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1. INTRODUCTION

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அதுநோக்கி வாழ்வார் பலர்” - குறள் 528

“A king who avoids an undifferentiated approach but tailors it to suit differing capabilities, will retain many who will appreciate it.” - Kural 528

Tamil Nadu has been widely recognised for its success in promoting social justice and advocating equality. This Government always emphasise the importance of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities participation in policy decision

making which promotes Socio, Economic and Educational Development of these communities.

This Government proactively implements various welfare schemes for social advancement, Educational progress and Economic Development of these Community people. Establishment of Directorate of Backward Classes Welfare in 1969 and Directorate of Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare in 1989 is a significant step towards efficient implementation of Welfare Schemes for these people.

Introduction of reservation policy in 1921 was one of the awakening moments, aimed to increase Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities representation particularly in education and Government jobs. This policy is continuously instrumental to these community people to make a greater representation in Government administration and public life. The reservation

policy of Tamil Nadu formulated even before independence is influential in advocating social mobility and rectifying the historical injustice rendered to these communities.

Education is an integral part of human society. Education also benefits an individual in various ways making a person independent, enhances their self confidence, making them well informed citizen and so on. This Government enable and ensure each and every child acquires education which brings equal opportunity and create better society. For educational upliftment of these people hostels are run with free boarding and lodging facilities, scholarships, bicycles, uniforms, incentives to the rural girl students are provided. Kallar Reclamation schools are functioning in Madurai, Theni and Dindigul districts for the educational advancement of piramalai kallar community people.

In shaping the lives of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities, economic development plays a crucial role. To catalyze the transformative change, the Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Economic Development Corporation provides loan assistance to the people of these communities for entrepreneurial growth and job creation.

In order to provide livelihood opportunities to the poorer of these communities, Government provides Brass iron boxes and Motorized sewing machines at free of cost. In tune with changing times, new schemes such as setting up of Readymade Garment Units and Modern Laundry Units are implemented.

As a pioneering initiative, Denotified Communities Welfare Board was formed in 2007 and various welfare assistance to the enrolled members are sanctioned. House site pattas are provided for homeless people of Backward

Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities. With an objective to bring inclusive growth various welfare schemes are implemented by this department.

Sustainable Development Goals are adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015, with aim to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. Out of 17 goals, Goal-1 (No poverty), Goal-4 (Quality education) and Goal-10 (Reduce inequalities) are directly related to this department. This department takes meticulous efforts for achieving these sustainable development goals.

2. RESERVATION

Tamil Nadu is Pathfinder State in India where the policy of reservation for the Backward Classes has been under successful implementation from the year 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 are as follows:-

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

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.

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.

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 Class Muslims 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.

Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar 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.

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 implemented 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.

As articulated by Thanthai Periyar, Perarignar Anna and Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar, 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 admission 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.

The Government of Tamil Nadu is endeavoring to ensure complete social justice by implementing reservation for the backward Classes in letter and spirit. Hence, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has requested the Government of India to ensure strict implementation of the 27% reservation provided to OBCs in employment in all 45 Central Universities, Central Educational Institutions, including Scientific, Technical, Professional and Educational Institutions like IITs, IIMs, AIIMS without any dilution to facilitate development of OBCs in the country.

Census data has always provided the bedrock for framing policies and targeting specific interventions for the socio-economic development of the underprivileged. Since caste has historically been a key determinant of the prospects of social progress in our society, it is essential that factual data on it is made available in public domain. Only this can empower various stakeholders and

policy makers to analyze the impact of the programs implemented in the past and plan the strategies for the future. However, no contemporary data is available since the last caste census was conducted in India only 1931.

In the last 90 years, the demographic and socio-economic landscape of our country has undergone many changes. But the underprivileged sections of our society continue to remain backward, in spite of numerous past policy actions. Hence, it is vital that contemporary data derived from a common standard process at the national level is cumulated to address all the pressing issues relating to social justice, equity and inclusivity.

Integrating the caste census with the proposed national decadal census alone can provide comprehensive and reliable data on the caste composition of our society and its reflection

on the socio-economic indicators. This will enable evidence-based policymaking, helping all of us to ensure an equitable and inclusive development. Undertaking this task concurrently with the decadal census would not only ensure comparability of data across the nation but also optimize resource utilization.

This Government, therefore has requested the Union of India to integrate caste census with the upcoming national decadal census and no doubt that this initiative will be a monumental step to ensure the benefits of development to the most vulnerable sections and build a stronger, more inclusive India.

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.

Further, this Government also urges the Union of India to provide for Reservation in Private employment to the Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to ensure overall development of the masses.

3. EDUCATION

“ஒருமைக்கண் தான்கற்ற கல்வி ஒருவற்கு
எழுமையும் ஏமாப் புடைத்து.” - குறள் 398

“The man who store of learning gains, In
one, through seven generation, bliss
attains.” - Kural 398

Education is one of the yardsticks to measure the development of a 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 of these people. 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.

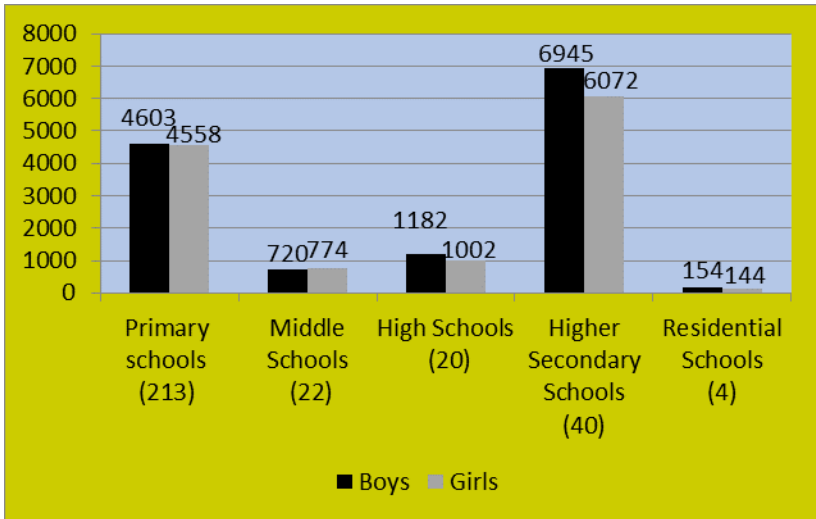
4. KALLAR RECLAMATION SCHOOLS

Education is paramount for the social and economical development of a society. For the educational advancement of Most Backward Piramalai Kallar Community people. This

department is running 299 Kallar Reclamation Schools in the Districts of Madurai, Theni and Dindigul, where the Piramalai Kallar Community is predominant. In the academic year 2023-2024 26,154 students studied in these schools.

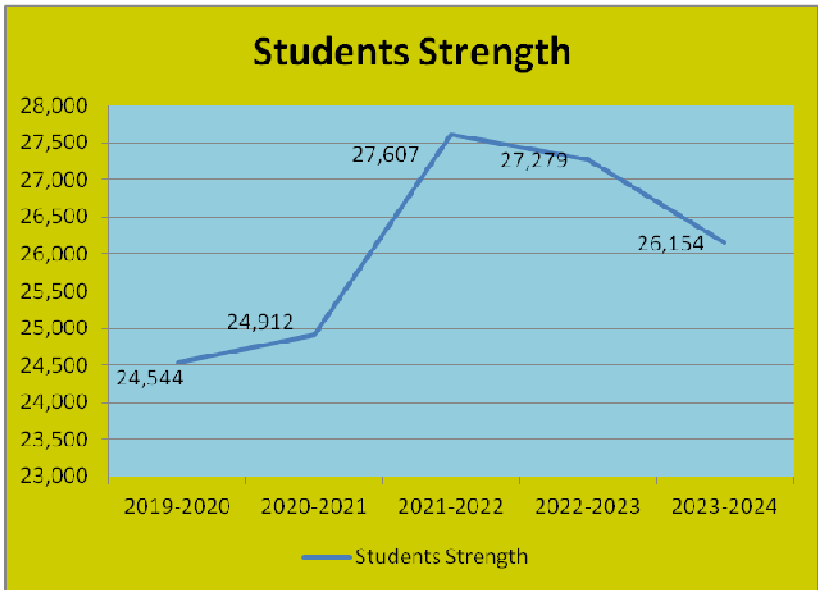
Number of students in Kallar Reclamation schools					
Sl. No	Details of Schools	No. of Schools	Students Strength		
			Boys	Girls	Total
1.	Primary schools (including 15 schools having KG classes)	213	4,603	4,558	9,161
2.	Middle Schools	22	720	774	1,494
3.	High Schools	20	1,182	1,002	2,184
4.	Higher Secondary Schools	40	6,945	6,072	13,017
5.	Residential Schools	4	154	144	298
	Total	299	13,604	12,550	26,154

Number of Students in Kallar Reclamation Schools



Trend of Students Strength in Kallar Reclamation Schools

Academic Year	Students Strength
2019-2020	24,544
2020-2021	24,912
2021-2022	27,607
2022-2023	27,279
2023-2024	26,154



Smart class room facilities have been provided in Kallar Reclamation Higher secondary schools. Medical checkups are conducted three times a year for all Kallar Reclamation school students.

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.

4.1 Kallar Reclamation Residential Schools

Three Residential Schools in Madurai and Theni Districts have been started in the year 2022-2023 to impart best quality education to the students of Kallar Reclamation Schools. In 2023 - 2024 students of 6th standard and 7th standard studied in the above schools.

In the academic year 2023-2024, another residential school has been started at kondamanayakanpatti, Dindigul district. Students studied 6th standard in this school in 2023–2024.

Totally 298 students have been admitted in these Residential Schools.

In these schools, facilities such as, smart class rooms, library and play materials are provided. Abacus, Yoga, Music classes, vocational

training were conducted to the students for their overall development. Students in these schools are provided with uniforms, clothes, plate, tumbler, bucket, trunk box, mug, Oxford English dictionary, book bag, belt, shoes, boots, socks, towel, blanket and bedspread. Also students studying in these schools are taken on educational tours.

4.2 Educational Tour

A scheme of conducting educational tour for 11th standard students of Kallar Reclamation schools is implemented from the year 2022–2023. During the year 2023-2024, 1672, 11th standard Kallar Reclamation school students were taken to educational tour at a cost of Rs.42.14 lakh.

Under the tour programme, students were taken to visit historical importance and place of cultural importance, heritage sites in Kodaikanal, Dindigul District through Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation (TTDC).

4.3 English Medium classes in Kallar Reclamation Schools

English medium education were started and functioning from Kindergarden Classes (LKG) to class 10 in Kallar Reclamation Schools located in Madurai, Theni and Dindigul districts. In the academic year 2023-2024, 1,422 students have been enrolled in English Medium classes.

Sl. No	Details of Schools	Students Strength		
		Boys	Girls	Total
1.	LKG Classes	90	111	201
2.	UKG Classes	132	122	254
3.	1-5 th std English Medium	154	173	327
4.	6-10 th std English Medium	338	302	640
	Total	714	708	1,422

4.4 Maintenance of Kallar Reclamation School Buildings

In the year 2023-2024, Regular Maintenance and repair works have been carried out in 29 Kallar Reclamation Schools through

Public Works Department at the cost of Rs.99.54 lakhs. In addition, works are under progress through Public Works Department for laying of tiles and white washing of 144 Kallar Reclamation schools at a cost of Rs.4.98 crore.

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

In order to encourage the teachers of Kallar Reclamation schools cash incentive of Rs.5,000 and Certificate of Appreciation 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.

Similarly, 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.

During the year 2023-2024, expenditure has been incurred to the tune of Rs.19.90 lakh for awarding prizes to 398 teachers.

A sum of Rs.31 lakh has been provided for the year 2024-2025 for this scheme.

During the year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.162.59 Crore was spent on the administration of Kallar Reclamation schools, which include Rs.167.90 lakh spent for 4 Residential schools.

A sum of Rs.164.74 Crore has been provided for the year 2024-2025.

5. EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

The Government understanding the importance of education is implementing various scholarship schemes to enable the poor students of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities to continue their education, 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

5.1.1 Exam Fee Reimbursement 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 under the Pre-Matric scholarship scheme

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.
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During the year 2023-2024 a sum of Rs.157.52 lakh has been spent for the benefit of 1,36,966 students. The details are as follows:-

Category	Number of Students	Amount (Rs. in lakh)
BC	76,901	88.44
MBC/DNC	60,065	69.08
Total	1,36,966	157.52

5.1.2 Pre-Matric Scholarship (PM- YASASVI):

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. From 2022-2023, It has been revised to 60:40 ratio (Centre : State).

As per the revised guidelines of Government of India, under this Pre-Matric Scholarship scheme, from the year 2022-2023, the girl students of BC, MBC & DNC community studying in 9th and 10th standards in Government schools with a annual parental income not exceeding Rs.2.5 lakh are provided an academic allowance of Rs.4,000 per annum.

Under the scheme for the year 2022-2023, Rs.121.94 crore is allotted and being spent for the benefit of 3,04,827 girl students of 9th and 10th standards. The details are as follows:-

Category	Number of Students	Amount (Rs. in Crore)
BC	1,38,790	55.52
MBC/DNC	1,66,037	66.42
Total	3,04,827	121.94

For the year 2023-2024 approximately 3,05,000 girl students to the tune of Rs.122 Crore will benefit under the scheme.

A sum of Rs.55.52 Crore for Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs.66.42 Crore for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department, totalling Rs.121.94 Crore has been provided for the year 2024-2025.

5.2 Post-Matric Scholarship

5.2.1 Post-Matric Scholarship to School Students – Exam Fee Reimbursement 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 under the Post-Matric scholarship scheme.

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 2023-2024 a sum of Rs.422.79 lakh has been spent for the benefit of 1,91,208 students. The details are as follows:

Category	Number of Students	Amount (Rs. in lakh)
BC	1,10,424	244.34
MBC/DNC	80,784	178.45
Total	1,91,208	422.79

5.2.2 Post-Matric Scholarship to Students of Listed Central Institutes

Under the scheme, 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.2.50 lakh. During the year 2023–2024, a sum of Rs.463.40 lakh was spent for the benefit of 714 students. The details are as follows :-

Category	Number of Students	Amount (Rs. in lakh)
BC	540	372.93
MBC/DNC	174	90.47
Total	714	463.40

A sum of Rs.650.00 lakh for Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs. 500.00 lakh for Most Backward Classes and Denotified

Communities Welfare Department, totalling Rs.1,150.00 lakh has been provided for the year 2024-2025 for Post Matric scholarships to School students and scholarship to student of Tamil Nadu studying in the listed central institutes.

5.2.3 Post-Matric Scholarship to College Students (Online)

Under the scheme, 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 are sanctioned to students who are staying in hostels attached to educational institutions, at the rate of Rs.400 per month, and Rs.4,000 is sanctioned for 10 months in a year.

6. FREE EDUCATION

Under free education 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 fee	Fully sanctioned	Fully sanctioned	Fully 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 is sanctioned at the rate of Rs.400 per month and Rs.4,000 is paid for 10 months in a year.

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.ssp.tn.gov.in developed by Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency (TNeGA). 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).

Under PM-YASASVI Scholarship, applications are being received online from students under the categories of Post Matric Scholarship to college students, Free education – Degree, Diploma, Professional. In the year 2023-2024, Rs.225 Crore is sanctioned and as on 2,21,909 students have been sanctioned scholarship at the cost of Rs. 103.48 Crore. The details are as follows.

Category	Number of Students	Amount (Rs. in Crore)
BC	1,29,515	64.01
MBC/DNC	92,394	39.47
Total	2,21,909	103.48

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. It has been revised to 60:40 ratio from the year 2022-2023 (Centre:State)

A sum of Rs.135.00 Crore for Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs.90.00 Crore for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department, totalling Rs.225.00 Crore has been provided for the year 2024-2025.

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

Under the scheme, 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 2023-

2024, Rs.41.30 Crore has been spent as reimbursement of fee to 1185 students under this scheme. For the year 2024-2025, a sum of Rs.60 Crore has been allotted for this scheme.

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

Women education is inevitable for the overall development of the society. The Government well aware of the above fact is implementing rural girl incentive scheme from the year 1999 – 2000 to encourage education among Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities rural girl children and to reduce the dropout at primary education level. 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 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.16.30 Crore has been spent for the benefit of 2,57,466 students.

For the year 2024-2025, a sum of Rs.17.25 Crore has been provided for implementation of this scheme.

9. DISTRIBUTION OF BICYCLES

Bicycles are distributed 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, the students who studied 11th std in the year 2022-2023 and students studying 11th std in the year 2023-2024 were distributed bicycles in the year 2023 – 2024. In total 7,25,419 number of bicycles at a cost of Rs.350.17 crore have been distributed as detailed below:-

Department	2022-23 (Phase-I)		2023-24 (Phase-II)		Grand Total	
	No. of Students	Amount (Rs.in Crore)	No. of Students	Amount (Rs.in Crore)	Total No. of students	Total Amount (Rs.in Crore)
BC	177789	85.66	198781	96.31	376570	181.97
MBC/DNC	166355	80.18	182494	88.02	348849	168.20
Total	344144	165.84	381275	184.33	725419	350.17

A sum of Rs.100.64 Crore for Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs.92.42 Crore for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department, totaling Rs.193.06 Crore has been provided for the year 2024-2025.

10. HOSTELS

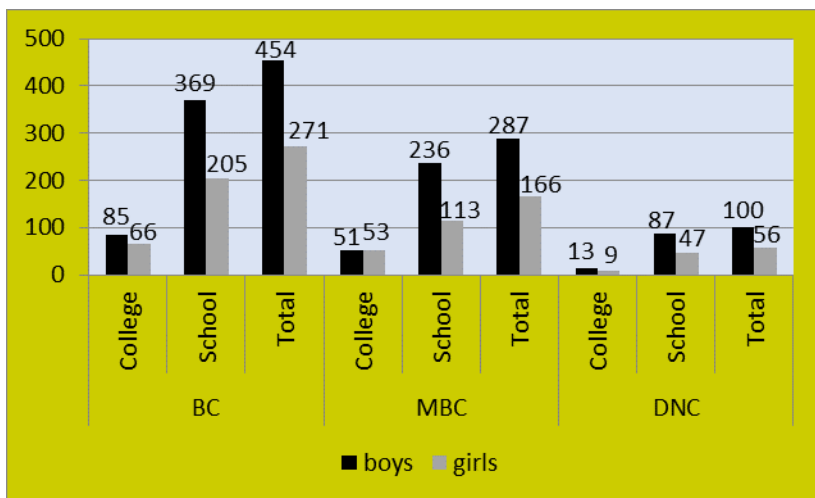
For the welfare of the poor Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities students, 1334 hostels are run throughout the state. About 85,699 students can be accommodated to avail benefits by staying in these hostels. Parental annual income ceiling for hostel admission has been enhanced from Rs.1 lakh to Rs.2 lakh from the year 2021-2022.

Boarding and lodging facilities are provided for these students at free of cost. The details of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities hostels functioning under this department are as follows:-

SI. No	Department	Hostels	Number of hostels		
			Boys	Girls	Total
1	BC	College	86	65	151
		School	369	205	574
		Total	455	270	725

2	MBC	College	51	53	104
		School	236	113	349
		Total	287	166	453
3	DNC	College	13	9	22
		School	87	47	134
		Total	100	56	156
College			150	127	277
School			692	365	1057
Total			842	492	1334

Number of hostels



Sanctioned student Strength in hostels

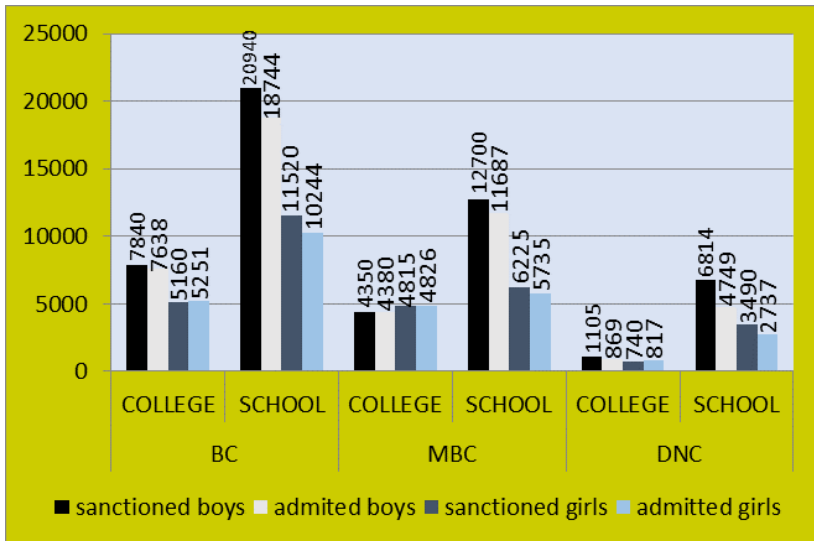
Sl. No	Department	Hostels	Number of students		
			Boys	Girls	Total
1	BC	College	7840	5160	13000
		School	20940	11520	32460
		Total	28780	16680	45460
2	MBC	College	4350	4815	9165
		School	12700	6225	18925
		Total	17050	11040	28090
3	DNC	College	1105	740	1845
		School	6814	3490	10304
		Total	7919	4230	12149
College			13295	10715	24010
School			40454	21235	61689
Total			53749	31950	85699

Admitted student Strength in hostels for the academic year 2023-2024

Sl. No	Department	Hostels	Number of students		
			Boys	Girls	Total
1	BC	College	7638	5251	12889
		School	18744	10244	28988
		Total	26382	15495	41877
2	MBC	College	4380	4826	9206
		School	11687	5735	17422
		Total	16067	10561	26628
3	DNC	College	869	817	1686

		School	4749	2737	7486
		Total	5618	3554	9172
College			12887	10894	23781
School			35180	18716	53896
Total			48067	29610	77677

Number of sanctioned and admitted student strength



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.

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.

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.

In order to meet out the increasing demand from 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 existing in these hostels. During the year 2023-2024, 473 College girls were benefitted.

In the year 2023-2024, Personality development and Spoken English training was imparted to the inmates of all College hostel boarders except first year boarders through Tamil Nadu Skill Development Mission.

Competitions such as Essay writing, Sports and Games are being conducted every year for hostel students under the theme "Kalai Thiruvizha" .

During 2023-2024, LED TV with DTH connections have been provided to 385 school girls hostel at a cost of Rs.163.24 lakh. Geysers have been provided to 20 hostels located in hilly areas at a cost of Rs.6.68 lakh. Napkin incinerators have been given to 141 college girls

hostel at a cost of Rs 40.62 lakh. Question Banks have been supplied to 10th and 12th standard hostels students at a cost of Rs. 25 lakh. 368 school girls hostels are provided with sports equipments at a cost of Rs. 75 lakh and construction of compound walls to 16 girl hostels at a cost of Rs. 2 crore has been taken up in 2023–2024.

10.1 Opening of new hostels

Based on demand, new hostels are being opened. During the year 2023-2024, 3 new college hostels have been opened benefitting 200 students additionally.

10.2 Food Charges

Food charges have been enhanced from Rs.1000 to Rs. 1,400 per month for school hostel boarders and Rs.1100 to Rs. 1,500 per month for college hostel boarders from 23.01.2024. Food charges are sanctioned for 10 months in a year.

During the year 2021-2022, the monthly miscellaneous charges sanctioned to the boarders for soap, toothpaste and oil, 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.

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 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.213.88 crore was spent towards food charges, administration, maintenance and other expenditure for running of hostels.

A sum of Rs.206.75 Crore for Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs.169.32 Crore for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department, totalling

Rs.376.07 Crore has been provided for the year 2024-2025.

10.3 Benefits Provided to Boarders of Hostels

1. Special Guides and Question Banks are provided to the boarders studying in 10th and 12th Standard to improve their performance in Public Examinations.
2. One English and two Tamil dailies are supplied to each hostel.
3. The boarders of hostels studying up to 12th Standard are supplied with all the textbooks by the Department of School Education.
4. Four sets of uniforms are provided to the hostel boarders studying from 4th to 10th Standard.
5. Annually Rs.50,000 is sanctioned to each hostel to carry out emergency repair works.
6. Mats are provided to boarders studying in school hostels, Jamakkalams to first year boarders of college hostels and Blankets to boarders studying in both

school and college hostels once in 2 years.

7. Woolen sweaters and Geysers are provided to the boarders in hostels located in hill stations.
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. Library books, 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, Computer and other equipments have given to access the e-library, two tier bunker cots, inverter, reference books, instant wet grinder, steam boiler, Gym equipments and play materials, LED TV with DTH connection are supplied to college hostels.
10. 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.

11. Mutton and chicken are provided on the first and third Wednesday and second and fourth Wednesday respectively every month.
12. 20 eggs are provided to each boarder per month. Bananas are given to the boarders who do not take eggs.
13. Sundal and Chukkumalli coffee/ tea are provided to the hostel boarders every evening.

11. BOARDING GRANTS TO GOVERNMENT APPROVED PRIVATE HOSTELS

Apart from the Government hostels run by this department, 15 Government recognized private hostels are functioning in the state at present. Boarding grants is sanctioned to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities students studying in these 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 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.73.22 lakh was spent for the benefit of 800 students.

A sum of Rs.44.50 lakh for Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs. 35.00 lakh for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department, totaling Rs.79.50 lakh has been provided for the year 2024-2025.

12. AWARDS TO HOSTELS

In order to encourage effective functioning of hostels, State and district level prizes are awarded to best hostels.

12.1 State Level Awards

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:

Category	First Prize (Rs)	Second Prize (Rs)	Third Prize (Rs)
Warden/Matron	20,000	15,000	10,000
Servant cum Watchman	10,000	5,000	3,000
Cook	10,000	5,000	3,000
Sanitary workers	5,000	3,000	2,000

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

For the year 2024-2025, a sum of Rs.1.37 lakh has been allotted.

12.2 District Level Awards

A new scheme of awarding prizes to hostels 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/Matrons are awarded. Wardens/Matrons are awarded Rs.10,000, Rs.5,000 and Rs.3,000 as first, second and third prizes respectively.

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

For the year 2024-2025, a sum of Rs.7.80 lakh has been allotted for awarding District level prizes.

13. CONSTRUCTION OF OWN BUILDINGS TO HOSTELS

The Government is taking up construction of own building to hostels which are functioning in rental buildings. Out of 1,334 Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities hostels, 1,261 hostels are

functioning in own buildings and 73 hostels are functioning in rented/ other Government buildings. Orders have been issued for construction of own buildings to 11 hostels and works are under progress through Public Works Department. Action is being taken to construct own building for the remaining 62 hostels based on student strength.

During the year 2023-2024, expenditure has been incurred to the tune of Rs.16.17 Crore for construction of hostel buildings.

A sum of Rs.100.00 lakh for Backward Classes welfare Department and Rs.394.50 lakh for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department, totalling Rs.494.50 lakh has been provided for the year 2024-2025.

14. MAINTENANCE OF HOSTELS

Public Works Department is taking up maintenance works of hostels functioning in Government buildings. During 2023–2024, a sum of Rs.6.93 crore has been allotted and maintenance works are being carried out in 94 hostels. In addition, during the year 2023-2024, Special maintenance and repair works in 129 hostels has been taken up at an estimated cost of Rs. 20 crore and works are being carried out by Public Works Department.

For the year 2024–2025, a sum of Rs.700.00 lakh has been provided.

15. DISTRIBUTION OF UNIFORMS

Four sets of uniforms are supplied to the students of Kallar Reclamation Schools studying up to 8th Standard by Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Department annually. 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 Tamil Nadu Textiles Corporation and stitched through the District Women Weavers Co-operative Societies.

During the year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.488.67 lakh was spent for the benefit of 40,276 students.

A sum of Rs.250.00 lakh for Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs.241.73 lakh for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department, totalling Rs.491.73 lakh has been provided for the year 2024-2025.

16. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES

16.1 Supply of Brass Iron Boxes

Under the scheme, Brass Iron boxes are distributed 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 2023-2024, 977 Brass Iron Boxes were distributed to the districts for distribution to eligible persons at a cost of Rs.71.13 lakh.

For this scheme, in the year 2024–2025, a sum of Rs.73 lakh has been allotted.

16.2 Modern Laundry Unit

Considering changing times, a new scheme for setting up of Modern Laundry Units was

introduced in the year 2022-23. Under the scheme, for each unit consisting of 10 numbers of people belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities who are engaged in laundry activity are sanctioned Rs.3 lakh. The Annual income ceiling of the beneficiaries for availing this benefit should not exceed Rs.1 lakh.

In the year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.6 lakh has been sanctioned to 2 units.

For the year 2024-2025, Rs.75 lakh has been allotted for setting up of Modern Laundry Units.

16.3 Supply of Motorized Sewing Machines

Motorized sewing machines are distributed 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 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, 2000 Motorized Sewing Machine were procured and distributed to the districts.

For this scheme, in the year 2024–2025, a sum of Rs.221.67 lakh has been allotted.

16.4 Readymade Garments Unit

A new scheme of setting up of Readymade garments units was introduced in the year 2022–2023. Under the scheme, for each unit consisting of 10 numbers of people belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities who are engaged in tailoring activity are sanctioned Rs.3 lakh. The Annual income ceiling of the beneficiaries for availing this benefit should not exceed Rs.1 lakh.

In the year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.30 lakh has been sanctioned to 10 units at the rate of Rs.3 lakh each.

For the year 2024-2025, Rs.75 lakh has been allotted for setting up of Readymade garments units.

17. DISTRIBUTION OF FREE HOUSE SITES

Poor houseless people of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities are provided house sites, 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 2023-2024, house sites have been distributed to 518 beneficiaries at a cost of Rs.223.70 lakh.

A sum of Rs.150.00 lakh for Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs.150.02 lakh

for Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department, totalling Rs.300.02 lakh has been provided for the year 2024-2025.

18.DENOTIFIED COMMUNITIES WELFARE BOARD

Denotified Communities Welfare Board was constituted in the year 2007, for the social, educational and economic development of Denotified Communities. Denotified Communities persons who have completed 18 years and not exceeding 60 years of age are eligible to register as member in the Board. The Members enrolled in this board are sanctioned various welfare assistances like accident relief, educational assistance, marriage assistance, maternity assistance, old-age pension, natural death and funeral expenses and reimbursement of spectacle expenses 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. So far, Rs.200 lakh has been allotted to the board.

There are 38,496 members are enrolled in this board. In 2023-2024, Welfare Assistance to the tune of Rs.29.02 lakh was given to 327 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

Sl. No	Details of the Assistance	Financial Assistance (in Rs.)
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
	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

Sl. No	Details of the Assistance	Financial Assistance (in Rs.)
	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
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 been incurred to the tune of Rs.152.31 lakh for providing various welfare assistance to 4258 registered members of the board.

The Board has been reconstituted under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Backward Classes with Deputy Chairman and 13 Non-officio Members for the period of 3 years with effect from 24.11.2023.

19. TAMIL NADU VANNIYAKULA KSHATRIYA PUBLIC CHARITABLE TRUSTS AND ENDOWMENTS BOARD

In the year 2009, the Government established "Vanniyar Public Property Welfare Board" 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 Vanniyakula Kshatriya Public Charitable Trusts and Endowments Board" consisting of Chairperson, 12 Members including two Ex-Officio Members and a Member-Secretary. The Board has been reconstituted for the period of 3 years with effect from 12.04.2023. The Government sanctioned Rs.1 crore to this Board for the year 2023-2024 to meet out the administrative expenses. So far, 22

Board Meetings have been conducted by the Board.

During 2023-2024, 3 new trusts have been identified by the Board and so far totally 122 trusts have been identified. These trusts are located in 26 districts. Out of the identified trusts, so far, totally 74 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 35 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 2024-2025, Rs.100 lakh has been allotted towards administrative expenses of this Board.

20. THANTHAI PERIYAR AWARD FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Tamil Nadu is a front runner in safeguarding social justice. In order to honour those who have made outstanding contribution for social justice. "Thanthai Periyar Award for social justice" is being given by the Government. The awardee is selected by the Hon'ble Chief Minister every year.

The cash prize for this award has been enhanced from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs.5 lakh in the year 2021-2022. The awardee is awarded a gold medal of 1 sovereign and a cash prize of Rs.5 lakh. For the year 2023, Thanthai Periyar Award was awarded to Thiru.Suba.Veerapandiyar.

For the year 2024-2025, a sum of Rs.5.80 lakh has been provided.

21. TAMIL NADU BACKWARD CLASSES COMMISSION

The Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Commission, constituted as a permanent body

under Article 16(4) read with Article 340 of the Constitution of India and functions from 15.03.1993 onwards, under the Chairmanship of a retired Judge of High Court.

The Commission was reconstituted with effect from 17.11.2022, with tenure of three years under the Chairmanship of Former Judge of the High Court Justice Mr.V. Bharathidasan.

Functions of the Commission

The Terms of Reference issued to the Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Commission are:-

- (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.

As per the additional term of reference issued on 12.1.2023, the Commission shall examine the demands for internal reservation within the Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities in the light of observations made by

the Hon'ble Supreme Court in its judgement dated 31.3.2022 in C.A.No.2600 of 2022 in particular with reference to paragraphs 68 and 73 thereof and to furnish report to the Government. Time limit for furnishing report has been extended upto 11.7.2024.

**22. TAMIL NADU BACKWARD
CLASSES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION**

Economic development is essential for social advancement. Taking into consideration the above fact, the Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Economic Development Corporation was established in the year 1982 for the economic development of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities. It is a State owned Company registered under the Companies Act, 1956. This 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 has an authorized share capital 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.

22.1 Loan Schemes

This Corporation is sanctioning loan to individuals and Self Help Groups. 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. 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.

22.1.1 General Term Loan Scheme

Under this scheme, loans are provided at low rate of interest for Small Trade / Business, Agriculture and Allied Activities, Handicrafts and Traditional Occupations as follows:-

S. 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	8 %		

	lakh and up to Rs.15 lakh			
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Loan repayment under the scheme is 92%.

During the year 2023-2024, loan amount of Rs.985.13 lakh has been disbursed to 833 beneficiaries under the scheme.

22.1.2 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 93%.

During the year 2023-2024, loan amount of Rs.585.25 lakh has been disbursed to 1080 beneficiaries under the scheme.

22.1.3 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 2023-2024, loan amount of Rs.9417.21 lakh has been disbursed to 13824 beneficiaries under the scheme.

22.1.4 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 2023-2024, loan amount of Rs.67.69 lakh has been disbursed to 118 beneficiaries under the scheme.

22.1.5 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 98%.

During the year 2023-2024, loan amount of Rs.495.04 lakh has been disbursed to 987 beneficiaries under the scheme.

During the year 2023-24, under various loan schemes a total amount of Rs.11,550.32 lakh has been disbursed to 16,842 beneficiaries by this Corporation. Details as follows:

Sl. No.	Scheme details	Number of Beneficiaries	Amount (Rs. in lakh)
1.	General Term Loan Scheme	833	985.13
2.	New Swarnima Scheme for Women	1080	585.25

3.	Micro Credit for Women	13824	9417.21
4.	Micro Credit for Men	118	67.69
5.	Milch Animal Scheme	987	495.04
Total		16842	11550.32

For the year 2024-2025, it has been proposed to provide loans to the tune of Rs.11,550 lakh (National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation Share Rs.11,000 lakh and Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Economic Development Corporation Share Rs. 550 lakh) under various schemes.

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

This scheme is implemented from the year 2007-2008. Under the scheme, loan and subsidy is sanctioned for small and marginal farmers of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and

Denotified Communities for creation of irrigation facility. Loan assistance upto a maximum of Rs.1,00,000/- with 50% Government subsidy are provided to selected beneficiaries through Co-operative Banks / Nationalized Bank. So far subsidy to the tune of Rs.3210.29 lakh has been disbursed benefitting 6724 small and marginal farmers.

For the year 2024-25, Rs.450.00 lakh has been provided to sanction subsidies to small and marginal farmers for creating irrigation facilities.

CONCLUSION :

This Government is deeply committed to bring up the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities in socio economic ladder. By investing in education, following proactive reservation policy and focusing on economic development this Government is striving for the upliftment of these communities.

This Government will continuously render its service for the well being of these communities.

R.S.RAJAKANNAPPAN
Minister for Backward
Classes Welfare

ANNEXURE
ALLOTMENT FOR THE YEAR 2024 – 2025
(Rs. in lakh)

Department	Revenue	Capital	Loan	Total
Secretariat	819.40	-	-	819.40
Waqf and Haj Committee	3030.91	-	-	3030.91
Backward Classes Welfare	63133.15	101.01	-	63234.16
Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities	62609.86	695.54	-	63305.40
Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Commission	167.13	-	-	167.13
State Minorities Commission	83.64	-	-	83.64
Minorities Welfare	3704.15	8417.94	-	12122.09
Tamil Nadu Waqf Tribunal	123.44	-	-	123.44
Total	133671.68	9214.49	-	142886.17



Hon'ble Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Thiru. M.K.Stalin on 08.03.2024 inaugurated the scheme of supply of 500 Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) powered iron boxes.



Hon'ble Minister for Backward Classes Welfare, Thiru. R.S. Rajakannappan inaugurated the newly constructed BC/MBC College hostel buildings and other infrastructure facilities in Kallar Reclamation schools through video conference on 06.02.2024.



The members of the reconstituted Denotified Communities Welfare Board under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Backward Classes Welfare met the Hon'ble Tamil Nadu Chief Minister on 15.12.2023.



Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development, Thiru. Udayanidhi Stalin distributed bicycles to students on 10.07.2023

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