

Chapter – 13

TAMIL NADU STATE HEALTH TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

13.1. Tamil Nadu State Health Transport Department (TNSHTD) was formed in 1981 as a separate Directorate for the purpose of keeping the Off-road vehicles of Health and Family Welfare Department to the minimum. The total fleet strength of the vehicles attached to the various Directorates under the control of Health and Family Welfare Department is 2646.

13.2. Activities:

13.2.1. The Tamil Nadu State Health Transport Department has under its control 7 Regional Workshops, at Chennai, Vellore, Salem, Coimbatore, Tiruchirappalli, Madurai and Tirunelveli. Apart from this, there are 9 District Headquarters workshops and 27 Mobile Maintenance Units. A Reconditioning and Central Body Repairing Unit is also functioning at Chennai.

13.2.2. This Department has progressively improved the percentage of fleet in operation from 72.6% (1981) to 96% (2008). In addition to the above, this Department is also ensuring rapid procurement of new vehicles sanctioned for various Directorates under the control of Health and Family Welfare Department.

13.2.3. Apprenticeship training is also being imparted by this Department to I.T.I. Certificate holders, B.E. Graduates and Diploma holders sponsored by the Director of Employment and Training, Tamil Nadu and the Director of Apprenticeship Training, Government of India, Taramani. This Department is having capacity for imparting Apprenticeship training for 17 B.E. Graduates, 29 Diploma holders and 45 I.T.I. Apprentices in a year.

13.2.4. During the year 2007-08, two Computers with accessories and furniture, one two post hoist and one Xerox machine were purchased at a cost of Rs.3.30 lakhs.

13.3. New Schemes for the year 2008-09:

- (1) Purchase of 2 Computers with accessories and furniture for this Department at a cost of Rs. 0.80 lakh.
- (2) Purchase of 7 Xerox machines for seven Regional Workshops of this Department at a cost of Rs.4.20 lakhs.

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