

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT
DEMAND NO. 38
POLICY NOTE FOR 2007-2008

The Public Department deals with all matters concerning the General Administration of the State. It functions under the direct control of the Chief Secretary. Some of the important subjects dealt with by the Public Department are:-

- 1) Matters of common interest between Central and State Governments including National Integration Council, Inter-state Council etc. Liaisoning with Ministry of External Affairs and Foreign Diplomatic Missions is also part of its mandate.
- 2) Welfare of Ex-Servicemen and Administration of Ex-Servicemen's Corporation and all issues relating to Freedom Fighter's pension, I.N.A. pension and their welfare.

- 3) Protocol work including Management of Guest Houses, Tamil Nadu House in New Delhi and visits of VVIPs/Foreign dignitaries.
- 4) Welfare, Rehabilitation & Repatriation of Refugees including Sri Lankan refugees.
- 5) All matters relating to His Excellency the Governor and the Council of Ministers, establishment of I.A.S. Officers, DROs., Commissions of Inquiry, Human Rights Commission and Chief Minister's Special Cell.
- 6) Matters relating to maintenance of Law & Order in the State and conduct of Elections (Except Local Bodies).

Details of some of the subjects are given below:-

1. REHABILITATION OF REFUGEES

Due to ethnic violence that erupted in Sri Lanka in 1983, there was large exodus of Sri Lankans of Tamil origin seeking asylum in India. The influx of Sri Lankan

refugees into India has since then been continuing despite the reverse flow twice during 1987-91 and 1992-95. Though there was no further arrival since September 2003, Tamil Nadu witnessed their renewed influx from 12.1.2006 onwards due to disturbances in Sri Lanka. As on 31.3.2007, 19,235 families consisting of 72,784 members are accommodated in 120 camps including two special camps, located in 25 districts. Relief measures are extended to them as per the norms prescribed by the Government of India. The entire expenditure on refugees relief is initially met by the State Government and thereafter reimbursed from Government of India.

Relief and Rehabilitation Measures Extended to Refugees:

(1) Cash Doles:

The Government of Tamil Nadu has doubled the cash doles with effect from 1.8.2006 to the Sri Lankan Tamil refugees who are accommodated in various refugee camps in Tamil Nadu and the present rate of monthly cash doles to refugees housed in the camps formed by the Government is regulated as follows:-

1.	Single person family/Head of family	Rs.400/-
2.	Each additional member aged 12 years and above	Rs.288 /-
3.	First child (less than 12 years of age)	Rs.180/-
4.	Each additional child	Rs.90/-

Rs.17.70 crores is provided in the Budget Estimate 2007-08 for this purpose.

(2) Subsidised Rice:

Rice is also supplied to the refugees accommodated in the refugee camps at subsidised rate of Rs.0.57 paise per kilogram as per the undermentioned ration fixed by the Government of India: -

1. Adult (8 years and above) **400** grams per day
2. Children (less than 8 years) **200** grams per day

Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation supplies rice through the shops designated under Public Distribution System and gets the differential cost reimbursed from the Government. The Government has

provided Rs.11.40 crores in the Budget Estimate 2007-08 for this purpose.

(3) Clothing and Utensils:

Clothes and mats are supplied free of cost to the refugee families staying in various refugee camps every year as per the norms prescribed by the Government of India. Blankets are also supplied free of cost to the camp refugees who are above 12 years of age once in two years. Further, five types of utensils numbering 8 in all are also supplied free of cost to each of the refugee families accommodated in camps once in two years. A sum of Rs.3.13 crores has been provided in the Budget Estimate 2007-08 for this purpose.

(4) Medical Assistance:

The refugees are availing free medical assistance in Government Hospitals and Primary Health Centres situated near the camps. Their requests for financial assistance for major ailments from the Sri Lankan Tamil Special Relief Fund are also considered on case to case basis.

(5) Educational Facilities:

The Government of Tamil Nadu is providing free educational opportunities to the children of Sri Lankan refugees. These children are admitted in schools without insisting on production of transfer certificate from the schools last studied in Sri Lanka and are allowed to continue their studies upto college level. The school going refugee children are provided with free uniforms, noon meal, bus pass, text-books and note-books. The plus one students are also provided with free bicycles. The refugee children are allowed to continue their studies anywhere in Tamil Nadu with admissible cash dole and other assistance.

(6) Provision of Basic Amenities in the Refugees Camps: -

Under the Infrastructure Development Programme 2006-07, Government has sanctioned so far Rs.5.88 crores with the concurrence of Government of India to carry out the repair works in the huts which were constructed during 1997-2000 and provision of basic

amenities such as street lights, drinking water facilities, toilet facilities, road facilities, electrification of the huts etc., and for construction of additional huts in the existing camps.

(7) Repatriation of Refugees:

The refugees, who are willing to go back to their homeland or to any other country at their own cost, are allowed to do so. During 2006-07, 106 Exit Permits have been issued to Sri Lankan refugees by District Collectors upto March, 2007.

(8) Financial Performance:

Rs.39.07 crores have been incurred towards welfare of the Sri Lankan Refugees for the year 2006-2007. For the year 2007-08 Government has provided Rs.42.14 crores.

2. EX-SERVICEMEN'S WELFARE

The Directorate of Ex-Servicemen's Welfare is primarily responsible for the welfare of the families of battle casualties, rehabilitation and resettlement of

Ex-Servicemen and welfare of their dependents, belonging to Tamil Nadu. There are 25 district offices to implement the welfare schemes. 50% of the establishment cost of the department is borne by the Tamil Nadu Government and the remaining 50% is reimbursed by the Government of India. In the year 2006-07, 1,66,850 Ex-Servicemen / Widows have registered their names and obtained identity cards from the district offices. Ex-Servicemen / Widows & dependents seek employment and welfare assistance from the Government.

Resettlement and other Welfare Schemes:

1. Re-employment

Tamil Nadu Government provides 5% reservation in Group 'C' posts and 10% reservation in the basic services of Government and Quasi Government Organisations besides 15% reservation for the post of Forest Guards and Forest Watchers in the Forest Department. In the year 2006-07, 86 Ex-Servicemen were re-employed in various sectors.

2. Self Employment Schemes

The Ex-Servicemen who venture into self-employment are provided with 50% of interest subsidy from the Amalgamated Fund on the loan obtained from Banks upto Rs.2.50 lakhs. 726 Ex-Servicemen / Widows were given interest subsidy of Rs.14.22 lakhs in the year 2006-2007. Ex-Servicemen Self Help Groups / Widows Self Help Groups are assisted with 100% interest subsidy from the Amalgamated fund for a maximum loan of Rs.7.5 lakhs and the subsidy is released to the bank from which Self Help Groups obtained loan.

3. Resettlement Training

To enhance the scope of early resettlement, Ex-Servicemen are being given training in computer, repair of two wheelers, radio and TV mechanism etc. In the year 2006-07, 130 Ex-Servicemen have been given resettlement training. The Ex-Servicemen who hold the service qualifications of physical instructors are given 4 months special re-orientation course through the Karaikudi Alagappa University to qualify themselves to be

appointed as Physical Training Instructors in the Government Schools. 37 Ex-Servicemen were trained and among them 7 Ex-Servicemen were appointed in Government Schools as Physical Training Instructors in the year 2006-07.

4. **Financial assistance through Benevolent Fund and Amalgamated Fund**

In the year 2006-07, an amount of Rs.7.90 crores has been distributed to 14,654 Ex-Servicemen and their dependants as financial assistance under various schemes from the Tamil Nadu Ex-Services Personnel Benevolent Fund. During the same period an amount of Rs.52.03 lakhs has been disbursed to 2,040 beneficiaries from the Amalgamated Fund.

5. **Cash Grants to the recipients of Gallantry/ Distinguished Service Award and War Service Incentive to the parents**

Monetary Grants and Annuity to Gallantry / Distinguished Service Awards are being sanctioned. Cash in lieu of land is also sanctioned to awardees of Chakra Series. Rs.1.30 lakhs have been sanctioned to

3 recipients of Gallantry awards as cash in lieu of land. Rs.1.61 lakhs have been sanctioned to 27 Gallantry and Distinguished service award winners as cash grant.

In order to honour the parents who have sent their one son / daughter to the Armed Forces, monetary grants are being sanctioned annually from the Government Funds. In the year 2006-07, 425 parents have sent their one son / daughter to the army and a sum of Rs.3.19 lakhs (Rs.750 x 425) has been sanctioned as monetary grant to them. Again, 487 parents have sent more than one son / daughter to the army and a sum of Rs.4.87 lakhs (Rs.1000 x 487) has been sanctioned as monetary grant to them.

Recognising the supreme sacrifice made by the Defence / Border Security Force Personnel, their last rites are conducted with full State honours befitting the status of a martyr. It has been the practice that the funeral of the martyrs is attended by the Minister/ District Collector /Superintendent of Police to pay homage.

6. Kargil Defence Personnel Relief Fund

The Fund is administered by the Public (Military) Department. From this fund, ex-gratia grant is sanctioned to the families of Defence Personnel hailing from Tamil Nadu, who are killed or incapacitated in counter insurgency operations. The scale of monetary grant sanctioned is as follows:-

1. For family of martyr - Rs.5.00 lakhs
2. For disabled
 - i) Totally disabled/double
amputee/ totally blind. - Rs.3.00 lakhs
 - ii) Single amputee/
one eye blind - Rs.1.00 lakh

In 2006-07, 7 Serving personnel made supreme sacrifice in their encounter with terrorists. Their dependents have been sanctioned Rs.35.00 lakhs at the rate of Rs.5.00 lakhs to each of the seven families (Rupees five lakhs to each family) from the Kargil Defence Personnel Relief Fund.

7. Aid to Civil Power – Govt. ex-gratia

The Government of Tamil Nadu also sanctions Rs.1.00 lakh each to the families of Defence / Border Security Force Personnel who are killed in operations while performing duties in aid to civil power and from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.40,000/- to those disabled depending upon their disability. In 2006-07 a sum of Rs.17.00 lakhs has been sanctioned from Government funds towards ex-gratia to 17 dependants of those who laid their lives in counter insurgency in Jammu and Kashmir Area while assisting civil power.

8. Pre-recruitment Training

In order to encourage and motivate maximum number of youths from Tamil Nadu to join the Indian Army, Rs.28.04 lakhs have been provided in Budget Estimate 2006-07 for conducting coaching classes. In the year 2006-07, 299 youths were trained for the entrance examination for recruitment in the Army.

9. Computerisation of Department

The Directorate of Ex-Servicemen's Welfare and the district offices have already been computerised. In order to inter-link the district offices with the Directorate of Ex-Servicemen's Welfare and to enable the Directorate to monitor the functioning of the district offices, the Government has sanctioned Rs.2.50 lakhs for the purchase of a server with peripherals under Part-II Scheme for 2007-08.

10. Reservation of Seats in Educational Institutions

6 seats in the Anna University and 75 seats in other Engineering Colleges for Bachelor of Engineering (B.E.) course, 2 seats for M.B.B.S. course, one seat for B.D.S. course, 60 seats for Nursing course, 80 seats for Diploma courses in Polytechnics, 6 seats for Undergraduate courses in each of the Arts and Science Colleges, 132 seats in Teacher Training course including 1 seat in Government Tamil Teacher Training College at Orathanadu, 1% of the seats in Law course and two seats in PG course having two branches and 3 seats in

having more than two branches in each Arts and Science College are reserved for the children of Ex-Servicemen. Further, 1 seat each in Para-Medical courses, i.e., B.Sc.(Nursing), B.P.T. and B. Pharmacy are also now reserved for them.

11. Jawans Bhavan

Jawans Bhavans having shopping / office complexes have been constructed in the districts from the Benevolent Fund. The income derived from Jawans Bhavans shopping/office complexes is pooled into the Benevolent Fund.

12. Temple Protection Force

In order to protect the idols and valuables of our temples, the temple protection force has been formed by employing the Ex-Servicemen at a consolidated pay of Rs.1,500/- per month. 2,330 Ex-Servicemen are employed in Temple Protection Force at present.

13. Flag Day Fund Collections

Tamil Nadu has been in the lead ever since 1985 in Flag Day collections. For the current Flag Day year 2006 (07.12.2006 to 06.12.2007) a target of Rs.6.93 crores has been fixed. As on 31.3.2007, Rs.1.57 crores have been collected and the target is expected to be achieved well before 06.12.2007.

14. Appointment of Officers and Staff

After lifting of ban for direct recruitment, as on 31.12.2006, 14 posts of Assistant Directors, 14 posts of Welfare Organisers, 23 posts of Junior Assistants, 1 post of Typist, 2 posts of Record Clerks, 1 post of Office Assistant and 1 post of Sweeper have been filled up in the Ex-Servicemen's Welfare Department.

**3. TAMIL NADU EX-SERVICEMEN'S
CORPORATION LIMITED (TEXCO)**

The Tamil Nadu Ex-Servicemen's Corporation Limited (TEXCO) was formed on 28.01.1986 and registered under the Companies Act 1956. It is a

financially self supporting welfare organization. It's authorised and paid up share capital are Rs.50.00 lakhs and Rs.22.91 lakhs respectively.

The main objectives of TEXCO are to:-

1. Provide necessary assistance in planning, formulating and executing various schemes for the welfare and economic upliftment of Ex-Servicemen belonging to Tamil Nadu.
2. Carry on commercial activities.

TEXCO has been providing employment assistance to the qualified Ex-Servicemen on contract basis such as Security Guards, Clerks, Drivers, Nursing Assistants, Fire Fighting personnel and Telecommunication Operators to the State and Central Government Organisations. TEXCO collects 12% service charge from the user departments. Since the date of inception of TEXCO on 28.1.86 to 31.3.2007, 9,136 Ex-Servicemen were sponsored by the TEXCO for employment in the user departments on contract

basis. Among them, 977 persons were sponsored in the year 2006-2007.

TEXCO has been awarded with the contract of collection of parking fees in notified parking slots in Chennai city. After deducting all expenses, 30% of net income is retained by TEXCO and the remaining 70% is paid to the Corporation of Chennai as licence fee.

TEXCO was entrusted with the task of maintenance and management of BELL 412 EP Helicopter and Air Craft (CESSNA) owned by Government of Tamil Nadu. Initially TEXCO incurs the expenditure on maintenance and management of the Aircraft and Helicopter, which subsequently gets reimbursed from the Government of Tamil Nadu with 2% service charges. On an average Rs.3.80 lakhs is being earned from the civil aviation wing.

4. CHIEF MINISTER'S SPECIAL CELL

The Chief Minister's Special Cell plays a crucial role in helping the people in distress and to solve their problems in a very effective manner. The Special

Cell is headed by a Special Officer, who is authorised to correspond directly with the authorities concerned to seek quick redressal to the grievances of the people.

2. The petitions received by the Hon'ble Chief Minister while on tour are segregated district-wise and department-wise and sent to the respective authorities for taking action. All the details pertaining to the petitions are entered in the computer for follow up action. The Special Officer in the Special Cell receives petitions on all working days. The petitions are also received through fax, e-mail and by post. In order to ensure quality disposal of petitions, the Special Officer conducts periodical review meetings with the Special Deputy Collectors (SSS) of Districts and Nodal Officers of the Secretariat and Heads of Departments at Chennai.

3. On orders of Hon'ble Chief Minister, monetary support to families under indigent circumstances requiring funds for children's education, for carrying out life saving surgeries and various other needs is being extended through Chief Minister's Special Cell.

Financial Assistance Sanctioned between 01-04-2006 and 31.03.2007

A sum of Rs.5,41,20,000/- (Five crores forty one lakhs and twenty thousand only) has been sanctioned from Tamilnadu State Illness Society Fund from 01-04-2006 to 31.03.2007 to 2200 persons (1971 Heart surgeries, 181 Kidney Transplantation, 23 Cancer surgeries, 7 Spinal Cord surgeries, 7 Skull opening surgeries, 3 Plastic surgeries, 3 Ureteric surgeries, 1 Liver transplantation, 3 Hip replacements and 1 Knee transplantation).

Educational Assistance sanctioned between 01-04-2006 and 31.03.2007

A sum of Rs.26,25,000/- (Rupees twenty six lakhs and twenty five thousand only) has been sanctioned from the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund in the year 2006-2007 to 105 poor students (90 Engineering students and 15 Medical students) to pursue their higher education in Engineering / Medical and other allied subjects.

4. **Administrative Set up**

Two District Revenue Officers are looking after to streamline the functioning of Chief Minister's Special Cell viz., (1) Special Officer, Chief Minister's Secretariat and (2) Special Officer, Chief Minister's Special Cell with effect from 29.05.2006. The Special Officer, Chief Minister's Secretariat attends to the grievances of the petitioners at the Hon'ble Chief Minister's Camp Office and also accompanies the Hon'ble Chief Minister while on tour and receives the petitions for processing and follow up action. The Special Officer, Chief Minister's Special Cell is positioned in headquarters at Secretariat and attends to the regular work of the Chief Minister's Special Cell.

5. **New Initiative - Web Based Online Reply System**

To ensure accuracy and speed and to synchronise the data of Chief Minister's Special Cell and all other officers in this State, a web-based reply feeding system was introduced during November, 2006 by which, districts, Secretariat Departments and Heads of

Departments are able to send their replies on the Chief Minister's Cell petitions through "Internet". A total No. of 84,140 replies have been received upto 31.3.2007 through this system.

6. Upgradation of Computers

To cope up with the increased work load on computers, two new servers with advanced configurations have been installed through ELCOT at a cost of Rs.2,99,416/-.

7. General

For the benefit of the general public who approach the Chief Minister's Special Cell, the reception counter and the waiting place are being re-modelled with adequate seating arrangements and other conveniences. Between 01-04-2006 and 31.03.2007, **3,77,712** petitions have been received and sent to respective offices for taking necessary action. During the same period, a total number of **2,45,543** petitions have been processed and finalized. Between 13-05-2006 and 31-03-2007, **5,874** petitions have been received from Hon'ble Ministers /

M.Ps / MLAs and sent to respective offices for taking necessary action out of which, replies for **3,543** petitions have been received and disposed off.

5. NEW SCHEMES UNDER PART-II
2007-2008

1. Purchase of 33 computers along with printers and other accessories for use in the offices of the Hon'ble Ministers and one similar computer system for use in Public (CRB) Department at a cost of Rs.25.97 lakhs.
2. Procurement of 2 computer servers for use in the Directorate of Ex-Servicemen's Welfare at Chennai and the district office at Vellore at a cost of Rs.2.5 lakhs.
3. Purchase of a new copier machine for use in the Directorate of Ex-Servicemen's Welfare at a cost of Rs.59,000/-.
4. Carrying out civil and electrical works at Tamizhagam Guest House, Udthagamandalam at a cost of (Rs.54.41 lakhs + 2.76 lakhs) Rs.57.17 lakhs.

5. Purchase of three computers with accessories for use in the State Guest House, Chennai at a cost of Rs.1.01 lakhs.
6. Purchase of 2 cars (1 Toyota Corolla and 1 Ford IKON or its equivalent) at a cost of Rs.17.00 lakhs for the State Guest House, Chennai.
7. Replacement of refrigerators, water coolers and other kitchen equipments at a cost of Rs.60,000/- for the State Guest House, Chennai.
8. Purchase of two 1.5 Ton Split Air Conditioners at a cost of Rs.60,000/- for use in the State Guest House, Chennai.

6. BUDGET PROVISION

Details of Budget Provision for Demand No.38 are furnished in the annexure.

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CHIEF MINISTER**

ANNEXURE**DETAILS OF THE BUDGET PROVISION FOR
2007-2008 UNDER DEMAND NO. 38**

Head of Account	(RUPEES IN THOUSANDS)			
	2005-06	2006-07	2006-07	2007-08
	Accounts	Budget Estimate	Revised Estimate	Budget Estimate
2014 Administration of Justice	2,50	5,00	5,00	5,00
2015 Elections	38,92,13	95,56,58	106,24,60	38,83,96
2052 Secretariat - General Services	14,69,70	18,34,62	19,47,88	21,46,79
2059 Public Works	2,45,13	3,85,41	4,85,41	3,56,41
2070 Other Administrative Services	33,87,34	16,50,50	18,61,83	18,52,49

Head of Account	(RUPEES IN THOUSANDS)			
	2005-06	2006-07	2006-07	2007-08
	Accounts	Budget Estimate	Revised Estimate	Budget Estimate
2075 Miscellaneous General Services	4,10,31	4,11,14	4,49,44	2,95,84
2216 Housing	2,20	3,00	3,00	3,00
2235 Social Security and Welfare	22,67,54	48,41,63	56,96,55	48,81,74
2251 Secretariat - Social Services	31,56	4,24	32,02	23,03
4070 Capital outlay on Other Administrative Services	-	1	-	-
4216 Capital outlay on Housing	-	-	2,00,00	5,00,00