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1. Introduction:

Mobility is one of the most fundamental and important characteristics of economic activity as it satisfies the basic need of going from one location to the other, a need shared by passengers, freight and information. Economies that possess greater mobility are often those with better opportunities to develop than those suffering from scarce mobility. Reduced mobility impedes development while greater mobility is a catalyst for development. Mobility is thus a reliable indicator of development.

Transport has played a catalytic role in transforming the economic and social geography of many nations. The transport sector is an important component of the economy impacting on

development and the welfare of population. When transport systems are efficient, they provide economic and social opportunities and benefit that impact throughout the economy. Increasing the transport system efficiency provides productivity gains that filter through the economy in various ways.

The ultimate goal (or output) of transportation is accessibility, people and industry's ability to access desired resources, services and markets, which can include raw materials, labour, worksites, professional services, business meetings, clients and distributors.

Hon'ble Chief Minister's "Vision for Tamil Nadu 2023" aims to make Tamil Nadu as most prosperous and progressive state in India with no poverty and where its people enjoy all the basic services of a Modern Society and live in harmonious engagement with the environment and with the rest of the world.

The State in its endeavour to provide affordable, accessible and available transport services operates Town, Mofussil, Ghat Express Services and Inter-State Services connecting the neighbouring states through the State Transport Undertakings.

2. Organisation setup of Transport Department and Performances:

This department is functioning under the head of Additional Chief Secretary to Government and two Deputy Secretaries, 4 Under Secretaries, 59 Administrative staff and 11 more employees in the Chairman's Office. The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Transport department is the Ex-Officio Chairman of all the State Transport Undertakings and the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of Tamil Nadu Transport Development Finance Corporation Limited.

The organizations under the Administrative Control of Transport Department are as follows:

- (i) Eight State Transport Undertakings (STUs)
- (ii) Tamil Nadu Transport Development Finance Corporation Limited (TDFC)
- (iii) Institute of Road Transport (IRT)
- (iv) Pallavan Transport Consultancy Services Limited (PTCS)
- (v) Motor Vehicle Maintenance Department (MVMD)

and the name of the eight Transport Corporations functioning in the State which are providing inter-state and intra-state services are as follows:

- (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.

Overall view of State Transport Undertakings:

The State Transport Corporations of Tamil Nadu now have a fleet of 22,474 buses including 1,790 spare buses.

The number of scheduled services as on March 2015 is 20,684. The operational areas of STUs extends to the States of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and the Union territory of Puducherry. All STUs operates an average of 90.21 lakh kilometres per day. The total staff strength including reserve is 1,44,818 as on 31.03.2015.

As a result of various measures taken by the present Government to improve the performance of STUs, the performance indicators have shown positive trend. Fuel efficiency of 5.25 KMPL as on March 2011 has been increased to 5.30 KMPL during March 2015.

3. Fundamental structures of State Transport Corporations:

The State Transport Undertakings have the following infrastructure as on 31.03.2015:

- **294** Branches (Rural and Urban areas),
- **21** Engine reconditioning units and workshops
- **23** Bus Body Building units
- **18** Tyre Re-treading plants
- **42** Bus Fitness Certificate Units.

3.1 Bus fare:

The bus fare was revised lastly in Tamil Nadu with effect from 18-11-2011. Due to the dual pricing policy of Union Government brought in January 2013 and steep price hike in Diesel during the period from September 2012 to August 2014, Government of Tamil Nadu has opted to absorb the additional burdens of the STUs due to the price hike without passing the burden to the common travelling public. A comparison of fare with other States as on 31.03.2015 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	10.01.2015	58.70	89.75	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 services offered by the STUs:

The various bus services offered by the State Transport Undertakings to the travelling Public as on 31.03.2015 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	656
Outside State	381
Total Services	20,684
Spare Buses	1,790
Total Fleet Strength	22,474

3.3 Marked Improvement shown in physical performance:

The major Physical Performance Indicators during the years 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 (upto March 2015) are as follows:

Item	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Fleet Strength	21,154	21,207	22,053	22,501	22,474
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	90.21
Breakdown/10,000 Km	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.004
Accidents/1,00,000 Km	0.25	0.22	0.20	0.20	0.18
Fatal accidents	1472	1237	1233	1187	1165
No. of persons dead in accidents	1656	1397	1382	1318	1331
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	1.92
Men per bus including scheduled services (including workshop employees)	6.69	6.40	6.31	6.43	6.48

3.4 Operational cost of Transport Corporations:

The expenditure on establishment cost and diesel price normally increases the operational cost of STUs every year. The percentage of cost

components during the year 2014-15 (upto March 2015) as approved by Board are as follows:-

Sl. No.	Components	Percentage
1	Salary	49.4%
2	Diesel	33.5%
3	Repair and Maintenance	4.1%
4	Depreciation	2.7%
5	MACT Award and others	3.7%
6	Interest	4.7%
7	Taxes	1.9%
Total		100%

4. Revenue of State Transport Corporations:

Due to frequent Diesel price hike and dual pricing policy of Union Government in diesel price, increase in spare parts cost and hike in D.A. to the employees, State Transport Undertakings have been incurring additional expenditure every year. However, the State Transport Undertakings continue to improve their revenue compared to previous year. The details of Bus collection and other Revenue such as advertisements, sale of

drinking water, courier, hire charges and commercial complexes are as follows:-

(Rupees in crore)

Year	Bus collection per day	Other Revenue	Total income
2011-12	18.75	2.64	21.39
2012-13	19.87	3.01	22.88
2013-14	20.12	4.59	24.71
2014-15 (pre-audit)	20.50	4.40	24.90

5. Financial Assistance to STUs by the Government:

For the past four years (2011-2015), the Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.4818.54 Crore towards various kinds of subsidies, reimbursement of expenditure, loans and advance and share capital assistance as tabulated below:

Share Capital Assistance

(Rs. in crore)

Year	New Bus	ETM machine	Reduce outstanding liability in the Books, as working capital (HSD)	Total
2011-12	155.26	7.0275	-	162.2875
2012-13	150.00	24.6322	-	174.6322
2013-14	-	-	350.00	350.0000
2014-15	125.00	-	228.00	353.0000
Total	430.26	31.6597	578.00	1039.9197

Loans and Ways & Means Advances

(Rs. in crore)

Year	New Bus	Bus Body Renovation	MCOP	Diesel	Wage Settlement	Total
2011-12	137.5000	24.395	25.00	81.0265	178.1415	446.0630
2012-13			13.91			13.9100
2013-14		24.395				24.3950
2014-15	81.6144		39.73			121.3444
Total	219.1144	48.790	78.64	81.0265	178.1415	605.7124

Grant

(Rs. in crore)

Year	MCOP	Diesel	CM award to accident free drivers	Total
2011-12	20.00		2.7800	22.7800
2012-13	20.00	200.00	2.7800	222.7800
2013-14	20.00	500.00	1.6004	521.6004
2014-15	20.00	600.00	2.7800	622.7800
Total	80.00	1300.00	9.9404	1389.9404

Government have sanctioned Rs.1782.97 crore towards Student concessional Passes during 2011-12 to 2014-15.(Except State Express Transport Corporation Tamil Nadu Limited)

6. Road Safety Measures

6.1 Measures taken to reduce the Road Accidents:

In Tamil Nadu, due to rapid urbanization the usage of vehicles has steeply increased but the accidents are considerably reduced when compared to previous years. In 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 (Upto March 2015), all State Transport Undertakings have deposited a sum of Rs.100.73 crore, Rs.116.67 crore, Rs.92.91 crore and Rs.116.82 crore for 7360 cases, 6640 cases, 5532 and 5797 cases (Upto March 2015) respectively towards Motor Accident Claim compensation.

The following 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 check-up and surprise breath analysing 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 movements 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 four years the Government have sanctioned Rs.9.94 crore for this award as indicated below :

Year	Amount (Rs. in crore)
2011-12	2.78
2012-13	2.78
2013-14	1.60
2014-15	2.78
Total	9.94

- (vi) The State Transport Undertakings are uniformly adopting tough stand to dismiss the erring drivers causing continuous fatal accidents.
- (vii) Yoga and Meditation camps are being organised to reduce the stress level among the drivers.

As a result of the above measures, the number of fatal accidents have been reduced in the past 5 years 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
2014-15	20,684	1165	1331

6.2 Accident Claim Settlement Fund:

This new scheme with a separate Corpus Fund has been created for the speedy and out of court settlement with an intention to give

compensation amount to the injured and the legal heirs of the deceased who are affected in the accident involving State Transport Undertakings buses. Accordingly, the fund of Rs.40 crore has been established with a yearly contribution of Rs.20 crore by the State Government and the balance Rs.20 crore proportionately by all State Transport Undertakings year wise from 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15. The above corpus fund is centrally maintained by Tamil Nadu Transport Development Finance Corporation Limited.

6.3 Lok-Adalat:

The State Transport Undertakings are settling the claims of accident compensation cases from the corpus fund through Lok Adalat which was established during the year 1987. The settlement made by the STUs for the past 4 years are as given below:-

Year	No. of cases	Amount through Lok-Adalat (Rs. in lakhs)
2011-12	884	997.21
2012-13	1867	3466.29
2013-14	1160	569.22
2014-15	897	1028.14

7. Measures taken for improving Public Service

7.1 Operation of buses in STUs :

With the efforts of this Government, the total number of scheduled bus services in State Transport Undertakings has been increased from 19,110 (March 2011) to 20,684 (March 2015).

7.2 Introduction of new routes:

For the benefit of travelling public, this Government has introduced 1476 new routes across the State in the past 4 years including small buses by MTC.

7.3 Introduction of new buses :

The Government have ordered for the procurement of 7153 new regular buses for replacement of over aged buses for all State Transport Undertakings for the period from 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and 2014-2015, as detailed below :

Year	No. of buses
2011-12	3000
2012-13	2953
2014-15	1200
Total	7153

7.4 Introduction of 100 Small buses in Chennai:

With an aim of catering to the need of travelling Public and to connect the narrow roads with main roads, 100 small buses in 40 routes have been operated by MTC Ltd., in and around Chennai Metropolitan area. These Small buses are mostly welcomed by the Public. In addition to that, the **Hon'ble Chief Minister** has announced for the

procurement of 100 more Small buses for Chennai City by Metropolitan Transport Corporation Ltd., Chennai for the year 2014-15.

7.5 Ladies Special Buses:

During the peak hours, the Metropolitan Transport Corporation Ltd., have been operating 200 Ladies Special Buses in 73 routes in Chennai for the convenience of Women and Children.

7.6 Buses for Differently-abled:

For the better convenience of Differently-abled persons 10 Differently-abled friendly buses have been introduced for the first time in Metropolitan Transport Corporation Ltd., by this Government.

7.7 Small Bus Service in Hill Areas:

In order to cater to the needs of public living in un-served hill areas 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 Government has ordered for the

procurement of 208 Small Buses at a cost of Rs.35 crore from their own funds of State Transport Undertakings. So far 62 buses have been introduced. (7 buses on 26.06.2014 and 55 buses on 18.06.2015). Under Hill area development fund, Rs.10 crore have been sanctioned to introduce 62 small buses in Ooty.

7.8 Buses with pantry facility :

Two Pantry buses are being operated by SETC between Chennai and Srirangam from 20.06.2013.

7.9 Festival Special buses:

Elaborate arrangements are made to provide adequate bus facilities at normal fares during Deepavali and Pongal seasons to enable people to celebrate festivals at their native places and return back to work spot in all places in the State. From these operations, all State Transport Undertakings have earned considerable revenue during the festival seasons. The details of services operated

and revenue earned for the past four years are as follows:

Year	Festival	No. of services operated	Revenue earned (Rs. in crore)
2011-12	Pongal	6061	80.00
2012-13	Deepavali	7958	87.37
	Pongal	7135	89.70
2013-14	Deepavali	10484	86.93
	Pongal	9546	93.41
2014-15	Deepavali	10499	83.96
	Pongal	8548	81.86

8. Fare concessions:

8.1 The categories of persons availing Travel Concessions :

- Present / Ex-Members of Parliament / Legislative Assembly and Ex-Members of Council.
- Accredited journalists / Media persons.
- 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.

- Cancer Patients and Differently-abled persons. (Deaf and dumb, blind, mentally retarded and epileptic patients)
- Drama Artists.
- H.I.V. / AIDS patients.

8.2 Special Concession to Students:

“Education is the most powerful weapon which can be used to change the world”.

Considering these lines in mind, the Government have given free travel concession in order to motivate the students.

(1) Free Travel Concession to Students

- i) All Schools including private Schools recognised by the Government. (1st standard – 12th Standard)
- ii) National Child Labour Project.
- iii) Government Polytechnics.
- iv) Government Industrial Training Institutes.
- v) Government Arts and Science Colleges.

From 2013-2014, this concession is also extended to

- i) Community Colleges
- ii) Government aided Private ITI's.
- iii) Music Colleges.
- iv) Chennai Corporation ITI's.

(2) 50% Travel Concession

- i) Private Colleges
 - ii) Private Polytechnics
 - iii) Engineering Colleges
 - iv) Students with attendant attending engineering counselling at Anna University, Chennai.
 - v) Students from Srilankan Refugees Camp studying in recognised Polytechnic Institutions.
- } Recognised by Government.

(3) Exchange of Tokens :

For the benefits of College Students travelling to Library and back to their residence, 60 exchange tokens are issued by Metropolitan Transport Corporation Buses.

(4) Students Concession Subsidy to STUs.

Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.311.37 crore in the year 2011-12, Rs.320 crore in the year 2012-13 and also Rs.448 crore each for the years 2013-14 and 2014-15 towards the reimbursement of loss due to issue of Travel Concession passes to students studying in Schools / Colleges / Polytechnics / ITI etc., Further, the Government have sanctioned Rs.86 crore as arrear for earlier year; and Rs.41.60 crore and Rs.128 crore for the years 2011-12 and 2012-13 respectively as arrears due to Bus fare Revision. For the year 2015-16, Rs.480 crore has been allotted by the Government increasing the allocation by Rs.32 crore.

8.3 E-ticketing:

“World has shrunk in our hands”. Online e-ticket booking for long distance routes has been introduced in STUs from 03.10.2011 for the convenience of the passengers. Booking through e-ticketing on an average out of total reservation

has been increased to 40% during 2014-15, from 35% in 2013-14. The maximum of 43.72 % has been booked in March 2015.

8.4 Travel As You Please Tickets:

Travel As You Please Tickets are issued to encourage the passengers who are travelling in Government Town Buses in Chennai, Madurai, Coimbatore, Salem, Trichy, Tirunelveli, Vellore, Tiruppur, Erode and Thoothukudi Municipal Corporation areas at the following rates subject to certain conditions:

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

8.5 One Third Concession Bus Pass:

For the benefit of regular travellers, 1/3rd concession bus pass scheme was implemented in City / Town buses and it has been extended to mofussil buses from the year 2013-14 and this

scheme is mostly welcomed by the regular travelling public.

8.6 Group Ticket Concession:

10% discount is given for reservation of tickets for 10 or more persons in State Express Transport Corporation Ltd., So far, 7705 reservations have been done. Out of which 99,736 beneficiaries have been benefited and Rs.29.51 lakhs concession was availed by the beneficiaries upto 31.03.2015.

8.7 The Smart Travel Cards:

The 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. This will ease the work of Conductors avoiding short-change problems. The Ticket fare will be deducted from the Smart Travel Card. It is initially introduced in Metropolitan Transport Corporation Ltd., at a cost of Rs.3.55 crore.

Further, it has been proposed to extend this scheme to Chennai Metro Rail Ltd., Action is also taken for Memorandum Of Undertaking from Chennai Metro Rail Ltd.,

8.8 Online Electronic Ticketing Machine:

The Global Positioning System based online electronic ticketing machine is very useful to the passengers and also to the Conductors for issuing tickets and accounting. It improves operational efficiency of STUs and also for the proper accountability. Under this scheme, 16,127 (20.07.2015) electronic ticketing machines have been introduced in all STUs. (Rs.31.66 crore sanctioned by Government),

9. Revenue Enhancing Measures:

9.1 Public Private Partnership :

The following 11 sites have been identified by the STUs for construction of commercial complex under **Public Private Partnership mode** for improving their revenue :-

(1). T.Nagar Depot (2) Thiruvananthapuram Depot (3) Vikravandi (4) Ulundurpet (5) Trichy Bus Stand (6) Salem old Bus stand (7) Madurai Periyar Bus stand (8) Velankanni (9) Kattabomman Nagar site, (10) Palayamkottai and (11) Bye-Pass Branch Vannarapettai in Tirunelveli. In order to expedite PPP mode, a separate PPP mode cell has been formed.

9.2 Disposal of Condemned Buses (E-Auctioning):

M/s. MSTC, a Government of India Undertaking has been selected as the Service Provider to dispose of the condemned buses by E-Auctioning. This helps to obtain the best price for the condemned buses and scraps. Accordingly, 3039 buses have been condemned in past four years (31.03.2015) and Rs.4414.66 lakhs have been earned by the State Transport Undertakings as a profit.

9.3 Revenue through Advertisement in buses:

The STUs have earned a sum of Rs.56.31 crore for the past four years through advertisements in buses as detailed below:

Year	STUs Revenue (Rs. in crore)
2011-2012	12.00
2012-2013	16.13
2013-2014	16.37
2014-2015	11.81
Total	56.31

9.4 Motels:

During the journey, Hygienic food and snacks are supplied at reasonable price through tie-up with 37 Motels with an infrastructure of additional bus parking, safe drinking water, modernized kitchen, dining hall and toilet facilities located on the routes of long distance buses. For the past 4 years, a sum of Rs.13.68 crore have been earned by all STUs, as given below :

Year	STUs Revenue (Rs. in crore)
2011-2013	4.67
2013-2014	4.28
2014-2015	4.73
Total	13.68

9.5 Parcel and Courier services:

The State Transport Undertakings have earned a sum of Rs.153.44 lakhs for the past 4 years through Parcel and Courier Service as additional service.

Year	STUs Revenue (Rs. in lakhs)
2011-2013	44.21
2013-2014	52.10
2014-2015	57.13
Total	153.44

10. Provision of hygienic water – AMMA Drinking Water Plant I:

“Pure water is the world’s first and foremost medicine”

AMMA packaged drinking water scheme has been inaugurated by **Hon’ble Chief Minister of**

Tamil Nadu on the PERARIGNAR ANNA BIRTH DAY on 15.09.2013 at the Institute of Road Transport premises in Gummidipoondi for providing hygienic drinking water to the common public and bus passengers at a affordable price.

The AMMA packaged drinking water is sold at the cheapest rate of Rs.10 per bottle all over the State through 304 centres. The scheme is introduced for the first time in our State and it is a Novel Scheme in the whole country.

AMMA Drinking Water Plant II:

The **Hon'ble Chief Minister** has announced on 23.10.2013 that one more “**AMMA DRINKING WATER PLANT**” with the daily capacity of 3.00 lakh litre would be established at IRT Campus, Gummidipoondi through Metropolitan Transport Corporation (Chennai) Limited, Chennai. The tender process is under progress.

11. Construction of New depots:

The **Hon'ble Chief Minister** has ordered to increase the number of bus depots according to

fleet strength. The total number of bus depots as on 31.03.2015 was 294. Out of which, 14 new depots have been inaugurated by **Hon'ble Chief Minister** on 18.06.2015 which includes 11 new depots in new locations and 3 new depots in place of existing old / rented premises. Out of 74 new depots announced, 23 depots were already opened, 21 are nearing completion and in respect of others action is being expedited.

12. Employees' Social outreach:

The State Transport Undertakings have made a **Guinness Book of records** by donating blood voluntarily by the 53,129 employees in a single day on 14.02.2014. Besides, the voluntary blood donor's list is being maintained by Metropolitan Transport Corporation (Chennai) Ltd., Chennai. So far 16,969 employees of State Transport Undertaking have been registered their names (as on 17.06.2015) for Voluntary Blood Donation Scheme

13 Employees Beneficial Measures :

13.1 Repletion of vacancies in STUs

Vacancies have been filled by all STUs during the period from 16.05.2011 to 31.03.2015, as detailed below :

Reserve Driver	Reserve Conductor	Technical	Compassionate ground appointment	Total Recruitment
13,460	13,138	3,809	908	31,315

13.2 Regularisation of service of State Transport Corporation Employees:

As per the announcement made by the **Hon'ble Chief Minister**, 386 wards of Transport Corporation employees were appointed on compassionate grounds in the category of Non-ITI Helper. During the period from 2011-12 to 2014-15 a number of 856 employees who were appointed under compassionate ground have been regularised.

State Transport Undertakings have regularised daily paid employees during the period from 16.05.2011 to 31.03.2015 as detailed below :

Daily Paid as	Driver	Conductor	Technical	Total Regularisation
	10,448	11,130	2,508	24,086

13.3 Wage Settlement:

12th Wage Settlement agreement was arrived in April 2015 with effect from 01.09.2013. The benefits extended to the eligible employees of STUs are given below :

- 1 The basic pay of the employee has been increased by 5.5.%, minimum of Rs.1,350/- and maximum of Rs.5,941/-.
- 2 The total commitment is Rs.295 crore p.a. to 1,15,186 transport corporation employees.
3. Now, D.A. is being paid immediately to all Corporation employees based on G.O. for Government Employees without waiting for Government approval again.
4. Wage revision has also been given to 19,437 daily and reserve crews.

- 5 Batta and other allowances like Hill allowance, Refill allowance have also been revised upwards resulting in addition to the cost of Rs.17.91 crore.
- 6 The review pattern has been changed from 6+7+8+8+3 years to 6+7+7+7+5 years. Due to this Rs.1.17 crore monetary benefits has to be given to 7,217 employees.
- 7 Pension has been increased by 15% with effect from April 2015 for the existing pensioners retired before 01.09.2010 who were earlier covered under wage settlement.
- 8 Promotion is given, as soon as, vacancy arises without any delay.
- 9 Rs.50,000/- has to be given to both male and female workers as marriage loan from the existing Rs.30,000 for male and Rs.40,000 for female.
- 10 Permission has been given to retired employees to travel with their spouse in moffusil buses. Apart from that, free moffusil bus passes to the spouse of deceased employee has also been given.

- 11 Training period for compassionate appointment has been reduced from 3 years to 2 years. The consolidated pay has been increased for the 1st year from Rs.1,440 to Rs.3,000/- and for the 2nd year from Rs.2,190 to Rs.4,000/-.
- 12 Preference has to be given to legal heirs depending upon their qualification for posting at suitable posts instead of "Non-ITI helper" after their training period subject to the Government Rules and vacancy.
- 13 Post retirement Benefit is extended to employees who have retired from 01.09.1992 to 31.08.1998 without any limit on number of years of benefits received by them. This will ensure that atleast this monetary benefit reaches out to the employees, retired before 01.09.1998. The benefit is Rs.1,000/- P.M.
- 14 Education loan has been increased from Rs.1,000/- to Rs.5,000/-.
- 15 Education assistance has been increased from Rs.150 to Rs.250 per child per year for two children.

- 16 Free travel bus pass to employees family has been increased from 5000 K.M. to 5500 KM per year.

13.4 Master Health Check-up:

“Health is Wealth”. Hence, Master Health Check-up Scheme was started in 2012-13 for the welfare of drivers of STUs, who are aged above 45 years. Subsequently, this scheme was extended in the year 2013-14 to all employees of STUs. Now, 47,352 employees have undergone Master Health Check-Up under this scheme up to 30.06.2015.

13.5 C.T. Scan Machine:

5,208 employees of all STUs have been benefited by the newly purchased C.T Scan Machine in Perundurai Medical College Hospital during the period 20.06.2013 to 30.06.2015.

13.6 Monetary benefits to the retired employees:

After assumption of this Government, a sum of Rs.431.26 crore have been sanctioned for the settlement of terminal benefits of Gratuity,

Surrender leave and Provident Fund of Rs.437.67 crore to the retired employees of State Transport Undertakings. The details are as follows:

(Rs. in Crore)						
During	Gratuity		Surrender Leave Salary	Total sum	PF	
	No. of Employees	Amount (Rs. in cr)			No. of employees	Amount (Rs. in cr)
2011-12	1609 (16.05.2011 to Mar.12)	42.60	9.61	52.21	1995	148.27
2012-13	2292	82.10	17.17	99.27	3229	61.90
2013-14	5652	194.35	14.51	208.86	4065	97.91
2014-15 (upto March)	1664	68.76	2.16	70.92	4490	129.59
Total :	11217	387.81	43.45	431.26	13779	437.67

A sum of Rs.292.94 crore has also been sanctioned towards the settlement of commutation for 14,089 pensioners those who were retired from September 2010 to October 2013. Continuous action is being taken towards the settlement of terminal benefit for the retired employees.

13.7 Welfare Schemes:

The State Transport Undertakings are extending a notable 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. Festival Advance has been increased from Rs.2,000 to Rs.5,000 from the year 2012-13 onwards.
16. Pension Scheme has been continuously implemented and the total strength of pensioners as on 31.03.2015 is 54,687.
17. Infrastructure facilities of Crew rest rooms have been upgraded at a cost of Rs.329.16 lakh for the past 4 years (upto 31.03.2015). The details are as follows:

Year	Available crew rest rooms	Cost (Rs. in lakhs)
2011-12	115	41.65
2012-13	152	111.72
2013-14	163	120.00
2014-15	169	55.79
Total		329.16

18. Infrastructure facilities like pavement of cement concrete platform and improvement of maintenance shed have been done at a cost of Rs.19.53 crore for the last 4 years. The details are as follows:

Year	Depots	Cost (Rs. in crore)
2011-12	260	3.16
2012-13	271	5.97
2013-14	224	6.60
2014-15	249	3.80
Total		19.53

14. Skill development measures for employees

14.1 To reduce the Incidence of Accidents:

“To produce quality skill Drivers to suit to the International Standards by development of proper infrastructure and modern Teaching and Training facilities including Research, the **Hon’ble Chief Minister** has laid Foundation stone on 05.07.2014 for setting up of the International Driving Research and Training Institute has been at the cost of Rs.15 crore at IRT, Gummidipundi campus”.

The construction of new buildings like Academic Block, Student Hostel, Staff Quarters and renovation of Driving Range has been entrusted to Public Works Department at the cost of Rs.12.13 crore out of Rs.15 crore sanctioned. The balance

amount will be utilized to develop the Driving Test Track, related Teaching and Training Equipments, Furniture and Fittings etc.

The Public Works Department, Construction and Maintenance Division, Thiruvallur is carrying out the construction work and now about 75% of the work is completed and the remaining work will be completed shortly.

14.2 For up-gradation of Driving Skills :

Regular refresher training courses with an access to Yoga and Meditation camps are conducted to drivers for reducing their stress level for accident free driving and for this good health.

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 3,143 drivers and during 2014-15 training has been given to 3,976 drivers.

15. State Transport Corporations:

15.1 Metropolitan Transport Corporation (Chennai) Limited:

The Metropolitan Transport Corporation (Chennai) Ltd., Chennai is functioning under the control of 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 of Kanchipuram and Thiruvallur Districts.

- The Metropolitan Transport Corporation (Chennai) Ltd., Chennai is functioning with 27 depots with a fleet strength of 3,794. It operates 3,531 scheduled services in 806 routes. The total staff strength is 25,219. The Various types of services operated are Ordinary, Express, Deluxe, Vestibule and Volvo Air-Conditioned buses. This corporation is also having body building unit at Chrompet.

- In order to increase the number of bus depots based on the fleet strength, the **Hon'ble Chief Minister** announced to open new depots at Padiyanallur, Velacherry, Kannagi Nagar, Mahakavi Bharathi Nagar, Besant Nagar, Thiruverkadu, Adambakkam, Chrompet, Perambur, Kundrathur, Perumbakkam, Thaiyur, Thamaraipakkam and Gumudipoondi. Out of the above, new depots at Adambakkam and Besant Nagar were inaugurated by **Hon'ble Chief Minister** on 19.02.2014. The construction work is under progress in respect of six depots viz. Padiyanallur, MKB Nagar, Chrompet II, Perambur II, Kannagi nagar and Kundrathur. Tender work has been started for Perumbakkam depot. For remaining 5 places speedy action is being taken for land identification and land acquisition.
- As per the announcement made in the Transport Department Demand during the

year 2011-12, the additional bus body building unit at Chrompet has been inaugurated by the **Hon'ble Chief Minister** on 26.06.2014.

- As per the announcement made in the Transport Department Demand during the year 2014-15, the construction works for Fitness Certificate Unit at Tondiarpet and Ayanavaram are under progress.
- During the period from 16.05.2011 to 31.03.2015 **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 2,023.
- The Corporation won the award for highest performance in vehicle productivity, Tyre Performance and Minimum Operational Cost

for the year 2012-2013 from ASRTU.
(Urban)

- The Corporation won Winner Award for having achieved the Maximum Improvement in Vehicle Productivity in Urban services Category from ASRTU for the year 2013-2014.
- Metropolitan Transport Corporation (Chennai) Limited has also been appointed as the Nodal Agency for the implementation of Mono Rail Project.
- GPS compatible GPRS based electronic handheld ticketing machine, are being utilized by conductors of all depots of MTC, to issue tickets to Passengers.

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

- 250 Peak hour services and 65 Night services are being operated every day.

- To provide Comfortable travel for Women and Children 200 Special buses in 73 routes are operated in all over the Chennai City. Besides, as per the announcement made in the Transport Department Demand during the year 2014-15, 50 Special buses for Women and Children will be operated.
- 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. As per the announcement made in the Transport Department Demand during the year 2014-15, action being taken for the operation of 100 new small buses.
- As per the orders of the **Hon'ble Chief Minister**, separate Rooms for Lactating Mothers have been set up at 27 Bus terminals of MTC and they are under use.

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 has been extended to Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra and Puduchery.

- The total number of branches is 21. The total fleet strength of the Corporation is 1,099 buses and it operates 1,037 scheduled services including 656 services in Tamil Nadu and 381 inter-state services to Andhra, Karnataka, Kerala and Puducherry. The total staff strength is 7,056 including Amma Drinking Water Plant staff with a strength of 59. The various types of services operated are Ultra Deluxe, Classic and Air-Conditioned Buses.
- New depots at Dindigul, Karaikudi and Tirunelveli-2 were inaugurated by **Hon'ble Chief Minister** on 18.06.2015. In respect of

Hosur, the Construction work is also completed.

- Tenders have been finalized for Theni and Karur and work has to be commenced soon.
- In Trichy District 4.68 acre of land have been identified at Nagamangalam village for construction of depot and General Manager's Office at Srirangam.
- During the period from 16.05.2011 to 31.03.2015, 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 1,293.
- The Corporation won the award for highest performance in vehicle productivity for the year 2012-2013 from ASRTU.
- The Corporation won the two Winner Award for having achieved the Highest Performance in Vehicle Productivity and Maximum

Improvement in Vehicle Productivity in Mofussil Services Category from ASRTU for the year 2013-2014.

- SETC Ltd., has identified three sites for developing Commercial Complex under PPP mode. i.e. Madurai Periyar Bus stand, Trichy Central Bus Stand (SETC) and Salem Old Bus Stand. Bus Body Building Units is functioning in 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 123 Centers with 127 counters in Tamil Nadu and the neighbouring states of

Andhra, Kerala, Karnataka and Puducherry Union Territory.

- SETC Limited has introduced CLASSIC vehicles with pantry and Toilet facilities from 20.06.2013 in the route between Chennai and Srirangam for the benefit of aged persons, Ladies and Diabetic patients.
- **Amma Drinking Water plant** on behalf of State Express Transport Corporation Tamil Nadu Ltd., established at Institute of Road Transport, Heavy Driver Training wing, Thiruvallur district to an extent of 2.47 acre. 304 selling points in 234 Assembly Constituencies **Amma Drinking Water** 1 litre bottle is being sold at Rs.10/-.
- The State Express Transport Corporation Tamil Nadu Ltd., has introduced Online GPRS Based Electronic Ticketing Machine (ETM) GPS compatible in three depots.

- As per the orders of the **Hon'ble Chief Minister**, separate Rooms for Lactating Mothers have been set up at 2 Bus terminals of SETC and they are under use.

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 57. This Corporation has the fleet strength of 3,655 operates and 3,384 scheduled services. The total staff strength is 23,452. The TNSTC Villupuram Limited operates various types of services such as Ordinary, Express, Super-Deluxe and Volvo Air-Conditioned buses.

- Announcement has been made by **Hon'ble Chief Minister** to open 11 new depots at Neyveli, Orikkai-I, Orikkai-II, Chetpet, Chinna Salem, Peranampet, Sholingar, Thirukazhukundram, Sengam, Kattumanarkoil, and Elathur. Out of the above, the new depot at Neyveli and Orikkai were inaugurated and functioning from 19.02.2014. New depot at Chetpet was inaugurated by **Hon'ble Chief Minister** on 18.06.2015. The construction works are under progress at Chinna Salem, Elathur, Sholingar Kattumannarkoil, Sengam, Orikkai-II and Peranampet. For the remaining 1 place, land acquisition work is under progress.
- For the past 4 years, 1066 (1052 buses +14 small buses) new buses and 259 new routes have been inaugurated in order to cater the need of increased travelling public.

- Total number of employees who have registered their names to donate blood under “Voluntary Blood Donation Scheme” is 2,521.
- The Corporation won the FOUR awards from ASRTU for the Financial Year 2012-2013 for below given performances:
 - 1 Highest KMPL in Fuel Efficiency for Mofussil Services - 1st Prize
 - 2 Maximum Improvement in KMPL for Mofussil Services - 1st Prize
 - 3 Highest Performance in Vehicle Productivity for Mofussil Services - 2nd Prize
 - 4 Minimum Operational Cost (Without the Element of Tax) Mofussil Services - 1st Prize
- The Corporation won the Runner-up Award for having achieved the Highest Performance in Vehicle Productivity in Mofussil Services Category from ASRTU for the year 2013-2014.
- 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.
- The Corporation has provided the Special type of Super Deluxe seat assemblies in the speed up services, operation of express services with sophisticated seating comfort for passengers in the town sectors having more occupancy, operate pilgrims centre special covering Chennai, Tiruvannamalai during Full-Moon day and Chennai – Melmalayanur during New-Moon day with reservation facilities from Chennai.

15.4 Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Salem) Ltd.,

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 operated Town, Mofussil and Ghat services.

- The total number of depots in the Corporation is 31. The fleet strength of the Corporation is 2,230 buses and it Operates 2,061 Scheduled services. The total staff strength is 14,619. The various type of services operated are Ordinary, Express and Ultra Deluxe services.
- Bus Body Building Units of this Corporation are functioning at two places viz. Namakkal and Dharmapuri.
- 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 two new depots at Thammampatti and Omalur. Out of which,

- (i) **Thammampatti Depot** was Inaugurated and functioning from 23.06.2013.
 - (ii) **Omalur Depot** was inaugurated by **Hon'ble Chief Minister** on 18.06.2015.
 - (iii) **Pallapatti Depot:** Construction work is under progress at Pallapatti.
- During the period from 16.05.2011 to 31.03.2015, the **Hon'ble Chief Minister** has inaugurated 506 new buses and 152 new services.
 - Total number of employees who have registered their names to donate blood under "Voluntary Blood Donation Scheme" is 4,979.

- The Corporation won the Winner-up award for “Maximum Improvement in Tyre Performance (Mofussil Services)” for the year 2012-13 from ASRTU.
- The Corporation won the Winner Award for having achieved the Tyre Performance and Runner-up award for Maximum Improvement in KMPL in Mofussil Services Category from ASRTU for the year 2013-2014.

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

- The bus facilities are provided to the tourist places viz. Yercaud hills, Kollihills, Hogenakkal cauvery river water falls and Mettur Stanley Dam situated across the river Cauvery.
- The bus facilities are provided to the pilgrim places viz. Tharamangalam (Easwaran

Temple), Tiruchengode (Arthanareeswarar Temple), Namakkal (Anjaneyar Temple) etc.,

15.5 Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Coimbatore) Limited:

The Corporation is headed by a Managing Director. It has its headquarters at 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 are 44. The fleet strength of the Corporation is 3,283 and it operates 2,983 scheduled services. The total staff strength is 21,061. The various types of services operated are Ordinary, Express, Ultra Deluxe and Air-Conditioned buses. This corporation is having 5 bus body building units, 2 in Pollachi, each one

in Dharapuram, Udumalpet and Pallipalayam.

- The **Hon'ble Chief Minister** has announced to open new depots at Sular, Madhukarai, Kinathukadavu, Perur, Bhavani and Ondipudur (additional). The **Hon'ble Chief Minister** on 26.06.2014 has inaugurated the new depots at Annur and Kodumudi. New depot at Ondipudur (additional depot) was inaugurated by **Hon'ble Chief Minister** on 18.06.2015.

Depots under progress i). **Sular** : 1.50 acre Land taken over for providing chain link fencing works and levelling site works is in progress and work order has been issued for construction of Maintenance Shed, Generator room. ii). **Madhukkarai** : Land enter upon order has been received for 3 acre. iii). **Kinathukkadavu & Perur** : Lands are identified and action has been taken for

acquisition of land and iv) **Bhavani:** Tender work is under process.

- The **Hon'ble Chief Minister** on 26.06.2014 has inaugurated the additional bus body building unit at Pollachi.
- During the period from 16.05.2011 to 31.03.2015, the **Hon'ble Chief Minister** has inaugurated 780 (736 new buses + 44 small buses) new buses and 206 new routes.
- Total number of employees who have registered their names to donate blood under "Voluntary Blood Donation Scheme" is 2,653.
- The Corporation won the winner award for Maximum Improvement in KMPL for Coimbatore City Services for the year 2012-13 from ASRTU.
- The Corporation won the Winner Award for having achieved the Fuel efficiency in

Maximum Improvement in KMPL in Mofussil Services Category from ASRTU for the year 2013-2014.

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.
- Buses are operated to pilgrim and tourist centres like Bannari, Karamadai, Poondi, Palani, Valparai, Mettupalayam, Coonoor and Ooty.
- As per the orders of the **Hon'ble Chief Minister**, separate Rooms for Lactating Mothers have been set up at 4 Bus terminals of TNSTC, Coimbatore and they are under use.

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 are 59. The fleet strength of the Corporation is 3,851 and it operates 3,589 scheduled services. The total staff strength is 24,417. The various types of services operated are Ordinary, Express, Super Deluxe, Ultra Deluxe and Air-Conditioned bus. This corporation is having body building units 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. New depots at Gandarvakottai, Kulithalai, Thiruvaiyaru and Uppilyapuram were inaugurated by the **Hon'ble Chief Minister** on 18.06.2015. Further construction work is expedited in respect of 2 new depots at Iluppur and Edamalaipattipudur. For 5 depots tender / Board approval work are being done. For remaining 6 depots land identification / acquisition works are being done. For Re-conditioning /Fitness Certificate / Tyre units at Pudukottai, land are alienated and the construction work will be started shortly. For Body Building Unit at Karur, action is being taken for land acquisition and floating for tender.

- During the period from 16.05.2011 to 31.03.2015, the **Hon'ble Chief Minister**

has inaugurated 946 (942 Buses + 4 Small Buses) new buses and 330 new routes.

- Total number of employees who have registered their names to donate blood under “Voluntary Blood Donation Scheme” is 3080
- The Corporation won the award for maximum improvement in KMPL for Mofussil services for the year 2012-2013 from ASRTU.
- The Corporation won the two Winner Awards for having achieved the Minimum Operational Cost and Highest KMPL in fuel efficiency and Runner-up Award for Maximum Improvement in KMPL in Mofussil Services Category from ASRTU for the year 2013-2014.
- The corporation has identified a site at Velankanni, for construction of commercial complexes 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 Nagore, Vellankanni, Thirunallar, Swamimalai, Thanjavur, Srirangam and Rameswaram.

15.7 Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Madurai) Ltd.,

The Corporation is headed by a Managing Director. It has head quarters at Madurai and operates Town, Mofussil and Ghat bus 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 are 37. The fleet strength of the Corporation is 2,588 and it operates 2,298 scheduled services. The total staff strength is 16,079. The various

types of services operated by this Corporation are Ordinary and Express buses. This Corporation is having body building unit at Madurai, Battalagundu and Virudhunagar.

- The **Hon'ble Chief Minister** has ordered to increase the bus depots based on the fleet strength. Accordingly, the **Hon'ble Chief Minister** has inaugurated new building at Sivakasi on 19.02.2014. Moreover, the **Hon'ble Chief Minister** have inaugurated one new depot at Chekkanoorani, two new buildings in Thiruppuvanam and Lower Camp at Kumuli on 18.06.2015. Further, construction work is under progress for constructing 2 New depots at Watrap and Rajapalayam-II. Identification of land and acquisition process is going on for the remaining 3 depots Viz. Alanganallur, Oddanchattram and Kariyapatti.

- Further, identification of land for construction of “Heavy Vehicle Driver Training Centre” at Theni is also under process.
- During the period from 16.05.2011 to 31.03.2015, the **Hon’ble Chief Minister** has inaugurated 507 new buses and 91 new routes
- The total number of employees who have registered their names to donate blood under “Voluntary Blood Donation Scheme “ is 2,482.
- This Corporation won “Runner Up” Award for having achieved the “Maximum Improvement in Vehicle Productivity in Mofussil Services Category “ by the ASRTU for the year 2013-14.

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

- The Corporation is also operating Special services to Veerapandi, Irukkankudi and Palani during the festival time.

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 also operates Town and Mofussil Services.

- The total number of depots are 29. The fleet strength of the Corporation is 1,974 and it operates 1,801 scheduled services. The total staff strength is 12,915. The various types of services are operated by this Corporation viz., Ordinary, Express, Super

Deluxe and Ultra Deluxe buses. This corporation is having body building units 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. New depot at Cheranmadevi was inaugurated by **Hon'ble Chief Minister** on 18.06.2015. In Sathankulam, depot construction work is under progress. In Alankulam action is being taken for identification of lands.
- The new building for corporate office at Tirunelveli at a cost of Rs.1.00 crore was inaugurated by **Hon'ble Chief Minister** on 05.07.2014.
- During the period from 16.05.2011 to 31.03.2015, the **Hon'ble Chief Minister**

has inaugurated 406 new buses and 66 new routes.

- Total number of employees who have registered their names to donate blood under “Voluntary Blood Donation Scheme” is 331.
- The Corporation has identified sites at Palayamkottai, Kattabomman Nagar and Vannarapettai Bye-Pass Road for developing commercial complex under PPP mode.

The Corporation has also 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.
- As per the orders of the **Hon’ble Chief Minister**, separate Room for Lactating

Mothers has been set up at 1 Bus terminal of TNSTC, Tirunelveli, which is under use.

16. Tamil Nadu Transport Development Finance Corporation Limited:

- Tamil Nadu Transport Development Finance Corporation (TDFC) Ltd. was started on 25.03.1975 with the objective of moping up of funds from general public for the Capital & Working Capital requirement of the STUs by way of mobilising deposits without depending upon the budgetary support from the Government. TDFC Ltd. has been registered as a Non-banking Finance Company with the Reserve Bank of India.

Deposits

TDFC Ltd. as a Government owned NBFC enjoys the public confidence and trust as one of their investment avenue. The total deposits as on 31.03.2015 was Rs.1635.18 crore.

Loans

Tamil Nadu Transport Development Finance Corporation Limited, Chennai has extended its financial assistance towards the procurement of 47,448 (upto 31.03.2015) new buses since its inception. The total loan outstanding with State Transport Undertakings as on 31.03.2015 is Rs.1,667.44 crore.

Plans for 2015-16

For the year 2015-16, the TDFC Ltd. has proposed to give financial assistance for purchase of 1,165 new buses to all STUs and financial assistance for payment of MV Tax Bonus and other working capital.

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 share 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), and has experienced personnel in the respective fields. Besides, experts from various specialization are also drawn externally, depending upon the requirement and need for assignment.

System, Traffic and Transportation Wing

PTCS currently engaging in the project of implementation and procurement of online Electronic Ticketing Machines and related infrastructure in all buses of STUs and Smart Travel Card Project for MTC (Chennai) Ltd., Chennai.

PTCS has also involved and engaged in various consultancy projects like post implementation and continuous monitoring the Functioning of Online

Ticket Reservation System for SETC/TNSTCs, Operating Help Desk at Chennai Mofussil Bus Terminus, Koyambedu, e-auction for disposal of old buses of STUs, disposal of scraps, Tyres and Batteries of TNSTCs, Website development for MVMD, Oracle database maintenance for TDFC and SMS based Passenger Information system for STUs. Library Information System and document digitalization system for Tamil Nadu Archives Department are the other projects.

Future Prospects

PTCS is taking action to take up the project of e-Auction for disposal of old Government vehicles of MVMD, Development of Common Application Software (CAS) for all STUs and computer purchase for STUs. Proposal was submitted for Digitalization of old records for District Collectorates and Saraswathi Mahal Library, Thanjavur and also for Annual Maintenance of Computers for Tamil Nadu Archives and Historical Research Department.

18. Institute of Road Transport:

The Institute of Road Transport (IRT) was started as a society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 in the year 1976 with the main objective of applied research on issues pertaining to traffic, transportation, road safety and 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, and imparting refresher training to the employees of STUs and general public.

The Institute of Road Transport is at present running Heavy Vehicle Driver Training (HVDT) Schools at Gummidipoondi, Trichy and other 15 places in the State in association with the STUs. The Institute of Road Transport is also running two Light Motor Vehicle Driver Training Centres at Taramani, Chennai and Trichy. Totally

53,878 candidates have successfully completed HVDT Course in the 17 centres up to 2014-15.

The Institute conducts skill refreshment training programme for the officers and employees of Transport Corporations both in IRT and at STUs by preparing an Annual Calendar. The Institute has so far conducted 1,642 such training programmes in which 34,680 employees have benefited upto 2014-15.

The proposal submitted by this institute for conducting various training programmes in Institute of Road Transport and its units at a total cost of Rs.786.47 Lakh and released first installment of Rs.259.20 Lakh. The first batch of Training is going on.

The Institute has a Material Testing Laboratory, which can conduct tests for 66 automobile components. The Laboratory has so far tested 5,728 samples.

The research wing of IRT has published as many as 519 Research Reports and 29

Consultancy Reports. The research wing has also published Accident Investigation Manual, which serves as a Guide to the STUs while investigating the accidents in which the STU vehicles are involved. The Institute has published 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, Lubricants and consumables for Amma Water Plant to cater to the needs of STUs in Tamil Nadu.

Educational Institutions Run By IRT

(a) Institute of Road and Transport Technology, Erode

The Institute of Road and Transport Technology, Erode was started in the year 1984 under the aegis of the Institute of Road Transport and it has entered its 31th year. The courses

presently offered and student strength are given below:-

Sl. No.	Course	Year of Commencement	Sanctioned Strength Per annum	Present first year Strength	Total Strength from First year to Final year
(A) B.E./B.Tech. Programmes:-					
1.	Automobile Engineering	1984	60	60	237
2.	Mechanical Engineering	1984	60	59	276
3.	Civil Engineering	1984	60	59	232
4.	Computer Science & Informatics	1984	60	58	268
5.	Electronics & Communication Engg.	1992	60	60	271
6.	Electrical & Electronics Engg.	1992	60	57	268
7.	Information Technology	2002	60	50	251
Total			420	403	1803

No. Sl.	Course	Year of Commencement	Sanctioned Strength Per annum	Present first year Strength	Total Strength from First year to Final year
(B) P.G. Programmes					
1.	Master of Computer Applications	1996-97	60	3	115
2.	M.E. (Structural)	2003-04	24	24	42
3.	M.E.(CSE)	2014-15	24	21	21
Total			108	48	178

This Engineering College has so far produced 8,057 B.E. Graduates, 831 M.C.A. holders, 144 M.E. (Structural) and 18 M.E. (Thermal) Post Graduates. During the current year 121 students were placed in various companies through campus interview.

(b) IRT Medical College, Perundurai

The IRT Medical College, Perundurai was set up as per the scheme formulated in 1986 and started functioning at its own premises at Perundurai, Erode District, from the academic year 1992-93. The annual intake of students for MBBS Course is 60. At present, totally 304 students undergoing the MBBS Course and 58 students are undergoing Compulsory Rotatory Residential Internship Training in this College.

Further, 349 staff are working in Perundurai Medical College and Hospital (PMCH), which comprises of 103 Doctors, 125 Para Medical and 121 Non Medical staff and Ministerial Staff. The Medical College has so far produced 1,311 doctors.

(c) School of Diploma in Nursing

IRT – School of Nursing was started for imparting Diploma in Nursing Course in the academic year 2008-09 at IRT – Perundurai Medical College premises with an annual intake of 20 Students. During this year 18 seats have been filled among the wards of employees of STUs. So far 77 Nurses have been produced from this School.

(d) Polytechnics Colleges

The Institute of Road Transport is running three Polytechnic Colleges at Chromepet (Chennai), Bargur (Krishnagiri) and Tirunelveli from the academic year 1992-93. The Diploma in Mechanical Engineering Course has been introduced in three IRT Polytechnic Colleges with an annual intake of 60 seats for each Polytechnic College in the academic year 2013 -14. So far 7925 Diploma holders have been produced from this Colleges.

19. Motor Vehicles Maintenance Department:

The Motor Vehicles Maintenance Department comprising of 20 Government Automobile Workshop situated in various District Head Quarters of all over the State including three Regional Workshops are functioning under the control of Regional Deputy Directors for the past 63 years for the maintenance of Government department vehicles with the Director as the Head of Department.

This department is looking after the repairs and maintenance need of nearly 20,541 Government department vehicles plying throughout the state. The Secretariat Service Station is functioning near Secretariat to carry out minor repairs to VIP vehicles and vehicles of Secretaries to Government. There are nine Fuel disbursing bunks functioning under the control of this Department.

The Main objective of this department is to provide quality service to the maintenance needs of

Government department vehicles in an economical and efficient manner.

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:

The Government is implementing the Chennai Monorail Project for a length of

approximately 43.48 kms consisting of following two projects:

Project -1:

From Poonamallee to Kathipara with a link from Porur to Vadapalani to the extent of 20.68 kms. This project is being implemented under Public Private Partnership on Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer basis with an estimated Project cost of Rs.3267 crore. Request for Qualification (RFQ) was floated and finalized. Two Bidders were qualified and requested to submit the Request For Proposal (RFP) document.

The Government of India has conveyed the "in principle" approval for the implementation of the Project-1 vide Ministry of Urban Development's, letter dated 11.11.2014.

Project-2:

From Vandalur to Velachery to the extent of 22.80 kms. This project is being taken up under

multilateral funding with an estimated Project cost of Rs.3,135.63 crore. Proposal has been sent to the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India on 11.12.2014 for multilateral funding assistance. This Project is under the consideration of the Government of India.

22. Inter-departmental Co-ordination:

Transport Department co-ordinates with various Central 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 hand over to them for implementation of their projects.

23. Modernisation and Expansion of Airports:

The Airports Authority of India has undertaken the expansion and modernisation of Chennai Airport including other Non-Metro Airports viz., Madurai, Trichy, Coimbatore, Thoothukudi and Salem. The Government is taking necessary action to provide the required lands for the above projects on the request of Airports Authority of India.

24. Conclusion :

Hon'ble Chief Minister's "Vision for Tamil Nadu 2023" envisages provision of the best infrastructure services in India in terms of Universal access Transportation and Connectivity. In order to provide accessible, available and affordable transportation services New Buses, New routes and New Services are being introduced in a phased manner. Government has also been absorbing diesel price hike burden and thereby providing great relief to the travelling public.

The Department is taking continuous and constant efforts for provision of quality transportation services under the inspiring leadership of our Hon'ble Chief Minister thereby striving to improve the quality of life of every citizen residing in the State.

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ANNEXURE

DEMAND No. 48
TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT
BUDGET ESTIMATE 2015-2016

(Rupees in thousands)

Sl No.	Head of Department	Revenue	Capital	Loan	Total
1	Secretariat	1,010,47,81	350,00,05	125,00,02	1,485,47,88
2	Motor Vehicles Maintenance Department	54,64,76	1	-	54,64,77
Total		1,065,12,57	350,00,06	125,00,02	1,540,12,65

