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INTRODUCTION

“தாளாற்றித் தந்த பொருள் எல்லாம் தக்கார்க்கு
வேளாண்மை செய்தல் பொருட்டு” - குறள் 212

“The purpose of one’s hard-earned money is to be
deployed to help the deserving” - Kural 212

Tamil Nadu is a model state in the country in establishing and implementing social justice principles. This government supports the progress of large section of the population, the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities to access the resources and get their due share in the resources.

With the objective of providing more focused approach towards the integrated socio economic and educational development of these disadvantaged sections, this department is introducing and implementing various welfare schemes. The Directorate of Backward Classes Welfare in 1969 and the Directorate of Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare in 1989 were formed by this Government for effective implementation of the Welfare Schemes for these communities.

In order to provide better opportunities to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities to enhance their position in the fields of education, employment and profession and with an aim of elevating them on par with other sections of the society, the reservation policy, a unique policy of Tamil Nadu, is followed with zeal since 1921. This policy has played an important role in the development of

the State as well as rejuvenate the lives and confidence of these people.

Education plays a primary role in guiding the younger generation and making them contribute to the society. Realizing that education is an indestructible wealth, this government gives top priority to the educational development of these communities. Schemes such as Scholarships, free education in Degree/Polytechnic/Professional courses, providing free bicycles, supply of free uniforms, and establishing hostels with free boarding and lodging facilities for students belonging to these communities are being implemented by this department. Incentives are given to the rural girl students belonging to the Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities. Kallar Reclamation schools are being run in Madurai, Theni and Dindigul districts for the educational advancement of Piramalai Kallar community.

Economic development is essential for revitalizing the lives of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities and raising their standard of living. Considering this, the Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Economic Development Corporation provides loan assistance to the people of these communities to nurture self employment.

Under economic development schemes, Brass iron boxes and Motorized sewing machines are given to poorer sections of these communities at free of cost. Considering today's changing times, new schemes have been formulated and implemented by this Government such as setting up of Readymade Garments Unit and Modern Laundry units to the aforesaid people.

Free house site pattas are provided to the homeless people of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified communities.

Tamil Nadu Narikoravar Welfare Board in 2007 and Denotified Communities Welfare Board in 2008 were established by this Government to provide welfare assistance to the registered members of these boards.

Among the Sustainable Development Goals formulated by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015, Goal-1 (No poverty), Goal-4 (Quality education) and Goal-10 (Reduce inequalities) are directly related to this department. This department will continue to strive towards achieving these sustainable development goals.

2. RESERVATION

The policy of reservation for the social, economic and educational advancement of these people in admissions to educational institutions in the State and for appointments in the services under the State has been under implementation in the State of Tamil Nadu since 1921. Backward

Classes, Most Backward Classes, Denotified Communities, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes constitutes more than 88 percent of the total population of Tamil Nadu. The quantum of reservation was increased periodically and the existing 69 percent reservation has been under implementation in the State since 1990.

The details of reservation followed in Tamil Nadu is as follows:

Sl. No	Sections	Percentage of Reservation
1.	Backward Classes	26.5
2.	Backward Classes Muslims	3.5
3.	Most Backward Classes/ Denotified Communities	20
4.	Scheduled Castes	18
5.	Scheduled Tribes	1
	Total	69

When the Constitution of India came into force, the order providing for reservation to various communities known as communal Government order was struck down by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in 1951 as unconstitutional. The mass protest and agitations spearheaded by Thanthai Periyar in Tamil Nadu paved the way for effecting the first amendment to the Constitution by introducing Article 15(4) in the Constitution. This is hailed as a historical achievement in the struggle for Social Justice and in advancing the cause of social, educational and economic conditions of the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, Denotified Communities, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes who were hitherto suffering from the injustice over several centuries.

Consequent to the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the year 1992 in Indra Sawhney case (Mandal case) that the percentage

of reservation should not exceed 50 per cent and in order to continue, preserve and maintain 69 per cent reservation followed in the State, Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly enacted the Tamil Nadu Act 45 of 1994. The Act was placed in the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution to secure immunity under Article 31-B of the Constitution.

This Government is committed to protect and implement the 69 per cent reservation in educational institutions and appointments to the services followed in the State.

The Government enacted an Act in 2006 to implement the policy of reservation in private educational institutions other than minority institutions.

The Government enacted the Tamil Nadu Act 33 of 2007 providing 3.5 per cent reservation to Backward Classes Muslim from out of the 30 per cent reservation provided to the Backward Classes, in consideration of the recommendation

of the Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Commission based on the request of minority communities for separate reservation. This Act is being implemented since 15.09.2007.

In view of the continuous efforts of the Hon'ble Chief Minister in securing legal remedies through the Hon'ble High Court and the Supreme Court, the Union Government has decided to grant 27 percent reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in the All India Quota for under graduate and post graduate medical courses from the academic year 2021-2022.

Muthamizh Arignar Kalaighnar played a key role in the enactment of a Central law in 2006 providing 27 per cent reservation for Other Backward Classes in admission into the educational institutions including higher educational institutions under the control of Government of India.

As articulated by Thanthai Periyar, Perarignar Anna and Muthamizh Arignar Kalaigarnar, this Government has always been opposing the concept of creamy layer exclusion by Government of India while providing reservation to Other Backward Classes and the Government is urging the Union Government to take all necessary steps to ensure that social backwardness should be the sole criterion for reservation, so that benefits of reservation is enjoyed by everyone belonging to the backward communities in Government of India services and admission in Government of India's educational institutions, irrespective of their economic status (creamy layer).

It is considered that Government of India is not fully implementing the 27 percent reservation to Other Backward Classes in Government of India's higher institutes of learning. This Government will continuously impress upon the

Government of India to implement 27 percent reservation to OBC's in all central educational institutions including higher institutes of learning such as IIT,IIM, AIIMS, etc. in full measure.

Tamil Nadu Government urges Union Government to take up the complete caste wise census together with the Census of India to fulfill the long standing demands of various communities.

The Constitution of India provides for reservation of appointments or posts in the services under the state and seats in educational institutions. The quantum of reservation provided by the States differ from State to State depending upon the proportion of Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes population of the States. Hence Government of Tamil Nadu will continuously urge the Government of India to bring an amendment to

the Constitution of India to empower the States to fix the quantum of reservation, based on the State's needs.

Reservation is provided in appointments or posts in the services under the State. There is no such provision in the Constitution to provide reservation in private sector. With the increase of employment opportunities in private sector, and in order to encourage growth of private sector, the Government is also providing various incentives including tax concessions. In order to ensure these benefits reach the Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, it is felt that reservation in private sector is essential. The objective of reservation in private sectors can be realized only by bringing a suitable amendment to the Constitution of India. To achieve this goal, this Government will urge Union Government to bring necessary Constitutional amendment.

3. EDUCATION

**“யாதானும் நாடாமால் ஊராமால் என்னொருவன்
சாந்துணையுங் கல்லாத வாறு.” - குறள் 397**

“For the learned, every nation is their nation; and every place their place;

Why then, does one shun learning till death”

- Kural 397

Education, which brings laurels to the learned people wherever they go, is serving as yardstick to measure the development of the society. Therefore, this Government has been paying special attention for the educational advancement of people belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities. The major portion of the Budget allotment has been spent for their educational advancement. Hostel facilities for the welfare of these community students have been provided and Kallar Reclamation Schools are run for the

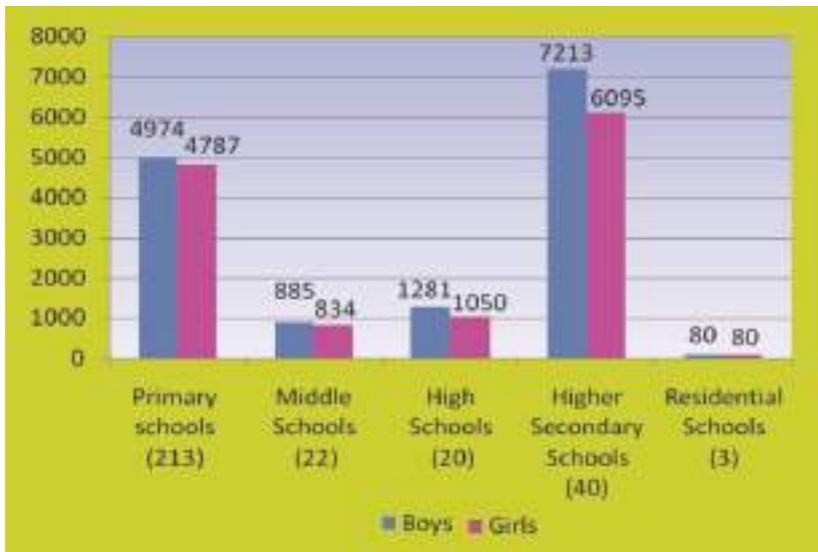
educational development of Piramalai Kallar Community students. The Government is also implementing various schemes such as scholarships, supply of school uniforms and bicycles for the benefit of students belonging to these communities.

4. KALLAR RECLAMATION SCHOOLS

In order to achieve educational advancement of people belonging to Piramalai Kallar Community, this department is running Kallar Reclamation Schools in the Districts of Madurai, Theni and Dindigul, where the Piramalai Kallar Community is predominant. At present, 298 Kallar Reclamation Schools (213 Primary Schools, 22 Middle Schools, 20 High Schools and 40 Higher Secondary Schools and 3 residential schools) are functioning and 27,279 students are studying in these schools.

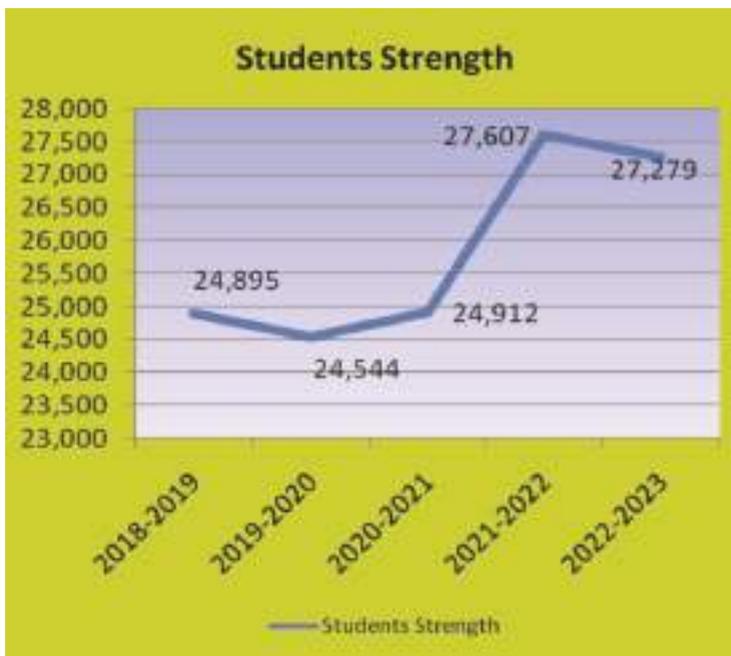
Number of students in Kallar Reclamation schools					
Sl. No	Details of Schools	No. of Schools	Students Strength		
			Boys	Girls	Total
1.	Primary schools including 15 schools having KG classes	213	4,974	4,787	9,761
2.	Middle Schools	22	885	834	1,719
3.	High Schools	20	1,281	1,050	2,331
4.	Higher Secondary Schools	40	7,213	6,095	13,308
5.	Residential Schools	3	80	80	160
	Total	298	14,433	12,846	27,279

Number of Students in Kallar Reclamation Schools



Trend of Students Strength in Kallar Reclamation Schools

Academic Year	Students Strength
2018-2019	24,895
2019-2020	24,544
2020-2021	24,912
2021-2022	27,607
2022-2023	27,279



Special cash incentive, school bag, geometry box, crayons, Atlas and footwear are provided to students of Kallar Reclamation schools by the School Education department as is being provided to the students of Government / Government Aided schools.

Incentives are given to rural girl students of Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities studying in Kallar Reclamation Schools at the rate of Rs.500 per annum for students studying in 3rd to 5th standard and Rs.1,000 per annum for students studying in 6th standard. Smart class room facilities have been provided in Kallar Reclamation Higher secondary schools.

In the year 2021-2022, Personality development and Spoken English training was imparted to 8th to 11th standard students of Kallar Reclamation schools through Tamil Nadu Skill Development Mission.

Medical checkups are conducted three times a year for all Kallar Reclamation school students and it's incidental charges have been enhanced from Rs.1,000 to Rs.3,000 from the year 2022-2023.

4.1 Kallar Reclamation Residential Schools

To impart best quality education to the students of Kallar Reclamation School, 3 Residential Schools in Madurai & Theni Districts at a cost of Rs.117.90 lakh have been inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 02.11.2022 and 160 Students are admitted in these Residential Schools.

In these schools, facilities such as, smart class rooms, library and play materials are provided. Abacus, Yoga, Music classes were conducted to the students for their overall development.

4.2 Educational Tour

During the year 2022-2023, State level Educational tour for 11th standard Kallar Reclamation school students was organized at a cost of Rs.42.16 lakh and 1,757 students went on the educational tour programme.

Under the tour programme, students were taken to visit historical importance and cultural heritage places in Ramanathapuram, Nilgris and Kanniyakumari districts through Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation (TTDC).

4.3 English Medium classes in Kallar Reclamation Schools

Lower Kindergarten English medium classes were started and functioning in 15 Kallar Reclamation Primary Schools in Madurai, Theni and Dindigul districts. In the year 2021-2022, English medium classes have been started in 1st standard in all the 225 Kallar Reclamation Schools having 1st standard. Further, in the year

2022-2023, English medium classes were started in 9th standard in 15 Kallar Reclamation Higher Secondary schools. In the academic year 2022-2023, 1,648 students have been enrolled in English Medium classes.

Sl. No	Details of Schools	Students Strength		
		Boys	Girls	Total
1.	LKG Classes	115	103	218
2.	UKG Classes	171	154	325
3.	1-5 th std English Medium	197	206	403
4.	6-9 th std English Medium	349	353	702
	Total	832	816	1,648

4.4 Maintenance of Kallar Reclamation School Buildings

During the year 2022-2023, a sum of Rs.700 lakh has been sanctioned to carry out maintenance and repair works in Kallar

Reclamation school buildings. Maintenance works are carried out in 104 Kallar Reclamation schools.

In the year 2021-2022, orders were issued for providing toilet facilities in 234 Kallar Reclamation school buildings for the use of differently abled students at a cost of Rs.468 lakh and works are completed.

A sum of Rs.142.88 lakh has been allotted for the maintenance of Kallar Reclamation school buildings for the year 2023-2024.

4.5 Creation of infrastructure in Kallar Reclamation Schools with NABARD Loan assistance

In the year 2021-2022, orders were issued to sanction a sum of Rs.5,009.18 lakh for creation of infrastructure facilities like construction of Lab Buildings, Computer labs, Additional class rooms, Additional toilet blocks, Compound wall and Borewell in 92 Kallar Reclamation Schools with loan assistance from NABARD under RIDF XXVII.

54 projects have been completed and the remaining projects are under progress.

4.6 Prize Scheme for the Headmasters / Teachers of Kallar Reclamation Schools

With a view to improve the teaching quality, an award with a cash prize of Rs.10,000 and Certificate of Appreciation is awarded to the Headmasters of Kallar Reclamation High / Higher Secondary Schools who ensures pass percentage of 95% and above in 10th and 12th Standard Public Examinations.

Similarly cash incentive of Rs.5,000 is awarded to PG / B.T Teachers of Kallar Reclamation schools, who achieve 100% result in their subject in 10th and 12th Standard Public Examinations.

During the year 2022-2023, expenditure has been incurred to the tune of Rs.24.70 lakh for awarding prizes to 430 teachers.

A sum of Rs.31 lakh has been provided for the year 2023-2024 for this scheme.

During the year 2022-2023, a sum of Rs.117.90 lakh was spent on the administration of Kallar Reclamation schools, which include Rs.14,620.89 lakh spent for 3 Residential schools.

A sum of Rs.15,313.52 lakh has been provided for the year 2023-2024.

5. EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

In order to enable the poor students of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities to continue their education, the Government is implementing various Scholarship Schemes viz., Pre-matric, Post-matric and Free Education and scholarship to the students of Tamil Nadu studying in listed Central Institutes like IIT, IIM, IIIT, NIT and Central Universities. The parental annual income limit for availing the scholarship has been

enhanced from Rs.2 lakh to Rs.2.5 lakh in the year 2021-2022.

5.1 Pre-Matric scholarship

Under the Pre-Matric scholarship scheme, examination fee for 10th standard students of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified communities studying in Government and Government Aided schools in English medium is reimbursed.

Fees	Tamil Medium Govt/Govt Aided	English Medium Govt/Govt Aided
Tuition fee	Waived	Waived
Special fee	Waived	Waived
Examination fee for 10 th std	Waived	Reimbursed to BC students subject to the condition that their annual parental income should not exceed Rs.2.5 lakh. Reimbursed to MBC students without any condition.

During the year 2022-2023 a sum of Rs.123.52 lakh has been spent for the benefit of 1,07,405 students. The details are as follows:-

Category	Number of Students	Amount Spent (Rs. in lakh)
BC	60,929	70.07
MBC/DNC	46,476	53.45
Total	1,07,405	123.52

Under the “Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBC, EBC and DNT students”, Central Government and State Government’s sharing pattern was 50:50 upto 2021-2022. Now, it has been revised to 60:40 ratio. (Centre : State)

As per the revised guidelines of GOI, under this Pre-Matric Scholarship scheme, the students

studying in 9th and 10th standards in Government schools with a annual parental income not exceeding Rs.2.5 Lakh will be provided the scholarship amount of Rs.4,000 per annum. The scheme is under examination of State Government for providing Pre-Matric Scholarship only to MBC & DNC students.

A sum of Rs.106 lakh for Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs.4,439.40 lakh for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department, totalling Rs.4,545.40 lakh has been provided for the year 2023-2024.

5.2 Post-Matric Scholarship

5.2.1 Post-Matric Scholarship to School Students

Under the Post-Matric scholarship scheme, examination fee for 11th and 12th standard students of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified communities studying in

Government and Government Aided schools in English medium is reimbursed.

Fees	Tamil Medium Govt/Govt Aided	English Medium Govt/Govt Aided
Tuition fee	Waived	Waived
Special fee	Waived	Waived
Examination fee for 11 th and 12 th std	Waived	Reimbursed to BC students subject to the condition that their annual parental income should not exceed Rs.2.5 lakh. Reimbursed to MBC students without any condition.

During the year 2022-2023 a sum of Rs.413.59 lakh has been spent for the benefit of 1,87,276 students. The details are as follows.

Category	Number of Students	Amount Spent (Rs. in lakh)
BC	1,08,378	239.55
MBC/DNC	78,898	174.04
Total	1,87,276	413.59

5.2.2 Post-Matric Scholarship to Students of Listed Central Institutes

Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities students of Tamil Nadu studying UG/PG courses in listed Central Institutes like IIT, IIM, IIIT, NIT and Central Universities all over India including Tamil Nadu are sanctioned scholarship. Under the scheme, Scholarship up to Rs.2 lakh per student is sanctioned. Annual parental income ceiling for this scheme is Rs.2.5 lakh. During the year 2022 - 2023 a sum of Rs.403.71 lakh was spent for the benefit of 558 students.

A sum of Rs.690 lakh for Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs.490 lakh for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department, totalling Rs.1,180 lakh has been provided for the year 2023-2024 for Post Matric scholarships to School students and scholarship to student of Tamil Nadu studying in listed central institutes.

5.2.3 Post-Matric Scholarship to College Students (Online)

Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities students studying ITI, Diploma in Polytechnics, Post Graduate, Professional and Ph.D. courses are sanctioned tuition fee and special fee as fixed for the Government educational institutions. Examination fee is sanctioned in full and book money as notified in the scholarship notification. Annual parental income should not exceed Rs.2.5 lakh to avail this scholarship. Students studying in the second shift in Government and Government

aided colleges are also sanctioned scholarship by applying the same conditions stipulated for students studying in the morning shift. In addition to the scholarship amount, boarding and lodging charges were sanctioned to students who are staying in hostels attached to educational institutions, at the rate of Rs.175 per month for Under Graduate courses, Rs.350 per month for Professional courses and Rs.225 per month for ITI / Diploma and Post Graduate courses for 10 months in a year. In the year 2021-2022, monthly boarding and Lodging charges have been enhanced to students of all courses at an uniform rate of Rs.400 per month, in total Rs.4,000 is sanctioned per annum.

6. FREE EDUCATION

Under this scheme, students of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities studying in three year Degree Courses in Government and Government aided

Arts and Science colleges/ students studying Diploma courses in Government and Government aided Polytechnic Colleges/ students selected under Government quota through single window system and pursuing Professional Courses in Government, Government aided and self financing colleges are sanctioned following fees:

Fees	Degree Course	Diploma Course	Professional Course
Tuition fee	Waived	As prescribed by the Government	Waived for 1 st graduate in the family
Special fee	As prescribed by the Government	As prescribed by the Government	As prescribed by the Government
Non refundable compulsory fee	As prescribed by the Government	As prescribed by the Government	As prescribed by the Government
Book Money	As notified in the scholarship notification	As notified in the scholarship notification	As notified in the scholarship notification
Examination	Fully	Fully	Fully

fee	sanctioned	sanctioned	sanctioned
Conditions	No conditions	Annual parental income should not exceed Rs.2.5 lakh. Beneficiary should be the 1 st graduate in the family	Annual parental income should not exceed Rs.2.5 lakh. Beneficiary should be the 1 st graduate in the family

In addition to the scholarship amount, the boarding and lodging charges sanctioned to students who are studying in hostels attached to educational institutions has been enhanced to Rs.400 per month from the year 2021-2022 and paid for 10 months in a year, in total Rs.4,000 is sanctioned per annum.

6.1 Web Enabled Sanction of Scholarship

Scholarship to the college students of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities are sanctioned and

disbursed through a web application www.bcmbcscholarship.tn.gov.in developed by National Informatics Centre (NIC). Scholarships will be directly credited into the students' bank account through ECS by the respective Heads of the Department adopting centralized payment system through Public Financial Management System (PFMS).

During the year 2022-2023 a sum of Rs.19,093.25 lakh is being utilized for the benefit of 4,53,488 students toward Post Matric Scholarship to college Students, Free education - Degree, Diploma, Professional. The details are as follows.

Category	Number of Students	Amount (Rs. in lakh)
BC	2,55,712	11,503.25
MBC/DNC	1,97,776	7,590.00
Total	4,53,488	19,093.25

Under the "Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship for OBC, EBC and DNT students", Central Government was providing 100% financial assistance upto 2021-2022. Now, it has been revised to 60:40 ratio. (Centre:State)

A sum of Rs.11,903 lakh for Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs.7,590 lakh for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department, totalling Rs.19,493 lakh has been provided for the year 2023-2024.

7. REIMBURSEMENT OF FEE TO THE STUDENTS WHO STUDIED IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS AND ADMITTED TO MEDICAL COURSES UNDER 7.5% PREFERENTIAL ALLOTMENT SEATS

Fee for the students who studied in Government schools and admitted to Medical Courses under 7.5% preferential allotment seats is reimbursed. For the year 2022-2023, Rs.2,347.16 lakh has been spent as

reimbursement of fee to 683 students under this scheme. For the year 2023-2024 a sum of Rs.3,000 lakh has been allotted for this scheme.

8. INCENTIVE SCHEME FOR RURAL GIRL STUDENTS OF MOST BACKWARD CLASSES AND DENOTIFIED COMMUNITIES

Education is the first step for the empowerment of women. In order to encourage education among rural girl children and to reduce the dropout at primary education level, from the year 1999-2000 onwards, the Government is granting financial assistance to the girl students belonging to Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities studying from 3rd Standard to 5th Standard in rural areas at the rate of Rs.500 per annum and Rs.1,000 per annum for the students studying in 6th Standard. The annual parental income ceiling for availing this benefit has been enhanced from Rs.72,000 to Rs.1 Lakh from the year 2021-2022.

During the year 2022-2023, a sum of Rs.1,816.90 lakh has been spent for the benefit of 2,85,959 students.

For the year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.1,725 lakh has been provided for implementation of this scheme.

9. DISTRIBUTION OF FREE BICYCLES

In order to encourage Higher Secondary education, bicycles are distributed free of cost to the students belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, Denotified Communities and Minorities studying in 11th Standard in Government, Government Aided and partly aided schools without any income ceiling. Further, from the year 2006-2007 onwards Bicycles are distributed to students who avail free bus pass as well. The students staying in the hostels situated in the school premises and students of residential schools are not eligible to get bicycles.

Under the scheme in the year 2022-2023 the students who studied 11th std in the year 2021-2022 have been distributed 4,35,624 number of Bicycles at a cost of Rs.22,126.53 lakh as detailed below:

Department	No. of Students	Amount Spent (Rs. in lakh)
BC	2,25,004	11,425.78
MBC / DNC	2,10,620	10,700.75
Total	4,35,624	22,126.53

A sum of Rs.19,475.23 lakh for Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs.11,028.28 lakh for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department, totaling Rs.30,503.51 lakh has been provided for the year 2023-2024.

10. HOSTELS

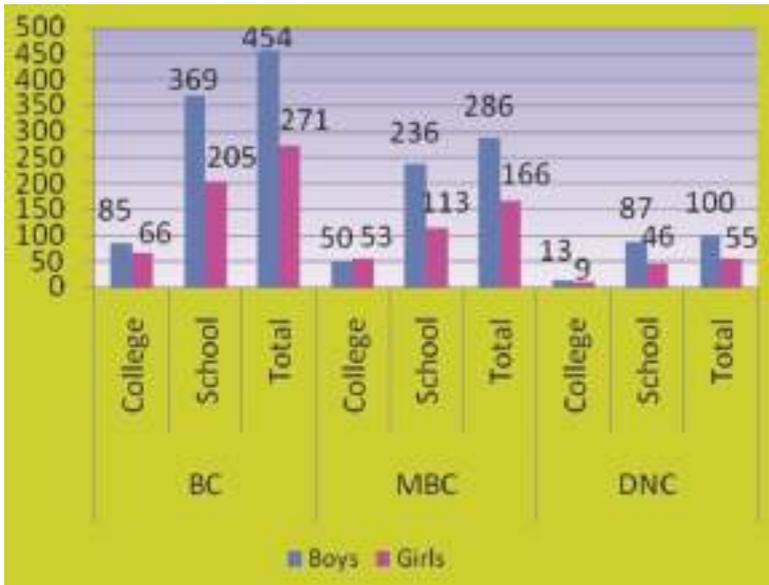
To encourage and improve the education of the students from remote villages and to continue

their studies, this department runs 1,332 Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities hostels. Free boarding and lodging facilities are provided for these students to pursue their education without any hindrance. The details of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities hostels functioning under this department are as follows:-

Sl. No	Department	Hostels	Number of hostels		
			Boys	Girls	Total
1	BC	College	85	66	151
		School	369	205	574
		Total	454	271	725
2	MBC	College	50	53	103
		School	236	113	349
		Total	286	166	452
3	DNC	College	13	9	22
		School	87	46	133
		Total	100	55	155

College	148	128	276
School	692	364	1,056
Total	840	492	1,332

Number of hostels



Sanctioned student Strength in hostels

Sl. No	Department	Hostels	Number of students		
			Boys	Girls	Total
1	BC	College	7740	5260	13000

		School	20940	11520	32460
		Total	28680	16780	45460
2	MBC	College	4250	4765	9015
		School	12700	6225	18925
		Total	16950	10990	27940
3	DNC	College	1105	740	1845
		School	6814	3440	10254
		Total	7919	4180	12099
College			13095	10765	23860
School			40454	21185	61639
Total			53549	31950	85499

Admitted student Strength in hostels

Sl. No	Department	Hostels	Number of students		
			Boys	Girls	Total
1	BC	College	6795	4323	11118
		School	16635	9427	26062
		Total	23430	13750	37180
2	MBC	College	3533	4508	8041
		School	11665	5728	17393
		Total	15198	10236	25434

3	DNC	College	696	608	1304
		School	4783	2621	7404
		Total	5479	3229	8708
College			11024	9439	20463
School			33083	17776	50859
Total			44107	27215	71322

Number of sanctioned and admitted student strength



As many as 85,499 students can be accommodated to avail benefits by staying in these hostels. Parental annual income ceiling for hostel

admission has been enhanced from Rs.1 lakh to Rs.2 lakh from the year 2021-2022.

In each hostel 4% seats are allotted to differently abled students. Children rescued from child labour practices are admitted in the hostels even during the middle of an academic year.

In each hostel, 5 additional seats are allotted to accommodate children of Sri Lankan Tamils who reside in camps. District Collectors have been empowered to sanction 10% additional strength to the needy hostels. If demand for hostel admissions exceeds even after sanctioning additional seats by District Collectors, the Heads of the Department have been empowered to admit an additional 2,185 students over and above the sanctioned strength of the hostels.

Children of plantation workers who are native of Tamil Nadu but working in plantations along the Kerala border adjacent to Theni district have been exempted from producing community

and income certificates for admission in the hostels situated in Theni district. They are admitted to the hostels on the basis of self-declaration by the parents.

Children rescued Child labour practices - 7;

Children of Sri Lankan Tamils who reside in camps - 3;

Children of plantation workers working in plantations along the Kerala border - 227;

In order to meet out the increasing demand from among the college girls students for accommodation in the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities hostels, they are permitted to stay in the nearest school Girls hostels against the vacant seats exists in these hostels. During the year 2022-2023, 430 College girls are benefitted.

In the year 2021-2022, Personality development and Spoken English training was imparted to the inmates of all college hostel

boarders through Tamil Nadu Skill Development Mission.

Competitions like Essay writing, Sports and Games in the name of “Kalai Thiruvizha” for hostel students were conducted.

10.1 Food Charges

Food charges are sanctioned at the rate of Rs.1,000 per month for school hostel boarders and Rs.1,100 per month for college hostel boarders for 10 months in a year. Menu for the school and college hostels has been revised and the revised menu has come in to force from 03.06.2022.

The Government is sanctioning Rs.40 per student for school hostel boarders and Rs.80 per student for college hostel boarders for providing special food during Pongal, Republic day, Tamil New Year, Independence day and Deepavali.

During the year 2021-2022, the monthly miscellaneous charges sanctioned to the boarders for soap, toothpaste, etc., has been doubled from Rs.50 to Rs.100 per month for school hostel boarders and from Rs.75 to Rs.150 for college hostel boarders.

During the year 2022-2023 a sum of Rs.29,001.25 lakh was spent towards food charges, administration, maintenance and other expenditure for running of hostels.

A sum of Rs.18,780.10 lakh for Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs.14,742.60 lakh for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department, totalling Rs.33,522.70 lakh has been provided for the year 2023-2024.

10.2 Benefits Provided to Boarders of Hostels

1. Four sets of uniforms are provided to the hostel boarders studying from 4th to 10th

Standard as per the colour and pattern adopted under Noon Meal Scheme.

2. Libraries were setup in the name of "Semmozhi Noolagam" in all college hostels, at a cost of Rs.259 lakh.
3. e-Libraries were setup in all College hostels, at a cost of Rs.202 lakh.
4. The boarders of hostels studying up to 12th Standard are supplied with all the textbooks free of cost by the Department of School Education.
5. Special Guides are provided free of cost to the boarders studying in 10th and 12th Standard to improve their performance in Public Examinations.
6. Career guidance programmes are conducted for creating awareness among hostel boarders studying in standard 10th, 12th and colleges to aid in their preparation for competitive examinations.
7. One English and two Tamil dailies are supplied to each hostel.

8. Medical checkups are conducted three times a year for all hostel boarders and it's incidental charges have been enhanced from Rs.1,000 to Rs.3,000 from the year 2022-2023 .
9. Mats, jamakkalam, bedsheets, stainless steel plates and tumblers etc, are provided to all hostel boarders.
10. Woolen sweaters are provided to the boarders in hill stations.
11. Annually Rs.50,000 is sanctioned to each hostel to carry out emergency repair works.
12. Library books, bookshelves, play materials, colour television, wet grinder, mixer, water purifier, napkin incinerator, fire extinguishers, idly steamers and electric insect destroyer are supplied to both school and college hostels. In addition, two tier bunker cots, inverter, reference books, instant wet grinder, steam boiler, Gym equipments and play materials, LED TV are supplied to college hostels.

13. Sundal and Chukkumalli coffee/ tea are provided to the hostel boarders every evening.
14. 20 eggs are provided to each boarder per month. Bananas are given to the boarders who do not take eggs.
15. Mutton and chicken are provided on the first and third Wednesday and second and fourth Wednesday respectively every month.
16. In order to help Wardens/ Matrons to run the hostels effectively for the benefit of hostel students, a refresher training programme was conducted to Wardens/ Matrons of hostels at a cost of Rs.49.55 lakh.

11. BOARDING GRANTS TO GOVERNMENT APPROVED PRIVATE HOSTELS

Boarding grant is sanctioned to students of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities staying in 39 Government recognized private hostels. The parental annual

income for admission in these hostels has been enhanced from Rs.1 lakh to Rs.2 lakh from the year 2021-2022. Boarding grant of Rs.1,000 per month per student for 10 months in a year is sanctioned to the boarders of these hostels.

During the year 2022-2023, a sum of Rs.70.59 lakh was spent for the benefit of 733 students.

A sum of Rs.41 lakh for Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs.46.79 lakh for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department, totaling Rs.87.79 lakh has been provided for the year 2023-2024.

12. AWARDS TO HOSTELS

(i) State Level Awards

In order to encourage the staff of the hostels to maintain the hostels in aesthetic manner, three best hostels are selected at state level and awarded shield and mementos every

year. Further cash prizes are awarded to the staff of these hostels as follows:

Sl. No	Category	First Prize (Rs)	Second Prize (Rs)	Third Prize (Rs)
1.	Warden/Matron	20,000	15,000	10,000
2.	Servant cum Watchman	10,000	5,000	3,000
3.	Cook	10,000	5,000	3,000
4.	Sanitary workers	5,000	3,000	2,000

For the year 2022-2023 a sum of Rs.1.37 lakh has been incurred.

For the year 2023-2024 a sum of Rs.1.37 lakh has been allotted.

(ii) District Level Awards

A new scheme of awarding prizes to hostels which have performed well in all categories at District level has been introduced in the year 2021-2022. Under the scheme, 3 best Backward

Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities hostels at each District and 3 best hostels among Kallar Reclamation hostels are selected annually and mementos to hostels and cash prizes to Wardens/Matronns are awarded. Wardens/Matronns are awarded Rs.10,000, Rs.5,000 and Rs.3,000 as first, second and third prizes respectively.

For the year 2022-2023 a sum of Rs.7.80 lakh has been incurred for awarding of District level prizes.

For the year 2023-2024 a sum of Rs.7.80 lakh has been allotted for awarding of District level prizes.

13. CONSTRUCTION OF OWN BUILDINGS FOR HOSTELS

Out of 1,332 Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities hostels, 1,254 hostels are functioning in own buildings and 78 hostels are functioning in

rented/other Government buildings. Orders have been issued for construction of own buildings to 28 hostels and works are under progress through Public Works Department. Action is being taken to construct own building for the remaining 50 hostels based on student strength.

During the year 2022-2023 expenditure has been incurred to the tune of Rs.2,303.46 lakh for construction of hostel buildings.

A sum of Rs.406.99 lakh for Backward Classes welfare Department and Rs.1,295.24 lakh for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department, totalling Rs.1,702.23 lakh has been provided for the year 2023-2024.

14. MAINTENANCE OF HOSTELS

Maintenance works in the hostels functioning in Government buildings are taken up through Public Works Department. During 2022-2023,

a sum of Rs.660 lakh has been allotted and maintenance works were carried out in 112 hostels. During the year 2021-2022 a sum of Rs.1,300 lakh has been sanctioned for taking up Special maintenance and repair works in 145 hostels and works are being carried out by Public Works Department.

For the year 2023–2024 a sum of Rs.693.26 lakh has been provided.

15. DISTRIBUTION OF UNIFORMS

Annually, Four sets of uniforms are supplied free of cost to the students of Kallar Reclamation Schools studying upto 8th Standard by Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Department. The boarders of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, Denotified Communities and Minority hostels studying up to 10th Standard are supplied four sets of uniforms free of cost every year. The colour and pattern of the uniforms are same as that of the uniforms followed in

Government Schools. Clothes for uniforms are procured from the Co-optex and stitched through the District Women Weavers Co-operative Societies.

During the year 2022-2023 a sum of Rs.357.47 lakh was spent for the benefit of 30,118 students.

A sum of Rs.250 lakh for Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs.159.14 lakh for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department, totalling Rs.409.14 lakh has been provided for the year 2023-2024.

16. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES

16.1 Supply of Free Brass Iron Boxes

Brass Iron boxes are distributed free of cost to the poor people belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities who are engaged in laundry activities to improve their economic status. From

the year 2021-2022 annual income ceiling of the beneficiaries for availing this benefit has been enhanced from Rs.72,000 to Rs.1 lakh.

In the year 2022-2023, 1,085 Brass Iron Boxes have been supplied at a cost of Rs.71.08 lakh.

For the year 2023-2024, Rs.71.13 lakh has been allotted for the purchase of Iron boxes.

16.2 Modern Laundry Unit

In the year 2022-23, a new scheme is introduced for setting up of 25 Modern Laundry Units at a cost of Rs.75 lakh. Under the scheme, each unit consists of 10 numbers of people belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities who are already engaged in laundry activities. Rs.3 lakh is allotted to each unit. The Annual income ceiling of the beneficiaries for availing this benefit should not

exceed Rs.1 lakh. So far a sum of Rs.12 lakh has been sanctioned to 4 units.

For the year 2023-2024, Rs.75 lakh has been allotted for setting up of Modern Laundry Units.

16.3 Supply of Sewing Machines

Motorized sewing machines are distributed free of cost to poor people belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities for their economic upliftment. From the year 2021-2022 annual income ceiling of the beneficiaries for availing this benefit has been enhanced from Rs.72,000 to Rs.1 lakh.

For the year 2021-2022, 3,000 Motorized Sewing Machines to be procured and supplied to the beneficiaries.

For the year 2023-2024, Rs.117.46 lakh has been allotted for purchase of sewing machines.

16.4 Readymade Garments Unit

In the year 2022-23, a new scheme has been introduced for setting up of 25 Readymade garments units at a cost of Rs.75 lakh. Under the scheme, each unit consists of 10 numbers of people belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities who are already engaged in tailoring activities. Rs.3 lakh is allotted to each unit. The Annual income ceiling of the beneficiaries for availing this benefit should not exceed Rs.1 lakh.

A sum of Rs.75 lakh has been sanctioned to 25 units at the rate of Rs.3 lakh each.

For the year 2023-2024, Rs.75 lakh has been allotted for setting up of Readymade garments units.

17. DISTRIBUTION OF HOUSE SITES

House sites are distributed free of cost to the houseless persons belonging to Backward

Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities to construct their own house. From the year 2021-2022 annual income ceiling of the beneficiaries for availing this benefit has been enhanced from Rs.72,000 to Rs.1 lakh.

During the year 2022-2023, house sites have been distributed to 47 beneficiaries at a cost of Rs.39.50 lakh.

A sum of Rs.200 lakh for Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs.150.02 lakh for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department, totalling Rs.350.02 lakh has been provided for the year 2023-2024.

18.DENOTIFIED COMMUNITIES WELFARE BOARD

For the social, educational and economic development of Denotified Communities, the Government constituted Denotified Communities Welfare Board in the year 2007. The members

enrolled in this board are sanctioned various welfare assistances like accident relief, educational assistance, marriage assistance, maternity assistance, old-age pension as in the case of members of the Welfare Boards for unorganized labourers, functioning under the administrative control of Labour Welfare and Skill Development Department. Denotified Communities persons who have completed 18 years and not exceeding 60 years of age are eligible to register as member in the Board. So far Rs.200 lakh has been allotted to the board.

There are 38,117 members are enrolled in this board. In 2022-2023, Welfare Assistance to the tune of Rs.28.05 lakh was given to 398 members.

Welfare assistance provided to members enrolled in the Denotified Communities Welfare Board

Sl. No	Details of the Assistance	Financial Assistance (in Rs.)
1.	Accident Relief a) Death due to accident	1,00,000
	b) Disability due to accident	10,000 to 1,00,000
2.	Natural death	20,000
3.	Funeral expenses	5,000
4.	Educational assistance	
	a) Girls Studying X standard	1,000
	b) Students passed X standard	1,000
	c) Girls studying XI standard	1,000
	d) Girls studying XII standard	1,500

Sl. No	Details of the Assistance	Financial Assistance (in Rs.)
	e) Students passed XII standard	1,500
	f) (i) Regular degree course	1,500
	(ii) Regular degree course with hostel facility	1,750
	g) (i) Regular postgraduate degree course	4,000
	(ii) Regular postgraduate degree course with hostel facility	5,000
	h) (i) Professional degree course	4,000
	(ii) Professional degree course with hostel facility	6,000
	i) (i) Professional post graduate degree course	6,000
	(ii) Professional post graduate degree course with hostel facility	8,000
	j) (i) ITI or Vocational Training	1,000
	(ii) ITI or Vocational Training with hostel facility	1,200

Sl. No	Details of the Assistance	Financial Assistance (in Rs.)
5.	Marriage assistance (i) For Men	3,000
	(ii) For Women	5,000
6.	a) Maternity assistance of Rs.1,000 per month for 6 months	6,000
	b) Abortion	3,000
7.	Reimbursement of spectacle expenses	Up to 500
8.	Old age pension per month	1,000

So far, expenditure has incurred to the tune of Rs.123.29 lakh for providing various welfare assistance to 3,931 registered members of the board and other administrative expenditure.

To implement various welfare schemes to the people belonging to Valayar, Ambalakarar

(including Servai) communities, the Government issued orders to establish Valayar, Ambalakarar (including Servai) Reclamation Board.

19.TAMIL NADU NARIKORAVAR WELFARE BOARD

For providing education assistance and financial support for alternative employment to Narikoravar, "Tamil Nadu Narikoravar Welfare Board" has been formed by the Government in the year 2008. Members enrolled in the board are sanctioned various welfare assistances such as, accident relief, educational assistance, marriage assistance, maternity assistance and old age pension as in the case of members of the welfare boards for unorganized labourers, functioning under the administrative control of Labour Welfare and Skill Development Department. Narikoravar persons who have completed 18 years and not exceeding 60 years of age are eligible to get registered as members in the Board.

Financial subsidy is given to the members of the board to take up self employment opportunities. A sum of Rs.7,500 provided as individual subsidy and for starting business as a group, back ended subsidy at the rate of Rs.10,000 for individual or maximum Rs.1,25,000 for group is provided. So far a sum of Rs.1,085 lakh has been provided to the Board.

There are 16,010 registered members in the board including 234 members registered in the year 2022-2023. During the year 2022-2023 welfare assistance to the tune of Rs.12.78 lakh has been provided to 190 registered members.

Welfare assistance provided to members of the Tamil Nadu Narikoravar Welfare Board

Sl. No.	Details of the Assistance	Financial Assistance (in Rs.)
1.	Accident Relief a) Death due to accident	1,00,000

Sl. No.	Details of the Assistance	Financial Assistance (in Rs.)
	b) Disability due to accident	10,000 to 1,00,000
2.	Natural death	20,000
3.	Funeral expenses	5,000
4.	Education	
	a) Students studying from 1 st to 5 th standard	500
	b) Students studying from 6 th to 9 th standard	1,000
	c) Girls studying X standard	1,000
	d) Students passed X standard	1,000
	e) Girls studying XI standard	1,000
	f) Girls studying XII standard	1,500
	g) Students passed XII standard	1,500
	h) (i) Regular degree course	1,500
	(ii) Regular degree course with hostel facility	1,750

Sl. No.	Details of the Assistance	Financial Assistance (in Rs.)
	i) (i) Regular post graduate course	4,000
	(ii) Regular post graduate course with hostel facility	5,000
	j) (i) Professional degree course	4,000
	(ii) Professional degree course with hostel facility	6,000
	k)(i) Professional post graduate course	6,000
	(ii)Professional post graduate courses with hostel facility	8,000
	l) (i) ITI or Vocational Training	1,000
	(ii) ITI or Vocational Training with hostel facility	1,200
5.	Marriage assistance (i) For Men	3,000

Sl. No.	Details of the Assistance	Financial Assistance (in Rs.)
	(ii) For Women	5,000
6.	Financial Assistance to pregnant women	
	a) Maternity Assistance of Rs.1,000 per month for 6 months	6,000
	b) Abortion	3,000
7.	Reimbursement of spectacle expenses	Up to Rs.500
8.	Old age pension per month	1,000
	Subsidy for self-employment	
	1. Individual subsidy	7,500
9.	2. Starting business as a group	10,000 (individual) or 1,25,000 for group)

So far, expenditure has been incurred to the tune of Rs.811.27 lakh for providing various welfare assistance to 14,308 registered members of the Board.

For the year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.10 lakh has been provided.

20.Tamil Nadu Vanniyakula Kshatriya Public Charitable Trusts and Endowments Board

The Government established "Vanniyar Public Property Welfare Board" during the year 2009 to identify charitable trusts created by Vanniyar philanthropists and to find out ways and means to ensure the fulfillment of objects of the trusts and to ensure that the benefits reach the intended sections.

In order to fulfil the testator's wishes and to provide protection and maintenance of the public charitable trusts and endowments created and administered by the persons or organization

of Vanniyarkula Kshatriya Community in this State, the Tamil Nadu Vanniyakula Kshatriya Public Charitable Trusts and Endowments [Protection and Maintenance] Act, 2018 was enacted and it came into force on 04.02.2019.

To enforce this Act, the Government had constituted "The Tamil Nadu Vanniyarkula Kshatriya Public Charitable Trusts and Endowments Board" consisting of Chairperson, 12 Members including two Ex-Officio Members and a Member- Secretary. The Government sanctioned Rs.1 crore to this Board for the year 2022-2023 to meet out the administrative expenses. So far, 16 Board Meetings have been conducted by the Board.

During 2021-2022, 22 new trusts have been identified by the Board and so far totally 119 trusts have been identified. These trusts are located in 25 districts. Out of the identified trusts, so far, totally 69 trusts were registered with this

Board. Action is being taken to register the remaining trusts with the Board.

The Board published the list of properties belonging to 17 Vanniyakula Kshatriya Public Charitable Trusts/Endowments in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette till date. Action is being taken by the Board to publish the list of properties of remaining registered trusts in the Government Gazette.

For the year 2023-2024, Rs.100 lakh has been allotted towards administrative expenses of this Board.

21. THANTHAI PERIYAR AWARD FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Thanthai Periyar Award for social justice is being given by the Government to honour those who have made outstanding contribution for social justice. The awardee is selected by the Hon'ble Chief Minister every year.

The award carries a gold medal and a cash prize of Rs.1 lakh. The cash prize of 1 lakh has been increased to Rs.5 lakh in the year 2021-2022. Thus the awardee is awarded a gold medal of 1 sovereign and a cash prize of Rs.5 lakh. For the year 2022, Thanthai Periyar Award has been awarded to kavignar Kali.Poongundran.

For the year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.5.80 lakh has been provided.

22. TAMIL NADU BACKWARD CLASSES COMMISSION

The Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Commission has been constituted as a permanent body under Article 16(4) read with Article 340 of the Constitution of India, pursuant to the directions of the Supreme Court of India in Indra Sawhney & Ors. Vs. Union of India and others case. The Commission functions from 15.03.1993 onwards.

The present Commission has been reconstituted under the Chairmanship of Justice Thiru V.Bharathidasan, a retired Judge of High Court, with eight Members, for a term of three years with effect from 17.11.2022.

The following Terms of Reference have been issued to the Commission, in the above Government order:-

- (i) The Commission shall entertain, examine and recommend upon requests for inclusion and complaints of over-inclusion and under-inclusion in the lists of Backward Classes / Most Backward Classes.
- (ii) Periodic revision of list of Backward Classes and Most Backward Classes in this State as and when decided.
- (iii) The Commission shall make recommendations on improved reservation for Christians, Muslims and other Minorities based on their social and educational backwardness.

- (iv) The Commission shall submit reports for classification and sub-classification of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities in light of the provisions of the Constitution of India and various decisions of the Supreme Court bearing on the subject.
- (v) The Commission shall undertake suitable exercise through independent studies and assessment for collecting pertinent, contemporaneous data relating to the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities, currently notified by the State, for the purpose of examination of demands of various communities and make its recommendation to the Government.
- (vi) The Commission shall examine and make recommendations on any other matter relating to Backward Classes that may be referred to it by Government from time to time.

In pursuance of observations made in the judgment, dated 31.03.2022, of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, in C.A.No.2600 of 2022, the additional reference has also been made.

23. TAMIL NADU BACKWARD CLASSES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Economic Development Corporation sanctions loan assistance at lower rates of interest to individuals, Groups belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities for establishing viable trade or business for their economic upliftment. The Corporation was established in the year 1982. It is a State owned Company registered under the Companies Act, 1956. The Corporation has an authorized share capital of Rs.30 crore and a paid up capital of Rs.12.27 crore. The Corporation has been acting as the State channelizing agency of the National Backward Classes Finance and Development

Corporation and obtains loan from the latter upon the guarantee given by the Tamil Nadu Government for funding various loan schemes.

23.1 Loan Schemes

The Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Economic Development Corporation is sanctioning loan to individuals and Self Help Groups. District Level Screening Committee consisting of the Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies, District Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Officer, General Manager of District Industries Centre and Managing Director of the respective District Central Co-operative Banks, select beneficiaries for various loan schemes. Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Economic Development Corporation sanctions and disburses loans to beneficiaries through District Central Co-operative Banks /

Urban Co-operative banks / Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies.

23.1.1 General Term Loan Scheme

Under General Term loan scheme, loans are provided at low rate of interest for Small Trade / Business, Agriculture and Allied Activities, Handicrafts and Traditional Occupations as follows.

Sl. No.	Loan Amount	Interest Rate (per annum)	Repayment Period	Annual Income ceiling
1	Upto Rs.5 lakh	6 %	3 to 8 years	Rs.3 lakh
2	Above Rs.5 lakh and up to Rs.10 lakh	7 %		
3	Above Rs.10 lakh and up to Rs.15 lakh	8 %		

Loan repayment under the scheme is 91%.

During the year 2022-2023 loan amount of Rs.756.35 lakh has been disbursed to 576 beneficiaries under the scheme.

23.1.2 New Swarnima Scheme for Women

This scheme is implemented to inculcate the spirit of self-dependence among women. Loan assistance is provided to women to run small business.

Loan Amount	Interest Rate (per annum)	Repayment Period	Annual income ceiling
Upto Rs.2 lakh	5 %	3 to 8 years	Rs.3 lakh

Loan repayment under the scheme is 92%.

During the year 2022-2023 loan amount of Rs.320.35 lakh has been disbursed to 554 beneficiaries under the scheme.

23.1.3 Micro Credit for Women (Mahila Samridhi Yojana)

Under this scheme, micro finance is provided to Women Self Help Groups to start small trade / business either individually or as a

group. Maximum number of members in a self help group is 20.

Loan Amount	Interest Rate (Per Annum)	Repayment Period	Annual income ceiling
Upto Rs.1.25 lakh per beneficiary; Upto Rs.15 lakh per group	4 %	4 years	Rs.3 lakh

Loan repayment under the scheme is 95%.

During the year 2022-2023 loan amount of Rs.8,728.44 lakh has been disbursed to 13,663 beneficiaries under the scheme.

23.1.4 Micro Credit for Men

Under this scheme, micro finance is provided to Men Self Help Groups to start small trade / business, either individually or as a group.

Maximum number of members in a self help group is 20.

Loan Amount	Interest Rate (per annum)	Repayment Period	Annual income ceiling
Upto Rs.1.25 lakh per beneficiary; Upto Rs.15 lakh per group	5 %	4 years	Rs.3 lakh

Loan repayment under the scheme is 95%.

During the year 2022-2023 loan amount of Rs.89.84 lakh has been disbursed to 121 beneficiaries under the scheme.

23.1.5 Milch Animal Scheme

As per the terms and conditions of the general term loan, members of the milk co-operative societies are provided loans for the purchase of milch animal at the rate of Rs.30,000 per milch animal upto the maximum of Rs.60,000.

Loan Amount	Interest Rate (per annum)	Repayment Period	Annual income ceiling
Rs.60,000/- (for 2 milch animal)	6 %	3 years	Rs.3 lakh

Loan repayment under the scheme is 99%.

During the year 2022-2023 loan amount of Rs.67.54 lakh has been disbursed to 237 beneficiaries under the scheme.

During the year 2022-2023 under various loan schemes a total amount of Rs.9,962.52 lakh has been disbursed to 15,151 beneficiaries by this Corporation.

For the year 2023-2024, it has been proposed to provide loans to the tune of Rs.11,656 lakh (National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation Share Rs.11,000 lakh and Tamil Nadu Backward Classes

Economic Development Corporation Share Rs.656 lakh) under various schemes.

23.2 Loan Cum Subsidy Scheme for Small and Marginal Farmers for Creating Irrigation Facility

From the year 2007-2008 onwards, Loan Cum Subsidy scheme is being implemented for small and marginal farmers of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities for creation of irrigation facility. Under the scheme, loan assistance upto a maximum of Rs.1,00,000 with 50% Government subsidy are provided to selected beneficiaries through Co-operative Banks / Nationalized Banks. So far subsidy to the tune Rs.2,760.60 lakh has been disbursed benefitting 5,821 small and marginal farmers.

For the year 2023-2024, Rs.450 Lakhs has been provided to sanction subsidies to small and marginal farmers for creating irrigation facilities.



Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated three Kallar Reclamation Residential Schools, Class rooms, Labs and two hostel buildings on 02-11-2022



In the Presence of Hon'ble Minister for Backward Classes, MLA of Chepauk-Thiruvallikeni Constituency and Hon'ble Minister for Youth and Sports Development Thiru.Udhayanidhi Stalin inaugurated the scheme of providing new food items as per the revised food menu to the hostel Boarders in the Backward Classes College Girls Hotels, Triplicane on 03-06-2022, the birth date of Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar.



Hon'ble Minister for Backward Classes Welfare reviewed the activities of the Department on 06-01-2023

Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Economic Development Corporation



Micro credit for women-sales of sarees
Loan Amount-Rs.6 lakh



General Term Loan-Redymade Garments
Loan Amount-Rs.5.70 lakh



Micro credit for men-Computer center
Loan Amount-Rs.75,000



Loan cum subsidy scheme for Irrigation facility
Loan Amount-Rs.50,000



Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the scheme of supply of bi-cycles on 25-07-2022 at Nungambakkam Boys Higher Secondary School, Chennai by distributing bi-cycles to the students

