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INTRODUCTION

“சாதி ஒழித்திடல் ஒன்று – நல்ல
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பாதியை நாடு மறந்தால் – மற்ற
பாதி துலங்குவதில்லை. ”

According to these lines of Pavendhar Bharathidasan, The Government of Tamil Nadu, under the dynamic leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, who is committed in establishing a caste-free, social justice based egalitarian society, is planning and implementing programs for the upliftment of the marginalized Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes.

VISION STATEMENT

- Enhancing academic performance, self-confidence and self-efficacy of Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe students with special focus on educational development.
- To raise the socio-economic status of the socially backward Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes and bring them into the mainstream by focusing on their development.
- Achieving the Integrated Development Goal for the welfare of Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes, particularly those who are below the poverty line, women and children, by 2030.

The Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department was set up in 1988 after the bifurcation of Social Welfare Department with the objective of uplifting of the economic status and improving the standard of living of Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes on par with the other sections of society.

The Directorate of Adi Dravidar Welfare, Directorate of Tribal Welfare, Social Justice and Human Rights Wing of Police, Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Housing and Development Corporation (TAHDCO), Tamil Nadu State Commission for Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes and Tribal Research Centre and many welfare boards are functioning under the Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department.

Schemes such as establishing and running schools and hostels, improving basic infrastructure facilities in the habitations, issuing house site pattas, implementing various welfare schemes for the development of Adi Dravidar and

redressing the social problems faced by them are being handled by the **Directorate of Adi Dravidar Welfare**.

In relation to the educational and social development of the Scheduled Tribes, running Government Tribal Residential Schools and hostels, creating basic infrastructure facilities in tribal habitations, implementing the Forest Rights Act and programs for their economic development are being implemented through the **Directorate of Tribal Welfare**.

Implementation of various economic development programmes with subsidy aimed at improving the livelihood of Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe people and providing skill development training to youth to start self-employment and gain employment skills and construction activities are carried out through the **Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Housing and Development Corporation (TAHDCO)**.

The **Social Justice and Human Rights Wing of the Police Department** protects the rights of Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes by enforcing the Protection of Civil Rights Act 1955 and the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act 1989.

The **Tribal Research Centre** functioning in the Nilgiris district is conducting research on the language and culture of 37 Scheduled Tribe communities in Tamil Nadu.

The **Tamil Nadu State Commission for Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes** is engaged in the work of protecting the legitimate rights of the Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes living in Tamil Nadu and solving their critical problems.

The **State Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee** headed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister is monitoring the implementation of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes

(Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and the Amendment Act, 2015.

Various welfare schemes are being implemented for the people of Puthirai Vannar community through the **Tamil Nadu Puthirai Vannar Welfare Board**.

The **Tamil Nadu Tribal Welfare Board** is working to ensure that various programs for the welfare of the Scheduled Tribe people reach them.

Tamil Nadu Sanitary Workers Welfare Board is monitoring the implementation of welfare schemes for sanitary workers.

The **Tamil Nadu Tribal Advisory Council** has been established to plan novel programs for the Scheduled Tribe people living in Tamil Nadu and to provide effective advice for their integrated development.

In order to implement various welfare schemes to enhance the overall development of Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe people, a sum of **Rs.3512.85 crore** has been allocated in the Budget Estimate for the year 2023-2024.

SCHEDULED CASTES SUB PLAN AND TRIBAL SUB PLANS (SCSP & TSP)

For the socio-economic and educational development of Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes, the Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCSP) and Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) are being implemented in Tamil Nadu since 1980-81 and 1976-77 respectively.

Funds are allocated under these schemes out of State's Total Annual Plan Outlay in proportion to the population of the Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes in the State i.e 20.01 % and 1.17 % respectively.

Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department is functioning as the monitoring department (Nodal Department) of these schemes. The Secretary of the Department has been appointed as State Level Monitoring Officer.

In order to ensure that the sectoral departments spend the funds allocated under these schemes for the welfare of Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes expeditiously, the physical and financial achievement under Scheduled Castes Sub Plan & Tribal Sub Plan are collected from the implementing departments every month and the progress is monitored. The State Level Monitoring Committee, headed by the Chief Secretary, is periodically reviewing the progress of the schemes of all departments.

In the financial year 2023-2024, out of the State Annual Plan allocation of Rs.77,930.30 crore, Rs.17,075.70 crore has been earmarked for Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan (21.91%) and Rs.1,595.89 crore (2.05%) for Tribal Sub Plan.

| SECTOR WISE ALLOCATION ON SCSP & TSP FOR THE YEAR 2023-2024 | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| (Rs. in crore) | | | |
| Sl. No. | SECTOR | Scheduled Castes Sub Plan | Tribal Sub Plan |
| 1 | Welfare of SC, ST and OBC | 2,760.49 | 654.70 |
| 2 | Housing and Urban Development | 1,425.38 | 191.43 |
| 3 | Rural Development | 1,708.81 | 206.79 |
| 4 | Social Welfare and Nutrition | 3,899.82 | 189.77 |
| 5 | Water supply, Sanitation | 1,221.00 | 103.00 |
| 6 | Agriculture and Allied Activities | 1,193.93 | 31.71 |
| 7 | Education, Sports and Culture | 1,061.38 | 113.17 |
| 8 | Health and Family Welfare | 855.42 | 45.95 |
| 9 | Transport | 150.00 | 0.00 |
| 10 | General Economic Services | 2,547.00 | 7.07 |
| 11 | Labour and Labour Welfare | 58.35 | 7.71 |
| 12 | Special Area Programmes | 30.75 | 7.50 |
| 13 | Industry and Minerals | 150.35 | 32.46 |
| 14 | Others Social Services | 13.02 | 4.63 |
| Total | | 17,075.70 | 1,595.89 |

Sustainable Development Goals-2030

The “Sustainable Development Goals” established at the 2015 Conference on Sustainable Development Goals are an important part of the 17 Global Goals and 169 targets.

Sustainable Development Goals of Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department

“Inclusive growth without leaving anyone behind”, the core theme of Sustainable Development Goals is directly related to this department. The department’s principle of Social Justice is articulated through all the Sustainable Development Goals.

Eight working groups headed by the Secretary of Coordinating Departments have been constituted and periodic meetings are being held to review the achievements and implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department is a member of Action Groups I, III, IV and VIII for achieving goals 1, 2, 4, 10 and 16.

I. Adi Dravidar Welfare

According to the 2011 census, there are 1.44 crore of Adi Dravidar constituting 20.01% of the total population of Tamil Nadu (7.21 crore).

With a view to uplift the marginalised Adi Dravidar people in educational, social and economic levels and bring them into the mainstream of society, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department has been developing and implementing various policies, welfare schemes, budget and programmes. As a result, the State's Gross Enrolment Ratio is higher than the national average.

1. Educational Development Programmes

" கேடில் விழுச்செல்வம் கல்வி யொருவற்கு
மாடல்ல மற்றை யவை."

According to the words of Thiruvalluvar, that education is the only imperishable wealth and there is no better wealth than that. This

department is giving priority to the development of education which is the basis for the integrated development of the Adi Dravidar people.

According to the census of 2011, the literacy rate of the general population in Tamil Nadu is 80.09% and the literacy rate of the Adi Dravidar is 73.26%. Out of Rs.3512.85 crore allocated for this department for the year 2023-2024, Rs.2,206.70 crore (62.81%) has been earmarked for educational schemes only.

In order to enhance the literacy rate and educational standard of the Adi Dravidar students, the department is running Adi Dravidar Welfare schools and hostels and also implementing various scholarship schemes.

1. 1 Adi Dravidar Welfare Schools

Realizing the need to educate the younger generation belonging to the Adi Dravidar communities and in order to guide them towards the path of progress, 1,138 schools have been

established by the Department in the areas where Adi Dravidar people are most populated.

Details of Adi Dravidar Welfare Schools 2022-2023

| Classification of Schools | No. of Schools | Boys | Girls | Total |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Primary Schools | 833 | 18,343 | 18,130 | 36,473 |
| Middle Schools | 99 | 4,762 | 4,612 | 9,374 |
| High Schools | 108 | 6,012 | 5,439 | 11,451 |
| Higher Secondary Schools | 98 | 16,000 | 14,431 | 30,431 |
| Total | 1,138 | 45,117 | 42,612 | 87,729 |

Adi Dravidar welfare schools are being upgraded to the next level to ensure that Adi Dravidar students continue their higher education without dropout.

Basic infrastructure such as Additional classrooms, science laboratories, drinking water and toilets are being provided to these schools.

In order to improve the standard of education of the students studying in the schools run by this Department, the teachers are given training in modern teaching techniques, computer technology and language skills.

Smart classrooms have been set up in 104 schools run by the department. Also, Smart Boards have been established in 85 schools through a Non-Governmental Organization. Further, High Tech Labs have been set up in 83 higher secondary schools and 103 high schools through School Education department.

Initiatives in 2022-2023

- Computer labs in 51 Adi Dravidar Welfare higher secondary schools have been provided with Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) at a cost of Rs.87.00 lakh.
- Furniture have been provided to 305 Adi Dravidar welfare schools at a cost of Rs.8.37 crore.

- Smart Boards are being provided to 87 Adi Dravidar Welfare High/ Higher secondary schools at a cost of Rs.3.16 crore.
- Lab equipments to science laboratories are provided to 126 Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Higher secondary schools at a cost of Rs.3.15 crore.
- During the academic year 2022-2023, 3 Adi Dravidar Welfare high schools have been upgraded into model schools with facilities like smart classrooms, high tech laboratories, English language training and coaching for competitive examinations including National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET), at a cost of Rs.7.82 crore.
- In order to improve the learning ability of the students studying in the primary and middle schools of Adi Dravidar Welfare Department, the students are being taught online from the year 2021-2022.

Educational Tour

It is necessary to take the school students on an educational tour in order to know the natural resources, birds, animal sanctuaries etc. in Tamilnadu and to know the history of our country. Hence, Rs.25,000/- per school has been allocated to 206 High and Higher secondary schools, to take the students of Class 10 and 12 on educational tours.

For the financial year 2023-2024, Rs.50.75 lakh has been allocated under this scheme.

1.2 Scholarship Schemes

In pursuance of the Government's aim to provide quality and easily accessible education to all children and make them achieve complete development, this department implements various scholarship and fee concession schemes to

encourage Adi Dravidar students to study and to support them in their higher education.

(a) Post-Matric Scholarship Schemes

This educational assistance is being provided to enable students studying above class 10, to continue their education without financial constraints and to increase the Gross Enrollment Ratio(GER) of Adi Dravidar students in higher education.

The expenditure incurred for the implementation of this scheme is shared by the Union and State Governments in the ratio of 60:40.

To avail scholarship under this scheme, the annual income of the parent / guardian should not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh.

For Adi Dravidar students studying in recognized courses above class 10 in recognized

educational institutions in Tamil Nadu, educational fees and academic allowances are credited to the student's bank accounts by the Government as scholarship.

(i) Educational Fees:

For Adi Dravidar students studying in Government, Government aided and self financing educational institutions, the compulsory and non-refundable fees fixed by the Government / Fee Fixation Committee are provided as fee component under scholarship.

(ii) Academic Allowance

Students are also provided with academic allowance to meet out other educational related expenses under the scheme as tabulated below:-

| Group | Courses | Academic allowance per annum (in Rs.) | |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| | | Hosteller | Day Scholar |
| I | Professional courses leading to Degree, Diploma, Certificate courses in Engineering, Medicine, Fashion Technology, Veterinary and Agriculture PG Diploma Courses in Management and Medicine CA/CWA/CS/CFA etc., and M.Phil. Ph.D and Post doctoral programmes. | 13,500/- | 7,000/- |
| II | Professional courses leading to Degree, Diploma, Certificate courses in Pharmacy, Nursing, LLB, Hospitality, Tourism and Hotel Management etc.(for which entrance qualification is minimum 12 th Std.) B.Sc.(Nursing), B.Pharm, B.O.T, B.P.T, M.Sc. (Nursing), M.Pharm, M.P.T. etc., | 9,500/- | 6,500/- |

| | | | |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| III | U.G and P.G Courses leading to a Degree but not covered under Group I & II. (B.A. B.Sc., B.Com., M.A., M.Sc., M.Com., etc.,) | 6,000/- | 3,000/- |
| IV | All Diploma Courses, Certificate courses etc., non degree courses for which entrance qualification is 10 th Std. (XI, XII, ITI, Polytechnic etc.,) | 4,000/- | 2,500/- |

Since 60% Central share under the scheme is being directly disbursed to the students by Government of India, Rs. 559.56 crore has been allocated towards disbursement of 40% State share under the scheme for the financial year 2023-2024.

(b) State Government's Special Post Matric Scholarship Scheme

In order to help the Adi Dravidar and Christian Adi Dravidar students who are not

eligible to benefit due to the norms laid down under the Government of India Post matric scholarship scheme, the State Government is providing Special Post Matric scholarship.

In this scheme also the scholarship is credited to the student's bank accounts.

To avail assistance under this scheme, the student must belong to Adi Dravidar and Christian Adi Dravidar communities. The annual income of the student's parent / guardian should not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh. For State Government employees annual income is calculated excluding the Dearness Allowance.

A sum of Rs.80.00 crore has been allocated for the financial year 2023-2024 under this scheme.

c) State Government's Higher Education Special Scholarship Scheme

For the Adi Dravidar and Christian Adi Dravidar students pursuing higher studies in Government and Government aided educational institutions and staying in paid hostels other than Government hostels, the State Government is disbursing Special scholarship as below:-

| Sl. No. | Courses | Scholarship per annum |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. | Under Graduate Courses in Arts and Science and Polytechnic courses | Rs.7,500/- |
| 2. | Professional courses and Post Graduate courses in Arts and Science | Rs.8,000/- |

To avail benefit under this scheme, the student's parent / guardian's annual income should not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh.

For the financial year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.8.40 crore has been allocated for this scheme.

(d) Overseas Scholarship to pursue Post Graduate and Research courses

In order to encourage Adi Dravidar, Christian Adi Dravidar students to pursue postgraduate and doctoral research studies in educational institutions abroad, the scheme is implemented.

The annual income limit of the parent/Guardian to avail scholarship under this scheme has been fixed as Rs.8.00 lakh from the year 2022-2023.

Under this scheme,10 students are selected and given scholarship upto Rs.36.00 lakh per annum based on the country and course of study.

The scholarship is awarded to students who are admitted to the top 1000 institutions ranked by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) in the Global Ranking of Institutions. Further, only one person from a family can avail scholarship under this scheme.

So far, 18 students have been sanctioned scholarship under the revised scheme.

Moreover, students are given coaching through TAHDCO, for clearing the qualifying exams such as TOEFL / IELTS/ GRE / GMAT a pre-requisite for getting admission in most of the educational institutions abroad.

Rs.5.57 crore has been allocated for the implementation of this scheme during the financial year 2023-2024.

(e) Incentive to Full time Ph.D. Scholars

This incentive is provided to the Scholars belonging to Adi Dravidar, Scheduled Tribe and Christian Adi Dravidar communities, pursuing full time Ph.D. Research Courses in the universities recognized by Government of India and the State.

This scheme is being implemented to financially encourage students who are pursuing research in the fields of Medicine, Engineering,

Arts, Science, Law, Literature and Political Science and the annual income ceiling for this has been fixed at Rs.8.00 lakh.

Every year, 1,600 qualified students are being given incentive of Rs.1,00,000/- each.

In the financial year 2022-2023, incentive of Rs.15.54 crore has been disbursed to 1,554 students under this scheme .

For the financial year 2023-2024 Rs.16.00 crore has been allocated for this scheme.

(f) Pre Matric Scholarship Scheme for Scheduled Castes and others

From the year 2021-2022, Pre-matric scholarship for the students studying in IX and X standard and pre-matric scholarship for children of those parents engaged in unclean occupations and occupations involving cleaning and prone to health hazards are merged together and implemented as a single scheme. Further, the total expenditure incurred under the scheme is

shared between the Union and State Governments in the ratio of 60:40 respectively.

Component -1:

Pre - Matric Scholarship Scheme for Class IX and X students

Scholarships are awarded under this scheme to Adi Dravidar students studying in class IX and X in Government / Government recognized schools, Central / State Boards of secondary education approved schools. To avail scholarship, the annual income of the student's parent or guardian should not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh.

Component -2:

Pre-Matric scholarship scheme for Children of those parents engaged in cleaning and occupations prone to health hazards

Since persons involved in cleaning, tanning, flaying and collecting recyclable materials from waste are likely to be exposed to health hazards, scholarship is provided to their children irrespective of their caste and income.

Students studying from 1st standard to 10th standard in recognized institutions are eligible to avail scholarship under this scheme.

Scholarships under the Pre-matric scholarship scheme are credited to the student's bank accounts at the following rates:-

| Component | Day Scholar (in Rs.) | Hosteller (in Rs.) |
|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | (Per annum) | |
| Component –I | 3,500/- (Class 9-10) | 7,000/- (Class 9-10) |
| Component –II | 3,500/- (Class 1-10) | 8,000/- (Class 3-10) |

For the financial year 2023-2024, Rs.53.73 crore has been allocated for this scheme.

1.3 Educational Fee Concessions

This Government is providing various fee concessions to all Adi Dravidar and Christian Adi Dravidar students studying in Government and Government-aided educational institutions, without any income ceiling as below:

- (a) Tuition Fee Concession
- (b) Special and Examination fees Concession to the Under Graduate students
- (c) Special fee and Examination fee Concession to the Post Graduate girl students
- (d) Application Fee concession for College students
- (e) Special Fee Concession to School students
- (f) Public examination fee concession for 10th, 11th and 12th students.

For the financial year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.14.64 crore has been allocated for the above fee concession schemes.

1.4 Special Incentive Scheme for Girl Students

To encourage girls to continue their studies without dropping out and to ensure 100% enrollment of Adi Dravidar Girl children in Government / Government aided schools, this

special incentive scheme for girl children is being implemented.

The rate of incentive given under this scheme is as below:-

| Standard | Amount (per annum in Rs.) |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| III to V | 500-/- |
| VI | 1,000-/- |
| VII & VIII | 1,500-/- |

In the financial year 2022-2023, incentive worth Rs.43.44 crore has been disbursed to 4,52,043 girl students.

For the financial year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.45.31 crore has been allocated under this scheme.

1.5 Prize Money Scheme

In order to encourage the meritorious Adi Dravidar, Christian Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe students who secure more than 60% marks

in Under Graduation, Post Graduation and Professional courses, cash award is given to the first 1000 students, at the following rates:-

| Courses | Prize Amount per student (in Rs.) | Number of students awarded |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Under Graduate | 3,000/- | 500 |
| Post Graduate | 5,000/- | 300 |
| Professional Courses | 6,000/- | 200 |

For the financial year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.42.00 lakh has been allocated under this scheme.

1.6 Supply of Text Books and Note Books

To reduce the financial burden of the Adi Dravidar, Christian Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe students, text books are given from class I to XII and Note books are given to students

studying from class I to X, through School Education Department.

In the financial year 2022-2023, special guides have been distributed to 17,316 students in class X and 16,576 students in class XII at a cost of Rs.94.02 lakh.

For the financial year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.1.50 crore has been allocated under this scheme.

1.7 Distribution of Uniforms

Students studying in class 1-8 in the schools run by this department are provided with uniforms through school Education department.

Moreover, Students studying in class 9 to 12 in the schools and hostels run by this department are provided with four sets of uniform through Industrial Co-operative Societies functioning under the control of Social Welfare Department / TAHDCO.

In the financial year 2022-2023, uniforms have been provided to 36,782 boys and 24,290 girls under this scheme, at a cost of Rs.12.95 crore.

For the financial year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.10.57 crore has been allocated under this scheme.

1.8 Supply of Magazines and books

In today's competitive job market, it is necessary for students to develop their general knowledge skills in addition to the subjects taught in schools / colleges. In order to improve their general knowledge and get them prepared for the Civil Services and other such competitive examinations, library books and magazines are supplied for the use of the students in High / Higher Secondary schools and hostels run by this department, as below:-

| Sl. No. | Schools / Hostels | Library Books / Magazines (Amount in Rs.) Per Annum |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | High/ Higher Secondary schools | 1,450/- |
| 2 | School hostels | 2,070/- |
| 3 | College hostels | 7,997/- |

Hostels are supplied with newspapers (2 Tamil and 1 English dailies), monthly magazines such as Competition Success Review, Plan, Yojana, Gurukshetra, weekly magazines such as Employment News, India Today and year books such as India Year Book and Manorama Year Book.

During the financial year 2022-2023, magazines and books have been distributed at a cost of Rs.11.17 lakh under this scheme.

For the financial year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.13.74 lakh has been allocated under this scheme.

1.9 Distribution of Bicycles

In order to help the Adi Dravidar, Christian Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe students to get to school in time, bicycles are provided to all students studying in the 11th standard in Government, Government aided and partly aided higher secondary schools.

For the financial year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.103.00 crore has been allocated under this scheme.

1.10 Hostels

Students from remote rural areas are forced to discontinue their studies due to lack of adequate accommodation facilities in the places where the educational institutions are located. In order to help Adi Dravidar and Christian Adi Dravidar students to continue their education without interruption, this department runs Adi Dravidar welfare hostels near their educational institutions.

Details of Adi Dravidar Welfare hostels functioning under this Department and sanctioned strength of the students are as follows:

Details of Adi Dravidar Welfare Hostels (2022-2023)

| Type of Hostels | Number of hostels | | | Students Strength | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Boys | Girls | Total | Boys | Girls | Total |
| School Hostels | 738 | 403 | 1,141 | 53,881 | 28,530 | 82,411 |
| College Hostels | 71 | 81 | 152 | 7,881 | 5,849 | 13,730 |
| ITI Hostels | 16 | 2 | 18 | 1,356 | 116 | 1,472 |
| Polytechnic Hostels | 3 | 2 | 5 | 178 | 110 | 288 |
| Post Graduate College Hostels | 9 | 6 | 15 | 693 | 315 | 1,008 |
| Total | 837 | 494 | 1,331 | 63,989 | 34,920 | 98,909 |

- Additional 10 seats have been created in 16 hostels (Total 160 seats) in Theni district to provide accommodation and education to the children of Tamil Nadu natives working in

coffee/tea plantations bordering Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

- In each hostel, 5 additional seats have been reserved for the children of Sri Lankan Tamils.

New Initiatives in 2022-2023

- Construction of a new hostel building with 10 floors with modern facilities is underway at a cost of Rs.44.50 crore in MC Raja College hostel complex.
- Special maintenance work has been undertaken in 366 hostels at a cost of Rs.25.00 crore.
- Considering the demand for hostels for college students, three new Adi Dravidar welfare college hostels have been opened during 2022-2023 at a cost of Rs.21.97 lakh.
- Toilets and bathrooms for Adi Dravidar Welfare schools and hostels are being constructed at a cost of Rs.5.70 crore.

- Funds have been allocated for the construction of compound wall / raising the compound wall in 60 Adi Dravidar Welfare hostels at a cost of Rs.3.16 crore.
- Health camps are conducted for the hostel students, thrice a year.
- Medical and healthcare counseling is provided in hostels for the girl students and their mothers twice a year.
- Regular libraries in 25 college hostels and e-libraries to 23 college hostels have been established.
- In order to improve the language and personality skills and employability, training is provided to the college hostel students.

(A) Facilities provided in hostels

- i) Two tier Cots and blankets to the college hostels, Mats, Bed Sheets, Pillow with cover, Stainless Steel Plate and Tumbler,

First Aid Box with Medicines and Sport articles etc.,

ii) Gas connection, Water purifiers, Wet Grinders, Steam boilers, Electronic Weighing machines and Mixer Grinders etc.,

iii) Washing Machines and Incinerators to Adi Dravidar Welfare girls hostels.

iv) Library facility.

(B) Feeding and Miscellaneous charges

Feeding charges, Special feeding charges during festival days and Miscellaneous charges are provided to the students staying in Adi Dravidar Welfare hostels as below:-

| Charges | School Students (in. Rs.) | College Students (in. Rs.) |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Food Charges (per month) | 1,000/- | 1,100/- |
| Miscellaneous Charges (per month) (For buying soap, sikakai, oil and for hair cutting expenses) | 100/- | 150/- |
| Special Feeding Charges (During festival days such as Pongal, Republic Day, Tamil New year, Independence day and Diwali) | 40/- | 80/- |

(C) Financial Assistance to schools and hostels run by Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO)

(i) Hostels

For the benefit of 4,432 Adi Dravidar students staying in 18 hostels run by 16 Non-Governmental Organizations working with the Government to provide education to Adi Dravidar

children, the feeding charges, miscellaneous charges and other allowances are given as grant by the department as provided to the department hostels.

(ii) School with Hostels

Muthukaruppan Memorial Education Trust runs a school for Adi Dravidar students in Thoothukudi District. 3,500 students are studying in this school. Also, two hostels are also run by this trust. Since 2006, the Government is sanctioning grant towards salary for the 160 teachers and non-teaching staff working in these school and hostels.

For the year 2023-2024, Rs.12.29 crore has been allocated under this scheme.

1.11 Government Industrial Training Institutes

The following Government Industrial Training institutes are functioning exclusively for

the benefit of Adi Dravidar students who wish to pursue vocational training.

| Sl.No | District name | Location of ITI | Students Strength |
|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Cuddalore | Chidambaram | 252 |
| 2 | Tiruvallur | Vadakarai | 188 |
| TOTAL | | | 440 |

2. Issuance of Free House Site Pattas to Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes

In order to provide free housing to the Adi Dravidar people who do not have their own houses, a scheme to provide house site pattas based on their social and economic status is implemented by this department.

As the land values have become very high now a days, the required land is acquired through private negotiations or as per the existing land

acquisition Acts and the eligible beneficiaries are provided with free house sites as below:

| Area | Extent of Land Provided | Beneficiaries Annual income ceiling limit |
|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Rural | 3 Cent | Rs.72,000/- |
| Municipality | 1 ½Cent | |
| Corporation | 1Cent | |

Out of 1,66,504 beneficiaries who have been issued house site pattas, 1,32,609 e-pattas have been distributed in the first phase through Tamil Nilam website, during the year 2022-2023.

Further, e-pattas have been distributed to 24,081 beneficiaries for the vacant lands, which were acquired and free house site pattas were issued.

For the financial year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.6.00 crore has been allocated under this scheme.

3. Burial Grounds and Pathways

Funds are allocated every year and works are undertaken to acquire land for burial grounds and pathways to burial grounds in Adi Dravidar habitations.

For the financial year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.74.91 lakh has been allocated under this scheme.

4. Incentive to villages where caste free burial grounds are in practice.

The scheme to award a prize of Rs.10.00 lakh to the role model villages where caste free burial grounds are in practice is implemented. The award amount is utilized for the development activities of that village.

In the financial year 2022-2023, 70 small hamlets have been benefited under this scheme.

For the financial year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.8.10 crore has been allocated under this scheme.

5. Improvement of basic infrastructure facilities in Adi Dravidar habitations

Basic infrastructure facilities are provided to the Adi Dravidar habitations at a cost of Rs.100.00 crore every year. To ensure basic amenities in Adi Dravidar habitations in urban and rural areas and to bring about complete socio-economic development, the "Ayothidasa Pandithar habitations Development Programme" will be implemented at a cost of Rs.1000 crore over five years from the financial year 2023-2024.

Under this scheme, priority is being accorded to improve basic facilities in villages identified by the Inspector General of Police as atrocity-prone village.

For the financial year 2023-2024, an allocation of Rs.200.00 crore has been made for this scheme.

6. Assistance for Funeral Rites

Financial assistance of Rs.5,000/- is provided to the poor Adi Dravidar, Scheduled Tribe and Christian Adi Dravidar families, for the performance of the last rites and to meet out the incidental expenses related to cremation / burial, on the death of a member of their family.

In the financial year 2022-2023, financial assistance was given to 19,900 families under this scheme at a cost of Rs.9.81 crore.

For the financial year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.9.95 crore has been allocated under this scheme.

7. Pradhan Mantri – Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana – PM-AJAY)

The Pradhan Mantri – Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PMAJAY) is being implemented

as a single scheme by merging the three existing schemes viz., Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY), Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCA to SCSP) and Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana (BJRCY).

Under the Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana scheme, 1,123 villages have been selected for the financial year 2022-2023. The main objective of the scheme is to ensure integrated development of selected villages in areas where Adi Dravidar population is more than 40 percent.

8. Verification of Genuineness of Community Certificates

In order to protect the interests of the Adi Dravidar, District Level Vigilance Committees have been constituted in all the districts to verify the genuineness of the Scheduled Caste community certificates as detailed below:-

District Level Vigilance Committee (DLVC)

| | | |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| District Collector | Chairman | To scrutinize the correctness of the Scheduled Caste Community Certificates and to pass final orders. If aggrieved, an appeal may be preferred to the Hon'ble High Court of Madras under Article 226 of the Constitution of India and then with Supreme Court under Article 136 of the Constitution of India. |
| District Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Officer | Member-Secretary | |
| Anthropologist | Member | |

9. Implementation of Protection of Civil Rights (PCR) Act, 1955 and Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and Amendment Act, 2015

In order to provide relief and rehabilitation to the victims of untouchability and atrocities, the Government of India have enacted the Protection

of Civil Rights (PCR) Act, 1955, the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and Amendment Act, 2015, Prevention of Atrocities Rules, 1995 Amended Rules, 2016 and 2018. These acts and rules are being implemented in our State.

At State level, the Social Justice and Human Rights Wing monitors the implementation of these acts in the police stations under the supervision of Inspector General of Police, Assistant Inspector General of Police and 31 Deputy Superintendent of Police and 7 Assistant Commissioners of Police at district level.

(a) Exclusive Special Courts

For the expeditious trial of offences against Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes as well as relief and rehabilitation of the victims of atrocities, 22 Exclusive Special Courts have been established at Tiruchirappalli, Thanjavur, Madurai, Tirunelveli, Viluppuram, Sivagangai, Dindigul,

Ramanathapuram, Virudhunagar (Srivilliputhur), Pudukottai, Cuddalore, Namakkal, Theni, Tiruvannamalai, Perambalur, Vellore, Thoothukudi, Kanniyakumari (Nagercoil), Chengalpattu, Tiruppur, Thiruvarur and Coimbatore districts.

Steps have been taken to start four new Special Courts in Salem, Krishnagiri, Madurai and Tirunelveli districts where large number of cases are pending and an Exclusive Special Court has been established in Salem at the first instance. In all other districts, the existing Session Courts have been empowered for trial of these cases.

From the year 2022-2023, the minimum relief given to victims of atrocities has been enhanced from Rs.85,000/- to Rs.1,00,000/- and the maximum relief from Rs.8,25,000/- to Rs.12,00,000/-. The enhanced relief amount is paid as ex-gratia from the State fund.

In the financial year 2022–2023, Rs.47.00 crore has been spent towards relief, ex-gratia and pension to 3,870 persons.

For the financial year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.60.00 crore has been allocated for the implementation of these Acts.

(b) Abolition of Untouchability campaign

Every year, “Manitha Neya Vaara Vizha” is celebrated in all the districts of Tamil Nadu from 24th to 30th January to create awareness among the people against untouchability. A sum of Rs.50,000/- at district level and Rs.1,00,000/- at State level are being provided for conducting “Manitha Neya Vaara Vizha” every year.

Community feasts are arranged every year on 26th January, 15th August, 2nd October and also on important local holiday declared in the district. Voluntary organisations are also involved in arranging the ‘Samathuva Virundhu’.

In 2022-2023, a sum of Rs.24.07 lakh has been spent under this scheme.

For the financial year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.25.37 lakh has been allocated for the above activities.

(c) Selection of best villages with social harmony

One village in each district (except Chennai) where untouchability is not practiced and people are living in harmony is selected and a sum of Rs.10.00 lakh is being sanctioned for providing infrastructure facilities to that village.

In the financial year 2022-2023, 37 villages in 37 districts have been benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs.3.70 crore.

For the financial year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.3.70 crore has been allocated under this scheme.

10. Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Art and Literature Society

Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Art and Literature Society is functioning to promote art, culture and literary works related to Adi Dravidar and Scheduled tribe communities

A Corpus Fund of Rs.50.00 lakh has been created and kept in fixed deposit and interest accrued is utilised for the purpose of giving cash awards to the selected writers of Stories, Articles, Poetry, History and Novels.

9 writers from Adi Dravidar, Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity and Scheduled Tribe writers and two writers from Non-Adi Dravidar writing on Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe issues, thus a total of 11 writers are awarded with Rs.1,00,000/- or the cost to publish the books, whichever is lesser is provided as financial assistance from the financial year 2022-2023.

11. Dr. Ambedkar Award

In honor of Annal Ambedkar, who worked tirelessly to break the slavery of oppressed people, the "Dr. Ambedkar Award" has been given to 24 persons from the year 1998 to 2021, who had contributed to the development and upliftment of the standard of living of Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe people in Tamil Nadu.

The Dr.Ambedkar Award is awarded annually on Thiruvalluvar Day by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. Currently, the award carries a cheque of Rs.5,00,000/-, a certificate of merit and a gold medal.

“Dr. Ambedkar Award” for the year 2022 was presented to Thiru. S.V Rajadurai who has written more than 85 books. He has brought out revolutionary ideas in his books. He was appointed and worked as the head of the Periyar

Center for Higher Studies in Bharathidasan University which is remarkable.

II. TRIBAL WELFARE

According to 2011 Census, the population of 37 Scheduled Tribe communities living in Tamil Nadu is 8,41,558 constituting 1.17% of the total population of the State.

Scheduled Tribe people are concentrated in 23 districts such as Salem, Tiruvannamalai, Tirupathur, Vilupuram, Kallakurichi, Vellore, Ranipet, Dharmapuri, Namakkal, Tiruvallur, Kanchipuram, Chengalpattu, Nilgiris, Coimbatore, Krishnagiri, Erode, Tiruchirappalli, Cuddalore, Madurai, Ariyalur, Tirunelveli, Tenkasi and Chennai are the 23 districts where the tribal population is more.

To raise the overall quality of life of the tribal people by providing suitable employment, improving the individual economic status, identifying the causes of low literacy and improving the level of education, eliminating nutritional deficiencies through appropriate

programs, providing basic health infrastructure, the Directorate of Tribal Welfare was established on 01.04.2000 and administrating with full financial powers from the year 2018.

1. Education

Since sustainable socio-economic development for future generation can be achieved only through education, priority is given to programs related to the education of tribal students.

Various schemes are being planned and implemented from school education to higher education. In order to increase the academic knowledge of the students 54.66 percent of budget allocation of Tribal Welfare Department is spent on education.

a) Government Tribal Residential Schools

In order to provide school education to the Scheduled Tribe students this department runs Residential schools close to their habitations. Hence, dropouts can be completely avoided and educational attainment can be increased.

Details of Government Tribal Residential Schools and students strength (2022-2023)

| Schools | No. of Schools | Boys | Girls | Total |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Primary Schools | 212 | 5,045 | 4,633 | 9,678 |
| Middle Schools | 49 | 2,187 | 2,062 | 4,249 |
| High Schools | 31 | 2,200 | 1,811 | 4,011 |
| Higher Secondary Schools | 28 | 4,829 | 4,401 | 9,230 |
| Total | 320 | 14,261 | 12,907 | 27,168 |

New Initiatives (2022 - 2023)

- English language training is provided by Karadipath Institute in 131 Government Tribal Residential Primary/Middle schools at a cost of Rs.4.64 crore.
- Construction of 65 additional classrooms in 39 schools and Compound walls in 34 schools at an estimated cost of Rs.20.20 crore.
- Construction of Modern kitchens with storage facilities in 88 schools at a cost of Rs.9.24 crore.
- 3 Government Tribal Residential Higher Secondary Schools have been upgraded as model schools at a cost of Rs.7.00 crore with facilities of Smart Classrooms, High Tech Laboratories and coaching for english language and various entrance exams for higher education admissions.
- Construction of new Toilets in 31 Tribal Residential Schools and one Forest

Department School at a cost of Rs.4.85 crore.

- Provision of Laboratory equipment to Government Tribal Residential High schools and Higher secondary schools at a cost of Rs.70.00 lakh.
- Installation of modern Smart Board facilities in schools at a cost of Rs.13.89 lakh.
- Rs.20.25 lakh has been spent for scout and picnic activities.

Special Activities of Schools:-

Students of the following schools received prizes from the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for excelling in the state level art festival competition.

- Government Tribal Residential High School Sembulichampatti, Trichy District - "Village Group" Dance, State Level Runner Up.
- Government Tribal Residential Higher Secondary School, Pathukani, Kanyakumari

District - 3rd place in state level in "Cartoon" drawing.

- Government Tribal Residential School Burgur, Erode District - State Level Runner Up in "Drama Competition".
- In view of the 44th International Chess Olympiad Games held at Mamallapuram, in order to create awareness among the students about the game of chess, competitions were conducted at district, regional and state level (30.07.2022, 31.07.2022). 99 students participated in the competitions held at Russian Cultural Centre, Chennai and played with the Chairman of the Training Committee for the International Chess Tournament Mr.Mikhail Kopalya and International Grand Master of Russia Mr. Volodar Murczyn and witnessed the 44th International Chess Tournament.

(b) Ekalavya Model Residential Schools:-

Eight Ekalavya Model Residential Higher Secondary Schools (English Medium) from 6th to 12th standard are functioning with the financial assistance from the State and Union Government.

| (2022-2023) | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Sl. No | District | Place | Boys | Girls | Total |
| 1 | Kallakurichi | Vellimalai | 460 | 0 | 460 |
| 2 | Salem | Abinavam | 0 | 480 | 480 |
| 3 | Nilgiris | M.Palada | 160 | 122 | 282 |
| 4 | Namakkal | Sengarai | 273 | 108 | 381 |
| 5 | Tiruvanna malai | Athipattu | 235 | 167 | 402 |
| 6 | Thirupathur | Pudur nadu | 157 | 114 | 271 |
| 7 | Chengalpet | Kumizhi | 92 | 70 | 162 |
| 8 | Salem | Yercaud (Nagalur) | 104 | 64 | 168 |
| Total | | | 1,481 | 1,125 | 2,606 |

Special Activities:-

The 3rd National level sports competition for the year 2022-2023 of Inter-Residential Schools functioning under National Tribal Welfare Boarding Education and Institutional Association was held at Guntur, Andhra Pradesh from 07.12.2022 to 22.12.2022. 177 students including 94 Boys and 83 Girls from 8 EMRS schools of Tamil Nadu participated and won 50 medals including 10 Gold, 13 Silver and 27 Bronze in individual category and ranked 5th nationally. In Volleyball team competition for boys, they won Silver medal.

Medallist Details

| S.No | Competition | Gold | Silver | Bronze |
|--------------|---------------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1 | Swimming competition | 6 | 6 | 8 |
| 2 | Boxing | 2 | 5 | 15 |
| 3 | Shotput | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 4 | Chess | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | 100 Meter Relay Running (4X100) | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 6 | 100 meter Running | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 7 | 200 meter Running | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 8 | Slow Walk | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Total | | 10 | 13 | 27 |

(c) Tribal Welfare Hostels

In order to avoid drop outs due to the continuous migration of the Scheduled Tribes and to ensure the continuity in education of students, hostels with all basic amenities are run by the Government.

Details of Tribal Welfare Hostels and student strength (2022-2023)

| Hostel | No. of Hostels | Boys | Girls | Total |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| School Hostels | 40 | 1,010 | 888 | 1,898 |
| College Hostels | 2 | 0 | 81 | 81 |
| ITI Hostels | 6 | 365 | 0 | 365 |
| Total | 48 | 1,375 | 969 | 2,344 |

- To ensure higher studies of Tribal girl students, 4 college girls hostels have been started in Namakkal, Tirupathur, Dharmapuri and Trichy at a cost of Rs.2.40 crore in the financial year 2022-2023.
- Food charges of Rs.1,000/- per month is provided to students of Government Residential schools and Rs.1,100/- to college students .
- Special food charges are provided on festival days at the rate of Rs.40/- per

month for school students and Rs.80/- per month for college students.

- Miscellaneous charges to meet expenses like soap, oil, hair cutting etc. is provided at the rate of Rs.100/- per month for school students and Rs.150/- per month for college students.
- Solar light, woollen cloth and rain coat are provided to create a healthy learning environment for students staying in hostels located in hilly areas.

Special Features

During the financial year 2022-2023, facilities such as Gas connection to 128 Tribal Residential Schools, 55 inch television to 2 college hostels in Chennai and Nilgiris district, e- Libraries and Medical camps and CCTV cameras to 18 hostels were provided at a cost of Rs.94.75 lakh.

(d) Industrial Training Institutes

Six Industrial Training Institutes exclusively for Scheduled Tribes are functioning under the administrative control of the Directorate of Employment and Training, in order to empower the youth belonging to Scheduled Tribe in various occupations and help them to find employment opportunities in the manufacturing sector. Training is imparted to 904 students during the year 2022-2023.

Details of ITI and students strength (2022-2023)

| Sl. No | Vocational Training Centre | Sewing Technology | Electrician | Fitter | Mechanic (MV) | Plumber | Welder | Wireman | Total |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1 | Gudalur | - | - | 20 | 24 | 48 | 40 | 20 | 152 |
| 2 | Anaikatti | - | 20 | 20 | 24 | - | 40 | 20 | 124 |
| 3 | Kollimalai | 40 | 20 | 20 | 48 | - | 40 | - | 168 |
| 4 | Karumandurai | - | 20 | 20 | 24 | 29 | 40 | - | 133 |
| 5 | Sankarapuram | - | 20 | 60 | 48 | - | 40 | 20 | 188 |
| 6 | Jamunamarathur | - | - | 20 | 24 | 39 | 36 | 20 | 139 |
| | Total | 40 | 80 | 160 | 192 | 116 | 236 | 80 | 904 |

Student hostels for the above six ITIs are run by this department.

During the financial year 2022-2023, Rs.8.17 crore has been spent for the functioning of these ITIs and hostels.

For the financial year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.9.74 crore has been allocated for the functioning of these ITIs.

(e) Financial Assistance to the Schools and Hostels run by Non-Governmental Organizations

(i) School with hostels

For the welfare of 1,808 tribal students studying from 1st to 12th standard, a school with hostel for boys and girls are run by the Society for Rural Development (SFRD), a Non-Governmental Organization in Jawadu Hills, Tiruvannamalai District. Since 2005, teaching grant towards the salary for 36 teachers and 7 non-teaching staff working in this school are sanctioned by the

Government. In addition, feeding charges, miscellaneous charges and other concessions are also provided to 550 tribal students staying in the hostel. Every year, the pass percentage of 10th and 12th standard of this school is 100%.

In the year 2022-2023, Rs.3.12 crore has been sanctioned for the functioning of this school and hostels.

For the financial year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.3.44 crore has been allocated under this scheme.

(ii) Hostels

100 Scheduled Tribe students studying in school hostels run by charitable organizations such as Vidhyavanam in Coimbatore district and Ramco & Group in Virudhunagar district are provided with feeding charges and other concessions on par with the Government school students.

(f) Scheme for Supporting Non-Governmental Organizations to run School in Interior Tribal habitations

In order to provide quality education for all the tribal students living in remote villages, financial support is provided to the NGOs coming forward to run schools in the Integrated Tribal Development Programme areas.

In the financial year 2022-2023, Rs.3.04 crore has been provided as financial assistance to Montford Community Organization, Yercaud, Salem and Community Seva Centre, Kallakkurichi for running schools for Scheduled Tribe students.

Under this scheme 895 students of Montford Community Organization and 284 students of Community Seva Centre were benefitted.

For the financial year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.14.50 crore has been allocated under this scheme.

2. Educational Scholarships:

To enable the Scheduled Tribe parents to send their children to school without break, enrol them in higher studies and to reduce their financial burden, various scholarship and fee concession schemes are implemented.

(a) Girls Incentive Scheme

To ensure that all girl children go to school and to avoid dropouts, the following incentives are provided to students studying in classes 3 to 8.

| Sl.No | Standard | Incentive(Rs.) |
|--------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | 3 rd to 5 th | 500 |
| 2 | 6 th | 1,000 |
| 3 | 7 th & 8 th | 1,500 |

Under this scheme, 27,098 girl students have been benefitted during the financial year 2022-2023.

For the financial year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.3.75 crore has been allocated under this scheme.

(b) Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme.

Pre-matric scholarship is provided by the Government to cover portion of the cost of education of Scheduled Tribe students in 9th and 10th standard whose annual income of parent or guardian does not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh. The expenditure for this scheme is shared by the Union and State Governments in the ratio of 75:25.

The scholarship under this scheme is disbursed into the student's bank accounts as below:

| | Hosteller | Day Scholar |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | (in Rupees) | |
| Maintenance allowance (per month) | 525/- | 225/- |
| Adhoc Grant (per month) | 1,000/- | 750/- |

In the financial year 2022-2023, Rs.5.34 crore has been sanctioned to 17,697 students as scholarship.

For the financial year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.5.90 crore has been allocated under this scheme.

(c) Post Matric Scholarship

The parent or guardian of Scheduled Tribe students whose annual income does not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh is eligible to benefit under this scheme. The expenditure under this scheme is shared by the Union and State Governments in the ratio of 75:25.

(i) Government and Government aided educational institutions

Compulsory and non-refundable tuition fees payable to the educational institutions by the students pursuing recognized courses above 10th Std. in Government and Government-aided

educational institutions along with maintenance allowance is paid directly into the student's bank account as scholarship.

(ii) Self-financing educational institutions

For the students studying in self-financing educational institutions, the fees as fixed by the Government / Fee fixation committee are compensated to the institutions and maintenance allowance is paid directly into the student's bank account.

Details of Maintenance Allowance

| Group | Courses | Allowance per month (in Rs.) | |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| | | Hosteller | Day Scholar |
| I | Professional courses leading to Degree, Diploma, Certificate courses in Engineering, Medicine, Fashion Technology, Veterinary and Agriculture PG Diploma Courses in Management and Medicine CA/CWA/CS/CFA etc., and M.Phil. Ph.D and Post doctoral programmes. | 1,200/- | 550/- |
| II | Professional courses leading to Degree, Diploma, Certificate courses in Pharmacy, Nursing, LLB, Hospitality, Tourism and Hotel Management etc. (for which entrance qualification is minimum 12 th Std.) B.Sc.(Nursing), B.Pharm B.O.T, B.P.T, M.Sc. (Nursing), M.Pharm, M.P.T. etc., | 820/- | 530/- |

| Group | Courses | Allowance per month (in Rs.) | |
|-------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| | | Hosteller | Day Scholar |
| III | U.G and P.G Courses leading to a Degree but not covered under Group I & II. (B.A. B.Sc., B.Com., M.A., M.Sc., M.Com., etc.,) | 570/- | 300/- |
| IV | All Diploma Courses, Certificate courses etc., non degree courses for which entrance qualification is 10 th Std. (e.g. XI, XII, ITI, Polytechnic) etc., | 380/- | 230/- |

Under this scheme, Rs.37.31 crore has been sanctioned during the financial year 2022-2023 for the benefit of 25,684 students.

For the financial year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.46.44 crore has been allocated under this scheme.

(d) Other Scholarship Schemes for Higher education:

The following schemes are implemented to encourage enrolment and continuity of Scheduled Tribe students in higher education.

- Reimbursement of tuition, application and registration fees.
- Higher education special scholarship.
- Tuition fee concession for Undergraduate students.
- Tuition fee concession for Postgraduate girl students.
- Scholarship scheme for students studying abroad.
- Incentive scheme for pursuing full-time doctoral research.

2. Infrastructure and Economic Development Programmes

(a) Comprehensive Tribal Development Programme

Under this scheme, activities such as land development, construction of houses, development of roads, Provision of drinking water

and street light facilities in tribal habitation and implementation of economic development programmes for individuals and groups and provision of skill development training programmes are provided.

New Initiatives in 2022-2023

- Construction of houses for the homeless 1,094 Particularly Vulnerable Tribes at a cost of Rs.50.00 crore.
- Rs.3.66 crore has been paid towards the beneficiaries share provided to 226 tribal families for buying the houses constructed by Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board in Chengalpattu, Theni and Coimbatore districts.
- In order to collect Cashew nut in 967 acres of land, an amount of Rs. 86.13 lakh has been sanctioned to 2000 persons belonging to 500 Irular families of 16 villages in Ariyalur district. Now they have been

transformed as entrepreneurs from labourers.

- To improve the livelihood of tribal people in Erode and Nilgiris districts, a manufacturing unit for the production of Unnikuchi furniture (*Lantana camara*) has been set up at a cost of Rs.1.36 crore.

Under this scheme, works have been undertaken in the financial year 2022-2023, at a cost of Rs.95.75 crore and 2,126 persons have been benefited.

For the financial year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.94.99 crore has been allocated under this scheme.

(b) Integrated Tribal Development Programme (ITDP)

Ten hilly areas in seven districts namely Salem, Namakkal, Kallakurichi, Tiruvannamalai, Tiruchirappalli, Dharmapuri and Tirupattur where the tribal population is 50% or more of the total revenue division population, have been classified

as ITDP areas. For the development of these areas 7 Project Offices (Tribal Welfare) have been established and various welfare schemes are being implemented.

Integrated Tribal Development Programme Areas

| Sl.No | District | Project Areas |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. | Salem | Yercaud, Pachamalai Arunoothu malai and Kalrayan malai. |
| 2. | Namakkal | Kollimalai |
| 3. | Kallakurichi | Kalrayan malai |
| 4. | Tiruvannamalai | Jawathu malai |
| 5. | Tiruchirapalli | Pachamalai |
| 6. | Dharmapuri | Sitheri malai |
| 7. | Tirupathur | Jawathumalai and Yelagiri malai |

In the financial year 2022-2023, Rs.3.23 crore expenditure has been incurred under this scheme.

For the financial year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.3.71 crore has been allocated under this scheme.

(C) Scheme for Development of housing and improvement of basic amenities in tribal habitations.

In order to provide complete basic amenities in the tribal habitations, drinking water, road facilities, solar lighting, street lights and houses with modern toilets are being established. Special funds have been allocated for the following works executed by Tribal Welfare department, Department of Forest and Climate Change and Department of Panachayat Raj and Rural Development.

- Construction of 8,803 houses in 25 districts at a cost of Rs.294.00 crore
- Provision of 187 road works at a cost of Rs.135.00 crore
- Provision of 2,806 street lights at a cost of Rs.5.61 crore
- Provision of 1,173 drinking water works at a cost of Rs.105.38 crore

- Provision of 4,288 solar lights at a cost of Rs.12.86 crore.
- Construction of 2,787 houses in 22 districts at a cost of Rs.126.00 crore.

For the financial year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.100.00 crore has been allocated under this scheme.

(d) Pradhan Mandri Aadi Adharsh Gram Yojana (PMAAGY)

Under this scheme, financial assistance is provided to meet the infrastructure requirement within 5 years (2021-2022 to 2025-2026) in 167 villages in Tamil Nadu where the tribal population exceeds 50% of total population or more than 500 Scheduled Tribes living in the selected village.

167 villages in Tamil Nadu have been identified and basic infrastructure requirements have been calculated and Rs.20.38 lakh per village has been received under this scheme. The work is being carried out on the basis of "Gap

Filling” by collecting additional funds from other schemes and other departments.

For the financial year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.7.33 crore has been allocated under this scheme.

(e) Article 275(i) of the Constitution of India

Funds are allocated under this scheme for the development of Scheduled Tribes in education, health, drinking water, road facilities, internet services and economic upliftment etc.,

Projects costing Rs.11.46 crore has been implemented during the financial year 2022-2023.

For the financial year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.15.00 crore has been allocated under this scheme.

(f) Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups

Based on factors such as stagnation or decline in population growth, over-agrarian

economy and lowest level of literacy rate, six ethnic groups namely Thodar, Kothar, Ilurar, Kurumbar, Paniyan and Kattunayakan have been categorized as "Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups".

Schemes are formulated based on the baseline survey carried out and implemented in the areas of housing, education development, health infrastructure, land development, solar light, improved agriculture, animal husbandry, irrigation facility, skill development and their cultural preservation.

Ethnographic research about 6 PVTGs has been completed at a cost of Rs.48.00 lakh and their cultural activities are recorded as audio and video formats.

In the financial year 2022-2023, under this scheme projects for a sum of Rs.36.31 crore has been approved.

For the financial year 2023-2024, Rs.40.00 crore has been allocated under this scheme.

(g) Minimum support for Minor Forest Produces:-

Most of the Scheduled Tribe people who are living in forest areas depend on minor forest produce for their livelihood.

According to the Forest Rights Act 2006, bamboo, honey, wax, lac, herbs, tubers are classified as Minor Forest Products.

To ensure fair price, value addition and marketing opportunities for such minor forest produce, the scheme of "Minimum Support Price for Minor Forest Produce" is implemented by the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation (TRIFED).

Under this scheme, Van Dhan Vikas Kendra is formed with 15 Self Help Groups(300 members) having 20 members and grant of Rs.15.00 lakh as 100% grant is provided to each Van Dhan

Vikas Kendra. This amount is spent on purchase of machinery, training, value addition etc. 8 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras are functioning in the following districts in Tamil Nadu.

| Sl.No | District | Place of Vandhan Vikas Kendra |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Tiruvannamalai | Jawadu Hills (3) |
| 2 | Salem | Yercaud, Karumandurai, Arunoothumalai |
| 3 | Tirupathur | Pudurnadu |
| 4 | Vellore | Peenjamanthai |

3. Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006

In order to recognize the forest-related rights of Scheduled Tribes and other traditional dwellers who are depending on forests legally, for

their livelihood, residence, socio-cultural and other needs, "Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006" was enacted and come into force since 29.12.2006. According to this Act, Scheduled Tribes who are living on the forest on or before 13.12.2005 and Other Forest Dwellers (OTFD) who are living in the forest for three generations (75 years) are eligible for award of title and confirming their rights.

Under the Forest Rights Act-2006, the following types of forest rights are granted for the activities such as development of individual usage of forest land, collection and selling of forest produces, grazing, to utilize forest land for public use such as roads, schools, and places of worship.

1. Individual Right
2. Community Right
3. Right to community forest resources

4. Right to community development

5. Habitat Right

Three committees viz., Gram Sabha, Sub Divisional Committee and District Level Committee have been established to scrutinize the applications received under this Act.

State-level Monitoring Committee headed by the Chief Secretary monitors the functioning of the Act.

A two days awareness and implementation training camp for district and divisional level committee members and village forest rights committee members was held at Trichy with the officials of Forest Department, Revenue Department and Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department of 9 districts such as Dindigul, Tiruchirappalli, Kanyakumari, Tirunelveli, Theni, Tiruvannamalai, Kallakurichi, Vellore and

Virudhunagar to provide training about Forest Rights Act 2006 and 200 officials participated in the above programme.

Under this Act, 10,410 individual rights and 528 community rights have been issued so far.

4. Verification of genuineness of Scheduled Tribe Community Certificates

Three State Level Scrutiny Committees have been set up to verify the genuineness of the Scheduled Tribes community certificates issued by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Sub-Collector and to issue final orders.

State Level Scrutiny Committee (SLSC)

| | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Secretary to Government / Additional / Joint Secretaries to Government, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department | Chairman |
| Director, Tribal Welfare / Indian Forest Service Officer equivalent to the Director Tribal Welfare | Member – Secretary |
| Director, Tribal Research Centre/ Anthropologists | Member |

Vigilance Cells

To inquire, inspect and verify the Community status of the person belonging to Scheduled Tribes and submit reports to State Level Scrutiny Committee, Vigilance Cells are functioning in 4 regions (i.e.) Chennai, Tiruchirappalli, Salem and Madurai.

The Government have engaged the officers working in the 38 units of (31 Units in the Districts and 7 units in the Corporations) Social Justice and Human Rights wings under the control of Director General of Police, Social Justice and Human Rights to carry out the verification of genuineness of Scheduled Tribe community certificates in addition to their normal work. After conducting field enquiry they send recommendations to the State Level Scrutiny Committees.

5. Tribal Research Centre:

The Tribal Research Centre was established in 1985 at M.Palada in the Nilgiris to study the lifestyle, culture, language, socio-economic and educational status of the Scheduled Tribes living in Tamil Nadu. An open air museum has been set up in this centre with tribal artefacts and Photographs are preserved and displayed.

Exclusive Activities taken by the Tribal Research Centre during the year of 2022-2023:

- On celebration of 75th Independence Day (Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav) of India, the 9th National Tribal Handicrafts Festival was held in Odisha wherein three Todar women participated on behalf of Tamil Nadu and won the first prize. They were honoured by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

- Tribal Pride Day (Janjatiya Gaurav Divas) was celebrated in Chennai to honor the role of tribal freedom fighters.
- A photo museum with newly designed information repository was opened at the premises of Tribal research Centre, at a cost of Rs.21.00 lakh.
- National Seminar on “Sustainable Development of Tribal Communities, Problems and Challenges” was held on 23.11.2022 and 24.11.2022.

For the financial year 2023-2024, Rs.56.44 lakh has been allocated for the administrative expenses of the centre.

6. Special Vocational Guidance Centre

Special Vocational Guidance Center for Scheduled Tribes functioning in Udagamandalam of Nilgiris District provides counseling to tribal

youth to choose their job and training for various competitive exams.

For the functioning of this centre, Rs.34.37 lakh has been spent in the financial year 2022-2023.

For the financial year 2023-2024, Rs.39.69 lakh has been allocated for this purpose.

III. TAMIL NADU ADI DRAVIDAR HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED (TAHDCO)

The Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Housing and Development Corporation (TAHDCO) was started in 1974 as a Government agency to build houses for the homeless Adi Dravidar people. It has now grown as an organization that implements various entrepreneurship and skill development programmes of the Government for the economic upliftment of the Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe people.

The present authorized capital of the corporation is Rs.200.00 crore and paid up share capital is Rs.147.11 crore. The paid up capital of the Corporation has been shared by the State and Union Government in the ratio of 51:49 since 1980.

Activities of TAHDCO

1. Implementing Economic Development Programmes.
2. Providing Skill Development Training.
3. Undertaking construction activities of Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department .

1. Economic Development Programmes

In order to improve the economic condition of the marginalized Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe people and raise their social status, various entrepreneurship schemes are being implemented by TAHDCO. These schemes are implemented from the funds received from State Government, Government of India, loans from banks and National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC), National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC) and National Safai

Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC).

A subsidy of 30% of the project cost or a maximum of Rs.2.25 lakh whichever is lesser is given to the Adi Dravidar people to venture in the fields of agriculture, trade, transportation and services.

For the Scheduled Tribes, 50% of the project cost or a maximum of Rs.3.75 lakh whichever is lesser is given as subsidy. Further, they are provided with the subsidy of Rs.4.00 lakh for the purchase of light vehicles and Rs.5.50 lakh for heavy vehicles.

From the year 2022-2023, the upper income ceiling limit to avail assistance under the Economic Development Programmes implemented by TAHDCO, has been enhanced from Rs.2.00 lakh to Rs.3.00 lakh.

After conducting a techno-economic survey in all districts of Tamil Nadu to identify business projects that are favorable for starting business by Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe entrepreneurs, a Project Bank has been established at a cost of Rs.1.00 crore.

During the financial year 2022-2023, 19,042 Adi Dravidar and 1,502 Scheduled Tribe beneficiaries were benefitted at a cost of Rs.171.82 crore under this scheme.

1.1 Entrepreneur Development Programme

Under this scheme, individuals in the age group between 18 and 65 are provided with financial assistance for undertaking following income generating activities in order to uplift their economic status.

- Purchase of agriculture related vehicles and machineries.

- Purchase of light and heavy vehicles and tourist vehicles
- Establishment of Dairy farm and poultry farm
- Establishment of Supermarket, Stationery store, Gym, Beauty parlour, Bakery, Tailoring unit, Electricals shop, Hotels, Vehicle Spare parts store, Mobile repair shop, Textile shop and Hardware shop.

During the financial year 2022-2023, 7,098 beneficiaries were benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs.104.97 crore.

1.2 Land Purchase and Land Development Scheme

The land purchase scheme is being implemented since 2004-2005 in order to transform the Adi Dravidar people who are agricultural labourers into land owners and raise

their social status. Women are given priority to purchase land under this scheme.

Under this scheme, the lands are to be purchased from non Adi Dravidar and stamp duty and registration fees are fully exempted as the value of land purchased.

Since the market value of the lands are high now a days, this scheme has been revamped in the financial year 2022-2023 and in order to provide subsidy of 50% of the market value of the land or a maximum of Rs.5.00 lakh, Rs.10.00 crore has been released to TAHDCO for the benefit of 200 beneficiaries.

Apart from increasing the land ownership, subsidy with loan assistance from banks is provided to improve agriculture in those lands and for irrigation facilities like sinking of bore wells and open wells.

During the financial year 2022-2023, assistance of Rs.88.34 lakh has been given to 36 beneficiaries (17- Land Purchase and 19- Land Development).

1.3. Self Employment Programme For Youth.

The educated, un-employed youth, in the age group between 18 and 45, who desire to establish their own profession or business enterprises are provided with financial assistance under this scheme.

Adi Dravidar Youth possessing driving license with badge are provided with financial assistance of 30% of project cost or a maximum of Rs.2.25 lakh and Tribal youth possessing driving license with badge are provided with financial assistance of 50% of project cost or a maximum Rs.5.50 lakh for purchase of heavy vehicles, a maximum of Rs.4.00 lakh for purchase of

passenger vehicle / jeep, and a maximum Rs.3.75 lakh for other trades.

In addition to the schemes assisted under the Economic Development Programme, following activities are also supported under this scheme;

- Establishment of Animal husbandry, Dairy farm and poultry farm
- Establishment of Florist shop
- Establishment of Domestic Aquaculture and Fresh water shrimp farming

During the financial year 2022-2023, 1,853 beneficiaries were benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs.32.17 crore.

1.4 Special Self Employment Programme for Youth

Graduates in the fields of Allopathy (MBBS), Dental (BDS), Siddha (BSMS), Ayurvedic (BAMS), Naturopathy and Yoga (BNYS) for establishing

their own Clinic / Lab / Pharmacy are provided with financial assistance under this scheme.

This scheme was extended to the persons qualified in paramedical disciplines such as, physiotherapy, pharmacy, ophthalmology and lab technology to setup Clinic, Spectacle shop, Pharmacy and Laboratory.

During the financial year 2022-2023, 13 beneficiaries were provided assistance of Rs.26.16 lakh under this scheme.

1.5 Economic Assistance to Women Self Help Groups.

In order to promote the economic empowerment of women Self Help Group members, financial assistance with low cost interest is provided to invest in income generating activities such as, making handicrafts, horticulture, floriculture, establishment of hotels

in tourist spots, other tourism and hospitality based activities.

The Adi Dravidar women Self Help Groups which have been accredited twice can avail the loan for income generating economic activities. A maximum of 50% of the project cost or Rs.2.50 lakh whichever is lesser is sanctioned as subsidy to the self help groups to establish profession or business enterprises known to them.

Tribal Women Self Help Groups which have been accredited twice can avail subsidy of 50% of the project cost or a maximum of Rs.3.75 lakh to carryout income generating activities.

During the financial year 2022-2023, assistance of Rs.7.31 crore was provided to 296 women Self Help Groups (SHG) having 3,650 members under this scheme.

Under the Mahila Shamriti Yojana scheme of the National Scheduled Castes Financial

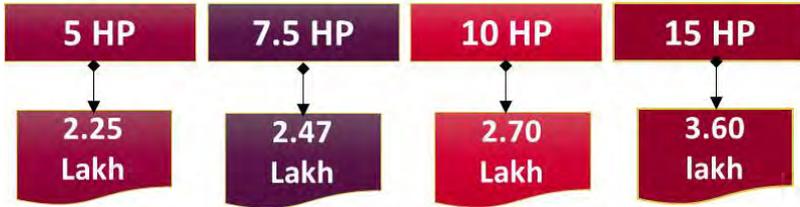
Development Corporation, Rs.17.92 crore has been released to the Co-operative Bank for the benefit of 1,992 members belonging to 166 Women Self Help Groups.

1.6. Subsidy for Fast Track Power Supply

The scheme to provide financial assistance to Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe farmers for getting Fast Track Power Supply with subsidy of 90% and individual contribution of 10% is being implemented.

The amount of assistance provided under this scheme was enhanced gradually from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.75,000/- and implemented from the financial year 2021-2022 as below.

Electric Motor Horse Power



During the year 2022-2023, a sum of Rs.23.37 crore has been deposited to TANGEDCO for the benefit of 1,000 farmers under this scheme and the connections are provided to the farmers.

1.3 Formation of Women Milk Producers

Co-Operative Societies

The scheme to form 40 women milk producers co-operative societies with 50 members each has been introduced in the year 2022-2023 to improve the standard of living of women who are engaged in dairy farming.

Under this scheme, Rs.1.00 lakh each is provided to a society for the purchase of registers, testing equipment and milk cans.

During the financial year 2022-2023, 40 milk producers cooperative societies were established at cost of Rs.40.00 lakh.

1.8 Scheme to provide seed set and lawn mowers for growing fodder grass

The scheme to provide 1,000 farmers with seed kits and lawn mowers at a cost of Rs 1.00 crore to grow fodder grass has been introduced in the year 2022-2023.

Under this scheme, 1,000 farmers were given subsidy of Rs.1.00 crore during the financial year 2022-2023.

1.9 Subsidy Scheme to set up Aavin Parlour

In an attempt to improve the economic development of Adi dravidar entrepreneurs, the

scheme to provide subsidy of Rs.45.00 lakh to 50 persons for purchasing electric vehicles and equipments like freezers and chillers to set up Aavin Parlours, has been introduced in the year 2022-2023.

1.10 Subsidy Scheme for purchase of Milch Animals

This scheme to provide subsidy of Rs.2.25 crore to 500 persons i.e 450 Adi Dravidar and 50 Scheduled Tribes for buying Milch animals has been introduced in the year 2022-2023.

Under this scheme, 500 beneficiaries were given subsidy of Rs.2.25 crore during the financial year 2022-2023.

1.11 Subsidy scheme for setting up of Tamil Nadu Cement agency

This scheme to provide subsidy of Rs.90.00 lakh to 100 Adi Dravidar entrepreneurs, for becoming sales agent of Tamil Nadu Cement Corporation at an estimated cost of Rs.3.00 crore

and to set up a cement agency for selling various construction materials has been introduced in the year 2022-2023.

1.12 National Corporation for Scheduled Castes Finance and Development

Out of the funds received from the National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation, term loans with low interest rates are provided to the Adi Dravidar.

Educational Loan with lower rate of interest (4% and 4.5% for girls and boys students respectively) is also provided to Adi Dravidar students for pursuing full time courses such as, Medicine, Engineering, Nursing etc., through TAHDCO.

In the financial year 2022-2023, financial assistance of Rs.1.44 crore has been provided to 44 students under the education loan scheme.

1.13 National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation

Various term loan schemes are implemented by TAHDCO to enhance the livelihood of sanitation workers at low interest rates, out of the funds received from the National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation.

In order to benefit sanitation workers and their dependents by availing term loans, the National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation has sanctioned Rs.20.00 crore for providing loans to 1,265 persons during the year 2022-2023.

1.14 National Corporation for Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development

Out of the funds received from the National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development

Corporation, term loans with low interest rates are provided to the Scheduled Tribes.

The Government have permitted TAHDCO to avail financial assistance of Rs.20.00 crore for giving term loans to Scheduled Tribes.

Educational Loan with lower rate of interest is provided to Scheduled Tribe students through TAHDCO, for pursuing full time courses such as, Medicine, Engineering, Nursing etc.,

During the financial year 2022-2023, sanction has been accorded to provide financial assistance of Rs.15.84 lakh to two Scheduled Tribe students and Rs.3.96 lakh has been released towards first instalment under the education loan scheme.

2. Skill Development Training

Providing skill development training is also necessary to raise the livelihood of economically disadvantaged youth. Hence, several skill development training programs are provided

through the institutes recognized by Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation / National Skill Development Corporation.

Special trainings with employment introduced in 2022-2023

2.1 Degree in Indian Institute of Technology, Madras

Training for the entrance exam along with financial assistance is provided to the students who have passed class 12 to pursue BS(Data Science and Applications) degree through online in Indian Institute of Technology, Madras,. Students can simultaneously study their preferred degree course and study BS (Data Science and Application) degree course offered by IIT, Madras Online.

During 2022-2023, 75 students completed training for the entrance examination at a cost of Rs.1.12 lakh and 9 students who have passed the

entrance examination are pursuing their degree at a cost of Rs.10.09 lakh under this scheme.

2.2 Four years Graduate program with employment through HCL

For the students who have passed class XII during 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 10 days training is provided to attend the entrance examination for pursuing degree with placement opportunities in HCL along with one year in house training.

During 2022-2023, 148 students have been given training at a cost of Rs.11.10 lakh for passing the entrance examination and 19 students who have cleared the entrance examination are pursuing the degree at a cost of Rs.22.42 lakh, under this scheme.

2.3 Degree in Institute of Hotel Management and Catering Technology

For the students who have passed 10th and 12th standard are offered financial assistance for pursuing B.Sc (Hospitality & Hotel Administration) three year full time Graduate course and Diploma course in Food Production at Institute of Hotel Management Catering Technology, Taramani, Chennai.

Under this scheme, 18 students are given scholarship of Rs.24.40 lakh for pursuing these courses during 2022-2023.

2.4 Coaching for Banking competitive Exam

Training is provided to Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe graduates through premier institutes, to face the competitive exams conducted for getting employment in Government and private sector banks.

In the financial year 2022-2023, 152 youth were benefited from this training at a cost of Rs.9.85 lakh.

2.5 Medical Coding and Billing Training

Under graduates and Post graduates in the field of Science are given training for getting jobs in medical coding and billing in Indian software companies.

In the financial year 2022-2023, training is provided to 300 students at a cost of Rs.16.38 lakh. Out of 84 students who have completed the training, 50 students have been employed in various companies.

2.6 Training on Drone Operation

Under this scheme, training is provided to the youth who have passed class 10 through Madras Institute of Technology and Centre for Aerospace Research, for operating drones for agricultural purposes such as spraying bio

fertilisers and pesticides. Moreover subsidy is also provided for the purchase of drones under the Entrepreneur Development Scheme.

In the financial year 2022-2023, training was provided to 243 beneficiaries at a cost of Rs.96.44 lakh and licenses were issued by the Director General of Civil Aviation.

2.7 Training for Customer Care Executive in Airports

Under this scheme, training is provided to those who have completed class 12th and graduates to get placement opportunities as customer care executive in Airports.

490 students are currently undergoing this training at a cost of Rs.83.69 lakh.

2.8 Accounts Executive Training

Accounts Executive training is provided to Graduates and Post graduates, to get job opportunities in Non-Banking Finance Companies,

Insurance companies and other financial institutions.

In the financial year 2022-2023, an expenditure of Rs 11.59 lakh has been incurred and 90 students have benefited under this training.

2.9 Training in Cosmetology

Training is provided through leading training institutes for those who have passed class 10 to get employment opportunities in beauty salons and also to set up their own beauty salon.

46 students are currently undergoing this training at a cost of Rs.12.06 lakh.

2.10. Aspiring Minds Computer Adaptive Test (AMCAT) Training

In order to prepare the Undergraduate and Post-graduate final year students to face competitive examinations for getting employment, AMCAT training is provided at a cost

of Rs 7.60 crore to Adi Dravidar students and Rs 2.40 crore to Scheduled Tribe students.

2.11 Common Admission Test (CAT) Training

Training is provided to 100 students to pass the Common Admission Test (CAT) at a cost of Rs.50.00 lakh to pursue Master's in Business Administration course in reputed educational institutes like Indian Institute of Management, Indian Institute of Technology and other leading institutions across India.

Apart from the above, the following trainings are also provided to the youth who have studied in other fields:

- Apparel-designing and Home Furnishing related courses.
- Automotive sector and allied courses
- Electronics and hardware sector and allied courses
- Leather sector and allied courses
- IT -ITES sector and allied courses.

3. Construction Activities

The construction wing of TAHDCO is undertaking construction of classrooms, science laboratories, toilets, compound wall for the schools run by this department, hostels and community halls.

Hostels, school buildings built at a cost of Rs.37.66 crore on behalf of Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department and the District offices of TAHDCO in Chengalpattu, Tirupattur, Ranipet, Kallakkurichi, Tenkasi and Mayiladuthurai districts were inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister through video conferencing.

At present TAHDCO Construction wing has taken up 426 works to a total value of Rs.380.00 crore under various schemes.

Works undertaken in 2022-2023

| Schemes | Component | No. of Works | Estimate Amount (Rs in crore) |
|----------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Adi Dravidar Welfare | Hostels | 50 | 151.55 |
| Tribal Welfare | Hostels | 9 | 17.29 |
| NABARD | Hostels | 2 | 2.52 |
| Adi Dravidar Welfare | Schools | 42 | 6.01 |
| Tribal Welfare | Schools | 38 | 19.87 |
| Adi Dravidar Welfare | Compound Wall | 61 | 10.76 |
| NABARD INFRA | XXV & XXVIII | 166 | 113.13 |
| Adi Dravidar Welfare | Community Hall | 48 | 41.52 |
| BJRCY | Hostels | 10 | 17.35 |
| TOTAL | | 426 | 380.00 |

3.1 Works under Financial Assistance of the Government of India

Under the Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana Scheme (BJRCY), 13 Adi Dravidar Welfare boys and girls hostel buildings were sanctioned at a cost of Rs.21.80 crore, out of which 3 buildings have been completed and 10 works are in progress in various districts.

Classrooms, science laboratories and boys and girls hostel buildings are built for 5 Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) functioning at Kumizhi in Chengalpattu district, Keelur in Thirupathur district, Puliampatti in Thiruvannamalai district, Sengarai in Namakkal district and M.Palada in Nilgiris district at a cost of Rs.60.00 crore.

3.2 State Government works

The Construction of additional classrooms and science laboratories to the upgraded Adi Dravidar Welfare and Government Tribal

Residential Schools, Hostels, compound walls, Community halls, special repair works, providing infrastructure facilities to Tribal Residential Schools in Kalavarayan Hills under State Balanced Growth Fund (SBGF) are undertaken under State Government schemes.

At present, 248 works to a total value of Rs.247.02 crore are undertaken under state Government schemes.

3.3 Works under NABARD Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (NABARD-RIDF)

At present 168 works to a total value of Rs.115.65 crore are undertaken under NABARD Schemes.

IV. Tamil Nadu State Commission for Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes

“The Tamil Nadu State Commission for Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes” has been established as an autonomous body to protect the legal rights of Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes at the State Level and to address their issues is functioning from 13.10.2021 .

The Commission functions under the Chairmanship of former Justice of Madras High Court. A Vice Chairman and four members have also been nominated to this Commission. The term of office of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and members is three years. The Managing Director, TAHDCO acts as the Member-Secretary to the Commission.

So far, 987 cases have been finalised out of the 1826 petitions received by the commission.

V.WELFARE COMMITTEES

(A). State Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee

The State Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee has been established to review the implementation of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act 1989 and Amendment Act 2015, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities (POA) Act) Rules 2016 cases registered under the Act, compensation and other relief measures provided to the victims of atrocities and the role of the officers / organizations related to the implementation of this Act.

This Committee has been reconstituted under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble Ministers, Members of Parliament and Members of Legislative Assembly belonging to Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe communities as Members.

The first meeting of this committee was held on 19.08.2021, meeting for the year 2022 was held on 12.04.2022 and meeting for the year 2023 was held on 11.04.2023 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister.

(B). Tribal Advisory Council

As envisaged in Rule 4(1) of the 5th schedule in the Constitution of India, Tribal Advisory Council was constituted during the year 1961 to render advice for the welfare and development of Scheduled Tribes in Tamil Nadu.

The Hon'ble Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare is the Chairperson and the Director, Tribal Welfare is the Member – Secretary of this Committee. A total number of 20 members comprising 3 official members, 15 Non official Members and 2 Non-Scheduled Tribe are members of the council.

VI. WELFARE BOARDS

1. Puthirai Vannar Welfare Board

The “Puthirai Vannar Welfare Board” was established during the year 2009 under the Chairpersonship of Hon’ble Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare, for the educational, socio-economic development of the Puthirai Vannar community.

There are 12 official members and 13 non official members nominated to this Board. The Director of Adi Dravidar Welfare is the Member-Secretary of this Board.

For implementing various welfare measures to the 2,276 registered members of the board and their dependents, a sum of Rs.1.00 crore has been sanctioned from the year 2009 to 2012 and welfare measures have been provided.

An additional fund of Rs.10.00 crore has been sanctioned for the financial year 2023-2024 to revive the Puthirai Vannar Welfare Board and to undertake livelihood development activities.

2. Scavengers Welfare Board

The “Scavengers Welfare Board” has been constituted during the year 2007 under the Chairpersonship of Hon’ble Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare, to monitor implementation and progress of the welfare schemes meant for the sanitary workers in the field of education, social and economic development.

A Deputy Chairman, 13 official members and 14 non-official members are nominated to this Board. The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Housing and Development Corporation Limited (TAHDCO) acts as the Member-Secretary to this board.

A sum of Rs.3.00 crore has been sanctioned for implementing various measures to the 68,700 registered members of this board and their dependents.

Further, during the year 2022-2023, Rs.15.00 crore has been sanctioned by the

6th State Finance Commission to the Scavengers Welfare Board.

Action is taken to provide houses to 500 members of Scavengers welfare board at an estimated cost of Rs.55.00 crore through the Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board with Contribution of 90%,9% and 1% by the State Government, Board and Individual respectively.

A sum of Rs.98.00 lakh has been sanctioned towards subsidy to set up Sanitary marts by 13 Mahatma Gandhi Workers Contract and Skill Development Co-operative Societies with 3,078 members.

3. Tribal Welfare Board

For the overall development of the Scheduled Tribes in the fields of education, economic development and social welfare, the “Tamil Nadu Tribal Welfare Board” has been constituted under the Chairpersonship of the

Hon'ble Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare during the year 2007.

8 official members and 13 non-official members have been nominated to this board. The Director, Tribal Welfare is the Member-Secretary of this Board.

Welfare measures like natural death, accidental death, funeral rites assistance, educational scholarship, marriage assistance and pension etc., are being provided to the registered members of these boards.

**VII. Financial allocation to
Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare
Department during 2023-2024**

(Rs. in Crore)

| Sl. No. | Department | Revenue | Capital | Total |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | Secretariat | 13.77 | 0 | 13.77 |
| 2 | Adi Dravidar Welfare | 2608.20 | 246.43 | 2854.63 |
| 3 | Tribal Welfare | 389.23 | 250.60 | 639.89 |
| 4 | Tamil Nadu State Commission for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes | 4.62 | 0 | 4.62 |
| | Total | 3015.82 | 497.03 | 3512.85 |

**N.KAYALVIZHI SELVARAJ,
Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare**



The meeting of the State Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister was held on 11.04.2023.



Review meeting on the activities of Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department was held on 06.02.2023 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister.



Hon'ble Chief Minister felicitated Padmasri Awardees Thiru S. Maasi Sadaiyan and Thiru Vadivel Gopal, Snake Catchers of Irular tribe.



The Thodar tribe women who won the first prize at the 9th National Tribal Handicrafts Festival were felicitated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.



The winners of the 3rd National level sports competitions for EMRS were felicitated by Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble Minister of Youth Welfare and Sports Development.



Hon'ble Chief Minister issued orders to collect cashew nuts to the tribal people of Ariyalur district.



Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the new hostels, school buildings constructed by Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department and TAHDCO offices for the newly created districts on 02.11.2022.



Hon'ble Chief Minister issued appointment orders to the teachers selected for Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare department through the Tamil Nadu Teachers Recruitment Board.



Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the Vanavil Mandram and flagged off 100 mobile science and math labs to stimulate the science and computer interest of Government school students at Adi Dravidar Welfare Girls Higher Secondary School, Pappakurichi, Kattur, Tiruchirappalli district.



The Hon'ble Chief Minister presented financial support and certificates of appreciation to 21 outstanding writers selected by the Adi Dravidar and Tribal Arts and Literature Society.



Hon'ble Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare launched the revamped website of TAHDCO.



Hon'ble Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare inaugurated the renovated Tribal Museum at the Tribal Research Center in Nilgiris District.

2022-2023 Economic Development Schemes

Beneficiaries

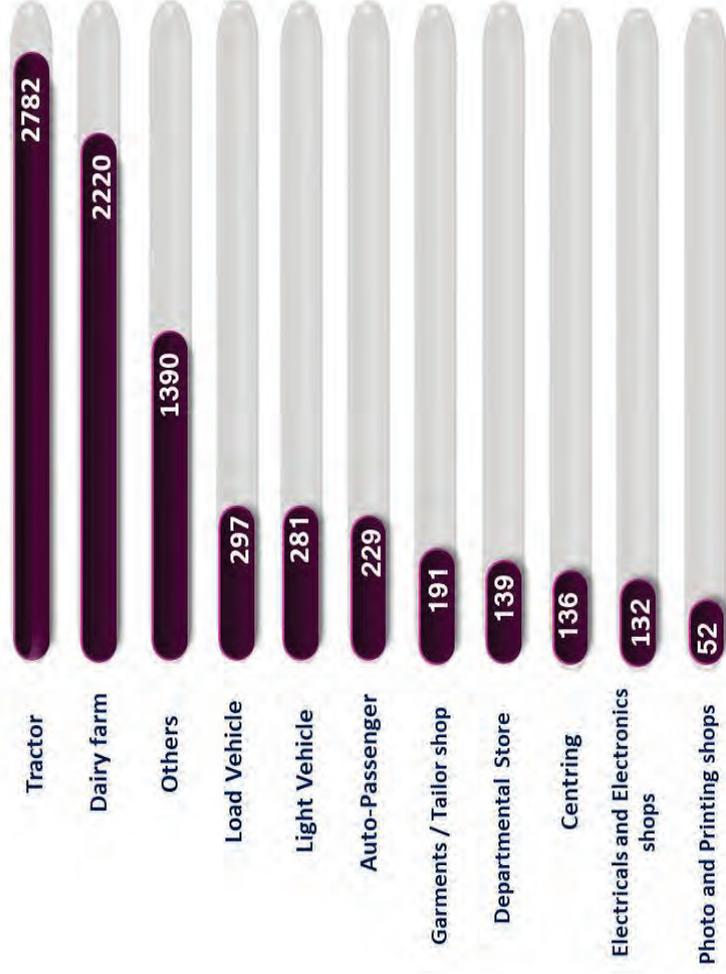


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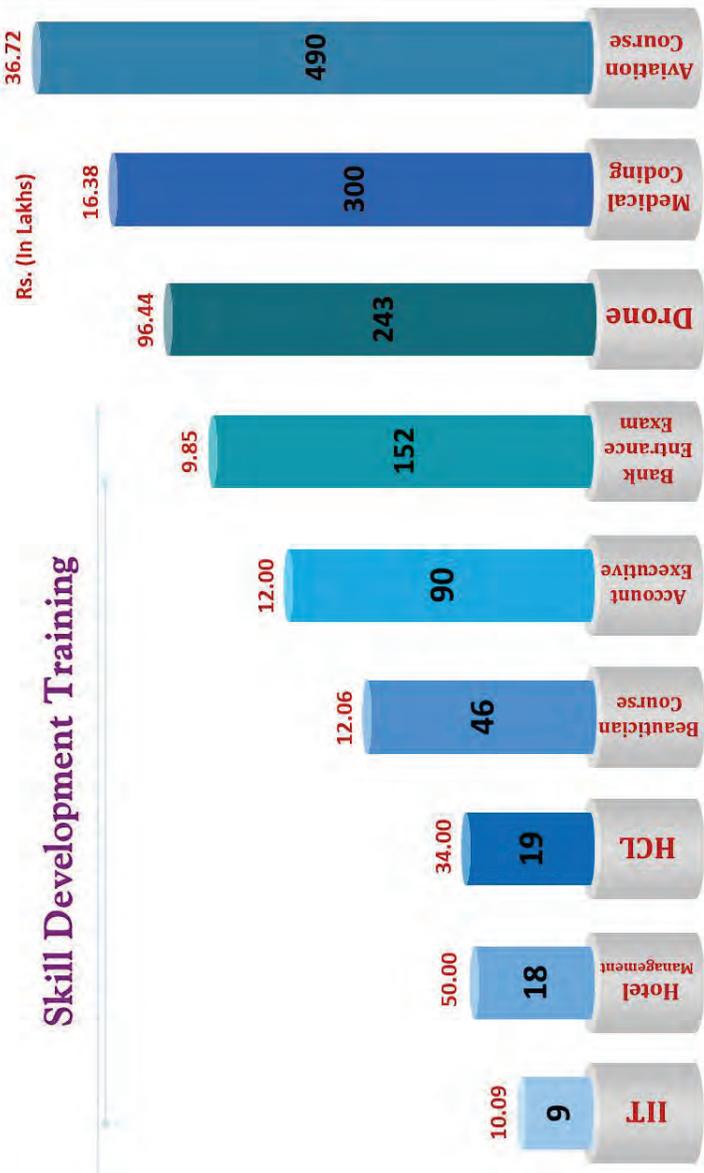
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