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1. Introduction

“முறைசெய்து காப்பாற்றும் மன்னவன் மக்கட்கு
இறையென்று வைக்கப் படும்” - குறள் 388

“A righteous king who renders justice, and
nurtures his people, will be hailed as an
almighty leader.” - Kural 388

The Government of Tamil Nadu is the saviour of minorities and forerunner in protecting the rights and interest of these people. This Government envisages to empower the minorities in all spheres of life and to create an enabling environment for communal harmony.

The Government of Tamil Nadu, inspired by the ancient Tamil philosophy of “யாதும் ஊரே

யாவரும் கேளிர்” has always aimed at creating an enabling environment to foster a society that is both unified and diverse.

To improve the socio, educational and economic conditions of the minority communities, this Government is implementing various schemes and slew of initiatives.

Proactive steps taken by this Government for the welfare of minorities are narrated below:

- State Minorities Commission was setup in 1989.
- Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation was established in 1999.
- “Backward Classes and Most Backward Classes Welfare Department” was reinforced as “Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department” in the year 1999 for more focused attention towards minorities.
- A scheme of sanctioning annual grant for repair and renovation of Waqf institutions was started in the year 1999
- In 2007, Separate Directorate of Minorities welfare was established.

- This Government granted separate reservation for Backward Class Muslims in 2007.
- In 2007, Muslim Women Aid Societies were formed in all districts to provide assistance to destitute muslim women.
- "Ulemas and Employees Welfare Board" was constituted in the year 2009.
- Hostels for Muslim girl students were opened in 2009.
- Christian Priests and Church Employees Welfare Board was created in 2022.
- Incentive scheme for Rural Minority Girls students studying 3rd to 6th std has been started in the year 2022-2023.
- Certificates for Permanent Minority status are issued to Educational Institutions from 2023 – 2024.
- Orders were issued to setup Kabarastan for Muslims and Burial ground for Chirstians in the Districts headquarters through District administration.
- Scheme for Construction of Compound Wall and Renovation in Kabarsthan and Burial Ground has been started in the year 2023-2024.
- Chief Minister's morning Breakfast Program and Puthumai Penn Schemes have also been extended to Government-aided minority schools.

- Scholarships are sanctioned to Muslim girl students studying in Government and Government-Aided schools from 1st Standard to 8th Standard through Tamil Nadu Waqf Board with State fund.

Keeping in mind the welfare of minorities, financial assistance is given to Christians for Jerusalem pilgrimage and Muslims for Haj Pilgrimage, Christian Women Aid Societies were created to provide financial assistance to destitute, widows and aged Christian women and financial assistance for repair and renovation of Churches and Mosque are granted. Pension is provided to the retired employees of Tamil Nadu Waqf institutions.

Expeditious action is being taken to implement Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme and Justice Rajindar Sachar Committee Recommendations for the welfare of minority community. Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) is taken up in minority concentrated areas. Government of India scholarships schemes to minorities students are

being implemented for upliftment of minority students.

Sustainable Development Goals(SDGs) were put forward by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in 2015, consisting of 17 goals aimed to create better and Sustainable future to all. Of these, Goal-1 (No Poverty), Goal 4-(Quality Education) and Goal-10 (Reduce inequalities) are directly related to this department. This department will ensure determined action to achieve the purpose of these Sustainable Development Goals.

2. SEPARATE RESERVATION FOR BACKWARD CLASS MUSLIMS

To improve the educational and economic condition of the Muslims a separate reservation of 3.5% in education and employment has been provided to Backward Class Muslims out of the 30% reservation earmarked for Backward Classes in the year 2007 fulfilling the long standing demand of the Muslim Community. The

Government has ordered to follow the carry forward procedure in filling up of posts earmarked for Backward Class Muslims in direct recruitments.

3. SCHOLARSHIPS

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

“For the learned, every nation is their nation; And every place their place; Why then, does one shun learning till death”

-Kural 397

The Government is effectively implementing the scholarship schemes of Government of India to enable the minority community students belonging to Christian, Muslim, Sikh, Buddhist, Parsi and Jain religions to continue their education from 9th standard to Professional / Research level courses in Government / Government aided and Government recognized private educational institutions without interruption. Three kind of scholarships viz., Pre-Matric Scholarship, Post-Matric Scholarship and Merit-cum-means based

Scholarship Schemes are implemented with 100% Government of India assistance.

These scholarship schemes are funded by the Government of India based on the population of minorities in the States as per Census 2011. The scholarship amount is directly credited in to students' bank account directly by the Government of India through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). 30% scholarship is earmarked for girl students of each minority community, a student residing in a particular State will be entitled for scholarship under the quota of that State only irrespective of his/her place of study.

The Details of the Scholarship are as follows:-

Name of the Scholarship	Classes covered	Parent/Guardian's Annual Income limit	Eligibility criteria
Pre-matric	Std. IX to X	Rs.1.00 lakh	50% marks in the previous year final examination
Post-matric	Std. 11 th to Ph.D.	Rs.2.00 lakh	
Merit-Cum-Means Based	Professional/ Technical Courses	Rs.2.50Lakh	

3.1 Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme

Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme was introduced by Government of India in the year 2008-2009 and sanctioned to the minority students studying from 1st standard to 10th standard till 2021-2022. From the year 2022-2023, Government of India discontinued sanction of scholarships to 1st standard to 8th standard minority students and only sanctioning scholarships for 9th standard and 10th standard minority students citing that, Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009 makes it obligatory for the Government to provide free and compulsory elementary education (classes I to VIII) to each and every child. This Government is urging the Government of India to put the decision on hold and restore the Pre-Matric scholarship scheme to all minority students studying from 1st standard to 8th standard as well.

However, the Government of Tamil Nadu sanctioned scholarships to Muslim girl students

studying in Government and Government-Aided schools from 1st Standard to 8th Standard through Tamil Nadu Waqf Board with State fund.

The number of fresh scholarships for minorities available in a year is fixed and limited. Inter-se selection weightage is given to poverty rather than marks. In case of same income, selection is based on the 'Date of Birth' criteria of applicants.

There is no merit list generation for renewal cases. Renewal applicants will get the scholarship if one has obtained 50% in his/her previous year's examinations (at the same Institute and in same course). Actual financial assistance will be provided for admission/tuition fee and maintenance allowance is given subject to the maximum ceiling indicated against the item concerned.

Details	Hosteller	Day Scholar
Admission fee from class IX and X	Actual fee paid by the student or maximum Rs.500 per annum. (whichever is less)	

Tuition fee from class IX and X	Actual fee paid by the student or maximum Rs.3,500 per annum. (whichever is less)	
Maintenance Allowance (10 months in an academic year)	Rs.6,000	Rs.1,000
Classes IX and X		

Under this scheme, for the year 2022-23 out of receiving applications by the Government of India, scholarship amount of Rs.12.72 Crore has been disbursed to 46,482 students.

The process of receiving applications for Pre-Matric Scholarship for the year 2023-2024 will be started soon by the Government of India.

3.2 Post-Matric Scholarship

Post-Matric scholarship is sanctioned to the minority students pursuing higher secondary education, technical and vocational courses including Polytechnic, Diploma in teacher training, UG and PG level courses, M.Phil and

Ph.D., etc., This scholarship was introduced by Government of India in the year 2007-2008.

The number of fresh scholarships for minorities available in a year is fixed and limited. Inter-se selection weightage is given to poverty rather than marks. In case of same income, selection is based on the 'Date of Birth' criteria of applicants.

There is no merit list generation for renewal cases. Renewal applicant will get the scholarship if one has obtained 50% in his/her previous year's examinations (at the same Institute and in same course).

Actual financial assistance will be provided for admission/tuition fee and maintenance allowance is given subject to the maximum ceiling indicated against the item concerned.

Details of Courses	Admission and Tuition fees Rs.	Maintenance Allowance (for 10 Months per Annum)	
		Hosteller Rs.	Day Scholar Rs.
Classes XI and XII	Actual fee paid by the student or maximum Rs.7,000 per annum (whichever is less)	3,800	2,300
Technical/Vocational Courses for XI & XII level, ITI/ITC (including NCVT Courses)Polytechnic, Diploma in Nursing, Teacher Training etc.	Actual fee paid by the student or maximum Rs.10,000 Per annum (whichever is less)	3,800	2,300
Degree Courses of Under Graduate/Postgraduate level (Other than Technical and Professional courses)	Actual fee paid by the student or maximum Rs.3,000 Per annum(whichever is less)	5,700	3,000
M.Phil and Ph.D.	-	12,000	5,500

Under this scheme, for the year 2022-2023 out of receiving applications by the Government of India, scholarship amount of Rs.7.92 Crore has been disbursed to 13530 students.

The process of receiving applications for Post-matric Scholarship for the year 2023-2024 will be started soon by the Government of India.

3.3 Merit-Cum Means Based Scholarship Scheme

Merit-Cum Means Based scholarship scheme is being implemented from the year 2007-2008 with a view to encourage the Minority students who have secured higher marks and study Professional/Technical courses.

Merit-Cum Means Based scholarship is implemented with the financial assistance of the Union Government to the students pursuing technical/professional education in the educational institutions recognized by the Government.

The number of fresh scholarships is fixed. The applications from Listed Institutions (IIT, IIM, NIFT etc,) will be exhausted first. There after other students will be selected based on the merit list, i.e. Percentage/marks of last academic course/board (higher secondary/graduation) exam. In case of similar marks, income will be taken as deciding factor.

There is no merit list generation for renewal cases. Renewal applicant will get the scholarship if one has obtained 50% in his/her previous year's examinations (at the same Institute and in same course).

Full course fee (except refundable fee) is reimbursed to the students studying Professional/Technical Courses in the 85 listed Institutions notified by the Government of India, including

- 1) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT),Chennai;
- 2) National Institute of Technology(NIT),Tiruchirapalli;

- 3) Indian Institute of Information Technology, Design and Manufacturing (IIITD&M) Kancheepuram;
- 4) National Institute of Fashion Technology, Chennai and
- 5) Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Tiruchirapalli.

In respect of other students studying in Government, Government recognized institutions actual financial assistance will be provided for admission and course fee/tuition fee and maintenance allowance is given subject to the maximum ceiling indicated against the item concerned.

Institutions	Course Fee (Rs.)	Maintenance Allowance (10 months in an academic year)	
		Hosteller (Rs.)	Day Scholar (Rs.)
Listed Institutions as Notified by Gol	Full course fee paid by the student is fully reimbursed (without any maximum limit)	10,000	5,000
Other Recognized	Actual fee paid by the	10,000	5,000

Institutions	student or maximum Rs.20,000 per annum (whichever is less)		
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Under this scheme, for the year 2022-2023 out of receiving applications by the Government of India, scholarship amount of Rs.8.58 Crore has been disbursed to 3,319 students.

The process of receiving applications for Pre-matric Scholarship for the year 2023-2024 will be started soon by the Government of India.

4. MINORITY HOSTELS

Minority hostels are functioning to enable the minority girls students hailing from rural areas to continue their studies by staying in urban areas. Nutritional food and accommodation are provided at free of cost. At present 17 hostels are functioning in 16 Districts. Parental annual income ceiling for hostel admission has been enhanced from Rs.1 lakh to Rs.2 lakh in the year

2021-2022. Out of 17 minority hostels one is boys hostel and 16 are girls hostel. The details of hostels are as follows:

Hostel	No. of Hostels	Sanctioned strength	Admitted Strength
College	8	800	708
School cum College	5	250	241
School	4	350	224
Total	17	1,400	1,173

Orders have been issued for the opening of two Minority college boys hostels in Chennai and Coimbatore districts during the year 2024-25.

5 additional seats are allotted in each hostel to accommodate children of Sri Lankan Tamils who reside in camps. Apart from this, District Collectors have been empowered to sanction 10% additional strength to the needy hostels.

In each hostel 4% seats are allotted to differently abled students. Children who are rescued from child labour practices are admitted

in the hostels even during the middle of an academic year.

Children of plantation workers having nativity in Tamil Nadu but working in plantations along the Kerala border adjacent to Theni district have been exempted from producing community and income certificate for admission in the hostels situated in Theni district. They are admitted to the hostels on the basis of self-declaration by the parents.

In the year 2023-2024, Personality development and Spoken English training was imparted to the inmates of all College hostel boarders except first year boarders through Tamil Nadu Skill Development Mission and 548 students are trained.

4.1 Food charges

Food charges have been enhanced from Rs.1,000 to Rs.1,400 per month for school hostel boarders and Rs.1100 to Rs.1,500 per month for

college hostel boarders from 23.01.2024. Food charges are sanctioned for 10 months in a year.

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

The Government is sanctioning Rs.40 per student for school students and Rs.80 per student for college students for providing special food during festivals (Christmas, Ramzan, Bakrid, Mahaveer Jayanthi and Buddha Poornima).

During the year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.451.64 lakh has been spent towards food charges, administration, maintenance and other expenses for running these hostels.

For the year 2024-2025, a sum of Rs.495.64 lakh has been allotted towards running of these hostels.

4.2 Benefits Provided to Boarders of Hostels

1. Special Guides and Question Bank are provided to the boarders studying in 10th and 12th Standard to improve their performance in Public Examinations.
2. One English and two Tamil dailies are supplied to each hostel.
3. The boarders of hostels studying up to 12th Standard are supplied with all the textbooks by the Department of School Education.
4. Four sets of uniforms are provided to the hostel boarders studying from 4th to 10th Standard.
5. Annually Rs.50,000 is sanctioned to each hostel to carry out emergency repair works.
6. Mats are provided to boarders studying in school hostels, Jamakkalams to first year boarders of college hostels and Blankets to boarders studying in both school and college hostels once in 2 years.
7. Medical checkups are conducted three times a year for all hostel boarders and it's incidental charges have been enhanced from Rs.1,000 to Rs.3,000 from the year 2022-2023.

8. Library books, play materials, colour television, wet grinder, mixer, water purifier, napkin incinerator, fire extinguishers, idly steamers and electric insect destroyer are supplied to both school and college hostels. In addition, Computer and other equipments have given to access the e-library, two tier bunker cots, inverter, reference books, instant wet grinder, steam boiler, Gym equipments and play materials, LED TV with DTH connection are supplied to college hostels.
9. Career guidance programmes are conducted for creating awareness among hostel boarders studying in standard 10th, 12th and colleges to aid in their preparation for competitive examinations.
10. Mutton and chicken are provided on the first and third Wednesday and second and fourth Wednesday respectively every month.
11. 20 eggs are provided to each boarder per month. Bananas are given to the boarders who do not take eggs.
12. Sundal and Chukkumalli coffee/ tea are provided to the hostel boarders every evening.

4.3 Construction of own building for hostels

Out of 17 Minority hostels, 11 hostels are functioning in own buildings. Based on the student strength, own buildings will be constructed to the remaining 6 hostels.

4.4 Maintenance of Hostel building

Public Works Department is taking up maintenance works of hostels functioning in Government buildings. During the year 2023-2024, special maintenance and repair works were carried out in 9 hostels amounting to Rs.1.00 Crore through Public Works Department.

5. HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON MINORITIES WELFARE.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has held consultative meeting with the representatives of various Christian church organisations on 09.01.2024 and with the representatives of Islamic organisations on 17.02.2024 to discuss the welfare of minorities. During the meeting, the demands of the minorities were heard and many

of the demands were accepted and appropriate orders issued.

- Orders were issued to sanction scholarships to Muslim girl students studying in Government and Government-Aided schools from 1st Standard to 8th Standard through Tamil Nadu Waqf Board with State fund.
- Orders were issued to provide Certificates for Permanent Minority status to Educational Institutions from 2023 – 2024.
- Orders were issued to setup Kabarastan for Muslims and Burial ground for Christians in the Districts headquarters through Corporations/ Municipalities.
- Orders were issued to extend Chief Minister's morning Breakfast Program and Puthumai Penn Schemes to Government-aided minority schools.
- Orders were issued to relax of rules for enrolling members under Christian Priests and Church Employees Welfare Board
- Orders were issued to revise guidelines for providing financial assistance to Christians for Jerusalem Pilgrimage

6. MUSLIM WOMEN AID SOCIETY

A society named "Mohammadan Gosha Widows Aid Charity" was formed in Chennai on 01.10.1892 to help the destitute Muslim widows by paying monthly allowances, by the Nawab of Carnatic. Subsequently, the name was changed into "Muslim Women Aid Society". This Society was registered under the Societies Registration Act on 12.08.1976. This society is functioning under the chairmanship of District Collector, Chennai.

In the year 2007 Muslim Women Aid societies have been formed in all the Districts of the State. All 38 districts have one Muslim Women Aid society each. In addition 5 Muslim women aid societies were formed subsequently in Theni, Krishnagiri, Villupuram, Tiruchy and Coimbatore Districts. Thus now, 43 Muslim Women Aid societies are functioning in the state. Seed money of Rs.1 lakh has been provided to each

society. These societies are registered under Societies Registration Act.

Skill oriented Training in the field of handicraft, tailoring, embroidery, shoe making, and other need-based training is given free of cost. Financial assistance is provided to destitute widows and aged Muslim women through funds available with the societies. Twice the amount of donation collected by these societies are sanctioned as Government grant to each society up to a maximum of Rs.20 lakh per annum, per society.

During the year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.658.99 lakh has been sanctioned to these societies as matching grant.

For the year 2024-2025, a sum of Rs.413.11 lakh has been allotted for the scheme.

7. CHRISTIAN WOMEN AID SOCIETY

Similar to Muslim Women Aid Societies, Christian Women Aid Societies have been formed

in all 38 districts, to help destitute, aged Christian women. 3 Christian Women aid Societies were formed additionally in Karur, Madurai and Theni Districts in the year 2022-2023. Thus now, 41 Christian Women Aid societies are functioning in the state. Seed money of Rs.1 lakh has been provided to each society. These societies are registered under the Societies Registration Act.

Through financial resources of these societies, the following assistance are provided.

- Helping destitute Christian widows and providing monthly stipend.
- Providing training to destitute Christian widows to make handicrafts and helping them to start small businesses.
- Promoting Christian women for advancement in trade and business.
- Self help groups are formed and trained and provide loans to needy women to start small businesses through Tamil Nadu Minority Economic Development Corporation (TAMCO) at low interest.

- Conduct medical check-up camps and provide medical aid to destitute Christian widows.

Twice the amount of donation collected by these societies are sanctioned as Government grant to each society up to a maximum of Rs.20 lakh per annum, per society.

During the year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.394.80 lakh has been sanctioned to these societies as matching grant.

For the year 2024-2025, a sum of Rs.297.54 lakh has been allotted for the scheme.

8. ULEMAS AND EMPLOYEES WELFARE BOARD

Ulemas and Employees Welfare Board was constituted in the year 2009 for the educational and economic upliftment of the Aalims, Pesh-Imams, Arabic Teachers, Mothinars, Bilal and other employees working in Mosques and Madarasas and Mujawars and other employees working in Darghas, Ashurkhanas, Burial

grounds, Thaikas, Muslim orphanages. The Persons who have completed 18 years and not exceeding 60 years of age are eligible to get registered as members in the Board. The members enrolled in this Board are sanctioned with various welfare assistances like accident relief, educational assistance, marriage assistance, maternity assistance, old-age pension as in the case of members of the Welfare Boards for unorganized labourers, functioning under the administrative control of Labour and Skill Development Department.

This board has been reconstituted under the Chairmanship of Honourable Minister for Minorities Welfare and Non-Resident Tamils Welfare with 10 Ex-officio members and 15 non official members for a period of 3 years With effect from 19.02.2024.

The details of financial assistance provided to the members enrolled in the board.

Sl.No	Details of Assistance	Financial Assistance (Rs.)
1	Accidental Relief	
	a) Assistance for accidental death	1,25,000
	b) Assistance for disability due to accidents (depending upon disability)	10,000 to 1,00,000
2	Natural Death Assistance	30,000
3	Assistance for Funeral Expenses	5,000
4	Scholarship	
	a) For students studying in 6th to 9th standard	1,000
	b) Girl student studying in X Std.	1,000
	c) student who passed X Std.	1,000
	d) Girl student studying in XI Std.	1,000
	e) Girl student studying in XII Std.	1,500
	f) student who passed XII std.	1,500
	g) student studying Degree Courses(Day Scholar)	1,500
	h) student studying Degree Courses(Hosteller)	1,750
	i) student studying Post Graduate Courses(Day Scholar)	4,000

	j) student studying Post Graduate Courses(Hosteller)	5,000
	k) student studying Under Graduate Professional Courses (Day Scholar)	4,000
	l) student studying Under Graduate Professional Courses(Hosteller)	6,000
	m) student studying Postgraduate Professional Courses(Day Scholar)	6,000
	n) student studying in Postgraduate Professional Courses(Hosteller)	8,000
	o) student studying in ITI/Polytechnic	1,000
	p) student studying in ITI/Polytechnic(Hosteller)	1,200
5	Marriage assistance Male Female	3,000 5,000
6	Maternity Assistance	
	a)Rs.1,000 per month for six months	6,000
	b)Abortion	3,000
7	Reimbursement of Spectacle expenses	500(Max.)
8	Old Age Pension	1,000 per month

There are 14,696 registered members in the board including 544 new members registered in the year 2023-2024.

During the year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.50.44 lakh has been disbursed as welfare assistance to 395 registered members of the board.

So far, a sum of Rs.246.20 lakh has been disbursed as welfare assistance to 5,027 registered members of the board.

For the year 2024-2025, a sum of Rs.78.76 lakh has been allotted for the board.

8.1 Supply of Two wheelers to members of Ulemas and other Employees Welfare Board

A grant Rs.25,000 or 50% of the cost of the vehicle whichever is less is sanctioned to the Ulemas working in the registered Waqf institutions for purchase of new two-wheeler. A sum of Rs.703.50 lakh has been provided for the scheme. So far subsidy of Rs.24.50 lakh have

been sanctioned to 98 Ulemas. This scheme will be re-structured.

9. INCENTIVE FOR RURAL MINORITY GIRL STUDENTS

Incentive scheme for Rural Minority Girl students has been introduced by this Government in the year 2022-2023. The aim of the scheme is to encourage education among rural girl children and to reduce the dropout of minority girl children at primary education level. Under the scheme, financial assistance is granted to the minority girl students studying from 3rd standard to 5th standard at the rate of Rs.500 per annum and Rs.1000 per annum for the students studying in 6th standard in Government, Government aided and partly aided schools in rural areas. The annual parental income ceiling is Rs.1,00,000.

For the year 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.483.13 lakh has been sanctioned to 76,723 girls students.

For the year 2024-2025, a sum of Rs.275.60 lakh has been allotted under the scheme.

10. SUPPLY OF MOTORIZED SEWING MACHINES TO MINORITIES

Sewing machines are provided to minority people for their economic advancement. In the year 2023-24, 2,500 Motorized sewing machines at a cost of Rs.140.68 lakh were distributed to minority beneficiaries.

11. FINANCIAL ASSISTATNCE FOR JERUSALEM PILGRIMAGE

The Government of Tamil Nadu provides financial assistance for Jerusalem Pilgrimage by all sects of Christians in Tamil Nadu. The total number of pilgrims per year is 600. Of this, 50 seats are earmarked for Nuns/Sisters. A sum of Rs.60,000 is sanctioned as financial assistance for Nuns/Sisters and Rs.37,000 to other pilgrims. Under this scheme, so far, 4,128 Christians have performed this pilgrimage by availing financial assistance of Rs.825.60 lakh.

Further, the guidelines of this scheme has been revised in the year 2023-2024 and financial assistance will be sanctioned to beneficiaries directly through ECS following the existing procedures.

For the year 2024-2025, a sum of Rs.233.50 lakh has been allotted for the scheme.

12. GRANT-IN-AID FOR REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF CHURCHES

In order to help in the maintenance of Christian Churches financial assistance is granted for repair and renovation of churches. Under the scheme Rs.7 crore has been allotted.

In 2023 - 2024 guidelines for the scheme have been modified and in addition to the existing works, additional works/ facilities such as construction of compound wall, purchase of furniture, equipments are also sanctioned. The maximum grant for a Church has also been extended upto Rs.20 lakh.

So far Rs.101.90 lakh has been sanctioned to 34 churches under this scheme for renovation works.

13. HERITAGE CHURCHES RENOVATION SCHEME

In 2022-23 under the scheme of renovation of heritage churches Rs.6 crore sanctioned for the renovation of Wesley Church, Chennai, St. Thomas Mount National Shrine, Chengalpattu, St. Xavier's Church, Kanniyakumari and Caldwell Parsonage, Tirunelveli and Rs.3 crore has been released as first instalment and works are under progress.

A sum of Rs.2 crore has been sanctioned for the renovation of St. George's Church, Madurai for the year 2023-2024.

For the year 2024-25, a sum of Rs.10 crore has been allotted for this scheme.

14. SETTING UP OF BURIAL GROUND AND KABARSTAN

Orders have been issued for the formation of burial grounds for Christians and Kabarstan for Muslims in District head quarters wherever these facilities are not available. District administration will acquire land for this purpose and Burial Grounds / Kabarstan will be created by Corporations and Municipalities.

15.CONSTRUCTION OF COMPOUND WALL AND CREATION OF PATHWAY AND RENOVATION IN KABARSTHAN AND BURIAL GROUND

During the year 2023 – 2024, a sum of Rs.1 crore has been allotted for construction / renovation of compound wall and creation of pathway in kabarsthan and burial ground for Muslims and Christians.

Under this scheme, construction and renovation of compound Wall and creation of Pathway for 2 Kabarsthans in Pudukottai district is currently underway.

16. CHRISTIAN PRIESTS AND CHURCH EMPLOYEES WELFARE BOARD

During the year 2022, Christian Priests and Church Employees Welfare Board has been established for the educational and economic advancement of employees of churches such as preachers, pastors, disciples, singers, cemetery workers and workers of Christian orphanages, leprosy rehabilitation homes. The Persons who have completed 18 years and not exceeding 60 years of age are eligible to get registered as members in the Board. The members enrolled in this board are sanctioned various welfare assistances like accident relief, educational assistance, marriage assistance, maternity assistance, old-age pension as in the case of members of the Welfare Boards for unorganized labourers, functioning under the administrative control of Labour and Skill Development Department.

Tmt. Vijila Sathiyanth as Chairman and Rev R. Dayanithi as Vice-Chairman, 9 Ex-officio

members and 16 Non Official members have been appointed for a period of 3 years to this board with effect from 02.03.2024

The details of financial assistance provided to the members enrolled in the Board:

Sl. No.	Details of Welfare Assistance	Financial Assistance Rs.
1	Accidental Relief	
	a) Assistance for accidental death	1,00,000
	b) Assistance for disability due to accidents (depending upon disability)	10,000 to 1,00,000
2	Natural Death Assistance	20,000
3	Assistance for Funeral Expenses	5,000
4	Scholarship	
	a) Girl student studying in X Std.	1,000
	b) student who passed X Std.	1,000
	c) Girl student studying in XI Std.	1,000
	d) Girl student studying in XII Std.	1,500
	e) student who passed XII std.	1,500
	f) student studying Degree Courses(Day Scholar)	1,500
	g) student studying Degree Courses(Hosteller)	1,750
	h) student studying Post Graduate Courses(Day Scholar)	4,000
	i) student studying Post Graduate Courses(Hosteller)	5,000
	j) student studying Under Graduate Professional Courses (Day Scholar)	4,000
	k) student studying Under Graduate Professional Courses(Hosteller)	6,000
	l) student studying Postgraduate Professional Courses(Day Scholar)	6,000
	m) student studying in Postgraduate Professional Courses(Hosteller)	8,000

	n) student studying in ITI/Polytechnic	1,000
	o) student studying in ITI/Polytechnic(Hosteller)	1,200
5	Marriage assistance Male Female	3,000 5,000
6	Maternity Assistance	
	a) Rs.1000/- per month for six months	6,000
	b) Abortion	3,000
7	Reimbursement of Spectacle Expenses	500 (Maximum)
8	Old Age Pension (per month)	1,000

Initially Rs.75 lakh has been sanctioned to the board for providing welfare assistance to the registered members of this board.

17. REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE

This scheme is being implemented to give a rejuvenated life to the minorities who were affected due to riots and discharged prisoners of petty offences. Under this scheme, financial assistance up to Rs.10,000 per family is given to set up petty trades. So far, Rs.1.40 lakh has been given to 14 discharged prisoner for petty offences.

18. PRIME MINISTER'S NEW 15 POINT PROGRAMME

Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme is being implemented in Tamil Nadu to ensure a equitable share are extended to the Minorities in proportion to their population under various schemes.

The important objectives of this schemes are providing facilities to education, access to credit, housing facilities, employment generation and maintenance of communal harmony.

To monitor and review the schemes of new 15 point programme implemented by various departments, a State level committee under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary and District level committee under the chairmanship of District Collector have been constituted.

18.1 Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme

1. Equitable availability of ICDS Services;
2. Improving access to School Education;
3. Greater resources for teaching Urdu;

4. Modernizing Madarsa Education;
5. Scholarship for meritorious students from minority communities;
6. Improving educational infrastructure through Maulana Azad Education Foundation;
7. Self-employment and wage employment for the poor;
8. Up gradation of skills through technical training;
9. Enhanced credit support for Economic Activities;
10. Recruitment to State and Central services;
11. Equitable share in rural housing scheme;
12. Improvement in condition of slums inhabited by minority communities;
13. Prevention of communal incidents;
14. Prosecution for communal offences; and,
15. Rehabilitation of victims of communal riots.

19. PRADHAN MANTRI JAN VIKAS KARYAKRAM (PMJVK)

The Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) aims to improve socio-economic conditions of the communities living in the areas

through community infrastructure development to support Minorities by providing basic amenities to them for improving the quality of life of the people and reducing imbalances and development deficit in the identified Minority Concentrated Areas.

Projects under the scheme are related to creation of infrastructure mainly in the sectors of education, health and skill development. The scheme is implemented in the Minority concentrated areas classified based on 2011 census.

As per the revised guidelines, PMJVK will be implemented in all the Districts of Tamil Nadu. The projects under PMJVK, can be proposed in any area where the concentration of minority population is more than 25% in the catchment area (15 km radius).

This scheme is being implemented by Central and State Government with financial allocation in the ratio of 60:40. Further 80% of

the resources under this programme would be utilized for projects related to education, health and skill development of which atleast 33-40% will be earmarked for creation of assets/facilities for women/girls. Among the other admissible projects under this scheme, infrastructures like Construction of Sadbhav Mandap, Residential School, Smart Class facility, Construction of additional classrooms in existing Government ITIs/Polytechnics, Construction of Higher Secondary Schools, Polytechnics, Construction of working women hostels, Construction of Hostels in State/Central Government Universities and establishing coaching classes within the premises of Universities, Providing Computers with internet facilities to Government recognized Madrassa Schools, etc., and various infrastructural facilities recognized by Ministry of Minority Affairs will be provided in the selected Minority Concentrated Areas.

(Rs. In lakhs)

Year	No. of Projects	Total estimated value (Rs.)	1 st installment		2 nd installment	
			Central Share (Rs)	State Share (Rs)	Central Share * (Rs)	State Share (Rs)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
2019-20 & 2020-21	61	4268.79	1280.634	853.756	1280.632	853.756
2021-22	62	61575.41	18422.223	12281.483	18523.016	12348.674
Total	123	65844.20	19702.857	13135.239	19803.648	13202.430

* Amount to be released.

For the year 2023-2024 Government of India, Ministry of Minority Affairs has been addressed for sanction of 280 projects in 13 districts at an estimated cost of Rs.674.58 crore.

For the year 2024-2025, a sum of Rs.7717.93 lakh has been allotted for the scheme.

20. MINORITY STATUS TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION

Orders have been issued for conferring of Minority status to Educational Institutions through this department from 2023. A separate web portal <https://minoritystatus.tn.gov.in> has been developed to implement this scheme online. The Directorate of Minorities welfare is the Nodal department for applying minority status, orders

have been issued on 02.02.2024 to grant permanent Religious Minority status to educational Institutions without specifying a period.

During the year 2023-24, Minority status has been granted to 44 Education Institutions. Of these, 26 Educational Institutions conferred with linguistic minority status and 18 with religious minority status.

21. TAMIL NADU STATE MINORITIES COMMISSION

The Tamil Nadu State Minorities commission was constituted in the year 1989 for safeguarding the rights and interests of religious and linguistic minorities. This commission has been conferred with statutory status as per Tamil Nadu State Minority Commission Act, 2010 with effect from 01.08.2010.

The Commission is being reconstituted on regular basis and the present commission has been reconstituted for a period of 3 years under

the Chairmanship of Thiru.S. Peter Alphonse with 8 members with effect from 28.06.2021 and Vice chairman Thiru.M.M.Abdul Khuddhus with effect from 12.01.2023.

The commission is undertaking functions like examination and monitoring the working of various safeguards provided in the constitution of India and the laws enacted by the State Government for the protection of minorities, making appropriate suggestions to the State Government regarding proposed legislations and welfare schemes to be undertaken in the respect of minorities and also making recommendations for ensuring, maintaining and promoting communal harmony in the State.

22. TAMIL NADU MINORITIES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TAMCO)

The Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation (TAMCO) was established on 31.8.1999 under Companies Act 1956 for the benefit of Minorities viz.Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsis and Jains in

Tamil Nadu. The prime mandate of TAMCO is to provide concessional finance to Minorities for Self Employment and income generation activities. Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation is acting as State Channelizing Agency of National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC), Delhi. TAMCO is lending Term Loan, Virasat loan, Micro Credit Loan & Education Loan schemes for economic advancement of Minorities. The authorized Share Capital of this Corporation is Rs.5 crore and a paid up Share Capital is Rs.2.05 crore. The Corporation obtains loan from NMDFC upon guarantee given by State Government for funding various loan schemes of NMDFC. Earlier, the State Government guarantee was issued for the period of one year, Now during the 2023-2024, the Government of Tamil Nadu has issued orders for sanctioning Government Guarantee for the period of 3 years from 2022-2023 to 2024-2025 so as to ensure the Corporation to obtain loan

from NMDFC in time. This will facilitate better progress under various schemes.

Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation Ltd sanctions and disburses loans to beneficiaries through Central Co-operative Banks /Urban Co-operative banks/Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies.

The funding pattern of Term Loan, Virsat Loan, Micro Financing and Educational Loan are as follows:

NMDFC Share	:	90%
TAMCO Share	:	5%
Beneficiary Share	:	5%

During the year 2023-2024, as a first time achievement a total loan amount of Rs.6858.21 lakh has been disbursed to 10,201 beneficiaries by this Corporation.

22.1 Individual Term Loan Scheme

With a view to promote self employment generation, Individual term loans are provided by

Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation for economically backward Minorities for carrying out business/trade as detailed below:

SI.No	Loan Amount	Interest Rate (per annum)	Annual Income Ceiling
1	Credit line I Scheme Upto Rs.20 Lakh	6%	Rural Areas Rs.98,000 Urban Areas Rs.1.20 lakh
2	Credit line II Scheme Upto Rs.30 Lakh	Male 8% Female 6%	Persons who cannot avail benefit under credit line-I and having annual income upto Rs.8 lakh (For both Rural and Urban Areas)

During the year 2023-2024 loan amount of Rs.2491.89 Lakh has been disbursed to 3606 beneficiaries under this scheme.

22.2. VIRASAT Scheme

VIRASAT - A credit scheme for craft person as a component of Term loan has been launched with the objective to meet credit requirement of the artisan in order to meet their requirement of capital investment for purchase of raw material viz., equipment/tools/machineries. The details of the scheme are as follows:

SI.No	Loan Amount	Interest Rate (per annum)	Annual Income Ceiling
1	Credit line I Upto Rs.10 Lakh	5% for Male 4% for Female	Rural Areas Rs.98,000 Urban Areas Rs.1.20 lakh
2	Credit line II Scheme Upto Rs.10 Lakh	6% for male 5% for Female	Persons who cannot avail benefit under credit line-I and having annual income upto Rs.8 lakh (For both Rural and Urban Areas)

During the year 2023-2024 loan amount of Rs.17.15 lakh has been disbursed to 19 beneficiaries under this scheme.

22.3 Micro-Financing through Self-Help Groups

Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation is providing Loan assistance under Micro-Finance to the members of Minority Self Help Groups(both Men and Women self help groups) to take up various small trades like sweet stall, footwear, Tiffin shop, textile business, manufacturing of pickles, snacks, appalam, basket weaving etc., as detailed below.

SI.No	Loan Amount	Interest Rate (per annum)	Annual Income Ceiling
1	Credit line I Scheme Upto Rs.1 lakh (per member of SHG)	7%	Rural Areas Rs.98,000 Urban Areas Rs.1.20 lakh
2	Credit line II Scheme Upto Rs.1.50 lakh (per member of SHG)	Male 10% Female 8%	Persons who cannot avail benefit under credit line -I and having annual income upto Rs.8 lakh (For both Rural and Urban Areas)

Under this scheme Rs.4343.26 lakh has been disbursed to 6570 beneficiaries through Self Help Groups during the year 2023-2024.

22.4 Educational Loan

Educational Loan is sanctioned to the Minorities who pursue Professional Courses and Job Oriented degree courses in the Government/Private Institutions recognized by the Government as detailed below.

SI.No	Loan Amount	Interest Rate (per annum)	Parental Annual Income Ceiling
1	Credit line I Scheme		Rural Areas Rs.98,000

	<p>Upto Rs.20 Lakh for professional job oriented degree courses in India with a maximum duration of 5 years @ Rs.4 lakh per annum.</p> <p>Upto Rs.30 lakh for Courses Abroad with a maximum duration of 5 years @ Rs.6lakh per annum.</p>	3%	Urban Areas Rs.1.20 lakh
2	<p>Credit line II Scheme Upto Rs.20 Lakh for courses in India with a maximum duration of 5 years @ Rs.4 lakhs per annum. Upto Rs.30 lakh for Courses Abroad with a maximum duration of 5 years @ Rs.6 lakh per annum.</p>	Male Students 8% Female Students 5%	Persons who cannot avail benefit under credit line -I and having annual income upto Rs.8 lakh (For both Rural and Urban Areas)

Under this scheme Rs.5.91 lakh has been disbursed to 6 students during the year 2023-2024.

23. TAMIL NADU LINGUISTIC MINORITIES SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TALMEDCO)

Government have formed Tamil Nadu Linguistic Minorities Social and Economic Development Corporation (TALMEDCO) in the year 2021, for the socio-economic development of Linguistic Minorities in Tamil Nadu to provide them better access to various schemes and promote their interests. Government have accorded financial sanction of Rs.1,609.20 lakh.

24. TAMIL NADU WAQF BOARD

The Waqf Act, 1954 came in to force in Tamil Nadu on 15.01.1955 and the Tamil Nadu Waqf Board was constituted on 18.01.1958. The Board is constituted once in 5 years as per Waqf Act, 1995 (Central Act 43/1995) and the present Board is functioning with 11 Members. Thiru.M.Abdul Rahman has been elected as Hon'ble Chairman of the Board by the Members of the Tamil Nadu Waqf Board on 22.07.2021. The

Tamil Nadu Waqf Board having its head office at Chennai is functioning with 11 zonal offices.

24.1 Mission and Functions of the Board

The important function of the Waqf Board is Protection, Retrieval, Monitoring and development of Waqf institutions under the provision of the Waqf Act, 1995 and supervising the administration of the waqf institutions for proper management.

- a) To maintain a record containing information relating to the origin, income, object and beneficiaries of every Waqf.
- b) To ensure that the income and other properties of the are applied to the objects and for the purposes for which such Auqaf were created or intended.
- c) To give directions for the administration of the Waqf.
- d) To settle scheme of management for Auqaf.
- e) To scrutinize and approve the Budget submitted by Muthawallis and to arrange for the auditing of the accounts of the Auqaf.

- f) To appoint and remove Muthawallis in accordance with the provisions of the Waqf Act.
- g) To take measures for the recovery of the lost properties of Auqaf.
- h) To institute and defend suits and proceedings in a Court of law relating to Auqaf, and their properties.
- i) To administer the Waqf fund.
- j) To call for such returns, statistics, accounts and other informations from the Muthawallis with respect to the Waqf properties as the Board may require from time to time.
- k) To inspect or cause inspection of Waqf properties, accounts or records or deeds and documents relating thereto;
- l) To investigate and determine the nature and extent of Auqaf and Waqf properties and to cause, whenever necessary, survey of Waqf properties;
- m) To do generally all such acts as may be necessary for the due control, maintenance and administration of Auqaf.

Apart from this, various schemes are implemented by the Board for the needy Waqf institutions such as Major Renovation Grants for

the repair and renovation of Waqf Institutions, Ulema pension Scheme, Ulema Family Pension Scheme, Honorarium to District Kazis, Payment of maintenance to divorced Muslim women as per the orders of the Court. M.S.S. Waqf Board Colleges is also maintained and supervised by this Board.

24.2 Registration of Waqf Institutions

There are 6642 Waqf Institutions under the supervisory control of Tamil Nadu Waqf Board. Out of which, 3229 are registered and 3413 are unregistered auqaf. There were 74 auqaf registered during the year 2023-2024.

24.3 Survey of Waqf Properties.

Under section 4 of the Waqf Act 1995, the Government have appointed the Commissioner of Survey as Survey Commissioner of Auqaf for the purpose of survey of the Auqaf existing in the State. District Revenue Officers were appointed as Additional Survey Commissioner of Auqaf and

Tahsildars in the State have been designated as Assistant Commissioner of Auqaf.

The District-wise extract of Proforma Reports as already prepared by the then Assistant Commissioner of Survey under section 4 of Waqf Act, 1954 handed over to all the District Revenue Officers in the State. As per the details submitted, the surveys of Waqf properties are in progress. The Survey Commissioner reports received in respect of the districts have been correlated with Tamil Nadu Waqf Board properties.

In order to survey waqf properties in Tamil Nadu through modern survey instruments using DGPS Rover Instruments, the Director of Survey and Settlement has been addressed to provide adequate number of DGPS Rover Instruments to Tamil Nadu Waqf Board and DGPS Rovers are provided. Further a list of 30 Licensed Surveyors have been provided by the Director of Survey and

Settlement and they are appointed to conduct the survey of waqf properties.

24.4 Protection of Waqf Properties.

There are 6642 Waqf Institutions having 63,322 waqf properties in the State of Tamil Nadu. Some of the Waqf properties are under encroachment and illegal alienation. Further certain Waqf properties patta stands in the name of third parties. Action taken to change of patta in the name of waqf institutions.

In order to protect and safeguard the Waqf properties from illegal alienation and to legally restore all these in the name of waqf institutions concerned, the Tamil Nadu Waqf Board has launched a separate portal viz., Integrated Waqf Management System (IWMS) with the assistance of National Informatics Centre (NIC) and upload the Waqf Board database in Tamil Nilam Software so as to match with current revenue records and to reconcile it.

In order to safeguard and protect the Waqf Properties from any encroachment and illegal alienation, action is being taken to convert the guideline value of the Waqf Properties as "0" Value.

In the year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.1.25 crore has been sanctioned to Tamil Nadu Waqf Board for survey of waqf properties and for purchase of computers and accessories in 11 Zonal offices.

24.5 Constitution of Waqf Tribunal

As per section 83 of the Waqf Act, 1995 for determination of any disputes relating to Waqf or Waqf properties, the Government of Tamil Nadu constituted Tamil Nadu Waqf Tribunal in the year 2018 at Chennai. The Tribunal consists of District Judge as Chairman, an officer from the State Civil Services equivalent in rank to that of the Additional District Magistrate as one Member and one person having knowledge of Muslim Law and Jurisprudence as another Member.

The details of the cases at the Tribunal are as follows:-

Cases pending as on 31.03.2023	Cases registered during 2023-2024	Total	Cases disposed during 2023-2024	Pending as on 31.03.2024
1690	854	2544	1204	1340

24.6 Auqaf Under Direct Management of Tamil Nadu Waqf Board.

Some of the auqaf are taken under direct management of Tamil Nadu Waqf Board under section 65 of the Waqf Act, 1995 following mismanagement and other administrative reasons and Executive Officers are being appointed to administer the auqaf under direct management. There are 48 Waqf Institutions under direct management of Tamil Nadu Waqf Board. The administrative charges are being collected from the said auqaf under section 45 (7) of Waqf Act, 1995.

24.7 Retrieval of Waqf Properties from Encroachments

Action is being taken for retrieval of waqf properties under section 54 of the Waqf Act, 1995. The Board has provided a list of waqf properties to prevent illegal registration of waqf properties to all the sub registrars offices under section 22 (A) of Registration Act 1908.

24.8 Administrative Grants Sanctioned to TNWB

The State Government sanctions Administrative Grant of Rs.2.5 crore to Tamil Nadu Waqf Board every year. Orders were issued for sanction of incentive at the rate of 5% as additional administrative grant based on the contribution collected by the Tamil Nadu Waqf Board from the year 2022-2023 onwards and sanctioned a grant of Rs.2,63,52,987 for the year 2023-2024.

24.9 Construction of Zonal Offices – Grants Sanctioned to Tamil Nadu Waqf Board

Construction of own building for 8 zonal offices of Tamil Nadu Waqf Board at Poonamallee, Vellore, Cuddalore, Trichy, Thanjavur, Madurai, Ramanathapuram and Salem was announced at an estimated cost of Rs.16 lakhs for each zonal office building. At the first instance the Government has sanctioned and released grant of Rs.64 lakhs for construction of 4 zonal offices at Poonamallee, Vellore, Ramanathapuram and Cuddalore. Construction of zonal office at Cuddalore, Vellore, Ramanathapuram are completed and remaining works are under progress.

24.10 Maintenance to Divorced Muslim Women

Maintenance amount is being paid to 5 divorced Muslim Women by the Tamil Nadu Waqf Board under section 77 (4)(g) of the Waqf Act 1995 as per the orders of the Hon'ble Court under the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on

Divorce) Act, 1986. For the year 2023-2024 Rs.1,09,200 has been incurred by the board for this purpose.

24.11 Government Schemes Implemented by Tamil Nadu Waqf Board:

24.11.1 Ulema Pension Scheme:

Ulema Pension Scheme is being effectively implemented since 1981. Under the scheme poor Pesh Imams, Mothinars, Arabic Teachers, Mujawars who have served and retired after rendering service in Tamil Nadu Waqf institutions are paid ulema pension. Under the scheme those who have attained 60 years of age and completed 20 years of service and 40 years of age and 10 years of service for differently abled are eligible for the pension. The Ulema Pension Sanction Committee under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Minorities Welfare and Non-Resident Tamils Welfare is the sanctioning authority for payment of Ulema Pension. Ulema Pension was periodically enhanced and at present the Ulema

Pension of Rs.3,000/- per month is being paid to 1461 ulemas.

For the year 2024-2025 a sum of Rs.540 lakh has been allotted for the scheme.

24.11.2 Ulema Family Pension Scheme:

Sanction is accorded as 50% of the Ulema Pension last drawn to the legal heir of the deceased as Ulema Family Pension by this Government. So far 19 Ulema Family Pensions have been sanctioned.

24.11.3 Major Repair and Renovation Grant

Annually, the Government sanctions a grant for renovation and repair of Mosques and Dargahs and other waqf institutions as Major Renovation Grant. This grant has been enhanced to Rs.10 crore in the year 2023-2024 and 134 waqf institutions were benefited. For the year 2024-2025 also Rs.10 crore has been allotted for the scheme.

24.11.4 Corpus Fund for Repair and Renovation of Waqf Institutions

A corpus fund of Rs.3 Crores has been created to carry out minor repair and renovation work in Waqf Institutions like Mosques and Dargahs. The revenue generated from this fund will be utilized by Tamil Nadu Waqf Board for sanctioning to the needy and eligible Waqf Institutions.

24.11.5 Honorarium to Kazis

The Government has ordered to pay honorarium of Rs. 20,000 per month to Kazis working in the Tamil Nadu. A sum of Rs.67.84 lakh has been allotted as a honorarium to Kazis for the year 2023-2024.

For the year 2024-2025, a sum of Rs.76.80 lakh has been allotted for the scheme.

24.12 Implementation of Central Waqf Council Schemes by Tamil Nadu Waqf Board:

24.12.1 Sahari Sampathi Vikas Yojana

The Central Waqf Council is sanctioning development loans to Waqf Institutions under the above scheme.

- The waqf lands proposed to be developed under this scheme are to be free from encumbrances.
- A maximum of Rs.2 crore or 75% of the estimated cost whichever is less is being sanctioned as loan.
- An amount of 8% of the project cost will be charged as Administrative Processing Cost by the Central Waqf Council.

24.12.2 National Waqf Development Corporation (NAWADCO).

The Ministry of Minority Affairs along with Central Waqf Council have set up National Waqf Development Corporation for development of waqf properties. The required funds for

development of waqf lands on commercial purpose will be released and the project will be implemented by NAWADCO and the income will be shared with the waqf management as per the Memorandum of Understanding entered by both the parties.

25. TAMIL NADU STATE HAJ COMMITTEE

25.1. Constitution of the Committee:

As per the Haj Committee Act, 2002 (Central Act No.35 of 2002), the State Government is constituting the Tamil Nadu State Haj Committee for a period of 3 years to look after the welfare of the Haj pilgrims and also for making necessary arrangements for the successful performance of Haj pilgrimage with the guidance of Haj Committee of India, Mumbai and Ministry of External Affairs. The present Committee is reconstituted by the Government during the year 2023 with 16 members. Thiru. P. Abdul Samad, M.L.A. has been unanimously elected as Chairperson of the Committee.

25.2. Functions of the Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee:

- (i) Based on the guidelines of Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India, the Hajj Committee of India, Mumbai, invites 100% online haj applications from the intending pilgrims.
- (ii) Selection of applicants for haj pilgrimage from Tamil Nadu, by draw of lots when the number of applications received are more than the quota.
- (iii) Issue of advice to the applicants regarding payment of passenger fare and other dues to the Hajj Committee of India, Mumbai.
- (iv) Deputation of haj volunteers to Saudi Arabia every year to look after the welfare of the hajjis from Tamil Nadu.
- (v) To liaise with the Regional Passport Offices for obtaining (haj) passports for the intending Haj pilgrims, if necessary.
- (vi) Printing and supply of hand book on 'Haj and Umrah' free of cost in Tamil language every year to haj pilgrims.
- (vii) To coordinate the functions relating to various agencies of Government of India, State Government, the Hajj Committee of India, Mumbai etc, and other agencies such as Saudi Arabian Airlines, Air India, Airports Authority of India, Immigration, Customs, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), etc.,

and other voluntary organisations for smooth, hassle free and successful arrangements for Haj flight operations, etc.

- (viii) To provide supporting arrangements for operation of Haj flights from Chennai to Jeddah and back such as transit accommodation, transport from accommodation centres to airport and back, etc.
- (ix) To conduct inoculation camps and orientation programmes at various district/taluk headquarters benefitting the pilgrims.
- (x) Other incidental activities relating to Haj pilgrimage.

25.3. Arrangements for Haj pilgrimage:

This Committee undertakes various functions such as calling for applications, issuing of advice regarding payments to be made to Haj Committee of India, issuing travel documents, providing transit accommodation facility etc., in Chennai as per the guidelines from Ministry/Haj Committee of India with the help of Tamil Nadu Haj Service Society, other Government departments and voluntary organisations.

This Committee coordinates other functions such as flight operations, remote check-in counters, immigration and customs, security at transit accommodation centres and at airport, transport facility to Haj pilgrims for movement to Airport etc.

The State Haj Committee functions as per the guidelines of the Haj Committee of India and maintain transparency in the matter of selection of pilgrims, finalisation of flight schedules, allotment of accommodation etc.

25.4 Grants/assistance from Government:

25.4.1 State Government Haj subsidy.

In order to fulfil one of the five religious obligations of the Muslims of Tamil Nadu, the Government of Tamil Nadu has been implementing a scheme of providing subsidy to the pilgrims of Tamil Nadu who are performing Haj pilgrimage for the first time. During 2023 – 2024, Rs.10 crore was allotted for the scheme. For haj 2023, haj subsidy to 3987 pilgrims was

credited into their bank account. For haj 2024, haj subsidy to 5728 pilgrims are being credited into their bank account.

For the year 2024-2025 a sum of Rs.10 crore has been allotted to this scheme.

25.4.2 Administrative Grant.

The Government of Tamil Nadu provides grants every year for the administrative expenses of the board. The Government sanctions a sum of Rs.50 lakh as administrative grant every year to the Haj Committee towards payment of salaries to staff, settlement of charges like property tax, electricity charges, metro water and sewerage charges, etc. A sum of Rs.50 lakh was sanctioned as administrative grant for the year 2023-2024.

For the year 2024-2025, the administrative grant has been enhanced to Rs.80 lakh.

25.4.3 Sanction of grant for deputation of Haj volunteers.

The State Government sanctions grants to Tamil Nadu State Haj Committee to meet expenditure on deputation of Haj volunteers to Saudi Arabia for assisting the pilgrims. For the year 2023, 10 Haj volunteers were deputed to Saudi Arabia to assist the pilgrims of Tamil Nadu.

For the year 2024-2025, a sum of Rs.10.29 lakh has been allotted under this scheme.

25.4.4 Other grants.

The Government reimburses expenditure towards T.A./D.A. of members of Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee in respect of their visits to attend meeting of the Committee. The Government also sanctions grants every year for non-recurring expenditure for provision of certain equipment for the smooth functioning of the Tamil Nadu State Haj Committee. Accordingly, a sum of Rs.1.54 lakh was sanctioned by Government for purchase of Xerox machine for

Tamil Nadu State Haj Committee during the year 2023 - 2024.

For the year 2024-2025, a sum of Rs.0.80 lakh is allotted to Tamil Nadu State Haj Committee for this purpose.

CONCLUSION:

This Government provides consistent support to minorities to get their due share. The Government takes utmost care in addressing their grievances and fulfilling their requirements. The Government will continuously strive hard for the betterment and welfare of minorities.

GINGEE K.S. MASTHAN
Minister for Minorities Welfare and
Non-Resident Tamils Welfare

ANNEXURE

ALLOTMENT FOR THE YEAR 2024 – 2025

(Rs. in lakh)

Department	Revenue	Capital	Loan	Total
Tamil Nadu Waqf Board	1969.82	-	-	1969.82
Haj Committee	1061.09	-	-	1061.09
State Minorities Commission	83.64	-	-	83.64
Directorate of Minorities Welfare	3704.15	8417.94	-	12122.09
Tamil Nadu Waqf Tribunal	123.44	-	-	123.44
Total	6942.14	8417.94	-	15360.08



Hon'ble Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin awarded prizes to the winners of the State Level Speech Competition held on 23.08.2023



Hon'ble Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin conducted a consultative meeting for the Welfare of Christian Minorities on 09.01.2024.



Hon'ble Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin conducted a consultative meeting for the Welfare of Muslim Minorities on 17.02.2024.

Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation



Personal Loan – Bakery profession – Loan amount Rs.95,000/-



Personal Loan – Hardware spare parts profession – Loan amount Rs.95,000/-



Personal Loan – Home appliances service centre – Loan Amount Rs.95,000/-

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