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-: PREAMBLE :-

“Tamil Nadu is my family.
The people of Tamil Nadu are my children.
Their welfare is my welfare”

**Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Selvi J Jayalithaa.**

This Policy note gives an account of organization structure, functions, functionaries financial and physical performance of the department.

Hon’ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Amma’s strategic plan for transport infrastructure development as unveiled in "**Vision 2023**" document aims to provide safe, reliable, affordable and accessible transport facilities to the public. Under the able guidance of **Hon’ble Chief Minister** public transport system is being networked and strengthened properly.

Hon’ble Chief Minister has initiated a series of measures to improve infrastructure, strengthen institutions, encourage employees and reduce accidents. This document highlights some of the major activities and achievements along with the key policy thrust areas.

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1. Introduction:

Transport is a crucial driver of development, bringing socio-economic opportunities within the reach of the poor and enabling economies to be more competitive.

Transport infrastructure connects people to jobs, education and health services; it enables the supply of goods and services around the world and allows people to interact and generate the knowledge that creates long term growth.

Vision 2023 document unveiled by **Hon'ble Chief Minister** of Tamil Nadu aims to make the State, India's most prosperous and progressive State by 2023 with the status of the poverty free first state and place the state firmly on the path of an Accelerated, Innovative and Inclusive growth and

accords top priority to an efficient, reliable and safe transport system.

Tamil Nadu has made rapid strides in developing a transport network by utilisation of all the three modes of transport system viz., Road ways, Railways and Airways in an effective manner.

The state in its endeavour to reach the people with safe, affordable and fast mode of transportation provides a variety of transport services such as, Town, Mofussil, Ghat Express services and Inter-State Services connecting the neighbouring states through the State Transport Undertakings. The State Transport Corporations are operating services with an aim to carry more than 2.10 crore passengers by operating 91.20 lakhs kilometre per day.

The State Transport Undertakings have been consistently bagging national awards in achieving the best physical parameters such as fleet utilisation (KM), fuel efficiency (KMPL), tyre performance (KM) and performance in operational cost.

The public transport fares in Tamil Nadu are among the lowest in the country. This has greatly benefited all sections of the society, particularly the economically weaker sections. This has been possible due to the **Hon'ble Chief Minister's** people-centric policies and increased operational efficiency of the STU's.

In-spite of the recent exorbitant hikes in the diesel prices by the Central Government, the Government of Tamil Nadu has opted to absorb the additional burden of the STU's without passing on the burden to the common man. Accordingly, during the year 2012-13 a sum of Rs.200 crore and for the year 2013-14 a sum of Rs.500 crore has been sanctioned to all STUs as financial assistance. Further, during this financial year a sum of Rs.500 crore has been sanctioned to all STUs. This is in line with the policy of the present Government to provide public transport facilities to the public at affordable cost.

There is an urgent need to increase public transport's modal share in Chennai city and to provide seamless travel experience to passengers. There are many agencies involved in planning, operating and managing transportation system in the Chennai Metropolitan Area. As the role of such agencies is overlapping, proper co-ordination and streamlining the activities among such agencies is necessary in order to utilize the available infrastructure facilities and resources optimally for development. For this purpose, the Government has established a Chennai Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority (CUMTA), with aim to provide better co-ordination among the various mass transport agencies in Chennai, like Mass Rapid Transit System, proposed Monorail Project, Chennai Metro Rail, Metropolitan Transport Corporation and the city agencies like Corporation of Chennai, Chennai Traffic Police and Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority.

2. Administration and performance:

2.1 Organisation setup of Transport Department and performances:

The Transport department is headed by the Principal Secretary to Government. The department has two Deputy Secretaries, 4 Under Secretaries and 59 Administrative staff and 10 Administrative staff in the Chairman's Office. The Principal Secretary to Government, Transport department is Ex-Officio Chairman of all the State Transport Undertakings and the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of Tamil Nadu Transport Development Finance Corporation Limited.

The Transport Department, Government of Tamil Nadu has administrative control over the following department / organizations:

- (i) Eight State Transport Undertakings (STU's)
- (ii) Tamil Nadu Transport Development Finance Corporation Limited (TDFC)
- (iii) The Institute of Road Transport (IRT)
- (iv) Pallavan Transport Consultancy Services Limited (PTCS)

- (v) Motor Vehicle Maintenance Department (MVMD)

2.2 Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporations:

Following eight Transport Corporations are functioning in the State providing inter-state and intra-state services:

- (i) Metropolitan Transport Corporation (Chennai) Ltd., Chennai.
- (ii) State Express Transport Corporation Tamil Nadu Ltd., Chennai.
- (iii) Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Villupuram) Ltd., Villupuram.
- (iv) Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Salem) Ltd., Salem.
- (v) Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Coimbatore) Ltd., Coimbatore.
- (vi) Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Kumbakonam) Ltd., Kumbakonam.
- (vii) Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Madurai) Ltd., Madurai.
- (viii) Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Tirunelveli) Ltd., Tirunelveli.

The eight State Transport Corporations of Tamil Nadu have a fleet of 22,501 buses including 1,817 spare buses. The number of scheduled services has increased from 19,110 in March 2011 to 20,684 in March 2014. The geographic operational footprint extends to the States of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and the Union territory of Puducherry. All STU's together operates 91.20 lakh kilometres per day. The total staff strength (including reserve) is 1,43,468 as on 31.03.2014.

The present Government has taken a number of measures to improve the performance of STUs, as a result the performance indicators have shown positive trend. Fuel efficiency kilometre per litre has increased from 5.25 kilometre per litre in March 2011 to 5.26 kilometre per litre in March 2014 and increased to 5.30 kilometre per litre during June 2014. At present, the average age of fleet is 5.02 (last year 4.4) years.

2.3 Infrastructure of State Transport Corporations:

The State Transport Undertakings have 294 branches, through which bus services are operated both in rural and urban areas together with maintenance of buses. The State Transport Undertakings have 21 Engine Re-conditioning Units and Workshops, 23 Bus Body Building Units. The State Transport Undertakings are having infrastructure facilities of 19 Tyre re-treading plants and 45 Bus Fitness Certificate Units.

3. Bus fare – Operational cost:

3.1 Bus fare:

The bus fare was revised in Tamil Nadu with effect from 18-11-2011. Even after fare revision, bus fare in Tamil Nadu is the lowest in the country.

A comparison of fare with other States is given in the table below :-

(In Paise per Km)

State	Fare Effective from	Mofussil (Ordy)	Express / Semi Deluxe	Super Deluxe	Ultra Deluxe	Air-conditioned	Volvo
Tamil Nadu	18.11.2011	42	56	60	70	90	110
Andhra Pradesh	06.11.2013	59	79	89	105	132	155
Kerala	20.05.2014	64	68	77	110	110	130
Karnataka	04.05.2014	59.75	91.00	111.50	131	177	190
Maharashtra	27.09.2012	90	-	120	-	160	-
Gujarat	04.03.2013	58.41	60.18	67.91	-	100	-

3.2 Bus service:

As on 31.03.2014, the various services offered by the State Transport Undertakings to the travelling Public are as follows:

Chennai Metro – City services	3,531
Town Services (in Districts)	6,952
Mofussil services (including Ghat services)	9,164
Express services	
Inside State	658
Outside State	379
Total Services	20,684
Spare Buses	1,817
Total Fleet Strength	22,501

3.3 Physical Performance:

Physical Performance Indicators during the years 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 are as follows:

Item	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (Upto June)
Fleet Strength	21,154	21,207	22,053	22,501	22,809
Scheduled Services	19,110	19,507	20,500	20,684	20,684
Total Kilometres operated per day (in lakhs Kms)	87.59	88.44	89.78	91.20	91.90
Breakdown/10,000 Km	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Accidents/1,00,000 Km	0.25	0.22	0.20	0.20	0.20
Fatal accidents	1472	1237	1233	1187	286
No. of persons dead in accidents	1656	1397	1382	1318	337
Fuel Performance (KMPL) Average	5.25	5.25	5.27	5.26	5.30
Km run per condemned tyre (in lakh kms)	1.64	1.65	1.80	1.82	1.82
Men per bus including scheduled services (including workshop employees)	6.69	6.40	6.31	6.43	6.39

3.4 Components of operational cost of Transport Corporations:

The operational cost has increased mainly due to salary and diesel price increase. The details

of percentage of component of costs during the year 2013-14 are as follows:-

Sl. No.	Components	Percentage
1	Salary	44%
2	Diesel	36%
3	Repair and Maintenance	4%
4	Depreciation	4%
5	MACT Award and others	5%
6	Interest	5%
7	Taxes	2%
Total		100%

4. Revenue of State Transport Corporations:

Due to frequent Diesel price hike and dual pricing policy of Union Government in diesel price, price increases in spare parts and hike in D.A. to the employees, State Transport Undertakings have been incurring additional expenditure.

(Rupees in crore)

Year	Bus collection per day	Other Revenue	Total income	Increase in %
2011-12	18.75	2.64	21.39	14.08
2012-13	19.87	3.01	22.88	15.15
2013-14	20.10	4.52	24.62	22.49

During the year 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 State Transport Undertakings have earned Rs.18.42 crore by operating bus services on hire basis and Public Private Partnership project.

Action is being taken to improve the revenue of STUs by constructing Commercial complexes at bus stand and branch offices through Public Private Partnership.

5. Details of financial assistance by Government to STUs:

During the year 2011-12, the Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs.178.14 crore as Ways and Means Advance to all State Transport Undertakings for the commitment of salary. A sum of Rs.81.02 crore has also been sanctioned as Ways and Means Advance to the STUs so as to compensate the loss due to price hike in HSD oil. During the financial year 2011-12, a sum of Rs.25 crore has been sanctioned towards the Motor Accident Claims Settlement. In addition to above, a sum of Rs.24.39 crore has been sanctioned as loan

during 2013-14 towards the construction of bus body building in over aged buses in which chassis and engine condition is found to be good by this Government.

During the financial year 2012-13, a sum of Rs.13.91 crore has been sanctioned as loan for releasing 219 court attached vehicles from the various courts and a sum of Rs.200 crore has been provided for additional commitment for diesel price hike in State Transport Undertakings.

For the year 2013-14, the Government has provided Rs.500 crore to meet out the additional financial commitment due to diesel price hike to STUs. Further, the Government have sanctioned Rs.350 crore as share capital assistance to reduce the outstanding liabilities of STUs. In the year 2014-15, the Government has provided Rs.500 crore to meet out the additional financial commitment due to diesel price hike to State Transport Undertakings.

6. Road Safety Measures:

6.1 Measures taken to reduce the Road Accidents:

There is an exponential growth of vehicles in Tamil Nadu due to rapid urbanization. In 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14, all State Transport Undertakings have deposited a sum of Rs.100.73 crore, Rs.116.67 crore and Rs.92.91 crore for 7360 cases, 6640 cases and 5532 cases respectively towards motor accident claim compensation.

Effective steps have been taken by the State Transport Undertakings to reduce the number of accidents as stated below: -

- (i) Use of cell phones during driving and consumption of alcohol during duty have been prohibited.
- (ii) Periodical police checks and surprise breath analysis tests by the squads of Transport Department are being conducted to detect the cases of intoxication, if any.

- (iii) In order to take proper rest, Crew rest rooms have been upgraded with modern facilities.
- (iv) With the help of Highways and Police Department action has been taken to prevent accidents by improving roads, signage and traffic movement in accident prone areas.
- (v) To encourage the Drivers of all STUs, **Hon'ble Chief Minister's Awards** are given to the accident free drivers. For the past three years the Government have sanctioned Rs.7.16 crore for this award.
- (vi) The State Transport Undertakings are uniformly adopting tough stand to dismiss the erring drivers causing continuous fatal accidents.

As a result of the various actions taken by this government, numbers of fatal accidents have reduced during the year 2013-2014. The details are

as follows:-

Year	No. of Bus services	No. of Fatal accidents	Total No. of Fatality
2010-11	19,110	1472	1656
2011-12	19,507	1237	1397
2012-13	20,500	1233	1382
2013-14	20,684	1187	1318

6.2 Accident Claims Settlement Fund:

A new scheme namely "Accident Claims Settlement Fund" with a separate Corpus Fund has been created for the speedy and out of court settlement, settlement of compensation amount to the injured and the legal heirs of the deceased who are affected in the accident involving State Transport Undertakings buses. The fund of Rs.40 crore has been established with a yearly contribution of Rs.20 crore contribution by the State Government and the balance Rs.20 crores proportionately by all State Transport Undertakings. It is centrally maintained by Tamil Nadu Transport Development Finance Corporation, Chennai.

6.3 Lok Adalat:

The State Transport Undertakings are settling the claims of accident compensation cases through Lok Adalat which was established on 1987. In 2011-12, 884 cases were settled through Lok Adalat for the amount of Rs.997.21 lakh and in 2012-13, 1867 cases were settled through Lok Adalat for the amount of Rs.3466.29 lakh. During 2013-14 (upto 30.06.2014), 1506 cases were settled through Lok Adalat for the amount of Rs.1180.35 lakh.

7. Public Service:

7.1 Operational buses of STUs:

The State Transport Undertakings have operated 19,110 scheduled bus services upto March 2011. As per the orders of **Hon'ble Chief Minister**, the total number of scheduled bus services in State Transport Undertakings has been increased from 20,500 to 20,684 as on 31.03.2014.

7.2 Introduction of new routes:

The **Hon'ble Chief Minister** has inaugurated 1,436 new routes from 16.05.2011 to 30.06.2014 for the benefit of travelling public. 40 new routes have been introduced in Chennai through Small Buses. Therefore, total of 1476 new routes have been inaugurated.

7.3 Introduction of new buses:

In order to replace the over aged buses the Government have issued orders to procure 6,000 new buses in the year 2011-12 and 2012-13 for all State Transport Undertakings and 4,649 new buses have been put into operation from 16.05.2011 to 30.06.2014.

7.4 Introduction of 100 Small buses in Chennai:

To fulfil the needs of the travelling public in Chennai city/Suburban areas, not having wide roads **Hon'ble Chief Minister** has inaugurated 100 small buses in MTC. These buses are operating in 40 routes to link them with the nearest transit hub.

These types of buses were widely welcomed by the public. Generally these small buses operate at 15 to 25 minutes frequency. They are operated as passenger friendly services and stop wherever people want to board or alight, facilitating people to reach their places without loss of time. These services have immensely benefited the travelling public. Nearly 76,000 passengers are travelling in small buses daily and Rs.5.50 lakhs are collected as ticketing revenue in these small buses per day. This special scheme has been introduced by our **Hon'ble Chief Minister** for the first time in Tamil Nadu.

7.5 Ladies Special Buses

The **Hon'ble Chief Minister** has inaugurated the additional Ladies Special Buses during peak hours from 134 to 200 buses in Chennai in 33 routes and nearly 30,000 women / children are utilizing these buses daily.

7.6 Buses for Differently-abled:

For easy boarding and alighting of Differently-abled persons, seven Differently-abled friendly buses have been introduced by the **Hon'ble Chief Minister** for first time in MTC from November 2011.

7.7 Small Bus Service in Hill Areas:

In order to cater to the needs of public living in un-served hill areas, Government proposed to operate small buses in Hill Areas. It will facilitate the people to travel to nearest Town and Cities, Children to travel to School, labourers to Work spot situated in nearest towns and patients to Hospital. This has been introduced as a special scheme by **Hon'ble Chief Minister** for the first time in Tamil Nadu.

The Government has issued orders to introduce 208 small buses at a cost of Rs.35 Crore in first phase from own funds of the STUs.

The details are as follows:

Sl. No.	State Transport Undertakings	No. of small buses
1	Villupuram	14
2	Salem	17
3	Coimbatore	173
4	Kumbakonam	4

The **Hon'ble Chief Minister** has inaugurated 7 small buses on 26.06.2014 for the benefit of Hill area people, within TNSTC Villupuram Corporation area.

7.8 Buses with pantry facility:

Hon'ble Chief Minister has inaugurated two Pantry buses of SETC in the Chennai-Srirangam route on 20.06.2013 for the first time.

7.9 Bus facilities during Festival Season:

Elaborate arrangements have been made to provide adequate bus facilities during Deepavali and Pongal seasons in the past three years to enable people to celebrate festivals at native places

and return to work spot in Chennai and other places in our State. The details are as follows:

Year	Festival	No. of services operated
2011-12	Pongal	6061
2012-13	Deepavali	7958
	Pongal	7135
2013-14	Deepavali	10484
	Pongal	9546

8. Fare concession:

8.1 Travel Concessions:

The State Transport Undertakings offer travel concessions to the following categories of persons:

- (i) Members of Parliament, Members of Legislature, Ex-Members of Parliament, Legislative Assembly and Council.
- (ii) Accredited journalists / Media persons.
- (iii) Freedom Fighters drawing Central / State Pension and Widows and Legal-heirs of Freedom Fighters drawing Central Pension/ State Pension / Aged Tamil Scholars / Participants in Language stirs and their Legal-heirs.
- (iv) Cancer Patients and Differently abled persons. (Deaf and dumb, blind, mentally retarded and epileptic patients)

- (v) Drama Artists.
- (vi) H.I.V. / AIDS patients.

8.2 Travel Concession to Students:

- (1) Free Travel Concession is given to the students studying from 1st Standard to 12th Standard in all schools including private recognized schools and to the students of Government Polytechnics, Government Industrial Training Institutes, Government Arts and Science Colleges.
- (2) Students studying in all other colleges recognised by the Government including private Colleges, private Polytechnics and all Engineering Colleges are given 50% travel concessional bus passes to travel from residence to college and back on all days including holidays and also for students with attendant attending Engineering College Counselling at Anna University, Chennai.
- (3) Exchange tokens upto 60 in number are given to the College students travelling in Metropolitan Transport Corporation buses to travel to the library and back to their residence.
- (4) 50% travel concession is extended to the students of all recognized polytechnic

institutions and students studying from Srilankan Refugees Camps.

- (5) From the year 2013-14 the Government have ordered free bus passes to the students studying full time in Community colleges, Government aided Private ITI, Music Colleges and the students studying in Chennai Corporation's ITI.
- (6) Free bus passes to the students studying in School, Government Arts and Science Colleges, Government Polytechnic and 50% concession passes to the Private Colleges, Private Polytechnic and Engineering Colleges have been issued during the year 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 also. Government have sanctioned Rs.311.365 crore in the year 2011-12, Rs.320 crore in the year 2012-13 and also Rs.448 crore in the year 2013-14 towards reimbursement of the cost incurred by the State Transport Undertakings. In addition to the above, for the year 2011-12 and 2012-13 the Government have sanctioned Rs.41.60 crore and Rs.128 crore respectively as arrears due to Bus fare Revision.
- (7) The entire face value of the ticket is reimbursed by the Government in respect of Metropolitan Transport Corporation, Chennai, while in respect of Mofussil Transport Corporations, the ticket cost is

shared between the Government and the Corporation.

8.3 Ticket Reservation through Internet:

The **Hon'ble Chief Minister** has inaugurated online e-ticketing for the convenience of commuters for booking their ticket for long distance routes from 03.10.2011 which has provided great convenience to the public by avoiding travelling to the reservation centres and also waiting in the queues. 35% tickets have been booked through e-ticketing on an average, out of total reservation and a maximum of 41.79% have been booked in April 2014.

8.4 Travel As You Please Tickets:

Passengers can travel anywhere in Chennai, Madurai, Coimbatore, Salem, Trichy, Tirunelveli, Vellore, Tiruppur, Erode and Thoothukudi Municipal Corporation areas by purchasing "Travel As You Please" tickets at the following rates subject to certain conditions through conductors:

- (i) One day ticket : Rs. 50/-
- (ii) Weekly ticket : Rs. 300/-
- (iii) Monthly ticket : Rs.1000/-

8.5 One Third Concession Bus Pass:

During the year 2013-14, 1/3rd concession bus pass scheme implemented in City/Town buses has been extended to regular passengers of mofussil buses also. Due to this extension of 1/3rd travel concession to the mofussil buses, the regular travellers of mofussil buses are benefited and this scheme is very well appreciated by the travelling public.

8.6 Group Ticket Concession:

10% discount scheme for group tickets on reserving tickets for 10 or more persons in State Express Transport Corporation Ltd., was inaugurated by **Hon'ble Chief Minister** on 20.06.2013. From 20.06.2013 to 13.07.2014, 4,920 reservations have been done under the scheme. 63,755 beneficiaries have been benefited and Rs.18.80 lakhs concession was availed by the beneficiaries.

8.7 Introduction of Smart Travel Cards:

The introduction of Smart Travel Card Scheme with the necessary infrastructure is in progress. Hand held Smart Travel Card with Top up facility will be issued for the benefit of the Commuters and the Conductors. The introduction of Smart Travel Card will ease the work of Conductors and avoids short-change problems. The Ticket fare will be deducted from the Smart Travel Card. The tendering process is in progress for introducing the Smart Travel Card scheme initially at Metropolitan Transport Corporation (Chennai) Ltd., Chennai.

8.8 Online Electronic Ticketing Machine:

The introduction of GPS compatible Electronic Ticketing Machine along with the necessary infrastructure is in progress. This system will be very useful to the passengers and also to the Conductors of the STUs. It will ease the work of Conductor in issuing tickets and accounting them. It will be useful to the STUs in securing data on travel

pattern of passengers to improve its operational efficiency.

9. Revenue Enhancing Measures:

9.1 Implementation of Project through Public Private Partnership:

All State Transport Undertakings have identified 11 sites for commercial exploitation under Public Private Partnership mode. The location of 11 sites are T.Nagar Depot, Thiruvanmyur Depot at Chennai, Vikravandi, Ulundurpet, Trichy Bus Stand, Salem old Bus stand, Madurai Periyar Bus stand, Velankanni, Kattabomman Nagar site, Palayamkottai and Bye-Pass Branch Vannarapettai in Tirunelveli.

Further, 2 sites at Meyyanur Depot and Krishnagiri Depot TNSTC (Salem) Ltd., Salem, 3 sites at Villangurichi Depot, Mettupalayam Complex and Ooty for TNSTC (Coimbatore) Ltd., Coimbatore, 3 sites at Head Office Complex, Ponmeni Depot and Kodaikanal for

TNSTC (Madurai) Ltd., Madurai have been identified for constructing commercial complex under PPP mode.

9.2 E-Auctioning:

Orders have been issued to dispose of the condemned buses by E-Auctioning. M/s. MSTC, a Government of India Undertaking has been selected as the Service Provider. E-Auction has been implemented in State Transport Undertakings, which will help to obtain the best price for the condemned buses and scraps. 2089 buses have been condemned in past three years and Rs.3072.10 lakhs have been earned by the State Transport Undertakings.

9.3 Advertisement

The State Transport Undertakings have earned a sum of Rs.12 crore during the year 2011-2012 through advertisement in buses. For the year 2012-13, the State Transport Undertakings have earned Rs.16.13 crore through advertisement in the buses and Bus Terminals. For the year

2013-14, the State Transport Undertakings have earned Rs.16.37 crore through advertisement.

9.4 Motels:

For the convenience of the passengers during their journey, quality services have been provided at 37 Motels, located on the routes of long distance buses, with additional bus parking, safe drinking water, modernized kitchen and dining hall facilities. These motels provide hygienic food and snacks at reasonable prices and also ensure improved sanitary facilities. As a result of tie up with Motels, State Transport Corporations have earned a sum of Rs.4.67 crore during the year 2011-12 and 2012-13. The State Transport Corporations have earned Rs.4.28 crore during the year 2013-14.

9.5 Parcel and Courier services:

In order to mobilize additional revenue, Parcel and Courier services have been introduced in State Transport Corporation buses. Due to this

the State Transport Corporations have earned Rs.44.21 lakh during the year 2011-2012 and 2012-2013. During the year 2013-14, the State Transport Undertakings have earned Rs.52.10 lakh.

10. Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission-II (JnNURM-II):

The Government is now proposing to procure new buses for the year 2014-2015 at an estimated cost of Rs.200 crore under the JNNURM-II to replace the over aged vehicles.

11. AMMA Drinking Water:

AMMA packaged drinking water scheme has been inaugurated by **Hon'ble Chief Minister** of Tamil Nadu on the PERARINGAR ANNA BIRTH DAY on 15.09.2013. The AMMA Drinking Water Bottles are sold at various outlets established at the Bus Terminuses by all the Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporations and there is an overwhelming response from the travelling public.

The **Hon'ble Chief Minister** of Tamil Nadu while distributing Terminal Benefits to the retired employees of Tamil Nadu State Transport Undertakings in the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium on 23.10.2013 announced that considering the surplus ground water available at IRT Campus, Gummidipoondi, one more "AMMA DRINKING WATER PLANT" will be started. Accordingly, it has been proposed to establish Second Unit of AMMA Drinking Water Plant through Metropolitan Transport Corporation (Chennai) Limited, Chennai at IRT Campus, Gummidipoondi.

12. Administrative Measures:

12.1 Construction of new depots:

The total number of bus depots as on 16.05.2011 is 286. The total number of bus depots as on 30.06.2014 is 294. Based on the instructions of **Hon'ble Chief Minister** to increase the number of bus depots according to fleet strength, action is being taken to construct 68 new depots in three years.

12.2 New Regions:

Four new Regional Offices at Thoothukudi, Nagapattinam, Ooty and Karur have been formed.

12.3 New Transport Corporations:

The operational jurisdiction of Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation Ltd., Kumbakonam consists of ten districts i.e., Trichy, Ariyalur, Perambalur, Karur, Pudukottai, Tanjore, Thiruvarur, Nagapattinam, Ramanathapuram and Sivagangai. In order to provide better service to the public, announcement was made to bifurcate Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation Ltd., Kumbakonam into two Transport Corporations having Headquarters at Srirangam and Kumbakonam. The bifurcation work is under progress.

The operational jurisdiction of Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation Ltd., Villupuram consists of six districts i.e., Kanchipuram,

Thiruvallur, Vellore, Thiruvannamalai, Villupuram and Cuddalore. In order to provide better services to the public, announcement was made to bifurcate Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation Ltd., Villupuram into two Transport Corporations having Headquarters at Vellore and Villupuram. The bifurcation work is under progress.

13. Employees' Social responsibility and Welfare measures:

13.1 Guinness Record in Blood donation:

During the 66th Birthday of the **Hon'ble Chief Minister** of Tamil Nadu on 14.02.2014, 53,129 employees of STUs have donated blood voluntarily as part of their social service. This is the highest blood donation made in a single day. This achievement has entered the **Guinness Book of records**.

13.2 Voluntary Blood Donation Scheme:

The voluntary blood donor's list is being maintained by Metropolitan Transport

Corporation (Chennai) Ltd., Chennai. So far 11,864 transport employees have registered their names to donate blood.

13.3 Filling-up of vacancies in State Transport Corporations:

Vacancies have been filled by all STUs, as announced by **Hon'ble Chief Minister**. Besides, orders have been issued to fill-up 7049 drivers, 1538 drivers cum conductors, 8406 conductors and 2388 Technicians. Further, orders have been issued to fill up 294 vacancies on compassionate grounds.

13.4 Regularisation of service of State Transport Corporation Employees:

As per the announcement made by the **Hon'ble Chief Minister**, the services of 349 wards of Transport Corporation employees appointed on compassionate grounds during the period from 16.05.2011 to 30.06.2014 and the services of 5,768 reserve crew conductors and 5,897 reserve crew

drivers in the State Transport Undertakings have been regularised.

13.5 Master Health Check-up:

Master Health Check-up was started and conducted in 2012-13 for 21,885 Drivers of STUs, who are aged above 45 years, at Perundurai Medical College Hospital. Further this scheme has been extended in the year 2013-14 to all employees of STUs, who are aged above 45 years. Now, 21,543 employees have undergone Master Health Check-Up under this scheme up to 30.06.2014.

13.6 C.T. Scan Machine:

As on 30.06.2014, 3032 persons have been benefited by the new C.T Scan Machine purchased for Perundurai Medical College Hospital.

13.7 Monetary benefits to retired employees:

A sum of Rs.42.60 crore has been paid towards the payment of Gratuity to the 1609 retired employees for the period from 16.05.2011 to

March 2012 and in the year 2011-12, a sum of Rs.9.61 crore has also been sanctioned for surrender leave salary. Totally during the year 2011-2012, Rs.52.21 crore has been sanctioned as per the order of this Government in this regard.

In the year 2012-13, a sum of Rs.82.10 crore has been paid towards Gratuity to the 2292 retired employees and a sum of Rs.17.17 crore has been paid towards surrender leave salary. Totally, Rs.99.27 crore has been sanctioned as per the order of this Government in this regard.

Similarly, in the year 2013-14, a sum of Rs.194.35 crore has been paid towards Gratuity to 5652 retired employees and a sum of Rs.14.51 crore has been paid towards for surrender leave salary. Totally, Rs.208.86 crore has been sanctioned as per the order of this Government in this regard.

A sum of Rs.292.94 crore has been sanctioned towards the settlement of commutation

for 14089 pensioners those who were retired from September 2010 to October 2013. Continuous action is being taken for the settlement of terminal benefit to the retired employees.

In the year 2013-14, a sum of Rs.308.08 crore has been paid towards Provident Fund to 9289 retired staff for 3 years (2011-2014).

13.8 Employees Welfare Schemes:

The State Transport Undertakings are extending the following welfare measures for the benefit of the workers and their families:-

1. Service Weightage / Review benefits.
2. Leave benefits.
3. Steering Allowance.
4. Educational Assistance.
5. Subsidised canteen facilities.
6. Free uniform and Washing allowances.
7. Marriage Loan.
8. Reimbursement of legal fees.
9. Funeral expenses.

10. Free Travel passes to the children for attending Colleges/Schools.
11. Family Benefit Fund.
12. Voluntary Retirement Scheme.
13. Holiday Home facility at Kodaikanal, Coutralam and Kanniyakumari.
14. New Health Insurance Scheme (as applicable to Tamil Nadu Government Employees).
15. Quota wise preferential admission for the children of employees to Medical College, Engineering College and Polytechnics run by the Institute of Road Transport. Due to this, in the last 3 years 182 wards of employees became doctors and 1338 wards of employees became Engineers.
16. 20% Bonus and ex-gratia have been given to 1.40 lakh workers amounting to Rs.98.76 crore for the year 2010-11. Similarly 20% Bonus and ex-gratia have been given to 1.39 lakhs workers amounting to Rs.100.32 crore for the year 2011-12 and 1.50 lakhs workers amounting to Rs.102.36 crore for the year 2012-13 have been sanctioned by this Government.

17. For the first time, from the year 2012-13 onwards festival advance has been increased from Rs.2,000 to Rs.5,000.
18. Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation Employees Pension Fund Trust, the Pension Scheme has been implemented for Transport employees.
19. Crew rest rooms at Koyambedu Moffussil Bus Stand, Chennai are provided with all basic amenities including 223 double bunk cots at a cost of Rs.17 lakhs.
20. Infrastructure facilities have been upgraded in 115 crew rest rooms at depots and bus-stands, at a cost of Rs.41.65 Lakhs in the year 2011-12. Further, infrastructure facilities have been upgraded in 152 crew rest rooms at depots and bus-stands, at a cost of Rs.111.72 Lakhs in the year 2012-13 and 163 crew rest rooms at depots and bus-stands, at a cost of Rs.1.2 crore in the year 2013-14.
21. Infrastructure facilities like pavement of cement concrete platform and improvement of maintenance shed have been done in 260 depots at a cost of Rs.3.16 crore in the year

2011-12, in 271 depots at a cost of Rs.5.97 crore in the year 2012-13 and 224 depots at a cost of Rs.6.60 crore in the year 2013-14.

14. Skill development measures

14.1 International Standard Heavy Vehicle Driving Research and Training Institute:

Government has sanctioned Rs.15 crore for the formation of an International Standard Heavy Vehicle Driving Research and Training Institute at Gummudipoondi, where foundation stone has been laid on 05.07.2014 by **Hon'ble Chief Minister**. Here International and Domestic domain experts will share their strategy with trainees to minimise accidents during driving and this Institute will provide training to 1200 drivers per annum.

14.2 Refreshment Training:

All drivers are being sent for regular refresher training courses to upgrade their driving skills. Yoga and Meditation camps are being organized to reduce the stress level among drivers.

14.3 Simulator Training:

Highly technical Simulators are being used to give training to the drivers in Chennai, Trichy, Pollachi and Madurai. During the year 2013-14, training has been given to 3143 drivers.

15. State Transport Corporations:

15.1 Metropolitan Transport Corporation (Chennai) Limited:

The Metropolitan Transport Corporation (Chennai) Ltd., Chennai is headed by a Managing Director. The head office is located at Pallavan Salai, Chennai. MTC is the largest transport service provider in Chennai city and operates city services in the Chennai Metropolitan area and in the adjoining areas in Kanchipuram and Thiruvallur Districts.

- The total number of depots is 27. The fleet strength of the Corporation is 3750 and it operates 3531 scheduled services in 802

routes. The total staff strength is 23982. The Various types of services operated are Ordinary, Express, Semi Low Floor, Vestibule and Volvo Air-Conditioned buses. This corporation is having body building unit at Chrompet.

- 698 buses with ordinary fare were operated during the year 2011 (31.03.2011). Whereas, 1475 buses with ordinary fare are operating now (30.06.2014).
- The **Hon'ble Chief Minister** has ordered to increase the number of bus depots based on the fleet strength. Accordingly, announcement has been made to open new depots at Padiyanallur, Vellacherry, Kannagi Nagar, Mahakavi Bharathi Nagar, Besant Nagar, Thiruverkadu, Adambakkam, Chrompet, Perambur, Kundrathur, Perumbakkam, Thaiyur and Gummudipoondi. Out of which, new depots at Adambakkam and Besant Nagar have been inaugurated by **Hon'ble Chief Minister**

on 19.02.2014. The construction work is under progress in respect of three depots viz. Padianallur, MKB Nagar and Kundrathur. For remaining 8 places speedy action is being taken for land identification, land acquisition and floating of tender.

- The additional bus body unit at Chrompet was inaugurated by **Hon'ble Chief Minister** on 05.07.2014.
- During the period from 16.05.2011 to 30.06.2014 **Hon'ble Chief Minister** has inaugurated 330 new buses, 100 small buses and 318 new routes.
- Total number of employees who have registered their names to donate blood under "Voluntary Blood Donation Scheme" is 2023.
- The Corporation won the award for highest performance in vehicle productivity for the year 2011-2012 from ASRTU. (Urban)
- Metropolitan Transport Corporation (Chennai) Limited has also been appointed

as the Nodal Agency for the implementation of Mono Rail Project.

- The Corporation has identified sites at Thiyagaraya Nagar and Thiruvanmiyur for developing commercial complex under PPP mode.

The Corporation has provided the following additional facilities for the benefit of the passengers:

- Concession tickets to passengers under the following categories viz., Monthly Season Ticket, Weekly Ticket, One Day Ticket under “Travel as You Please Scheme”.
- 200 Peak hour services and 65 Night services are operated every day. Due to this service Rs.15.66 lakh revenue is being earned every day.
- 100 Small buses in 40 new routes were introduced in Chennai City in the under-served areas to link them with the nearest transit hub.

- To provide comfortable travel for women and children 66 additional buses are operating in 33 routes all over the Chennai City.
- E-Ticketing System through handheld device is under Pilot Phase Implementation at Adyar Depot.

15.2 State Express Transport Corporation Tamil Nadu Limited:

The Corporation is headed by a Managing Director. It has its headquarters in Chennai and operates Inter-city and Inter-state services. The area of operations extends to Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Puduchery.

- The total number of branches is 18. The total fleet strength of the Corporation is 1,117 buses and it operates 1,037 scheduled services including 658 services in Tamil Nadu and 379 inter-state services to Andhrapradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Puducherry. The total staff strength is 7,115.

The various types of services operated are, Super Deluxe, Ultra Deluxe, Classic and Air-Conditioned Buses.

- The **Hon'ble Chief Minister** has ordered to increase the number of bus depots based on the fleet strength. Accordingly, announcement has been made to open 7 new depots at Srirangam, Dindigul, Theni, Karaikudi, Karur, Erode, Hosur and one additional depot at Tirunelveli and action is taken for the formation of new depots.
- As per the announcement of **Hon'ble Chief Minister**, action is taken for setting up of the Office of the General Manager at Srirangam
- During the period from 16.05.2011 to 30.06.2014, the **Hon'ble Chief Minister** has inaugurated 453 new buses and 54 new routes.
- Total number of employees who have registered their names to donate blood under "Voluntary Blood Donation Scheme" is 34.
- The Corporation won the award for highest performance in vehicle productivity and

highest KMPL in fuel efficiency for the year 2011-2012 from ASRTU.

- Corporation has identified sites at Trichy Bus Stand, Salem Old Bus Stand and Madurai Periyar Bus Stand for developing commercial complex under PPP mode. Body Building Units of this Corporation are functioning at Trichy and Nagercoil.

The Corporation has provided the following additional facilities for the benefit of the passengers:

- E-Ticketing was introduced similar to the system in Railways and Airways in TNSTC /SETC Buses through Internet and Mobile phones for the Convenience of passengers from 03.10.2011.
- Providing Online Ticket Reservation System (OTRS) in 120 Centers with 124 counters in Tamilnadu and the neighbouring states of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka and Puducherry Union Territory.

- For the first time in Tamil Nadu, SETC introduced CLASSIC vehicles with pantry and Toilet facilities w.e.f. 20.06.2013 in the route between Chennai and Srirangam for the benefit of aged persons, Ladies and Diabetic patients.
- The State Express Transport Corporation Tamil Nadu Ltd., has introduced Vehicle Tracking System using Global Positioning System Technology in 50 vehicles plying between Trichy and Chennai. The GPS based Passenger Information Display Boards informing the expected arrival time of buses have been installed at important destinations like Chennai, Villupuram and Trichy.

15.3 Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Villupuram) Limited:

The Corporation is headed by a Managing Director. It has its headquarters in Villupuram. Regional Offices of this Corporation are functioning at Villupuram, Cuddalore, Tiruvannamalai, Vellore,

Kanchipuram and Thiruvallur for monitoring the operation of services and it operates City, Mofussil and Ghat services.

- The total number of depots is 56. The fleet strength of the Corporation is 3,584 and it operates 3,384 scheduled services. The total staff strength is 24,144. The various types of services operated are Ordinary, Express, Ultra-Deluxe and Volvo Air-Conditioned buses.
- Announcement has been made by **Hon'ble Chief Minister** to open 10 new depots at Neyveli, Orikkai, Chetpet, Chinna Salem, Peranampet, Sholingar, Thirukazhukundram, Sengam, Kattumanarkoil and Elathur. Out of the above, new depot at Neyveli and Orikkai have been inaugurated by **Hon'ble Chief Minister** on 19.02.2014. The construction work is under progress at Chetpet and Peranampet. For remaining 6

places action is being taken for land identification, land acquisition and floating of tenders.

- During the period from 16.05.2011 to 30.06.2014, the **Hon'ble Chief Minister** has inaugurated 1000 new buses and 259 new routes.
- Total number of employees who have registered their names to donate blood under "Voluntary Blood Donation Scheme" is 1489.
- The Corporation won the award for highest KMPL in fuel efficiency and runner award for highest performance in vehicle productivity for the year 2011-2012 (Mofussil Services, 1001-4000 buses) from ASRTU.
- The corporation has identified sites at Vikkiravandi and Ulundurpet for construction of commercial complexes under PPP mode. Body Building Units of this Corporation are functioning at Panruti, Vellore and Kanchipuram.

The Corporation has provided the following additional facilities for the benefit of the passengers:

- Special type of Super Deluxe seat assemblies for 1 to 1, 1 to 3, 1 to 5 and 1 to 6 speed up service in the operational area for the convenience of, end to end travelling passengers.
- In town sectors having more occupancy, the corporation has provided to operate Express Service with sophisticated seating comfort for passengers.
- To operate pilgrims centre special covering the important pilgrims point in the operation area such as Chennai, Tiruvannamalai during Full-Moon day and Chennai – Melmalayanur during New-Moon day (அழிவாசை) with reservation facilities from Chennai.

15.4 Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Salem) Limited:

The Corporation is headed by a Managing Director. It has its headquarters in Salem. Regional Offices of this Corporation are functioning at Salem and Dharmapuri for monitoring the operation of services and operates Town, Mofussil and Ghat Services.

- The total number of depots is 31. The fleet strength of the Corporation is 2,237 and it operates 2,061 scheduled services. The total staff strength is 14,452. The various types of services operated are Ordinary, Express and Ultra Deluxe buses.
- As per the orders of **Hon'ble Chief Minister** to increase the number of bus depots based on the fleet strength, announcement has been made to open 3 new depots at Thammampatti, Omalur and Pallapatti. Out

of which Thammampatti depot has been opened 23.06.2011. For the remaining 2 depots action is being taken for land identification, land acquisition and floating of tenders.

- During the period from 16.05.2011 to 30.06.2014, the **Hon'ble Chief Minister** has inaugurated 465 new buses and 152 new routes.
- Total number of employees who have registered their names to donate blood under "Voluntary Blood Donation Scheme" is 1199.
- The Corporation won the award for highest Tyre performance and Runner Award for maximum improvement in vehicle productivity for the year 2011-2012. (Mofussil Services) from ASRTU.

The Corporation has provided the following additional facilities for the benefit of the passengers:

- The bus facilities are provided to the tourist / pilgrim places of Yercaud, Kolli Hills, Hogennakkal, Tharamangalam, Tiruchengode (Arthanareshwarar Temple), Namakkal (Anjanaeyar Temple) and Mettur. Bus Body Building Units of this Corporation are functioning at Namakkal and Dharmapuri.

15.5 Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Coimbatore) Limited:

The Corporation is headed by a Managing Director. It has its headquarters in Coimbatore and operates Town, Mofussil and Ghat Services. Regional Offices of this Corporation are functioning at Coimbatore, Erode, Tiruppur and Ooty for monitoring the operation of services and the corporation.

- The total number of depots is 41. The fleet strength of the Corporation is 3,323 and it

operates 2,983 scheduled services. The total staff strength is 19,976. The various types of services operated are Ordinary, Express, Ultra Deluxe and Air-Conditioned buses. This corporation is having bus body building unit at Dharapuram, Pollachi, Udumalpet and Pallipalayam.

- The **Hon'ble Chief Minister** has ordered to open new depots at Sular, Madhukarai, Kinathukadavu, Perur, and Ondipudur (additional). The **Hon'ble Chief Minister** on 05.07.2014 has inaugurated the new depots at Annur and Kodumudi. The construction work is under progress in respect of Ondipudur depot. For remaining 4 depots action is being taken for land identification, land acquisition and floating of tenders.
- The **Hon'ble Chief Minister** on 05.07.2014, has inaugurated the additional bus body building unit at Pollachi.

- During the period from 16.05.2011 to 30.06.2014, the **Hon'ble Chief Minister** has inaugurated 707 new buses and 206 new routes.
- Total number of employees who have registered their names to donate blood under "Voluntary Blood Donation Scheme" is 2110.
- The Corporation won the award for maximum improvement in KMPL Urban Service for the year 2011-2012 and Runner Award for maximum improvement in KMPL – Mofussil Services for the year 2011-2012 from ASRTU.

The Corporation has provided the following additional facilities for the benefit of the passengers:

- Bus stands at Valparai, Maruthamalai, Ooty and Gudalur have been constructed and maintained.
- The Corporation is maintaining Motels at Barliar and Hasanoor.

- 3,71,399 Nos. of Smart Card free passes were issued from June 2012 to 28.02.2014.
- Buses are operated to pilgrim and tourist centres like Bannari, Karamadai, Poondi, Palani, Valparai, Mettupalayam, Coonoor and Ooty.

15.6 Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Kumbakonam) Ltd:

The Corporation is headed by a Managing Director. It has its headquarters in Kumbakonam. Regional Offices of this Corporation are functioning at Kumbakonam, Trichy, Karaikudi, Pudukottai, Nagapattinam and Karur for monitoring the operation of services and operates Town and Mofussil Services.

- The total number of depots is 55. The fleet strength of the Corporation is 3,881 and it operates 3,589 scheduled services. The total staff strength is 25,182. The various types of

services operated are Ordinary, Express, Super Deluxe, Ultra Deluxe and Air-Conditioned buses. This corporation is having body building unit at Poraiyar, Karur, Karaikudi and Pudukottai.

- The **Hon'ble Chief Minister** has ordered to increase the bus depot based on the fleet strength. The **Hon'ble Chief Minister** on 19.02.2014 has inaugurated new depot at Alangudi and Aravakkurichi. Further construction work is under progress in respect of 6 new depots at Gandarvakottai, Iluppur, Edamalaipattipudur, Kuzhithalai, Thiruvaiyaru and Uppilyapuram. For remaining 9 depots action is being taken for land identification, land acquisition and floating of tenders.
- During the period from 16.05.2011 to 30.06.2014, the **Hon'ble Chief Minister** has

inaugurated 895 new buses and 330 new routes.

- Total number of employees who have registered their names to donate blood under "Voluntary Blood Donation Scheme" is 2402.
- The Corporation won the award for minimum operational cost (Mofussil Services, 1001-4000 buses) for the year 2011-2012 from ASRTU.
- The corporation has identified sites at Velankanni for construction of commercial complexes under PPP mode.

The Corporation has provided the following additional facilities for the benefit of the passengers:

- The Corporation operates buses to important pilgrim and tourist centres like Nagore, Vellankanni, Thirunallar, Swamimalai, Thanjavur, Srirangam and Rameswaram.

15.7 Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Madurai) Limited:

The Corporation is headed by a Managing Director. It has its headquarters in Madurai and operates Town, Mofussil and Ghat Services. Regional Offices of this Corporation are functioning at Madurai, Dindigul and Virudhunagar for monitoring the operation of services and the Corporation

- The total number of depots is 36. The fleet strength of the Corporation is 2,623 and it operates 2,298 scheduled services. The total staff strength is 16,092. The various types of services operated are Ordinary and Express buses. This corporation is having body building unit at Madurai, Battlagundu and Virudhunagar.
- The **Hon'ble Chief Minister** has ordered to increase the bus depot based on the fleet strength. The **Hon'ble Chief Minister** has inaugurated new depot at Sivakasi on 19.02.2014. Further action is being taken to

construct 7 new depots at Kumuli, Alanganallur, Thiruppuvanam, Watrap, Sekkanurani, Kariyapatti and Oddanchathiram. Out of which 3 depots at Kumuli, Thiruppuvanam, and Sekkanurani are under construction. For remaining 4 depots namely Alanganallur, Watrap, Kariyapatti and Ottanchathram action is being taken for land identification, land acquisition and floating of tenders.

- During the period from 16.05.2011 to 30.06.2014, the **Hon'ble Chief Minister** has inaugurated 403 new buses and 91 new routes.
- Total number of employees who have registered their names to donate blood under "Voluntary Blood Donation Scheme" is 2482.

The Corporation has provided the following additional facilities for the benefit of the passengers:

- Special Services are being operated during festivals like Veerapandi Mariamman

Festival, Irukkankudi Mariamman Festival and Palani Thaipooam Festival.

15.8 Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Tirunelveli) Limited:

The Corporation is headed by a Managing Director. It has its headquarters in Tirunelveli. Regional Offices of this Corporation are functioning at Tirunelveli, Nagercoil and Thoothukudi for monitoring the operation of services and the Corporation operates Town and Mofussil Services.

- The total number of depots is 28. The fleet strength of the Corporation is 1986 and it operates 1801 scheduled services. The total staff strength is 12525. The various types of services operated are Ordinary, Express, Super Deluxe and Ultra Deluxe buses. This corporation is having body building unit at Tirunelveli and Nagercoil.
- The **Hon'ble Chief Minister** has ordered to increase the bus depots based on the fleet

strength. Accordingly, announcement has been made to open 3 new depots at Cheranmadevi, Alangulam and Sathankulam. The construction work is in under progress in Cheranmadevi. For remaining 2 depots action is being taken for land identification, land acquisition and floating of tenders.

- The new building for corporate office at Tirunelveli at a cost of Rs.1 crore was inaugurated by **Hon'ble Chief Minister** through Video Conferencing on 05.07.2014.
- During the period from 16.05.2011 to 30.06.2014, the **Hon'ble Chief Minister** has inaugurated 389 new buses and 66 new routes.
- Total number of employees who have registered their names to donate blood under "Voluntary Blood Donation Scheme" is 125.
- The Corporation has identified sites at Palayamkottai, Kattabomman Nagar and

Vannarapettai Bye-Pass Road for developing commercial complex under PPP mode.

The Corporation has provided the following additional facilities for the benefit of the passengers:

- This Corporation is operating buses to important pilgrim and tourist centres like Tiruchendur, Sankarankoil, Uvari, Kanniyakumari and Courtallam.

16. Tamil Nadu Transport Development Finance Corporation Limited:

Tamil Nadu Transport Development Finance Corporation Limited (TDFC) was started with the objective of moping up of funds from general public for the capital and working capital requirements of the State Transport Undertakings by way of mobilising deposits without depending upon the budgetary support from the Government. It has been registered as a Non-Banking Finance Company with the Reserve Bank of India. TDFC is having deposits of Rs.1510.76 crores as on 31.03.2014 from the depositors.

Tamil Nadu Transport Development Finance Corporation Limited, Chennai has extended its financial assistance towards the procurement of 47112 (upto 31.03.2014) new buses since its inception. The total loan outstanding with State Transport Undertakings as on 31.03.2014 is Rs.1465.87 crores.

Plans for 2014-15:

For the year 2014-15 TDFC Ltd. has proposed to fund Rs.400.44 crore for purchase of 1868 new buses by STUs besides giving financial assistance for payment of MV Tax, Bonus and other working capital for Rs.1495.55 crore.

17. Pallavan Transport Consultancy Services Limited:

Pallavan Transport Consultancy Services Ltd., (PTCS) was established in April 1984 as a wholly owned company of Government of Tamil Nadu with an Authorized Capital of Rs.50 lakhs and with a paid up Share Capital of Rs.10 lakhs. Its core

objective is to provide Consultancy services for development of Road Transport projects.

PTCS offers consultancy assignments in the domain areas of Information Technology, Software Development, Digitization, Traffic and Transportation, Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS), Highway Engineering and Management and has a Team of qualified and experienced Consultants in the respective fields. Besides, experts from various specializations are also drawn from Institute of Road Transport, Tamil Nadu State Transport Undertakings, Highways Department and Anna University and the eligible retired Government Personnel depending upon the requirement and need for assignment.

18. Institute of Road Transport:

The Institute of Road Transport (IRT) was started as a society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 with the following

main objectives:

- Applied research on issues pertaining to traffic, transportation and road safety.
- Bus system management, perform quality.
- Monitoring by conducting tests on random samples of spare parts procured by the state transport undertakings (STUs) in Tamil Nadu.
- Imparting refresher training to the employees of STUs and public.

The Institute of Road Transport is at present running Heavy Vehicle Driver Training (HVDT) Schools at Gummidipoondi and Trichy and at 15 centres in association with the STUs. During the last three years, 3683 candidates have successfully completed HVDT Course at 17 centres namely, Chrompet, Villupuram, Vellore, Kanchipuram, Madurai (2 Centres), Dindigul, Virudhunagar, Salem, Dharmapuri, Erode, Pollachi, Tirunelveli, Nagercoil, Kumbakonam, Karaikudi and

Trichy. The details are as follows:

Year	No. of persons trained
2011-12	1117
2012-13	961
2013-14	1605
Total	3683

Besides, the Institute of Road Transport is also running two Light Motor Vehicle Driver Training Centres at Chennai and Trichy.

The Institute conducts skill development training programme for the officers and employees of Transport Corporations both in IRT and Head Quarters of STUs by preparing an Annual Calendar. 1592 training programmes have been conducted till 2013-14 and totally 32616 employees and officers of STUs have benefited through this programme.

The Institute also conducts Examinations for Executives and Non-Executives of STUs every year for their promotion.

The Institute has a Material Testing Laboratory, which can conduct tests for 66

automobile components. The Laboratory has so far tested 5,704 samples.

The research wing of IRT has published as many as 504 Research Reports, 28 Consultancy Reports, Accident Investigation Manual and Technical Manual for the benefit of STUs.

The Institute of Road Transport is also acting as a nodal agency for purchase of major items like Chassis, Tyres, Fully Built Buses, Bus Body Construction, Printing and supply of Tickets, R.T. Materials and Lubricants to cater to the needs of STUs in Tamil Nadu.

18.1 IRT Engineering College, Erode:

In the year 1984, Institute of Road and Transport Technology was started at Chithode in Erode District with a special emphasis on Automobile Research under the aegis of IRT for imparting Under Graduate Engineering Degree Courses to the children of employees of STUs. The total annual intake of students for Under Graduate

and Post Graduate Degree Courses is 498. So far 7,236 B.E. Graduates, 100 M.E. (Structural), 18 M.E. (Thermal) and 726 M.C.A. Post Graduates have completed these courses from this Engineering College. This Engineering College is rated as one of the finest Engineering Colleges in the State.

18.2 Perundurai Medical College:

IRT-Perundurai Medical College with Hospital facilities was started in the year 1986 at Perundurai for the benefit of employees of STUs with an annual intake of 60 students for MBBS Course. This Medical College has produced 1,254 Doctors since inception.

18.3 Polytechnic colleges:

The Institute of Road Transport also started three Polytechnic Colleges at Chromepet (Chennai), Bargur and Tirunelveli in the year 1992-93. The Diploma in Mechanical Engineering

Course with an annual intake of 60 seats was started in all the three Polytechnic Colleges from the academic year 2013-14. At present, Diploma in Engineering Courses are offered in four branches with a total annual intake of 700 Students. As many as 7,024 students have completed Diploma in Engineering Course in these three Polytechnic Colleges upto 2013.

The total number of seats and the seats filled by this Institute are as detailed below:-

Sl. No.	Description	Total No. of Seats	No. of Seats filled under	
			Government Quota	Management Quota
1.	Perundurai Medical College - MBBS Course	60	39 (65%)	21 (35%)
2.	IRT-School of Nursing - Diploma in Nursing	20	NIL	20(100%)
3.	Engineering College			
a)	Bachelor Degree Courses	420	273(65%)	147 (35%)
b)	Master Degree - M.E. (Structural)	18	13 (72%)	5 (28%)
c)	Master of Computer Applications	60	30 (50%)	30 (50%)
4.	Polytechnic Colleges – Diploma in Engineering	700	350 (50%)	350 (50%)

The Capital Expenditure of IRT and its Educational Institutions is borne by the STUs in Tamil Nadu. The recurring expenditures of IRT is met out from Special Administrative Rebate collected from the suppliers of STUs as per G.O.Ms.No.6 Transport (A) Department, dated 08.01.2013. The recurring expenditure of educational institution's is met out from the interest earned on Interest Free Loan (IFL) contributed by the employees of the State Transport Undertakings, Fee receipts from the students and hospital receipts.

18.4 School of Diploma in Nursing:

The IRT – School of Nursing was started for imparting Diploma in Nursing Course at IRT – Perundurai Medical College premises with an annual intake of 20 Students.

18.5 Additional seats in IRT Engineering College / Polytechnic:

AICTE has accorded approval for increasing 30 additional seats each in Civil Engineering and

Automobile Engineering Branches in Institute of Road and Transport Technology Chithode near Erode. All the Management Quota seats in Civil Engineering and Automobile Engineering Branches have been filled during the year 2012-13 and 2013-14.

Similarly, approval has been given to introduce Diploma in Mechanical Engineering Course in IRT Polytechnic colleges. The course has commenced from the academic year 2013-14.

As many as 717 Officers and staff are working in IRT and its Educational Institutions as on 31.03.2014.

19. Motor Vehicles Maintenance Department:

Tamil Nadu Motor Vehicles Maintenance Department is a Service Department which undertakes maintenance and repair of all Government and Government Departmental vehicles, particularly all the vehicles of **Hon'ble Chief Minister's** Convoy are maintained at modernised Government Central Automobile

Workshop of this department at Chennai. For this purpose, a special wing has been functioning with all facilities.

Further, Government Automobile Workshops are functioning in the District Head quarters. There are also three Offices of Regional Deputy Directors are functioning at Trichy, Salem and Madurai for the effective supervision of the repair works. This department undertakes maintenance and repairs of all the Government vehicles of Secretariat, Chennai. Nearly 17,955 Government departmental vehicles throughout the state of Tamil Nadu are maintained by this department.

The main objective of this department is to provide quality service to needs of all the Government Departmental vehicles in an economical and efficient manner.

Government sanctioned certain New Schemes for the year 2013-2014 for an amount of Rs.36.00 lakhs towards the provision of vehicle to the Works Manager, Government Central

Automobile Workshop, creation of Website for Motor Vehicles Maintenance Department, provision of Float assemblies to the workshops and Construction of Watchman room and Cycle shed for the welfare of the staff.

Modernization:

It has been proposed to upgrade the existing building Government Central Automobile Workshop for the maintenance of Car Section, on par with Manufacturer's Authorised Dealers Workshop as detailed below:-

(Rupees in lakhs)

1)	Upgradation of existing building for the Maintenance of Car Section	64.00
2)	Latest Machineries and Special Tools	43.65
	Total	107.65
3)	20% unforeseen expenditure	21.53
	Grand Total	129.18

20. Chennai Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority (CUMTA):

The Government has started initial basic works to establish a Chennai Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority (CUMTA), for monitoring the all

aspects of integrated Metropolitan Transport for Chennai City. The main aim of CUMTA is to provide better co-ordination among the various mass transport agencies in Chennai, like Mass Rapid Transit System, proposed Monorail Project, Chennai Metro Rail, Metropolitan Transport Corporation and the city agencies like Corporation of Chennai, Chennai Traffic Police and Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority.

21. Mono Rail Project:

To attract potential developers for implementation of the Chennai Monorail Project under Public Private Partnership mode, the Government has decided to restructure the Project for a length of approximately 43.48 kms consisting of two Projects namely Project-1 from Poonamallee to Kathipara with a link from Porur to Vadapalani to the extent of 20.68 kms. and Project-2 from Vandalur to Velacherry to the extent of 22.80 kms.

In respect of introduction of Mono Rail in Coimbatore city, selection of consultant for the preparation of feasibility study is under process.

22. Inter-departmental Co-ordination:

Transport Department co-ordinates with various Government agencies namely, Southern Railway, Civil Aviation Department, Postal and Telecommunication Department to implement their projects relating to Transportation Sector within the State of Tamil Nadu. The land requirement proposals given by these departments are co-ordinated with the District Collectors / Commissioner of Land Administration, etc., and lands are acquired and handed over to them for implementation of their projects.

23. Modernisation and Expansion of Airports:

The Airport Authority of India has undertaken the expansion and modernisation of Chennai Airport. The State Government has been extending full co-operation and conducting co-ordination

meetings with concerned departments for early completion of this prestigious project.

The Airport Authority of India, New Delhi has requested the Government to provide the land for the expansion and modernisation of the Non-Metro Airports in Tamilnadu. Hence, the Government is taking necessary action to provide the land in Madurai, Trichy, Coimbatore, Thoothukudi and Salem Districts.

24. Madras Flying Club:

The Madras Flying Club started in the year 1930, has become a Centre for training in flying and aircraft maintenance engineering over the years. A large number of pilots and engineers trained by this Club have got employment in aviation industry.

The Government of Tamil Nadu is providing a fixed subsidy of Rs.3.80 lakhs and fuel subsidy of Rs.3.72 lakhs per annum to the Madras Flying Club for establishment charges and other running expenditure.

25. Conclusion:

Hon'ble Chief Minister's Vision for Tamil Nadu for 2023 aims to enable its people to enjoy all the basic services of a modern society. In order to ensure affordable bus services to people, Government has been consistently absorbing the additional cost accrued due to periodical hike in diesel price.

Further, in order to increase the service, the number of bus services have been increased to a record 20,684. Infrastructure is being continuously upgraded in the form of construction of new bus depots, renovation of existing depots, introduction of new buses and renovation of existing buses. Services have been increased for the welfare of women, differently abled persons and students. Small buses have been introduced in narrow routes which brought much relief to the residents. Packaged mineral water at the lowest price is made available to the public. In order to save the time

and energy of people, Online Ticket Reservation System has been introduced.

Employee's welfare measures such as Master Health Checkup for those who are aged above 45, periodic refreshment training and Yoga sessions have been introduced. The energetic employees of STUs have voluntarily donated blood and this achievement has entered the Guinness Book of records.

In order to upgrade the skills of drivers, an international driving research and training institute at Gummidipoondi has been sanctioned and work is in progress.

Transport department promises to strive towards achieving the vision of **Hon'ble Chief Minister.**

V. SENTHILBALAJI
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT

ANNEXURE -I**DEMAND No. 48****TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT****BUDGET ESTIMATE 2014-2015**

(Rupees in thousands)

Sl. No.	Head of Department	Revenue	Capital	Loan	Total
1	Secretariat	851,87,78	200,00,06	3	1051,87,87
2	Motor Vehicles Maintenance Department	55,94,42	15,01	-	56,09,43
Total		907,82,20	200,15,07	3	1107,97,30

ANNEXURE -II**NEW SCHEMES UNDER PART II FOR THE YEAR 2014-2015**

Sl. No.	Name of the schemes	Cost of the scheme (Rupees in lakhs)
TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT		
1	Provision of 6 Nos. of multi-functional Printer with Fax, Scan and Copier, 6 Nos. of Laser Printer, 1 Centralised Printer and 5 Nos. of UPS for Transport Department at Secretariat, Chennai-9.	2.48
MOTOR VEHICLE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT		
1.	Construction of certain Civil works for Government Central Automobile Workshop, Chennai-42	15.00
2.	Provision of utility vehicle for the use of local purchase in Material Management Unit at Govt. Central Automobile Workshop, Chennai-42	7.50
Total		24.98