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The department covers Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities.

Introduction

"பிறப்பொக்கும் எல்லா உயிர்க்கும் சிறப்பொவ்வா செய்தொழில் வேற்றுமை யான்."

"All human beings are equal by birth; distinction comes with difference in deeds".

- Thiruvalluvar

Tamil Nadu has been at the fore front to the entire country in upholding social justice. The Directorate of Backward Classes Welfare was established in 1969; the Directorate of Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare was established in 1989 for the advancement of Backward Classes, Most Backward

The Directorate of Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare followed in **1989**.

Classes and Denotified Communities. The Government of Tamil Nadu implements various welfare schemes for the educational, social and economic development of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities through this Department.

This Department implements various schemes such as scholarships for students belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities pursuing Degree, Diploma and Professional Courses, Distribution of Bicycles, Uniforms and provision of Hostels for students. Incentives are also provided to rural girl students belonging to Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities to prevent school dropouts. Kallar Reclamation Schools are being run by the department in Madurai, Theni and Dindigul districts for the educational advancement of the Piramalai Kallar community.

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Loan assistance for the economic development of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities are provided through the Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Economic Development Corporation.

For livelihood support, Iron boxes and Motorized Sewing machines are provided. In keeping with changing circumstances, Ready-made Garment units, Modern Laundry Units, LPG-operated Iron boxes and House-site pattas are also provided.

The Denotified Communities Welfare Board was established in 2007 for the socio-economic development of Denotified Communities, and various welfare benefits are being provided to members registered with the Board.

- For the socio-economic development of Denotified Communities.

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Sustainable Development Goals aim to achieve a better and more sustainable future for

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all. Among the 17 goals, Goal 1 (No Poverty), Goal 4 (Quality Education), and Goal 10 (Reduced Inequalities) are related to this sector. This sector has been undertaking various initiatives to contribute to the achievement of these Sustainable Development Goals.

2. Reservation

Reservation is being enforced in Tamil Nadu since 1921. After the Constitution came into force, reservation in education and employment has been provided to socially and educationally Backward Classes, Schedule Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

- The single most quotable date in this note.

A separate 20% reservation has been provided to Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities since 1989. An exclusive 3.5% reservation has been provided for Backward Class Muslims since 2007.

- A distinct quota within the State's reservation structure.
- Learn the three dates together: **1921**, **1989**, **2007**.

Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, Denotified Communities, Schedule Castes and Scheduled Tribes together constitute more than

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88% of the population of the State. Reservation for these communities was enhanced at different points of time. The present 69% reservation is as follows:

Sl. No.	Category	Reservation
1	Backward Classes	26.5%
2	Backward Class Muslims	3.5%
3	Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities	20%
4	Schedule Castes	18%
5	Scheduled Tribes	1%
	Total	**69%**

To ensure the continued implementation of 69% reservation, Tamil Nadu Act 45 of 1994 was enacted, placed in the IX Schedule to the Constitution and accorded the Protection of Article 31B.

The Government of Tamil Nadu remains committed to safeguarding social justice and is

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taking all efforts to continue protecting 69% reservation in Tamil Nadu.

Social Justice Survey

The basic policy of this Government is that true social justice means ensuring appropriate representation for every community. To ensure and achieve this, the Government has urged the Union Government to conduct and complete a caste based enumeration along with the population census at the earliest. After the Union Government completes the caste based census, the Government of Tamil Nadu will conduct a Social Justice survey.

3. Education

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

- Nelson Mandela

Education is the basic foundation of social and economic development of the society. Therefore, the Government implements various

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schemes for the educational advancement of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities, including Hostel facilities, Scholarships, Uniforms, Special guidebooks, Incentives for Rural girl students, Bicycles and Kallar Reclamation Schools for Piramalai Kallars in Madurai, Theni and Dindigul districts.

3.1 Scholarship Schemes

Education is a scale to measure the development of the society. The Government of Tamil Nadu therefore implements various scholarship schemes to enable students belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities to continue their education without any interruption.

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3.2 Scholarship Schemes Implemented with 100% State Government Funding

3.2.1 Rural Girls Incentive to School Students belonging to Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities

As girl's education is essential for integrated social development, the Government has been implementing an incentive scheme since 1999-2000 to prevent dropouts among rural girl children belonging to Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities.

Under this scheme, girl children belongs to Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities studying in Classes 3 to 5 in Government and Government-aided schools in rural areas are provided an annual incentive of Rs.500, and girl children studying in Class 6 are provided Rs.1,000/- per year. This helps ensure that girl children enroll and continue their high school education.

- For **MBC** and Denotified Communities girls in Classes 3 to 5 in rural Government and aided schools; **Rs.1,000** a year in Class 6.

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Under this Scheme, the parental annual income ceiling is Rs.1.00 Lakh.

The scheme is being implemented through web portal https://umisssp.tnega.org.

A sum of Rs.13.41 crore has been allocated for the year 2026-2027 for implementation of this scheme.

- Allocated in **2026-27** for that incentive, with a parental income ceiling of **Rs.1.00** lakh.

3.2.2 Reimbursement of Examination Fees

A. Pre-Matric (Class 10) Scholarship Scheme

For students belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities studying in Government and Government-aided schools other than Tamil medium and appearing for the Class 10 Public Examination, the examination fee is reimbursed to the Directorate of Government Examinations.

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B. Post-Matric (Class 12) Scholarship Scheme for School Students

For students belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities studying in Government and Government-aided schools other than Tamil medium and appearing for the Class 12 public examination, the examination fee is paid directly to the Directorate of Government Examinations

For payment of the above examination fees, the parental annual income of Backward Class students shall not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh.

3.2.3 Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for Students in Institutions such as IITs and IIMs

To encourage students from Tamil Nadu belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities to study in Central Government Institutions such as IITs, IIMs, IIITs, NITs, NIFTs and Central Universities,

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scholarships are provided to students pursuing Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate Courses.

Under this scheme, scholarship assistance up to a maximum of Rs.2.00 lakh per person per year is provided. The annual income of the parents shall not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh for benefit under this scheme.

- Income ceiling **Rs.2.50 lakh**; **Rs.11.10 crore** allocated in **2026-27** across the two directorates.

For 2026-2027, Rs.7.80 crore has been allocated to the Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs.3.30 crore to the Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department, totalling Rs.11.10 crore funds provided under the above scholarship schemes.

3.2.4 Reimbursement of Tuition Fees for Students from Government Schools admitted to Medical Courses under 7.5% Reservation

All educational fees with Hostel and Mess fees payable by students belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, Denotified

Communities and Forward Classes who studied in Government schools from Classes 6 to 12 and are admitted to Medical and Dental courses under 7.5% reservation are reimbursed to the Directorate of Medical Education.

A sum of Rs.77.97 crore has been allocated for the year 2026-2027 under the scheme.

3.3 Scholarship Schemes Implemented with Central and State Government Funding (60:40)

3.3.1 Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme (Prime Minister Young Achievers Scholarship Award Scheme for Vibrant India) (PM-YASASVI)

Under the Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for students belonging to Other Backward Classes, Economically Backward Classes and Denotified Communities, the Central and State Governments share the funding in the ratio of 60:40.

This scheme is being implemented through the Tamil Nadu Integrated State Scholarship Portal

- Scholarships are routed through **TNISSP** and paid by Direct Benefit Transfer.

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(TNISSP), and Scholarship amounts are credited to students bank accounts through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

Girl students studying in Classes 9 and 10 in Government Schools are provided Rs.4,000/- per year under this scheme. The parental annual income shall not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh.

- For girls in Classes 9 and 10 in Government schools; **Rs.120.55 crore** allocated for **2026-27**.

A sum of Rs.120.55 crore has been allocated for the year 2026-2027 for implementation of this scheme.

3.3.2 Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme (Prime Minister Young Achievers Scholarship Award Scheme for Vibrant India) (PM-YASASVI)

Under the Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for students belonging to Other Backward Classes, Economically Backward Classes and Denotified Communities, the Central and State Governments share the funding in the ratio of 60:40.

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Scholarships are provided to students belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities studying in Government, Government-aided and Self-Financing Colleges (Admitted under Government quota).

This scheme is being implemented through the Tamil Nadu Integrated State Scholarship Portal (TNISSP), and scholarship amounts are credited to student's bank accounts through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

3.3.2 (I) Free Education Scholarship

Under this scheme, students pursuing Under-graduate degree courses, Diploma courses and Professional Courses (including those admitted under the Government quota) are provided special fees, book fees, examination fees and other compulsory fees at rates fixed by the Government through this Department.

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To benefit under this scheme, students pursuing diploma and professional courses must be the first graduate in their family. The annual income of the parent/guardian shall not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh.

- The eligibility test for diploma and professional course support.

3.3.2 (II) Post-Matric Scholarship

Scholarships such as Tuition fees, Special fees, Book fees, Exam fees are provided to students belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities who are not first graduates and who pursue Diploma, Post-graduate, Professional/Technical and Research courses (Ph.D) in Government, Government-aided and Self-financing Institutions under Government quota.

The annual income of the parent/guardian shall not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh.

Students staying in hostels run by Educational Institutions are provided, in addition to

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the above Free Education Scholarship or Post-Matric Scholarship, a boarding and lodging allowance of Rs.400/- per month, amounting to Rs.4,000/- per year for 10 months.

A sum of Rs.251.49 crore has been allocated for the year 2026-2027 for implementation of this scheme.

- **Rs.4,000** a year over 10 months for students in institution-run hostels; **Rs.251.49 crore** allocated.

4. Bicycle Distribution Scheme

Bicycles are provided to Class 11 students belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities studying in Government, Government-aided and Partly Government-Aided schools, with the objective of encouraging higher secondary education.

During 2026-2027 academic year, modern Bicycles with Helmet and water bottle will be distributed to approximately 5,32,000 Class 11 students studying in Government, Government-Aided and Partly Government-Aided Schools at a cost of Rs.277.00 crore.

- Will receive modern bicycles with helmet and water bottle in **2026-27** at a cost of **Rs.277.00 crore**.

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5. Social Justice Hostels

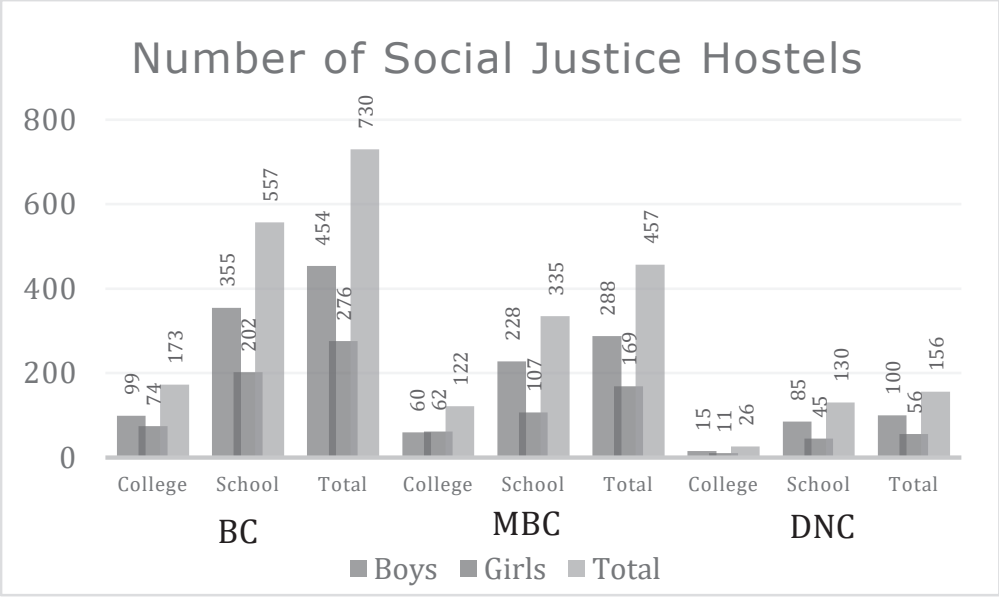
This Department runs 1,343 Social Justice Hostels to enable economically poor students belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities, whose parents annual income does not exceed Rs.2.00 lakh, to continue their education.

- For students whose parental income does not exceed **Rs.2.00 lakh**.

Number of Social Justice Hostels

Department	Hostel Type	Number of Hostels		
		Boys	Girls	Total
BC	College	99	74	173
	School	355	202	557
	Total	454	276	730
MBC	College	60	62	122
	School	228	107	335
	Total	288	169	457
DNC	College	15	11	26
	School	85	45	130
	Total	100	56	156
	College	174	147	321
	School	668	354	1022
	Total	**842**	**501**	**1343**

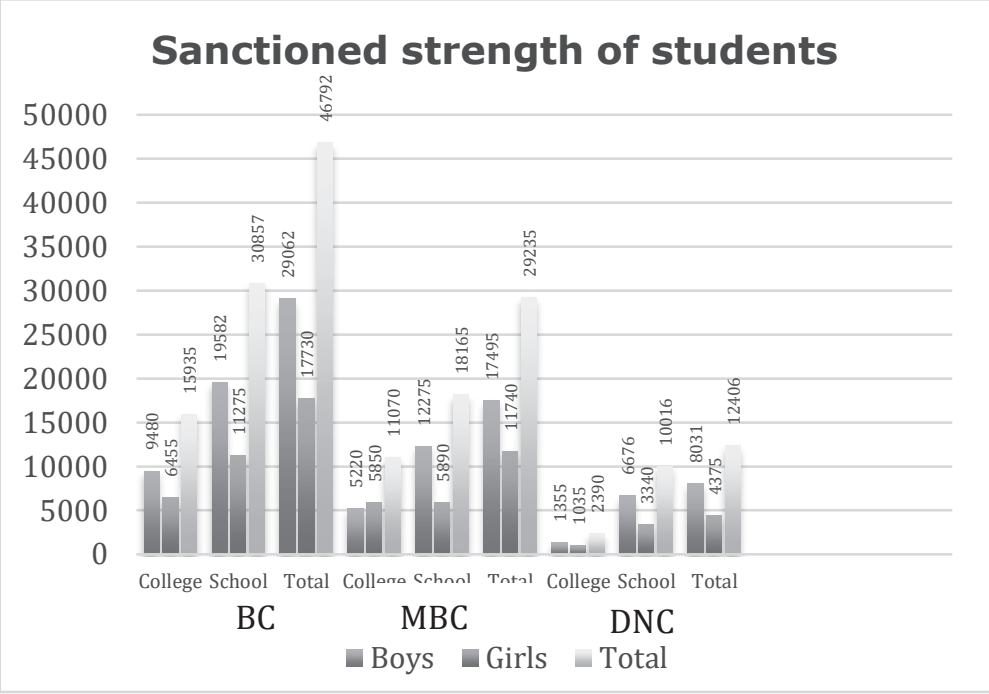
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Sanctioned strength of Hostel Students

Department	Hostels	Number of students		
		Boys	Girls	Total
BC	College	9480	6455	15935
	School	19582	11275	30857
	Total	29062	17730	46792
MBC	College	5220	5850	11070
	School	12275	5890	18165
	Total	17495	11740	29235
DNC	College	1355	1035	2390
	School	6676	3340	10016
	Total	8031	4375	12406
College		16055	13340	29395
School		38533	20505	59038
Total		54588	33845	88433

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Admissions for 2026-2027 are in progress. As on date 54,811 students admitted and staying in the Hostels.

- Currently staying in the Social Justice Hostels.

In every Hostel, 4% of seats are reserved for persons with disabilities, and an additional five seats are allotted for children of refugee camp SriLankan Tamils. Rescued Child Labourers are also allowed to stay and study in the hostels throughout the academic year without any conditions.

- With five further seats in each hostel for children of Sri Lankan Tamil refugee camps.

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To facilitate hostel admission for children of plantation workers who are natives of Tamil Nadu and work in hill plantations along the Kerala border, they are exempted from producing community and income certificates; a self-declaration from their parents is accepted.

Where admission beyond the sanctioned strength is required in a district, District Collectors are empowered to calculate vacancies across other hostels in the district and redistribute them to school/college hostels needing additional seats, subject to basic infrastructure and upto a maximum of 20% of the sanctioned strength of a hostel. District Collectors are also empowered to admit students upto 10% above the sanctioned strength. Even after seats within the District Collector’s powers are exhausted, if further need arises, Heads of Department of Backward Classes and Most Backward Classes are empowered, subject to infrastructure, to admit an additional

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2,102 students over and above the sanctioned strength.

Heads of Department may admit this many extra, subject to infrastructure, once the Collector's powers are exhausted.

In view of increased demand from Girl students for admission to college hostels, provision has been made to admit college Girl students against vacant seats in school girls' hostels.

5.1 Food Charges

The Government provides monthly food charges of Rs.1,400/- per student in school hostels and Rs.1,500/- per student in college hostels. Food charges are provided for 10 months in a year.

And **Rs.1,500** in college hostels.

Food is supplied according to the prescribed menu. This includes 20 Eggs per month; Bananas are provided as an alternative to students who do not eat Eggs. Mutton is served on the first and third Wednesdays of every month, and Chicken on the second and fourth Wednesdays.

Chicken on the second and fourth - the kind of specific the exam sometimes asks.

Sundal and Sukku-malli coffee are provided every evening as snacks.

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On festival days, Special food charges of Rs.40/- per festival for school-hostel students and Rs.80/- per festival for college-hostel students are sanctioned, and special meals are provided on Thai Pongal, Republic Day, Tamil New Year, Independence Day and Deepavali.

- **Rs.80** for college hostels, on Thai Pongal, Republic Day, Tamil New Year, Independence Day and Deepavali.

5.2 Assistance Provided to Hostel Students

For items such as Soap, Toothpaste and oil, a monthly miscellaneous allowance of Rs.100 for school-hostel inmates and Rs.150 for college-hostel inmates is credited directly to their bank accounts.

- For school hostel inmates and **Rs.150** for college hostels, credited directly to bank accounts.

Students studying from Classes 4 to 10 while staying in school hostels are provided four sets of stitched Uniforms every year.

Special guidebooks are provided annually to students appearing for the Class 10 and Class 12 Public Examinations to help them secure high marks and pass.

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Question and answer books are provided to Class 11 and 12 students to prepare for Medical and Professional Entrance Examinations such as NEET and JEE.

The monthly magazines such as Yojana, Kurukshetra and Thittam are provided to college students to help them prepare for examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission.

Woollen cloths and Woollen blankets are provided to hostel students in Hill areas.

5.3 Facilities Provided in Hostels

- Each hostel is provided with two Tamil Newspapers and one English Newspaper.
- Steam-boiler facilities are provided in hostels located in hill areas.
- Sports equipment is provided to school and college hostels, and gym equipment is provided to college hostels, in the interest of student's health.

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- All hostels have been provided LED Colour Television (43-inch) sets with DTH connections.
- CCTV cameras have been installed in all School and College hostels for the safety and security of students.
- Drinking-water purifiers, Inverters and Refrigerators are being provided for the use of students in all college hostels.
- Wet-grinding machines have been provided to the Hostels to facilitate the preparation of quality food for hostel students.
- Sanitary Napkin Incinerator machines have been provided in girl’s hostels to maintain a safe and hygienic environment.
- Two-tier teakwood cots have been provided to school and college hostels located in the hill areas of Kodaikanal and Ooty.
- Semmozhi library facilities and e-Library infrastructure have been established in College hostels to improve General Knowledge.

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- The Integrated Common Kitchen Scheme of the Social Justice Department has also been implemented for this Department's hostels in Chennai and Madurai.
- A Hostel Management Information System (HMIS) is being implemented at a cost of Rs.10.89 crore to monitor the attendance and safety of students staying in hostels.

- Being implemented at a cost of **Rs.10.89** crore to monitor attendance and student safety.

5.4 Other Schemes for the Welfare of Hostel Students

- Medical check-ups are being conducted thrice a year for all hostel students.
- Career-guidance programmes are conducted every year through the experts for students studying in Classes 10 and 12 and final-year college students to facilitate higher education and employment. Pamphlets are provided for this purpose.
- An annual "Kalai Thiruvizha" comprising Speech competitions, Essay competitions and Sports competitions are conducted to bring out students' talents. Winners are

honoured with prizes and certificates through the District Collector.

- Basic training in the martial arts of Karate and Silambam is provided to girls staying in school and college hostels to promote self-protection and self-confidence.

5.5 Administrative Expenditure for Hostels

For food charges, administration, maintenance and other expenses of hostels, Rs.213.54 crore has been allocated to the Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs.184.99 crore to the Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department for 2026-2027, totalling Rs.398.53 crore is allotted.

5.6 Food Grant to Government-Recognised Private Hostels

Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities students staying in 14 Government recognized Private hostels are

- Their students receive **Rs.1,400** a month for 10 months; **Rs.1.37 crore** allocated.

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provided monthly food charges of Rs.1400 per student for 10 months.

For 2026-2027, Rs.85.00 lakh has been allocated to the Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs.52.00 lakh to the Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department, totalling Rs.1.37 crore under the above scheme.

6. Awards to Hostels

To improve the functioning of Department hostels, awards are presented to the best-performing hostels at State and District levels.

6.1 State Level Awards

Three best-performing hostels at the State level are selected and presented with shields and mementos. Employees working in those hostels are also awarded as follows:

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Category	First Prize (Rs.)	Second Prize (Rs.)	Third Prize (Rs.)
Warden/ Matron	20,000/-	15,000/-	10,000/-
Servant cum Watchman	10,000/-	5,000/-	3,000/-
Cook–1	10,000/-	5,000/-	3,000/-
Cook–2	10,000/-	5,000/-	3,000/-
Sanitary Workers	5,000/-	3,000/-	2,000/-

A sum of Rs.1.40 lakh has been allocated for 2026-2027 under this scheme.

6.2 District Level Awards

Similarly, three best-performing hostels are selected at the district level. Wardens and Matrons working in those hostels receive first, second and third prizes of Rs.10,000, Rs.5,000 and Rs.3,000 respectively, along with a shield and certificate of appreciation.

A sum of Rs.7.80 lakh has been allocated for 2026-2027 for district-level awards.

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7. Hostel Buildings

7.1 Construction of Own Buildings for Hostels

There are 1,343 hostels for Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities functioning in Tamil Nadu.

Category	BC	MBC	DNC	Total
Hostels functioning in own building	692	415	151	1258
Hostels functioning in rented buildings	30	32	5	67
Other Government buildings	8	10	0	18
Total	730	457	156	1343

Of these, construction of own buildings has been ordered for 22 hostels, and the works are being carried out through the Public Works Department.

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Action is being taken to construct own buildings for the remaining 45 hostels based on the number of students.

A sum of Rs.78.27 crore has been allocated for 2026-2027 for construction of own hostel buildings.

- Allocated in **2026-27** for construction of hostel buildings, with **Rs.13.37 crore** more under the **NABARD** scheme.

A sum of Rs.13.37 crore has been allocated for 2026-2027 under NABARD scheme.

7.2 Maintenance of Hostel Buildings

To maintain the structural stability of hostel buildings, maintenance works are carried out annually through the Public Works Department at a cost of Rs.7.00 crore.

- Annual hostel maintenance through the Public Works Department, plus **Rs.50,000** per hostel for minor works.

For minor maintenance works that arise from time to time, Rs.50,000/- per hostel is provided annually.

7.3 Construction of Compound Walls for Hostels

Action is being taken to provide compound walls for all hostels in the interest of student's safety.

8. Kallar Reclamation Schools

With special attention to the welfare of the Piramalai Kallar community and to improve their educational standards, the Government runs 299 Kallar Reclamation Schools in Madurai, Theni and Dindigul districts.

- Run in Madurai, Theni and Dindigul districts with special attention to the Piramalai Kallar community.

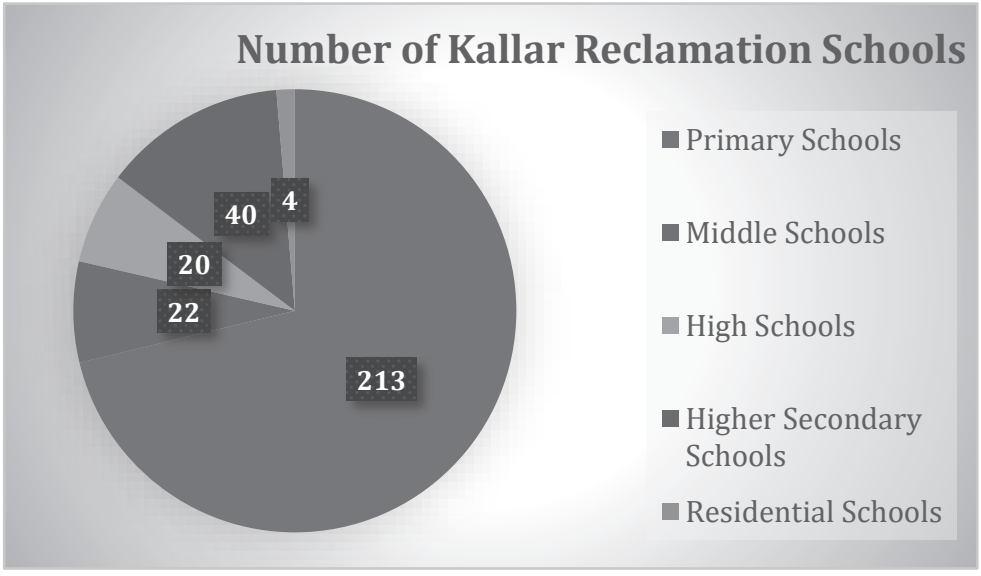
During the 2026-2027 academic year, 22,837 students are studying in these schools, and admissions are continuing.

- Studying in Kallar Reclamation Schools in **2026-27**, of whom 1,153 are in English-medium sections.

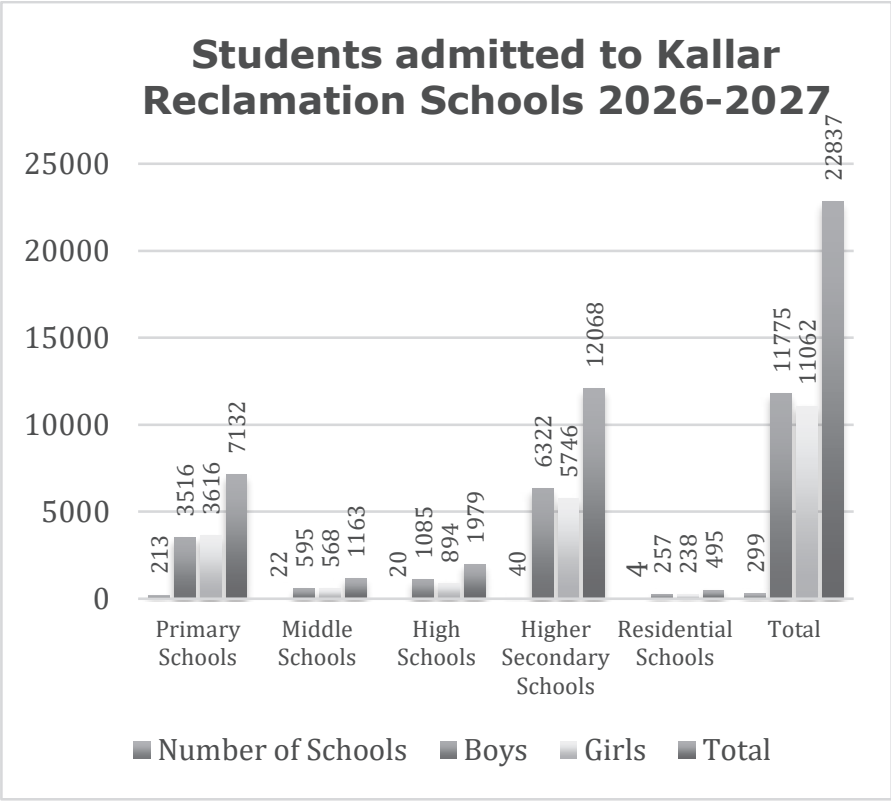
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Details are as follows:

Sl. No.	Type of Schools	Number of Schools	Number of Students		
			Boys	Girls	Total
1.	Primary Schools (including LKG in 15 schools)	213	3516	3616	7132
2.	Middle Schools	22	595	568	1163
3.	High Schools	20	1085	894	1979
4.	Higher Secondary Schools	40	6322	5746	12068
5.	Residential Schools	4	257	238	495
Total		**299**	**11775**	**11062**	**22837**



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To incorporate technological advances in teaching and learning, Smart Classrooms, Smart Boards and High-tech laboratories have been established in Kallar Reclamation Schools.

Medical check-ups are conducted annually for students in three phases to safeguard their health.

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8.1 Kallar Reclamation Residential Schools

Four Residential Schools have been functioning in Madurai, Theni and Dindigul districts, with 495 students studying in the year 2026-2027.

These schools have Smart Classrooms, Libraries and Sports equipment. Training classes in Abacus, Yoga and musical instruments are also conducted, keeping in view the holistic development of students.

Students are also provided with Uniforms, Ties, Belts, Shoes, Socks, and essential items such as Plates, Tumblers, Buckets, English dictionaries, Blankets, Mats and Towels.

A sum of Rs.27.00 lakh has been allocated for Educational tours to the schools in 2026-2027.

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8.2 English-Medium Education in Kallar Reclamation Schools

In 2026-2027, 1153 students are studying in English-medium sections. Admissions are continuing. Details are as follows:

Sl. No.	Classes	Boys	Girls	Total
1	Primary School Kindergarten (LKG)	77	79	156
2	Primary School Kindergarten (UKG)	142	131	273
3	Classes 1 to 5	101	122	223
4	Classes 6 to 10	168	157	325
5	Classes 11 and 12	77	99	176
	Total	**565**	**588**	**1153**

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8.3 Student Pass Results

Details of Kallar Reclamation School students who passed the Government Public Examinations in the academic year 2025-2026 are as follows:

S. No	District	10th standard			12th standard		
		Appeared	Passed	Pass %	Appeared	Passed	Pass %
1	Madurai	1,470	1,418	96.46	1,164	1,112	95.53
2	Dindigul	405	378	93.33	303	293	96.70
3	Theni	466	442	94.85	384	371	96.61
	Total	2341	2238	95.60	1851	1776	95.95

In the 2025-2026 academic year, students achieved 100% results in the Class 10 Public Examination in 32 Schools and in the Class 12 Public Examination in 17 Schools.

8.4 Educational Tour

A scheme is being implemented through the Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation to take Class 11 students of Kallar Reclamation

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Schools on educational tours to places of historical importance and cultural heritage.

8.5 Maintenance of Kallar Reclamation School Buildings

A sum of Rs.1.00 crore has been allocated for 2026-2027 for maintenance of the School Buildings.

8.6 Incentive Scheme for Headmasters / Teachers of Kallar Reclamation High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools

To encourage students of Kallar Reclamation Schools appearing for the Class 10 and 12 Government public examinations to obtain high marks and to encourage teachers to work with full dedication, Post-graduate/Graduate Teachers who secure 100% pass results for students in each subject are given a cash prize of Rs.5,000 each and a certificate of merit.

Similarly, headmasters of High Schools and Higher Secondary Kallar Reclamation Schools who

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enable students in Classes 10 and 12 to achieve a pass percentage of 95% or more in Government Public Examinations are given a cash prize of Rs.10,000 each and a certificate of merit.

- Headmasters achieving this in Class 10 and 12 public examinations receive **Rs.10,000** and a certificate of merit.

8.7 Administrative Expenditure for Kallar Reclamation Schools

A sum of Rs.187.81 crore has been allocated for administrative expenditure of Kallar Reclamation Schools in 2026-2027.

- Allocated for administrative expenditure of the Kallar Reclamation Schools in **2026-27**.

9. Economic Development Schemes

The Government implements the following schemes to enable people belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities to achieve economic development.

9.1 Distribution of Iron Boxes

Under this scheme, iron boxes are provided to economically poor persons belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities who are engaged in the

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laundry profession, in order to improve their economic conditions. The annual income ceiling for beneficiaries is Rs.1.00 lakh.

As a new initiative, scheme is being implemented to provide Iron boxes operated with Liquified Petroleum Gas (LPG). Moreover, electrically operated Iron boxes will also be provided.

A sum of Rs.85.00 lakh has been allocated for the year 2026-2027 for this scheme.

9.2 Distribution of Motorized Sewing Machines

Sewing machines fitted with electric motors are provided to economically backward persons belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities to improve their livelihood. The annual income ceiling for beneficiaries is Rs.1.00 lakh.

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Under this scheme, a sum of Rs.1.15 crore has been allocated for the year 2026-2027.

9.3 Establishment of Modern Laundry Unit

A scheme is being implemented to establish a modern laundry unit at a cost of Rs.5.00 lakh for a group of 5 persons belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities who are engaged in the laundry profession.

- For a group of five people in the laundry trade; **Rs.75.00 lakh** allocated for **2026-27**.

A sum of Rs.75.00 lakh has been allocated for the year 2026-2027 for establishment of Modern Laundry Units.

9.4 Establishment of Ready-Made Garment Unit

A scheme is being implemented to establish ready-made garment production units for persons belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities who are

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engaged in tailoring, enabling them to start self-employment and achieve economic advancement.

Under this scheme, financial assistance is provided to establish a Readymade Garment unit at a cost of Rs.3.00 lakh for a group of 10 persons.

- For a group of ten; **Rs.75.00 lakh** allocated.

A sum of Rs.75.00 lakh has been allocated for the year 2026-2027 for this scheme.

10. Distribution of House-Site Patta Scheme

House site Pattas are provided to homeless, economically backward persons belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities to enable them to construct and live in their own house.

For the year 2026-2027, Rs.1.50 crore has been allocated to the Backward Classes Welfare Department and Rs.1.50 crore to the Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare Department, totalling Rs.3.00 crore under the scheme.

11. Denotified Communities Welfare Board

The Denotified Communities Welfare Board was established in 2007 with the objective of improving the educational, economic and social development of people belonging to Denotified Communities. Persons belonging to Denotified Communities aged 18 to 60 years may enroll as members and receive benefits from this board. Registered members are provided various social-security and welfare benefits similar to those available through welfare boards under the Labour Welfare Department. These include welfare assistance for education, marriage, maternity, old-age pension, accidental death, natural death, funeral expenses and reimbursement of the cost of spectacles, etc., Necessary welfare assistance is provided to ensure the social and economic security of members and their families through these schemes.

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Action is being taken to reconstitute the Board under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Minister for Backward Classes Welfare, with one Vice-Chairperson and 13 non-official members.

Welfare assistance through the Denotified Communities Welfare Board so far.

Welfare assistance worth Rs.2.53 crore has been provided to 5,234 members of the DNC Welfare Board so far.

A sum of Rs.1.00 crore has been allocated in the current year for welfare assistance.

Online membership enrolment and delivery of welfare benefits through www.dncwb.tn.gov.in have now been implemented and come into force.

The welfare benefits provided to members registered with the Denotified Communities Welfare Board are as follows:

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S. No.	Details of Financial Assistance		Amount
1	**Under Accident Relief Scheme**		
	i)	In case of death due to an accident	Rs.1,25,000/-
	ii)	In case of disability due to an accident (based on severity)	Rs.10,000/- to Rs.1,00,000/-
2	Assistance for natural death		Rs.30,000/-
3	Assistance for funeral expenses		Rs.5,000/-
4	**Educational Assistance**		
	i)	For girls studying in the 10th standard	Rs.1,000/-
	ii)	For those passing the 10th standard	Rs.1,000/-
	iii)	For girls studying in the 11th standard	Rs.1,000/-
	iv)	For girls studying in the 12th standard	Rs.1,500/-
	v)	For those passing the 12th standard	Rs.1,500/-
	vi)	For undergraduate courses:	
	1.	Without hostel facility	Rs.1,500/-

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	2.	With hostel facility	Rs.1,750/-
	vii)	For postgraduate courses:	
	1.	Without hostel facility	Rs.4,000/-
	2.	With hostel facility	Rs.5,000/-
	viii)	For vocational undergraduate courses:	
	1. Without hostel facility		Rs.4,000/-
	2. With hostel facility		Rs.6,000/-
	ix)	For vocational postgraduate courses:	
	1.	Without hostel facility	Rs.6,000/-
	2.	With hostel facility	Rs.8,000/-
	x)	For ITI or technical training courses:	
	1.	Without hostel facility	Rs.1,000/-
	2.	With hostel facility	Rs.1,200/-
5	**Marriage Assistance:**		
	For men		Rs.3,000/-
	For women		Rs.5,000/-
6	**Maternity Assistance:**		
	i)	For childbirth (Rs.1,000/- per month)	Rs.6,000/-

- Under the **DNC** Welfare Board: **Rs.3,000** for men and **Rs.5,000** for women, with maternity assistance of **Rs.6,000** and an old-age pension of **Rs.1,200** a month.

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	ii)	For miscarriage/ abortion	Rs.3,000/-
7	Reimbursement of expenses for spectacles		Rs.750/-
8	Old-age pension (monthly)		Rs.1,200/-

12. Thanthai Periyar Award for Social Justice

The Government honours persons who work for social justice by presenting the Thanthai Periyar Award for Social Justice every year. The recipient is given a one-sovereign Gold medal and a cash award of Rs.5.00 lakh.

The Thanthai Periyar Award for Social Justice.

In 2026-2027, a sum of Rs.6.20 lakh has been allocated for this scheme.

13. Tamil Nadu Vanniyakula Kshatriya Public Charitable Trusts and Endowments Board

To protect the properties of Vanniyar trusts and endowments and to fulfil the wishes of donors who executed wills, the Government enacted the Tamil Nadu Vanniyakula Kshatriya Public

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Charitable Trusts and Endowments (Protection and Maintenance) Act, 2018, which came into force on 04.02.2019.

Upto 2025-2026, the Board identified 126 Trusts located in 27 districts. Of these identified trusts, a total of 95 have so far been registered with the Board. Action is being taken by the Board to register the remaining trusts.

Identified by the Tamil Nadu Vanniyakula Kshatriya Public Charitable Trusts and Endowments Board.

Out of the 95 registered trusts, the property lists of 66 Vanniyakula Kshatriya Public Charitable Trusts and Endowments have so far been published as notifications in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette. The Board is taking action to publish the property lists of the remaining registered trusts in the Gazette.

14. Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Commission

The Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Commission was constituted as a permanent body

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on 15 March 1993 under Article 16(4), read with Article 340 of the Constitution of India, in accordance with the guidelines of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, to advise the Government on the lists of Backward Classes and Most Backward Classes in the State. Since its inception, the Commission has functioned under the chairmanship of a retired Judge of the Hon'ble High Court. At present, the Commission has been reconstituted for a period of three years from 2nd December 2025 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble retired Madras High Court Judge Thiru. V. Bharathidasan.

The Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Commission, chaired by a retired Madras High Court judge.

The functions of the Commission includes receiving and examining the requests and complaints for inclusion, non-inclusion and over inclusion in the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes lists, and make recommendations thereon and periodically reviewing the Backward Classes,

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Most Backward Classes lists in accordance with decisions taken from time to time.

The terms of reference of the Commission also include submission of reports on classification and sub-classification of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities based on constitutional provisions and relevant judgements of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, and making recommendations regarding enhanced reservation for minority communities based on social and educational backwardness.

Further, for consideration of demands from various communities, the Commission's terms of reference include conducting independent studies, making assessments, collecting statistics on the current status of communities included in the notified and operative lists of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities, and submitting recommendations to the Government.

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The terms of reference also provide for examining other matters relating to Backward Classes on which the Government seeks recommendations from time to time. Under the additional terms of reference given to the Commission, it is required to consider requests for internal classification among Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities, taking into account the judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 31.03.2022, and submit a report.

An added term of reference for the Commission, taking account of the Supreme Court judgement dated **31.03.2022**.

15. Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Economic Development Corporation (TABCEDCO)

The Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Economic Development Corporation (TABCEDCO) was established on 16.11.1981 with the objective of improving the economic condition of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities and has been functioning from 22.05.1982. It is a Government undertaking entity registered under the Companies Act, 1956. It

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provides financial assistance at low rates of interest to individuals and groups belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities to undertake viable small industries, businesses and other economic activities. The authorised Share Capital of the Corporation is Rs.30 crore and its Paid-up Share Capital is Rs.12.27 crore. This Corporation functions as the State Channelising Agency of the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation.

The Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Economic Development Corporation, with paid-up capital of **Rs.12.27 crore**.

Funds for the various loan schemes implemented by the Corporation are borrowed from the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation against the guarantee of the Government of Tamil Nadu.

15.1 Loan Schemes

The Corporation provides loan assistance to individuals and self-help groups. Loans are extended to beneficiaries through District Central

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Cooperative Banks, Cooperative Urban Banks and Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit Societies. Beneficiaries for the loan schemes are selected by a committee consisting of the Joint Registrar of Cooperative Societies, the District Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Officer, the General Manager of the District Industries Centre and the Managing Director of the District Central Cooperative Bank concerned.

The following loan schemes are implemented by the Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Economic Development Corporation:

1. Individual Loan Scheme
2. Group Loan Scheme
3. Loan Scheme for Purchase of Milch Animals
4. Education Loan Scheme
5. Subsidy-linked Loan Scheme for Irrigation facilities for Small and Marginal Farmers.

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15.1.1 Individual Loan Scheme

Under this scheme, loan assistance is provided at low rates of interest for Small Trade/Business, Agriculture and Allied activities, Handicrafts and Traditional occupations as follows:

Sl. No.	Loan Amount	Interest Rate (per annum)	Repayment Period	Annual Income Ceiling
1.	Loans up to Rs.1.25 lakh	7%	3 to 6 years	Rs.5 lakh
2.	Loans above Rs.1.25 lakh and up to Rs.25 lakh	8%		

- Individual loans at 7%, rising to 8% above **Rs.1.25 lakh** up to **Rs.25 lakh**. Repayment runs at 94%.

The rate of loan repayment by the beneficiaries is 94% under this scheme.

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15.1.2 Group Loan Scheme

Under this scheme, loans at low rates of interest are provided to members of women's and men's self-help groups for small industries/business. A maximum of 20 members are permitted in a group.

Loan Amount	Interest Rate (per annum)	Repayment Period	Annual Income Ceiling
Up to Rs.1.25 lakh per person; up to Rs.25 lakh per group	7%	2.5 to 3 years	Rs.5 lakh

The rate of loan repayment by the beneficiaries is 98% under this scheme.

15.1.3 Loan Scheme for Purchase of Milch Animals

Subject to the conditions of the Individual Loan Scheme, members of milk producer's cooperative societies are provided a loan of Rs.60,000/- per milch animal, upto a maximum of Rs.1,20,000/-.

- Up to **Rs.1,20,000** for two cows, for members of milk producers' cooperative societies. Repayment on this scheme is 99%.

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Loan Amount	Interest Rate (per annum)	Repayment Period	Annual Income Ceiling
Rs.1,20,000 (for 2 milch cows)	7%	3 years	Rs.5 lakh

The rate of loan repayment by the beneficiaries is 99% under this scheme.

15.1.4 Education Loan Scheme

Under this scheme, loan assistance is provided to students belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities for Post-graduate Medical, Dental and Engineering courses, Ph.D. programmes and Post-graduate degree courses in Foreign Universities, as follows:

Loan Amount	Interest Rate (per annum)	Repayment Period	Annual Income Ceiling
Rs.25.00 lakh	8%	10 years (including a 5-year moratorium period)	Rs.5 lakh

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For 2026-2027, it is proposed to disburse Rs.165.00 crore under various loan schemes, comprising Rs.150.00 crore as the share of the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation and Rs.15.00 crore as the share of the Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Economic Development Corporation.

15.2 Subsidy-linked Loan Scheme for Irrigation Facilities for Small and Marginal Farmers

Under this scheme, selected beneficiaries are provided loans through Co-operative banks / Nationalised banks for creation of irrigation facilities, with a 50% subsidy, subject to a maximum loan amount of Rs.1.00 lakh. So far, Rs.41.09 crore has been released as subsidy to 8,543 small and marginal farmers since 2007.

- Since **2007** for irrigation facilities, at a 50% subsidy on loans up to **Rs.1.00** lakh.

A sum of Rs.2.50 crore has been allocated for 2026-2027 to provide subsidy for irrigation facilities to small and marginal farmers.

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Conclusion

The Government of Tamil Nadu has been implementing various welfare schemes with the objective of promoting the development of people from all sections of society, including Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, and Denotified Communities. Through Educational Scholarship Schemes, Kallar Reclamation Schools, Hostel facilities, Distribution of Bicycles and various Economic Development Schemes implemented by this Department, the socio-economic status of people belonging to the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, and Denotified Communities has been improving.

Continuing to uphold the principles of Social Justice, the Government will continue to take various measures to further improve the

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ALLOTMENT FOR THE YEAR 2026 – 2027

(Rs. in lakh)

Department	Revenue	Capital	Loan	Total
Secretariat	881.10	0.06	94.00	975.16
Waqf and Haj Committee	3477.84	3120.00	-	6597.84
Backward Classes Welfare	69282.03	2987.00	-	72269.03
Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities	61013.58	6177.86	-	67191.44
Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Commission	186.30	-	-	186.30
State Minorities Commission	88.32	-	-	88.32
Minorities Welfare	6383.35	15794.02	-	22177.37
Tamil Nadu Waqf Tribunal	191.48	-	-	191.48
Total	**141504.00**	**28078.94**	**94.00**	**169676.94**

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. C. Joseph Vijay, chaired a review meeting on the activities and schemes of the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department at the Secretariat on 08.07.2026.

1



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. C. Joseph Vijay, along with Thiru. V. Sampath Kumar, Hon'ble Minister for Backward Classes Welfare, conducted a surprise inspection of the Social Justice College Boy's Hostel, Saidapet, on 17.07.2026 and reviewed the facilities, food and welfare measures provided to the students

2



Hon'ble Minister for Backward Classes Welfare, Thiru. V. Sampath Kumar, along with Thiru. DurgaMoorthy, District Collector, Dindigul, conducted inspection of the ongoing construction work of a Social Justice College Girls' Hostel for Backward Class students at E. Sithur Village, on 24.06.2026 at an estimated cost of Rs.3.40 crore

3



Hon'ble Minister for Backward Classes Welfare, Thiru. V. Sampath Kumar, inspected the Social Justice College Boy's Hostel at Erode and reviewed the food, accommodation and basic amenities provided to the students

4



Hon'ble Minister for Backward Classes Welfare, Thiru. V. Sampath Kumar, along with Thiru. Arul Prakasam, MLA, Saidapet Assembly Constituency, inspected the SaidapetSocial Justice College Boy's Hostel and reviewed the food, accommodation and basic amenities provided to the students

5



Hon'ble Minister for Backward Classes Welfare, Thiru. V. Sampath Kumar, along with Thiru. V. Mohanachandran, I.A.S., District Collector, Thiruvarur, inspected the Social Justice College Girl's Hostel at Kidarankondan and reviewed the accommodation, food and basic amenities provided to the students

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