

TAMIL NADU TRADERS WELFARE BOARD, CHENNAI – 5

Tamil Nadu Traders Welfare Board was constituted during 1989, based on the announcement made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in the Floor of the Assembly.

2. Tamil Nadu Traders Welfare Board is functioning with the following Members under the dynamic leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

1. Hon'ble Chief Minister - Chairman
2. Hon'ble Minister for Commercial Taxes - Vice Chairman
3. Official Members
 1. Secretary to Govt - C.T. & R Department.
 2. Commissioner - Commercial Taxes.
 3. Spl. Secy. To Govt - Finance Department.
 4. Secretary to Govt - Labour & Employment Dept.
 5. Member Secretary - Joint Commissioner (CT)/
Chief Executive Officer
Tamil Nadu Traders Welfare Board.
4. Non – Official Members (Trade Members) - 20

3. At the time of formation of Tamil Nadu Traders Welfare Board, the Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs. 2 crores in G.O.Ms.No. 725 CT & RE Department, dated 25.09.1989 to meet out the expenditure towards (a) the implementation of welfare schemes to the Traders and (b) the Administrative Expenses of the Board. This amount was deposited in RBI under Personal Deposit Account of the Tamil Nadu Traders Welfare Board and the interest accrued is also deposited in the P.D. Account. The Government is also sanctioning "Matching Grant" equivalent to the amount of life time Membership Fees collected from the traders, every year. Out of the interest accrued in the P.D. Account maintained in RBI and Matching Grant sanctioned by the Government the following welfare schemes are implemented to the traders, as per the recommendation of the Assesment Officers.

1. **FAMILY ASSISTANCE**

At present, Rs. 50,000/- is being granted to the family members of deceased, based on the Death Certificate, Legal Heirship Certificate and recommendations of the Head of Assessment Circle.

2. **MEDICAL ASSISTANCE:-**

The Board is granting Rs. 50,000/- towards members Medical Treatment for Bye-Pass Surgery, Kidney transplantation and Cancer Surgery, Rs. 15,000/- for Medical check-up like Dialysis, Chemotherapy, Radiation Therapy and Angioplasty and Rs. 20,000/- to Female members for Uterus Removal Surgery, on the basis of Medical Certificate.

3. **EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE**

Rs. 5,000/- is being granted as one time assistance to the Members son or daughter for College studies, (except part-time course) and Rs. 10,000/- for the Post Graduate and Professional Courses for each Academic Year.

4. **ASSISTANCE TO SPORTS PERSONS.**

Assistance of Rs. 25,000/-, Rs. 10,000/-, Rs.5,000/- and Rs. 3,000/- are being granted to the Traders children who have won prizes in the International, National, State and District Level Sports Events.

5. **ASSISTANCE FOR FIRE ACCIDENT.**

Rs.5,000/- is being granted to the Member whose shop is destroyed in fire accident/natural calamities, based on the Certificate issued by the Station Fire Officer, F.I.R. filed by the Police and the recommendations of the Head of Assessment Circle.

6. **TRI-CYCLE AND BUNK SHOP**

Under this scheme indigenous traders are provided with Bunk shop manufactured by Co-Operative Industries at the cost of Rs. 10,000/- each.

7. **ASSISTANCE FOR HAVING SECURED HIGHER MARKS.**

Assistance of Rs. 5,000/-, Rs. 3,000/- and Rs. 2,000/- are being given to Traders children, who have secured higher marks in 10th and 12th Standard (i.e.) first 3 rank holders in the State.

8. **MARRIAGE ASSISTANCE;**

At present the Assistance under this Scheme has been dispensed.

4. Details of Welfare Schemes implemented to the families and Members of the Board as on 31.01.2007 is furnished below.

S.No	WELFARE SCHEME	No.of MEMBERS BENIFITED	AMOUNT (Rs. In lakhs)
1.	Family Assistance	279	70.55
2.	Medical Assistance	33	7.36
3.	Educational Assistance	77	1.98
4.	Fire Assistance	29	1.45
5.	Sports Assistance	2	0.15
6.	HigherEducation Assistance	6	0.20
7.	Physically Handicapped Assistance	2	0.15
8.	Marriage Assistance (At present dispensed	2	0.10
	TOTAL	430	81.94

5. As on 30.11.2007, 45,131 Traders have become Members. So far, a sum of Rs. 81.94 Lakhs has been granted to 430 Members, as detailed above.

6. The Members of the Traders Welfare Board are being issued with Certificate of Membership and Identity Cards.