchase of four pick up vans with required rescue equipment for the use in Nilgiris District have been sanctioned at a cost of Rs.92.12 lakhs.
- ❖ Two posts of Deputy Directors have been upgraded as Joint Directors.
- ❖ Purchase of one Breathing Air-compressor for refilling the Breathing Apparatus Sets has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs.9.50 lakhs.
- ❖ The post of “Divisional Officer” has been re-designated as “District Officer, Fire and Rescue Services”.
- ❖ In order to provide modern fire fighting equipment and vehicles to strengthen the Department, 10 Advanced Water Tenders, 52 Quick Response Vehicles, 52 High Pressure Pumps (for mounting

on Quick Response Vehicles) and 38 Combi-tools which has dual function of “Cutter and Spreader” were purchased at a total cost of Rs.9.45 crores.

- ❖ In order to ensure that all fire fighters have driving licence, a sum of Rs.21.29 lakhs was sanctioned for imparting driver training to 550 newly recruited Firemen.
- ❖ Formation of 5 new Fire and Rescue Services Stations at Thuraipakkam, Velachery, Madhavaram, Virugambakkam and Maduravoyal in the expanded areas of Chennai Corporation has been sanctioned at a total cost of Rs.3.70 crores.
- ❖ In order to ensure the maintenance of vehicles in good condition, the existing

delegation of powers vested with Director and Joint Directors / Deputy Directors to undertake repairs to the vehicles has been enhanced from Rs.20,000/- to Rs.60,000/- and from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.30,000/- respectively. Likewise, the special power delegated to the Director to undertake repairs and replacement of water tank provided in fire fighting units has been enhanced from Rs.50,000/- to Rs.1,50,000/-. In respect of Aerial Ladder Platforms, the sanctioning power vested with Director for repairs has been enhanced from Rs.20,000/- to Rs.1,50,000/- and for periodical oil change has been enhanced from Rs.8,000/- to Rs.50,000/- as a special case.

- ❖ 7 new Fire and Rescue Services Stations at Keeramangalam, Alanganallur, Avinashi, Annur, Sennimalai, Cheyyur and Tirumarugal were sanctioned at a total cost of Rs.6.30 crores.
- ❖ Procurement of 30 Water Tenders and 6 Small Foam Tenders was sanctioned at a total cost of Rs.9.27 crores.
- ❖ Procurement of search and rescue equipment such as 140 Powerful hand held search lights, 12 Door Openers, 64 Rope Ladders, 64 Rubber Electric Gloves, 25 Concrete Cutters, 8 Rubber Boats, 100 Life buoys / Life Jackets and 5 Bore well Rescue Tools were sanctioned at a cost of Rs.64 lakhs.
- ❖ Procurement of search and rescue equipment such as 2000 lengths of

15 metre Delivery Hoses with couplings, 1000 lengths of 130 feet Manila Rope, 2 Emergency Rescue Tenders, 40 Inflatable Rubber Boats, 25 Heavy Duty Power Saw, 30 High Capacity Portable Pumps, 350 Rechargeable Search Lights, 250 Rechargeable Torch Lights and 20 Inflatable Emergency Lighting Systems were sanctioned at a total cost of Rs.7.50 crores.

- ❖ Delegation of powers to Director of Fire and Rescue Services for condemnation of Portable Pumps and Floto Pumps which have served the prescribed life period and not fit for further use.
- ❖ Procurement of improved Wireless Communication equipment for the Fire and Rescue Services Stations in Chennai City, Tiruvallur and Kancheepuram

Districts was sanctioned at a total cost of Rs.32 lakhs.

- ❖ Provision of internet facility was sanctioned for 5 Regional Offices, 34 District Offices, State Training Centre, State Workshop and Fire Control Room at a cost of Rs.10.03 lakhs.
- ❖ Construction of buildings for Kangeyam, Vellakoil and Chetpet Fire and Rescue Services Stations was sanctioned at a total cost of Rs.1.84 crores.
- ❖ Annual maintenance of buildings and quarters has been entrusted to the Tamil Nadu Police Housing Corporation Limited instead of Public Works Department.
- ❖ Construction of Quarters for 1 Station Officer and 16 Personnel attached with Arakkonam Fire and Rescue Services

Station and construction of quarters for 3 Station Officers at Washermanpet and for 6 Personnel at Mint in Chennai City were sanctioned at a total cost of Rs.3.92 crores. In addition, for the first time, a guest house for the use of Officers of and above the rank of District Officers visiting the headquarters along with two quarters in Chennai City in the rank of District Officer and above has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs.131.90 lakhs.

- ❖ Government has allotted land free of cost measuring 4553 sq.ft. at Bashyam Road and G.N. Chetty Road Junction for construction of a own building for Fire and Rescue Services Station at T. Nagar.
- ❖ Sanction of money rewards to the Personnel by the Director, Fire and Rescue Services, Joint Director / Deputy

Director and District Officer has been enhanced as follows:-

Post	Group	Individual
Director	Rs.1000/- to Rs.10,000/-	Rs.250/- to Rs.1,500/-
Joint Director / Deputy Director	Rs.600/- to Rs.2,000/-	Rs.150/- to Rs.500/-
District Officer	Rs.250/- to Rs.1000/-	Rs.75/- to Rs.250/-

- ❖ Grant of feeding charges to the Station Officers/Station Officers (Transport) and Assistant District Officers as given to Sub-Inspector of Police and Inspector of Police in Police Department for attending fire/rescue calls and mobilisation at the rate of Rs.200/- per day for the officers who are working in Chennai City and

Rs.150/- per day for the officers who are working in other places was sanctioned at a recurring cost of Rs.43 lakhs per annum.

- ❖ Enhancement of Uniform Stitching charges for the Officers and Personnel of Fire and Rescue Services Department from Rs.250/- to Rs.450/- per set on par with Police Personnel at a recurring cost of Rs.27.49 lakhs per annum.
- ❖ The Feeding charges was raised from Rs.54/- to Rs.100/- to the canine Squad, which has proved its caliber in rescue operations. Hence, this Government has again enhanced the feeding charges for six dogs attached with Sniffer Dog Squad from Rs.100/- to Rs.200/- per day and grooming charges from Rs.250/- to Rs.300/- at a total recurring cost of Rs.2.23 lakhs.

- ❖ Enhancement of "Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Fire Service Medal for Excellence" to be awarded on Fire Service Day every year from "Three" to "Six" in order to motivate the Personnel.
- ❖ Grant for conducting Regional Sports has been enhanced from Rs.8,000/- to Rs.1 lakh and for conducting State Sports has been enhanced from Rs.30,000/- to Rs.3 lakhs.
- ❖ Procurement of 15 Water Tenders to replace the old ones which have served for more than 15 years at a cost of Rs. 4.50 crores.
- ❖ 4 Small Foam Tenders has been sanctioned for important industrial towns in the Districts viz., Tambaram (Chennai City South), Tondiarpet (Chennai City North),

Hosur – SIPCOT (Krishnagiri) and Thirumangalam (Madurai) at a cost of Rs.1.52 crores.

- ❖ Sanction has been accorded for the purchase of Wireless Communication facility for 4 Regional Headquarters at Coimbatore, Madurai, Tiruchirappalli and Vellore with 30 sets of Static, 30 mobile sets and 30 walkie talkie sets with antenna and accessories at a total cost of Rs. 90 lakhs.
- ❖ Creation of new Fire and Rescue Services Station at Pappireddypatti in Dharmapuri District at a cost of Rs. 95.00 lakhs.
- ❖ Providing Compound Wall at a cost of Rs.60 lakhs to protect 12.84 acres of land at Kalavakkam village in Kancheepuram District which has been allotted by the

Government free of cost for establishing a new Training Academy.

- ❖ Purchase of 10 Jeeps at a cost of Rs.56 lakhs for the use of Assistant District Officers.
- ❖ Purchase of 50 Motorcycles at a cost of Rs.30 lakhs for the use of Station Officers.
- ❖ 1000 sets of Personal Protective Equipment to afford protection to the fire fighters has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 5 crores.
- ❖ Construction of barracks for 50 Personnel (Bachelors accommodation) at Mint in Chennai City was sanctioned at a total cost of Rs.1.13 crores.
- ❖ Enhancement of the Government Grant to the Benevolent Fund from Rs.12 lakhs to Rs.20 lakhs.

- ❖ Provision of Master Health Check up to all Fire and Rescue Services Personnel, every year for those who have completed 40 years of age, at Government Hospitals free of cost on par with the Police Personnel.

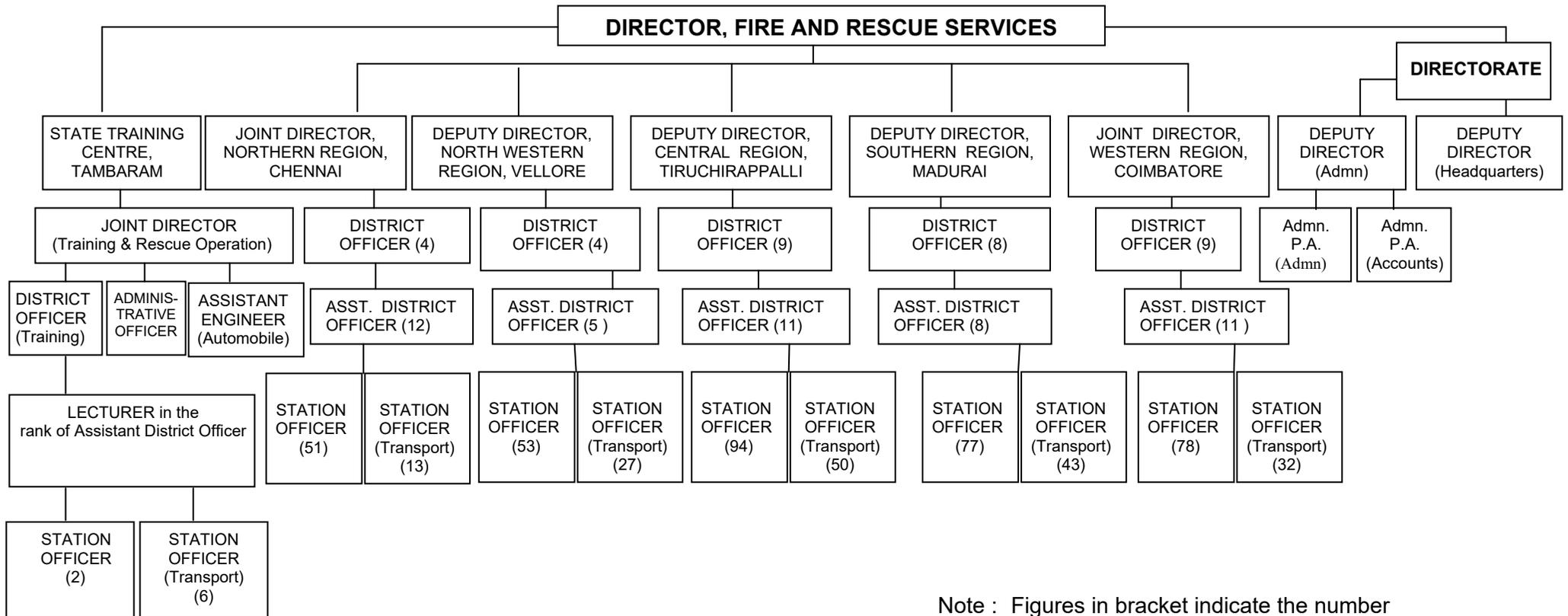
XVII. Conclusion

Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Department which started as a small unit called “Madras Fire Brigade” has now grown to be one of the finest Fire and Rescue Services Department in the Country. The Department is streamlined and organized. It has not left any stone unturned to achieve efficiency and effectiveness in handling the most challenging emergencies. The Department is having holistic development in all aspects of technology with strong support and guidance from my

Government. With the addition of 104 meters Aerial Ladder Platform Vehicles, modern communication network covering all Regions, advanced and latest equipment, the Department will continue to meet the aspirations of public with appreciation and laurels.

J JAYALALITHAA
CHIEF MINISTER

TABLE - I
DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES
ORGANISATIONAL CHART



Note : Figures in bracket indicate the number of officers in that cadre.

TABLE – II

STATION AND OTHER UNITS FUNCTIONING UNDER THE REGIONS

Northern Region				North-Western Region			Central Region			Southern Region			Western Region			Total Number of Fire and Rescue Services Stations in the State : 315+2 # <u>Other Institutions:</u> State Training Centre - 1 State Workshop - 1 # Rescue Stations - 2 Dog Squad - 1 Band Party - 1 Note: DIVN - Division FRSS – Fire and Rescue Services Station FPW: Fire Prevention Wing OTH: *Photographic Section ** Fire Control Room & Wireless Section
DIVN	FRSS	FPW	OTH	DIVN	FRSS	FPW	DIVN	FRSS	FPW	DIVN	FRSS	FPW	DIVN	FRSS	FPW	
1. Chennai North	9	1	1*	1. Vellore	16	1	1. Thiruchirappalli	8	1	1. Madurai	11	--	1. Coimbatore	8	1	
2. Chennai South	11	1	1*	2. Tiruvannamalai	12	--	2. Pudukottai	13	1	2. Tirunelveli	14	--	2. Ooty Kothagiri	3	--	
3. Chennai Central	9	--	--	3. Kancheepuram	11	1	3. Thanjavur	9	--	3. Kanniyakumari	7	--	3. Erode	10	1	
4. Chennai Sub urban	10	--	--	4. Thiruvallur	9	--	4. Naga pattinam	12	--	4. Tuticorin	9	--	4. Tiruppur	8	1	
5. Northern Region	--	--	2**	Total	48	2	5. Cuddalore	15	--	5. Virudhunagar	8	1	5. Salem	11	1	
Total	39	2	4**				6. Villupuram	12	--	6. Ramanathapuram	11	--	6. Dharmapuri Hogenekkal	4	1	
							7. Karur	4	--	7. Sivagangai	6	--	7. Krishnagiri	7	--	
							8. Perambalur	6	--	8. Theni	8	--	8. Dindigul	9	1	
							9. Thiruvarur	11	--	Total	74	1	9. Namakkal	4	--	
							Total	90	2	Total	64+2 #	6				

TABLE III

District Wise Fire and Rescue Services Stations

Sl. No.	District	No. of Stations
1	Ariyalur	3
2	Chennai	39
3	Coimbatore	8
4	Cuddalore	15
5	Dindigul	9
6	Dharmapuri + One Rescue Station at Hogenakkal	5
7	Erode	10
8	Karur	3
9	Kancheepuram	11
10	Kanniyakumari	7
11	Krishnagiri	7
12	Madurai	11
13	Nagapattinam	12
14	Namakkal	4
15	The Nilgirs + one Rescue Station at Kothagiri	4
16	Pudukkottai	13

17	Perambalur	2
18	Ramanathapuram	11
19	Salem	11
20	Sivagangai	6
21	Thanjavur	9
22	Theni	8
23	Tiruvannamalai	12
24	Tiruchirappalli	10
25	Thiruvarur	11
26	Thiruvallur	9
27	Thoothukudi	9
28	Tiruppur	8
29	Tirunelveli	14
30	Vellore	16
31	Villupuram	12
32	Virudhunagar	8
	Total	317