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Chapter - 1

Co-operatives

1.1. Introduction:

Co-operatives is where people of common socio-economic background voluntarily come together and participate democratically to fulfill their personal and mutual economic growth objectives. On that basis various types of Rural and Urban Co-operatives are contributing to the economic development in Tamil Nadu to a greater extent.

1.1.2. In 1904, the first Co-operative Credit Societies Act was enacted in India. The first Co-operative Credit Society was started at Tirur, Tiruvallur District in Tamil Nadu. Thereafter a series of Co-operative societies with various objectives were started in Tamil Nadu. In this way, the Co-operative societies in Tamil Nadu have been taking various initiatives till today to guide the Co-operative movement in our country.

1.1.3. Although there are various types of Co-operatives to the extent that there is no sector without Co-operative movements, the Co-operatives in Tamil Nadu are divided into the following five major categories.

1. Co-operative Credit Societies
2. Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies
3. Consumer Co-operative Societies
4. Special Purpose Co-operative Societies
5. Co-operative education, training and research Societies.

The Tamil Nadu Government is constantly planning and implementing various programs so that the services of the Co-operatives can reach people from all walks of life.

1.2. ORGANISATIONAL SET –UP:

Additional Chief Secretary, Co-operation, Food and Consumer Protection Department is the secretary of the Department in Secretariat.

Registrar of Co-operative Societies is the Head of Department of the Co-operation.

1.2.1. Additional Registrar (Consumer activities) is working under the control of Registrar of Co-operative Societies and looking after the subject of Consumer Co-operatives and Public Distribution System activities.

1.2.2. Additional Registrar of Co-operative Societies are state level Officers working under the control of Registrar of Co-operative Societies looking after the Subjects viz. Finance and Banking Marketing, Planning and Development, Integrated Co-operative Development Project, Election, Apex Societies etc.,

1.2.3. Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies are the district level Officers. They are looking after the subjects in Head Office viz Financial and Banking, Consumer Co-operatives, Statutory and Training, Law and monitor relevant activities of the Co-operative Societies activities in all Districts.

1.2.4. Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies are working under the control of Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies in the Head Office and in Concerned Districts looking after the Subjects viz. Registration of New Societies, monitoring the function of all Co-operative institutions.

1.2.5. Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies (PDS) working under the control of Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies looking after the subject Public Distribution System activities.

1.2.6. Co-operative Sub-Registrars are working under the control of Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies, looking after the subject of Public Distribution System activities and other Co-operative Activities. Such as monitoring the functions of Co-operative Institutions.

1.3. Organization of Co-operative Board of Directors:

The Board of Directors of Primary Co-operative Societies are elected directly by the

members of the societies including the farmers and the Borrowers.

1.3.1. The Board of Directors of Central and Apex Co-operative societies are directly elected from among the delegates of member Primary Co-operative Societies and member Central Societies respectively.

1.3.2. In the case of Primary Co-operative Societies, the total number of elected Board of directors is 11 which Includes Scheduled Castes / Scheduled Tribes-2, Women-3 and General – 6.

1.3.3. In the case of Central and Apex Co-operative Societies the total number of elected Board of directors is 21 which Includes Scheduled Castes / Scheduled Tribes-4, Women-6 and General-11.

Chapter – 2

CO-OPERATIVE CREDIT STRUCTURE

2.1. Credit Co-operatives:

A Co-operative Bank / Society is a financial entity which belongs to its members, who are at the same time the owners and the customers of their bank. It is often established by the people belonging to the same local or professional community having a common interest.

2.1.1. It is formed to promote the upliftment of all sections of the society, in particular, the financially weaker section, and to protect them from the clutches of money lenders who provide loans at an unreasonably high-interest rate to the needy. The Co-operative structure is designed on the principles of Cooperation, Democratic Decision Making & Administration and voluntary and Open Membership.

2.1.2. Co-operative Credit Societies play an important role in freeing the public from the clutches of high interest money lenders by fulfilling their financial needs at reasonable interest rates and uplifting their standard of living and encouraging saving and investment habits among the public.

2.2. Types of Co-operative Credit Societies:

The Co-operative Credit Societies are classified as Rural and Urban Co-operatives. The Rural Co-operatives are further classified into Short-Term Co-operative Credit Structure (PACCS, FSCS & LAMPS) and Long-Term Co-operative Credit Structure (PCARDB). The Urban Co-operatives consist of Urban Co-operative Banks, Urban Co-operative Credit Societies and Employees Co-operative Thrift and Credit Societies which cater to the needs of Urban / Semi urban population and employees of Government / Public and Private sector

enterprises. The Co-operatives are the only kind of financial institutions, which are easily accessible to the commons.

2.3.Short Term Co-operative Credit Structure:

The Short-Term Co-operative Credit Structure is a 3-tier Structure that encompasses Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies at the village level (grass root), Central Co-operative Banks at district level and Tamil Nadu State Apex Co-operative Bank at state level. These Co-operative societies / Co-operative Banks are the most vital institutions of formal credit which benefit the farmers particularly Small and Marginal Farmers and other non-farming communities.

2.4.Tamil Nadu State Apex Co-operative Bank (TNSACB):

Tamil Nadu State Apex Co-operative Bank started its business in November 1905 as an

Urban Co-operative Bank and is currently operating in Chennai with 51 branches. The bank is registered under the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Societies Act, 1983 and is functioning follow the regulations of the Reserve Bank of India and the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).

2.4.1. The bank mobilizes funds through deposits from the public, refinance from the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), loans from higher financial institutions such as the National Co-operative Development Corporation (NCDC), and finance agricultural and non-agricultural credit needs through District Central Co-operative Banks.

2.4.2. It acts as a guide in the business activities of District Central Co-operative Banks and Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies. The bank holds the pride of being the

first State Apex Co-operative Bank in India to celebrate its centenary.

2.4.3. Among the various funds maintained by the Apex Co-operative Bank, Primary Co-operative Development Fund (PCDF), Agricultural Credit Stabilization Fund (ACSF), and Deposit Guarantee Fund (DGF) deserve special mention. The Primary Co-operative Development Fund is utilized for infrastructural development and financing needs of Primary Co-operative Societies, the Agricultural Credit Stabilization Fund (ACSF) is used for uninterrupted credit disbursement. The Deposit Guarantee Fund (DGF) helps in the repayment of the deposits to the depositors in situations where they cannot be repaid due to unforeseen situations. Thus, the Co-operative banks have gained the trust of the public.

2.4.4. As a confederation of Central Co-operative Banks, it plays a significant role in providing agricultural and non-agricultural credit.

Tamil Nadu State Apex Co-operative Bank sanctioning cash credit to Central Co-operative Banks for Short Term Loans for Seasonal Agricultural Operations (STSAO), Farm/Agriculture Medium Term Loans and Working Capital Loans for Weavers. Besides, the Tamil Nadu State Apex Co-operative Bank provides loans to the Co-operative Sugar Mills on consortium basis with the District Central Co-operative Banks.

The Performance of Tamil Nadu State Apex Co-operative Bank in last three years:-

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	Year	Members' Share Capital	State Government's Share	Deposits	Borrowings
1	2021-2022	493.84	20.26	12819.62	13530.12
2	2022-2023	540.08	20.26	12486.51	16375.98
3	2023-2024	610.93	20.26	11516.72	16968.26

2.5. Central Co-operative Banks:

Central Co-operative Banks, are confederations of Primary Co-operative Credit Societies, having areas of operation in one or

more districts. Salem Central Co-operative Bank was the first Central Co-operative Bank established on 06.01.1909. At present, 23 Central Co-operative Banks are functioning in Tamil Nadu. They finance Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies for share capital, reserves and working capital, subject to the norms provided by Reserve Bank of India and NABARD Bank, and refinance through Tamil Nadu State Apex Co-operative Bank and from their own funds. In Tamil Nadu, 23 Central Co-operative Banks are providing various banking services to the public through their 924 branches.

2.5.1. To honour the women who work tirelessly for the family, through Kalaignar Mahalir Urimai Thittam, so far 8 lakh 20 thousand bank accounts have been opened in Central Cooperative Banks to receive monthly entitlements. A small portion of the amount obtained through this scheme is deposited under the Recurring Deposit scheme called

'Tamil Magal' so that a substantial amount is available at a nominal interest by the end of the year, which will help the family for expenditures like education fees, books, dress to their children which is an indirect benefit out of this scheme. So far 1,617 **'Tamil Magal'** Recurring Deposit Accounts have been opened in Central Cooperative Banks.

The Performance of Central Co-operative Banks during the last three years:-

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	Year	Members' Share Capital	State Government's Share	Deposits	Borrowings
1	2021-2022	1720.81	61.81	35759.06	12354.48
2	2022-2023	1898.29	61.81	39753.79	13330.38
3	2023-2024	2261.02	62.54	41100.87	18011.19

2.5.2. Tamil Nadu State Apex Co-operative Bank and Central Co-operative Banks offer the following modern banking facilities at par with Scheduled Commercial Banks:-

1. CORE Banking Solutions
2. RTGS / NEFT

3. Cheque Truncation System (CTS)
4. ATMs
5. Bank on Wheels
6. Rupay Debit Cards
7. Internet Banking
8. Mobile Banking
9. Immediate Payment Service (IMPS)
10. Public Financial Management System (PFMS)
11. Aadhaar Payment Bridge System (APBS)
12. Micro ATMs
13. Aadhaar-enabled Payment System (AePS)
14. Unified Payment Interface (UPI)
15. Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS)
16. Fund transfer through QR Code
17. e-KYC
18. Bharat e-commerce Payment Gateway (BePG)

2.6. Creation of Namakkal District Central Co-operative Bank by bifurcating the Salem District Central Cooperative Bank:

Namakkal District was formed in 1997. It comprises 2 Revenue Divisions, 8 Taluks, 30

Revenue Firkas and about 369 villages. There are 816 Co-operative societies functioning in Namakkal District, out of which 169 are Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit societies. Also 29 branches of Salem District Central Co-operative Bank function in Namakkal. Due to demands from various sections including general public, a committee was formed to study and report the feasibility of bifurcation of Salem District Central Co-operative Bank and creation of Namakkal District Central Co-operative Bank.

2.6.1. After examining the feasibility report of the committee with regard to Deposit mobilization and Business potential, the Government of Tamil Nadu have issued orders to bifurcate the Salem District Central Co-operative Bank into Salem District Central Co-operative Bank and Namakkal District Central Co-operative Bank. The newly created Central Cooperative Bank was registered on 07.03.2024 (Registration No.Na.Na.327) under Section 10 of Tamil Nadu

Co-operative Societies Act, 1983 having the whole of Namakkal revenue District as its area of operation. The Board of Directors have assumed charge on 13.03.2024 and steps are being taken to obtain banking license from the Reserve Bank of India.

2.7. Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies:

Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies are institutional bodies that cater to the economic needs of members residing within each specific defined area of operation of that Co-operative society. 4,454 Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies with 151 branches are functioning in 12,525 village panchayats to provide credit to people for agricultural and non-agricultural activities in Tamil Nadu.

2.7.1. Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies are symbolic representation of the Co-operative movement by providing a wide

range of services including credit to all rural people. These operate on the basis of democratic principle by linking the members of the society with the Co-operative credit structure. Apart from meeting the various credit needs of the weaker sections mainly small and marginal farmers and farmers of scheduled caste / scheduled tribes, these societies also provide non-credit services like fair price shops, Pharmacies, petrol retail outlets, Agro service centers, Agri Clinics etc.

2.7.2. To provide uninterrupted services to farmers, members and public, employees are selected and recruited through District Recruitment Boards, by identifying vacancies in Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies and unmanned Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies.

Initiatives taken for the upliftment of farmers

2.8. Kisan Credit Card - Crop Loan:

“உழுவார் உலகத்தார்க் காணிய: தாற்றா

தெழுவாரை எல்லாம் பொறுத்து” (குறள்: 1032)

கலைஞர் உரை:- பல்வேறு தொழில் புரிகின்ற மக்களின் பசி போக்கிடும் தொழிலாக உழவுத் தொழில் இருப்பதால் அதுவே உலகத்தாரைத் தாங்கி நிற்கும் அச்சாணி எனப்படும்.

Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies provide short term crop loans to farmers towards cultivation expenses at 7% interest rate under Kisan Credit Card scheme. Crop loans are also provided to tenant cultivators and landless agricultural labourers. The interest on loans need not be paid by the farmers who repay their loan on or before the due date of instalment for which the Government have taken the burden and repay the interest to the PACCS. Crop loans sanctioned for different crops and extent of cultivation as per the Scale of Finance approved by the State Level Technical Committee. These loans are provided

without collateral upto Rs.1.60 lakhs as per NABARD guidelines and with collateral for loans above Rs.1.60 lakh upto Rs.3 lakh. Crop loan includes cash and kind portion viz., fertilizers, pesticides and seeds.

2.8.1. It is significant to note that for the first time in the history of Tamil Nadu Co-operative Department, crop loan disbursement has crossed Rs.15,000 crore milestone in the year 2023-24 and the actual disbursement being Rs.15,542.84 crore. During the current financial year, the PACCS have disbursed Rs.15,542.84 crore to 18,36,345 farmers. Further, during the current Financial Year, more number of new farmer members have been enrolled and loans have been disbursed.

2.8.2. In Cauvery Delta districts, during 2022-23, 4,88,866 farmers were benefitted by availing crop loans to the tune of Rs.3,288.98

crore. During 2023-24, this has increased by 14%, as crop loans to the tune of Rs.3,744.59 crore has been disbursed to 5,00,380 farmers.

2.9.Kisan Credit Card-Animal Husbandry loans:

Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies (PACCS) extends loan at 7% interest rate to Animal Husbandry sector for allied agricultural activities under Kisan Credit Card Scheme with effect from the year 2021 to meet the working capital needs of the farmers. Interest is not charged on the farmers who repay their loan promptly and the same is reimbursed by the Government. The maximum credit limit for working capital loan for Animal Husbandry activities is Rs.2 lakh within the overall limit of Rs.3 lakh for KCC.

2.9.1. During 2022-23, 2,90,290 farmers were benefitted by availing loans to the tune of Rs.1,379.09 crore. This has been increased by 75% in 2023-24, with Animal Husbandry loans to

the tune of Rs.2,406.77 crore has been disbursed to 4,53,305 beneficiaries.

2.10. Produce Pledge loan:

Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies (PACCS) in Tamil Nadu have 4,047 godowns with 5,47,800 MT capacity out of which 1,050 godowns were already accredited and registered with Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority. In order to fetch better rate for agricultural produce and to protect the interest of farmers, especially the small and marginal farmers, Co-operative institutions are providing Produce Pledge loans to meet their short-term credit requirement. This enables the farming community to avail credit by pledging their produce as well as helping them to sell their produce when the prices are favorable.

2.10.1. During 2022-23, 10,792 farmers were benefitted by availing Produce Pledge loans to the tune of Rs.334.68 crore. Produce Pledge loans to the tune of Rs.378.86 crore has been

disbursed to 8,102 beneficiaries during 2023-24. During the year 2023-2024, in order to enhance the quantum of financial assistance, the maximum credit limit has been enhanced from Rs.10.00 lakh to Rs.25.00 lakh.

Initiatives taken for the upliftment of Marginal groups

2.11. Loans to Self-Help Groups:

The Self-Help Group (SHG) movement has grown over the years from providing financial assistance to poor people to becoming a movement for social empowerment. It is also an important component of Government's policy decisions to mitigate poverty particularly for rural women. During the year 2021-22, 19,296 Self-Help Groups were benefitted by availing SHG loans to the tune of Rs.681.65 Crore.

2.11.1. In order to enhance the quantum of financial assistance to Self Help Groups, the maximum credit limit for Self Help Groups has

been enhanced from Rs.10.00 lakh to 12.00 lakh and from Rs.12.00 lakh to Rs.20.00 lakh in the year 2020-21 and 2021-22 respectively. There has been a two-fold increase in the credit limit for SHGs.

2.11.2. During 2022-23, Self Help Group loans to the tune of Rs.2,010.84 Crore has been disbursed to 49,356 Groups. This has been increased by 142% in 2023-24, with Loans to the tune of Rs.4,874.87 crore has been disbursed to 76,871 Self Help Groups.

2.12.Loans to Destitute Widows and Deserted Women:

In order to improve their socio-economic well-being and to provide financial independence and self-reliance, the Co-operative Institutions are extending loans to Widows /Destitute women at lower interest rate. i.e. at 5% per annum.

2.12.1. During the year 2022-23, 5,589 Widows and Destitute women were benefitted by availing loans to the tune of Rs.11.30 Crore. This has doubled in 2023-24, with Rs.23.23 crore disbursed to 5,843 Destitute Widows and Deserted Women.

2.13. Loans to Differently Abled:

In order to ameliorate the conditions of differently abled persons, Co-operative Credit institutions provide interest free loans (i.e no interest is charged on prompt repayment) which promote their social and psychological rehabilitation by reducing the hardships of disabilities and enhancing their economic potential.

2.13.1. The Government of India has awarded the Tamil Nadu State Apex Co-operative Bank as **“Best Channelizing Agency”** five times under the category of loan disbursement to Differently abled persons.

2.13.2. During the year 2022-23, 15,558 Differently-abled persons were benefitted by availing loans to the tune of Rs.71.46 crore. Loans to the tune of Rs.62.21 crore has been disbursed to 12,874 beneficiaries during 2023-24.

Health of Co-operative Institutions

2.14. Central Co-operative Banks:

Central Co-operative Banks (CCBs) are registered under both Banking Regulation Act, 1949 and Tamil Nadu Co-operative Societies Act, 1983. Both Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) supervise and monitor the Central Co-operative Banks. There are 23 CCBs functioning in Tamil Nadu and these Banks come under the administrative control of Registrar of Co-operative Societies. The health of CCBs is monitored through regular review meetings and inspections.

2.14.1. The ideal parameters that are prescribed to be maintained for the good performance of CCBs are:-

Capital to Risk-weighted Assets Ratio (CRAR) - as per Basel III norms	Above 9%
Non-Performing Assets - Gross NPA (GNPA)	Below 5%
Non-Performing Assets - Net NPA (NNPA)	Below 3%
Credit to Deposit Ratio (CD Ratio)	70%-80%

The following steps are being taken to improve the health of Central Co-operative Banks:-

1. Deposits mobilization especially CASA deposits
2. Reduce NPA through Loan Recovery Legal actions
3. Raising Capital (Tier - I & Tier - II)
4. Maintaining CRAR % above the ideal %
5. Special Loan Settlement Schemes like NFS - SLSS 2023
6. Member Support Programme (MSP)

7. Publicity of Co-operative Bank Services.
8. Member awareness program

CCBs are being instructed to devise a bank / area specific business plan to compete with the commercial banks.

2.15. Crop Loan Waiver 2021:

In order to implement the KCC Crop Loan Waiver announced in the year 2021, the refinance borrowings of Rs.4,200.00 crore payable to the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and Rs.50.20 crore of interest payable thereon, has been released by the Government during the year 2021-22.

2.15.1. Further, from the financial year 2021-22 to 2023-24, an amount of Rs.4,455.37 crore being the waiver amount payable to the Co-operatives and a sum of Rs.1,430.27 crore as interest on outstanding waiver amount, has been released by the Government towards Crop Loan Waiver 2021.

2.16.Jewel Loan Waiver Scheme 2021:

The government waived off jewel loans of up to 40 grams per family so that the genuinely poor people could benefit from public jewel loans under certain qualifications. So far, jewel loans worth Rs.4,818.88 crore have been waived off and the beneficiaries have been given waiver certificates. The government has so far disbursed Rs.4,215.58 crore to Co-operatives for jewel loan waiver claims.

2.17.Women Self Help Groups Loan Waiver Scheme 2021:

To promote the economic empowerment of women, the State Government have waived loans given to Women Self Help Groups by the Co-operative institutions to the tune of Rs.2,755.99 crore extending benefits to 15,88,309 members of 1,17,617 groups. So far, the government has provided Rs.1,800 crore by to the Co-operatives out of this subsidy amount.

2.18. Special Loan Settlement Scheme 2023 for Non-Farm Loans and other long-pending cases:

Co-operative Societies and Co-operative Banks in Tamil Nadu are providing various types of loans to the public. To reduce the interest burden on the borrowers and strengthen the financial position of the Co-operatives by recovering the long-standing arrears the Special Loan Settlement Scheme 2023 is being implemented.

2.18.1. Small business credit is provided by Tamil Nadu State Apex Co-operative Bank, District Central Co-operative Banks, Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies, Urban Co-operative Credit Societies, Urban Co-operative Banks, Primary Co-operative Agriculture and Rural Development Banks, Large Area Multipurpose Co-operative Societies, Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies. This scheme is applicable to various types of non-farm sector

loans including business loans, housing loans, self-help group loans, and loans due from members for purchase/sale of agricultural produce through Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies.

2.18.2. This scheme is applicable only for loans which are fully overdue as on 31.12.2022. Interest at a rate of 9% is calculated on the principal from the date of disbursement of the loan till the date of contract made with the Borrower. Penal Interest and other charges will be completely waived.

2.18.3. Under this scheme, 2,83,575 eligible loans have been identified till date (31.03.2024) and Rs.97.82 crore have been collected by the Co-operative Institutions. So far, 37,652 borrowers got been benefitted under this scheme by enjoying a concession of Rs.63 Crore.

2.19. CROP INSURANCE:

With a mission to mitigate the losses caused to the farmers due to crop failure / damage

arising out of unpredicted calamities by giving the farmers monetary support and sustain their economy, the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) is being implemented from Rabi 2016 onwards in Tamil Nadu. The scheme is being implemented with certain modifications as 'Revamped Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (R-PMFBY)' since Kharif-2020 season.

2.19.1. Under this scheme, 3,37,893 farmers were enrolled through Co-operatives during the year 2022-23, and an amount of Rs.20.86 crore was collected as farmers' share of premium and remitted to the respective insurance companies. During the year 2023-24 upto 31.03.2024, 1,24,269 farmers have been enrolled by the Co-operatives, and a sum of Rs.14.96 crore has been collected as farmers' share of premium and remitted to the respective insurance companies.

2.19.2. Upto 31.03.2024, a sum of Rs.6,136.07 crore has been disbursed as compensation claim to 30,68,432 farmers, who

have insured their crops from the year 2016-17 onwards through the Co-operative institutions.

2.20.TRANSFORMATION OF PRIMARY AGRICULTURAL CO-OPERATIVE CREDIT SOCIETIES INTO MULTI SERVICE CENTERS (MSC):

The Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies are being transformed into **Multi Service Centers (MSCs)** by undertaking other non-credit ventures, so as to generate more income and to provide various services to the rural community. Under this scheme, a wide spectrum of services is provided to the farmers and other rural population such as renting out of Agricultural machineries / implements, Grain Storages and Farm Carriages, operating processing facilities & retail outlets etc., and providing G2C (Government to Citizen) services through Common Service Societies.

2.20.1. This scheme is being implemented by obtaining financial assistance from National

Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) at a meagre interest rate of 4%, out of which, an interest subvention of 3% is available out of Agricultural Infrastructure Fund (AIF) of Government of India for projects of post-harvest infrastructures.

2.20.2. So far, 2637 PACCS have been transformed into Multi Service Centers by implementing 4762 projects worth of Rs.432 crore. So far 69.45 lakh farmers got benefitted by availing the facilities offered by the PACCS.

Sl. No.	PROJECT TYPE	COUNT	No. of beneficiaries
1	Agricultural Machineries	1876	38,120
2	Construction of new Grain Storages	179	48,07,279
3	Modernisation of Grain Storages	244	

4	Farm Carriage Vans	429	20,79,858
5	Processing Units & Miscellaneous Facilities	2034	19,764
TOTAL		4762	69,45,021

2.21.Computerisation of Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies (PACCS):

Computerization of Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies (PACCS) is being done under Government of India' scheme with Rs.140.07 crore on a fund sharing of 60 (Government of India):40 (Government of Tamil Nadu). Tamil Nadu has opted for computerising all the 4,532 Cooperative institutions in a single phase. Under this scheme, hardware has been procured for all the institutions. Data migration from the existing software and installation of National Level PACCS software are in progress. This will provide additional business functionalities benefitting the farmer members to a great extent.

2.22.CO-OPERATIVE MEMBER SUPPORT PROGRAM:

Co-operative Member Support Program is newly launched from this year with the motive to support and revive the weak or non-viable loss-making Co-operative societies. Apex and the Central Co-operative Societies allocate a certain amount of the expected gross profit in each financial year to its affiliated societies which are weak or unviable. A State level committee comprising of Managing Directors of all Central / Apex Co-operative Societies is constituted to identify the societies which requires assistance. The Committee assemble every quarter of the year and reviews the financial position of all Co-operative Institutions functioning under the Head of the Department and select the member societies & nature of support to be extended under this program. The Committee also reviews the performance of the affiliated societies that received support during the last financial year.

2.22.1. The selected societies will receive support from the concerned Apex Institutions in the form of interest rebate, soft loan at lower interest rate, by joint ventures etc., All Apex/ Central Societies send the details of support extended to Tamil Nadu State Apex Co-operative Bank and Tamil Nadu State Apex Co-operative Bank in turn compile and reports to the Head of Department.

2.22.2. In Short-term credit structure, the Tamil Nadu State Apex Co-operative Bank provide financial support to the identified Central Co-operative Banks, which in turn provide financial support to its affiliated societies. Other Apex Institutions provide support to its affiliated societies as identified by the State Level Committee.

2.22.3. In the financial year 2023-2024, Apex Institutions have provided Rs.21.23 Crore support to its 33 affiliated societies for improving its financial parameters. Central Co-operative

Banks have also extended support of Rs.24.86 Crore to its 1,317 affiliated societies (PACCS, APCMS, Primary Co-operative Stores and PCARDB) which are in current year loss or having Imbalance and Cover deficit.

2.23.Tamil Nadu Co-operative State Agriculture and Rural Development Bank:

Tamil Nadu Co-operative State Agriculture and Rural Development Bank cater to the credit needs of long term farm sector and non-farm sector activities of farmers / public and provide investment credit to the members for agriculture related activities.

2.23.1. Tamil Nadu Co-operative State Agriculture and Rural Development Bank funds the Primary Co-operative Agriculture and Rural Development Banks from out of its own resources, enabling those banks to continue their lending operations. As on 31.03.2024, the share capital of the Bank stood at Rs.53 crore. During

the year 2023-24, the bank has disbursed jewel loans to the tune of Rs.526 crore.

2.23.2. This bank has making efforts to get Government Guarantee of Rs.400 crore for 4 years at the rate of Rs.100 crore per annum from the financial year 2023-24 for obtaining refinance from NABARD and to issue long term loans through Primary Co-operative State Agriculture and Rural Development Banks.

Performance of Tamil Nadu Co-operative State Agriculture and Rural Development Bank (comparison with previous years performance):-

(Rs. in Crore)

Year	Deposits outstanding	Loan Outstanding
2021-22	196	833
2022-23	202	924
2023-24	215	1121

2.24.Primary Co-operative Agriculture and Rural Development Banks:

In Tamil Nadu 180 Primary Co-operative Agriculture and Rural Development Banks were

established to provide long term credit for agriculture purpose. Due to non availability of refinance from NABARD, these banks are at present issuing jewel loans out of their own funds and borrowings from Tamil Nadu Co-operative State Agriculture and Rural Development Bank. Out of these 58 Primary Co-operative Agriculture and Rural Development Banks are collecting direct deposits.

2.24.1. Now these banks are providing jewel pledged Medium Term farm sector loans from their own funds. During the year 2023-24 these banks have disbursed Rs.42 lakh Medium Term loans. During the year 2023-24, these banks have disbursed jewel loans to the tune of Rs.1,571 crore. Common Service Centers have been started in 157 Primary Co-operative Agriculture and Rural Development Banks and these centers provides various e-Services to the public.

Performance of Primary Co-operative Agriculture and Rural Development Banks (comparison with previous years performance):-

(Rs. in Crore)

Year	Deposits outstanding	Loan Outstanding
2021-22	72	813
2022-23	82	935
2023-24	99	1070

Co-operative institutions for the Economic Development of Urban and Semi-Urban areas

2.25. Urban Co-operative Credit Structure:

Urban Co-operative Credit Structure comprises the Tamil Nadu State Federation of Urban Co-operative Banks and Credit Societies at State level and 127 Urban Co-operative Banks and 115 Urban Co-operative Credit Societies in the Urban and semi Urban areas.

2.26. Tamil Nadu State Federation of Urban Co-operative Banks and Credit Societies:

The Tamil Nadu Co-operative Urban Banks Federation Commenced functioning from the year

1988, with the Primary objective of promoting the development of Urban Co-operative Credit Movement in the State and assisting the Urban Co-operative Banks to fulfill the credit needs of the urban population. Upon amending its by-laws the federation now enrolls the Urban Co-operative Credit Societies as its members and extends its support to the Urban Co-operative Credit Societies.

2.26.1. The Federation also assists the Urban Co-operative Banks in matters relating to management, training to the staff members, and adoption of modern banking technologies by the banks. The Federation acts as a guiding body for all Urban Co-operative Banks in Tamil Nadu in matters of compliance with Reserve Bank of India (RBI) guidelines. It also coordinates the implementation of Core Banking Solutions in Urban Co-operative Banks.

2.26.2. The Federation maintains Urban Co-operative Banks Development Fund

constituted out of contributions from Urban Co-operative Banks. With this fund Federation assists weak Urban Co-operative Banks to meet their Capital Adequacy Norms.

2.27. Urban Co-operative Banks:

Urban Co-operative Banks provide banking and credit facilities to the people residing in urban and semi urban areas. At present 127 Urban Co-operative Banks are functioning in the State. These Urban Co-operative banks are registered under Tamil Nadu Co-operative Societies Act and rules and also governed by the directions of Reserve bank of India under Banking Regulation Act. Big Kancheepuram Urban Co-operative Bank in Kancheepuram District is the first Urban Co-operative Bank registered on 08.10.1904.

2.27.1. These banks mobilize deposits from the public and extend credit facilities for various purposes like housing, business and other non-farm sector activities, including Jewel loans

to meet the urgent and domestic needs of the members.

2.27.2. To provide modern banking services to the customers, Core Banking Solutions has been implemented in Urban Co-operative Banks.

2.27.3. During the year 2022-23, these banks have disbursed loans to the tune of Rs.7,195.23 crore to 8,13,075 members. These banks have disbursed loans to the tune of Rs.7,948.71 crore to 8,31,981 members during the year 2023-24. Comparing to the last financial year, in 2023-2024 loan issues enhanced by 10.47 Percentage. This includes loans to the tune of Rs.58.76 crore issued to 18,713 petty Traders in the urban areas. This has protected many small vendors from falling prey to money lenders, who charge exorbitant interest rates.

2.28.Urban Co-operative Credit Societies:

In Tamil Nadu, due to Urbanisation, Certain Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies

were converted into Urban Co-operative Credit Societies to provide continuous credit facilities to the members according to their urban needs residing in their area of operation. There are 115 Urban Co-operative Credit Societies functioning in urban and semi-urban areas. Kulasekarapattinam Urban Co-operative Credit Society in Thoothukudi District is the first Urban Co-operative Credit Society which was registered on 05.02.1922.

2.28.1. These societies mobilize deposits from the public and extend loans to small traders, artisans and persons belonging to middle income group for housing, business and other Non farm sector activities.

2.28.2. During the year 2022-23, these societies have issued loans to the tune of Rs.1,847.08 crore to 2,49,736 members. They have issued loans to the tune of Rs.2,133.09 crore to 2,56,754 members during the year 2023-24. Comparing to the last financial year, in 2023-2024 loan issues enhanced by

15.48 Percentage Out of this, loans to the tune of Rs.8.17 crore have been given to 3452 Petty Traders in the urban areas.

2.29. Employees of Co-operative Thrift and Credit Societies:

There are 1,699 Employees Co-operative Thrift and Credit Societies in the State. The main objective of these societies is to inculcate the habit of savings among the employees of Central and State Government, Government Undertakings and Private Organizations and to provide them with loans at reasonable rate of interest. These societies have 9,52,729 members with share capital of Rs.1,974.82 crore and working capital of Rs.13,192.63 crore as on 31.03.2024. These societies have disbursed Rs.11,651.56 crore as loan to their members in the year 2023-24.

Chapter – 3

CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING SOCIETIES

3.1. Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies (APCMS):

In the year 1928, Kallakurichi Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies (APCMS) was established and it is the first in Tamil Nadu. Now, 115 Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies (APCMS) are functioning at Taluk and Block level. Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies helps the farmers in the sale of their agricultural produce. It creates a trading platform where the members and consumers / traders associate with each other directly thereby eliminating middlemen / agent for the purpose of marketing of agricultural produce of farmer members at reasonable price. This creates suitable environment for both farmers and consumers. Marketing societies also distribute agricultural

inputs such as seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, agricultural implements etc., provide produce pledge loan for agricultural produce and undertake processing of the agricultural produce. They function as lead societies in the movement of essential commodities to Fair Price Shops and also run Fair Price Shops and distribute essential commodities to the card holders under Public Distribution System. Some of these societies run Petrol and Diesel Bunks and distribute quality Petrol and Diesel to the Public and also run Weighing Bridge for public use.

3.1.1. Total Business turn-over of these Societies is Rs.2,883.97 crore in 2023-24.

3.2. Marketing of Agricultural Produce:

Co-operative Marketing Societies provide infrastructure facilities like auction yards, drying yards and godowns for marketing of agriculture produce of their members at a competitive price. Further, they disseminate market price

information of agricultural produce to the farmers and provide a fair market for the agricultural produce. Some societies procure agriculture produce directly for further processing and value addition. During the year 2023-24 agricultural produce worth Rs.1,002.11 crore was marketed by the APCMS.

3.3. Linking of Credit with Marketing:

Co-operation among Co-operatives is the basis of linking of credit with marketing scheme. Marketing Societies in coordination with Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies market the agricultural produce of the farmer members at a competitive price and the amount thus received is adjusted against the loan obtained by the farmer members in the concerned Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies. By way of linking of credit with marketing, during the year 2023-24, Rs.6.05 crore has been adjusted against the loans.

3.4. Linking of Marketing with Consumer Co-operatives:

The Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies procure the farmers produce, process, value added and sell it to the Co-operative Wholesale Stores, so that the Wholesale stores market the quality products at reasonable price and also pave the way for farmers to get a remunerative price.

3.4.1. During the year 2023-24, Rs.117.15 crore worth of value added agricultural produce have been marketed.

3.5. Produce Pledge Loan:

To prevent distress sale of agricultural produce during the post harvest season by the farmers and to meet their urgent financial needs, Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies provide storage facilities on rent and issue produce pledge loan to the farmers. During the year 2023-24 produce pledge loan to the tune of Rs.128.04 crore has been disbursed by the

Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies.

3.6. Disbursement of Jewel loan:

To meet the urgent financial needs of farmer members, Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies have distributed Jewel loan amounting to Rs.657.94 crore during the year 2023-24.

3.7. Sale of Quality Seeds:

Availability of quality seeds is very essential for improving the quality and quantity of agricultural yield. The Co-operative Marketing Societies procure and sell quality seeds of paddy, pulses, oil seeds, millets and vegetables, etc. to the farmers. During the year 2023-24 seeds worth Rs.2.04 crore was sold.

3.8. Special Activities of Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies (APCMS):

3.8.1. e- Trading:

To improve the services rendered to the farmers by Agricultural Producers Co-operative

Marketing Societies, action has been initiated to market the agricultural produce of farmers through e-trading, thereby improving the business turnover in 7 Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies namely Tiruchengode, Attur, Salem, Erode, Perundurai, Avinashi and Rasipuram. In Perundurai and Erode APCMS e-trading has been implemented.

3.8.2. CO-OP Mart:

To market the Co-operative products likes Honey, Oil, Turmeric Powder, Masala Items etc., through online a common Mobile APP (CO-OP Mart) has been launched on 06.07.2023 and delivered 478 orders with value of Rs.3.20 lakhs as on 31.03.2024.

3.8.3. Solar Copra dryers:

For the benefit of coconut growing farmers, 28 Solar Copra Dryers have been installed in 10 districts. These units help in converting

coconuts into quality copra in a short duration at a minimum cost.

3.8.4. Electronic Weighing Facilities:

Electronic weighbridges at a total cost of Rs.1.42 crore have been installed at Perundurai, Bhavani, Usilampatti, The Nilgiris, Thuraiyur, Paramakudi and Krishnagiri Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies to ensure accurate weighment of agricultural produce of farmers and traders. As a result, both farmers and traders in the above regions have benefitted.

3.8.5. e-Auction Process:

To ensure speedy and transparent auction of agri produce, auction process has been modernized by installation of customized software in Salem, Attur, Erode, Perundurai and Tiruchengode Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies at a cost of Rs.43.35 lakh.

3.8.6. Drying Yards:

Drying yards have been constructed in 11 Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies namely Alangudi, Thirumayam, Aranthangi, Thirumangalam, Pennagaram, Kamudhi, Tenkasi, Avinashi, Udumalaipettai, Kallakurichi and Tiruchengode (Konganapuram Branch) Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies to help farmers to dry and segregate their produce for better price realization.

3.9. Processing and Value Addition of Agricultural Produce:

Some of the Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies (APMS) have processing units like Ginning units, Pulses processing units, Chilly and Turmeric grinding units, Kumkum making units, Oil crushing units, Rice mills, Groundnut decorticator, Cotton Bale Pressing Units, Samai, Varagu, Tamarind

Processing Unit and Packing Units. At present, 80 processing units are functioning. These processing units add value to the farm produce and enable the producers in getting better price for their produce.

3.9.1. Rice, Pulses, Turmeric Powder, varieties of Masala and Oil are indigenously manufactured and marketed by some Co-operative Marketing Societies as tabulated below:-

Sl. No.	APCMS	Brand	Products
1.	Salem	Amirtham	Oils
2.	Perundurai	Pasumai	Oils
3.	Erode	Mangalam	Turmeric Powder
4.	Tiruchengode	Arthanareeswara	Oil, Bath Soap, Pulses.
5.	Saidapet	Marutham	Oils

As a special initiative 80 processing units have been established in Co-operative Institutions at a Out of this 12 units are run by LAMPS. In

these processing units, during 2023-24, 4375 MT of agricultural produce was processed.

3.10. Thanjavur Co-operative Marketing Federation (TCMF):

Thanjavur Co-operative Marketing Federation functions as a regional level federation for 12 Co-operative Marketing Societies in Thanjavur, Tiruvarur and Nagapattinam districts. This Federation distributes fertilizers, seeds and agricultural implements. It also issues jewel loan to its members. It is also running a printing press. During 2023-24 the Federation has sold 29,729 MT of fertilizers and Total business turnover of TCMF for the year 2023-2024 is Rs.39.02 crore.

3.11. The Nilgiris Co-operative Marketing Society (NCMS):

The main objectives of The Nilgiris Co-operative Marketing Society is Marketing of Agricultural produce at competitive price along with distribution of fertilizers and Agri inputs and

if functions with entire The Nilgiris District and Mettupalayam Municipal area of Coimbatore District as its area of operation. It markets Potato, Cabbage, Carrot, Beetroot and Beans grown by farmers at remunerative prices. The Society owns a fertilizer mixture unit in Mettupalayam. This Society also runs LPG gas agency business. Total business turnover of the Society was Rs.115.74 crore in 2023-24.

3.12. Warehouses:

During harvest seasons, to avoid distress sale of agricultural produce of the farmers and to store it until they get a better price and also to safeguard the stored products without any loss 4,047 warehouses with a capacity of 5,47,800 MT have been constructed in Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies and Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies.

3.12.1. During the year 2023-24, 4051 farmers have pledged 71,184 MT of agricultural produce worth Rs.294.73 crore and availed produce pledge loan of Rs.174.32 crore. Further 11,129 farmers have benefited by storing Rs.154.77 Crore worth of agri produces on rental basis.

3.12.2. Out of 1,357 positive net-worth Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies and Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies, 1,170 warehouses are registered with Warehousing Development Regulatory Authority (WDRA), Government of India. Produce Pledge Loan is provided at 7% interest to benefit small and marginal farmers in registered warehouses. In India, the largest numbers of Co-operative warehouses are registered with the WDRA with Tamil Nadu being the pioneer state.

3.12.3. During the Foundation Day of Warehousing Development Regulatory Authority (WDRA) held in New Delhi, Tamil Nadu has been

awarded by the WDRA Authority, Government of India, for registering the largest number of Co-operative godowns with the WDRA Authority for the last two years.

3.13.Tamil Nadu Co-operative Marketing Federation (TANFED):

Tamil Nadu Co-operative Marketing Federation (TANFED) act as State Level Apex Institution. Tamil Nadu Co-operative Marketing Federation started on 20.02.1959 and functioning with 18 Regional Offices at District level.

3.13.1. It distributes agricultural inputs such as fertilizers, pesticides, seeds and agricultural implements to the farmers across the State, through Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies and Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies, as kind component of crop loan to its members and also on cash sale at reasonable price.

3.13.2. Tamil Nadu Co-operative Marketing Federation established its own Fertilizer Mixing

Unit in "Pamani" near Mannargudi, Tiruvarur District in the year 1970 for the production of granulated NPK fertilizer mixtures with an average production capacity of 150 Tons per day. The fertilizer produced in this unit is marketed in the name of "Pamani". Which is a popular brand among the farmers. TANFED also owns fertilizer mixture units at Madurai, Vellore, Trichy and Dindigul. Where crop specific mixtures are produced. It produced certified seeds and distributed among farmers at value of Rs.173.90 lakhs, during 2023-24 to ensure genetic purity of crops.

3.13.3. During the year 2023-24, TANFED has distributed 4,55,833 MT of fertilizers worth Rs.846.73 crore, it manufactures granulated NPK Fertilizer Mixture and markets in brand name of Pamani (17:17:17), which has good demand among farmers in many districts and TANFED does the fertilizer distribution with 2% margin.

3.13.4. TANFED has taken steps to venture into the production of Neem Powder, Neem Oil Cake, Micro Nutrient Mixtures, Bio Pesticides and Bio Fertilizers. Steps are being taken to manufacture Crop specific micro nutrients at Eriyodu in Dindigul.

3.13.5. TANFED has installed production unit to manufacture Micro Nutrient Mixtures at TANFED Eriyodu. The crop specific Micro Nutrient Mixtures being produced and branded as Cocomin, Bananmin, Sugarmin, nelmin, Vegmin and Citrusmin. Further it distributes Water Soluble Fertilizer namely NPK-19:19:19, Calcium, nitrate, Boron 20%, SOP, MAP which are imported through IPL.

3.13.6. TANFED owns 45 godowns with a total capacity of 36,140 MT and 2 cold storage godowns one with a capacity of 3,460 MT TANFED gives guidance and commercial support for marketing the agricultural produce of farmers

through joint venture with Co-operative Marketing Societies.

3.13.7. TANFED acts as Nodal Agent of National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation (NAFED) in Tamil Nadu for undertaking Price Support Scheme to protect the farmers from price decline. In order to protect the coconut farmers from doing distress sale, TANFED procured 10,000 De-husked Coconut from Pollachi and distributed in 4 Co-operative Wholesale Stores in Chennai and Kancheepuram.

3.13.8. TANFED plays a pivotal role whenever prices of essential commodities are in hike by way of market intervention activity. During 2023-24, 134 MTs of Onion, Toor Dhal, Channa dhal have been supplied for the benefit of consumers to stabilize the prices of essential items.

3.13.9. As a diversification activity, TANFED is running 8 petrol and diesel dispensing units at Chennai (Kodambakkam and Koyambedu)

Cuddalore, Tiruchirapalli, Tirunelveli, Dindigul, Virudhunagar and Tuticorin in association with the Indian Oil Corporation. TANFED has sold 9135.261 Kilo Litres worth Rs.91.09 crore of petrol and diesel in the year 2023-24. Total business turnover of TANFED was Rs.980.05 crore in 2023-24.

Chapter – 4

SPECIAL PURPOSE CO-OPERATIVE INSTITUTIONS

To uplift the farmers, tribals and downtrodden, Co-operatives have involved these special type of Societies such as LAMPS, Labour Contract Credit Societies, Washermen Co-operative Credit Societies, Advocates Credit Societies, Co-operative Canteens, Physically Challenged Co-operative Societies, Modern Engineers Construction Co-operative Societies etc.

4.1. Large Sized Multipurpose Co-operative Societies Federation (LAMPS):

Lamps Federation act as State Level Apex Federation started functioning on 01.11.2022 in order to plan the growth and development of Tribal people, to ensure higher earning, create employment opportunities, to improve the sales of Minor Forest Produce and to coordinate the various activities of 39 LAMP Societies.

4.2.Large Sized Multipurpose Co-operative Societies (LAMPS):

Large Sized Multipurpose Co-operative Societies (LAMPS) is functioning for the upliftment of the standard of living of tribals. Increasing farm productivity and employment opportunities, Procurement of Agricultural produce mainly millets, increasing income by providing integrated credit facilities and distribution of essential commodities to the Tribal and Non - tribal people living in the Hilly areas are the main objectives of Large Sized Multipurpose Co-operative Societies. These Societies also issue Jewel Loan, Self Help Group Loan, Crop Loan, Consumer Loan and undertake distribution of Agricultural Inputs, sale of Agricultural Produce, collection and sale of Minor Forest Produce.

4.2.1. Mullai Honey from Sathyamangalam LAMPS, Oriland coffee from Kolli Hills LAMPS are the famous products procured and processed by LAMPS.

Sl. No.	LAMPS	Brand	Products
1.	Sathyamangalam	Mullai	Honey
2.	Kolli Hills	Oriland	Coffee
3.	Kallakuruchi	Vellimalai	Varagu Millet
4.	Kallakuruchi	Kilakkadu	Tamarind

4.2.2. During 2023-24 the business turnover of LAMPS is Rs.399.23 crore. For the year 2023-24 Government provided Rs.5.25 crore as Share Capital Assistance and Interest subsidy for Medium Term Loan and Self Help Group Loan to the Large Sized Multipurpose Co-operative Societies, under Tribal Sub Plan Scheme.

4.3.Labour Contract Co-operative Societies:

63 Labour Contract Co-operative Societies are functioning with a total membership of 18,319. Ensuring employment opportunities and raising the standard of living of the scheduled caste and tribal members by providing contract work is the primary objective of Labour Contract Co-operative Societies.

4.4.Tudiyalur Co-operative Agricultural Services Ltd. (TUCAS):

The Tudiyalur Co-operative Agricultural Services Limited (TUCAS) is functioning as a special type of Primary Agricultural Co-operative Institution located at Tudiyalur in Coimbatore District. Besides supplying agricultural inputs to the farmers, it is also involved in production and marketing of fertilizers, pesticides, seeds and agricultural implements. It provides crop loan, mortgage loan and jewel loan to the members. In the year 2023-24 seeds worth Rs.81.42 lakh was sold and agricultural implements was sold to other Co-operative institutions to the extent of Rs.446.96 lakh.

4.4.1. The Tudiyalur Co-operative Agricultural Services Ltd. has declared a dividend of 20% of net profit to its members continuously for the past 9 years.

4.5. Co-operative Printing Presses:

In Tamil Nadu 26 Co-operative Printing Presses are functioning at district level with

12,088 members and paid up share capital of Rs.2.67 crore. These Printing Presses fulfill the needs of the Co-operative institution. Further, it also undertake printing orders from Government, Quasi Government Organizations, Local Bodies and individuals and execute them. During the year 2023-24 these presses have achieved a business turnover of Rs.75.66 crore.

4.5.1. Effective steps have been taken to attain all the Printing Presses self sufficient. As most of the Co-operative Societies are computerized, steps are being taken for production of computer stationery and printed forms in these Co-operative printing presses.

Chapter – 5

Consumer Co-operatives

Co-operatives Societies lend various types of loan and offer different services to its members while **Consumer Co-operatives** supply good quality consumer products at a reasonable price to the members and the public.

The Consumer Co-operatives play a vital role in controlling the price rise of the essential commodities in the open market through market intervention, thereby rendering service to the general public.

Triplicane Urban Co-operative Society (TUCS Ltd.) was started in 9th April 1904 as the First Consumer Co-operative Society in Tamil Nadu.

In Tamil Nadu, the Consumer Co-operatives function in a three-tier structure.



5.1. Primary Co-operative Stores:

The Primary Co-operative Stores function at the primary level with the main objective of supplying essential consumer goods to the public at a reasonable price.

5.1.1. Kodaikanal Co-operative Stores was established as the first Primary Co-operative Stores in Tamil Nadu in 1919.

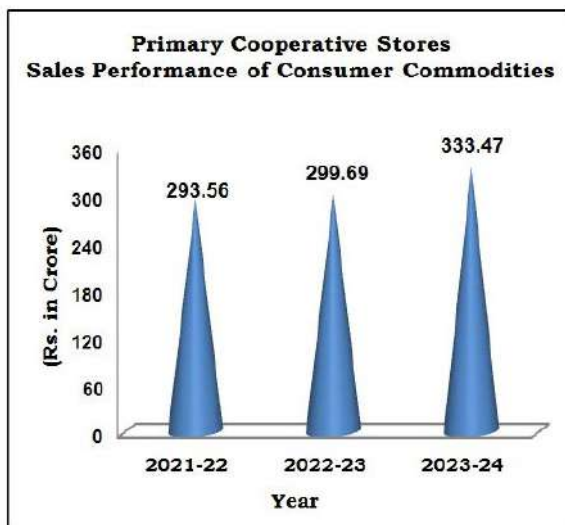
5.1.2. In Tamil Nadu, 320 Primary Co-operative Stores run 51 Co-operative Medical Shops, 19 Farm Fresh Consumer Outlets, 5 Petrol Bunks,

3 Grinding units, 100 Super Markets, 14 Self Service Units and 1,793 Fair Price Shops.

Primary Co-operative Stores: Sales Performance of Consumer Commodities

(Rs. in Crore)

Institution Type	Sale of Consumer commodities		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Primary Co-operative Stores	293.56	299.69	333.47



5.2. District Consumer Co-operative Wholesale Stores:

The Consumer Co-operative Wholesale Stores, at the Centre of the tier, functions at the district level.

5.2.1. Consumer Co-operative Wholesale Stores procure groceries, pulses, cereals and spices in bulk quantities at a competitive price directly from the manufacturers, producing centers, Co-operative Marketing Societies, and Joint Purchase Committee and sell the same at a reasonable price to the public.

5.2.2. District Consumer Co-operative Wholesale Stores also play a vital role in the successful implementation of Public Distribution System by running the Fair Price Shops. They also act as Lead Societies by lifting the essential commodities to the Fair Price Shops, from the TNCSC warehouses.

5.2.3. One Central Purchase Committee at Chennai and 4 Regional Joint Purchase

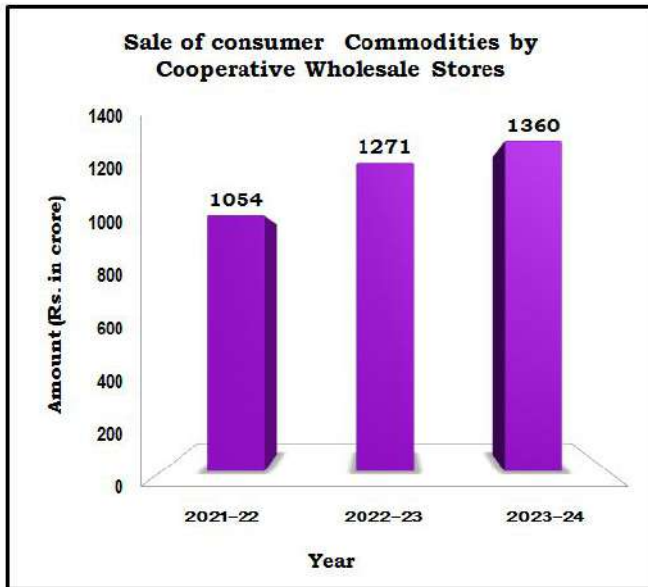
Committees in Chennai, Madurai, Salem and Erode are functioning in the State in order to get attractive price advantage while making bulk procurements from the Co-operative Societies / Traders, for its members and public.

5.2.4. In Tamil Nadu, there are 45 Consumer Co-operative Wholesale Stores that spread over 38 districts, which operate 24 Super Markets, 209 Mini Super Markets, 13 Retail Stores, 51 Self Service Units, 136 Co-operative Medical Shops, 38 Farm Fresh Consumer Outlets, 26 Petrol Bunks, 26 LPG supply units, 3406 Fair Price shops and 80 Kerosene Bunks throughout the State.

5.2.5. Triplicane Urban Co-operative Society (TUCS Ltd.) is one of the oldest Co-operative Stores that was established in 1904 and it is a forerunner in Consumer Co-operatives catering to the needs of the common people.

5.2.6. During the year 2023-2024, a business turnover of Rs.1360.13 crore has been

achieved by all the Co-operative Wholesale Stores.



5.3. Tamil Nadu Consumers Co-operative Federation(TNCCF):

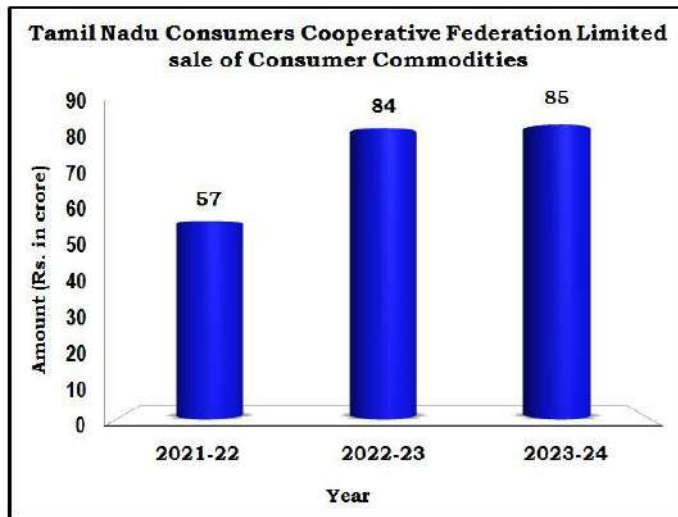
The Tamil Nadu Consumers' Co-operative Federation (TNCCF) is the Apex organization for all the Consumer Co-operatives. The main objective of the Federation is to co-ordinate with the purchase and supply of Fast Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) for its affiliated societies. The

Federation also procures paper and other stationeries in bulk and supply them to Co-operative Wholesale Stores, Primary Co-operative Stores and Co-operative Printing Press. The Federation acts as a coordinator in the purchase of crackers for Co-operative Institutions during Festival time. Tamil Nadu Consumers' Co-operative Federation also runs two Petrol-Diesel Retail Outlets.

5.3.1. The Tamil Nadu Consumers' Co-operative Federation has entered into an MoU with Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL) since July 2009 for the procurement of FMCG for its member Co-operatives. The Tamil Nadu Consumers' Co-operative Federation is the Nodal Agency for procuring medicines directly from the Pharmaceutical companies under Centralized Procurement of Medicines from February 2022.

5.3.2. In the year 2021-22, the Federation has achieved a business turnover of Rs.57.09 crore and in 2022-23 it has increased to

Rs.84 crore and it has risen to Rs.85 crore in 2023-24.



5.4. Co-operative Pharmacies:

Co-operative Medical Shops have been opened in 381 prime locations with the main objective of supplying quality medicines at affordable price to the public. The Co-operative Medical Shops are run by various types of Co-operatives as detailed below:-

Sl. No.	Type of Co-operative Institution	No. of Co-operative Medical Shops
1.	Co-operative Wholesale Stores	136
2.	Co-operative Marketing Societies	110
3.	Primary Co-operative Stores	51
4.	Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies	62
5.	Urban Co-operative Credit Society	16
6.	Farmers Service Co-operative Society	1
7.	Large-sized Multipurpose Societies (LAMPS)	2
8.	PLD Bank	1
9.	A.S.Palanisamy Nadar Health Co-operative Society, Virudhunagar	1
10.	Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies as MSC (Jan Aushadi Kendra)	1
Total		381

During the year 2023-24, medicines to the tune of Rs.163 crore have been sold through these medical shops.

5.4.1. Discount upto 20% is being given to the customers. During the year 2023-24, around Rs.25 crore has been offered as discount to as many as 30 Lakh customers.

5.5. Centralized Procurement of Medicines (CPM):

Medicines were being purchased by the Co-operative institutions for their Co-operative medical shops from the local pharma dealers as a standalone activity. This practice of placing fragmented indents fetched lower margins resulting in passing less discount to the customers.

5.5.1. To offer higher discount to the public, the Centralized Procurement of Medicine scheme has been implemented with Tamil Nadu Consumers' Co-operative Federation as the Nodal

Agency. TNCCF has entered into MoU with 21 Pharma companies to procure medicines directly from them. The additional margin offered by the pharma companies is passed on to the customers as discount.

5.5.2. During the year 2023-24, Tamil Nadu Consumers' Co-operative Federation has sold medicines to the value of Rs.4 Crore through Centralized Procurement of Medicines.

5.6. Market Intervention Activities:

Consumer Co-operatives involve themselves in Market Intervention activities to control the rise in the price of essential commodities as and when required. In 2023-2024, Co-operatives intervened the market to control the price rise of Tomato and onion.

5.6.1. During 2023 July and August, the price of tomato rose to Rs.160/kg. As a Market Intervention measure, 472 MT of tomato was procured and sold to the public through 63 Farm Fresh Consumer Outlets, 2 Mobile Farm Fresh

Consumer Outlets and 500 Co-operative Fair Price Shops for nearly 70 days till the price of tomato stabilised in the open market. Around 5 lakh families were benefitted out of it.

5.6.2. In 2023 November and December, price of onion increased in the open market. In order to control the rise in the price, Co-operatives as a market intervention measure, procured 53 MT of onion through TANFED and sold it through 63 Farm Fresh Consumer Outlets and 2 Mobile Farm Fresh Consumer Outlets to around 10,000 families.

5.7. Chief Minister Breakfast Scheme (CMBFS):

The flagship programme "**Chief Minister breakfast scheme**" has been inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 15.09.2022 to provide nutritious breakfast to children studying in Government Primary Schools from Class-I to V. During the year 2023-24, Commodities including

2366 MT Double roasted Rava, 1604 MT Wheat rava and 1948 MT Semiya to the value of Rs.35.65 crore have been supplied by Co-operative Wholesale Stores to the Noon meal centres through SHG members to prepare nutritious breakfast to 15,40,658 students studying in 28,397 Government Primary Schools.

5.8. Construction of Buildings:

To improve business prospects, office cum commercial complexes to house Co-operative institutions have been constructed by Pollachi Consumer Co-operative Wholesale Stores in Coimbatore, Park Town Co-operative Wholesale Stores and Triplicane Urban Co-operative Society (TUCS) in Chennai in Rs.675.10 Lakh. In Thiruvannamalai District, a warehouse has been constructed at a cost of Rs.40 Lakh for Thiruvannamalai District Consumer Co-operative Wholesale Stores.

5.9. Renovation Works:

Establishment of Self Service Unit, renovation of Indane Gas division, modernization of warehouse and installation of packing Unit at a cost of Rs.51.5 lakh for Madurai District Pandian Consumer Co-operative Wholesale Stores in Madurai, Coimbatore District Chinthamani Consumer Co-operative Wholesale Stores in Coimbatore and Thiruvannamalai District Consumer Co-operative Wholesale Stores in Thiruvannamalai were undertaken.

Chapter – 6

Co-operatives in Food Security

The Universal Public Distribution System is being successfully implemented in Tamil Nadu among all the states in India and plays an effective role in ensuring Food Security to everyone in the state. In order to distribute the PDS commodities to the family cardholders across the state, the Co-operative Societies are operating 24,537 Full-Time shops and 10,030 Part-Time Shops, which is 99.37% of State total Fair Price shops as detailed below:-

i)	Total Fair Price Shops	34,567
	Full Time Fair Price Shops	24,537
	Part Time Fair Price Shops	10,030
ii)	Kerosene Bunks	240
iii)	Mobile Fair Price Shops	2,699

Essential commodities viz. Rice, Sugar and Wheat and Special PDS Commodities viz. Tur dal and Palmolein are also lifted from Tamil Nadu Civil

Supplies Corporation Godowns to the Fair Price Shops functioning under the control of Cooperation Department by 97 lead societies and 333 self lifting societies. The movement of Public Distribution System commodities to the Fair Price Shops run by 4,176 link societies is being carried out by the lead societies.

Classification of Societies that carryout out PDS Movement:-

Sl. No.	Society Type	No. of Societies	No. of Fair Price Shops run by the Societies
i)	Lead Societies	97	4496
ii)	Self Lifting Societies	333	4195
iii)	Link Societies	4,176	25,876
Total		4,606	34,567

6.1. Co-operative Fair Price Shops:

34,567 Fair price Shops run by the Co-operative Societies distribute PDS commodities to 2,11,34,697 family cardholders in

the State. In addition to the essential Commodities, Special PDS commodities like Tur dal and Palmolein are sold in the Fair Price Shops at subsidized rates offered by the Government. Non controlled commodities such as Ooty Tea, Arasu Salt, Palm Jaggery, Minor Millets, 5Kg/2Kg FTL Cylinders etc are also sold through the Fair Price Shops. The Co-operative societies operate 240 kerosene bunks that supply kerosene to family cardholders in the state.

6.2. Mobile Fair Price Shops:

2,699 Mobile Fair Price Shops are functioning across the state to ensure the delivery of essential commodities to the tribals living in hilly areas, cardholders whose habitations are far away from PDS shops/obstructed by natural barriers such as rivers, hills, and National Highways.

6.2.1. In a few places in Dharmapuri, Theni and Dindigul districts, mules and ponies are

engaged to transport PDS Commodities to reach the inaccessible locations in remote localities and hilly areas where there are no motorable roads.

6.3. Sale of other commodities in FPS

6.3.1. Sale of 5Kg/2Kg FTL Cylinders:

The retail sale of 5Kg/2Kg FTL cylinders has been started in Fair Price Shops which benefits the Migrant workers, Street hawkers, Push-Cart vendors etc., the special feature being the address proof of the customer is not required. From October 2022 to March 2024, cylinders worth Rs.40.63 lakh has been sold through the Fair Price Shops.

6.3.2. Sale of Minor Millets:

Consequent on the 2021-22 Agriculture Budget announcement, Minor Millets such as Ragi, Kambu, Thinai, Kuthiraivali, Saamai and Varagu are procured through the Farmers Producers' Organisations (FPOs) promoted by the Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business

Department. On a pilot basis, the Minor Millets procured through the FPOs are being sold through select Fair Price Shops / Retail Outlets run by Co-operatives / Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation in Chennai and Coimbatore cities. From June 2022 to March 2024, Rs.119.25 lakh worth of Minor Millets have been sold through the Fair Price Shops.

6.3.3. Sale of Palm Jaggery:

Consequent on the 2021-22 Agriculture Budget announcement, the Palm Jaggery procured by Khadi and Village Industries Board is being sold through select Fair Price Shops run by the Co-operative Societies under the Brand name "***Karpagam***". From October 2021 to March 2024, Palm Jaggery worth Rs.162.15 lakh has been sold through the Fair Price Shops.

6.3.4. Sale of Arasu Salt:

The Iodised salt procured from the Tamil Nadu Salt Corporation is being sold through the Fair Price Shops run by Co-operative

Societies, to prevent the general public from the disorders caused due to iodine deficiency. 5,33,223 MT of salt has been sold through the Fair Price Shops run by Co-operative Societies from 2000-01 to 2023-2024.

6.3.5. Sale of Ooty Tea:

The INDCOSERVE (The Tamil Nadu Small Tea Growers' Industrial Co-operative Tea Factories' Federation Ltd.,) purchases the tea produced by the small tea growers and sells it to the general public under the brand name of "**Ooty Tea**" through the Fair Price Shops so as to improve the livelihood and financial condition of small tea growers. 61,450 MT of "Ooty Tea" has been sold by the Fair Price Shops run by Co-operative Societies from 2001-02 to 2023-24.

6.4.Modernisation of Co-operative Fair Price Shops:

6.4.1.ISO Certification for Fair Price Shops:

Steps have been taken to obtain ISO:9001 certification for Quality Management System and

ISO:28000 certification for Security in Supply Chain Management and Storage of commodities in Fair Price Shops functioning under Cooperation Department so as to ensure the best service to the cardholders in Fair Price Shops.

9,356 Fair Price Shops have obtained ISO:9001 certification and 2,059 Fair Price Shops have obtained ISO:28000 certification upto 31.03.2024.

6.4.2. Facelifting of Fair Price Shops:

Steps are being taken to repair and renovate the Fair Price Shops across the state. So far, facelifting in 4,466 fair price shops have been done.

6.4.3. Opening of new Fair Price Shops:

To ensure prompt and effective distribution of PDS commodities to the family card holders across the state, a total of 1,504 new fair price shops which includes 511 full-time fair price shops

and 993 part-time fair price shops have been opened from May 2021 to March 2024.

6.5. Filling up of Fair Price Shop Salesmen / Packers:

The vacancies of 5,384 Salesmen and 981 Packers were filled up and seamless distribution of essential commodities to the cardholders through Fair Price Shops has been ensured.

6.6. Construction of new buildings for Fair Price Shops through convergence mode:

As a policy measure, it was decided to construct new buildings for the 7,283 fair price shops functioning in private rental buildings in a phased manner wherever land is available free of cost. 1,784 sites were identified for the construction of FPS across the state and proposals were sent to the District Collectors. In 1,283 cases, Enter upon permission were granted and Administrative sanctions were given by the

District Collectors for 1,189 cases. Totally 488 Fair Price Shops have been fully constructed and in 701 other places, construction of new FPS buildings is under progress at various stages.

6.6.1. From May 2021 to March 2024, 470 own buildings have been constructed which includes 298 full-time fair price shops and 172 part-time fair price shops.

6.7. Adoption of Uniform Type Design for Fair Price Shops:

Throughout the state, for the construction of new Fair Price Shops, the Government have approved the following two unique type designs:-

1. Buildings with an area of 440 sq.ft for shops with less than 500 cards at an estimate of Rs.7.00 lakh; and
2. Buildings with an area of 550 sq.ft for shops with more than 500 cards at an estimate of Rs.10.00 lakh.

The construction of around 800 new Fair Price Shops are undertaken by channelising the funds from various schemes such as MNREGA, MLACDS / MPLADS, PACCS as MSC, Anna Marumalarchi Thittam, Local Bodies Fund etc.,

6.8.Efforts to make Fair Price Shops Financially Viable:

The following efforts were taken to make Fair Price Shops financially viable.

Sale of Non Controlled Commodities such as,

- Ooty tea, Arasu salt, Khadi Products, Minor Millets
- Co-operative Products
- Branded FMCGs
- 2kg/5Kg FTL Cylinder is being carried out in Fair Price Shops.

6.9. Improved e-Management in Public Distribution System

6.9.1. Sale of Empty Gunnies through MSTC (Metal Scrap Trade Corporation Ltd.,)/ National Co-operative Dairy Federation of India:

To ensure transparency and a better selling price for the empty gunnies, the sale of empty gunnies is done through the e-auction platforms. The details of the empty Jute gunnies are uploaded in the portals and e-auction is carried out in a transparent manner, through the e-auction platform of MSTC, a total of 42,66,28,576 empty gunnies have been sold up to 31.03.2024.

6.9.2. Point of Sale (PoS) Device:

Transparency is ensured as all transactions including sale of essential commodities in Fair Price Shops are carried out through PoS device. Acknowledgement for the commodities received by the Family Cardholders are sent through SMS to their registered mobile number.

6.9.3. Biometric identification of Cardholders in Fair Price Shops:

In Fair Price Shops, essential commodities are distributed to the cardholders through biometric mode which ensures that Government schemes reach the intended beneficiaries.

6.9.4. Electronic Weighing Balance:

Electronic weighing balance are used in all Co-operative Fair Price Shops to ensure accurate weighing of essential commodities to the family cardholders.

6.9.5. Ensuring e-Payment Facilities in Fair Price Shops:

Steps are being taken to receive payments through various UPIs such as GPay, BHIM, PhonePe etc., in all the FPS in a phased manner.

6.10. Renovation and New construction of Fair Price Shops under PACCS as MSCs:

The following initiatives have been carried out under the PACCS as MSC scheme:-

- Improved facility for stacking of food grains

- Stainless steel containers for storage and distribution of essential commodities
- Vehicles for movement of PDS commodities

6.11. PDS Route Optimization:

Optimized routes for the movement of PDS commodities from Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation Godowns to Fair Price Shops has been proposed by the Government of India for 1,871 Routes to reduce the transportation cost by enabling reduction in distance and it has been implemented from 01.03.2024 onwards.

6.12.Kalaigiar Mahalir Urimai Thittam:

Applications for the massive and one of its kind scheme in the country for providing monthly dole of Rs.1,000/- to the women heads of families were received by the Co-operation Department from the District Collector Office and the details such as family card number, location of camp, date and time to submit the filled in application at the camp etc were filled and delivered at the

doorsteps of the family cardholders by the Co-operative Fair Price Shop Salespersons. An Information Board about Kalaingar Mahalir Urimai Thittam was installed in all the Fair Price Shops. Apart from that, the details of the location of the camp, the turn of the family cardholders to submit the applications in the camp etc were clearly written and displayed in Fair Price shops.

6.13.Michaung Cyclone Relief disbursement:

Michaung Cyclone relief amount of Rs.6000/- per family has been distributed to 23,18,200 families whose livelihood was affected by Cyclone in Chennai, Kanchipuram, Chengalpattu and Tiruvallur districts through 2851 Fair Price Shops. Besides Cyclone Relief materials worth Rs.27 Lakh has been provided through the Co-operatives.

6.14.Southern Districts flood relief amount Rs.6000 / Rs.1000:

In Southern districts, flood relief amount of Rs.6000/- per family has been distributed to 6,36,970 of the families whose livelihood was affected by flood in the severely flood affected taluks of Tuticorin and Tirunelveli districts and Rs.1000/- per family has been distributed to 13,38,269 families whose livelihood was affected by flood in the other less flood affected taluks of Tuticorin, Tirunelveli, Tenkasi and Kanyakumari districts through 3176 Fair Price Shops. Besides Flood Relief materials worth Rs.7 Lakh has been provided through the Co-operatives.

6.15. Pongal Gift Hamper:

On the occasion of Pongal 2024, Pongal Gift Hamper consisting of 1kg Raw rice, 1kg Sugar, 1 full length Sugarcane and Rs.1000/- Cash were distributed to 2,08,11,842 Rice cardholders and to the families living in Sri Lankan Rehabilitation Camps through 34355 Fair Price Shops.

6.16.Incentive for Fair Price Shops Employees:

To motivate the salespersons for their work during the implementation of the Government Special Schemes like Kalaigiar Mahalir Urimai Thogai Thittam, Pongal Gift Hamper distribution, Michaung Cyclone Relief Disbursement and Southern districts Flood Relief Disbursement, an incentive of Rs.0.50/-per family card has been provided to Salespersons and Packers working in the Fair Price Shops for each special scheme.

6.17. Subsidy to the Co-operatives for Public Distribution System:

Co-operative Societies are running Fair Price Shops without any profit motive. PDS Commodities are supplied free of cost or at a subsidized rates fixed by the Government to the family cardholders. The Government compensate the loss incurred by the Co-operative societies in running the Fair Price Shops by way of Subsidy. During the Financial Year 2021-22 an amount of

Rs.600.81 Crore, during the Financial Year 2022-23 an amount of Rs.495.18 Crore and during the Financial Year 2023-2024 an amount of Rs.500.00 Crore totalling Rs.1595.99 Crore has been sanctioned by the Government as PDS Subsidy to make good the loss sustained by the Co-operative Institutions in operating the Fair Price Shop (FPS).

6.18.Achievement of Sustainable Development Goals through Public Distribution System:

The Public Distribution System plays an essential role in ensuring food security to the poor, vulnerable and the people living in poverty and also assists in the sustainable development of the weaker sections of the public. Out of the 17 SDGs, the following three sustainable Goals viz., Goal No.1. **No poverty**, Goal No.2 **Zero Hunger** and Goal No.3 **Good Health and Wellbeing** are being addressed effectively in Tamil Nadu, because of the implementation of Universal Public Distribution System in Tamil Nadu.

Chapter – 7

CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND TRAINING

7.1. Introduction:

Imparting Co-operative education and training for capacity building of the staff and members of Co-operative Societies is being done continuously by the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Union at the Apex level, and 38 District Co-operative Unions working under the control of Tamil Nadu Co-operative Union at district level. Tamil Nadu Co-operative Union has 38 District Co-operative Unions and 17 Apex Co-operative Institutions as its members. Further Exhibitions, Seminar sand Co-operative Week Celebrations are organized to sensitize people on basic tenets of Co-operative movement and to create public awareness. Tamil Nadu Co-operative Union collects a portion of the net profit from Co-operative Societies towards Co-operative

Research and Development Fund and Co-operative Education Fund as stipulated in the Act. These funds are utilized for research on Co-operatives, education, training and dissemination of information about various services being done to all the stakeholders of the society at large.

7.1.1. Tamil Nadu Co-operative Union Publishes a Tamil monthly magazine "Co-operative", an English monthly magazine "Tamil Nadu journal of Cooperation" and a bi-monthly Tamil Magazine "Co-operative Murasu".

7.1.2. These journals contains various activities of Co-operative institutions functioning under the control of Registrar and all the functional Registrars. Tamil Nadu Co-operative Union is implementing membership Education programme for members of all types of Co-operative societies in Coordination with all District Co-operative Unions. Through this

scheme membership education classes are conducted to create awareness about Co-operatives among members and non members of all types of Co-operative Societies in the state.

7.2. District Co-operative Union:

District Co-operative Union has membership of all types of Co-operative Societies functioning in the respective District. Through this District Co-operative Union membership education programme, Youth attraction camp, All India Co-operative Week Celebration, India Tourism and Trade fare are conducted for the development of Co-operative movement in the District. Co-operative Education, Co-operative seminars, Co-operative Exhibition, Library maintenance and collecting Statutory funds are implemented by District Co-operative Union.

7.2.1. This helps the Co-operative movement in the District for proper development and create prosperous environment. District

Co-operative Union acting as a communication agency between the public and the Government.

7.3.Institutes of Co-operative Management:

There are 22 Institutes of Co-operative Management in the State, which function as units of the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Union. During the year 2023-24, a New Institute of Co-operative Management was started in Ramanathapuram District, in which 200 and 319 students have been enrolled in regular and correspondence mode respectively. Correspondence course have been started in all these institute during 2023-24 and 8101 eligible candidates have been enrolled and studying.

7.3.1. Eligible candidates are enrolled through online application for regular and correspondence Diploma in Co-operative Management Training.

7.3.2. These 23 Institutes conduct short term courses for the benefit of Co-operative

department staff and employees of Co-operative Institutions. In addition to regular course, these Institutes also offer correspondence course in Diploma in Co-operative Management. This enables the younger generation getting employment in various Co-operative institutions and Co-operatives attract youth capital. To develop catering craftsmanship, a certificate course namely "Craftsman Food Production (General)" course is offered by seven Institutes of Co-operative Management and two Industrial Training Institutes.

7.4. Technical Education:

In order to create employment opportunities to the youth, Tamil Nadu Co-operative Union runs two Co-operative Industrial Training Institutes, one each at Bargur in Krishnagiri District and Pattukottai in Thanjavur District. The Co-operative Industrial Training Institutes offer courses in Computer Operation Programming

Assistant (COPA), Tailoring, Jewel testing course, Electrician and Craftsman Food Production (General) courses. It also runs one Co-operative Polytechnic College at Lalgudi in Tiruchirappalli District. This Polytechnic College offers three courses, namely Diploma in Mechanical Engineering, Diploma in Computer Engineering and Diploma in Electrical and Electronics Engineering.

7.5.Higher Diploma Course and Short duration courses in Co-operative Management:

Higher Diploma Course in Co-operative Management and Master of Business Administration Courses are being conducted in Natesan Institute of Co-operative Management (NICM), Chennai and Institute of Co-operative Management (ICM), Madurai run by the National Council for Co-operative Training, New Delhi. The Tamil Nadu Co-operative Union provides financial support to these two Institutes.

7.6. Arts and Science College:

Tamil Nadu Co-operative Union runs Arts and Science College, Athur in Dindigul District. Students have been enrolled in 7 courses in this Arts College. A new building for this college will be constructed at an estimate of Rs.75.75 crore.

7.6.1. The proposed Co-operative Arts and Science College will have unique and elegant type design unlike other Arts & Science Colleges. Once constructed the college will have 14,890 Sq.Mtr building and will accommodate 40 class rooms, 15 laboratories, amphitheatre, fully air conditioned Auditorium (with 620 seating capacity), Library with 200 seating capacity etc., Once the college become functional in the new building, it will accommodate 2000 students maximum, with more than 10 disciplines in Under Graduate and Post Graduate, besides research courses.

7.7.Co-operative Research in Universities:

The Tamil Nadu Co-operative Union has created a corpus fund of Rs.5.00 lakh each in Bharathiar University, Periyar University and Gandhigram Rural Institute in order to encourage students to take up research in Co-operation. It is being maintained by the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Union and the interest earned on the deposit is utilized to give grant to the students doing research on Co-operation and related topics. So far, 25 research projects have been funded to the tune of Rs.21.25 lakh.

7.8.Co-operative Research and Development Fund (CRDF):

Co-operative Societies contribute 3 percent of their net profit towards Co-operative Research and Development Fund (CRDF) maintained by the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Union. Any withdrawal from this fund is done only after obtaining approval of the CRDF Committee. From

Co-operative Research and Development Fund, financial assistance is provided in the form of grant and interest free loan for the development of infrastructure, capacity building and strengthening the Co-operative institutions for enhancing their performance ultimately benefitting all the stakeholders of Co-operatives namely farmers, consumers, tribals, students, employees, and public at large.

7.8.1. During the year 2023-24, Rs.5.79 crore as subsidy and Rs.23.54 crore as interest free loan has been sanctioned from this fund. The amount released from this fund has been utilized for construction of strong room with defender door, drying yards, purchasing of vehicles, solar copra dryers, solar panel, modernization of consumer self service units, modernization of Co-operative societies, construction of office buildings, purchase of packing machines, installation of weighing machines, installation of processing units,

purchase of sugarcane harvesters, construction of Co-operative complex, purchase of pedal looms for weavers, etc.

7.9. Co-operative Education Fund:

Co-operative Societies contribute 2 percent of their net profit towards Co-operative Education Fund (CEF) maintained by the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Union. Amount from this fund is released based on the approval of the CEF Committee and utilized for Co-operative Education and Training, propaganda and publicity on various services and benefits of Co-operatives.

7.9.1. During the year 2023-24, Rs.67.46 Crore has been given as subsidy from this fund. This Fund is being utilized for conduct of short term training programmes for Co-operative Society employees and departmental staff, organizing Member Education Programmes, organizing youth camps and for All India Co-operative Week Celebrations.

Chapter – 8

Integrated Co-operative Development Project (ICDP)

8.1. The Integrated Co-operative Development Project aims to make the Co-operative institutions as economically stable institution. It also make priority to improve the infrastructure facilities of Co-operatives.

8.2. The National Co-operative Development Corporation provides financial assistance to Government of Tamil Nadu, in the form of loan for the project. In turn, the Government of Tamil Nadu offers this assistance to Co-operatives in the form of Loan and Share Capital. In Tamil Nadu, this Project was commenced on 1989 in 37 districts with a financial assistance of Rs.821.75 Crore. The implementation of the scheme has enabled the evolution of Co-operative societies as multi-purpose institutions. It has led to the

increase of storage capacity, improvement in total business turnover, revival of dormant societies, construction of new godowns, repair works, human resource development and capacity building at the grass root level. Currently, necessary actions are taken to collect the financial assistance provided to various districts under this scheme such as loan of Rs.130.45 Crore, its interest, share capital of Rs.473.423 Crore and Dividend within a prescribed due date.

Chapter – 9

Co-operative Election

9.1. The Tamil Nadu State Co-operative Societies Election Commission was constituted under Section 33-A of Tamil Nadu Co-operative Societies Act, 1983 to conduct the elections of Co-operative Societies.

9.2. Tamil Nadu State Co-operative Societies Election Commission prepares the Election Programme for the Co-operative Societies and monitors the conduct of all elections. It also prepares, directs and controls the electoral roll of the voters list to the Co-operative Societies under Section 33(11)(b) of the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Societies Act, 1983.

9.3. In 2013, Tamil Nadu Co-operative Societies Act, 1983 has been amended as per 97th Constitutional Amendment Act, 2011 for the empowerment of Women and to guarantee social justice by providing 18% reservation to Scheduled

Castes and Scheduled Tribes and 30% reservation to Women in the Board of Directors of the Co-operative Institutions.

9.4. In 2018, Tamil Nadu State Co-operative Societies Election Commission issued the Election Programme for 18,805 Co-operative Societies in 4 phases under the control of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies and 14 Functional Registrars. Out of 18,805, elections were conducted to 7,101 Co-operative Societies under the control of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies and 77,204 Board of Directors were elected and assumed charge.

9.5. Presently, as on 31.03.2024, there are around 7,655 Co-operative Societies including newly formed societies under the control of Registrar of Co-operative Societies in Tamil Nadu.

9.6. Admission of eligible members and removing dead / ineligible members is being conducted in all Co-operative Societies. Accordingly, on 31.03.2024, out of 1,39,21,066

total members in 7,655 Co-operative Societies, Aadhar number and Family card number of 73,95,378 members have been collected and the work is being done for the rest of the members.

Chapter – 10

E-OFFICE

10.1. Introduction:

e-Office project is implemented by Department of Information Technology and Digital Services (IT&DS), Government of Tamil Nadu through TNeGA to eliminate use of paper and create a digital work environment in all Government office. In Co-operative Department, e-Office training has been provided to 454 members from 158 offices from all the districts including Office of Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Regional offices, Circle office and Deputy Registrar (PDS).

10.1.1. A total of 1917 User IDs have been created for all file handling posts and e-office is successfully implemented in Co-operative Department.

10.2. COOP PORTAL:

A data portal has been developed for the department to access real time data of various

projects, schemes, loans, construction activities etc., to enhance the data driven decision making in the department. Data on various financial activities such as loans, deposits, purchases, sales, services, godown management, crop loans and various other credits issued in the department can be accessed. Important schemes such as Makkaludan Mudhalvar, Sugarcane procurement for Pongal Gift, Special Petty Traders loans etc., are also included in the portal.

10.2.1. Its scope includes database of all society and department employees, Jewel loan verification, Inspection of societies and E-Vadagai – renting Agricultural implements for farmers by the societies.

Chapter – 11

Way Forward

Co-operatives are a sophisticated system that has been working steadily for centuries and updating themselves with the times. Likewise, the Tamil Nadu government has been providing many schemes to innovate the Co-operatives. Prominent among them are.

1. Computerization of all Co-operatives. Thereby providing transparent speedy quality service to the members.
2. To take necessary steps to function as a multi-purpose service providing institution for primary agricultural Co-operative credit societies providing credit to members.
3. Setting up of processing units to provide quality unadulterated products to people at reasonable prices.

4. To provide financial and administrative assistance to non-viable societies to make them work profitably.
5. Continuous innovation of Co-operatives through creation of new structures and modernization.

Co-operatives are contributing a lot to the socio-economic development of the people in our state through such activities.

KR. PERIAKARUPPAN
Minister for Co-operation



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamilnadu **Thiru M.K.Stalin** inaugurated the distribution of Pongal gift hamper and Rs.1000/- cash to family card holders at Sriram Nagar fair price shop in Alwarpettai on 10.01.2024.



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamilnadu **Thiru.M.K.Stalin** commenced the distribution of cyclone relief assistance of Rs.6000/- on 17.12.2023 to the people affected by Michuang Cyclone at Sakthivijayalakshmi nagar Fair Price Shop in Velachery.



Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development **Thiru.Udhayanidhi Stalin** inaugurated the Fair Price Shop building constructed out of his constituency development fund on 13.12.2023.



Hon'ble Minister for Cooperation **Thiru.KR.Periyakaruppan** distributed flood relief amount of Rs.6000/- on 30.12.2023 to the people affected in southern floods in Eral Taluk of Thoothukudi District.



Cotton auction at Tiruchengode Agricultural Producer's Cooperative Marketing Society where farmers market their produce without the intervention of middlemen and obtain best price.



As a pioneer in the country, 1151 godowns in Tamilnadu have been registered with Warehousing Development & Regulatory Authority (WDRRA) in appreciation of which Award was presented to Tamilnadu at a function held in New Delhi.



Hon'ble Minister of Cooperation **Thiru.KR.Periyakaruppan** gave compassionate appointment orders on 02.02.2024 at Secretariat.



As a market intervention activity tomatoes were sold at purchase price in Farm Fresh Cooperative Outlets. The Hon'ble Minister for Cooperation inspected the market intervention activity at Triplicane Urban Cooperative Society on 28.06.2023.



Sugarcane harvester purchased under Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit Societies as Multi Service Centres scheme to rent out at reasonable rates to farmers. Place:usilampatti, Madurai district.



Paddy harvester purchased under Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit Societies as Multi Service Centres scheme to rent out at reasonable rates to farmers. Place: iluppur, Pudukottai District.



Under Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit Societies as Multi Service Centres scheme drones purchased and leased out at reasonable rates to farmers for spraying micro nutrients/pesticides. Place: Mpalayampatti, Virudhunagar District.

திருநெல்வேலி மாவட்ட நுகர்வோர் கூட்டுறவு மொத்த விற்பனை பண்டகசாலை



The cooperative pharmacy functioning under Tirunelveli District Cooperative Wholesale Stores provides upto 20% discount for medicines to the public.