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HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU



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PEOPLE ARE THE SOURCE



In three years of office, this government has done more for the modernisation and Welfare of the Police, than was done in three decades before us. I expect senior officers now to devise effective long term and short term measures, to reverse this ugly trend of violence in interrogative methods, so that custodial violence can be contained. In the end, it is the people who will judge us in this and it is the people of this State who are the source of our strength, our power, our *raison d'etre*.

It is this deep concern for the people of Tamil Nadu, particularly the depressed classes, the Adi-Dravidars and the Backward Classes and their welfare, which is uppermost in my mind and central to the avowed policy of this Government. You are no doubt aware of the firm stand we have taken on the 69% reservation for Backward Classes, MBCs, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, and on the Cauvery Waters issue, notwithstanding the intransigent and somewhat uncooperative attitude displayed by a number of political parties on these two vital problems that affect the destiny of our State.

In formulating policies for the landless poor, particularly those whose economic status below the poverty line is further demeaned by communal overtones, there seems to be no purpose in entering into a polemical argument on the relative merits and demerits of

"trickle down" strategies versus policies with a "redistributive bias". The people will not wait; the poor amongst them cannot wait. It is for this reason that I have launched a massive, time bound and immediate programme of providing five basic amenities to all the Adi-Dravida habitations of this State.

Our faith in the ability of education to stand up to the social and economic requirements of the population is slowly getting eroded, at least in the minds of the new generation. Adoption of wrong policies or wrong norms, and lack of adequate infrastructure could further accentuate the crisis. In spite of great financial difficulties, we are launching a massive programme of providing basic infrastructure such as water supply, toilets, playgrounds, play equipment and compound walls, to all the schools in the State. The entire programme is to be completed by December 1995. Funds will not be a constraint for this programme.

Nurturing the human potential is a universal responsibility, and it is the child upon whom our entire material, technological and institutional focus must shift. The emphasis must move from child survival to growth and development. You are all aware of the 15 Point Programme for the Development and Welfare of Children which we have drawn up.

Even regular critics of the State Government have reluctant praise for our performance in literacy,

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population control, rural electrification and water supply. But it is the area of rural employment which causes me most concern. The surest welfare measure for people is to enable them to make a living for themselves, and our effort must be to provide access to remunerative activity to a larger proportion of the population. There will always be a section of the population, particularly the aged, the physically handicapped or the infirm, who will need to be protected by pension payments, but we have to find income generating activities for the youth and the skilled. And if the real value of every extra Rupee that we allocate is to really reach the poor; if the impact of the massive increase in plan outlay of Rs 2750 crores, 39.80% over and above last year's allocation has to reach the people and benefit them; there has to be structural and institutional change too.

There are important legislative changes that we have brought about in our Local Bodies Acts, with reservation for women and Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes built into the system. We will be inducting a third district tier into our Panchayat system, and popular representative institutions will soon be revitalised. We have appointed a State Election Commissioner who will oversee the process of establishing local Self-Government at the village level. The execution and Supervision of a number of Government programmes, the schemes of asset creation and transfer, will soon be brought into direct exposure and

contact with the people, through these institutions. This vibrant process of transfer of power is a challenge which you, as administrators, must bring about and fully participate in.

The aspirations of the people, their expectations of the Government, their intolerance of delay—these are all features of our policy and democracy, to which we have to be keenly alive and respond with speed and sensitivity. In all your approaches to grievance redressal, in dealing with the problems of the poor, in your attitude to the weaker sections, you would do well to remember these words of Bertrand Russell and I quote, "The root of the matter, if we want a stable world, is a very simple and old fashioned thing.. the thing I mean is love or compassion. If you feel this, you have a motive for existence," a reason for courage, an imperative necessity for intellectual honesty".

The tasks before us in fighting poverty, malnutrition, unemployment, hunger and disease are monumental; but with personal involvement, I am confident that we can achieve our goals, here and now. It is this sense of purpose that can give all of us, who are involved in public service, a true sense of achievement, and true happiness. As Wordsworth has said:

"Not in Utopia - Subterranean fields-

Or some secreted island



Heaven knows where!

But in this very world, which is the world

Of all of us - the place where, in the end

We find our happiness, or not at all!"

— Hon'ble Chief Minister
Dr. J. Jayalalitha

(Excerpts from the inaugural address at the Conference of Collectors and Police Officers on 25.7.'94)



TAMIL NADU MARCHING TOWARDS INDUSTRIAL SUPREMACY

New Industrial Policy

In January 1992 Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr.J.Jayalalitha announced the New Industrial Policy for Tamil Nadu. As part of the New Industrial Policy, an attractive package of incentives for new industries and expansion of existing industries were announced. Steps were taken to ensure that a conducive atmosphere is created for the setting up of new industries in the state and that the various incentives offered are not only publicised but also were passed on to the concerned industries immediately.

Mega Investments

As a result of untiring efforts taken up by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, approval was secured by the Government of India for forming of the prestigious Rs 2000 crores AROCHEM Aromatic plant as a joint venture between Madras Refineries Limited and Southern Petrochemical Limited. The project is estimated to provide a base for downstream industries and provide employment to about 7000 persons.

Captive lignite Mining and Power Generation Project

Coming up at Jayamkondacholapuram is Rs 7400 crores captive lignite mining and power generation project in the joint sector. The project would use the locally available lignite and generate 1500 M.W. of power.

Promotion of New Investments

The following projects have been

cleared by the Tamil Nadu Government:-

AmericanTrac Tyres Ltd.
Rs 400 Crores
Thovallai village
(Kanniyakumari District)

Cheslind Textiles
Rs 46.89 Crores
Pagalur village (Dharmapuri District)

Continental Video Cassettes
Rs 30 Crores
Pattukottai (Thanjavur District)

Intraocular Lens
Rs 15 Crores
Madras

Lactochem Ltd.
Rs 5.6Crores
Sidco Industrial Estate
Chengalpattu MGR District

Navodaya Mass
Entertainments
Rs 15.15 Crores
Varadarajapuram village
Chengalpattu MGR District

Nitrophosphate Complex
Rs 665Crores
Cuddalore
(South Arcot Vallalar District)

Poddar Petrochem Ltd.
Rs 110 Crores
Kanchipuram
(Chengalpattu MGR District)

Rama Qualifex Ltd.
Rs 16.93Crores
Hosur (Dharmapuri District)

Saptharishi Agro Industries Ltd
Rs 21.5 Crores
Madurantakam (Chengalpattu MGR District)

Shin-a-Chemical Ltd.
Rs 14.5 Crores
Manali (Chengalpattu MGR District)

Skyline Leather Industries Ltd.
Rs 11.2 Crores
Ranipet (North Arcot Ambedkar District)

Southern AluminiumCompany
Rs 150 Crores
Chengalpattu MGR District

Southern Ironand Steel
(Pig Iron Project) Company
Rs159.05 Crores
Mettur Kalipatti and Pottaneri villages (Salem District)

Southern Iron and Steel
Company (Cake oven Project)
Rs 142.65 Crores
Mettur Kalipatti and Pottaneri Village (Salem District)

Natco Organics Ltd
Rs 25 Crores Manali
(Chengalpattu MGR District)

Square D' BeveragesLtd.
Rs 37Crores
Cuddalore (South Arcot Vallalar District)

Sunripe Foods Ltd.
Rs 21 Crores
Dharmapuri District





projects involving an outlay of Rs 2376.87 crores are under implementation by TIDCO, while 9 projects totalling Rs 1288 crores are in final stages of completion. A copper smelter project at Tuticorin on an investment of Rs 700 crores has been cleared recently.

It can definitely be drawn from this brief report that Tamil Nadu has been transformed into a 'Dream Destination' for entrepreneurs in India and abroad.

New Projects with ELCOT Equity participation

To further Tamil Nadu into the Electronic age, an Exclusive Electronics city is coming up at a cost of Rs 4065 lakhs at Sholinganallur near Madras. The following are the new projects coming up with ELCOT's Equity assistance.

Harrisons Universal Flowers Ltd.

Rs 5.85 Crores Hosur
(Dharmapuri District)

PET Films Project

Rs 75 Crores (Chengalpattu MGR District)

TPL Expansion Project

Rs 103.5 Crores, Manali
(Chengalpattu MGR District)

Talco Distilleries & Chemicals Ltd. Rs 18 Crores
Athur (Salem District)

Marine Freight containers

Rs 75.37 Crores
Thiruvallur
(Chengalpattu MGR District)

TTL Expansion Project

Rs 17.5 Crores
Arakkonam (North Arcot
Ambedkar District)

Spinning Mills

Rs 48 Crores
Bargur (Dharmapuri District)

Jayamkondan Lignite Power

Corporation Ltd.
Rs 7400 Crores
Jayamkonda Cholapuram

Oleo Refins and Spice Oil Project

Rs 19 Crores
Tiruvottiyur (Chengalpattu MGR District)

Particle Board Project

Rs 54.1 Crores
Tiruvottiyur (Chengalpattu MGR District)

Magna Foods & Proteins Ltd.

Rs 20 Crores
Sirkali (Nagapattinam Quaid-e-Milleth District)

Port Moody Oil Refinery

Rs.645.1 crore.
Tuticorin
(V.O. Chidambaranar District)

Hydrogen Peroxide Project

Rs 125 Crores

Open Die Forged Components
Rs 23 Crores

Chemical Storage Terminal
Rs 100 Crores
Ennore (Chengalpattu MGR District)

Agglomerated Granite Project
Rs 53 Crores

Prawnex Sea Foods
International
Rs 13 Crores
Sirkali (Nagapattinam
Quaid-e-Milleth District)

Latex Rubber Thread

Rs 31.94 Crores
Hosur (Dharmapuri District)

Integrated Pellitisation cum Power Plant based on Solid waste

Rs 16.1 Crores
Perungudi
(Chengalpattu MGR District)

Anusha International

Rs 14.19 Crores
Ranipet (North Arcot
Ambedkar District)

It may be mentioned here that 24

Elcot NRI Computer Accessories Ltd.

Rs 250 lakhs
Sholinganallur

Elcot Hi Tech Toolroom

Rs 990 lakhs
Sholinganallur

Electo Electromech Devices

Rs 139.83 lakhs
Sholinganallur

Indwell technologies

Rs 109 lakhs
Madurai

Elcot Trident Automation

Rs 264 lakhs
Madras

DC Elcot Software Ltd.

Rs 157 lakhs
Madras

Ravindra Systems and

Computer Services Ltd.
Rs 110 lakhs
Coimbatore

S A International Ltd.

Rs 119 lakhs
Madras

Universal Software Systems
Ltd.

Rs 110 lakhs
Madras

Dr. Arumugam & Co.
(Software)
Rs 166 lakhs
Erode

Square D' Software
Rs 4000 lakhs
Madras

Modular Electronics
Rs 1681.85 lakhs
Madras

Elcot New Era Technologies
Rs 1184 lakhs
Madras

Elcot Growth Finance Ltd.
Rs 105.4 lakhs
Madras

Tamiraparani Diamond Dies
and Tools Ltd.
Rs 444 lakhs
Madras

Litton Displays Ltd.
Rs 123 lakhs
Madras

A total of 17 new projects costing Rs 141 crores are under implementation with ELCOT's equity participation.

Madras Industrial Park

The Madras Industrial Park has been proposed at Sholinganallur at Pallikaranai villages of Chengalpattu MGR District. The 800 acre park will offer outstanding infrastructural facilities comparable to the best in Asia. The Park will also offer an incentive package within the realm of the liberalised policies of the Central Government.

Export Promotion Industrial Park

A Rs 20 crore Export Promotion Industrial Park is to come up at Gummidipoondi in Chengalpattu MGR District.

Infrastructural Development

In accordance with the new In-

dustrial Policy, a new corporation named 'Tamil Nadu Corporation for Industrial Infrastructural Development' (TACID) has been formed for furthering the development of infrastructure essential for setting up industries. TACID has already begun setting up new growth centres at Perundurai (Periyar District) and Gangaikondan (Tirunelveli Kattabomman District) under a centrally sponsored scheme.

TACID has also taken up the upgradation of the present available infrastructure at the Export centre for hosiery, Thiruppur. Growth centres at Bargur in Dharmapuri District and Agro Based Industrial Complex at Nilakottai in Dindigul Anna District are also coming up. A mega growth centre on an area of 1000 acres is to come up near Madras.

Direct Financial Assistance

Since 1991, State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu (SIPCOT) has provided term loans amounting to Rs 194 crores to 205 industrial units. During 1994-95, it has been proposed to sanction Rs 60 crores as loans. It is estimated that this will catalyse investment to the extent of Rs 230 crores and create employment opportunities to 5550 people. SIPCOT has continually maintained its momentum of providing loans despite the reduction in refinance limits by the Industrial Development Bank of India.

Tamil Nadu Industrial Guidance and Export Promotion Bureau (Guidance)

GUIDANCE has been set up as a single point contact for prospective investors in Tamil Nadu. Exhaustive information on industrial policy, procedures, incentives, subsidies, etc. are made available on floppy diskettes, by GUIDANCE. Another user friendly Software based information package on Foreign Trade Scenario, Tamil Nadu's Export potential as well as

on-line access to International data bases have been established by GUIDANCE. A series of Industrial Promotion seminars were conducted at Bombay, New Delhi, Calcutta, Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Bahrain to attract investments into the state.

Sugar Industry

Proposals have been sent to the Government of India seeking permission for five new sugar mills, i.e. one each at Thanjavur, Chengalpattu MGR, Tirunelveli Kattabomman, Kanniyakumari and Thiruvannamalai Sambuvaram Districts. Cogeneration plants have been commissioned in two co-operative sugar mills and 37 lakh units of energy have been supplied to TNEB grid. Two private sector plants have proposed setting up of co-generation plants.

Three more co-operative sugar mills at Mayiladuthurai, Kalakurichi and Harur will set up co-generation plants, at a cost of Rs 18 crores. Tamil Nadu leads the country in establishing co-generation plants in sugar industry.

Two new sugar mills in the co-operative sector, one each in South Arcot Vallalar District and Chengalpattu MGR District are being set up.

Mines and Minerals

Tamil Nadu Minerals Ltd (TAMIN) has set up a granite tile Factory in Madhapalli, Dharmapuri District and a Graphite Beneficiation Plant at Sivaganga in Pasumpon Muthuramalingam Thevar District. The Commercial production of the Graphite Tile Factory was started in Nov. 1993. The Graphite Beneficiation Project holds promise of emergence of many downstream projects for Rs.2000 crores. TAMIN has planned for exploiting Molybdenum, available in large quantities in Dharmapuri District.

HANDSOME PACKAGE OF INCENTIVES AND CONCESSIONS FOR SMALL INDUSTRIES



Enhanced rates of subsidy for Low Tension Power consuming Industries

The rate of subsidy to the Low Tension Power consuming units from the existing level of 30%, 20% and 10% has been raised to 40%, 30% and 20% respectively for three years from the date of commencement of production. Under this scheme during the last three years, the amount of State capital subsidy and special capital subsidy disbursed is Rs 2553.09 lakhs, the amount of concession to Low Transmitter Power Tariff is Rs.302.87 lakhs and the amount spent on generator subsidy is Rs 74.09 lakhs.

This Government believes that rapid industrialisation is possible only by furthering small scale industries that are not only low capital intensive but also generate large employment potential. To focus special attention on the small scale sector, the Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha directed the creation of the department of Small Industries in July 1993.

Higher quantum of subsidy for Most Backward Taluks:

Industries set up in the 32 Most Backward Taluks will be entitled for a higher quantum of capital investment subsidy of 20% subject to a maximum of Rs 20 lakhs as against 15% subject to a maximum of Rs 15 lakhs in 82 backward Taluks.

Sales Tax Waiver Scheme to Electronic Complexes:

New units and expansion of existing units in 31 Most Backward Taluks and at the SIPCOT Complexes at Cuddalore, Pudukottai and Manamadurai have been made eligible for full waiver of sales tax for a period of

The Government have since declared a handsome package of incentives and concessions exclusively for use by small scale and rural industries. Of special mention, is the fact that the Government have ordered that all State PSU and Statutory Boards should settle all dues to the small scale industries within 30 days and have set up a monitoring committee towards achieving this end. As a result, 196 small scale industries have so far received the outstanding amount of Rs 1066.66 lakhs.



5 years (or deferral of sales tax for 9 years) upto a ceiling equal to the amount of total investment made in fixed assets. This scheme has been extended now to the Dr. Vikram Sarabhai Intronics Estate at Thiruvanniyur and the Electronic City at Sholinganallur in Chengalpattu MGR District.

During the last three years Rs 230.39 lakhs have been granted as Interest Free Sales Tax and an amount of Rs 8295.35 lakhs disbursed under Sales Tax Deferral cum Waiver scheme.

Simplified format for registration:

The State Government have introduced a simplified one Page format for small industries for receiving provisional and permanent registration. Under the new format, 4,74,410 industrial units with an investment of Rs 10,456.64 crores have been given permanent registration, and have since created employment for 51.86 lakh persons.

Special Schemes for Women Entrepreneurs:

30 percent reservation has been ordered in all new industrial estates for women entrepreneurs. A special subsidy of 5% is being given to new units wherein women employed constitute more than 30%.

Industrial Co-operatives:-

Industrial Co-operatives covering industries dealing in tea, sago, matches, coir, etc are being promoted either by share participation or by making credit available, by co-operative Banks. During the last three years 1198 Industrial co-operatives have been registered.

SIDCO's Activities - Development of Infrastructure

Development of plots with all infrastructural facilities for the setting up of Small scale industries has been taken up and developed plots worth Rs 472.09 lakhs have been allotted. Rs 2429.98 lakhs worth developed workshops have also been allotted.

Dr. Puratchi Thalaivi Electronics complex

About five acres of land in the Guindy Industrial Estate have been allotted to establish an Electronic Complex with 120 modules, each measuring 1600 sq. feet in multistoried buildings. Block I and II with 40 modules each have been completed. The total project cost is Rs 4.50 crores and when completed, the complex would provide direct and indirect employment to 8000 persons.

Garment Complex, Guindy

On a 1.50 acre site at Guindy Industrial Estate, a garment complex is coming up. The

complex is a multi-storied buildings with four floors and each floor will have 16 modules. There will be a total of 64 modules. The estimated project cost is Rs 3.8 crores and the project would provide direct and indirect employment to about 4000 persons.

Raw Materials Distribution by SIDCO

SIDCO distributes basic and key raw materials such as Iron and steel, Match and paraffin wax, coke, Titanium Dioxide, Zinc Lead, Pottassium Chlorate, Paper, Aluminium, etc to SSI units, at controlled prices. During the last three years Rs 33,143.77 lakhs worth of 1,79,441 metric tonnes of raw-materials have been distributed.

SIDCO's Achievement

The achievement by SIDCO after assumption by the present Government have been spectacular. The turnover for the year 1991- 92 was Rs 108.92 crores and it rose to Rs 115.70 crores in 1992- 93. The turnover of SIDCO in 1993-94 is an impressive Rs 261.67 crores.

Industrial Investment Corporation (TIIC)

During the last three years, industrial loans worth Rs 490.14 crores have been sanctioned by the Corporation.

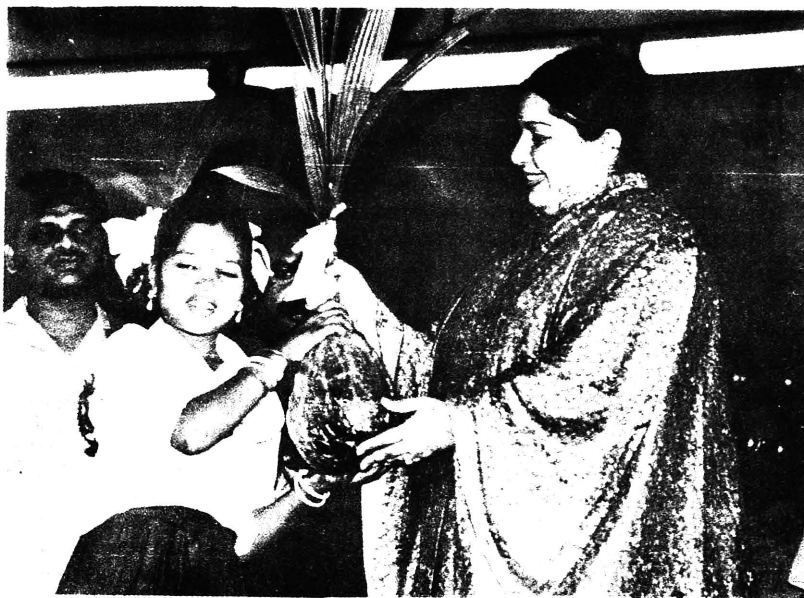
Subsidy by TIIC

2,948 Industrial Establishments have been granted subsidy worth Rs 33.51 crores during the last three years.

TIIC's Interest Free Sales Tax Scheme

TIIC has issued 335 eligibility certificates to enable small industries avail Rs 60.88 crores under the scheme.





RECORD PRODUCTION OF FOOD GRAINS IN TAMILNADU

Adoption of latest technology, new strategies in the extension approach and supportive development schemes have all contributed to the higher production achieved from the production level of around 60 lakh Metric Tonne (LMT) during the past several years. The total food grain production during 1991-92 was 90.45 LMT, which rose to 101 LMT during 1992-93. In 1993-94, it is expected to be more than 103 lakh tonnes which is an all time record in the history of agriculture production in Tamil Nadu.

Further, by the concentrated efforts of the Government and timely supply of adequate inputs, agricultural sector has achieved high level production in oil seeds, cotton and sugarcane. During the last three years 47.25 LMT of oil seeds, 74.42 LMT of sugarcane in

terms of Gur and 15.49 lakhs bales of cotton were produced.

Rice Production Programme

During 1991-92 this programme was implemented in 14 Districts. With an idea to increase rice production, provision for extension subsidies of critical inputs like quality seeds, zinc, sulphate, Gypsum plant protection chemicals, weedicide, plant protection equipment, agricultural implements were made available besides extending demonstration and conduct of training. A total sum of Rs 533 lakh was spent. During 1992-93 the programme was implemented in 20 Districts and a sum of Rs 914 lakhs was spent. And during 1993-94, a total expenditure of Rs 630.47 lakhs has been incurred up to February 1994.

J J 92 Seed Minikits

The rice minikit has been taken

up with the objective to quickly promote the recently released varieties and to find out the adaptability of pre-released varieties and for building up the stock of improved seeds at farmers' level.

During 1993-94, 26,445 nos of JJ92 seed minikits have been distributed benefitting 26,445 farmers. A sum of Rs 5.26 lakhs has been utilised for this purpose.

Under this scheme during the last three years 1,35,667 seed Minikits of rice (including JJ92) have been distributed at a cost of Rs 33.12 lakhs.

Oilseeds cultivation

During the last three years 45.74 LMT of oilseeds have been produced.

Oil Palm cultivation

In order to meet the increasing demand of edible oils especially of palm oil, oil palm cultivation has

been introduced for the first time in Tamil Nadu during 1992-93. During that year 3.40 lakhs of germinated oil palm sprouts were imported from Costa Rica and the seedlings were raised in the State Farm. During 1993-1994 also, 3.4 lakhs of oil palm sprouts were imported and seedlings raised.

25,000 Tenesa Oil palm sprouts were purchased from the Central Plantation Crop Research Institute at Palcode of Kerala State and the seedlings were raised at Pattukottai in Thanjavur District during 1992-93 and 1993-94. An area of 1671 ha. have been covered under oil palm cultivation during 1993-94. It is programmed to cover another 2000 ha. during 1994-95.

Development of Women in Agriculture

In order to give importance to women in the rural areas, the State Government has been implementing DANIDA assisted training scheme for women in Agriculture in imparting skills in various agricultural practices. This project was implemented through six Farmers Training Centres at Chengalpattu MGR, South Arcot, Vallalar, Thanjavur, Pudukottai, Ramanathapuram and Nellai Kattabomman Districts and concluded at the end of April 1993. The project has created adequate impact among 14,000 farm women and have significantly increased their productivity and production by helping them adapt the skills learnt through training. Phase II of the project is now being implemented over a period of seven years at a total cost of Rs 28.735 crores.

Comprehensive watershed Development Project

This project aided by DANIDA has been implemented in V.O. Chidambaranar and Tirunelveli Kattabomman Districts at total cost of

Rs625 lakhs to develop 17,500 hectares of substandard lands.

Puratchi Thalaivi Coconut Development Scheme

To inculcate the habit of growing trees, the Government have introduced for the first time "Puratchi Thalaivi Coconut Development Scheme" during 1992-93 for school children studying in Sixth Standard at a total cost of Rs15 lakhs. Coconut seedlings were distributed free of cost among 96,800 school children. During 1993-94, 1.50 lakhs coconut seedlings were distributed. It is programmed to distribute 4 lakh seedlings to Sixth Standard children of small / marginal farmers during 1994-95.

Fallow land development

For the first time in Tamil Nadu during 1991-92, a State scheme was formulated to bring fallow lands under green cover. This programme was covered in 25,814 Ha in 8 Districts of Nellai Kattabomman, V.O. Chidambaranar, Ramanathapuram, Pudukottai, Muthuramalingam Thevar, Kamarajar, Madurai, Dindigul Anna and Dharmapuri with an outlay of Rs150 lakhs.

Flood relief measures

Relief was provided on warfooting to cyclone and flood affected

small and marginal farmers to the tune of Rs 2,314.422 lakhs during 1991-1993.

Horticulture

Through the Department of Horticulture and plantation crops, the production of various horticultural crops has been stepped up by increasing the productivity, supply of quality seeds and imparting technical guidance on scientific cultivation and expansion areas under various horticultural crops.

The integrated programme for development of spices includes production of pepper rooted cutting, distribution of pepper inputs kits, supply of sprayers to pepper growers, distribution of coriander minikits, organisation of turmeric demonstration, chilly demonstration, plant production demonstration in chillies, distribution of sprayers to chilly growers and irrigation facilities for tree spices growers. This programme was continued during 1993-94 with an outlay of Rs 66.02 lakhs. Total outlay for Eight Five Year Plan period is Rs 538.56 lakhs.

Nandavanams in temples:

This unique scheme is being implemented in the premises of temples to develop Nandavanams and to improve temple Gardens in Tamil Nadu. These Nandavanams



will provide horticulture produce like flowers, fruits, vegetables, spices, medicinal plants and herbs to the temples as well as to the devotees. This scheme is being implemented in all the Districts by selecting two temples in each District.

In the first phase (1992-1993) out of the 21 temples selected, work has been completed in 14 temples, while in the second phase (1993-94) work has been completed in 9 temples from the 45 temples selected. Work is in progress in rest of the temples.

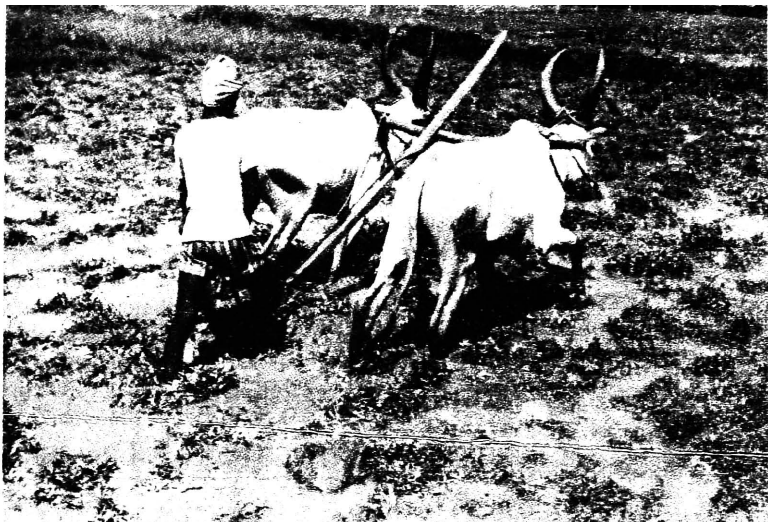
Micro Irrigation System

With a view to optimise water use and effect economy, a new thrust has been given for propagation of micro irrigation systems like drip/sprinkler systems. For this the Government have given subsidy to the tune of Rs 382.50 lakhs.

The Tamil Nadu Agro Engineering and Service Co operative Federation Ltd (ENCOFED)

The Government have formulated a scheme for distribution of pneumatic tyre-carts for supply to the small and marginal farmers at 50% subsidy rate. The subsidy under this scheme is Rs 337.50 lakhs. ENCOFED has distributed 4,312 tyre carts at the subsidy rate of Rs 7,500 per cart to small farmers and marginal farmers through its affiliates upto February 1994 with a subsidy value of Rs 319.01 lakhs.

During 1993-94 ENCOFED has distributed 19,336 storage bins / tarpaulins to subsidy value of Rs 193.36 lakhs to the small and marginal farmers. A subsidy of Rs 340 lakhs was sanctioned for small and marginal farmers for the supply of 20,000 power sprayers during 1993-94.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. J. Jayalalitha's New 10 Point Programme for Adi Dravidars

To provide all basic facilities on par with other communities to Adi Dravidars and Scheduled Tribes and to economically uplift them, the Hon'ble Chief Minister announced a 10 Point Programme immediately on assumption of office.

So far 11,235 wells have been dug. During the current year, 1000 more wells are to be dug.

3. 3227 persons of Adi Dravidar Community have become owners of Tractors, Lorries, Taxies and Autorickshaws as well as proprietors of ready made garment industries, tanneries, etc. in three years under an Entrepreneurship Development Programme for

5. Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr.J.Jayalalitha had directed the issue of 4 lakh pattas of house sites free of cost to Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes in five years. During the last three years, 5.32 lakh families have been granted house site pattas. During the current year 75,000 families are to be distributed with house site pattas.

6. 83,158 concrete houses have

SPECIAL INCENTIVES FOR ADI-DRAVIDAR GIRL STUDENTS

MEGA PLANS BEING IMPLEMENTED FOR THE ECONOMIC UPLIFTMENT OF ADI-DRAVIDARS



1. As one of the points of the programme, assistance was given to 2.46 lakhs Adi Dravidar families to economically uplift them during the last three years, on a target of reaching out to 3.5 lakhs Adi Dravidars in five years.

2. A target of 10,000 was made for digging wells and providing electricity connections on priority basis, for use of Adi Dravidar Agricultural families.

Adi Dravidars. This achievement is against the target of providing entrepreneurship assistance to 5000 persons in five years.

4. Instructions have been issued for providing additional training to Adi Dravidar youth who have already undergone ITI training, in order to create employment opportunities for them.

been built and distributed among Adi Dravidars, during the last three years. The estimated cost of each house has been increased to Rs 19,200. During 1994-95, 25,000 houses are to be built.

7. 1571 Adi Dravidar colonies were provided with drinking water facilities, during the last three years. During the current year, 1500 colonies would be extended this facility.

8. Facilities such as roads to Adi Dravidar Colonies, roads to burial grounds, and burial grounds are being provided to Adi Dravidars communities. During the last three years, an amount of Rs 101.68 lakhs was spent on these facilities. During the current year, Rs 51.23 lakhs would be spent.

9. Street lights are being provided under the special self-sufficiency scheme of the Rural Development.

10. Under "the one house-one bulb" scheme, 30,000 houses were provided with power connection in 1993-94. During the current year, 35,000 more houses are to be provided with the facility.

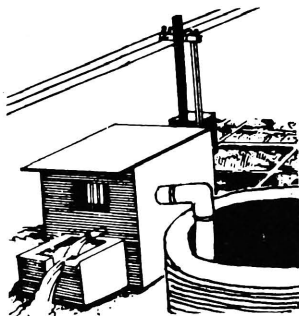
Three mega Economic Schemes

The Hon'ble Chief Minister had announced the creation of hosiery industrial estates, sericulture development and aquaculture development as major plans for the development of Adi Dravidars.

Accordingly, a hosiery industrial estate is coming up at Thiruppur Mudalipalayam in Coimbatore District on a 95.93 acre site. Land acquisition procedures are on to the proposed 116.04 acre estate at Nallagoundan Palayam in Periyar District.

Aquaculture

Aquaculture farms are to be established in 8 coastal districts excepting Madras and Kanyakumari on a 1000 hectare area. So far, 51.34 acres of land have been acquired in Nagapattinam Quaide- Milleth District and NABARD has come forward to provide financial



assistance. According to NABARD guidelines, one acre of acqua farming needs 33,000 shrimp eggs and to establish a farm costs Rs 1.5 lakh. NSFDC has agreed on principle to provide financial assistance of Rs 2. crores. The scheme is being expedited up.

Sericulture

Sericulture is to be implemented in 80 Panchayat Unions spread in the 20 Districts of Tamil Nadu, excluding Madras, Kanniyakumari and Nilgiris Districts. Rs 18 lakhs have been spent on planting of Mulberry saplings as well for providing training to beneficiaries. Rs 2.14 crores have been spent on the purchase of land for use of landless poor Adi-Dravidars and for establishing centres for sericulture Development.

Upgradation of Adi-dravidar schools

During 1992-93, 2 middle schools have been upgraded* as high schools, and 3 high schools have been upgraded as higher secondary schools. Similarly, during 1993-94, 13 primary schools were upgraded as middle-schools, 3 middle schools as high schools and 3 high schools upgraded as higher secondary schools.

* The Government have been taking efforts to improve the quality of education of Adi

Dravidars and Scheduled Tribes. Special efforts are on to enable Adi Dravidar students of the 10 standard and +2 classes get through the public examination. Moreover, to improve the mind and knowledge of Adi Dravidar students, libraries have been established at a cost of Rs 12.33 lakhs at all students hostels run by the Department.

- * 90 new hostels have been started, during the last three years, for the benefit of Adi Dravidar students. With the idea of housing all the hostels for Adi Dravidars in own buildings, instead of rented premises, 34 new hostel buildings are being built at a cost of Rs 8.3 crores.
- * 27 new school buildings are also being built at a cost of Rs 4.7 crores.

Welfare of Scheduled Communities

- * 218 Boarding schools are being run by the government to encourage scheduled community children to pursue education. More than 14000 students are being benefitted by these schools. Adequate buildings have been sanctioned to 8 Boarding schools at a cost of Rs 36 lakhs. Rs 40 lakhs have been sanctioned for starting new schools in plan areas. 7 new schools have been sanctioned and Rs 49 lakhs allotted for construction of schools buildings.
- * Additional buildings are being built at a cost of Rs 80.35 lakhs for 4 existing hostels.
- * 26,764 scheduled families have benefitted to the tune of Rs 56.48 crores under a pro-

gramme of providing socio economic development.

- * Free houses have been built at a cost of Rs 130.46 lakhs thereby benefitting 632 persons of scheduled caste community.

Special Incentive to poor girl students

- * To prevent dropouts among poor Adi-dravidar girls from schools, an incentive of Rs 500 is to be given when the student passes from 3rd to 4th and then from 4th to 5th. This scheme mooted and announced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister is to be implemented in those districts wherein female literacy is below than that of national average, such as Dharmapuri, Thiruvannamalai Sambuvarayar, Villupuram Ramaswamy Padaiyatchiar and South Arcot Vallalar with World Bank aid.
- * Taking into consideration the fact that girl children of Adi Dravidar communities, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has announced a revolutionary programme wherein a sum of Rs 100 will be granted every month to every girl student studying in sixth standard. This programme would benefit 30,000 poor Adi Dravidar girl students and would cost Rs 3 crores to the exchequer.

Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha Commercial Complex

- * 30 Commercial Complexes named after the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu are to be built at all District Headquarters, Municipalities and Town Panchayats. Each complex

will hold 10 shops and a total of 300 shops would be rented out to Adi Dravidars. The 30 Commercial Complexes would cost Rs 1.5 crore, and would be built by THADCO.

- * 23 training centres are to be set up at a cost of Rs 1.84 crore to provide training to Rural youth for self-employment under THADCO's direct supervision. A scheme of granting land to 1000 poor Adi Dravidar agriculturists at a cost of Rs. One crore is under implementation. Service organisations are ensuring that the land so given is put to good use by the farmers.
- * 2000 foot wear repair shops along with necessary machines and equipments are to be distributed among the Arunthathiyar community.

THADCO

In order to provide socio-economic upliftment of Adi-Dravidars, the following development work have been completed with THADCO's assistance.

- * Self Employment scheme benefitting 25,148 persons at a cost of Rs 862.10 lakhs.
- * Rs 20.85 lakhs worth borewells benefitting 217 persons.
- * For purchase of oil motor pump by 889 persons costing Rs 49.59 lakhs.
- * Deepening of wells for 265 persons at Rs 29.11 lakhs
- * For purchase of Double bullock-tyre carts by 7314 persons a sum of Rs 480.64 lakhs.
- * For purchase of double bullocks for farming, a sum of Rs 117.02 lakhs distributed among 5175 persons.

* Rs 279.68 lakhs spent on 6040 persons for buying Double bullock carts.

- * For setting up artificial diamond cutting industry to 485 persons, a sum of Rs 27.65 lakhs.
- * For constructing motor rooms, Rs 3.14 lakhs to 126 persons.
- * Under IRDP, assistance to 182 persons to the tune of Rs 39 lakhs.
- * Rs 87.08 lakhs to 2557 persons for establishing bunk stalls.
- * Under self employment benefit scheme, 8294 people were assisted with a total of Rs 91.38 lakhs.
- * Under Entrepreneurship Development scheme, 3286 persons benefitted to the tune of Rs 1,282.33 lakhs.
- * Under the 20 Point Programme, 792 Adi-Dravidars assisted with Rs 7.92 lakhs and 125 scheduled community persons with Rs 63 lakhs.
- * For starting tiny industries, 1187 persons were granted Rs 18.35 lakhs.
- * For purchase of power sprayers along with bi-cycles, Rs 8.61 lakhs distributed among 429 persons.

Altogether, a sum of Rs 3267.49 lakhs has been distributed during the last three years, through THADCO, thereby uplifting 60,565 Adi-Dravidar families.



A New impetus has been given to Modernisation of the Police Force. A modernisation scheme was sent to the Government of India and financial assistance sought to the tune of Rs 80.45 crores. The Central Government had released Rs 10 crores and the amount has been fully utilised. The State Government is expecting the sanctioning of the balance amount of Rs 70.45 crores.

Women Police Stations

To bring to a halt the social injustices perpetuated on women and to find legal solutions to problems of women, Women police stations are being established in all the District head quarters. Orders sanctioning 28 such police stations have already been issued and 19 of them have already started functioning and the remaining women Police Stations will be opened before the end of September.

Special Security Group

To provide fool proof protection and proximate security to the Chief Minister and other VIPs, a separate police force known as "Special Security Group" has been formed. The SSG is headed by a DIG.

Police Housing Corporation

The Tamil Nadu Police Housing Corporation has been revived and housing projects worth about Rs 25 Crores is under implementation. Construction of about 2000 Police Quarters have been completed. Similarly, to accomodate the SSG Personnel, 40 quarters for Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors, 80 quarters for head constables and 2 barracks are being built by the Corporation with the Hudco assistance programme of Rs 2.85 crores.

Uniformed Services Recruitment Board

The Uniformed Services Recruitment Board has completed



POLICE TRANSFORMED INTO MODERN AND HUMANE FORCE

the recruitment of 10,355 Grade II Police constables. Recruitment of 500 Sub-Inspectors is in progress.

New Vehicles

It has been decided to provide vehicles to all the 1123 Police stations in Tamil Nadu. So far, 663 new vehicles have been purchased and supplied to the Police Stations.

New Concessions to Police Personnel

The Police Personnel who meet with permanent incapacitation either by loss or limb or any of the major faculty under heroic circumstances while on duty are to be paid an exgratia amount of Rs 20,000. And those who sustain grievous injury will be paid Rs 5,000/-, and those requiring hospi-

talisation because of injury Rs 3,000 and those who sustain simple injury Rs 1500/-. The feeding charges to the police personnel deputed for bandobust duty have also been enhanced. The kit allowance and the Travel allowance have also been increased. The Outright annual grant of Rs 5 lakhs towards the Tamil Nadu Police Benevolent Fund has been further increased to Rs 10 lakhs.

Madras Traffic Police

New vehicles and traffic equipments worth Rs 68 lakhs are to be purchased for use by Madras Traffic Police under a World Bank Project.

Upgradation of Stagnated Posts

Promotions have been accorded

A total number of 12,409 personnel have been promoted.

Special Concessions to SSG Personnel

The families of SSG personnel of the rank of DSP and above, are to be paid an ex-gratia amount of Rs 5 lakhs in case the Police Officers die under heroic circumstances. The officers of other ranks will be granted an ex-gratia of Rs 3 lakhs each. The SSG Personnel who are permanently incapacitated will be paid Rs 2 lakhs and those who are physically impaired will be granted Rs 1 lakh ex-gratia amount.

Temple Protection Force

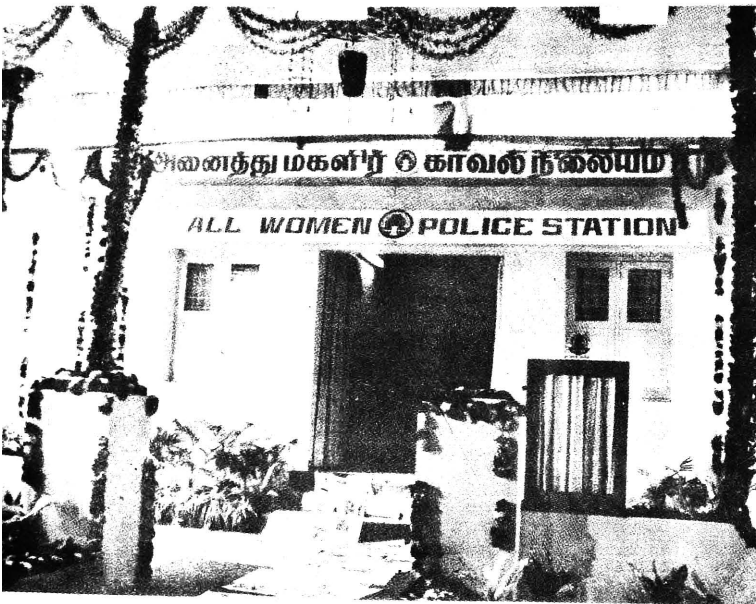
The Temples in Tamil Nadu with their valuables represent the richness of our cultural heritage. In order to protect the icons, jewels, hundi collections and other valuable items, The Government of Tamil Nadu have constituted the Temple Protection Force in all the Districts.

Telecommunications

Telecommunication is the most essential in the police force and continuous efforts are being taken to strengthen this branch in police. This year alone it has been proposed to set up Repeater Stations at Arankannal in Dindigul Anna District, Dhurumula in Nilgiris District, Mancholai in Tirunelveli Kattabomman District, Vellimalai in Kanniyakumari and Mayiladuthurai in Nagapattinam Quade-Milleth Districts.

Also, 1378 old antiquated VHF sets are to be replaced along with 100 walkie Talkies.

15 Districts will be brought under Computer Communication Network. Fax machines are also to be supplied to these Districts. Three



by creating the following new posts by the present Government :

Director General of Police - 4	D.G.P. - 1
Additional DGP - 8	Additional DGP - 1
Inspector General of Police - 9	D.I.G. - 1
Deputy Inspector General of Police 12	D.S.P. - 50
Superintendent of Police - 13	Inspector - 150
Addl.Sp - 1	Head-Constables - 500
D.S.P. - 48	Constables (Grade.I)- 9000
Inspector - 349	Altogether 9,703 posts have been upgraded. The following are the Promotions.
Sub-Inspector - 472	D.G.P. - 4
Head- Constable - 929	Addl.DGP - 8
Constable (Grade -I) - 301	I.G. - 20
Constable (Grade -II) - 8000	D.I.G. - 22
Women Inspector - 29	S.P. - 16
Women Sub-Inspector - 12	Addl.SP. - 21
Women Head Constable - 3	D.S.P. - 85
Women Constable - 12	Inspector - 304
Constable (Junior -Grade) - 9	Sub.Inspector - 1016
A total of 10,209 new posts have been created. The following are the number of upgraded posts.	Head Constable - 1564

new telecommunication wings are to be set up at St. Thomas Mount, Madurai and Tirunelveli. A guard room is to be constructed at the existing wing at Servarayan Hills. Altogether the strengthening of the communication wing in police is to be taken up at a cost of Rs. 5.43 crores.

Computerisation

The strengthening of Computer Branch is to be taken up at a cost of Rs 36 lakhs by introducing personal computers in all the crime record bureaus in 26 police Districts. Separate computer training wing is also to be started at the Police Training College. And, 4 Police stations at Coimbatore, Madurai, Madras and Tiruchirappalli have to begin using computers on an experimental basis. The crime investigation Bureau is to begin the use of "Anguli" in the computer wing.

19 Police stations in the state without telephone facility are to be provided immediately with new telephone connections at a cost of Rs 6.3 lakhs.

Police Academy

The State has sent proposals to the Centre to set up on a 68 hec-

tare site at Veerapuram near Avadi, a Police Academy. The Police Academy will provide training on all the modern methods such as bomb detection, dog squad training, vehicles driving etc.

Coastal Security

A Rs 12 crore proposal was sent to the Centre, taking into consideration the threats to the long coastline of Tamil Nadu. As the proposal did not evoke response, the State has decided to take up the project. Under the scheme the 1000 km long coast line will be patrolled and check posts will be located.

An exclusive coastal security group has been formed. 300 Police Constables, 34 Sub Inspectors, 17 Inspectors, 2 Addl SPs and 1 SP are being appointed. During 1994-95, Walkie Talkies, Binoculars, 300 cycles, 34 Motor cycles, 23 jeeps, 2 cars and 4 buses will be provided at a cost of Rs 3.48 crores.

Madras City Police Improvement

To provide comprehensive and effective improvement to Madras City Police, a high level Committee to study the Madras City Police

especially the territorial jurisdiction is to be set up. The following are the other steps:-

- * Sanction on 2 posts of Joint Commissioners

- * Increase of L & O Branches from 3 to 4

- * Bifurcation of Madras Traffic Branch and creation of one more post of DC (Traffic)

- * Upgrading of ACP (Intelligence) to DCP.

- * Creation of 2 more ACPs in crime Investigation Bureau. The Government by the above steps will incur an initial expenditure of Rs 28 lakhs and a recurring annual expenditure of Rs 9 lakhs.

- * Formation of separate Bomb Disposal Squad at a total cost of Rs 8 lakhs.

- * Purchase of new Vehicles at a cost of Rs 2.5 crores.

Women in Police

1600 women Police Constables are to be recruited. Directly appointed lady DSPs are to head the Anti Dowry cell located in every district and these lady officers will also be incharge of all women Po-



lice Stations in the respective Districts.

New Police District

A new Police District is to be formed exclusively for airport security at Meenambakkam Airports. A sum of Rs 60 lakhs have been allotted for the formation of the District. A recurring annual expenditure of Rs 14 lakhs has been estimated.

Police City at Madras

A Police City to house the Police personnel on a 9 acre site is to be formed at Madras. This Comprehensive Police City will have a school, play ground, post Office, Bank, Police Control room and other facilities.

New Sub-divisions

49 new sub divisions are to be created this year. This would enable effective supervision of police work and would also enable stagnated Inspectors of Police secure promotion.

New Buildings

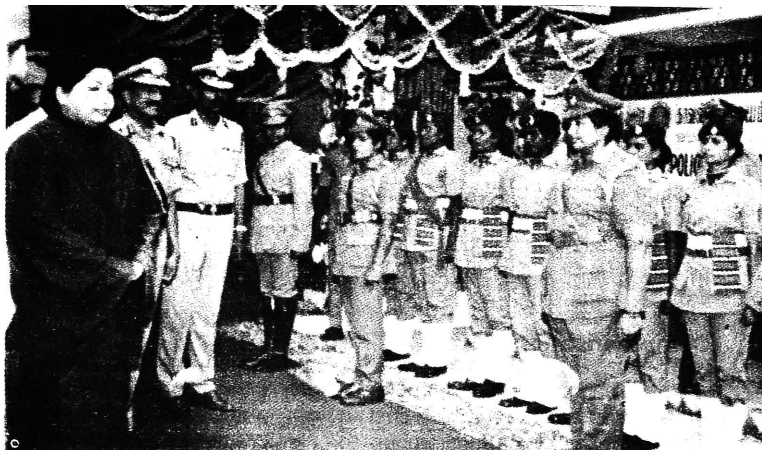
Four new shorthand bureaus are to be set up at a cost of Rs 3.32 lakhs at Kanniyakumari, Pudukottai, Dharmapuri and Nilgiris Districts.

A sum of Rs 3 crores has been allotted during the current year for the proposed DGP Complex at Marina. A Competition was held to select the best architectural design and action is being taken on the selected design.

An Office of DIG of Madurai range is to be constructed at a cost of Rs 17.50 crores.

61 Police Stations are to be provided with Flush-out toilets at a cost of Rs 12 lakhs.

Rs 73 lakhs have been allotted for repairs, electrical installation and Construction of Toilets for 900



offices and Police Quarters.

Other Improvements

The Popular Police Bands are to be improved by the purchase of new instruments. New uniforms are also to be purchased. An amount of Rs 74 lakhs have been allotted. 1 post of Band Master in the rank of Sub Inspector is to be created in each District.

Presently, there are 2 motor vehicle workshops to maintain police vehicles. It has been decided to set up a workshop in each of the Police ranges.

A Medical Insurance Scheme to enable Police Personnel undergo medical treatment in private hospitals, is also being introduced. Rs 50 lakhs has been allotted as Government's share to the scheme.

As the police personnel often have to forego their holidays for the sake of duty, the extra-time remuneration has been increased from Rs 10 to Rs 20. The Government will incur an expense of Rs. 70 lakhs towards this.

The grant of advance for purchase of Moped has been extended to second grade constables, with a basic of Rs 825/- p.m.

At present, the police quarters have a common electricity meter. Due to the persistent demand of

the families of police personnel separate meter is to be installed in the residences of 13,932 police families.

Taking into consideration the Special difficulties faced by the traffic police, the Special pay to Traffic Police is to be increased to 3 times in case of Head Constables and Constables and 2 times in case of DSPs, Inspectors and Sub Inspectors. The Government will incur a sum of Rs.15.4 lakhs on this.

To encourage talented personnel to become staff in Police Training schools and Colleges, 15 percent of the basic pay will be granted as special pay to the staff in training colleges.

The Posts of Additional Superintendents of Police in the Armed Reserve at Madurai and Coimbatore to be upgraded as Deputy Commissioners of Police. A post of DCP is to be created in the Motor Vehicle Branch of Madras City Police. To improve the administration, 7 posts of Superintendents are to be upgraded as Personal Assistants in 7 Police Range Offices at an annual recurring cost of Rs 11.2 lakhs.

To maintain the aptitude and morale of the commandos employed in the Districts, a competition is to be held and a grant of Rs.500 given to those chosen as a special incentive.

HON'BLE CHIEFMINISTER'S COMMITTED EFFORTS ENSURE SOCIAL JUSTICE IN TAMIL NADU

Steps taken to ensure 69 percent reservation

- ★ All legal steps taken to ensure that social justice provided by the Government by following 69 percent reservation is continued; The Government is of the firm opinion that reservation is necessary to ensure the social development of Scheduled communities, Backward and Most Backward communities.
- ★ Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr.J. Jayalalitha called for a cabinet meeting 7.1.93 in response to the Supreme Court's order that Reservation must not exceed 50 percent. It was decided at the cabinet meeting to file a Review petition and a clarification petition at the Supreme Court. The petitions were filed on 22.3.93.
- ★ On 28.9.93, a Special leave Petition was filed in the Supreme Court, after the earlier dismissal of petitions of the Tamil Nadu Government by the Court. On 7.10.93, the arguments on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Government were put forward to the Supreme Court.
- ★ It was decided at the Cabinet Meeting held on 4.11.93, to fill up the 50 percent as directed by the Supreme Court, in continuation of Tamil Nadu's tradition of trust and respect for the Highest Court. The remaining 19 percent is to be filled up after a favourable decision by the Supreme Court.
- ★ To provide expression to the unanimous desire of the people of Tamil Nadu, a

resolution was unanimously passed in the Tamil Nadu legislature Assembly on 9.11.93, requesting the Central Government to amend the constitution to ensure the continuation of 69 percent reservation in Tamil Nadu. The resolution was later sent to Prime Minister.

- ★ A hartal was organised by the Tamil Nadu Government on 16.11.93 to convey Tamil Nadu's unity on the Reservation issue.
- ★ An all-party meeting was convened on 26.11.93 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister to understand the opinions of various parties on the issue.
- ★ Based on the opinion of the All-party leaders a new bill was passed on 31.12.93 in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly and was forwarded to the Central Government on 19.1.94 for receiving President's assent.
- ★ On the direction of the Hon'ble Chief Minister senior officers of the Government were constantly in touch with the relevant Ministries at the Centre on efforts to speeden up the President of India's assent to the Reservation Bill. Telex messages and D.O. letters were sent to the Centre, on the matter.
- ★ A D.O. letter was written by the Hon'ble Chief Minister to the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 3.6.94 seeking earlier assent to the Bill by the President, as the matter is likely to snowball into an important issue during admissions to schools and colleges during 1994-95.
- ★ The M.P.s' belonging to the

AIADMK party met the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 14.6.94 and sought earlier assent to the Tamil Nadu's Bill. They also conveyed to the Prime Minister, the problems that would crop up if Presidential assent to the Bill is delayed.

- ★ A hartal was organised on 17.6.94 to convey to the Centre, the State's stand on the Reservation Issue.
- ★ A team of all-party leaders led by the Hon'ble Chief Minister met the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 25.6.94 and pleaded for President's assent to the Reservation Bill passed by the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly.

Mandal Commission

- ★ To consider additions and deletions in the list of Most Backward classes and Backward classes, as directed by the Supreme Court on the Mandal Commissions recommendations, a State Backward Classes Commission has been formed in Tamil Nadu.
- ★ Detailed orders have been issued by the Government to District Collectors on the issue of Community Certificates to those who want to apply for Central Government jobs under reservation quota. The list of communities under Backward and Most Backward have been published as also the meaning of "Creamy layer". These would enable to people of Tamil Nadu to take advantage of the Central Government's policies.

Backward classes Economic Development Corporation

- ★ Rs 1.54 crore has been granted to implement schemes such as aquaculture, artificial diamond cutting, deepening of existing wells, etc for the Backward Communities.
- ★ In addition to the existing hostels for girls, 48 more girls hostels have been built at a cost of Rs 96 lakhs during the last three years. During the current year, 16 more hostels are to be reopened.
- ★ To enable Backward class students hostels' shift to permanent buildings from rented buildings, 24 hostels have been built during the last three years at a cost of Rs 171.69 lakhs. During the current year, permission has been granted for building 12 hostels.
- ★ To improve the general knowledge of students, a new scheme to provide English and Tamil Newspapers to all the hostels and schools under the department, is under implementation.
- ★ A small library has been established at the students' hostels, at a total cost of Rs 15 lakhs. Library books worth Rs 3.61 lakhs are to be distributed in High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools.
- ★ It has been ordered to admit 500 additional students at the Backward students hostels in the State. The Government will incur a recurring expenditure of Rs 6.85 lakhs on this.
- ★ Grinders worth Rs 17.70 lakhs were distributed to 295 hostels during the last three years. The remaining 65 hostels will receive grinders during the current year.
- ★ Uniforms are being issued twice in a year to students staying at Backward students hostels.
- ★ A compound wall is to be built at a cost of Rs 2.15 lakhs at the Denotified Communities Girl Students' Hostel at Vadakadu in Pudukottai District.
- ★ A scheme of providing free education at graduate studies without resorting to any income ceiling is in existence for Most Backward classes and Denotified Communities. 1,30,223 students benefitted under the scheme on the first year of this government, 2,06,758 during the second year and 1,88,973 during the third year.
- ★ Free Education is being provided to students of Backward Communities with less than Rs 12,000 income per year. Under this scheme, 25,028 students, 25,659 students and 27,235 students have benefitted during the first, second, and third year of this government.
- ★ Income ceiling has been removed for admissions to the Special Institute for coaching for civil services examinations.
- ★ The stipend for trainee lawyers has been increased to Rs 750 from Rs 500.
- ★ To motivate students secure high marks in Public Examination a scheme to provide prizes is being implemented.
- ★ Every year, students are provided free of cost with books, notebooks and slates.
- ★ During the last three years, 13 middle schools have been upgraded as high schools, and two high schools upgraded as higher secondary schools.
- ★ Four additional class rooms are being built at a cost of Rs

15.3 lakhs at two schools for Denotified Communities at Madurai District and Dindigul Anna District. During the current year, 10 more class rooms are to be built at a cost of Rs 30.54 lakhs.

- ★ Heavy vehicle Training is being provided free of cost to the communities. During the last three years, 199 Backward class persons, and 141 persons belonging to the Most Backward communities and Denotified Communities benefitted. Government have incurred Rs 23.99 lakhs as expense towards this. During the current year 250 persons are to be trained.
- ★ During the last three years, free training in typewriting and shorthand have been provided to 949 Backward and 717 most Backward persons.
- ★ Computer training was provided, during the last three years, to 175 persons at a cost of Rs 13.88 lakhs. 600 persons were provided with training in operating telephone / telex at an expense of Rs 9 lakhs.
- ★ Necessary equipments were provided free of cost to 12,000 dhobies and 1500 stone cutters.
- ★ 3 cents of land is distributed free of cost to those MBCs living below the poverty line. Rupees One crore is allotted every year for this.
- ★ Rs 2,31,56,000 has so far provided as Equity participation by the Government after approving Rs 10 crores, to the State Backward Class Economic Development Corporation.





ADMINISTRATION OF DISTRICTS STREAMLINED

★ To upgrade the District administration and to implement the Welfare schemes properly and in time, the Government have taken a series of actions.

★ The Thanjavur District was bifurcated to form Nagapattinam Quaid-e-Milleth District; South Arcot District was bifurcated to form Villupuram Ramaswamy Padayatchiyar District.

★ 360 Regional Deputy Thasildars have been appointed to function under 172 Revenue taluks, to strengthen the administrative work and to enable the public redressed of their grievances.

★ **Enhancement of Welfare assistance:**

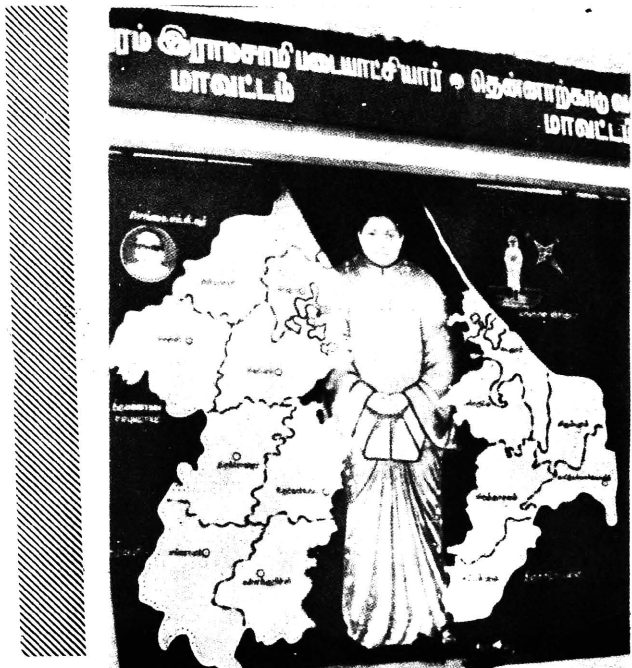
★ The amount given to huts and dwellings destroyed by natural calamity has been increased.

★ The relief amount given to the family of deceased persons on account of natural calamity has been enhanced from Rs 2000 to Rs 10,000.

★ Financial Assistance provided to aged persons have been enhanced from Rs 50 to Rs 75.

★ During the last three years 9,20,104 families have been given land for construction of houses free of cost.

★ 21,489 landless poor have been given land for cultivation free of cost.



HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER DEFENDS TAMIL NADU'S RIGHT ON CAUVERY WATERS BY FAST UNTO DEATH

The rights of Tamil Nadu on Cauvery Waters was stoutly defended and ensured by the historic fast-unto-death undertaken by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha.

implemented at a cost of Rs 10 crores as Flood relief work. Many Highly damaged irrigation sources have been repaired at a cost of Rs 8 crores.

Building Works

During the last three years, the following works have been completed.

- * Despite the difficulties faced because of Karnataka's adamant attitude in the starving of Cauvery waters, a record of sorts was created by releasing waters from Mettur Dam on June 12th 1992 to ensure timely crop cultivation. The waters were again released in 1993 and 1994 on June 12th itself, totalling three times of consecutive and regular release of water from Mettur Dam.
- * To develop rain water based sources for irrigation, 19 medium level irrigation schemes costing Rs 33 lakhs are under implementation.
- * A world bank aided Rs 950 crore scheme to augment irrigation and water sources is to be launched soon. 431 ayacuts in Cauvery basin have been upgraded.
- * Under the National water Management scheme, 9 schemes on an outlay of Rs 74 crores are being implemented benefiting 1,77,501 hectares of cultivable land.

Flood Relief Works

- * 319 works are being

- * Madras High Court Additional Buildings - Rs 413 lakhs
- * Mohankumaramangalam Medical College, Salem - Rs 375 lakhs
- * Veterinary College Buildings, Namakkal - Rs 194 lakhs
- * Paediatric section at Madras Stanley Hospital - Rs 199 lakhs
- * District Veterinary Farm, Pudukottai - Rs 153 lakhs
- * Police quarters at Sivagangai, Virudunagar, and Ramanathapuram - Rs 612 lakhs
- * Students Hostel for Law College, Coimbatore - Rs 95 thousand
- * Cyclone Shelters at various places - Rs 127 lakhs
- * Dr. MGR memorial at Madras - Rs 196 lakhs
- * Agricultural College, Killikulam - Rs 139 lakhs
- * Moreover, the Jawaharlal

Nehru Stadium at Madras was constructed with the co-operation of the P.W.D. Additional Buildings for the Juvenile homes at 14 centres are to be built at a cost of Rs 119 lakhs.

- * The Hon'ble Chief Minister had directed that basic facilities must be provided to the Judiciary such as Judges residential colony, Buildings to house District courts, and High courts. Projects worth Rs 366.80 lakhs have been completed in this regard.
- * A research centre at a cost of Rs 25 lakhs has been constructed at Taramani near Madras, to standardise the strength and quality of buildings constructed by P.W.D.
- * Under the World Bank aided Tamil Nadu Agricultural Development Programme, buildings for the Agricultural Department, Veterinary Department and the Forest Department are being constructed at a cost of Rs 1,320 lakhs.

Buildings under progress

The following building works are under progress:

- * Madras Collectorate Office - Rs 695 lakhs
- * 276 Governments servants residential units at Dindigul - Rs 4 lakhs
- * Accident cum Emergency

- ward at Madras suburbs (World Bank aided) - Rs 563 lakhs
- * Buildings for Primary Health centres - Rs 1121 lakhs
- * Additional Buildings to Madras General Hospital - Rs 125 lakhs
- * Ladies Hostel at Mohan Kumaramangalam Medical College, Salem - Rs 117 lakhs
- * Tiruchi Law College - Rs 100 lakhs
- * Hospitals with surgical wards in 16 places - Rs 116 lakhs
- * Laundry rooms in 16 Hospitals - Rs 800 lakhs
- * Renovation of 14 prisons - Rs 152 lakhs
- * ESI Hospital at Hosur - Rs 190 lakhs
- * ESI Employees Quarters at Madurai - Rs 181 lakhs
- * Agricultural College at Kumalur - Rs 191 lakhs

- * ESI Employees Quarters at Coimbatore - Rs 258 lakhs
- * Administrative Block for Dr. MGR Medical University - Rs 115 lakhs
- * Court Buildings at Salem - Rs 358 lakhs
- * Shops, Bus stand, toilet at P.Puliampatti - Rs 1 lakh
- * ESI Employees Quarters at Ayanavaram - Rs 368 lakhs

New Plans

The following are the buildings that have been proposed:

- * District Collectorate Buildings at Tuticorin - Rs 610 lakhs
- * District Courts at Ramanathapuram - Rs 323 lakhs
- * Additional Buildings for Director of Agriculture at Madras - Rs 135 lakhs
- * Other offices of Agriculture Department in the State - Rs 6 lakhs

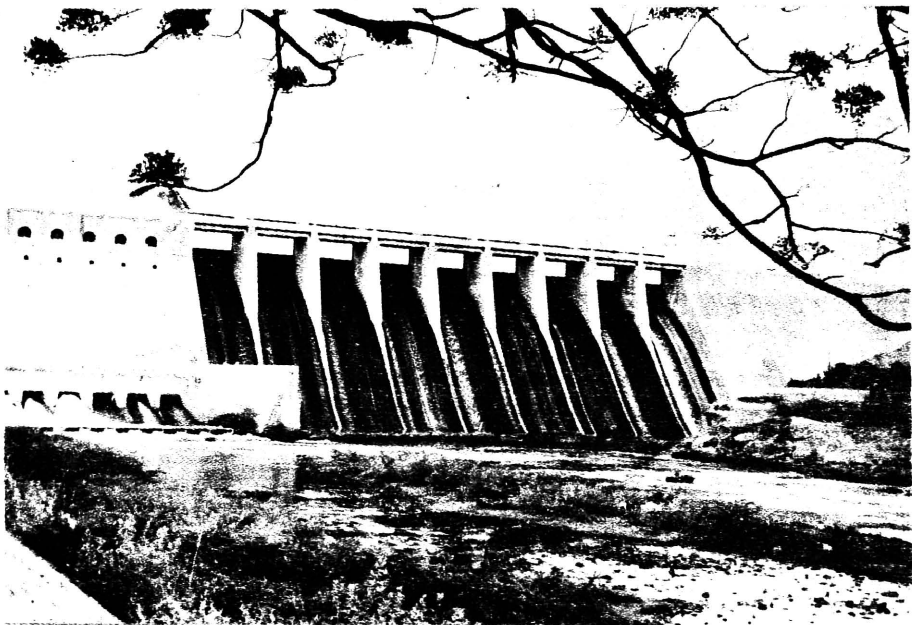
- * Residences for seven Ministers at Madras and an Inspection Bungalow at Bargur - Rs 167 lakhs
- * Buildings for Judiciary including quarters in the State - Rs 366 lakhs
- * Additional Buildings for Pudukottai Collectorate - Rs 1 lakh

Urban Development Project

- * Under this scheme, the formation of ring roads, bye pass roads, construction of bridges, replacement of level crossings with road overbridges, Roads-under-bridges, and improvements to existing roads are taken up. The outlay for the vital highway project to be taken up soon connecting major cities has been increased to Rs150 crores.

Highways and Rural works

- * During the last three years, strengthening of the national highway was taken up at



various places at a cost of Rs 369.84 lakhs. Approach roads to small bridges, strengthening of berms and such other 15 works have been completed at a cost of Rs 295 lakhs. The widening of the National Highway has been completed on an outlay of Rs 621.82 lakhs.

- * Rs 139 lakhs was spent on laying the bypass road to Erode. The bypass bridge at Salem was constructed at a cost of Rs 172.63 lakhs, and the highlevel bridge at Manimutharu was built at a cost of Rs 102.54 lakhs. 7 small bridges were constructed at a cost of Rs 101.10 lakhs. A sum of Rs 2033 lakhs was spent on laying 785 Kms of road in the state.

Flood relief works

- * Rs 367 lakhs was spent on repair of roads damaged by flood waters. An achievement of significance, is the laying of Bailey bridge in 50 days at a cost of Rs 169 lakhs in Chengalpattu MGR District. Another significant achievement is the repair of the ghat road to Udhagamandalam in the Nilgiris affected by landslides, in about 103 days and the quick restoration of traffic.

Central Road Fund Scheme

- * Rs 45 lakhs has been spent under a Scheme for providing improvements to Porur Jawadhu-Alangulam road in Thiruvannamalai Sambuvarayar and North Arcot Ambedkar Districts. The work of Thadiyankudisai Adalur Road to Pachalur in Palani hills was completed at a cost of Rs 77 lakhs. The road over bridge of Thanjavur

and other approach roads to be completed at a cost of Rs 630 lakhs.

Tribal area Development Programme

- * Under this scheme, the improvements to roads at Sitheri Hills in Dharmapuri District at a cost of Rs 40 lakhs, the improvements to Kottampatti-Sithilingi road at a cost of Rs 66 lakhs, the improvements to roads in Pachamalai Hills in Tiruchi District at a cost of Rs 116.24 lakhs, repairs to roads in Kalvarayan Hills in Salem District at a cost of Rs 29.75 lakhs and 201 pipe culverts at a cost of Rs 120 lakhs have been completed.

Roads and Bridges

- * 52,100 k.m. of roads are being maintained in Tamil Nadu.
- * Every year 3000 k.m. length of roads were being renewed. But since the advent of the present government, three years ago, 13,171 k.m.s of road have been renewed. A special repairs programme costing Rs 150 crores in five years has been launched and so far 6430 kms of roads have been repaired.
- * 586 km of bad roads in and around the Industrial estates have been repaired, under a new scheme.

- * During the last three years 238 major and minor bridges were completed and 503 kms length of roads were improved.
- * Sanction has been accorded for construction of 296 bridges and laying of 122 km of roads at a cost of Rs 40.33 crores; works are in progress.

ENERGY

Power cut removed completely

When this Government assumed office there was a cut of 25% on Energy and 30% cut on power demand on H.T. Industries. Due to various measures taken by the Government the performance of the thermal stations in Tamil Nadu has been improved considerably and also because of record inflow in the hydro reservoirs. The demand and the energy cut on H.T. Industries were completely removed on 26.3.92.

Increase in Power Generation

- * 228.02 MW of new generating capacity has been added since this Government assumed office. The details are:
- * Tuticorin Thermal Power Station unit IV - 210 MW.
- * Narimanam Gas Turbine Project -10 MW
- * Wind Mills at Puliyanikulam - 1.5 MW
- * Kayatharu Wind Mills expansion - 1.55 MW
- * Kayatharu Roadside Wind Mill - 0.22 MW
- * Windmills at Kethanur - 2 MW
- * Maravakandi Hydro Electric Project - 0.75 MW
- * Punachi Hydro Electric Project - 2 MW
- * Apart from this, windmills of 59.715 MW capacity have been commissioned under the private Sector.

Private Sector Participation in Power Generation

The Government has approved

entrusting the following projects to the private sector.

- * Lignite based thermal power project at Neyveli - 250 MW
- * Cuddalore Thermal Power Project - 1000 MW
- * Lignite based thermal Power Project at Jayamkondan - 1500 MW
- * Pillaiperumal Nallur Gas Turbine Project - 200 MW
- * Tuticorin Thermal Power Project Stage IV - 500 MW
- * Solar based OTEC Power Project at Kulasekara-pattinam - 100 MW
- * Lignite based thermal power project at Srimushnam - 250 MW
- * In total projects amounting to 3800 MW would be commissioned by the private sector.

New service connections

11,58,630 new service connections were effected during the period from July 1991 to March 1994. This includes 40,063 new connections to HT & LT Industries.

- * 1,18,358 new service connections for agriculture.
- * For huts, 1,11,524 new service connections
- * For street light services- 3,800 connections.
- * For normal service - 15,647 connections.
- * For self sufficiency scheme - 1,05,098 connections.
- * For Public water supply over head tanks - 5,569 connections.
- * For LT - 39,362 connections.

- * For HT - 701 connections
- * Domestic connections numbering 4,52,761
- * Commercial connections totalling 1,10,190
- * Other connections - 16,265

Transmission and Distribution

- * 70 New sub-stations were commissioned during the period from 25.6.91 to 31.3.93.
- * 901.73 circuit Kms of new EHT lines were energised during the same period.
- * The power transformer capacity in 151 sub-stations were enhanced with an additional capacity of 931 MVA.
- * During 1993-94, 27 new sub-stations were commissioned.
- * 282 circuit KMs of new EHT lines were energised.
- * The power transformer capacity in 60 sub-stations were enhanced with an

additional capacity of 887 MVA.

Special self financing scheme to agriculturists

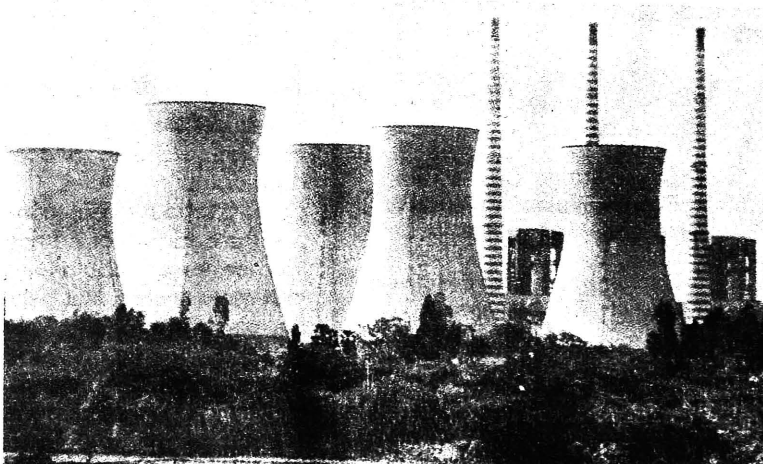
Every year 40,000 new agricultural connections are being given keeping in view the restricted availability of funds. To provide connectionsto more number of agricultural pumpsets, a new self financing scheme was started in 1992 and is being continued. Under this scheme, the applicants would pay a sum of Rs 25,000 or the actual cost of extension, to receive power supply on priority. So far, 5,375 pumpsets have been energised under this scheme upto the end of April 1994.

Special Self sufficiency Scheme for street lights

Under the Special Self Sufficiency Programme, 1,05,098 street lights have been energised upto March 1994. Further 363 street lights were energised during April 1994. In addition 12,977 street lights are proposed to be energised before June 1994.

Power Line loss reduction

Because of the various measures taken by the Board the Power line



losses in the State during the year 1992-93 has come down to 17.5%. During 1993-94 it is expected to bring down the power line loss to about 16.75%

Concession to Industries

In line with the new Industrial Policy, the following concessions are extended to the new industries.

- * Concession in Power Tariff of 40% in the first year, 30% during the second year and 20% in the third year.
- * 100% export oriented units are exempted from future power cuts.
- * Expansion units are also eligible for new industries concessional tariffs.
- * Efforts have been taken to ensure that power supply will be extended within a period of 3 months to new industries if the prospective applicants are ready to bear the cost of extension.
- * Ceiling limit for availing Low Tension Supply has been enhanced from 130 HP to 150 HP.

New Power Generation Projects

- * North Madras Thermal Power Project Stage I-630 MW capacity.
- * Basin Bridge Gas Turbine Power Project - 120 MW capacity.
- * Sathanur Hydro Electric Project - 7.5 MW capacity.
- * Lower Bhavani Hydro Electric Project - 8 MW capacity.
- * Windpower including private sector - 100 MW

* Efforts are being taken to commission the following power projects before the end of VIII plan period.

- * Pykara Ultimate Stage Hydro Electric Project 150 MW
- * Parsons Valley Hydro Electric Project 30 MW

In addition, the Board is executing two Hydro Electric Projects which will give benefits during the beginning of the IX Plan period.

New Projects

- * It has been tentatively decided to have 2 gas based plants of 400 MW capacity, one each at Coimbatore and Dharmapuri Districts.
- * Tamil Nadu Electricity Board intends to install diesel generating sets in Samayanallur in Madurai District, Samalpatti in Dharmapuri District, Arni in Thiruvannamalai, Sambuvarayar District and Madras in order to meet the

peak hour demands.

Solar Photo Voltaic Cell

The Government of Tamil Nadu have sanctioned installation of 15KW Solar PV cells of Grid connected type at Kayathar wind farm. The project is expected to be completed before September 1994.

Madras Metropolitan Augmentation and Upgradation Project

In order to augment and upgrade the Transmission and Distribution network in the Madras Metropolitan area, a special project at an estimated cost of Rs.225 crores is being implemented. This project is being funded by Asian Development Bank to an extent of Rs 150 crores. Erection of 230 KV underground cables, 230 KV gas insulated sub-station and a distribution control centre with modern facilities and SCADA. This project is expected to be completed in 1995-96.



There is no doubt that measures for the control of population should become the focal point of all our development policies. Unrestrained population growth poses a serious threat to the very quality of life of the people. The capacity of the economy to provide for a satisfactory life for a population that grows at a fast pace is extremely limited. Not only the present population level, but also the projected population growth casts a very heavy burden on the resources of the Nation. What little we are gaining by way of economic growth in terms of production and productivity, we are losing in the context of a stupendous addition to the population that this country is making every year.



* Under the Tamil Nadu Urban Development project, during 1991- 94, 40,536 sites have been created at a cost of Rs 129.82 crores; 50% of which have been allotted to the economically weaker sections.

* Utmost importance has been given for providing houses to the State Government employees. During the last three years, 2,372 houses have been constructed at a cost of Rs 23.42 crores.

Co-operative (Housing) Societies:

Under Co-operative Housing,

ACCELERATED EFFORTS TO ENSURE HOUSING TO EVERYBODY

Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board

* Welfare of the slum dwellers has been a matter of special concern for the Government. 10,927 slum tenements at a cost of Rs30 crores have been constructed for the benefit of the slum dwellers during the last three years, in order to provide them individual tenements which will insulate them against all natural calamities. In addition, under the Tamil Nadu Urban Development project, improvement of slums have been taken up and Rs 9.78 crores have been spent benefitting 29,508 families during 1991-94.

* Under the accelerated slum improvement programme in which basic amenities are provided to the slum dwellers, 35,800 families have benefitted during the last three years at a cost of Rs 5.87 crores.

* With a view of rehabilitate the pavement dwellers, 19,906 pavement dwellers have been provided core-houses at a cost of Rs 2.32 crores.

* Under EWS Scheme, 8,830 units were constructed at a cost of Rs 11.06 crores during 1991-94 by Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board.

Tamil Nadu Housing Board

During the last three years, 24,009 houses of LIG, MIG and HIG categories were constructed at a cost of Rs 271.15 crores by the Tamil Nadu Housing Board.

Construction of one lakh houses

With a view to augment housing in small and medium towns, this Government have launched a scheme to construct one lakh houses during the five years from 1991. During the last three years 39 small and medium towns were selected under the scheme and work have been taken up at a cost of Rs 90 crores for construction of 9,144 dwelling units. In the second stage, 29 more towns are being taken up for coverage at a cost of Rs 43 crores to create 10,300 housing units during the year 1994-95.

the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Housing Federation, an apex body for Housing Co-operatives tops the list of achievers among all the State level Co-operative Housing Societies in the country.

It is significant to note that the Federation has provided a sum of Rs 370 crores as loan for the construction of houses both under the rural housing scheme and urban housing scheme during the last three years, while the loans disbursed by the Federation during the period from 1959 to 1991 was Rs 594 crores. Thus the amount disbursed during the last 3 years is 62% of the amount disbursed by the federation in the previous 32 years.

* Tamil Nadu is the first State in the country to introduce a scheme for shelter upgradation in rural areas (SHUPRA) under which 40,000 families have been covered during the last three years, at a cost of Rs 10 crores.

* During the last three years 1,39,188 houses were constructed at a cost of Rs 373.30 crores in rural and urban areas.

Madras Metropolitan Development Authority:

To stimulate orderly development of Madras city, Madras Metropolitan Development Authority have initiated a number of decongestion projects such as Koyambedu whole sale Market Complex at a cost of Rs 50 crores, Madhavaram bus cum truck terminals at a cost of Rs 6 crores, and Iron and Steel Market Complex at Sathangadu at a cost of Rs 17 crores.

Mega Cities Programme:-

The National Commission on Urbanisation has identified Madras as one among the six cities to be developed under a centrally assisted "Mega Cities Programme". Under this programme, before the end of 1996, Madras Metropolitan Development Authority has proposed a series of schemes at an estimated cost of Rs 887 crores. These shelf schemes include service, cost recovery and remunerative schemes to be implemented by various agencies in Madras Metropolitan area. "Metropolitan infrastructure Development Corporation" would be formed towards this end.

Town and Country Planning

The Town and Country planning Department is the nodal agency for implementing the centrally sponsored scheme for integrated urban Development of small and medium towns. Under this programme, during the last three years, a total of 107 projects in 23 towns have been approved with an outlay of Rs 2,683 lakhs and a sum of Rs 760 lakhs have been released to the local bodies. A total of 40 projects have been completed and brought to beneficial use.



A medical practitioner would do well to appreciate the growing volume of evidence in favour of looking at the patient before the disease. This means that he/she must cultivate an active interest in the patient. The medical practitioner must come to know the patient very closely. The practitioner must respond to the patient's needs and the patient's fears or expectations, more warmly. I have known Doctors who erect thicker barriers than stone walls between themselves and their patients, in the name of science and objectivity. Quite often their ice-coldness serves to aggravate the disease rather than cure it. The Hippocratic Oath underlines the need to accept the patient as more important than the disease. It says:

"The regimen I adopt shall be for the benefit of patients according to my ability and judgement and not for their hurt or for any wrong".

The meaning of this oath must be expanded to take into account the need to understand the totality of the needs of the patient and to cater to them.

Chief Minister's Temple Renovation and Maintenance Fund

To protect and maintain temples that for long been uncared for and even dilapidated, by renovating them, the Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr.J.Jayalalitha, announced the establishment of "Chief Minister's Temple Maintenance and Renovation Fund". The Fund has so far received donations amounts to Rs 5,50,24,950. An amount of Rs 93.53 lakhs was

sanctioned from the Temple Maintenance Fund for the conduct of poojas at temples was further increased to Rs 3500. Under this scheme, 1293 temples have been granted an aid of Rs 40.77 lakhs during the last three years. This scheme has now been reorganised. A donation of Rs 2,500 is sought from the Public and a fixed deposit of Rs 25,000 is made, and the interest accruing therein is used for the pooja. So far, 1997 temples have benefitted under this reorganised scheme

The metal icons protection centre at Thiruvaiyar has been airconditioned at a cost of Rs 9 lakhs. A stand by generation is to be bought for the centre at a cost of Rs 5 lakhs.

Temple Employees Family Benefit Fund

The Family Benefit Fund for Temple Employees has increased from Rs 10,000 to Rs 20,000 and further to Rs 30,000. During the last three years, 288 families have received Rs 37.55 lakhs.



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'KUDAMUZHUKKU VIZHA'
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ALL OUT EFFORTS TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE TAMIL NADU'S HERITAGE

distributed during 1992- 93 for maintenance of 49 temples.

Temple Administration Board

To improve the administration of temples, a Temple Administration Board with the Hon'ble Chief Minister as Chairman was formed, at the State level. 19 District level Temple Administration Bodies have also been formed.

"Oru Kala Pooja Thittam "

The amount of Rs 2500

and the Government have contributed Rs 4.32 crores as its share in the scheme.

The famous Pathur Arulmigu Nataraja statue that was stolen twenty years ago, has been brought back to Tamil Nadu. The Pathur Temple has been renovated at a cost of Rs 7 lakhs and Kumbabisheham has since been conducted. A fixed deposit of Rs 1.7 lakh has been made and arrangements have been made to organise poojas at the temple from the interest gained on the deposit.

Vedic Agama College

In order to provide training in the Vedas, a Vedic Training college is coming up at Kambaranpettai near Thiruchirapalli town on an area of 25 acres.

Putholi Training Scheme

To provide refresher courses to archakas employed at Temples, a fund of Rs 8 lakhs was established by transferring surplus money available with the Temples. The refresher course is being conducted at 10 places and 346

archakas have benefitted by the course.

Pension

- ★ Odhuvars who have retired were being paid a pension of Rs 250. This has been increased to Rs 300. 85 Odhuvars are benefitting.
- ★ A scheme of providing pension to those who sang Vedaparayanam, Naalaayira Divyaprabhandam and who have since been retired, has been introduced.
- ★ Proposals are underway, to provide a pension of Rs 300 to retired Archakas.
- ★ 100 retired practitioners of ancient musical instruments at temples are to be paid pension.

Scholarships

Students who are learning to play Nadaswaram and Tavil are to be paid stipend in memory of Late Nadaswaram maestro Rajarathinam Pillai.

Additional Funds for improving Temple Administration

The Government was providing a grant of Rs 13.7 lakhs yearly to temples at Kanniyakumari, under H.R. & C.E.'s control or otherwise. As there was a demand for more funds, an amount of Rs 1 crore has been invested and the interest therein, is being used for improving the temples.

The grant of Rs 5.3 lakhs to temples located in Pudukottai Samasthanam was considered inadequate; hence an additional sum of Rs 9.3 lakhs was granted for the improved maintenance of Temples.

Temple Development Scheme

Under the scheme, for the renovation of temples in rural areas, Rs 63.75 lakhs have been granted to 255 temples during the last three years, at the rate of Rs 25,000 per temple.

Temple Protection Force

To protect valuable idols, ornaments and other valuables at temples, the Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. J. Jayalalitha ordered the formation of the Temple Protection Force. So far 1000 policemen and 2692 exservicemen have been appointed in the force and the force personnel are protecting 2,584 temples in the state.

Free Marriages Scheme

An increase in the grant of Rs 1250 to Rs 1500 has been ordered for all marriages held at the temples.

Renovation and Maintenance Aid

During the last three years, towards the renovation of 701 temples, an amount of Rs 4.39 crores has been granted. It must be maintained that the amount is sanctioned in various sources such as by Government subsidy, Public fund, Temple Development Fund, Village Temples renovation Fund and the Chief Minister's Temple renovation and Maintenance fund.

"Teppam " Festival

The Madras Mylapore Arulmigu Kapaleeswarar Temple's water tank could not hold the annual "Teppam Festival" since 1988, because of dry conditions. The water tank was completely renovated on an investment of Rs 35 lakhs and the Teppam Festival was conducted by the



Government in 1993. An amount of Rs 15.56 was sanctioned from the Chief Minister's Temple Renovation and Maintenance Fund and the rest was sanctioned as Government subsidy towards the renovation.

Marriage Halls

It was decided to construct Marriage Halls by financially well-off temples and so far 6 Marriage Halls have been constructed.

Training on ancient Musical instruments

To prevent the disuse of ancient musical instruments and to reintroduce their use in Temples, training is being imparted on playing of ancient instruments at places such as Thiruvarangam, Thiruvapur, Mylapore, Sholingur, Suchindram, Thiruttani and Thiruparankundram.

Integrated Programmes:

*** Rameshwaram Arulmighu Ramanathaswamy Temple:**

To provide more foreign tourists who arrive to see the sculptural magnificence at this temple and the pilgrims from all over the country, with more facilities and comforts, an integrated three level programme to beautify the Rameshwaram island has been taken up at a cost of Rs 7.75 crores.

*** Palani Arulmighu Dhandayuthapanisamy Temple:**

In order to beautify the whole of Palani Hills and to provide facilities to the pilgrims, an integrated plan has been announced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. An estimate plan is being prepared by architects.

Temple Arts Gallery

To explain in detail the ancient arts displayed in our temples, to amplify the meaning of Hindu religion and to display unused temple icons, jewellery, etc., a temple arts gallery is to come up on Mahabalipuram road at a cost of Rs 30 lakhs.

Kumbabishehems (Kudamuzhukku Vizha)

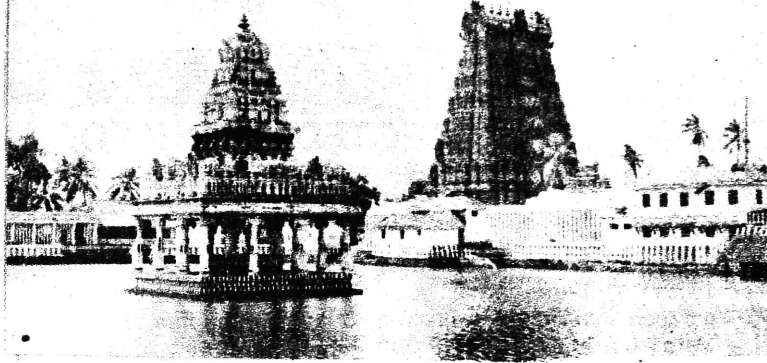
222 temples have had their Kumbabishekam during the last three years. 150 more temples are to hold this important ritualistic festival this year.

Modern Bus Stand

A modern bus stand costing Rs 148 lakh is coming up at the temple town of Samayapuram Arulmighu Mariamman Temple in Thiruchirapalli District.

Conducted Tours

Luxury coaches are to provide



guided one-day tour of all temples in Madurai City. A similar tour of Navagraha centres in Thanjavur area is also being organised, for the convenience of pilgrims.

Computerised tickets

As there is a steep increase in the number of pilgrims visiting famous temples, entry tickets are to be computerised to avoid any pit falls. The revenue received by hundi's is also to be sorted out by automatic machines. These works are being taken up by ELCOT.

Preservation of ancient paintings

Steps have been taken to protect decaying ancient paintings at temples.

As a first step a Rs 12 lakh work is on at Thiruvarangam Arulmighu Aranganathar Swamy temple in Thiruchirapalli District under the guidance of the famous restorer of paintings, Dr.O.P. Aggarwal. After the completion of the work at this temple, work will be taken up at other temples.

Temple Gardens Development Plan

21 Temples have been provided with Temple gardens (Nandavanam) under a joint scheme involving H.R. & C.E. Department and Horticulture Department, as announced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. This scheme is being introduced in 88

more temples.

Living quarters for Archakas

Tenements are being built close to the Temples to house archakas, employed in Temples. Under this scheme, 86 archakas employed in 14 various temples are being provided with quarters at a cost of Rs 1 crore.

Employment to heirs

Employment is being provided to the heirs of employees of temples who die in harness, as per eligibility and qualification. 19 heirs of temple employees have been employed at temples during the last three years.

Temple Tank Renovation

Work was started on 19 Temple Tanks at a cost of Rs 45.62 lakhs and work has already been completed at 15 temples.

Temple Car renovation

During the last three years, 16 temple cars have been repaired and renovated at an expenditure of Rs 27 lakhs.

D.A. for Temple Employees

Temple Employees were being given D.A. three months after the increase came in force for Government servants. The government have considered the request of temple employees and the temple employees are now on par with state government servants in matters of D.A.

PROTECTED WATER FOR EVERYONE

During the last three years 11,679 villages have been provided with protected drinking water benefitting 74,78,000 villages at a cost of Rs 228.12 crores. 148 urban areas have been provided drinking water at a cost of Rs 86.83 crores benefitting 13,31,000 people. 5,374 Adi-Dravidar's hutments have been benefitted.

Schemes implemented by World Bank Assistance

The World Bank has given top priority to providing assistance on a large scale for protected water schemes in Tamil Nadu. Schemes have been completed in 8 towns with World Bank aid. During the last three years Rs 200 crores worth of schemes are being carried out for providing potable water to the people. Works are to be completed in 44 towns and 960 villages before December 1994. 60 lakhs of people will be benefitted. In appreciation of these schemes, the World Bank has extended the period of their assistance to the end of the current year.

Dr. Ambedkar Centenary Memorial Scheme

In due regards and respect to the

memory of Dr. Ambedkar, Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha has ordered the implementation of a special scheme to provide drinking water to 336 Adi-Dravidar dwellings at a cost of Rs 3 lakhs. 100 Scheduled Caste housing colonies have been provided with protected water supply at a cost of Rs 42 lakhs.

- ★ 40 desalination (S.H.) schemes have been approved by the Government at a cost of Rs 53 crores in Ramanathapuram District. Towards this end, machineries have already been erected at 20 plants. By this scheme 153 housing colonies are to benefit.
- ★ Under drought relief programme 5,890 deep bore wells have been dug at a cost of Rs 18.58 crores.
- ★ Water supply schemes to 65 rural Town Panchayats have been implemented at a cost of Rs 27.63 crores.
- ★ Schemes have been completed in 12 Municipalities and 24 Urban Town Panchayats costing Rs 86.63 crores. 13 lakhs of people have been benefitted.

Sector Plan Study

For the first time in India, Tamil Nadu has started, a feasibility study to implement water supply schemes under self sufficiency programme in 757 towns of Tamil Nadu. This study would be completed by the end of this year.

Permanent solution to the drinking water problem of Madras City

The Government under the dynamic leadership of Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha have been pursuing a course of action for early implementation of the Krishna Water supply project costing Rs 1,255 crores. The project is scheduled to be commissioned by June 1995.

New Veeranam Project

Considering the serious water shortage in Madras and to make available additional water to augment city water supply position, the Government have sanctioned a " New Veeranam Project " with the financial assistance of the world Bank. The Project's revised estimated cost is Rs 985.60 crores.

New schemes

A study is being conducted for the supply of drinking water supply to 20 suburban areas of Madras city. A scheme has also been formulated to supply drinking water to 9,000 dwellings at a cost of Rs 530 crores. 2,754 newly formed Adi-Dravidar colonies are to be provided with drinking water facilities before the end of this year.



MADRAS TURNING INTO WORLD CLASS METROPOLIS

IMPETUS TO URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Maintenance of Roads

During the last three years, under "the half subsidy half loan scheme" 449 road works were completed at a cost of Rs 300 lakhs in 103 municipalities. Under "the loan scheme," 184 road works were completed in 49 Municipalities at a cost of Rs 130 lakhs. 210 Kms of roads in 63 Municipal areas were improved on a Government subsidy of Rs 300 lakhs under "the Special Plan"

Integrated Urban Development Plan

Construction and widening of Bus stands, laying of connecting roads, building of commercial complexes and markets were taken up in 9 municipal areas under the Integrated Urban Development Plan at an estimated cost of Rs 179 lakhs during the last three years. Under the Integrated Small and medium towns development plan, similar works were completed in 8 municipalities at a cost of Rs 1359 lakhs.

Low cost toilets

68,633 toilets were constructed in 68 Municipal areas on an expenditure of Rs 1890.02 lakhs, under a scheme of building low cost toilets.

Municipal town Development Project

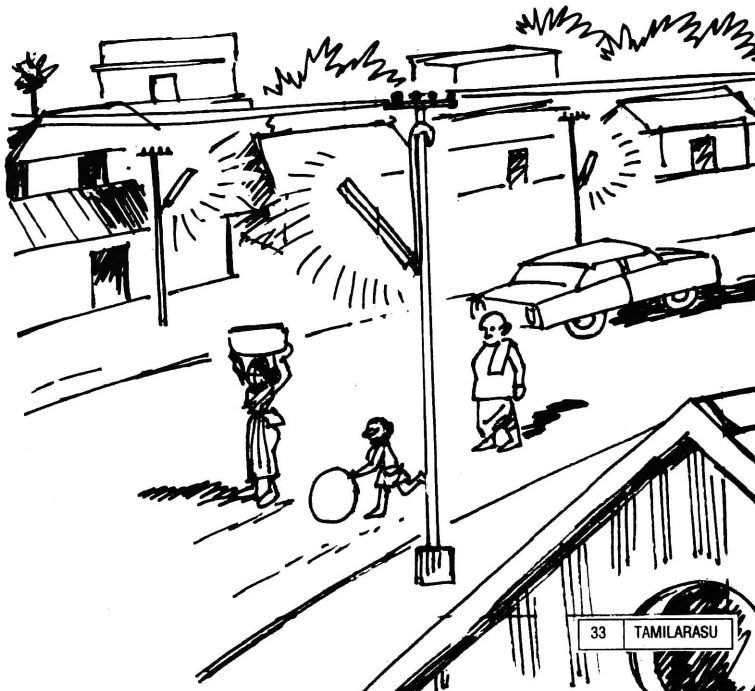
The following are some of the works that have been completed.

- * Laying of 24 roads at a cost of Rs 631.04 lakhs.
- * 5 Drinking Water Schemes at a cost of Rs 32.25 lakhs

- * 15 rain water drains at a cost of Rs 242.16 lakhs.
- * 34 sewage water management projects at a cost of Rs 492.15 lakhs
- * Equipments at a cost of Rs 39.50 lakhs.
- * Erection of Street lamps at a cost of Rs 261.71 lakhs.
- * Improvement to 13 burial grounds at a cost of Rs 82.01 lakhs.
- * Construction of 7 Nos of Pay and use latrines at a cost of Rs 80.92 lakhs.
- * Improvement to 6 Nos of fertilizer production area at a cost of Rs 33 lakhs
- * Construction of 22 Supermarkets at a cost of Rs 283.96 lakhs

- * Building of shopping cum Office complex at a cost of Rs 9 lakhs.
- * Construction of two office complexes at a cost of Rs 25.30 lakhs
- * Development of 10 market places at a cost of Rs 175.60 lakhs.
- * Construction of 8 marriage halls at a cost of Rs 94.25 lakhs.
- * Construction of 4 bus stands at a cost of Rs 148 lakhs.
- * Building of 5 commercial complexes at a cost of Rs 167.73 lakhs.

In all, 174 projects have been completed at a cost of Rs 28.23 crores.



Nehru Employment Opportunity Scheme:-

Starting of Small industries and providing of small industrial training to poor urban youth come under the scheme. During the last three years, 45,186 poor urban youth have been provided with Rs 2,240.76 lakhs as bank loans and Rs 755.45 lakhs as assistance. Under the scheme of providing small industrial training, 11,476 poor urban youth have been given training at a cost of Rs 126 lakhs.

Creation of Public Assets by providing employment

To provide employment to urban poor and create public assets, 4,427 works have been completed at a cost of Rs 110.46 lakhs.

Madras vision 2000

With the lofty idea of transforming Madras into a city par excellence of International standards, Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. Jayalalitha had announced the Madras Vision 2000 programme. Under this programme.

- * Rs 650 crores has been allotted for augmenting power facilities.
- * To improve traffic, and transport facilities, Rs 300 crores has been allotted.
- * Rs 75 crores is to be spent on erecting street lights and improving rain water drainages.
- * A sum of Rs 525 crores earmarked for housing and for slum area development.
- * Rs 300 crores to be spent on removing traffic bottlenecks and for streamlining traffic regulation.
- * Rs 400 crores to maintain en-



vironment and to develop city waterways.

- * Rs 150 crores for other City Development Schemes.

A plan of action costing Rs 4000 crores is being now implemented for Madras City.

Development of Madras City

In addition to Madras Vision 2000 programme under implementation the following development and welfare works have been carried out during the last three years.

- * Road works costing Rs 81.37 crores.
- * Street lights at a cost of Rs 26.38 crores
- * Rain water drains at a cost of Rs 9.65 crores
- * Bridges at a cost of Rs 8.15 crores.
- * Buildings at a cost of Rs 20.68 crores.
- * Sewage works at a cost of Rs 12.47 crores.
- * and other works for Rs 11.50 crores.

A sum of Rs 170.20 crores has been spent for developing Madras city.

Madurai Corporation

The following schemes have been completed during the last three years.

- * Road works at a cost of Rs 6.03 crores.
- * New buildings at a cost of Rs 1.60 crores.
- * Street lights at a cost of Rs 1.32 crores.
- * Drinking water schemes at a cost of Rs 32 crores
- * Drainage facilities at a cost of Rs 68 crores.

Coimbatore Corporation

- * Rs 13.35 crores worth road works
- * Buildings at a cost of Rs 11.81 crores
- * Drinking water schemes at a cost of Rs 1.69 crores
- * Drainage facilities at a cost of Rs 4.6 crores have been completed during the last three years.

TAMIL NADU'S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM BEST IN THE COUNTRY

Puratchi Thalaivi Dr.J. Jayalalitha Maruthuva Nala Thittam

The Hon'ble Chief Minister launched the 'Puratchi Thalaivi Dr.J. Jayalalitha Maruthuva Nala Thittam' on 18.1.1992. According to this scheme, one health camp was conducted in every Health sub- centre in rural areas and in the Health Sub centres in the municipal areas. Besides, conducting health check up for all, the camp also provided an opportunity to extend health education to the people. 9,226 camps were so far conducted and 51,64,641 persons benefited.

Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J.Jayalalitha Health camp for Women and Children

The Government of Tamil Nadu have taken up a challenging programme to conduct health check-up of women and children. Camps are being conducted from 12th march 1993 onwards, at the rate of one camp in each Primary Health Centre of the Health Unit District, every Friday. Patients who need further follow-up treatment are being referred to referral camps, which are being conducted at the nearest taluk hospital / Headquarters Hospital / Medical College Hospital. These referral Camps are conducted on a specified day every month to provide specialist services to the patients referred from Primary Health Centre Camps.

So far, 1,362 camps have been conducted. 2.25 lakh women and

2.25 lakhs children have benefited by these camps.

Puratchi Thalaivi Dr.J. Jayalalitha Polio Corrective Surgery Health Camps

The Department of Rehabilitation of the Disabled has been implementing the Operation Polio Programme with the objective of promoting welfare among polio-affected children in the State. 182 blocks in all the Districts of Tamil Nadu have been covered under this programme, so far, in four phases. The Fifth phase of this programme covering 42 blocks is being implemented in 1993- 94. For implementing the Fifth phase of the programme, the Government have sanctioned an expenditure of Rs 85.15 lakhs.

Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha Ilankuzhandaigal Irudaya Sikichai Thittam

This scheme was launched for providing free heart surgery to the poor children at the Institute of Child Health and Children Hospital, Egmore, Madras. During 1993-94 a sum of Rs 25 lakhs was sanctioned from Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund. For the year 1994-95, Rs 25 lakhs has been sanctioned under the existing Budget Provision under Health Department.

Puratchi Thalaivi Dr.J.Jayalalitha School Health Camps

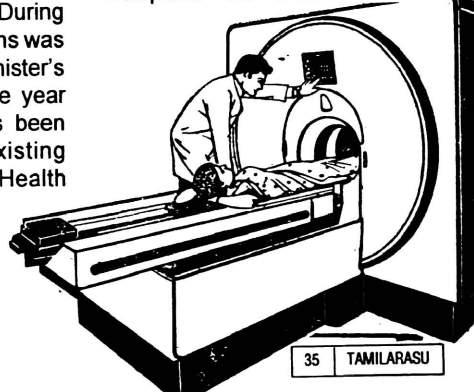
Under this scheme, the school children in the age group of 5-15 years in Government and private schools will be screened to diagnose nutritional deficiency diseases, visual defects, dental problems, skin diseases and Cardiac ailments. A sum of Rs 33.45 lakhs has been sanctioned towards the printing of necessary materials.

Chief Ministers Public Relief Fund

The new scheme of providing wider medical care for the poor was sanctioned in the year 1992. As per this scheme, financial assistance has been enhanced from Rs 5,000 to Rs 15,000 and Rs 20,000 for life saving surgery such as heart surgery / Kidney transplantation respectively from the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund. A sum of Rs 1.45 crore was sanctioned since July 1991 for this scheme.

Hospital on wheels

An innovative scheme called, "Hospital on wheels" was





implemented by the Government with the co-operation of Southern Railway and Impact India Foundation, Bombay at Jolarpet Railway junction for one month from 4.6.1993 to 4.7.1993 rendering medical and surgical treatment to the rural population covering the Districts of North Arcot Ambedkar, Dharmapuri, Salem and Tiruvannamalai Sambuvarayar. By this scheme 1705 Orthopaedic patients, 1,207 patients with ENT problems and 1,474 people with Cataract problems were given medical treatment.

Enhancement of Drug provision in the Budget Estimate:

The total outlay for drugs almost doubled from Rs 38.78 crores during 1990-91 to Rs 75 crores during 1993-94. It has been further stepped up to Rs 88 crores during the year 1994-95.

Family Welfare Programme:

The 1991 Census estimated the population of Tamil Nadu at 5.56 crores with a decadal growth rate of 14.94% which is the second lowest in the country. Tamil Nadu have reached the goal of Net Production Rate (NRR) of one, which approximately corresponds to a Birth rate of 21 and Death Rate of 9.



These advances of modern medicine have greatly affected the entire human community, and continue to have a stupendous impact upon it. This impact of Medical Science upon man will grow in future. As the power of Medical Science to control life increases, the way the Physician used his/her skills becomes the vital question of great concern to us. Medical Science has been able to make great strides forward because of its new and effective methods of examining diseases. Science has given the methodology. Medical Science has used it to discover new facts and conditions concerning the human body. The accumulated information has provided new ways of diagnosing the diseases and curing them. The Scientific approach in the field of medicine has led the physician to regard human life as something purely material. The more deeply the physician involves himself/herself in the methodology of Medical Science, the more he/she is inclined to treat the human being as a mere physical entity. The physician may be in full possession of medical knowledge and information, but that may not necessarily give him/her medical wisdom.

T.S. Eliot echoed this feeling when he said:

Where is the wisdom we have lost in Knowledge?

Where is the knowledge we have lost in information?



outlay of Rs 6 crores.

- * Reduction of severe and moderate malnutrition among children at an outlay of Rs 305.21 crores.
- * Elimination of micro nutrient deficiencies at an outlay of Rs 8.08 crores.
- * To make all hospitals and maternity centres 'Baby Friendly', at an outlay of Rs 2.70 crores.
- * To liberate women from the shackles of early and frequent child bearing at an outlay of Rs.80.03 crores.
- * Universalisation of Compulsory Primary Education at an outlay of Rs 81.32 crores.
- * Raising Women's literacy and status at an outlay of Rs 42.71 crores.
- * Safe drinking Water supply and better access to sanitary facilities at child welfare centres at an outlay of Rs 91.70 crores.

NEW DIRECTIONS IN THE WELFARE OF WOMAN AND CHILD

Puratchi Thalaivi Dr.J. Jayalalitha 15 Point Programme for Child Welfare

Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. Jayalalitha 15 Point Programme for child Welfare was launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister in November 1993. UNICEF has expressed its deep appreciation to the Government of Tamil Nadu for being the first State in India to have brought out such a specific and purposeful plan of action. The

Child Welfare sub-plan will be implemented in 1994-95 with a total outlay of Rs 697.65 crores. The details of the sub-plan are:

- * Provision for safe birth and enhanced birth weight of a child to 3 Kg. with an outlay of Rs.65.86 crores.
- * Elimination of vaccine preventable diseases with an outlay of Rs 4.57 crores.
- * Reduction of infant mortality to less than 30 per 1000 at an

- * Elimination of child labour at an outlay of Rs 0.13 crores.
- * Implementation of girl child protection scheme at an outlay of Rs 4 crores.
- * Eradication of social evil of female infanticide at an outlay of Rs 0.22 crore.
- * Prevention of childhood disability and early detection for rehabilitation at an outlay of Rs 4.87 crores.

- * Early identification of congenital heart diseases at an outlay of Rs 0.25 crore.

Women's Commission

A State Commission for women headed by retired Justice Thiru. Senguttuvelan has been constituted.

Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha Scheme for the Girl Child

In order to promote the family planning and to eradicate female infanticide, a novel scheme called "Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha Scheme for the Girl Child" was launched in April 1992. The Budget provides an outlay of Rs 4 crores.

According to this scheme, at the first birth day of the girl child, one gold ring weighing 2 gm worth Rs 800 would be given. On enrolment in school the child would be provided Rs 250. On enrolment in 6th standard the Child would get Rs 500. From 9th standard to 12th standard over a period of 4 years, the girl would be given Rs 50 per month for 10 months each year, viz. Rs 2,000. On completion of the 20th year the girl would be given Rs 20,000.

This new and improved scheme will provide continuous support to the girl child and will simultaneously promote family welfare measures.

Cradle Babies Scheme

When the Government was brought to the notice of acts of female infanticide practiced among some communities in Salem District, it was ordered for placing of cradles in the hospitals, Primary Health Centres and Orphanages. People were advised to leave their female babies in the cradle if they do not want to bring them up. Cradle

babies are eligible for all the benefits under the Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha Scheme for the girl child.

Free supply of Uniform

During the last three years 187.85 lakhs school children were given school uniforms free of cost at a cost of Rs 75 crores.

Annai Sandhya Children's World

Orders were issued for the creation of Annai Sandhya Children World at Coimbatore wherein a complete recreational cum educational complex will be set up for use of children.

Extension of Tamil Nadu Women's Development Project to Madurai and Ramanathapuram Districts.

Orders were issued for the extension of IFAD assisted Tamil Nadu Women's Development Project to Madurai and Ramanathapuram Districts so as to provide self employment potential for 20,000 women at the rate of 10,000 women in each district.

Creation of Self employment opportunities for one lakh women under IWDP.

Orders were issued for the creation of self employment opportunities for one lakh women Integrated Women's Development Project by integrating Women's economic activities and the activities of social welfare, Rural Development, Health and Education Departments.

Working Women's Welfare

Voluntary Organisations are to be assisted for starting of working women's Hostel at Tirupur in Coimbatore District and in

Chengalpattu MGR District near Madras. 17 creches have also been started for assisting working women in the State.

Distribution of Sweet Pongal to the beneficiaries of Puratchi Thalaivi MGR Nutritious Meal Scheme

The Government have directed that sweet Pongal should be distributed to all beneficiaries of Puratchi Thalaivi MGR Nutritious Meal Programme on the birth days of Perarignar Anna, Perunthalaivar Kamarajar, Puratchi Thalaivar MGR and the present Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha.

Repair / Renovation of Nutritious Meal Centres

The Government have requested leading industries /



Business houses etc. for undertaking major repair / renovation of Nutritious Meal Programme Centres, in the State. More than 2,500 centres have been given face lift at a cost of Rs 1.50 crore.

The Government have also issued orders allotting the funds to the extent of Rs 1 crore towards repair / renovation of Nutritious Meal Programme centres in Urban areas in Districts. Orders have also been issued to allot fund from TARRA (CMNMP) a sum of Rs 73 lakhs for the repair / renovation of Nutritious Meal Centres in rural areas in all the Districts.



Formation of New Directorate

Government have ordered the formation of a New Directorate of Rehabilitation of Disabled with effect from 15.3.93.

Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha Award

Government have ordered for the institution of Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr.J.Jayalalitha Special Award for the employers who have provided employment to the largest number

of handicapped persons during the calendar year. The award will be presented on the eve of Independence Day by Hon'ble Chief Minister.

Free supply of aids and appliances

Tricycles, Wheel chairs and hearing aids were distributed to 4055 handicapped persons at a cost of Rs 99.30 lakhs.

Financial assistance to handicapped law graduates

Government have sanctioned

Rs 3,000 each to 33 handicapped Law Graduates for enrolment as Advocates and towards purchase of law books.

* Rs 1.35 lakh was spent for starting special schools for the deaf in Thiruvannamalai Sambuvarayar and Ramanathapuram Districts.

Age relaxation for admission in schools and training institute

Relaxation of upper age limit by 5 years has been provided to the handicapped persons for admission to schools and various training institutes.

Job opportunities for blind persons

To provide job opportunity to the blind, Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered for sanction of 50 post of teachers. 50 qualified blind persons will be selected and appointed as teachers.

Award for those who work for the Welfare of handicapped

Hon'ble Chief Minister's award will be presented to the District collectors / Banks / Voluntary institutions for any meritorious service rendered in the field of physically handicapped. Out of the 52 National Awards given by the Government of India, Tamil Nadu has bagged a large share of the awards, during the last 3 years. During 1992, Tamil Nadu received 18 awards.

Old age pension scheme

Monthly pension of Rs 50 has been increased to Rs 75 to all old age pensioners from 1.2.92 onwards. Supply of rice to old age pensioners has been reintroduced.

WELFARE OF TRANSPORT EMPLOYEES GAINS PRIORITY

TRANSPORT IN TAMIL NADU MODERNISED

During the last three years, four new transport corporations were launched. By bifurcating Thiruvalluvar Transport Corporation, Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha Transport Corporation was created. Similarly, after the bifurcation of Pattukottai Alagiri Transport Corporation and Thanthai Periyar Transport Corporation, Puratchi Thalaivar MGR Corporation was formed with headquarters at Kanchipuram. Dr. Ambedkar Transport Corporation was also formed after bifurcation of Pallavan Transport Corporation and Mahakavi Bharatiar Transport Corporation was created by

bifurcating Cheran Transport Corporation.

- ★ 917 New bus routes have been formed; 1,357 new buses have begun plying. Because of the creation of new routes, 903 villages with population of 8.67 lakhs have benefitted.
- ★ The distance covered by a bus on an average has increased to 395 Km per day in January 1994 from 393 Km per day in 1992-93, 382 Km per day in 1991-92 and a mere 370.4 Km per day in 1990-91.
- ★ 221 Villages with a population of a thousand and more have

been connected by public transportation.

- ★ The benefit amount due to the descendants of Transport employees who die in harness has been increased to Rs 60,000 from the earlier Rs 20,000/-.
- ★ New Polytechnics have been started at Tirunelveli, Bargur and Chrompet to benefit the children of Transport employees along with the public.
- ★ Voluntary Retirement Benefit for Transport employees has



been increased from Rs 7,500 to Rs 8,500. The maximum benefit has been increased to Rs 68,000 from Rs 60,000/-

★ During 1991-92, 275 houses at a cost of Rs 245.11 lakhs were built through employees co-operative housing unions. During 1992- 93, 199 houses were built at a cost of Rs.200 lakhs. During 1993- 94, 694 houses at a cost of Rs 832 lakhs were being constructed.

★ An exclusive pension scheme has been started to benefit transport employees.

Modernisation:

★ The return ticket reservation facility has been introduced by Thiruvalluvar Transport Corporation at important cities such as Madurai, Trichy, Madras and Bangalore.

★ Wireless facility has been introduced in all the long distance TTC buses.

★ A facility providing advance information on the availability of seats in TTC buses through CCTV has been introduced at Madras- Parrys TTC bus stand.

★ The Pallavan Transport Corporation has computerised the issue of tickets at select places in Madras City.

★ The PTC is providing, on a concession basis, daily, weekly and monthly 'travel as you like' tickets for the convenience of the public.

★ Four buses in Madras City are running on battery system. These buses are environment friendly.

★ The CRC in association with MRL are taking efforts to ply

buses based on diesel compressed natural gas.

★ A battery operated bus has been presented to the Arignar Anna Zoological park at Vandalor.

★ To selected drama troupes, the Government is providing 50% concession to travel in state owned transport corporations.

★ The Transport Development Corporation has collected deposits amounting to Rs 247.44 crores during the last 3 years. New branches of the Corporation have been started at Trichy, Madurai and Erode.

★ For the construction of the buildings at Tuticorin air-port, Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. J. Jayalalitha has gifted Rs 40 lakhs to the International Air Ports Authority of India.



I am convinced that the goal of medical education today, should be to produce physicians and surgeons who, with all their specialisation and professional competence, should ultimately think in terms of providing total medical care to the patients who come under their charge. The next step from this, is the understanding of the role of such a physician, in the context of the needs of the community. I am clear that the aim of medical education, should be to produce practitioners who must have the capability to provide comprehensive health care to the entire community. Health care should be curative, promotive, preventive and rehabilitative. What we may require today is the basic doctor who would be a primary contact physician at the community level, providing early attention and diagnosis and who could manage the common illnesses encountered by him/her. Today's medical students are exposed to specialities, and many of them complete their academic course without a significant understanding of the general health or medical needs of the general health or medical needs of the community. In countries like China and Japan, the physician is increasingly put through oriental medical disciplines so that he/she becomes a better community health doctor.



CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT SCALES

NEW HEIGHTS IN REACHING OUT TO WEAKER SECTIONS

The Co-operation movement in Tamil Nadu, while playing a vital role in economically uplifting all the sections of the society, have been deeply committed essentially to the development of the weaker sections. Since the assumption to power by Puratchi Thalaivi Dr.J.Jayalalitha, the co-operative movement has been growing leaps and bounds, on its aim of serving the people of the state.

The Major Activity

"Providing loans" has been the major activity of the Co-operative Department. During the last three years, short term agricultural loans worth Rs 1058.92 crores, medium term agricultural loans worth Rs 143.11 crores and long term agricultural loans worth Rs 218.77 crores have been disbursed. Loans to the non-farm sector for

small and cottage industry amount to Rs 97.64 crores, while jewel loans have been issued to the tune of Rs 3286 crores. Rs 532.31 crores worth of Fertilizers have also been distributed.

Instant Credit Delivery System (Green Cards):-

In order to simplify the procedure for granting loans and to ensure quick dispensation to members with no overdues, the instant credit delivery system has been introduced in select Primary Agricultural Co-operative Banks during 1991-92. This scheme has been extended to 4478 primary agricultural co- operative banks during 1993-94. Green Cards were distributed to 3.17 lakhs borrowers of which 2.95 lakhs borrowers availed short term agricultural loans to the tune of Rs 167.74

crores during 1993-94.

Adi-Dravidars as members of Banks

A person from every scheduled caste family is being enrolled to the membership of Primary agricultural co-operative Banks to improve their economic condition. A subsidy of Rs 100/- to each person is given by the Government towards the share capital. So far, 1.10 lakhs persons have been enrolled as members and Rs 100 lakhs granted as subsidy. Moreover, to enable Adi-Dravidars enrol as members in co-operative urban banks, 2017 Adi-Dravidars have been granted loans to the tune of Rs 10 lakhs as share capital.

Women's Development

Co-operative Central Banks have been directed to provide

small loans of upto Rs 5000/- each to women engaged in informal small business sector. This scheme started during 1991-92 has so far provided loans worth Rs 46.13 lakhs to 10,356 women.

Recruitment of agricultural land owners in co-operatives:

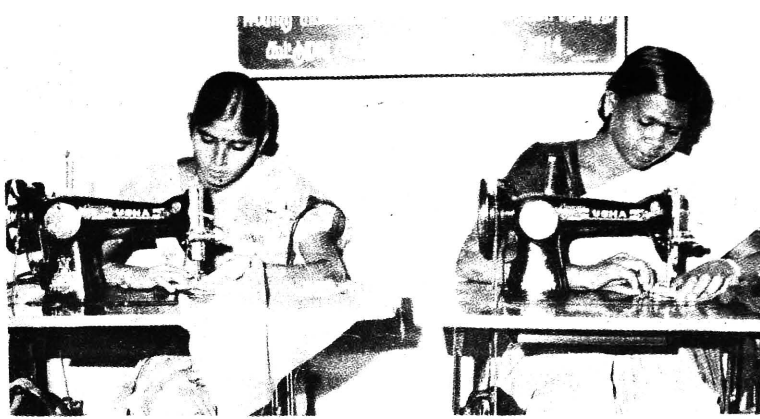
The number of agricultural land owning families in Tamil Nadu is 77.06 lakhs and of this, the marginal and small land owning families are 67.58 lakhs. As on 31.3.'93, 86.5 percent of the total land owning agricultural families and 84.5 percent of the small and marginal agricultural land owning families have been recruited as members of Primary Agricultural Co-operative Banks.

New Procedures by Primary Land Development Banks:

Under the automatic refinance scheme announced by NABARD, the Primary Land Development Banks have undertaken financing of Rural artisans, handicraftsmen and small scale entrepreneurs from 1990- 91 onwards. Against the target of Rs 4 crores fixed for 92-93, the Primary Land Development Banks have provided loans to the extent of Rs 15.52 crores. As against the programme of Rs 14.22 crores fixed for 93-94, the Primary Land Development Banks have provided loans to an extent of Rs 40.05 crores.

Failed Wells Fund:-

A Failed wells Fund is maintained by the Tamil Nadu Co-operative State Land Development Bank in order to provide relief to agriculturists when their wells, financed by Land Development Banks, fail. As on 31.3.'94 assistance has been given to the tune of Rs 22,188 lakhs for 3207 cases of Failed Wells.



Dr.Puratchi Thalaivi Small Industries Loan to Weaker Sections:

Under this scheme, financing of Small Industries involved in the manufacture, processing and preservation of goods especially by weaker sections is done by co-operative urban banks. So far, 3,30,939 persons have benefitted by a total loan amount of Rs 151.94 crores, during the last three years.

Distribution of Chemical Fertilizers:

Fertilizers are distributed through 5678 retail outlets run by 4326 primary co-operative agricultural banks and 101 co-operative marketing societies as kind portion of crop loans to members and also for cash to members and non-members.

During the last three years, fertilizers costing Rs 532.32 crores have been distributed for the benefit of small and marginal farmers.

Essential Commodities through Fair Price shops:

The Public Distribution System run by the Co-operatives cover 126.49 lakh family card holders through 20,957 fair price shops, Tamil Nadu tops the country as the only State in India wherein such a wide and effective network for distribution of essential commodities is organised through Co-operatives.

During last festival season, the prices of 27 essential commodities in these Fair price shops were reduced by about 10 to 15 percent for the benefit of consumers.

Development of Hill Tribes

There are 75,754 members in the LAMP Co-operative Societies for Tribals in hill areas. These societies provide credit for cultivation and other productive purposes at a concessional rate of interest, i.e. 4 percent per annum. Right now, the societies are providing credit free of interest, as the Government is subsidising the interest margin due to the societies.

Industrial Training Institutes

Pursuant to the announcement of Hon'ble Chief Minister during 1991-92 Budget session in the Assembly, two Industrial Training Institutes, one at Bargur and at Pattukottai have started functioning since 16.6.1992. The trades such as cutting and Tailoring, Dress Making, Computer Software and Electricals are being taught and all the infrastructural facilities have been provided.

Co -Operative Staff Training Institute, Madhavaram

An agricultural Co-operative Staff Training Institute was established in 1992 at a cost of Rs 2.22 crores. The above institute is conducting job oriented need based short duration courses for co-operative Banking Sector.

FOCUS ON IMPROVING QUALITY OF EDUCATION

EDUCATION OF CHILDREN MADE COMPULSORY

New Schools

During the last three years 431 new Primary Schools have been opened, 44 Primary Schools have been upgraded into Middle Schools, 338 Middle Schools have been upgraded to High Schools and 225 High Schools have been upgraded to Higher Secondary Schools. In a view of these developments, one school is located at a distance of one KM having a population of 500 and above.

Top priority to allocation of funds

The Government attach top priority to the universalisation of Education and retention of children upto 14 years of age and improvement in the quality of education. Despite acute financial constraints, the Government have been giving top priority to allocation of funds for education (22.04% of total expenditure on Revenue account during 1994-95). Tamil Nadu has always accorded a very high priority to school education. Tamil Nadu ranks 2nd at all India level in Literacy rate.

Mother Teacher Council

The Mother Teacher Council, created in Primary Schools is an innovation of involving the mothers in the effective management of schools. Under the above scheme, the Mother Teacher Council will assist the school authorities on ensuring enrolment, retention of school age children, assistance to raise financial resources and to implement various welfare schemes.

Buildings

A sum of Rs569.9 lakhs has

been spent towards construction of additional class rooms, and 136 schools have benefitted. In addition to this, a sum of Rs163.39 lakhs has been spent through parent teachers association for this purpose and 13 schools have benefitted. 450 schools have benefitted under special repair work.

Dr.S.V.Chittibabu Committee

The Government had constituted a Committee, headed by Dr.S.V. Chittibabu which examined the functioning of the Nursery Education in Tamil Nadu and made certain recommendations for controlling, regulating and monitoring the functions of Nursery Schools. The Government have since accepted the recommendations of the Committee. These recommendations will improve the quality of education in Nursery schools.

Compulsory Education Act

The Tamil Nadu Government under the leadership of Dr. J. Jayalalitha has made it mandatory for all children under the age of 14 to undergo education.

Vocationalisation of Secondary Education

The vocationalisation of Secondary Education is major breakthrough in the reconstruction of the present educational system. An envisaged under the National Educational Policy, the Government have obtained central assistance to the value of Rs15.42 crores for 1540 courses in 500 schools. Out of 5.08 lakhs of students in standards XI and XII, 92, 323 students were covered under the vocational stream. Similarly, under the



scheme of environmental orientation to school education, three districts were covered viz. South Arcot, Dharmapuri and Pasumpon Muthuramalingam Thevar with an assistance of Rs 94.44 lakhs.

Educational Television Studio

Under scheme of expansion of Educational Technology activities, the Government of India have sanctioned the construction of an Educational Television Studio at a cost of Rs85 lakhs and the construction work have been completed. With the commissioning of the studio, the preparation of educational cassettes both for television and radio will be done by the Education Department. In this connection the State Government have sanctioned Rs8.57 lakhs for the purchase of certain equipments.

World Bank Project

The District Primary Education Programme under the World Bank assistance is to be implemented for universalisation of Primary Education in the four backward Dis-

tricts of Thiruvannamalai Sambuvarayar, Dharmapuri, South Arcot Vallalar and Villupuram Ramaswamy Padayachiyar at an estimated cost of Rs120 Crores.

Schools of Excellence

Based on the Kothari Commission's recommendations it is proposed to start one school of excellence in each District in rural areas, mainly for bright children, hailing from rural areas and economically weaker sections. One such school of excellence has been started at Bargur.

Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education

The launching of Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education is a land mark in the field of Higher Education which started functioning from November 1992, For the assistance of the Council, a sum of Rs50 lakhs has been sanctioned.

Modernisation of Polytechnics with World Bank Aid.

With a view to develop and up-

grade polytechnic education in 55 polytechnics (both Government and aided), Government have launched a World Bank aided project for the modernisation of Polytechnics in Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs76 crores within a period of 5 years. Government have also enhanced the age limit from 22 to 25 years for SC/ST candidates and 20 to 22 years for other candidates for admission to Polytechnics.

Starting of new Self-financing polytechnics

Government have recommended to AICTE for starting of three new self-financing Polytechnics by the Institute of Road Transport, Madras in 3 places viz-Chrompet in Madras, Bargur in Dharmapuri District and Tirunelveli with a total intake of 560 seats.

Total Literacy Campaign

This Government have launched a three phased literacy campaign for making Tamil Nadu a fully literate State. The first phase of the programme covered 7 districts in 1991-92 and 1992-93. In the sec-



ond phase, 8 districts are covered to benefit 36.85 lakh adults. The third phase of the Campaign will commence in the remaining 8 districts during 1994-95 to benefit 30.66 lakh illiterates. Pudukottai, Pasumpon, Kamarajar, North Arcot Ambedkar and Kanyakumari Districts have been so far declared as fully literate. During 1991-92 two projects of adult education programme for fisherfolk with DANIDA's assistance in Chengalpattu MGR District were implemented on a pilot phase, and 10 projects have totally been implemented in the coastal districts during 1992-93.

A special scheme for the hill tribes under the Integrated Tribal Development Areas in 5 Districts is in operation. 2000 adults and 2,000 children of the tribal community have benefitted.

Tamil Nadu literacy Mission authority

The scheme of non-formal education linked with a propaganda campaign of prohibition which was announced by Hon'ble Chief Minister is under implementation



from 1993-94 and will continue for 3 years. This will benefit drop-outs and non-starters thus covering, in total 35.57 lakh drop-outs/non-starters. The scheme provides employment opportunities to about 1.50 lakh youth.

Sports

With a view to channelise the enthusiasm of young people in sports activities and to give a greater impetus to sports, the Government have constituted a "Sports Development Authority" of Tamil Nadu in July, 1992.

Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium

Tamil Nadu was given the unique opportunity of hosting the 10th Nehru Gold Cup International Football Tournament. The stadium was

reconstructed to international standards at a cost of Rs45 crores in a short span of time.

A multipurpose stadium at Erode at a cost of Rs62 lakhs was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 22.1.92. A multipurpose stadium at a cost of Rs54.65 lakhs in Tharuvai Maidan at Tuticorin is nearing completion. An open air stadium has been constructed at a cost of Rs.32 lakhs in Udhagamandalam.

International Invitation and 33rd National Athletic Meet was conducted in February, 1994 on the newly laid synthetic track at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium. 30 countries and 90 foreign athletes participated. Laying of an Astro Turf Hockey field at Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium, Madras is in progress.

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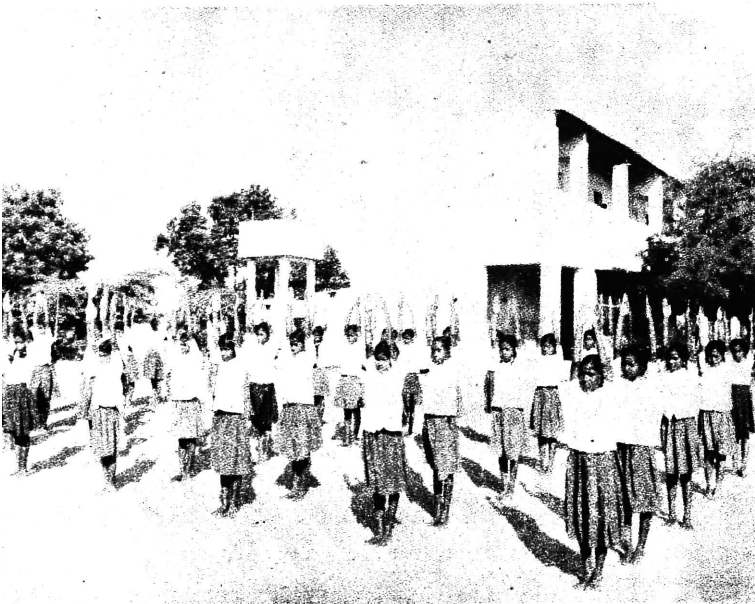
During 1992-93, 1890 titles have been purchased at the cost of Rs148 lakhs and 130 Branch Libraries have been proposed to be opened at a cost of Rs 17 lakhs. Likewise, 1,091 part-time Libraries have also been opened.

Increased allocation of funds for education department during the past 3 years:

The allocation of Rs1,299 crores during 1991-92 has been increased to Rs2,002.46 crores in 1994-95 for the Department of Education. And in the last 3 years a total of Rs4,637.10 crores have been allocated.

Improvement of Science Education

For the improvement of Science Education, an assistance of Rs12.30 crores have been obtained from the Government of India to strengthen science laboratories at 3,302 High and Higher Secondary Schools.



Special Self Sufficiency Scheme

The special self sufficiency scheme was implemented in the State with a view to provide all basic amenities in the rural areas. For providing these facilities, Rs 1 Crore per panchayat union has been allocated and works have been taken up. In this scheme, 2,888.31 Kms of bus route roads, rural roads, and roads for the benefit of scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes were improved

channels were created at a cost of Rs 18.68 crores, 709 percolation ponds were dug at a cost of Rs 10.61 crores and 2,114 television sets were provided at a cost of Rs.2.64 crores under the special self sufficiency scheme.

Integrated Rural Development Programme

The main aim of the scheme is to upgrade the lifestyle of the people below poverty line living in the rural areas. This is being done by providing income generating

were given financial assistance to the tune of Rs 210 lakhs.

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The objective of this scheme is to provide technical entrepreneurial skill to rural youth from families below poverty line to enable them take up self-employment in the fields of agriculture and allied activities and industries, services and business activities. During the past 3 years 1,18,893 youths were given

TAMIL NADU COMMITTED TO PROVIDE BASIC AMENITIES TO VILLAGES



at a cost of Rs 171.87 crores. 2,323 school buildings were constructed at a cost of Rs 32.05 crores. 2,942 Puratchi Thalaivi MGR Noon Meal Centres were constructed at a cost of Rs 20.92 crores. 11,754 nos of Drinking water supply works have been completed at a cost of Rs.84.90 crores. 1,05,461 street lights were provided at a cost of Rs 25.34 crores. 3,674 M.I. System supply

assets through subsidy such as credits, by giving productive assistance and inputs necessary to achieve the aim of the programme. Under this scheme, during the last 3 years, 5,21,478 persons benefitted by loans amounting to Rs 35,947.90 lakhs.

Provision of Modern Tools to Rural artisans

In this scheme 10,500 artisans

training. To strengthen the training institutions Rs 276.58 lakhs was provided.

Development of Women and Children in rural areas

This is a sub-scheme of the Integrated Rural Development Programme, with the primary objective of focusing attention on the women members of rural families living below poverty line with a view to provide them with opportunities for self employment on a sustained basis. During the last three years 35,816 women members benefitted. A revolving fund of Rs 310 lakhs has been established.

Jawahar Velai Vaippu Thittam

The main objective of this programme is to generate additional gainful employment for the unemployed and under employed persons, both men and women in the rural areas and to create sustained employment by strengthening rural economic infrastructure and also by

assistance to the rural poor. To improve the overall quality of life in the rural areas 2,454.622 lakh man days have been generated during the past 3 years at a cost of Rs 685.31 crores.

Indira Awas Yojana

In this scheme, during the past three years 94,000 group houses have been built at a cost of Rs 180.48 crores.

Million wells Programme

14,107 Jeevandhara Wells were dug for Scheduled Caste land holders; 2,264 percolation ponds were dug for boosting the water level in wells; 7,818 minor irrigation works were carried out for stabilising the ayacuts during the last 3 years.

Information and Rural Communication Programme

To make rural population understand and be aware of the various activities of Government particularly the Development activities, and learn agricultural practice, seasonal conditions, etc., 4,278 colour television sets have been distributed to the panchayats at a cost of Rs 5.61 crores.

Programme for assured employment

This programme aims to assist the landless agricultural labourers' families during agricultural load season. The programme has been implemented in Dharmapuri, Pudukottai, Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar and Ramanathapuram Districts. During the past three years, 80,125 families benefited and Rs 972 lakhs was spent.

Intensified Jawahar Velai Vaippu Thittam

This programme of intensified Jawahar Velai Vaippu Thittam provides supplementary

resources under Jawahar Velai Vaippu Thittam in identified pockets of unemployment and under employment. It is implemented in 12 select Districts from November 1993.

Maintenance of street lights

During the last three years Rs 750 lakhs have been given away as subsidy to financially weak Panchayats, for the maintenance of 8,48,000 street lights.

Town Panchayats - Integrated Urban Development Programme

During the last three years, under the integrated urban development programme, bus-stands and shops, have been constructed in 236 Town Panchayats costing Rs 2,247.36 lakhs.

Integrated Small and Medium Town Development Programme

Bus stands, lodges and shops are being constructed in 8 town panchayats at a cost of Rs 732.41 lakhs. 5,137 rain coats have been distributed amongst scavengers on a Government subsidy of Rs.5,13,700.

Special Self Sufficiency Scheme

Under this scheme, work is on in all the 646 town Panchayats, in 3 phases at a cost of Rs 150 crores.

Jawahar Velai Vaippu Thittam

During the last three years 10,180 group houses have been built under this scheme. 2,700 roads have been laid, 582 drainages have been repaired, and 241 small bridges have been constructed, and 2,612 other works such as school buildings, noonmeal centres and pipeline connections have also been completed. All these schemes were completed at a cost of Rs.3,521.33 lakhs.

Assistance for road maintenance

To those town panchayats who are financially backward and hence unable to maintain the existing roads on their budget, the Government have provided subsidies worth Rs 120 lakhs during the last 3 years to enable them upgrade 8,090 Kms of roads.

To convert the town panchayat roads into metal roads, the Government have sanctioned Rs 150 lakhs under a scheme of providing 50% subsidy. 394 Kms of metal roads have been laid during the last three years.

Assistance for laying drainage

To provide improved sanitation to town Panchayats, the Government have so far granted Rs 30 lakhs as two third subsidy to construct 393 Kms long drainage system during the last 3 years.

To ensure drinking water supply, deep bore wells, overhead water tanks, public water taps have been constructed and the Government have provided a subsidy of Rs 96 lakhs. And for maintenance of handpumps and motor pumps, under the minimum needs programme Rs 36.55 lakhs have been granted. Rs 28 lakhs was also given for implementing small scale drinking water programmes. Rs 82 lakhs was allocated for the repair of dilapidated water pipes.

A subsidy of Rs 250 lakhs was given for the maintenance of street lights, change of accessories and payment of electricity bills.

Under the Hill area Development Programme, Rs 63.5 lakhs have been spent for constructing compound walls for two Panchayats in Nilgiris District, on extending drinking water supply and for undertaking scavenger work.



UPLIFTMENT OF LABOUR DECREASES LOSS OF MANDAYS IN TAMIL NADU

During the three years of the reign of Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha innumerable schemes have been implemented for the welfare and betterment of Labourers. The leadership of Dr. J. Jayalalitha in Tamil Nadu is of the firm belief that good labour relations is a pre requisite for industrial growth and hence no effort is spared to ensure this purpose.

Relief from Hon'ble Chief Minister's Fund

Since 1993, Rs.32,65,200 has been distributed from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund benefiting 8163 labourers belonging to 12 mills.

New Schemes

The Tamil Nadu Government have been implementing welfare schemes for the benefit of construction workers such as establishment of Creches

concessions for pregnant women, accident insurance scheme, and pension schemes.

During 1991, 13,039 industrial disputes were sorted out while in 1992, 10,113 industrial disputes were resolved by direct negotiations. During 1993, 8,934 industrial disputes were resolved.

- ★ The demands of about 75,000 tannery workers in Tamil Nadu including a revision of salary were resolved by the Government on 7.10.1993.
- ★ The problems of about a lakh workers belonging to the hosiery industries at Tirupur were peacefully settled by the Government on 9.9.1993.

- ★ The loss of man days in Tamil Nadu has decreased to 24,22,103 in 1993 compared to the earlier loss of man days of 28,68,472 in 1992 and 72,28,969 in the year 1991.

- ★ Minimum salary has been fixed for the labourers involved in polythene and plastic manufacturing, carpentry, peeling of coconut and blacksmithing.

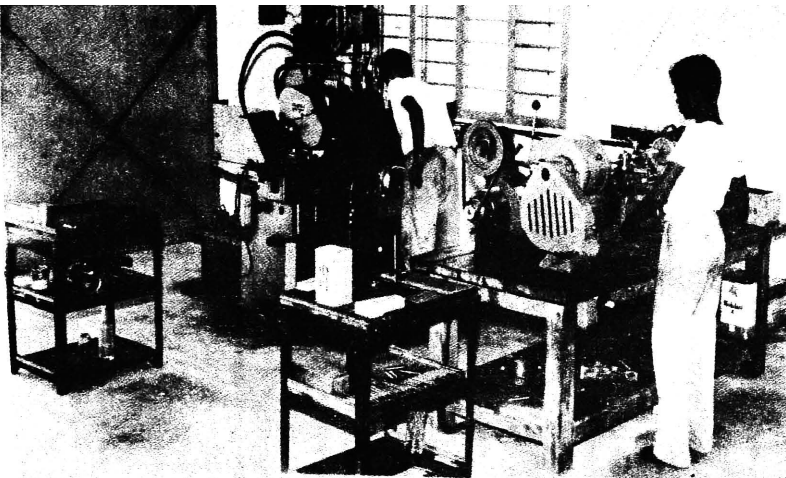
- ★ Minimum salary has been fixed for the first time to labourers involved in marine food processing. Orders have been issued for revision of Basic wages to those involved in hospital industry, tailoring and handloom weaving. Minimum wages are being revised to those employed in 14 industries including horticulture and forestry.

Benefits to labourers

Rs.9,39,666 have been granted to 23,270 children of labourers under a scheme of granting finance for purchase of school books.

- ★ Under a scheme of reimbursing the purchase of a

pair of spectacles by labourers, 5,531 labourers have benefitted at a cost of Rs.4,52,395. In order to encourage training in shorthand and typing to the children of labourers, the Government is reimbursing the examination fees paid towards typing and shorthand examinations; so far Rs.1,69,687 have been spent benefiting 1,686 persons.



★ Rs.5,05,800 has been spent to 1,686 persons under a scheme of providing grant for the funeral expenses of labourers.

★ Rs.68,500 has been distributed to 63 handicapped labourers under a special scheme.

★ Scholarships have been granted to 1664 children of labourers to enable them pursue higher education in law, Agriculture, Engineering, Medicine and Technical Education. Rs.12,96,580 have been spent so far on these scholarship.

Employment

★ To further employment to the physically handicapped, special employment sections have been established in the District Employment Offices at Tuticorin, Vellore, Erode and Uthagamandalam.

Special career guidance Centres to benefit Scheduled Tribes have been established at Salem and Tiruvannamalai.

Rs.94.81 lakhs have been spent in organising training classes to benefit 23,001 members belonging to the scheduled caste and scheduled tribes, to enable them take up examinations such as ICWA, CA, UPSC, BSRB, entrance examinations for the

professional courses and also for the posts of stenography, income tax inspector, and assistants at Government offices.

★ To encourage self employment, self employment Development sections have been set up at employment offices. During the last 3 years, 980 persons have been provided with Rs.1.69 crore to pursue self employment.

★ 69 unemployed persons which ITI and ISC certificates and who had registered in employment offices have been granted self employment loans to the tune of Rs.5,88,300.

★ During the last 3 years Rs.24.70 crores have been distributed as unemployment relief to those who are in the waiting list of employment offices for over 5 years.

★ So far 13 District employment offices have been computerised in an effort to computerise all the employment offices in the State.

Job Oriented training

★ To modernise industrial training, new technical instruments and accessories

have been purchased at a cost of Rs.25.28 crores.

★ Short term training programmes have been introduced for women at Erode and Guindy Industrial Training Institute at a cost of Rs.7.4 lakhs. Under this programme women will be provided training in screen printing and export garment tailoring.

★ A scheme of providing Technical Training, Training in handicrafts, etc is being implemented with World Bank aid at a cost of Rs. 33.3 crores.

★ 5 exclusive ITIs were started by the Government for the economic upliftment of women. Rs 552.51 lakhs has so far been spent in modernising machinery at the 31 nos of ITIs run by the Government.

★ Under the 15 point children Welfare Programme of Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J.Jayalalitha, Special efforts are underway to prohibit Children from being employed in match and fire works industries.

★ So far 935 labourers have been trained in safety practices at the centre set up to provide training in safety to those employed in Match and fire works industry.

TRADERS WELFARE BOARD FORMED TO HELP TRADERS

COMMERCIAL TAX EXEMPTION AND REDUCTION EXTENDED TO MANY PRODUCTS

Enhancement of Income

The tax collected during 1993-94 is Rs.382.40 crores in excess of the collection made during the year 1992-93; this department has so far collected Rs.3,399.29 crores as Commercial Tax.

Traders Welfare Board

- ★ The Board has been formed to help the traders. Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha is the head of the Board. The Government assists the family of poor traders through the board. If an earning member dies in a trader's family an assistance of Rs.5,000 is given to the family through the Board's "Family Welfare Scheme". This has been since enhanced to Rs.10,000. Further, the assistance given for education of the members of the poor trader family have been enhanced from Rs. 1,500 to Rs.2,000.

Assistance to the traders

- ★ Self tax assessment has been extended to benefit 68,000 traders. Traders with less than Rupees one lakh as sales have been exempted from

taxation. This has benefited 60,000 traders.

- ★ Exemption has been granted from registration for all merchants/traders with sales of Rs.75,000 and below.

Exemption from Tax

- ★ Tax have been exempted for Kumkum, wheat, computer software and readymade gold mangalyam (not exceeding 8 gm)
- ★ Tax on ghee, milk products, chips, flour, semiya, imitation jewellery, laminated jute bags, some groceries, tanned leather and spices like cloves have been brought down.
- ★ Jaris sold through Tamil Nadu Jari Society have been exempted from procurement tax.

Reduction in taxes

The tax ratio which was 17 has been reduced to 9. Many products have been brought under the tax ratio of 5.

- ★ The taxes on common products used by man have been reduced, viz. coffee, berries, kerosene, vegetable oils,

chilly, dhania, seekakkai, tamarind, peppef, jaggery, wheat products and hand-made soaps.

Likewise, tax has been reduced on products like, medicinal products, plastic products, aluminium vessels and dryers.

Professional Assistance

- ★ Sales tax assistane has been given to the tune of Rs.85.76 crores. Facility of paying tax even after the prescribed time duration has been introduced. The Government led by Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. J. Jayalalitha has been encouraging the revival of many sick industrial units by rendering proper assistance. To bail out those organisations on whom the income tax authority had attempted to penalise taking into account the amount not paid, as commercial tax as income, the Government have passed an order by which the commercial tax due was considered loan provided by the Government. This enables the units to avoid imposition of income tax. This has been widely appreciated by commercial organisations.



FURTHERING ANIMAL HUSBANDRY TO FURTHER SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

☆ To provide economic upliftment to small and medium scale farmers as well as agricultural daily labourers, 2,254 units of sheeps costing Rs 120.75 lakhs were distributed, during the last three years. 4,322 units of calves were also distributed at a cost of Rs 160.25 lakhs.

Development of Tribal people

The following are the efforts of the Government towards tribal development:

☆ 50 units of pigs costing Rs 2.14 lakhs were distributed.





★ Under a scheme for Tribal people, a subsidy of Rs 69.93 lakhs was provided along with 335 milch cows and 374 units of goats.

spent on establishing a mobile veterinary dispensary in Nilgiris District and for medical laboratories and purchase of medicines.

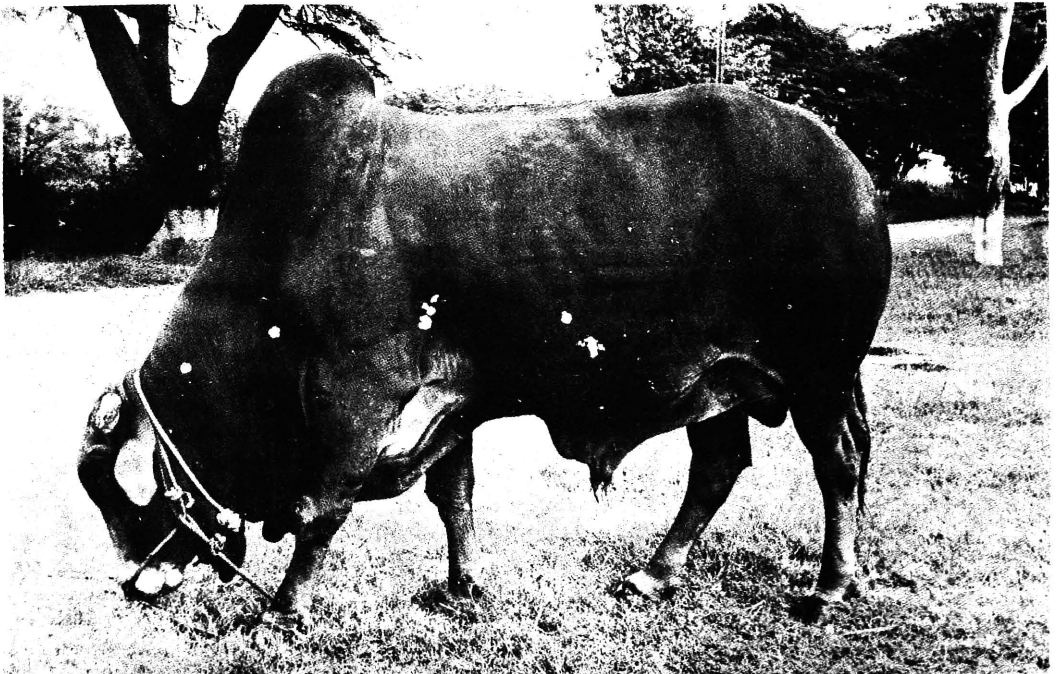
★ Rs 22.17 lakhs has been

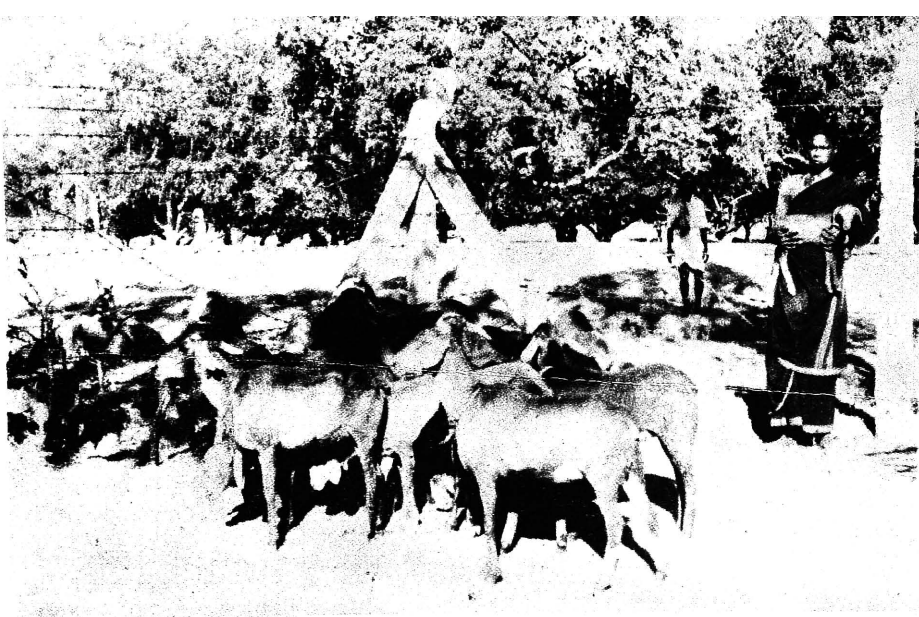
★ Under the western ghats hill

development programme, 123 'Murrah' stud bulls and 124 'Murrah' she buffalos are to be purchased at a cost of Rs 29 lakhs for livestock development.

Development Schemes

- ★ Two mobile veterinary dispensaries and a Disease investigation unit have been established at a cost of Rs 13.46 lakhs in western ghats.
- ★ Fodder seeds worth Rs 1.81 lakhs have been purchased for Fodder development.
- ★ A Building costing Rs 15 lakhs has been constructed for the Bulls at Abhishekapatti veterinary farm.
- ★ To protect the dwindling species of the famous Kangayam cattles, Kangayam bulls and cows are being developed at a cost of Rs 10 lakhs at District veterinary Farm at Hosur.
- ★ Rs 8 lakhs has been spent on





producing fodder seeds at Hosur Veterinary farm.

★ Under the Central Special Assistance Programme, 2,492 units of goats have been distributed at a cost of Rs 97.18 lakhs.

★ Artificial insemination using frozen semen is being done at 2,777 branch veterinary centres and all veterinary

hospitals in the state.

★ During the last three years, 20 lakh hybrid calves have successfully been given birth to, on a total attempt of 71.51 lakhs of artificial insemination.

★ A Poultry Diseases Research Station has been started at Andalur gate.

★ 28,076 nos of rabies vaccination, 7.10 lakhs of vaccination against Foot and mouth diseases and 197.60 lakhs of Rinderpest vaccination have been done to further livestock health.

★ 41 new veterinary dispensaries have been started. 20 veterinary dispensaries have been upgraded as hospitals. 386 mobile dispensaries established at a cost of Rs 1.25 crore have begun functioning. Three numbers of veterinary hospitals have been upgraded as major hospitals.

★ A vehicle with cold storage facilities has been purchased at a cost of Rs 14 lakhs; the vehicle is used to transport

vaccine and serum from Ranipet to the Districts.

All India Livestock Show

The 41st All India Livestock and Poultry show was held at Madras from 21.9. '93 through 27.9.93. The Show was inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister.

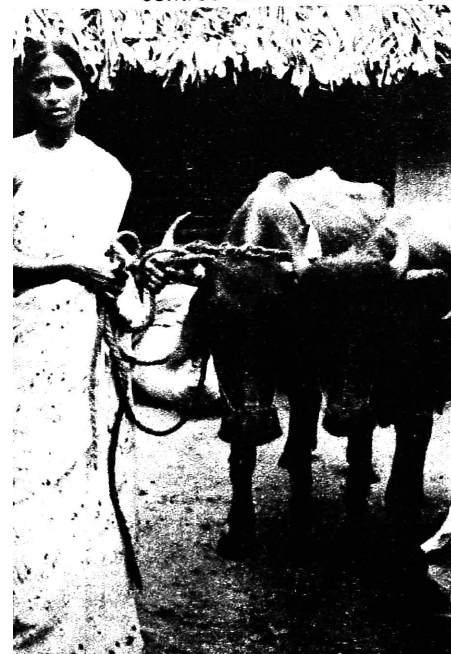
Milk

In an effort to bring milk producers under the umbrella of cooperative movement, so far 9,549 milk producers cooperative unions with a total membership of 25.12 lakhs have begun functioning.

Operation Flood

The Third phase of the Operation Flood Programme is being implemented at a cost of Rs 88.23 crores. Modern milk processing plants and cold storages to preserve milk are to be established amongst a host of other measures to further milk production and supply.

For the first time in its history, the Tamil Nadu Milk Producers Cooperative Federation has begun earning profit under Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. J. Jayalalitha's administration. Rs. 6 crores has been earned as profit.



AQUACULTURE IN TAMIL NADU REACHING NEW DIMENSIONS

IMPETUS TO FURTHER THE LIFE STYLE OF FISHERMEN

* 16,000 fishermen families were provided with houses, each costing Rs 26,000, during 1993-94.

* An enhanced amount of Rs 25,000 is given to fishermen who die, from Accident Insurance Scheme. The disabled receive a sum of Rs 12,500.

* 30,000 bamboo baskets have been provided free of cost to 10,000 members of Fisher Women Co-operative Society at a cost of Rs 10 lakhs.

* The number of Fishermen Co-operative Societies in the State have been increased to 88 Fisherwomen Co-operative Society from the earlier 64.

* Rs 2.5 lakh have been given with 50% subsidy to 2,860 fisherwomen for the purchase of aluminium vessels.

Aquaculture

* 15,653 members of 98 Sea Fishermen Co-operative Societies have been provided with fishing nets at a cost of Rs 468 lakhs in 5 coastal Districts.

* Rs6.38 lakhs worth of subsidy was given to fishermen for the purchase of motor boats.

* During 1993-94, so far, Rs 3 lakh subsidy has been

provided for starting "fish hatchery" in private sector.

Prawn Culture:-

* For the production fresh water shrimps Rs 2.5 lakh has been provided as subsidy.

* The Government provides encouragement to private entrepreneurs to take up Brackish Water-Prawn culture by providing land, bank loan assistance and Government subsidy.

* The Government have approved the plan of setting up of an aquaculture Estate at Tharuvaikulam near Tuticorin. The estimated cost of the project is Rs 7.2 crores.

* The Government have sanctioned Rs 25 lakhs to strengthen the infrastructure facilities available at the Shrimp Hatchery at Neelankarai near Madras.

* An ice factory with a capacity of producing 100 Tonnes of ice would be set up at the Madras fishing harbour.

* A scheme is in progress to produce 4.51 lakh tonnes of fish.

* 20,311 tonnes of Marine products have so far been exported, earning Rs 466.52 crores.

* Tuticorin fishing harbour is

being improved by providing a face lift at a cost of Rs 16 lakhs.

* Construction of platforms in sea shores to be started for the use of fishermen in Poompuhar and Vellipalam in Nagapattinam Quaid-e-Milleth District and Kodimunai and Vallavilai Villages in Kanyakumari District at a cost of Rs 30.01 lakhs.

* Rs 60.71 lakhs has been given as subsidy under a scheme to convert fishing boats to motor boats.

* A fish landing platform has been erected at Kottaiappattinam in Pudukottai District at a cost of Rs 54.61 lakhs.

* Brackish water fish development centres have been opened to develop prawn culture in Vanianchavadi in Chengalpattu MGR District, Cuddalore in South Arcot District, Pattukottai in Thanjavur District, Ramanathapuram District and Tuticorin District. Rs 30 lakhs has been allocated to be distributed as subsidy through these centres.

Enhancing the lifestyle of fishermen.

* 492 multifloor housing complex has been



constructed at a cost of Rs 2.37 crores at Tiruchinankuppam village in Chengalpattu M.G.R. District to be distributed free of cost among fishermen.

- * An exclusive shed has been constructed at Madras fishing harbour for fishermen to repair and mend their nets, at a cost of Rs 2 lakhs.
- * To help the development of fisherwomen at Madras, a vehicle has been provided at a cost of Rs 2.5 lakhs.
- * A separate section has been set up for distribution of loan to fishermen in each District Co-operative Bank.
- * To strengthen the fishermen Co-operative societies and to increase their status so as to avail loan Rs 17.25 lakhs has been given as investment loan by the Government.
- * Rs 7.70 crores was distributed to 1,07,990 fishermen under Fishermen savings and relief scheme.
- * Fishermen living near sea shores have been recognised as sea fishermen and the benefits provided to sea fishermen are extended to them.
- * Taking into consideration the request made by the deep sea divers, provisions have been made for the divers to sell their shells directly; 5000 sea divers have so far benefited.
- * On the basis of hill area development scheme, all the fishing villages are being



developed under sea-shore development programme.

- * Plans have been made to provide pension to aged fishermen.
- * A scheme has been proposed to set up 100 fish selling markets through Tamil Nadu Fish Development Corporation for the benefit of the Public.
- * Public Relations Camps are conducted by the Government to listen to the problems of fishermen and to provide solutions.
- * To avoid accidents in mid seas, 125 walkie Talkies have been provided to the towns of Nagapattinam and Tuticorin. Actions are being taken to
- provide Walkie Talkies to all sea-shore fishermen. For the same purpose High Power transmission towers are being set up on sea shores.
- * A shrimp farm and a training centre has been established in 11 ha. in Karangadu of Ramanathapuram District.
- * A proposal has been mooted to construct a modern fish market in Nadukuppam, Madras with a cold storage vehicle, and to provide 50 bicycles.
- * A scheme has been devised to establish a prawn culture farm at Palks Strait in Ramanathapuram District at a cost of Rs 140 lakhs.

- * Shrimp farms have been established in Bhavanisagar and Manimutharu Dam at a cost of Rs. 86.68 lakhs and Rs 136.8 lakhs respectively.



TAMIL NADU KHADI AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES BOARD LEADS INDIA

“INTEGRATED PROGRAMME FOR OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF HANDLOOM WEAVING”

Distribution of free Dhoties and Sarees

During Pongal 1992 - 94, 370 lakhs of landless agricultural labourers and urban poor were provided with free Dhoties and sarees amounting to Rs 139 crores.

Rebate:-

To provide competition to machine made textile industries, rebate for 100 days to liquidate the accumulated stocks in Primary Weavers Co-operative Societies and Co-optex was continued during the years, 1992, 1993 and 1994. The rebates amounted Rs 134.18 crores during the years.

Integrated Programme:-

A new scheme called the Integrated Handloom Village Development Programme was

introduced in 1991-92 at the village of Velagam in Chengalpattu -MGR District and Pudupettai in South Arcot District. The Scheme was meant for the overall development of the villages and the weavers, as these villages are handloom concentrated. A sum of Rs 28.42 lakhs was allotted to Vilagam village and Rs 18.76 lakhs allotted for Pudupettai. During 1994- 95, the programme is to be undertaken in three more villages, viz, Ammapalayam in Thiruvannamalai Sambuvarayar District, Karukkupalayam in Periyar District and Edankanna salai in Salem District on an outlay of Rs 63.32 lakhs.

Weavers Insurance:-

The life of a weaver in Tamil Nadu is covered by Insurance. The Government pays a premium of Rs 75/- per weaver per annum

of behalf of the weaver. As on 31.3.93, 1,13,956 weavers are covered under the scheme and a total sum of Rs 76,58,355 was paid as premium to LIC. In addition, Co-optex is paying Rs 3,000/- from 1.7.93 onwards to the nominee of the deceased weaver covered under the scheme. During 1993-94, a sum of Rs 3.58 crores has been sanctioned for implementing this scheme.

Family Pension Scheme:-

6776 members have been enrolled under the Tamil Nadu Co operative Handloom Weavers Family Pension Scheme during 1993-94. 77 nominees have benefitted under the scheme. Under this Scheme 28,335 members have been covered.

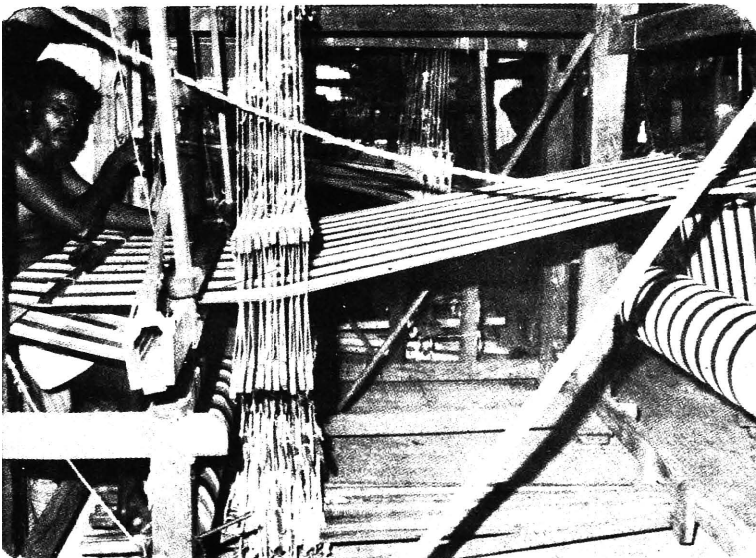
Housing Facility:-

Under the Weavers house-cum-workshed scheme, 600 units were taken up for construction during 1992-93. It has been proposed to construct 1000 units during the current year.

Development Programmes:-

A national Designs collection programme for selling at Exhibitions is being implemented from 1994-95 on an outlay of Rs 4.50 crores.

Two powerloom service centres, one at Sankarankoil in Tirunelveli-Kattabomman District and another at Kannamapalayam in Coimbatore District are to be set up on an investment of Rs 28.22 lakhs.



The Tamil Nadu Handloom Development Corporation has been established to promote, assist and develop the handloom industry in general and particularly the handloom weaver outside the co-operative fold. The Corporation has earned a net profit of Rs 6.5 crores for the current year. The Corporation has proposed to sanction loan to the tune of Rs 450 lakhs during 1994-94.

Khadi and Village Industries Board:

The Board has been creating Self-employment, encouraging the produce of saleable articles using local resources, creating self-reliance amongst the people and inculcating a strong social spirit. The Board is implementing 59

Village Industries in a three tier system as follows:-

	Nos
(1) Boards own units	1284
(2) Industrial Co-operatives registered by the Board.	1876
(3) Artisans provided with finance as per the pattern of assistance of K.V. & I	82045

During the last three years, 3,50,000 rural poor including 1,40,000 persons have been provided with employment by the Board.

Tamil Nadu Leads India:-

The Khadi and Village Industries

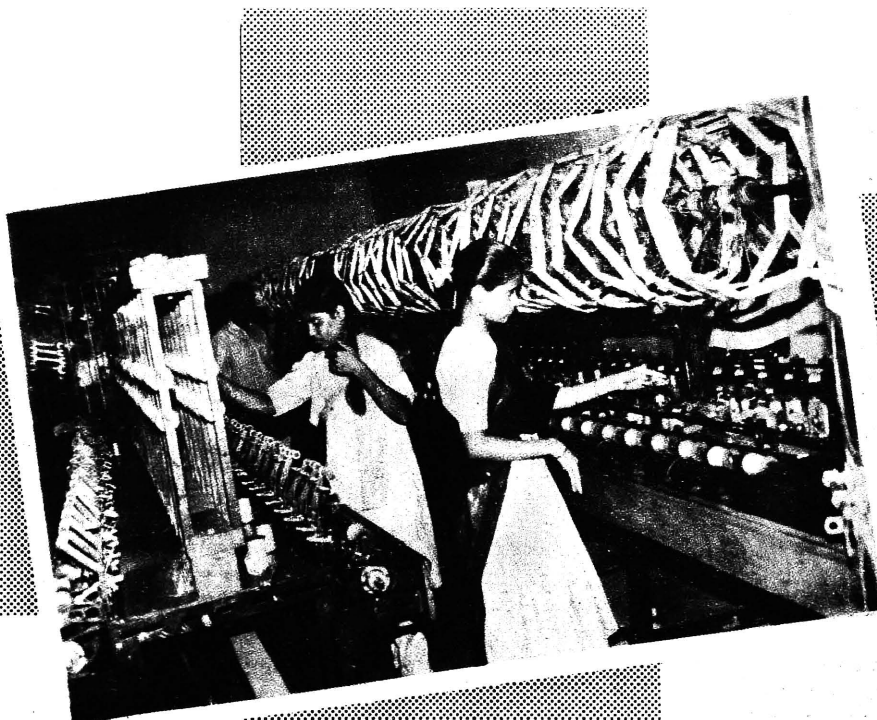
Commission has declared that the Khadi and Village Industries Board in Tamil Nadu by obtaining 'A' Grade rank, as the only State to have achieved it. A special shield has been awarded in this regard. It is indeed, a great credit that the above distinction has been achieved for the first time by the Board in its 33 years of existence, under the administration of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

Palm Board:-

To uplift palmgur Industry, a separate Board called "Tamil Nadu Palm products Development Board" has been formed in 1994.

Sericulture:-

The Five year National Sericulture Project is being implemented on an outlay of Rs 41.77 crores in Tamil Nadu.



FOREST PROTECTION INTENSIFIED INCREASING FOREST COVER IN TAMIL NADU

- ★ Forest land in Tamil Nadu cover an area of 22,699 sq.km in a total land mass of 1,30,057 Sq.km. Under an intensive social forestry scheme, rich forest have been established in an area of 3 lakh hectares. During the 8th five year plan Tamil Nadu has been allotted Rs 222 crores for schemes under forestry.
- ★ During the seventh five year plan, afforestation has been completed on an area of 1,80,000 hectares. During the Eighth Five Year Plan it has been planned to achieve a target of 2,20,000 hectares under afforestation. During the last 3 years afforestation of 1,52,500 hectares and other forestry development projects have been taken up at a cost of Rs 151.20 crores.
- ★ Under the Twenty Point Programme 3,175 lakh seedlings were grown and afforestation completed over an area of 2,57,700 hectares, thereby achieving the target.
- ★ Aerial Seedling was taken up on an area of 46,500 hectares to upgrade degraded forests.
- ★ Under an aid from Swedish International Development Agency, plantation of saplings were taken up under social

forestry on an area of 50,750 hectares at a cost of Rs 68.53 crores. This programme augments the resources of fuel, fodder, small timber etc. to meet the needs of the rural poor.

Tamil Nadu Agricultural Development Project (TANDP)

- ★ Five new divisions and three research divisions have been started for producing quality seeds, soil conservation engineering and afforestation works. During the past three years an area of 8200 ha was covered investing Rs 846 lakhs.
- ★ Forage development under the livestock component of the TANDP is being implemented at a cost of Rs 377 lakhs at an area of 6100 ha.

Medicinal plants

A new project with financial assistance from DANIDA has been initiated during 1993-94 to increase the resources of medicinal plants in Tamil Nadu. Under this project, 11 acres are covered in the State, for Medicinal plants conservation and production.

A State Forestry Research Institute is being established at Vandalur, Madras.

A sum of Rs 86 lakhs has been invested to provide buildings for the institute in three years.

Tamil Nadu Tea Plantation Corporation Ltd (TANTEA)

- ★ The Tamil Nadu Tea plantation Corporation has started a tea planting project at a cost of Rs 60 crores to cover an area of 3000 ha with high yielding clones.
- ★ During the past three years, raising plantations over an area of 1,260 ha has been completed. Construction of two more tea factories at Kotagiri and Nelliyalam at a cost of Rs 6 crores is in progress. 513 tonnes of tea was exported, earning foreign exchange to the tune of Rs 235.90 lakhs.

Tamil Nadu Forest Plantation Corporation

The Corporation has started a massive pulpwood planting programmes at a cost of about Rs 85 crores covering 30,000 ha over a period of six years commencing from 1991-92. During the first three years 14,900 ha have been covered.

Protection of forest Wealth

To intensify protection activity and help the forest protection staff to manage their challenging task of dealing with smugglers and anti-social elements, the Government have provided 499 vehicles, 230 HF, Walkie Talkie etc and 487 arms.

- ★ An incentive to improve the morale of the Forest Department protective staff, the Government have sanctioned the payment of risk allowance at Rs 20 per month.

J. Jayalalitha Film City

A Film City is being established at Taramani, Madras at a cost of Rs 14.93 crores on an area of 86 acres, named as "J. Jayalalitha Film City".

Jayalalitha Award

A special award by name

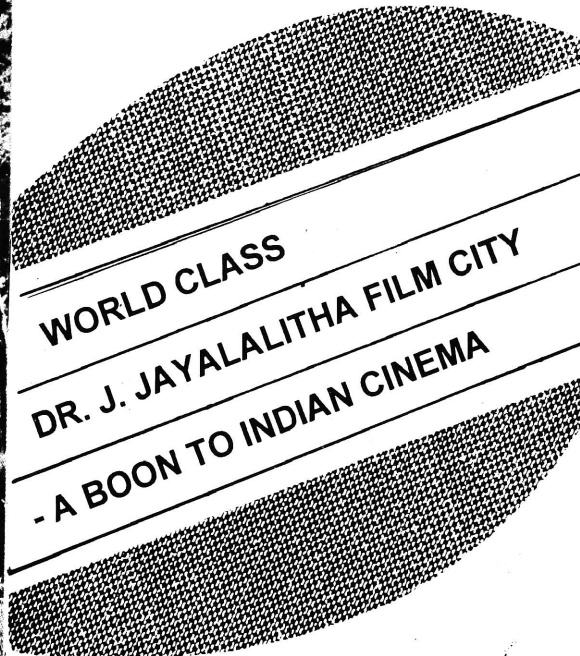
clared open by Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha.

* A museum would be set up for MGR at the MGR memorial, similar to the Anna Museum at Anna Samadhi. A permanent sound and light programme depicting the life of Puratchi Thalaivar MGR

Thanthai Periyar at Vaikom.

Mahakavi Bharathi Memorial

The house in which the national poet Mahakavi Bharathi lived in Triplicane, Madras was acquired by the Government for Rs 5.70 lakhs and Rs. 5 lakhs was spent for repair works to retain its old glory and was declared a state



"Jayalalitha Award" was introduced last year to be given to the veterans of cine field. The other awards in existence are in the names of Arignar Anna, Pavendar Bharathidasan, Kalaivanar, Raja Sandow and M.G.R.

M.G.R. Memorial Museum

* The MGR Memorial was reconstructed at a cost of Rs 2.265 crores and was de-

would also be set up.

Periyar Memorial at Vaikom, Kerala.

A memorial has been established for Periyar at Vaikom, Kerala at a cost of Rs 15 lakhs by this Government in commemoration of the Vaikom Sathyagraha lead by Thanthai Periyar. A function is to be conducted, every year in celebration of the victory of

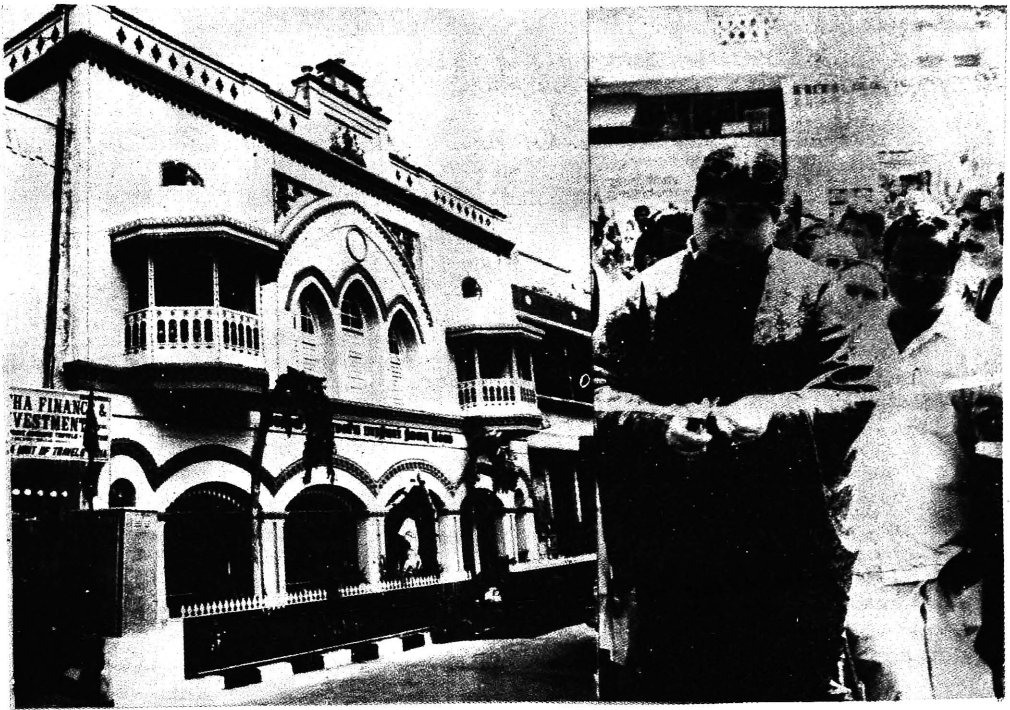
memorial. It was formally opened by Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. Jayalalitha.

Dr. Ambedkar Statue

Dr. Ambedkar's 9 foot bronze statue was declared open by Hon'ble Chief Minister at Koyambedu at Madras.

Kannadasan Manimandapam

A Manimandapam for Kaviarasu Kannadasan was constructed at a



cost of Rs 50 Lakhs and was declared open by Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr.J. Jayalalitha. A bronze statue of Kannadasan would also be installed.

Memorials for Freedom fighters and Tamil scholars

- * To commemorate the golden jubilee of the Quit India Movement, a memorial pillar was erected at a cost of Rs 3 lakhs at Guindy Gandhi Mandapam, and was declared open by Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr.J. Jayalalitha.
- * The birth place of leader P.Jeeva at Boothapandi in Kanyakumari District will be turned into a memorial in honour of the leader.
- * The Birthday of Pasumpon Muthuramalingam Thevar is to be celebrated as State level function.
- * The Birthday of freedom fighter Alagu Muthukone will be celebrated at Tirunelveli.
- * The Birthday of freedom fighter Pulithevan will be celebrated at Tirunelveli.
- * A statue would be installed in memory of freedom fighter Rebel Muthuramalingam Sethupathi who was imprisoned for 24 years. A function will also be celebrated.
- * In memory of poet Pattukottai Kalyanasundaram, a memorial would be set up at his native place of Pattukottai.
- * In memory of poet Namakkal Ramalingam Pillai, his house at Namakkal is being made into a Memorial.
- * A memorial and statue would be erected for Marudhu Brothers at Thirupathur.
- * A statue for Sankaralinganar would be installed in Madras in remembrance of his efforts to

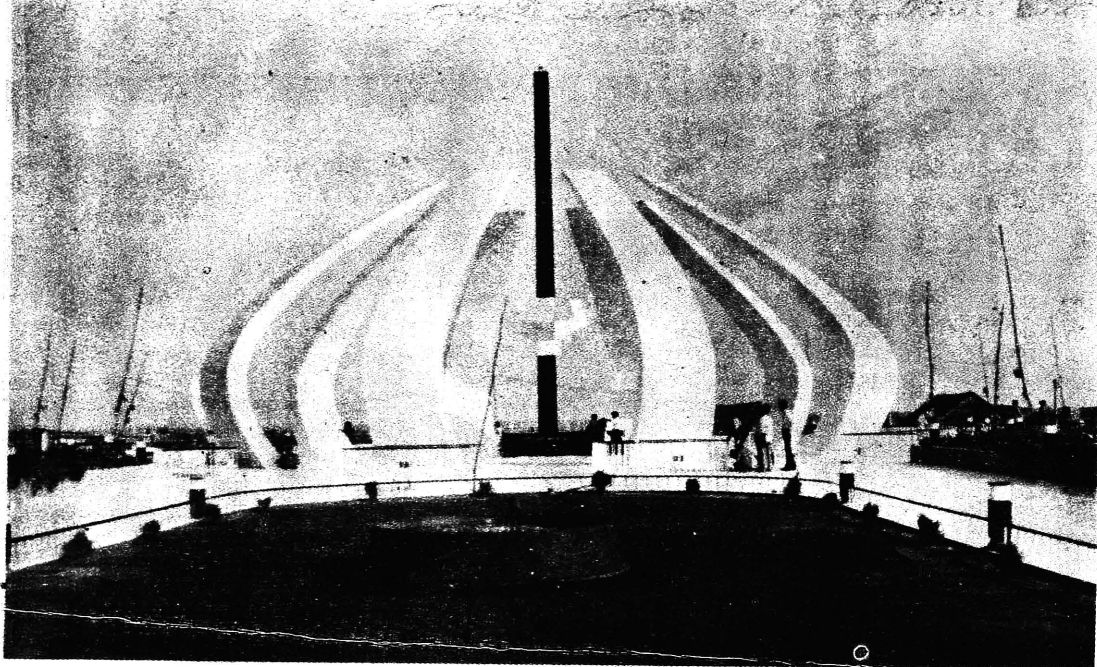
rename Madras State as Tamil Nadu.

- * A statue would be installed for Tamil scholar Thiru.Vi.Ka. in Madras City.
- * A statue would be installed for Sivaraj, former Mayor of Madras, who fought for the cause of the oppressed.
- * The samadhi of Sir Pitty Thigarayar at Vannarapettai, Madras would be made into a memorial.

Thiruvalluvar Statue at Kanyakumari

A 133 feet statue for Thiruvalluvar would be installed on the rock adjacent to the Vivekananda rock in Kanyakumari at a cost of Rs 3.60 crores.

- * A statue of freedom fighter shenbagaraman would be installed in Madras.



Development of Cinema

- * A "Single Window System" has been introduced by the

Government to enable the film producers receive permission to shoot their films in all Government owned places.

- * The following cash awards are being awarded annually to outstanding Tamil feature films.

First prize : Rs 1,25,000

Second prize : Rs 75,000

Third prize : Rs 50,000

Fourth prize : Rs 50,000

- * The subsidy given to the low budget films have been enhanced from Rs 2 lakhs to Rs 3 lakhs.

- * The number of low budget films getting subsidy has been increased from 50 to 75, and a sum of Rs 2.25 lakhs allotted annually.

- * Relief is provided by the government to film personnel if they sustain injury or die while shooting a film.

- * Seats have been reserved for the heirs of film personalities at the Tamil Nadu Film Institute.

Exhibition

70 Exhibitions depicting Government policies, welfare measures and achievements have so far been conducted.

A revenue of Rs 4.61 crores has been earned so far. It has been decided to conduct mini exhibitions in Tuticorin, Ramanathapuram, Karaikudi, Krishnagiri and Thiruppur during the current year.

Multimedia campaign

Multimedia Campaign will be conducted in four Districts with an expenditure of Rs.12 lakhs.

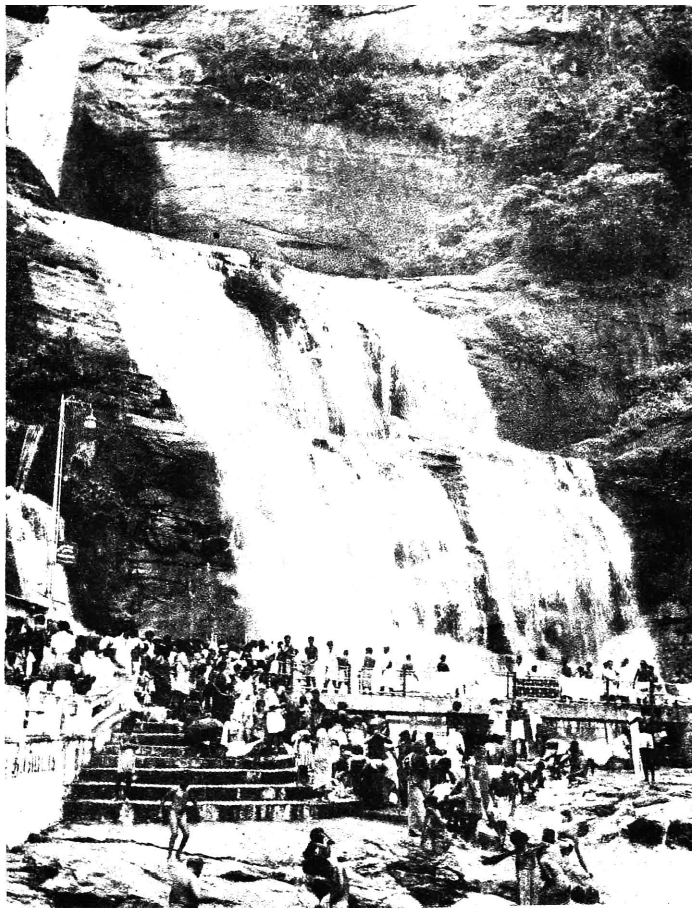
Welfare schemes for Journalists

- * 5.5 acres of land at Tiruvannamur has been given to house Madras journalists, with a Government's subsidy of Rs 20 lakhs. Further, Government have provided Rs. 40,000 subsidy to each house, totalling Rs 50 lakhs, for the construction of houses.

- * The pension given to the retired, poor journalists have been enhanced to Rs 500.

Repairs and modernisation

- * The 192 year old Rajaji Hall in the Government Estate, Madras will be renovated and preserved at a cost of Rs 18 lakhs.
- * Valluvar Kottam at Madras is to be repaired at a cost of Rs 26.61 lakhs.
- * Va.Ve.Subramaniam's memorial house at Thiruchirappalli is being given a face lift by providing lighting facilities and by carrying out repairs at a cost of Rs 1,25,000.



STEEP INCREASE IN TOURISTS VISITING TAMILNADU

TAMIL NADU TRANSFORMED INTO TOURIST PARADISE

☆ Because of the innumerable new schemes announced during the last three years by Dr.J.Jayalalitha's Government there has been a steep increase in the number of tourists visiting Tamil Nadu. During 1993-94, 4.41 lakhs foreign tourists and 138 lakhs domestic tourists arrived in Tamil Nadu compared to 1991-92 when 3.3 lakhs foreign tourists and 127 lakhs domestic tourists visited Tamil Nadu.

☆ In order to provide comfort and convenience to tourists to Tamil Nadu, the following tourist facilities are being established by the Government:

☆ A tourist hotel at Perambalur at a cost of Rs 23.97 lakhs

☆ A tourist hotel at Namakkal at a cost of Rs 23.25 lakhs

☆ A tourist hotel at Virudunagar at a cost of Rs 28.78 lakhs

☆ A tourist hotel at Krishnagiri at a cost of Rs 33.54 lakhs

☆ A tourist hotel at Kutralam at a cost of Rs 30 lakhs

☆ A hotel to house pilgrims at Samayapuram at a cost of Rs 39.92 lakhs.

☆ A tourist hotel at Salem at a cost of Rs 33.21 lakhs.

☆ A tourist Centre at Kumbakonam at a cost of Rs 39.97 lakhs.

☆ A tourist hotel at Palani at a cost of Rs 22.73 lakhs.

☆ A tourist centre at Tirunelveli at a cost of Rs 39.93 lakhs

Moreover at a cost of Rs 14.93 lakhs, luxury boats are being purchased for use at Muthukadu and Palaverkadu lakes.

"Palace on Wheels:

Palace on wheels in Tamil Nadu, a luxury train connecting Thanjavur, Chidambaram, Kanchipuram, Tiruchirapalli, Kumbakonam, Nagore, Velankanni, Poompuhar, Tranquobar, Mandapam, and Madurai is to be launched.

☆ Weekend conducted tours: In association with the Southern Railway, the Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation has organised special conducted tours by trains connecting pilgrim Centres, Summer resorts and wild life sanctuaries for the benefit of the people.

☆ To enable Government Servants make maximum use of the LTC facilities, an LTC tour programme has been conceived by the Government.

Freedom of the Press means not only freedom from certain restraints, but also freedom for certain purposes. The purposes are to provide proper, correct and truthful information and education to the readers. The Press has a right to make a value judgement, but that should be upon consideration of all the issues involved. Journalism, therefore is not only craftsmanship it is creative activity with a sense of responsibility.



I am of the view that the Population Policy should go beyond a mere declaration of our intentions. I would like to stress that the Population Programme should become a National Movement without any delay. National Movement should encompass people of all walks of life, from the National level to the village level, and should include all the citizens of this Country without distinction of caste, creed or religion. The situation obtaining is grave, but there is reason for optimism, because there have been many success stories in the implementation of the Population Programme.



Medicine requires the cool rational basis of science. It must also manifest warm humane sentiments. There must be a capacity to regard the life of any human being as something unique and special. The physician must have a mental posture or attitude that venerates inter personal communication. He/she must be a coolheaded technician as well as a warm, compassionate and concerned friend. The medical profession must build up its competence on the basis of a holistic spirit and a clear insight into the essence of life and human nature. Medical Education must aim at the development of a total vision and a total perspective on the part of the physician. The Medical Specialists have their role and value. But the diseased person suffers with his/her whole being and not with the pathologically affected part. Hence there is need for a holistic look at the professional competence of the physician.



**— Hon'ble Chief Minister
Puratchi Thalaivi Dr.J.JAYALALITHA**



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