

**DEMAND NO. 33**  
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**LAW DEPARTMENT**

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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

A law generally is a body of rules which have been laid down for determining legal right and legal obligation which are recognized by courts. Law is a social engineering and an instrument of social change evolved by a gradual and continuous process. Law is an instrument of social change as well as the defender for social change. The State shall strive to promote the welfare of the people by securing and protecting as effectively as it may, a social order in which justice, social, economic and political, shall inform all the institutions of the national life. Wherever social inequality exists or economic injustice is found, a democratic state enters the arena, and with the aid of law, establishes social equality and removes economic injustice. Policy makers always may have to keep in mind the

conditions of the society. Whatever is done by the Government is done for the betterment of the people. For healthy and sound society, it is required to have free atmosphere where one can breathe comfortably and can achieve utmost development of his personality. No person shall be deprived of his life or personal liberty except according to procedure established by law. State is under an obligation to safeguard and preserve the right to life of every citizen. The nature of the law is to flow and not to freeze. Law cannot remain stagnant. Law does not stand still. It moves continuously.

Law department of this Government frames various enactments keeping the above principles in mind and implements the policies of the Government, which are aimed at the welfare of the society.

Wherever Legislation is necessary to implement the policy decision of the Government, the Law Department, puts them into legal shape in the form of draft Bill in coordination with the administrative departments concerned.

On passage of the Bill by the Legislative Assembly, Law department pursues further action till it is published as an Act after assent by the Governor or the President, as the case may be. Where there is urgent need to make law when the Legislative Assembly is not in session and is prorogued, Ordinance is promulgated under Article 213 of the Constitution. It is Law department which prepares the draft Ordinances for the purpose and pursues further action till the publication of the Ordinance promulgated.

Further, one of the main roles of Law Department is to advise all departments of Secretariat including Tamil

Nadu Legislative Assembly Secretariat. Law Department offers legal advice on the issues referred to it.

Apart from this, the statutory rules, notifications and orders and the deeds wherein the State Government are a party are scrutinized with reference to the relevant legal provisions and settled by the Law department.

In all litigations wherein the State Government are a party, the draft affidavits, draft counter affidavits, reply affidavits, etc. are scrutinized and settled by the Law Department.

Law Department is also dealing with the following subjects :-

- (1) Legal Studies
- (2) Notaries
- (3) State Official Language (Legislative) Wing
- (4) Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University

## **LEGAL STUDIES**

The Department of Legal Studies was established in the year 1953 with the object of improving the standard of Legal Education in the State of Tamil Nadu. After the creation of the Department, there has been an all-round improvement in the standard of Legal education in the State. The department continues to strive for further improvement.

The Dr. Ambedkar Government Law College, Chennai was started in the year 1891. In the year 1974, another Law College was opened at Madurai and two more Law Colleges one each at Thiruchirappalli and Coimbatore, were opened during the academic year 1979-80. During the academic year 1996-97 a Law College was started in Thirunelveli. Orders have been issued for declaring the Law College at Chengalpattu run by the Tamil Nadu

Dr.Ambedkar Law University as Government Law College in the academic year 2006-07. During the academic year 2008-2009 a Law College was started in Vellore. Thus, there are seven Government Law Colleges in the State of Tamil Nadu at present.

The total sanctioned strength in the Law Colleges in the academic year 2009-10 is furnished hereunder:-

	<u>Name of the College</u>	<u>Total sanctioned strength</u>
1.	Dr. Ambedkar Govt. Law College, Chennai. (Under graduate and Post-graduate)	2126
2.	Government Law College, Madurai (Under graduate and Post-graduate)	1428
3.	Government Law College, Thiruchirappalli (Under graduate and Post-graduate)	1430
4.	Government Law College, Coimbatore (Under graduate and Post-graduate)	1430

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| 5. | Government Law College,<br>Thirunelveli<br>(Under graduate and Post graduate)       | 1430 |
| 6. | Government Law College,<br>Chengalpattu<br>(Under graduate only)                    | 1040 |
| 7. | Government Law College, Vellore.<br>(Under graduate only)<br>( 3 years course only) | 80   |

All the Government Law Colleges except Government Law College, Vellore are functioning in their own buildings. Separate hostel facilities are available for both men and women students in the Government Law Colleges in Chennai and Madurai. Hostel facilities are available for the men students in Coimbatore Government Law College and for women students in Thiruchirappalli Government Law College and in Thirunelveli Government Law College. A hostel for women students is under construction in the Government Law College, Coimbatore and the work is nearing completion. For the construction of hostels for the

men students of the Government Law College, Thiruchirappalli and Thirunelveli, orders have been issued allotting lands in Abishekapuram and Kulavanigarapuram villages respectively.

In order to enable the students to study Law in Tamil, necessary steps were taken to publish the text books in Tamil. Manuscript copies for all the subjects have been prepared and the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University has published books for 27 subjects out of 32 subjects.

Action is being taken to construct additional class rooms for the Government Law College at Chengalpattu at the cost of Rs.80 lakhs.

It has been decided to construct the four additional class rooms building with toilet facilities for the Government Law College, Madurai at the cost of Rs. 76 lakhs.

**NOTARIES:**

For the purpose of attesting the negotiable instruments and for all recognized notarial purposes, notaries are appointed under the Notaries Act, 1952. The number of notaries appointed by this Government and in practice in this State as on 01.01.2009 are 1625.

### **STATE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE (LEGISLATIVE) WING**

State Official Language (Legislative) Commission was constituted in the year 1965 to finalise and publish the glossary of legal terms, to undertake translation of Central and State Acts, Ordinances and the Rules and Notifications made thereunder into Tamil and any other work which may be entrusted to the Commission by the Government from time to time.

The State Official Language (Legislative) Commission was departmentalized in the year 1992 as a Wing of the Law Department viz, Official Language (Legislative) Wing. It is headed by an Additional Secretary

to Government, Law Department. This wing functions under the over all control and supervision of the Secretary to Government, Law Department. Central Acts and the State Acts have been translated into Tamil by this wing. The expenditure for translation and printing of Central Acts is reimbursed by the Government of India. The expenditure for translation and printing of State Acts is incurred by the State Government.

### **TAMIL NADU DR. AMBEDKAR LAW UNIVERSITY**

The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai was established by the State, with an aim to provide eminence in Legal Education and to propagate legal knowledge in the state of Tamil Nadu. It was inaugurated by his Excellency Thiru.K.R.Narayanan, then President of India on September 20, 1997. The University started functioning from 03.10.1997. This University is the only one of its kind in the whole of South Asia as it is the

only Law University to have Colleges affiliated to it under its canopy. This uniqueness of the said University helps in disseminating the same standards of Legal Education throughout the State of Tamil Nadu.

Seven Government Law Colleges functioning at Chennai, Madurai, Thiruchirappalli, Coimbatore, Thirunelveli, Chengalpattu and Vellore and one private Law College at Salem are affiliated to the said Law University.

For the first time Law admissions for all the Law Colleges in Tamil Nadu were made without conducting Entrance Examinations from the Academic year 2007-2008. This enabled the candidates having high academic marks to get admission in Law Courses, thereby balancing the urban and rural divide.

The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University has been declared as eligible to receive Central Assistance under section 12 B of the University Grants Commission

Act, 1956 by the University Grants Commission on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2008 and this University has submitted the XI Plan Proposals to the University Grants Commission to the tune of Rs. 100 Crores during the month of June 2008 as recommended by the Planning Board, Building committee, Finance Committee and the Syndicate of the University.

The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University has introduced 3 year B.L. (Hons) Degree Course – Inter-disciplinary studies – MEDICO-TECHNO-LEGAL STUDIES with the approval of Bar Council of India under an innovative programme which is first of its kind in the country from the academic year 2008 -2009 with a view to club different disciplines like Science, Medicine and Technology and link it with Law, for a better understanding of the emerging fields of Law which are basically interdisciplinary in nature.

A Statistical Cell has been established in the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University as per the directive of the UGC to compile the data to be made available from time to time viz. Students strength in the University and its affiliated Law Colleges, community and gender wise details, Staff particulars etc. A professor has been appointed as Nodal Officer for statistical cell.

The NSS volunteers of the affiliated Law Colleges involved in the following regular activities, viz., Blood donation camps, Free Eye care camp, Plantation of saplings, Campus cleaning, Legal literacy programmes, Career Guidance Programmes.

The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University has started N.C.C. Unit during the academic year 2008-2009. 50 students have joined as NCC candidates from the School of Excellence in Law.

This University has entered an MOU with the School of Law, Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi to offer a Post Graduate Diploma in Cyber Laws under distance education mode from this academic year.

This University has introduced a Post Graduate Diploma course in Consumer Legal Education under evening college mode.

A sum of Rs. 76 lakhs has been sanctioned for construction of hostel building for women students in the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University. Now, the construction of said buildings has been completed.

**DETAILED LIST OF PART II SCHEMES FOR THE YEAR 2009-2010.**

**(Rupees in lakhs)**

<b>SI No</b>	<b>Description of the Schemes</b>	<b>Ultimate Cost</b>			<b>Cost in 2009-2010</b>			
		<b>Recurring Expenditure</b>	<b>Non-recurring expenditure</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Expenditure on Revenue account</b>	<b>Expenditure on Capital account</b>	<b>Expenditure on Loan account</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>(1)</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>(5)</b>	<b>(6)</b>	<b>(7)</b>	<b>(8)</b>	<b>(9)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Purchase of books for the Govt. Law Colleges.</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>14.00</b>	<b>14.00</b>	<b>14.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>14.00</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Construction of four additional class rooms with toilet facilities for the Govt. Law College, Madurai.</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>76.00</b>	<b>76.00</b>	<b>00.00</b>	<b>76.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>76.00</b>

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3	Purchase of Books and Journals for the use of newly introduced three year Law Course and that of the existing UG/PG and Research Studies in Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University.	0.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	0.00	100.00	100.00	24.00	76.00	00.00	100.00

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