

DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO THE STATE OF KERALA IN THE YEAR 2018.

Due to unprecedented floods in Kerala during the month of August, 2018, the Government considering the interest of the members of the Tamil Nadu Traders Welfare Board had issued orders for drawal of fund Rs.30 lakhs from the Tamil Nadu Traders Welfare Board's Corpus fund, as proposed by the Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, for purchase of relief materials to the people affected by the flood situation in Kerala vide G.O.(D) No.217, Commercial Taxes & Registration (D2) Department, dated 23.08.2018. This measure has been undertaken by the Government of Tamil Nadu to help the traders of Tamil Nadu as they have a lot of customers from Kerala and the traders have high turnover of goods and services being sent from Tamil Nadu to Kerala, particularly in the border districts of Coimbatore, Madurai, Tirunelveli and Kanyakumari and the damage caused by the floods will have a major effect on the customers of the Tamil Nadu Traders. This help was rendered by the Traders Welfare Board of Tamil Nadu to Kerala in its hour of need will generate goodwill towards the State and its trade, which will be helpful to the traders of Tamil Nadu in the long run.

WELFARE ASSISTANCES SANCTIONED DURING THE YEAR 2020.

In the G.O. Ms.NO.189 Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-II) department dated 11.04.2020. In three installments of ex-gratia amount of Rs.1000/- to all the members of Tamil Nadu Traders welfare Board. In I & II installments Rs.2,000 exgratia amount was distributed to all the active members of the Board in the state. The III installment of Rs.1000 was given to member in the area of Greater Chennai Police Commissionerate area in Chennai, Tiruvallur, Chengalpattu, and Kancheepuram districts. The ex-gratia amount was given to all the members in order to alleviate their

suffering due to the Covid-19 lockdown. The Deputy Commissioners of Commercial Taxes Department were nominated as nodal officer for disbursement of ex-gratia amount to the members. Rs.1,68,86,000/- was distributed to all the 8306 active members leaving there who voluntarily forgave the ex-gratia amount.

WELFARE ASSISTANCES SANCTIONED:

Till now 387 members got benefit of family assistance to the tune of Rs.133.45 Lakhs.

Membership for Small Traders:

The Traders who have registered themselves under the Tamil Nadu General Sales Tax Act and Small Traders who has not registered in TNGST can also become Member in Tamil Nadu Traders' Welfare Board as per the G.O. No.69 CT& R Department dated 29.06.2011.

Annual Renewal cancelled.

As per the G.O. No. 69 Commercial Taxes & Registration Department, dated 29.06.2011, small Traders can also become member in Tamil Nadu Traders Welfare Board. As per the G.O.No.43 & 44, dated 28.02.2011, the Government has ordered the members of Traders Welfare Board to pay Rs.100/ as renewal fee for every year, has been changed as Rs.500/- for life time membership fee, withdrawn by the Government in the **G.O.No. 69, CT & R department dated. 29.06.2011.**

General notes

Online Service for Members :

The Hon'ble Minister of Commercial Taxes and Registration has launched the online registration Service

(<https://www.tn.gov.in/tntwb/tamil>) in Chennai on 16.06.2021 for traders to become life time membership in Tamil Nadu Traders Welfare Board.

Free Membership Fees:

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has issued orders to the effect that small dealers who are registered under the GST Act but with a taxable turnover of less than Rs. 40 lakhs and small dealers with turnover less than Rs. 40,00,000/- (forty lakhs only) who are not registered under the GST Act and who wish to get registered as with the Traders Welfare Board are exempted from paying the registration fee of Rs. 500/- for the period from 15.07.2021 to 14.10.2021.

Moreover, based on the request received from the various trade Associations to extend this exemptions upto 31.03.2022, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has accepted and issued orders to extend this facility upto 31.03.2022.

Using this facility, 40,994 traders has been joined as members in the Traders Welfare Board.

Enhancement of welfare schemes Assistance:

In occasion of 39th Traders day, conducted by Tamil Traders Associations meeting held at Trichy. The Honble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and Chairman of Tamil Nadu Traders Welfare Board, has announced a enhancement of Family Assistance from Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh Only) to Rs.3,00,000/-(Rupees Three lakhs Only) and Fire Accident Assistance from Rs.5,000/- (Rupees five thousands Only) to Rs.20,000/- (Rupees twenty thousand Only).

ANNEXURE – I

TAMIL NADU TRADERS WELFARE BOARD, CHENNAI – 3

DETAILS OF MEMBERS ENROLLED UP TO 08.08.2023.

Sl. No.	Year	No. of Members
1	Up to 2001	39,387
2	2002	620
3	2003	221
4	2004	554
5	2005	1,052
6	2006	2,435
7	2007	788
8	2008	364
9	2009	263
10	2010	327
11	2011	314
12	2012	327
13	2013	111
14	2014	74
15	2015	10
16	2016	24
17	2017	1
18	2018	11
19	2019	96
20	2020	170
21	2021	37,167
22	2022	3,831
23	2023 (08.08.2023)	24
Total		88,171

ANNEXURE II

**DETAILS OF WELFARE SCHEMES IMPLEMENTED TO THE FAMILIES
up to 08.08.2023.**

<u>SL. No.</u>	<u>Welfare Scheme</u>	<u>No. of members benefitted</u>	<u>Amount</u>
			(Rupees in Lakhs)
1	Family Assistance	387	133.45
2	Medical Assistance	52	13.11
3	Educational Assistance	94	3.26
4	Fire Assistance	29	1.45
5	Sports Assistance	2	0.15
6	Higher Education Assistance	6	0.20
7	Physically Handicapped Assistance	2	0.15
8	Marriage Assistance (at present dispensed)	2	0.10
9	Covid-19 ex-gratia	8,306	168.86
	TOTAL	8,880	3,20.73