

BACKWARD CLASSES, MOST BACKWARD CLASSES AND

MINORITIES WELFARE DEPARTMENT

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INTRODUCTION

The Government of Tamil Nadu, marching relentlessly in the path of social justice laid down by Thanthai Periyar and Perarignar Anna, is committed to the upliftment of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities who constitute about 68% of the State's population. The Government is implementing various welfare schemes for the overall development of the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities with special emphasis on improving social, educational and economic conditions. The Government have established a separate Directorate for the implementation of welfare schemes to the Minorities apart from the Directorates of Backward Classes and Most Backward Classes/ Denotified Communities.

2. According to Ayyan Thiruvalluvar **“Education is an imperishable precious wealth to an individual”**. Education plays a vital role in upgrading the academic capability and employability of an individual. This, in turn, will enhance economic and social status of the individual. This Government being well aware of the above undeniable fact is paying focused attention towards educational advancement of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities by providing lion's share for education in the budget allocation of this Department.

3. The Reservation policy of this Government over the years has paid handsome dividends in substantially improving the social, economic and educational advancement of the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities enabling

them to get admission into the higher educational institutions and to secure employment in Government services. The skill development training in various popular trades is imparted to the youths belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities to make them employable gainfully.

RESERVATION

4. The Reservation policy enforced in the State from 1921 had undergone many beneficial changes in fulfillment of the demands made by various sections of the society from time to time. When the Constitution of India came into force, the order providing for reservation to various communities known as communal Government Order of the State was struck down by Supreme Court of India in 1951 as unconstitutional. The mass processions of protest and agitational meetings spearheaded by Thanthai Periyar in Tamil Nadu paved the way for effecting the first amendment to the Constitution by introducing Article 15(4) in the Constitution. This is hailed as a historical achievement in the struggle for Social Justice and in advancing the cause of social, educational and economic conditions of the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified communities who were hitherto suffering from the injustice heaped upon them over several centuries. The quantum of reservation was increased at different times and the existing 69% reservation has been under implementation in the State since 1990.

5. Hon'ble Chief Minister has played a key role in the enactment of a Central Law providing for 27% reservation for Other Backward Classes in admission into the educational institutions including the higher educational institutions under the control of Government of India. This Government is always opposed to the concept of exclusion of creamy layer while providing reservation to Other Backward Classes and the Government is urging the Central Government to take all necessary steps to ensure that

social backwardness should be the sole criterion for reservation, so that every one belonging to the backward communities is able to enjoy the benefits of reservation, irrespective of economic status (creamy layer), as articulated by Thanthai Periyar, Perarignar Anna, Pandit Nehru and Dr.Ambedkar.

6. Based on the representations received from various minority communities, the Government have enacted the law providing 3.5% reservation each to Backward Class Christians and Backward Class Muslims. Subsequently, giving due respect to the sentiments voiced by the representatives of Christian Community to the effect that the Backward Class Christians are not getting their share in employment and in admissions into the educational institutions, as they had prior to the enactment of the said legislation, the Government have withdrawn the law providing 3.5% reservation to Backward Class Christians and allowed them to avail themselves the benefit under the 26.5% reservation along with the Backward Classes.

7. This Government will continue to urge the Government of India to consider the recommendations of the Justice Ranganath Mishra Commission to provide reservation for Backward Class Muslims at the national level and to bring out necessary announcements in this regard.

EDUCATION

8. The progress of any society is determined by its educational advancement and only education reflects the social background and outlook of the community. The Government is committed to achieve the gender equality by creating a conducive environment for women's education, particularly the rural girls by providing cash incentives. The Government is providing free hostel accommodation and boarding for

the students whose parental income per annum does not exceed Rs.1,00,000/-. Various scholarship schemes are implemented to provide financial support to the poor students. To motivate and create competitiveness among the students, prizes are awarded. Free text books and uniforms are also supplied to the students by the Government. For the educational advancement of students of Piramalai Kallar Community, the Department is running Kallar Reclamation Schools in the Districts of Madurai, Theni and Dindigul where the community is predominantly present. The special scheme of providing financial assistance to meritorious students of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities securing the highest marks in 10th Standard Public Examination to pursue their higher secondary education in the best private schools of their choice will be continued during the current year also.

KALLAR RECLAMATION SCHOOLS

9. The Department of Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities is running 260 Kallar Reclamation Schools in Madurai, Theni and Dindigul Districts, where the population of Piramalai Kallar community is in substantial number. In order to provide higher educations within the easy reach to the students of this community, 3 Middle schools and 3 High schools were upgraded to High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools respectively during 2008-09.

10. During 2009-10, Laboratory buildings will be constructed at a cost of Rs.44.85 lakh in the 3 Kallar Reclamation schools which were upgraded as Higher Secondary Schools in the year 2008-09. It is also proposed to provide computer furniture at a cost of Rs.9.37 lakh to the Kallar Reclamation Higher Secondary schools. For the safety of the school students, compound walls will be constructed at 10 Government Kallar Reclamation Schools at a cost of Rs. 83.06 lakh.

A sum of Rs.4171.83 lakh has been provided for the year 2009-10 towards running of the Kallar Reclamation Schools.

PRIZE SCHEMES FOR THE STUDENTS OF KALLAR RECLAMATION SCHOOLS

11. In order to promote competitive spirit among the students of Kallar Reclamation Schools, prizes are awarded to the students, securing the highest marks in 10th and 12th standard Public Examinations. According to the scheme, the first and second rank students (boy or girl) in the 10th and 12th standard Public examinations are awarded a cash prize of Rs.3000/- and Rs. 2000/- respectively. 3 students (common for boys and girls) securing the next 3 higher marks are awarded a cash prize of Rs.1000/- each.

SUPPLY OF FREE SLATES, NOTE BOOKS AND TEXT BOOKS

12. The Government is providing free supply of slates to the students studying from 1st to 3rd standard and free supply of note books to the students studying from 3rd to 10th standard in Kallar Reclamation Schools. All the students studying from 1st to 12th standard in Kallar Reclamation schools are supplied with text books at free of cost.

For the year 2009-10, a sum of Rs.60.43 lakh has been provided under this scheme.

SUPPLY OF UNIFORMS

13. The students of Kallar Reclamation schools studying from 1st to 8th standard and the boarders of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Hostels studying in 4th to 10th Standard are supplied with 2 sets of Polycotton uniforms at free of cost. The girl students studying in 9th and 10th standards

are supplied with Churidhars. During 2008-09, free uniforms were supplied at a total cost of Rs.434.30 lakh.

A sum of Rs.406.89 lakh has been allocated towards supply of free uniforms for the year 2009-10.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

14. In order to help the poor students continue their education, the Government is providing 3 kinds of scholarship schemes, viz. prematric, postmatric and free education scheme to the students of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities. The annual income ceiling of the parents to become eligible to avail the scholarships has been increased from Rs.50,000/- to Rs.1 lakh from 2008-09.

PREMATRIC SCHOLARSHIP

15. From the year 2008-09, the Government have waived the special fees for the students from 6th standard to 12th standard studying in Tamil Medium in the Government and Government aided schools and also waived the payment of examination fees for the 10th Standard students of Tamil medium from 2007-08.

16. Consequent to this, Prematric scholarship is continued to provide tuition fees to the English medium students studying from 6th to 10th standard in Government and Government aided schools with the condition that the annual income of the parents shall not exceed Rs.1 lakh and there should be no graduate in the family in respect of Backward Classes. The students of Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities are exempted from this condition.

For the year 2009-10, a sum of Rs. 205.40 lakh has been allocated under this scheme.

POST MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP

17. The Post matric scholarship is sanctioned to the students studying from Class XI upto Post Graduate and Research level. It is applicable to all general Degree, Post Graduate courses, ITI, Polytechnic, Professional courses and Research studies.

18. The students belonging to Backward Classes studying in English medium in Class XI and XII in Government and Government aided schools are sanctioned tuition fees subject to the condition that the annual income of the parents should not exceed Rs.1 lakh and that there should be no graduate in the family. However, the students belonging to Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities are sanctioned tuition fees without any condition.

19. The examination fees are fully reimbursed to the Backward Classes students of XII standard with English as medium of instruction with the condition that the annual income of the parents shall not exceed Rs.1 lakh and that there should be no graduate in the family. The students of Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities are given full reimbursement of examination fees without any condition.

20. As the Government have waived the tuition fees for the students pursuing under Graduate courses in Government and Government aided Arts and Science colleges from 2007-08, they are sanctioned the special fees and book money as specified in the scholarship notification and examination fees in full under Postmatric scholarship. This scholarship is granted to the Backward Classes students whose parental income per annum does not exceed Rs.1 lakh but the students belonging to Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities pursuing under Graduate courses avail themselves the scholarship under free education scheme (Degree) as the scholarship is sanctioned to them without any condition.

21. The Postmatric scholarship is sanctioned to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities students pursuing Post Graduate courses, Industrial Training Institutes, Polytechnics, Professional courses and Research studies with the condition that annual income of their parents shall not exceed Rs.1 lakh. They are sanctioned with tuition fees, special fees and book money as specified in the scholarship notification and the examination fees in full. The students studying in the evening / 2nd shift classes in the Government and the Government aided colleges are also eligible to avail themselves the scholarship.

For the year 2009-10, a sum of Rs. 2181.17 lakh has been allocated for postmatric scholarship.

FREE EDUCATION

22. The Backward Classes students pursuing under Graduate courses in the Government and Government aided Arts and science colleges are sanctioned Special fees and other non refundable compulsory fees as fixed by the Government and examination fees in full subject to the condition that annual income of their parents shall not exceed of Rs.1 lakh and the beneficiary being the first graduate in the family. However, the Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities students pursuing under Graduate courses are sanctioned the scholarship without any condition.

23. Under Free Education scheme, the students belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities studying in Polytechnic and Professional courses are sanctioned tuition fees, special fees, and non-refundable compulsory fees as fixed by the Government and examination fees in full subject to the condition that the annual income of their parents shall not exceed Rs.1 lakh and the beneficiary shall be the first graduate of the family.

Under Free Education scheme, a sum of Rs. 4454.27 lakh has been provided for the year 2009-10.

AWARD SCHEMES

24. To encourage and motivate the students belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities to secure more marks in 10th and 12th Standard Public Examination, State and District Level awards are given. Up to 2007-08, common awards were given to Backward Classes and Most Backward Classes /Denotified Community students. From 2008-09 onwards, the District and State Level Awards for securing the highest marks in 10th and 12th standard public examination are given separately for Backward Classes student and separately for Most Backward Classes / Denotified Community students. The disparity in the quantum of awards prevailing between the Backward Classes and the Most Backward Classes/Denotified communities was removed from 2008-09 onwards by granting uniform awards. The number and the quantum of awards have also been scaled up.

STATE LEVEL AWARDS

25. Under the revised scheme, four first prizes, four second prizes and four third prizes are awarded at the rate of one boy and one girl each from Backward Classes and Most Backward Classes / Denotified Community who secure the first, second and third ranks in 12th standard and 10th standard public examinations. The amounts of awards for the first, second and third prizes in respect of 12th standard are Rs.10,000/-, Rs.8,000/- and Rs.6,000/- respectively.

26. The amounts of awards for the first, second and third prizes in respect of 10th standard are Rs.5,000/-, Rs.4,000/- and Rs.3,000/- respectively.

DISTRICT LEVEL AWARDS

27. Under the revised scheme, four first prizes, four second prizes and four third prizes are awarded at the rate of Rs.3,000/-, Rs.2,000/- and Rs.1,000/- respectively to one boy and one girl from Backward Classes and Most Backward Classes / Denotified Communities who secure the first, second and third ranks in 12th standard Public Examination in each district.

28. Similarly, four first prizes, four second prizes and four third prizes are awarded at the rate of Rs.1,500/-, Rs.1,000/- and Rs.500/- respectively to one boy and one girl each from Backward Classes and Most Backward Classes / Denotified Communities who secure the first, second and third ranks in 10th standard Public Examination in each district.

During 2008-09, a sum of Rs.15.58 lakh has been spent under the scheme benefiting 898 students.

For the current year, a sum of Rs14.54 lakh has been provided under the scheme.

PERARIGNAR ANNA MEMORIAL AWARD

29. Anna Memorial Awards carrying a cash prize of Rs.3000/- per year for the entire course was awarded to the students belonging to Backward Classes and Most Backward Classes / Denotified Communities securing first and second rank in 12th standard Public examination at District level and pursuing Professional courses. Up to 2007-08, this award was given to two boys and two girls commonly from among the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities. The scheme has been revised from the year 2008-09 by providing separate awards to 2 boys and 2 girls belonging to Backward Classes and 2 boys and 2 girls belonging to Most Backward

Classes/Denotified Communities and by increasing the amount of award to Rs.5000/- per year per student.

During 2008-09, a sum of Rs.32.78 lakh has been spent under the scheme.

For the current year, a sum of Rs.60 lakh has been provided under the scheme.

THANTHAI PERIYAR MEMORIAL AWARD

30. Thanthai Periyar Memorial Award carrying a cash prize of Rs.3000/- per year was awarded to the students belonging to Backward Classes and Most Backward Classes / Denotified Communities who join Polytechnic Courses in each district with the highest marks in 10th standard Public Examination. Up to 2007-08, this award was given to two boys and two girls commonly from among the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities. The scheme has been revised from 2008-09 by increasing the number of awards benefiting 2 boys and 2 girls from Backward Classes and 2 boys and 2 girls from Most Backward Classes/ Denotified Communities. The award amount has been increased to Rs.5,000/- per year per student.

During 2008-09, a sum of Rs.24.85 lakh has been spent under the scheme.

For the current year, a sum of Rs.32.75 lakh has been provided under the scheme.

SCHEME OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MERITORIOUS STUDENTS TO PURSUE HIGHER SECONDARY EDUCATION IN BEST PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN TAMIL NADU

31. In order to encourage and support the meritorious students financially, assistance is provided to 10 students from each district (three boys and three girls from Backward Classes and two boys and two girls from Most Backward Classes / Denotified Communities) securing the highest marks in 10th standard Public Examinations from Government High Schools to pursue their Higher Secondary Education in the best

Private Schools of their choice in Tamil Nadu. To avail the benefit under this scheme, the annual income of the parents should not exceed Rs.1.00 lakh. The financial assistance is provided upto Rs.28,000/- per year for two years.

During 2008-09, a sum of Rs.110.10 lakh has been spent under the scheme.

For the current year, a sum of Rs.170.23 lakh has been provided under the scheme.

INCENTIVE SCHEME FOR RURAL GIRL STUDENTS OF MOST BACKWARD CLASSES AND DENOTIFIED COMMUNITIES

32. Education is the first step in the empowerment of women. With an avowed object to encourage education among the rural girl children and to minimize the drop out at elementary school level, financial assistance is granted to girl students belonging to Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities studying from 3rd standard to 5th standard at the rate of Rs.500/- and at the rate of Rs.1,000/- for the students studying in 6th standard. Annually a sum of Rs.600 lakh is provided to extend financial assistance to 90,000 girl students belonging to Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities from rural areas.

For the year 2009-10, a sum of Rs.600 lakh has been provided under the scheme.

DISTRIBUTION OF FREE BICYCLES

33. The scheme of distribution of free bicycles to students of all communities studying in 11th std. in Government, Government aided and partly aided schools, including those availing free bus passes is implemented in the State. During the year 2008-09, free bicycles were distributed to 4,01,162 students of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities at a cost of Rs.9815 lakh. The list of beneficiaries under this scheme is published in the Government Website.

For the current year, a sum of Rs.8073.72 lakh has been provided for distribution of free bicycles.

HOSTELS

34. The Government of Tamil Nadu is maintaining 1206 hostels including 25 new hostels opened during the year 2008-09 for providing free boarding and lodging to the students of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities. This includes 52 hostels for college girls, 75 hostels for college boys, 373 hostels for school girls and 706 hostels for school boys. Nearly 69,016 students are benefited by way of accommodation in these hostels during the year 2008-09.

35. The monthly boarding charges for the students are periodically revised based on the price trend and at present the boarding charges are granted at Rs.450/- per month per student in respect of school hostels and Rs.550/- per month per student in respect of college hostels. The boarders of school and college hostels are paid a sum of Rs.25/- and Rs.35/- each respectively per month towards miscellaneous expenses.

36. Every year the Government is sanctioning funds for the construction of own buildings for the hostels which are functioning in rental buildings. Out of 1206 hostels, own buildings have been constructed for 832 hostels. The construction of own buildings is at different stages in respect of 206 hostels. During 2008-09, orders were issued for construction of 25 hostels with students' strength of 50 each at a cost of Rs.12.50 crore.

- During 2009-10, own buildings will be constructed for 25 hostels at a cost of Rs.12.50 crore which are functioning in rental buildings.
- During 2009-10, two computers with accessories per hostel will be supplied at a cost of Rs.35 lakh to 50 Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes / Denotified Communities hostels located in remote areas.

- During 2009-10, the inmates of all hostels will be provided with mats at a cost of Rs.32.36 lakh.
- To ensure hygienic condition in the hostels, electric insect traps will be provided to all the hostels during 2009-10 at a total cost of Rs.61.51 lakh.
- Steel almirahs will be provided during 2009-10 to all the college hostels at a cost of Rs.12.55 lakh for the safe custody of books.
- In order to keep the inmates of the hostels physically and mentally fit, play materials will be provided to the hostels. At the first stage, one set of volley ball with a net will be provided to 300 hostels having adequate open space and one carrom board and 2 chess boards will be provided to all the hostels. The total cost of the supply of play materials will be Rs.24.68 lakh.

A sum of Rs.11035.06 lakh has been provided for the year 2009-10 towards the administration and maintenance of hostels including food charges.

BOARDING GRANTS TO GOVERNMENT APPROVED PRIVATE HOSTELS

37. There are 39 Government approved private hostels in Tamil Nadu. The Government is sanctioning boarding charges to 1677 students belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities staying in these hostels at the rate of Rs.200/- per month per student for 10 months. The students whose parental annual income does not exceed Rs.50,000/- are eligible for this grant.

For the year 2009-10, a sum of Rs.34.50 lakh has been provided towards boarding grants for the students staying in Government approved private hostels.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES

38. The Government is taking three pronged action towards economic development of the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities. Free tools like iron boxes, sewing machines etc. are supplied to the economically poor Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified

Community people to earn their livelihood. Job Oriented Trainings are implemented for the unemployed youths to make them employable. The loans at low rate of interest are sanctioned through Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Economic Development Corporation for taking up viable self employment ventures.

DISTRIBUTION OF SEWING MACHINES

39. The people belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities with an annual income not exceeding Rs.16,000/- in rural areas and Rs.24,000/- in urban areas are supplied with sewing machines free of cost for their economic upliftment.

For the current year, a sum of Rs.66.63 lakh has been provided under the scheme.

DISTRIBUTION OF IRON BOXES

40. Iron boxes are distributed to the individuals of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities whose annual income does not exceed Rs.16,000/- in rural areas and Rs.24,000/- in urban areas.

For the current year, a sum of Rs.85 lakh has been allocated under this scheme.

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES

SPECIAL TRAINING FOR INDIAN CIVIL SERVICES

41. The Government is imparting coaching to the socially and economically backward students belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities in the training centre under the control of Anna Institute of Management to equip them to compete in the Indian Civil Services Examinations. There

is no income ceiling for admission to the coaching classes. However, hostel facility is provided to the students whose parental income per annum does not exceed Rs.1,00,000/-. During the year 2008-09, the Government has enhanced the rate of boarding charges from Rs.600/- to Rs.800/- per month per boarder.

For the year 2009-10, a sum of Rs.51.02 lakh is provided under this scheme.

JOB ORIENTED TRAINING

42. This Department is implementing Job Oriented training for the students of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities to enable them to acquire new skill sets to improve their employability and thereby to take up gainful self-employment. Nearly 60 types of Job Oriented training schemes were implemented during 2008-09. About 10,080 students were benefited under this scheme. The training programmes are implemented through Central and State Government institutions and private institutions. The training is imparted in various trades such as Plastic Processing Machine Operation, Footwear and Leather Goods Production, Apparel and Garment Manufacturing, Apparel Designing, Heavy Vehicle Training, Hotel Management and Catering Technology, Computer Technology etc. at an estimated cost of Rs.1000 lakh.

The scheme will be continued during the current year also with a budget provision of Rs.1025 lakh to impart training to nearly 10,000 youths.

TAMIL NADU BACKWARD CLASSES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

43. Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Economic Development Corporation, a State owned organization, was established in the year 1982 with an object of providing loans

to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities who are economically backward for setting up economically and financially viable schemes, trades or projects by the individuals, groups and societies. The loans provided by this Corporation at low rate of interest help the people of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities venture into profitable enterprises and thereby improve their economic status.

44. TABCEDCO is acting as State Channelising Agency for National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation. The funds provided by the National Corporation are disbursed to the beneficiaries through sub-channelising agencies. The Tamil Nadu Industrial Cooperative Bank, Tamil Nadu Handloom Development Corporation, Cooperative Banks, Private /Nationalized banks and Tamil Nadu Cooperative Milk Producers Federation have been designated as sub-channelising agencies.

45. From the inception of National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation, New Delhi, TABCEDCO has received loan to the extent of Rs.14,940.97 lakh and the entire amount has been utilized for lending.

46. Till 2008-09, TABCEDCO has released a sum of Rs.6,727.30 lakh to 50,860 individuals who are the member of industrial cooperatives and cooperative milk producers union at 6% interest under general term loan scheme. Towards women empowerment, the members of self help groups are sanctioned loan upto Rs.10,000 per member with a maximum of Rs.2 lakh per group at 4% interest. The Corporation has disbursed a sum of Rs.8506.86 lakh to 1,86,159 beneficiaries.

During the year 2008-09 alone, the Corporation has disbursed a sum of Rs.3010.53 lakh as loan to benefit 27,258 beneficiaries.

During the current year, it is proposed to provide loan assistance to the tune of Rs.3000 lakh to benefit 35,025 persons.

GRANT-CUM-LOAN SCHEME FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM FARMERS BELONGING TO BACKWARD CLASSES, MOST BACKWARD CLASSES AND DENOTIFIED COMMUNITIES

47. The grant cum loan scheme for the creation of irrigation facilities to the small and medium farmers belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities will be continued during the current year also.

A sum of Rs. 2500 lakh has been provided towards the grant for the year 2009-10.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOUSE SITES

48. The Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Community people whose annual income is not exceeding Rs.24,000/- in urban areas and Rs.16,000 in rural areas are provided with house site free of cost. To overcome the delay in acquiring the lands through land acquisition process, lands suitable for house sites are acquired by the District Administration through direct negotiations with the willing land owners.

The scheme will be continued during 2009-10 also with a budget allocation of Rs.500 lakh.

WELFARE BOARDS

49. The Government have formed two Welfare Boards, one for the Denotified Communities and the other for the Narikuravars under the Chairmanship of Honourable Minister for Backward Classes. The people belonging to the Denotified community and

Narikuravars are enrolled as members in the respective welfare boards. The criterion for enrolment as member in the Boards, is that the individual should be in the age group of 18 to 60 and should be working in an unorganized sector. Financial assistance is extended to the registered members and their family under various welfare schemes such as accident insurance scheme, educational assistance scheme, marriage assistance scheme, maternity assistance scheme and old age assistance scheme. The Board will monitor the implementation of the scheme. The Government have provided a sum of Rs.200 lakh and Rs.100 lakh to the Denotified Communities Welfare Board and Narikuravar Welfare Board respectively. A sum of Rs.100 lakh has been provided to the Tamil Nadu Narikuravar Welfare Board for the year 2009-10 also.

50. So far, 5965 members have been enrolled in the Denotified Communities Welfare Board and 6638 members enrolled in the Narikuravars Welfare Board. Financial assistance has been provided to the tune of Rs. 9.35 lakh to 841 members in the Denotified Communities Welfare Board and Rs. 3.53 lakh to 55 members of the Narikuravars Welfare Board.

VANNIYAR PROPERTIES WELFARE BOARD

51. On the basis of the representations received from various organisations, Vanniyar Properties Welfare Board was constituted by the Government vide G.O.Ms.No.20, Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department, dated 2.3.2009 to identify the Vanniyar Public Trust properties bequeathed for the benefits of the Vanniyar community, to carryout the objectives of the creation of such Public Trusts and to consolidate the Trust properties and to channelise the benefits of the Trusts to the appropriate section of the community. Thiru. G. Santhanam, I.A.S., then Industries Commissioner and Director of Industries and

Commerce, Chennai was ordered to hold additional charge of the post of the Special Officer, Vanniyar Property Welfare Board and he assumed office on 2.3.2009. The Special Officer, Vanniyar Property Welfare Board and Secretary to Government Highways and Minor Ports Department is taking appropriate action to achieve the objects of the above Board.

THANTHAI PERIYAR AWARD FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

52. Every year, Government is honouring those who struggled for social justice in Tamilnadu with Thanthai Periyar Award for Social Justice. The Award carries the presentation of gold medal of 1 sovereign and cash of Rs.1 lakh. During 2008-09, the Award was given to Thiru Gnana Rajasekaran.

A sum of Rs.1.25 lakh has been allocated for the scheme during 2009-10.

THE TAMIL NADU BACKWARD CLASSES COMMISSION

53. In pursuance to the directions given by the Supreme Court of India, the Government constituted the Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Commission in the year 1993. The terms of reference of the Commission are to examine the claims relating to inclusion and exclusion of communities in the list of Backward Classes and Most Backward Classes and to make suitable recommendations to the Government. The Commission shall also examine and undertake the periodical revision of the list of Backward Classes and Most Backward Classes.

54. During the current year, 3 computers, a scanner and one duplex network will be provided to the Commission. One Laptop will also be purchased for the use of the

Hon'ble Chairman to record the statements of witnesses during his camps. A sum of Rs.3.07 lakh has been provided for this.

TAMIL NADU WAKF BOARD

55.The Tamil Nadu Wakf Board was constituted in 1958 with the objective of ensuring proper maintenance of wakfs, control, administration of their functions and to ensure that the incomes from wakfs are duly applied to the objects and purpose for which such wakfs were created. The Government constitutes the Board once in five years and the present Board was reconstituted on 6.3.2007.

56.The Government of Tamil Nadu has sanctioned Rs.45 lakh to Tamil Nadu Wakf Board towards administrative expenses during the year 2008-09. For the current year also, the same amount will be released to the Tamil Nadu Wakf Board to meet out its the administrative expenses.

57. During the current year, a sum of Rs.10 lakh has been allotted towards minor repairs, construction of compound walls and erection of barbed wire fencing.

58. Apart from this, a sum of Rs.60 lakh has been provided for the current year towards repairs and renovation of mosques and dargahs maintained by the wakfs which are not financially sound.

59. Towards e-governance, a sum of Rs.4 lakh has been provided for purchase of Lap-top, computers, networking, printer and software.

60. The Ulema Pension Scheme will be continued during the current year also to benefit 2400 Ulemas. The Ulema pensioners are paid a sum of Rs.750 per month. For the current year, a sum of Rs.216 lakh has been provided for this scheme.

61. The Government is also making payment towards maintenance expenses ordered by Courts to the divorced Muslim women.

62. The Government have constituted 24 Wakf Tribunals throughout Tamil Nadu for the determination of any dispute or other matters relating to the wakfs or properties of wakfs.

ULEMAS WELFARE BOARD

63. On favourable consideration of the representations from Aalims, Pesh Imams, Arabic Teachers, Bilals, Mothinars, other workers of the mosques and Madarasas in Tamil Nadu and Muzawars working in Darghas, Burial grounds, Thaikas, Azurkhanas and Muslim Orphan Homes that their standard of life is in indigent conditions and that a Welfare Board may be formed to render various financial assistance to them, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered that a Welfare Board to benefit them may be formed. Pursuant to the order, an announcement was made in the Budget for 2009-10, that "**Ulemas and other personnel Welfare Board**" would be established. According to this scheme, Ulemas who have completed 18 years of age and not completed 60 years will be enrolled as members of the board and various welfare assistance available to the members of the similar welfare boards for unorganized labourers will be extended to the members and to the family members of this Ulemas Welfare Board. For this purpose, a sum of Rs.10 lakh has been provided in the current year.

MUSLIM WOMEN AID SOCIETY

64. The Government has formed Muslim Women Aid Societies in 30 Districts of Tamil Nadu on the lines of the society functioning in Chennai. Government has also sanctioned seed money to all the 30 Societies at the rate of Rs.1 lakh per society.

Government has ordered to release matching grant equal to the amount collected by way of donations by a society subject to a maximum grant of Rs.10 lakh per society.

During 2008-09, a sum of Rs.3,21,575/- was released by the Government towards matching grant to Muslim Women Aids Society functioning at Chennai.

TAMIL NADU STATE HAJJ COMMITTEE

65. The State Level Hajj Committee, as a Statutory Body, to oversee the arrangements relating to Hajj pilgrimage was constituted during 2002 following the Hajj Committee Act, 2002. The Committee was reconstituted in November 2006 with 16 members including an Executive Officer of the Committee.

66. The Hajj Committee ensures fair and judicious selection of pilgrims for the Hajj Pilgrimage through a transparent draw of lot through electronic system. The Committee conducts Orientation Training programme to the Hajj Volunteers who, in turn, shall provide counseling to the Hajj pilgrims regarding the performance of the Hajj pilgrimage.

67. The Hajj Committee facilitates the preparation of pilgrim passes, payment to Hajj Committee of India, preparation of travel documents, transit accommodation, flight operations, online telecheck-in facility, emigration and custom clearance, transport of pilgrims to airport, security at accommodation centres, airport etc.

68. The Government has allotted a sum of Rs.10.29 lakh for the current year for meeting out the expenditure of the Building Selection Team and Hajj volunteers. The Government has also provided a sum of Rs.10 lakh towards the administrative expenditure to the Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee.

PART II SCHEMES FOR **2009-10**

(Rs. in lakh)

| Sl. No | Name of the Scheme | Total Cost | Cost for 2009-10 |
|--|--|--------------|------------------|
| DIRECTORATE OF MINORITIES WELFARE | | | |
| 1 | Provision five Computers with accessories, furniture & one printer to each hostel to the 5 newly opened girl's hostels belonging to Muslim community. | 10.13 | 10.13 |
| 2 | Purchase of one Line Printer for the Commissionerate of Minorities Welfare. | 1.30 | 1.30 |
| 3 | Provision of one Lap-top computer to the Commissionerate of Minorities Welfare. | 0.35 | 0.35 |
| 4 | Provision of one computer with accessories, furniture & one printer to each office of the District Backward Classes & Minority Welfare Officer. | 16.00 | 16.00 |
| Total for Minorities Welfare | | 27.78 | 27.78 |
| DIRECTORATE OF BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE | | | |
| 1 | Adherence of E Governance - Purchase of one Projector with Lap Top for the use of Directorates of Backward Classes Welfare and Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare. | 0.95 | 0.95 |
| 2 | Provision of Local Area Network (LAN) facility in the Directorates of Backward Classes Welfare & Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare. | 1.60 | 1.60 |

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| 3 | Provision of Air-Conditioners in the computer room of the Directorates of Backward Classes and Most Backward Classes Welfare. | 1.50 | 1.50 |
| 4 | Supply of electric insect trap to all Backward Classes & Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Hostels. | 61.51 | 61.51 |
| 5 | Supply of Mats to Backward Classes Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Hostel Students. | 32.36 | 32.36 |
| 6 | Supply of 2 computers each to 50 Backward Classes Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities school Hostels situated in remote areas. | 35.00 | 35.00 |
| 7 | Provision of Sports equipments (Volleyball with net, Carom Board and two chess set) to all Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Hostels. | 24.68 | 24.68 |
| Total for Backward Classes Welfare | | 157.60 | 157.60 |
| DIRECTORATE OF MOST BACKWARD CLASSES & DENOTIFIED COMMUNITIES | | | |
| 1 | Construction of Compound wall to 10 Government Kallar Reclamation Schools. | 83.06 | 83.06 |
| 2 | Construction of lab buildings for 3 upgraded Government Kallar Higher Secondary Schools | 44.85 | 44.85 |
| 3 | Purchase of furniture (Tables and Chairs) to operate computers provided to Government Kallar Reclamation Higher Secondary Schools. | 9.37 | 9.37 |

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| 4 | Purchase of Book shelves to Backward Classes Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Hostels College Hostels. | 12.55 | 12.55 |
| Total for Most Backward Classes & Denotified Communities | | 149.83 | 149.83 |
| Backward Classes Commission | | | |
| 1 | Provision of one Lap-top, 3 Computers & 1 Laser Duplex network Printer, one scanner, UPS to Backward Classes Commission. | 3.07 | 3.07 |
| Total for Backward Classes Commission | | 3.07 | 3.07 |
| Tamil Nadu Hajj Committee | | | |
| 1 | Purchase of two computers with accessories for Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee | 0.60 | 0.60 |
| 2 | Provision of two air-conditioners for Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Total for Hajj Committee | | 1.60 | 1.60 |
| Tamil Nadu Wakf Board | | | |
| 1 | Grants to Tamil Nadu Wakf Board for Major repairs and renovation. | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| 2 | Grant to Tamil Nadu Wakf Board for provision of 2 Laptops for the Chairman & Chief Executive Officers of the Tamil Nadu Wakf Board | 0.70 | 0.70 |
| 3 | Grant to Tamil Nadu Wakf Board for the purchase of 5 computers | 1.50 | 1.50 |

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| 4 | Grant to Tamil Nadu Wakf Board for the purchase of Vanavil Tamil Software (10-Nos) | 0.30 | 0.30 |
| 5 | Grant to Tamil Nadu Wakf Board for the Networking the computers in the Head Office of Tamil Nadu Wakf Board. | 0.80 | 0.80 |
| 6 | Grant to Tamil Nadu Wakf Board for the purchase of 3 Network Printers. | 0.70 | 0.70 |
| Total for Tamil Nadu Wakf Board | | 64.00 | 64.00 |
| Grand Total | | 403.88 | 403.88 |

Conclusion

This Government, which is relentlessly working for the Social, Educational and Economic Development of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities, is implementing various welfare schemes for achieving it. This Government is determined to continuously strive for the advancement of these communities.

**K.K.S.S.R.RAMACHANDRAN,
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ANNEXURE

ALLOTMENT FOR 2009-10

(Rupees in Lakh)

| Department | Revenue | Capital | Loan | Total |
|--|-----------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Secretariat | 284.69 | - | - | 284.69 |
| Wakf, Hajj and Muslim Women Aid Society | 358.91 | - | - | 358.91 |
| Backward Classes Welfare | 20729.24 | 1240.01 | - | 21969.25 |
| Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare | 17494.25 | 1625.92 | - | 19120.17 |
| Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Commission | 55.09 | - | - | 55.09 |
| State Minorities Commission | 37.84 | - | - | 37.84 |
| Minorities Welfare | 1649.50 | 0.01 | - | 1649.51 |
| Total | 40609.52 | 2865.94 | - | 43475.46 |