



Government of Tamil Nadu

**MANUAL UNDER THE RIGHT TO
INFORMATION ACT, 2005**

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Secretariat,
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PREFACE

Preface

The Government of India have enacted the Right to Information Act 2005 (Act 22 of 2005) which came into effect from 15.06.2005. This act provides for Right to Information to citizens to secure access to information under the control of public authorities and also to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public activity.

2. Under Section 4(1)(b) of the Act, it is mandatory for the public authorities to publish all particulars required therein for information of the public.

3. Accordingly, this Manual relating to the Higher Education Department, Secretariat is published. This manual contains the details of organization, functions, duties, powers etc. for the use of the public. This manual also contains the list of Public Information Officers/ Appellate Authorities for the use of public, as required under the Act.

4. It is hoped that this Manual will serve the needs of the general public with reference to the Right to Information Act, 2005.

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CHAPTER -1
INTRODUCTION

INTRODUCTION

In order to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority and to empower the citizens to secure access to information under the control of each public authority, the Government of India have enacted "The Right to Information Act, 2005", (RTI Act) which came into force on 15.06.2005. In accordance with the provisions of section 4(1) (b) of this Act, this manual has been brought out by way of publication of all relevant information as required therein.

The purpose of this manual is to inform the general public about Higher Education Department's organisational set-up, functions and duties of its officers and employees, records and documents that are available with the Department.

This manual is aimed at the public in general and users of the services, and provides information about the schemes, projects and programmes being implemented by this Department and the Head of Departments under its administrative control.

A person requiring any information under this Act may contact any of the Public Information Officers as indicated in Chapter 17.

Persons, who desire to obtain any information under this Act, shall make a request in writing or through electronics means in English or in Tamil, accompanying such fee as may be prescribed from time to time under the Tamil Nadu Right to Information (Fees) Rules, 2005.

CHAPTER – 2
[Sec.4(1)(b)(i) of the Act]

**PARTICULARS OF ORGANIZATION,
FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES**

PARTICULARS OF ORGANIZATION, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES

2.1. Objective / purpose of the Department.

The basic objective of the Department is to formulate policies, laws, regulations and various programmes based on the needs of the society now and then, for achieving the following goals of the Government in the field of Higher Education in Tamil Nadu.

- To provide Higher and Technical Education.
- To provide higher education for the youth from poor families to have an equal opportunity to pursue higher education.
- To achieve the Higher Education access rate 25% by 2020.
- To improve the infrastructure facilities in colleges.
- To improve and enrich the syllabus.
- To improve the quality of Higher Education and Technical Education
- To popularize Science and Technology among the people in General and students in particular in Urban and Rural areas in this State.
- To create Scientific temper among the students and encourage research activities in Science and Technology in this State.

2.2. Vision Statement of the Department.

It is the aim of the Government to make the State of Tamil Nadu, the foremost State in the country in the field of Higher Education.

It is the aim of the Government to introduce more job-oriented courses in Arts and Science Colleges.

It is the aim of the Government to provide access to higher education for large segment of population.

It is the aim of the Government to improve the quality of the existing institutions rather than merely increase in the number of new institutions.

2.3. Duties of the Department.

The Higher Education Department was formed in 1997, after bifurcation from the Education, Science & Technology Department of Secretariat. According to the allocation of subjects as per the Business Rules, applicable to all the Departments of Secretariat, this Department has been allocated the following items of work:-

1. Overall administrating the Head of Departments functioning under Higher Education department
2. Policy formulation,
3. Finalisation of the annual budget relating to the schemes implemented Higher Education by the Department.
4. Administrative sanctions for various projects and programmes
5. Advice to other departments in Higher Education and Technical Education.
6. Universities.

This Department coordinates the activities of the following ten Heads of Departments:

Name of the Head of Department	Functions in Nutshell
Collegiate Education	The Directorate of Collegiate Education was formed in the year 1965 with a view to exclusively administer Collegiate Education by bifurcating the erstwhile Directorate of Public Instruction into Directorate of School Education and Directorate of Collegiate Education. Matters relating to Government, Government Aided and Self Financing Arts and Science College, Training Colleges, Oriental Colleges, Physical Education and School of Social Work. Opening of Government Arts and Science Colleges, Sanction of New Courses and establishment matters relating to College teachers. Implementation of UGC scales pay.
Technical Education	Matters relating to Engineering Colleges, Polytechnic Colleges and Special Institutions, conduct of Technical Examination. Technical Teachers' Training, Lateral Entry Admissions to Engineering Colleges. Transfer of students from one engineering college to another. A Construction wing of a PWD is functioning under the control of Technical Education especially for construction of the Government College buildings. Sanction of Grants to Anna University. Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP).
Tamil Nadu Archives	The orderly storage, preservation and retrieval of records relating to Secretariat and other Government Departments. Historical Research activities, Microfilming of pre-mutiny records.
Tamil Nadu Science and Technology Centre	Established by Govt. Tamil Nadu in 1983. The Centre has been registered under Societies Act and functioning under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Education, Government of Tamil Nadu. Its main objective is popularizing Science and Technology among the general public and students both in urban as well as in rural areas in the State.
Science City	Entire Guindy Taramani institutional belt consisting of about 60 educational and research institutions like I.I.T. Anna University.

	CLRI and Science Centre belonging both Central and State Governments has been declared as Science City with the objective of promoting Science and Technology. Science City is implementing various programmes connected to the development of Science and Technology.
Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology	Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology, an autonomous body under Government of Tamil Nadu was established in the 1984. With the objectives of Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology are to popularize Science and Technology among masses and to develop scientific temper among the youth and promote research in science and technology in the State.
Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education.	Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education was established as an autonomous body by an Act of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly in 1992 for the promotion and co-ordination with the University Grants Commission. The Activities of the Council are carried out with the allocation of funds made by the Government.
Universities	Alagappa University, Karaikudi, Anna University, Chennai, Anna University, Tiruchirappalli, Anna University, Coimbatore, Annamalai University, Chidambaram, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, Manonmaniam Sundaranaar University, Tirunelveli, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, Mother Teresa Women's University, Kodaikanal, Periyar University, Salem, Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University, Chennai, Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai, Thiruvalluvar University, Vellore and University of Madras, Chennai.

2.4. List of services being provided by the Department with a brief write-up on them.

Administrative Section/Bills Section

The OP section deals with establishment matters related to the employees of the Higher Education Department as per the rules framed by the nodal departments, the Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department and Public Department of the Government of Tamil Nadu. As far as the claim of the staff of this department like salary, medical reimbursement, etc. there is a separate Bills section looking after all payment due to the staff members and also maintains the Service Registers of the staff.

Budget

'A' Section of this department deals with all Budget/Finance/Assembly related works and reports to Finance Department, Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Department, Legislative Assembly Secretariat, Hon'ble Chief Minister's Secretariat, Assurances Committee and Public Accounts Committee. Besides preparation of Governor's Address, Budget Speech, consolidation of Part – II Schemes, reports on Top Priority Schemes of Chief Minister's Secretariat, preparation of Annual Plan and Five Year Plan. This section has also been vested with the responsibility of keeping track of issuance of G.O.s on all schemes (Part-I and Part-II), announcements relating to this department made by His Excellency The Governor of Tamil Nadu, the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Minister for Finance and Minister for Higher Education.

Besides the Administration and Budget Sections, the remaining sections are divided among the three wings viz. Collegiate Education, Technical Education and University Education, dealing with various subjects, schemes which are implemented by the Heads of Departments/Universities under the control of Higher Education Department inclusive of the corresponding administrative issues. They are briefly as given below:-

COLLEGE WING:

SECTION	SUBJECT
“E”	: Opening of Aided, Self Financing Arts and Science Colleges and Training Colleges. I.A.S.E. and C.T.E. minority status of private Arts and Science Colleges and Training Colleges. Special Institutions and general policy of Self Financing Colleges. Service matters of teaching staff including Graduate Librarians of Aided College. All non service matters relating to aided Arts and Science and Training Colleges.
“F”	: Service matters of Director, Joint Directors, Principals, Professors Lecturers and GPF rules relating to above personals.
“G”	: General and common issues and demands of all associations of Government Arts and Training Colleges. Opening of Government Arts Colleges. Sanction of teaching and non-teaching posts to Government Arts and Training Colleges and Directorates and Regional Directorates. Schemes including National Service Scheme. Service matters of staff of Directorate of Collegiate Education, Regional Directorates of Collegiate Education, Government Arts and Training Colleges. Tamil Nadu Government Servants’ Conduct Rules relating to all personnel of Collegiate Education Department. State Institute of English. Non-service matters of Directorates and Regional Directorates of Collegiate Education.
“D”	: Service matters of non-teaching staff including non-Graduate Librarians of aided Arts and Science and Training Colleges. Scholarship relating to Higher Education only. Demands of aided College teachers and non-teaching staff associations. Taking over of Aided Colleges. Madras School of Social Work.

TECHNICAL WING:

SECTION	SUBJECT
“B”	: Non-service matters of Director of Technical Education including construction wing, matter relating to Technical Examinations. Lands in Central Institute of Technology Campus. Framing of Service Rules relating to Technical Education Department. Tamil Nadu Educational Loan Rules, 1962. Creation, sanction, surrender and revival and continuance of temporary posts in Engineering Colleges and Polytechnics. World Bank Project, Opening of Polytechnics (Government, Government Aided, Self Financing) and Minority status of Polytechnics. Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology, Tamil Nadu Science and Technology Centre and Science City, Chennai. Land Acquisition and construction of buildings for Engineering Colleges and Polytechnics. Project and Improvement (Government Building repair and maintenance)
“C”	: Service matters of Teaching and non-teaching staff of aided engineering colleges and polytechnics. All representations of service associations relating to the above. State Board of Technical Education and Training. All service and non-service matters of non-teaching staff in the office of Director of Technical Education, Government Polytechnics, Special Institutions and Government Engineering Colleges. All general and common matters of all Engineering Colleges and Polytechnics. Non-service matters of all technical and special institutions. (Rental Housing Quarters in respect of Technical staff (both teaching and non-teaching staff) shall be dealt with by the concerned Service sections).
“I”	: Service and non-service matters of teaching staff of Government Engineering Colleges. All matters of Anna University, Chennai, Anna University, Tiruchirappalli and Anna University, Coimbatore. Service and non-service matters of Group A and B Officers in the Office of the Directorate of Technical Education.

Representations of Service Associations relating to Service matters of above personnel.
 Service and non-service matters of teaching staff of Government Polytechnics and Special Institutions.
 Representations of service associations relating to service matters of above staff.
 Disaster risk management progress. (NPCBEERM)

“J” : Opening of Government Aided and Self-Financing Engineering Colleges.
 Minority status of Engineering Colleges.
 Policy decisions on Self Financing Engineering Colleges and conferment of minority status.
 All India Council for Technical Education.
 Tamil Nadu Industrial Liaison Board.
 Opening of Government aided and Self Financing Polytechnics.
 Policy decision of self-financing polytechnics.
 Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme.
 Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.
 Institute of Higher learning for Technical Education.

UNIVERSITY WING:

SECTION	SUBJECT
“H”	: All statutory and non-statutory matters including Land acquisition of University of Madras, Annamalai University, Alagappa University, Avinashilingam University for Women, Madurai Kamarajar University, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Bharathiar University and Bharathisan University. Clarification on the applicability of University Grants Commission scales of pay and policy decisions. Institute of Traditional Culture. Rural Institute of Higher Education. Medium of Instruction in Colleges. Legislation relating to above Universities. Meeting of Vice-Chancellors of All Universities. State Council for Higher Education. Matters relating to legislation of the above Universities. All issues relating to Science and Technology both STED.

- “K” : All statutory and non-statutory matters including land acquisition of Mother Theresa University and Gandhigram Rural Institute, Thiruvalluvar University, Periyar University, Tamil Nadu Open University and Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University.
 Recognition of Qualifications on par with other Universities.
 Legislation relating to above Universities.
 Legislation on common issues of all Universities.
 Establishment of new Universities.
 General and common matters relating to all universities (Except Anna University).

2.5. Organizational Structure

This Department is headed by the Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu. The Secretary to Government is the administrative head of this Department and principal adviser to the Government on all matters of policy and administration relating to Higher Education. He is assisted by a Special Secretary, two Deputy Secretaries, five Under Secretaries.

2.6. Mechanism available for monitoring the service delivery and public grievance resolution.

Each programme implemented by department has an in built monitoring mechanism. Periodical meetings are conducted by Secretary and Special Secretary of the department to review the progress of the implementation of the Scheme. Sanction of amount for the schemes are done in consultation with the advisory department and the Finance Department and monitoring of the scheme is made regularly and depending on the necessity. Higher Officials from the Government are deputed for verification/inspection of the schemes implemented by the Heads of Departments, whenever considered necessary.

2.7. Addresses of the Directorates under the control of this Department.

Name of the Directorate	Address
Director of Collegiate Education.	E.V.K.Samptah Maligai, 9 th Floor, College Road, Chennai-600 006. Phone Off: 28212091, 28276791 & 2827679 Per. 28212090. e.mail. tndceo @ md4.net.in
Directorate of Technical Education	Sardar Patel Road, Guindy, Chennai-600 0025. Phone Off: 22351018, 22350525 Per 22352299. Website. www.tndte.com .
Commissioner of Archives and Historical Researches.	50 – 51, Gandhi Irwin Road, Chennai-600 008. Phone: Per. 28191202, Off. 28190355, 28190855. e.mail. tnarchives @ vsnl.net

The Executive Director, Tamil Nadu Science and Technology Centre.	Gandhi Mandapam Road, Chennai-600 025. Phone Per. 24918787, Off. 24410025. e.mail tnste @ md5.vsnl.net.in
Vice-Chairman, Science City.	Planetarium Campus, Gandhi Mandapam Road, Chennai-600 025. Phone Per. 24454034, Off:24454054 and 24454034. e.mail. scicity @ md3.vsnl.net.in
Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology.	Director of Technical Education Campus, Chennai-600 025. Phone: 22301597, 22301428. Website www.tanscst.org
Vice-Chairman, Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education.	Lady Wellington College Campus, Kamarajar Salai, Triplicane, Chennai-600 005. Phone: Per. 28440961, Member Secretary Phone Per. 28446486, Off. 28445570. e.mail. tansche @ vsnl.in

2.8. Working hours of the Department

Opening hours : 10.00 A.M.

Closing hours : 05.45 P.M.

2.9. GENERAL

In tune with the changing needs of the society and the student community at large, the nature of duties and functions of this Department, in the field of Higher Education may undergo slight changes with regard to the types/numbers of schemes/programmes taken up for consideration/approval prior to their implementation by the Head of Departments. These details are incorporated in the "POLICY NOTE" of the Department prepared and placed before the Legislature every year, seeking budget provision of funds to meet out the expenditure involved.

CHAPTER –3
[Sec.4(1)(b)(ii) of the Act]
POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND
EMPLOYEES

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The following are the powers and duties of officers and employees of this Department:-

Secretary to Government

This department is headed by the Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu, who is a senior IAS Officer. The Secretary is the administrative head of the Department and principal adviser to the Minister (Higher Education) on all matters of policy and administration relating to this department. The Secretary is responsible for the careful observance of the Business Rules and Secretariat Instructions in the transaction of the business in the department. He exercises general supervision and control over the staff under him including Special Secretary, Deputy Secretary and Under Secretary and is responsible for seeing that the members of the staff do the work allotted to them efficiently and expeditiously. The Secretary is to take steps for the prompt transaction of business in the department. Policy matters and all important matters should be dealt with in consultation with the Secretary who will be over all in charge of the Department.

Special Secretary to Government

Special Secretary has been delegated to co-ordinate and oversee all the schemes/ sections excluding. He is designated as circulating officer to send cases direct to the Minister with reference to the general direction of the Secretary. He is an officer who acts on behalf of the Secretary.

Deputy Secretary to Government

The Deputy Secretary will deal with cases relating to the subjects allotted and submit to Secretary such cases as may be specified. They can send cases for orders direct to the Minister with reference to the general directions of the Secretary. The Deputy Secretary also exercises control over the sections placed in his/her charge. He is entrusted with the disposal of majority of cases coming up to him. He uses his discretion in taking orders of Special Secretary/Secretary on more important cases. He can sign and convey the orders in the name of Governor of Tamil Nadu involving financial implication after the approval of competent authority has been obtained.

Under Secretary to Government

The Under Secretary exercises control over the sections placed in his charge generally consisting of 2 and 3 section and in respect thereto exercises control both in regard to the despatch of business and maintenance of discipline. Work come to him from the section under his charge. He disposes as many cases as possible at his own level and takes the orders of the higher officers on important cases. He can sign and convey the orders in the name of Governor of Tamil Nadu involving financial implication after the approval of competent authority has been obtained.

Section Officer

Section Officer is in-charge of a section of a Secretariat Department. He will be assisted by Assistant Section Officers who work under his direction and control. The training of Assistant Section Officers under him is one of his principal functions. He will manage and Co-ordinate the work relation to the section. He will scrutinize the files submitted by the Assistant Section Officers. He will guide the Assistant Section Officers in all aspect of work and see that they do not waste time and paper on needless noting or correspondence. He will have a keen watch on receipt of tappals and disposals of the same. He will not simply supervise but will undertake himself in dealing the difficult or important papers whenever necessary. He will be responsible for the despatch of all communications of the section and Section Officer should take independent actions on issuing reminders, obtaining or supplying factual information of a non-classified nature. He will ensure proper maintenance of registers, Office orders etc. keeping them up to date. He will ensure the neatness and tidiness of the Section.

Assistant Section Officer

The main duties of Assistant Section Officer in a section is to put up notes, drafts, maintain the Personal Registers and also to assist the Section Officer. He will maintain the Periodical Registers, reference books stock files etc. keeping them up to date. He will act according to the orders and direction of the Section Officer in imparting official duties. He will dispose off the tappals received by him without any delay. He will keep his seat neat and tidy.

Assistant

Assistants are expected to attend the routine work such as comparing, despatching, indexing and docketing of closed papers. They will also maintain the prescribed Periodical Registers and put up reminders.

Typist

Typist will type note and drafts and make fair copy of all communication to be despatched.

Private Secretary / Personal Assistant / Personal Clerk

He should keep the officer free from the worries of a routine nature and mailing correspondence, filing papers, making appointments, arranging meetings and collecting information. He should be skilled in human relations. An officer has to depend on his Personal Assistant for routine jobs so as to have more time to involve himself to the work in which he has specialised. The Personal Assistant should earn the confidence of his officer for being entrusted with confidential and secrete papers. He should be familiar with the persons who come in contact with his officer and to interact as per the directions of the officer. He will perform the liaison work between the officer and the subordinates for smooth functioning of the office.

CHAPTER – 4
[Sec. 4(1)(b)(iii) of the Act.]
PROCEDURE FOLLOWED IN DECISION
MAKING PROCESS

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All the Departments of Secretariat follows the same procedure in the process of decision making. This procedure to be followed in the regard is set out in detail in the Secretariat Office Manual and the Business Rules and Secretariat Instructions. Further, the process of decision making requires the participation of many officials – from ASO to Ministers including Chief Minister and the Governor at a few instances – depending on the nature of the issue involved. The procedure is elucidated in the following paragraphs.

The tappal is opened in the presence of the Section Officer in-charge of the tappal section, sorted out section-wise., numbered and sent to the Under Secretaries concerned. The tappals are then stamped with the date of its receipt. Envelopes addressed to officers by name and those marked 'Secret' or 'Strictly Confidential' or Confidential ' are opened by the Officers to whom they are addressed in the absence of the Officer concerned on leave or otherwise , such envelopes as are marked immediate is opened by an officers of equal or immediately lower rank in the department but not below the rank of Deputy Secretary to Government. Important communications are sent by the Under Secretary to the Secretary or to the Deputy Secretary as the case may be for perusal. After perusal by the officers (who enter on them any instruction they wish to give), the papers are sorted by the Assistant Section Officers / Assistants in charge of tappals, numbered (if it has not already been numbered) and sent to the respective Section Officers. The papers are them registered in his Personal Register by the subject Assistant Section Officer attached to the section. In case the subject Assistant Section Officer is away the Assistant, registers the currents.

If any paper relates to an unclosed case, the Assistant Section Officer adds the paper to the current or note file of the case, Otherwise, he puts each paper, in an appropriate pad and the paper thus becomes a 'Case'. He then obtains previous papers, if any, in the secretariat, referred to in the current or note file and, unless the case is taken over by the Section Officer, takes the necessary further action. Such action may be obtaining of further previous papers or precedents, the preparation of precis, the writing of a brief note stating the points for orders and, the drafting of an order, endorsement etc., in accordance with an established precedent. The Section Officer after making any revision of, or addition to, the Assistant Section Officer's note or draft or putting up a fresh one, submits the case to the secretary or Deputy Secretary or Under Secretary .The Section Officer shall himself attend to important cases which involve interpretation of Acts and Rules, preparation of notes for Public Accounts Committee etc. When submitting a case for orders, the note may suggest references for further information or remarks to other Departments of the Secretariat or to outside officers but should not suggest the orders to be passed except in simple cases and in cases where there are precedents, he may however, submit a draft answer to a Legislative Assembly question relating to facts and not to the opinion or policy of Government. The Officers to whom the case submitted should direct further action to be taken or suggest clearly the nature of the disposal to be make or the orders to be

passed in each case and it is the Secretary or Deputy secretary or Deputy Secretary who decides whether any Minister or the Governor should see the case at that stage. Specific orders of the Chief Minister should be taken if any case requires discussion at a meeting of the Council of Ministers with reference to the provisions of the Business Rules. The case is circulated, if so directed, and on return is submitted to the Secretary or Deputy Secretary for perusal. It is then sent to the Section Officer, being seen first by the Under Secretary if it belongs to a section under him. The section Officer passes it on with instructions to his Assistant Section Officers or keeps it himself for further action, if necessary. If further information is called for from the secretariat in the notes of Officers or of Ministers or the Governor this process is repeated, until final orders are passed. If a case in which a draft has been put up and circulated to the Ministers or the Governor and is received back with final orders, the draft will be issued with such modifications as may be necessary with reference to the final orders. If however, the case in circulation did not contain a draft and is received back with final orders, a draft is prepared in ordinary cases by the Assistant Section Officer and the file is resubmitted through Section Officer to Under secretary, the Deputy Secretary or the Secretary, as the case may be, who revises or passed the draft, circulating it again if he thinks this desirable. Drafts in important cases and Drafts of letters to the Government of India are prepared by the Under Secretary. The disposal as approved takes the form of an orders, letter, endorsement, telegram, demi-official or unofficial references or reply or 'lodged' paper. It is numbered and dated by the Assistant Section Officer of the Concerned section. In the case of order, letters, etc., to be indexed, the typist prepares a tabling slip. The Assistant Section Officer makes necessary entries in the Personal Register and closes the current in the register, if the disposal is final. In the case of intermediate references or orders calling for information, he enters the date of the first reminder in his reminder diary. He then passes on the draft and its enclosures (but not the whole file) to the typist concerned for making out fair copy/. Confidential papers are sealed in the section concerned and sent to the Central Despatch Branch for despatch, while the rest are despatched by the Central Despatch Branch, direct U.O..files to their departments are sent by the section concerned direct to the departments through Office Assistants.

Fair copies are signed by the Secretary, Special Secretary or Deputy or Under Secretary or Section Officer. The Section Officers also attest copies or orders or proceedings of the government (excluding those intended for audit officers) endorsements and telegrams. Copies of communications which are confidential or secret in nature are, however authenticated by Under Secretaries. In the case of final disposals, the Assistant Section Officer concerned or the Assistant of the Section prepares docketts. Government orders which are received from other Departments of the Secretariat and are 'lodged' will not however, be docketted. On the return of the drafts from the Central Despatch Branch after issue, the Section, Assistant Section Officer makes sure that the papers have been properly despatched puts the drafts back in the respective files, and when the case has been finally disposed of, sends them to the Central Record Branch under the orders of the Section Officer who satisfies himself that there is no further action to be taken and

gives pass order in each case in writing which should be in red ink on the face of the docket sheet . Papers which do not carry a pass order will not be accepted by the Central record Branch. All references to which replies are due are kept intact in the section with the connected papers. Records are handed over to the Record-Clerk, posted for this purpose, after obtaining his signature in the last column of the Personal Register. Then Record Clerk should then send them to the Central record Branch. Final disposals are stitched up in the Central Record Branch and then put in their proper places in the bundles on the record racks or almirahs. The indexer collects at the end of every month the tabling slips of proceedings in the 'Manuscript series, 4 Decennium series, 3 Decennium series, 2 Decennium series and Decennium series" prepared by the Assistants and prepares monthly indexes for submission in print to the Secretary. Ministers and the Secretary to the Governor. From the monthly indexes, annual indexes are prepared and printed up. The indexer collects also at the end of every month the tabling slips of proceedings of routine series, prepares monthly indexes and gets them typed or roneoed for submission do officers and sections. Orders and letters in routine series are numbered in a separate register. These as also endorsements, etc. are indexed in some departments.

The Department, as part of the Government Secretariat, follows the procedure laid down in the Secretariat Office Manual and the Tamil Nadu Government Business Rules and Secretariat Instructions. Apart from this, the provisions in the Tamil Nadu Financial Code, Tamil Nadu State and Subordinate Service Rules and the Tamil Nadu Government Servants' Conduct Rules, 1973 are also followed wherever applicable.

The decisions are taken based on the merits of the issues, relative priorities and availability of funds etc. in accordance with the documented procedures / laid down procedures / defined criteria / rules detailed above. The process of examination is initiated by the Assistant Section Officers and passes through the Section Officer, Under Secretaries and Deputy Secretary/Special Secretary to the Secretary. If need be, other departments are consulted. In case of matters involving funds, Finance Department is invariably consulted. Wherever the Business Rules require circulation of files to the Minister or Chief Minister or Governor, orders are obtained in circulation.

If a reply is required to be made on any representations, the decisions are communicated to the petitioner.

CHAPTER – 5
[Sec.4(1)(b)(iv) of the Act]
NORMS SET BY IT FOR THE
DISCHARGE OF ITS FUNCTIONS

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This Department has not set any separate norms for the discharge of its functions. However, the norms and guidelines set out in the Secretariat Office Manual and other Manuals / Codes / Rules (Administered mostly by the Personnel and Administrative Reforms and Finance Departments) applicable to all the Departments of the Secretariat are adhered to by this Department also.

CHAPTER – 6
[Sec. 4(1)(b)(v) of the Act]
RULES, REGULATIONS, INSTRUCTIONS, MANUAL
AND
RECORDS FOR DISCHARGING FUNCTIONS.

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The official business of this department is carried out mostly in accordance with the provisions contained in the following rules, regulations and manuals.

- i) Tamil Nadu Government Business Rules and Secretariat Instructions
- ii) Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Rules
- iii) The Tamil Nadu Secretariat Office Manual
- iv) Tamil Nadu Budget Manual
- v) Tamil Nadu State and Subordinate Service Rules
- vi) Tamil Nadu Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules
- vii) Tamil Nadu Government Servants Conduct Rules
- viii) Tamil Nadu Pension Rules
- ix) Fundamental Rules of the Tamil Nadu Government

The description of the above listed rules, manuals and acts are furnished below:

Name	Type of Document
Tamil Nadu Government Business Rules and Secretariat Instructions.	In exercise of the powers conferred by clauses (2) and (3) of Article 166 of the Constitution of India.
The Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Rules.	The Rules are made under clause (1) of Article 208 of the Constitution of India. The Rules describe the conduct of the Business of the Legislative Assembly. The Rules book can be referred in the Assembly Library.
The Tamil Nadu Secretariat Office Manual.	The manual describes the system and procedures to be followed in conducting the office work in the departments of Secretariat. The book is available for sale in the publication depots of the Government under the control of Director of Stationery and Printing on payment of cost.
The Tamil Nadu Budget Manual.	This manual contains the rules framed by the Finance Department for the guidance of estimating officers and departments of Secretariat in regard to the budget procedure in general and to the preparation and examination of the annual budget estimates and the subsequent control over expenditure in particular to

	ensure that it is kept within the authorised grants or appropriation.
Tamil Nadu State and Subordinate Service Rules.	<p>The Rules is made under the proviso to article 309 of Constitution of India governing the service conditions of members of State and Subordinate Services.</p> <p>The book is available for sale in the publication depots of the Government under the control of Director of Stationery and Printing on payment of cost.</p>
Tamil Nadu Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules.	<p>The rules are made under the proviso to article 309 of Constitution of India in relation to the discipline, penalty and appeal against penalty imposed on the members of civil service of the State.</p> <p>The book is available for sale in the publication depots of the Government under the control of Director of Stationery and Printing on payment of cost.</p>
Tamil Nadu Government Servants Conduct Rules.	<p>The rules are made under the proviso to article 309 of Constitution of India in relation to the conduct of the members of civil service of the State. It is a priced publication.</p>
Tamil Nadu Pension Rules.	<p>The rules are made under the proviso to article 309 of Constitution of India in relation to the pensionary benefits to the members of civil service of the State.</p> <p>The book is available for sale in the publication depots of the Government under the control of Director of Stationery and Printing on payment of cost.</p>
Fundamental Rules of the Government of Tamil Nadu.	<p>The rules are made under the proviso to article 309 of Constitution of India in relation to the pay, allowances, leave, joining time, foreign service,</p>

	<p>etc. of the members of civil service of the State.</p> <p>The book is available for sale in the publication depots of the Government under the control of Director of Stationery and Printing on payment of cost.</p>
<p>Tamil Nadu Private Colleges (Regulation) Act, 1976 Presidents Act 19/76</p> <p>Tamil Nadu Private Colleges (Regulation) Rules, 1976</p>	<p>This Act is enacted to establish and administrate the Arts Science Colleges in this State. A copies of the Act and Rules are available at Director of Stationery and Printing on payment of cost.</p>
<p>The Tamil Nadu Educational Institutions (Prohibition of Collection of Capitation Fee) Act, 1992. (Act 57 of 1992)</p>	<p>An Act was enacted to prohibit the collection of capitation fee for admission to educational institutions in the State of Tamil Nadu and to provide for matters relating thereto.</p>

CHAPTER – 7
[Sec. 4(1)(b)(vi) of the Act]
CATEGORIES OF DOCUMENTS HELD

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The details of various documents held by this Department are as furnished below.

Sl. No.	Category of the document	Name of the document and its introduction in one line	Procedure to obtain the document	Held by / under control of
1	Policy Note	Contains the Policy pronouncements of the Department for the concerned year.	Application to Public Information Officer.	Higher Education Department, Chennai-9. All Heads of Departments
2	Important Government Orders	Issued by this Department from time to time in various sections.	Application to Public Information Officer.	Higher Education Department, Chennai-9/ Heads of Departments concerned.

CHAPTER – 8
[Sec.4(1)(b)(vii)]
ARRANGEMENTS FOR PUBLIC
REPRESENTATION/ CONSULTATIONS THAT
EXIST IN RELATION TO FORMULATION/
IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY

**ARRANGEMENTS FOR PUBLIC REPRESENTATION/ CONSULTATIONS
THAT EXIST IN RELATION TO FORMULATION/ IMPLEMENTATION OF
POLICY**

At present, there is no provision or implementation to seek direct consultation / participation of Public or its representatives for formulating in the rules and procedures in vogue, the Policies of this Department. However, the experts from the various walks of life such as Educationalists and Industrialist, Social Worker, Judicial Member, Secretary are given representation on various Committees constituted by Government for the Welfare of Student community where necessary. And before taking an important policy decision, generally Hon'ble Minister for Education or Secretary to Government, Higher Education conducts a meeting with representatives of various associations and aided and self-financing colleges. During discussion, an amiable solution/decision is arrived at.

CHAPTER – 9
[Sec.4(1)(b)(viii) of the Act]
BOARDS, COUNCIL, COMMITTEES AND
OTHER BODIES

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Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education:

This Department has Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education was established by an Act of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly in 1992 for giving advice to Government or any University/College or institution of Higher Education on matter relating to Higher Education and Research which may refer to the Government and for Co-ordination with University Grants Commission.

Tamil Nadu Science and Technology Centre:

Established by Govt. Tamil Nadu in 1983. The Centre has been registered under Societies Act and functioning under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Education, Government of Tamil Nadu. Its main objective is popularize Science and Technology among the general public and students both in urban as well as in rural areas in the State.

Science City:

Entire Guindy Taramani institutional belt consisting of about 60 educational and research institutions like I.I.T, Anna University, CLRI and Science Centre belonging both Central and State Governments has been declared as Science City with the objective of promoting Science and Technology. Science City is implementing various programmes connected to the development of Science and Technology.

Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology:

Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology, an autonomous body under Government of Tamil Nadu was established in the 1984. With the objectives of Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology are to popularize Science and Technology among masses and to develop scientific temper among the youth and promote research in science and technology in the State.

CHAPTER – 10
[Sec.4(1)(b)(ix) of the Act]
DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS IN HIGHER
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND HEAD OF
DEPARTMENTS

CHAPTER -10

[Sec. 4(1)(b)(ix) of the Act]

DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS IN HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND HEAD OF DEPARTMENTS

10.1 Directory of Officers in Higher Education Department:

The names, designation and Telephone Numbers of all the Officers on the roll of this Department are as furnished below:-

Higher Education Department : PBX No. 25665566

Designation	Name	Phone No.
Principal Secretary to Govt.	Thiru.K.Ganesan, I.A.S.	25670499
Deputy Secretary to Govt. (Hr. Edn.)	Thiru.V.Govindaswami	25678498
Deputy Secretary to Govt. (TE)	Thiru.K.Balakrishnan	25675907
Deputy Secretary to Govt. (CE)	Thiru.S.Chandramani	25670094
Under Secretary to Govt. (Estt.)	Thiru.K.Rangarajan	25665560
Under Secretary to Govt. (CE)	Thiru.B.R.Ravindran	25665712
Under Secretary to Govt. (Univ.)	Tmt.N.Elukkumidevi	25665560
Under Secretary to Govt. (TE)	Thiru.J.Selvin	25665459
Under Secretary to Govt. (Bldgs.)	Thiru.R.Sampath	25665155

10.2 Directory of Officers in Heads of Departments:

Designation	Name	Phone No.
Commissioner of Archives and Historical Research	Thiru.K.Ganesan, I.A.S. (i/c)	28191202
Commissioner of Technical Education	Thiru. Kumar Jayant, I.A.S.	22352299
Director of Collegiate Education	Thiru.S.Jeya Baskaran Charles	28212090
The Executive Director, Tamil Nadu Science and Technology Centre	Dr.P.Iyam Perumal	24918787
Vice-Chairman, Science City	Dr.P.Iyam Perumal (i/c)	24454034
Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology	Dr.S.Vincent	22301597 22301428
Vice-Chairman, Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education	Dr.A.Ramasamy	28440961
Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Educations	Dr.S.Baskaran	28446486

CHAPTER - 11
[Sec. 4(1)(b)(x) of the Act]
MONTHLY REMUNERATION RECEIVED BY
OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

CHAPTER -11

[Sec. 4(1)(b)(x) of the Act]

MONTHLY REMUNERATION RECEIVED BY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

The monthly remuneration received by the Officers and Employees of this Department in the form of Pay and Allowances are decided by the Finance Department in the Government based on the recommendations of various Pay Commissions constituted whenever considered necessary. The details of the same are as given below:

Designation	No. of Persons	Pay band applicable to the post
Principal Secretary to Government	1	Rs.37400-67000 + Rs.12000
Deputy Secretary to Government	3	Rs.15600-39100 + Rs.7600
Under Secretary to Government	3	Rs.15600-39100 + Rs.6600
Section Officers	13	Rs.15600-39100 + Rs.5400
Assistant Section Officer	16	Rs.9300-34800 + Rs.4600
Private Secretary	1	Rs.15600-39100 + Rs.5400
Personal Assistant	2	Rs.9300-34800 + Rs.4600
Personal Clerk	4	Rs.5200-20200 + Rs.2800
Assistant	3	Rs.5200-20200 + Rs.2200
Typist	5	Rs.5200-20200 + Rs.2000
Record Clerk	3	Rs.4800-10000 + Rs.2000
Office Assistant	8	Rs.4800-10000 + Rs.1300
Driver	1	Rs.5200-20200 + Rs.2000

CHAPTER – 12
[Sec.4(1)(b)(xi) of the Act]
THE BUDGET ALLOCATED TO EACH AGENCY

CHAPTER – 12

[Sec. 4(1)(b)(xi) of the Act]

THE BUDGET ALLOCATED TO EACH AGENCY

Various schemes of the Department which are approved for implementation through the Heads of Departments every year – both plan and non-plan require funds to meet out the expenditure involved. Their details are required to be placed before the Legislature for final approval, by means of a Policy Note of Higher Education Department under Demand No.20, before they are published or made available for the information of the General Public. This exercise is to be carried out for each financial year.

The allocation of funds for various schemes implemented by this Department and the Budget Estimate for the year 2010-2011 are given below:

HEAD OF ACCOUNT		PLAN	NON-PLAN	TOTAL
(Rupees in lakhs)				
2059	Public Works Maintenance and Repairs	--	2406.97	2406.97
2202 03	General Education University and Higher Education	953.06	127602.48	128555.54
2203	Technical Education	4875.64	21524.44	26400.08
2204	Sports and Youth Services	1031.63	--	1031.63
2205 104	Arts and Culture Archives	9.00	662.11	671.11
2235	Social Security and Welfare	--	29.96	29.96
2251	Secretariat – Social Services	4616.00	376.45	4992.45
3425	Other Scientific Research	468.99	--	468.99
3454 110	Census Surveys and Statistics Gazetteer and Statistical Memoirs	--	62.60	62.60
4202	Capital outlay on Education, Sports, Arts and Culture	10506.26	0.03	10506.29
Total		22460.58	152665.04	175125.62

PART-II SCHEMES FOR THE YEAR 2010-2011

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl No.	Description of the scheme	Ultimate Cost	Cost in 2010-2011
Collegiate Education			
1	Purchase of Computers and improving infrastructural facilities in 19 Government Colleges	188.99	188.99
2	Purchase of Computers and improving infrastructural facilities in the Office of the Directorate of Collegiate Education	11.76	11.76
3	Construction of 10 additional laboratories in 10 Government Colleges.	200.00	200.00
4	Audio Visual Facilities in 7 Government Colleges of Education in the fourth phase	14.00	14.00

Technical Education

5	Construction of 20 additional class rooms in 5 Government College of Engineering & Technology.	120.00	120.00
6	Construction of 4 additional class rooms in Government College of Engineering, Bargur..	24.00	24.00
7	Construction of 26 additional class rooms in 14 Government Polytechnic Colleges	156.00	156.00

Tamil Nadu Archives

8	Purchase of LCD Projector.	3.50	3.50
9	Purchase of three Drying Racks	1.50	1.50
10	Providing Machine for protected drinking water for Archival Library	0.75	0.75
11	Purchase of 32 Racks for additional floor for Archival Library	3.25	3.25

Tamil Nadu Science and Technology Centre

12	Modernisation of Gallery & Science Park at Periyar Science & Technology Centre, Chennai.	51.00	51.00
13	Provision of 5 KVA Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) at Anna Science Centre-Planetarium, Tiruchirappalli	5.00	5.00

Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology

14	Development of Traditional Science & Technology	5.00	5.00
15	Science and Technology Techniques Demonstration for natural resources use for Community Development	5.00	5.00
16	Research Fellowship for studies on Climate change (for M.Phil scholars)	5.00	5.00

Science City

17	Chennai Science Festival-2011	30.00	30.00
18	Hot Spots in Science (HSS)	3.00	3.00
19	Workshop in emerging areas of Science & Technology	7.00	7.00
	Total	834.75	834.75

CHAPTER – 13
[Sec. 4(1)(b)(xii) of the Act]
MANNER OF EXECUTION OF SUBSIDY
PROGRAMMES

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No subsidy programme is in vogue in this Department.

CHAPTER – 14
[Sec. 4(1)(b)(xiii) of the Act.]
PARTICULARS OF RECIPIENTS OF
CONCESSIONS, PERMITS OR AUTHORIZATION
GRANTED

CHAPTER – 14

[Sec. 4(1)(b)(xiii) of the Act]

PARTICULARS OF RECIPIENTS OF CONCESSIONS, PERMITS OR AUTHORIZATION GRANTED

The following student welfare schemes are available for students studying higher education.

Empowerment of Women

Free coaching is given exclusively for women students appearing for IAS / IPS Examination at two centres - one at Queen Mary's College, Chennai and the other at Arulmigu Meenakshi Government College for Women, Madurai. They have been established by the Government to give free coaching to women students. In each centre, 60 women students are given free coaching for appearing in IAS/IPS Examinations.

Special Coaching to SC / ST & MBC Students

The students studying in Government Arts & Science Colleges particularly in rural areas belonging to SC/ST and MBC communities face some initial difficulties in English, Maths and Science subjects. In order to make them fully conversant with these subjects, special coaching is given outside the class hours and also during weekends. They will be able to compete with other bright students and will also improve their performance in their University examinations when they complete these remedial courses in the respective subjects.

Tamilnadu Agricultural Labourers-farmers (Social Security and welfare) Scheme, 2006

2.10 Tamil Nadu Agricultural Labourers –Farmers (Social Security and Welfare) Scheme has been introduced with effect from 22-12-2006. This scheme is for the upliftment of the Agricultural Labourers, Farmers and Registered Tenants and their dependants in social, educational and economic status. To improve the educational status of the children of Agricultural Labourers and Farmers, who are studying in Arts and Science Colleges, Polytechnic Colleges and Engineering Colleges, financial assistance are given as detailed below:-

ARTS & SCIENCE COLLEGES

Sl No	Details of course	Hostler		Day scholar	
		Boys Rs.	Girls Rs.	Boys Rs.	Girls Rs.
1.	UG Degree course (per year)	2000	2500	1750	2250
2	PG Degree course (per year)	3250	3750	2250	2750

POLYTECHNIC ENGINEERING COLLEGES

Sl. No	Category [per year]	Hostler		Day Scholar	
		Boys [Rs.]	Girls [Rs.]	Boys [Rs.]	Girls [Rs.]
01	Polytechnic	1450	1950	1250	1750
02	B.E / B.Tech / B.Arch	4250	4750	2250	2750
03	M.E / M.Tech / MBA / MCA	6250	6750	4250	4750
04	M.Sc (IT) & (C.S)-5 Years course	3250	3750	2250	2750

The Commissioner of Technical Education and the Director of Collegiate Education are implementing the scheme.

Student Welfare Schemes implemented by TamilNadu State Council for Science and Technology

Student Projects Scheme

This scheme is aimed at utilizing the tremendous student talent for the development of Science and Technology. Final year students of UG/PG courses in Engineering/ Medicine/ Agriculture/ Veterinary Sciences and P.G. Students of Sciences are provided with a maximum grant of Rs.10000/- for carrying out socially relevant projects under their curriculum. During the year 2009-2010, about 156 student projects were supported with a budget of Rs.11.50 lakhs and nearly 600 students were benefited.

Young Student Scientist Programme

The objective of this scheme, is to expose talented young students of our State studying in IX std., to science and technology so that they take up science and technology as their career in future. Selected students from various districts through an entrance test are given this exposure in a reputed college/ university with facilities and resource persons for one month i.e during May. During 2009-2010, training to students in 10 districts was given.

Quality Improvement of Science Education in Rural Schools

The objective of the programme is to improve the quality of science education, particularly for the benefit of rural school children. It is proposed to conduct "In service Training programme" for five days in the Arts and Science Colleges having well equipped laboratories, for the Science Teachers who are handling the science subjects of VI, VII and VIII standards. During the year 2009-2010, 10 training programmes were conducted in 10 Districts.

CHAPTER – 15
[Sec. (1)(b)(xiv) of the Act]
INFORMATION AVAILABLE
IN ELECTRONIC
FORM

The information relating to Higher Education Department is available in the following State Government website.

Website address : www.tn.gov.in

Action is being taken to open a website for Higher Education Department shortly.

CHAPTER – 16
[Sec. 4(1)(b)(xv) of the Act]
FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO CITIZENS FOR
OBTAINING INFORMATION

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The following facilities are available for citizens for securing information about this Department:-

- i. Notice Board of the Department of the Department
- ii. System of issuing of copies of documents on request
- iii. Telephone Handbook of the Government Departments, in Chennai City.
- iv. Website address : www.tn.gov.in

CHAPTER – 17
[Sec.4(1)(b)(xvi) of the Act]
PARTICULARS OF THE PUBLIC INFORMATION
OFFICERS

CHAPTER - 17

[Sec. 4(1)(b)(xvi) of the Act]

PARTICULARS OF THE APPELLATE AUTHORITY & PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICERS

The details in respect of this Department are as given below:-

Appellate Authority

Sl. No.	Designation	Subject
1.	Deputy Secretary to Govt. (HE) Higher Education Department, 6 th Floor, Namakkal Kavignar Maligai, Secretariat, Chennai-9. 044-25678498	All matter relating to the Madras, Madurai kamaraj, Annamalai, Bharathiar, Bharathidasan, Alagappa, Mother Teresa, Manonmaniam Sundaram, Periyar, Thiruvalluvar, Tamil Nadu Open, Tamil Nadu Physical Education & Sports and Teachers Education Universities. Higher Education Department Budget and Office Establishment.
2.	Deputy Secretary to Govt. (CE) Higher Education Department, 6 th Floor, Namakkal Kavignar Maligai, Secretariat, Chennai-9. 044-25670094	All matters relating to Collegiate Education and Tamil Nadu Archives.
3.	Deputy Secretary to Govt. (TE) Higher Education Department, 6 th Floor, Namakkal Kavignar Maligai, Secretariat, Chennai-9. 044-25675907	Matter relating to Technical Education, Tamil Nadu Science and Technology Centre, Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology and Science City.

Public Information Officers

Sl. No.	Designation	Subject
1.	Under Secretary to Govt. (Estt.) Higher Education Department, 6 th Floor, Namakkal Kavignar Maligai, Secretariat, Chennai-9. 044-25665560	Higher Education Department Budget and Office Establishment.
2.	Under Secretary to Govt. (CE) Higher Education Department, 6 th Floor, Namakkal Kavignar Maligai, Secretariat, Chennai-9. 044-25665712	All matters relating to Collegiate Education (Government, Aided, Self-Financing Arts & Science Colleges) and Tamil Nadu Archives.
3.	Under Secretary to Govt. (Univ.) Higher Education Department, 6 th Floor, Namakkal Kavignar Maligai, Secretariat, Chennai-9. 044-25665155	All matter relating to the Madras, Madurai kamaraj, Annamalai, Bharathiar, Bharathidasan, Alagappa, Mother Teresa, Manonmaniam Sundaram, Periyar, Thiruvalluvar, Tamil Nadu Open, Tamil Nadu Physical Education & Sports and Teachers Education Universities.
4.	Under Secretary to Govt. (TE) Higher Education Department, 6 th Floor, Namakkal Kavignar Maligai, Secretariat, Chennai-9. 044-25665459	All matters relating to Technical Education (Government, Aided, Self-Financing Engineering & Polytechnic Colleges), Anna Universities, Tamil Nadu Science and Technology Centre, Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology and Science City.
5.	Under Secretary to Govt. (Bldgs.) Higher Education Department, 6 th Floor, Namakkal Kavignar Maligai, Secretariat, Chennai-9. 044-25665155	All matters relating to Construction and buildings in Collegiate Education and Technical Education.

CHAPTER – 18
[Sec.4(1)(b)(xvii) of the Act]
OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

CHAPTER – 18

[Sec. 4(1)(b)(xvii) of the Act]

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

In order to ensure the access to the students hailing from poor families and rural areas, Government of Tamil Nadu have formulated various schemes. Some of the important schemes are outlined below:-

- (i) 5 University constituent Colleges at Mettur, Valparai, Perambalur, Orathanadu & Lalgudi and 2 Government Arts and Science colleges at Surandai & Kulithalai have been established during the last 4 years. In addition to this, a new Arts & Science College as constituent college of Periyar University, Salem will be started at Pennagaram Taluk, Dharmapuri District from the academic year 2010-2011. Further, 4 new Arts & Science Colleges with the assistance of Government of India will be started in Pudukottai, Theni, Thiruvannamalai and Villupuram districts.
- (ii) 6 new Engineering Colleges at Tindivanam, Villupuram, Panruti, Thirukkuvalai, Ramanathapuram and Ariyalur during the year 2008-2009 and 5 Engineering Colleges at Arani, Pattukottai, Dindigul, Thoothukudi and Nagercoil, during the year 2009-2010 have been started as Anna University Constituent Colleges. In total 11 new Engineering Colleges have been started.
- (iii) All self-supporting courses in Government Engineering Colleges and Arts & Science Colleges have been converted into regular courses to enable the students from poor families to access their higher studies at affordable cost.
- (iv) Shift system has been introduced in Government Arts & Science Colleges during the year 2006-2007.
- (v) Shift system has been introduced in Government Polytechnic Colleges during the year 2009-2010.
- (vi) The minimum marks for the admission in engineering colleges have been reduced to all categories of students from the year 2007-2008, which enabled students from rural areas to join professional courses in large number.
- (vii) The Common Entrance Test for admission to Professional Courses was abolished from 2007-2008. This enabled the students belonging to rural areas to join professional courses in large number.
- (viii) Government have introduced single window counselling system for B.Ed., admission in all Government and Government aided Colleges of Education from the year 2007-2008. By this, the admission to B.Ed., courses were made in a transparent manner. Due to this, meritorious students were benefited.
- (ix) Single window counselling system is also introduced for admissions in Government Arts and Science Colleges from the academic year 2007-2008, by making each college as a unit. Students and parents have welcomed this system.

- (x) Tuition fees have been waived for all the students studying in Government Polytechnic Colleges from the year 2008-2009.
- (xi) The tuition fees in Government Engineering Colleges have been reduced from Rs.12,550/- to Rs.7,550/- from the academic year 2006-2007.
- (xii) Free Education has been provided in all Government and Government Aided, Arts & Science Colleges upto Under Graduate level by waiving tuition fees since 2007-2008.
- (xiii) Tuition fees of all students pursuing Post Graduate Courses like M.A. / M.Sc. in Government Arts and Science Colleges have been abolished from the academic year 2010-2011. About 8000 students will be benefited.
- (xiv) With a view to encourage students who do not have any graduate in their families so far, to pursue professional education, the Government have decided to bear the entire tuition fee payable by these students from the academic year 2010-2011, who secure admission in professional colleges, both in Government and private engineering colleges, through the single window counseling system conducted by Government, regardless of their caste or income.
- (xv) Free Bus Passes are issued to all the students of Government Arts & Science Colleges and Government Polytechnic Colleges from the year 2007-2008.
- (xvi) From the year 2007-2008, Maths, Chemistry and Physics Books are given to the students studying in Government Polytechnic Colleges, free of cost.
- (xvii) The differently abled students studying in Government and Government Aided Arts and Science Colleges, Engineering colleges, Polytechnics and the Universities are exempted from the payment of tuition fees and thus enabling them to pursue higher education. They will also be exempted from paying special fees from the academic year 2010-2011.

In order to provide quality higher education, Government of Tamil Nadu have taken the following steps:-

- (i) Qualified teachers have been appointed in Government Arts and Science Colleges on regular basis. One month induction training on teaching methods was imparted to the newly recruited teachers. This is first of its kind in India.
- (ii) Choice Based Credit System was introduced in Arts and Science Colleges in order to enhance the Quality of Education.
- (iii) Audio Visual Facilities were provided to all Government Arts & Science Colleges at the cost of Rs.1.15 crores.

- (iv) A sum of Rs.409 lakhs has been provided to establish language labs in 63 Government Colleges. A substantial number of students from rural areas benefit from these facilities.
- (v) 67 Additional Science laboratories have been constructed in Government Arts and Science Colleges at the cost of Rs.11.40 crores.
- (vi) The Government have established 21 Language Laboratories in Government Polytechnic Colleges and 5 Digital Libraries in Government Engineering Colleges.

STATISTICS SHOWING VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE CONTROL OF HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS GIVEN BELOW

Table-I

No. of Universities (2009-2010) functioning under the aegis of Higher Education Department:-

Sl. No.	Academic Universities
1.	University of Madras, Chennai
2.	Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai
3.	Bharathiar University, Coimbatore
4.	Bharathidasan University, Thiruchirapalli
5.	Alagappa University, Karaikudi
6.	Mother Teresa Women's University, Kodaikanal
7.	Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli
8.	Periyar University, Salem
9.	Thiruvalluvar University, Vellore
10.	Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai
11.	Annamalai University, Chidambaram
12.	Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University, Chennai
13.	Tamil Nadu Teachers Education University, Chennai
	Technical Universities
14.	Anna University, Chennai
15.	Anna University, Coimbatore
16.	Anna University, Thiruchirappalli
17.	Anna University, Tirunelveli

Table-II**Number of colleges in the State 2009-2010**

Type of Colleges	Government Colleges	Management		Total
		Aided Colleges	Self Financing (Unaided)	
Arts and Science Colleges	62	133	383	578
Physical Education	-	3	7	10
Oriental	-	10	-	10
School of Social Work	-	2	-	2
College of Education	7	14	624	645
University Colleges	8	-	-	8
Total	77	162	1014	1253

Table-III**NUMBER OF ENGINEERING COLLEGES IN THE STATE (2009-2010)**

Sl.No.	Category	No. of Colleges
1.	Government	6
2.	Government Aided	3
3.	Self-Financing	431
4.	Anna University (Constituent Colleges)	-
	Anna University, Chennai	7
	Anna University, Trichy	7
	Anna University, Tirunelveli	2
	Total	456

Table-IV

NUMBER OF POLYTECHNIC COLLEGES IN THE STATE (2009-2010)

Sl.No.	Category	No. of Colleges
1.	Government	22
2.	Government Aided	34
3.	Affiliated	3
4.	Self-Financing	307
	Total	366