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Introduction

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An ideal Government is defined by its ability to generate new revenue streams, accumulate wealth, safeguard public assets without loss and distribute resources equitably for the welfare of its citizens. Governed by the principles of this sacred Kural, the Government of Tamil Nadu stands as a pioneer in efficiently formulating and executing various welfare schemes for the holistic development of Minority communities.

By providing equal opportunities, ensuring their legal rights, and fostering inclusive growth, the Government of Tamil Nadu implements various welfare schemes for the socio-economic development of Minorities.

In the year 1999, the name of this department was changed from the "Backward Classes and Most Backward Classes Welfare Department" to "Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department."

The State Minorities Commission has been established to protect the rights and welfare of minorities living in Tamil Nadu.

To safeguard the constitutional and legal rights granted to minorities, to give shape to the recommendations of Justice Rajindar Sachar Committee and to implement various welfare schemes for the advancement of minorities, the

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Directorate of Minorities Welfare was established on 01.08.2007 headed by an IAS Officer.

Further, Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation has been established to provide loans to minorities at low interest rates to elevate the economic status of Minorities.

Considering the social, educational, and economic development of minority communities, the Government of Tamil Nadu is efficiently implementing the following welfare schemes.

- Muslim and Christian Women Aid Societies have been formed in all districts to assist destitute and poor Muslim and Christian women, by providing financial assistance to them.
- The Ulema and Employees Welfare Board has been established and various welfare assistance are being provided to its members.

The Directorate of Minorities Welfare, **01.08.2007**, was created to give shape to the recommendations of the Justice Rajindar Sachar Committee - the single most important origin fact here.

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- A separate board has been created for Priests and employees working in Christian churches and various welfare schemes have been extended to them.
- Hostels are functioning to ensure the welfare of minority students.
- An incentive scheme is being implemented for rural minority girls students studying from Classes 3 to 6 in Government and Government aided schools.
- A grant-in-aid scheme is being implemented to renovate ancient Churches without altering their heritage and original architecture.
- This department has been co-ordinating the process of granting Minority status to Educational Institutions at State Level.
- Sewing machines equipped with electric motors are being distributed to poor minority women for their economic advancement.

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- Burial grounds for Christians and Kabarsthans for Muslims are being established in district headquarters and Municipal Corporations.

- A scheme is being implemented for the construction of compound walls, creation of pathways, and renovation works for Burial Grounds and Kabarsthans.

- Educational scholarships are being provided to Muslim Girl students studying from Classes 1 to 8 in Government and Government-aided schools, funded by the Government of Tamil Nadu through the Waqf Board.

- Financial subsidy is being extended by the Government to Muslim pilgrims undertaking the holy Hajj pilgrimage to the holy city of Makkah in Saudi Arabia through the Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee.

- Financial assistance is being provided to Christians for their holy pilgrimage to Jerusalem.

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- A financial assistance scheme is being implemented for Buddhist minorities to attend the Dhamma Chakra Pravartan festival held on Vijayadashami at Deekshabhoomi in Nagpur.

- Financial assistance to Buddhists, Jains, and Sikhs to visit their respective holy places.

- Overseas scholarship scheme is being implemented to enable Minority Muslim students to pursue higher education in top foreign universities, providing Rs.36.00 lakh per student for 10 students.

- Overseas scholarship of **Rs.36 lakh** per student for 10 minority Muslim students at top foreign universities - allocation **Rs.3.60 crore**.

With the aim of creating an inclusive and sustainable future, 17 'Sustainable Development Goals' (SDGs) were launched by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015. Among these, Goal 1 (No Poverty), Goal 4 (Quality Education), and Goal 10 (Reduced Inequalities) are directly linked to this department. The department is

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actively working with the core objective of fully achieving these goals.

2. Separate Reservation for Backward Class Muslims

With a view to ensure adequate representation for Backward Class Muslims in education and employment, Tamil Nadu Act 33 of 2007 was enacted for providing a 3.5 percent separate reservation for Backward Class Muslims out of the 30 percent reservation earmarked for Backward Classes and it is being implemented from 15.09.2007.

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3. Muslim Women Aid Society

With a view to provide a monthly stipend to destitute and poor Muslim widows, a society named "Mohammadan Gosha Widow Charity" was started by the Nawab of Arcot (Nawab of Karnataka) in 1892. Later, its name was changed to "Muslim Women's Aid Society." This society was registered under the Societies Registration

- The Muslim Women's Aid Society began as the Mohammadan Gosha Widow Charity, founded by the Nawab of Arcot in 1892 - one of the oldest welfare institutions still funded by the State.
- Registered under the Societies Registration Act in **1976**, chaired by the District Collector of Chennai; the model was extended to every district in **2007**.

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Act in 1976 and functions under the chairmanship of the District Collector of Chennai.

Based on this model, Muslim Women Aid Societies were established in all districts of the state in the year 2007.

Based on needs and demands, additional Muslim Women Aid Societies have been started in 17 districts. At present, 55 Muslim Women Aid Societies are functioning in the State.

Financial assistance is being provided through the funds of these societies to support destitute, elderly Muslim widows, and Muslim women living in extreme poverty. Additionally, free training is provided in crafts, tailoring, embroidery, shoe making, and other need-based skills.

A seed money of Rs.1.00 lakh each is provided to these societies.

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In accordance with the funds raised by these societies through donations, the Government provides a matching grant that is twice the collected amount, at a ratio of 1:2, up to a maximum of Rs.20.00 lakh per society per year.

- The State matches donations 1:2 up to **Rs.20 lakh** a society a year - **Rs.4.88** crore for Muslim Women Aid Societies in **2026-27** and **Rs.3.39 crore** for the Christian ones.

For the financial year 2026–2027, a budgetary allocation of Rs.4.88 Crore has been made for this scheme.

4. Christian Women Aid Society

Similar to the Muslim Women Aid Societies, Christian Women Aid Societies have been established in all the 38 districts to assist underprivileged Christian women. Further, based on needs and demands, additional Christian Women Aid Societies have been started in 8 districts. At present, 46 Christian Women Aid Societies are functioning in the State.

- Christian Women Aid Societies now run in all 38 districts on the same seed money of **Rs.1 lakh** and the same 1:2 matching formula.

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In accordance with the financial resources of these societies, schemes such as providing monthly pension to destitute Christian widows, assisting them to start small business, and imparting training in making handicrafts are being implemented.

A seed money of Rs. 1.00 lakh each is provided to these Societies.

In accordance with the funds raised by these societies through donations, the Government provides a matching grant that is twice the collected amount, at a matching ratio of 1:2, up to a maximum of Rs.20.00 lakh per society per year.

For the financial year 2026–2027, a budgetary allocation of Rs.3.39 Crore has been made for this scheme.

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5. Incentive Scheme for Rural Minority Girl Students

The scheme was launched with an objective of promoting the education of rural minority Girl children and reducing their dropout rates at the primary education level.

Under this scheme, an incentive of Rs.500 is provided to girl students studying in Classes 3 to 5, and Rs.1,000 is provided to girl students studying in Class 6 in Government, Government aided and partially Government aided schools located in rural areas. To benefit under this scheme, the annual income limit of the parent/guardian should be less than Rs.1.00 lakh.

A budgetary allocation of Rs.2.75 Crore has been made for this scheme for the financial year 2026–2027.

- Rural minority girls get **Rs.500** in classes 3 to 5 and **Rs.1,000** in class 6, subject to a parental income limit of **Rs.1 lakh**. Allocation **Rs.2.75 crore**.

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6. Educational Scholarship

Under the Right to Education Act, 2009 (Free and Compulsory Education for all children at the elementary education level), the educational scholarship provided by the Central Government to minority students studying in classes 1 to 8 was discontinued from the academic year 2022-2023. Consequently, poor minority students were unable to obtain the educational scholarship. Therefore, the Government of Tamil Nadu had issued orders to provide an educational scholarship at the rate of Rs.1000/- each to Muslim girl students studying in classes 1 to 8 in Government and Government-aided schools through the Tamil Nadu Waqf Board.

A budgetary allocation of Rs.12.17 crore has been made for this scheme for the financial year 2026–2027.

- The Centre stopped the classes 1-8 minority scholarship from **2022-23**; Tamil Nadu stepped in with **Rs.1,000** for Muslim girl students through the Waqf Board - **Rs.12.17 crore** in **2026-27**.

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7. Educational Scholarship for Minority Students to pursue Post-Graduate Studies in Abroad

A scheme to provide educational scholarships for minority Muslim students belonging to Tamil Nadu to pursue post graduate studies in Top Foreign Universities is being implemented.

Under this scheme, a scholarship amount of Rs.36.00 Lakh per student is provided.

A budgetary allocation of Rs.3.60 crore has been made for this scheme for the financial year 2026–2027.

8. Granting Minority Status to Educational Institutions

Orders were issued for granting minority status to educational institutions through this department from the year 2022. A separate portal, https://minoritystatus.tn.gov.in, has been developed to implement this scheme online.

The Directorate of Minorities Welfare acts as the Nodal Department for receiving applications from educational institutions seeking minority status.

Religious Minority Status is being granted permanently to the Educational institutions. Minority status certificates have been granted to 593 educational institutions so far by this department.

593 institutions have received minority status certificates from this department since **2022** - the administrative expression of Article 30 rights.

Applications received from eligible educational institutions seeking minority status are scrutinized and approvals are granted by an Empowered Committee headed by the Chief Secretary.

9. Social Justice Hostels

To enable minority students in Tamil Nadu to pursue their education without any hindrance, 20 hostels are functioning in 17 districts. Out of these 20 hostels, 4 are boys hostels and 16 are

girls hostels. The annual income limit of parents for admission into these hostels is Rs.2.00 lakh.

The number of hostels, and the details of sanctioned students are as follows:

Hostels	No. of Hostels	Sanctioned Strength
College	16	1,350
Schools	4	350
Total	**20**	**1,700**

(Admission for the year 2026-2027 is going on and at present 960 students are admitted in these Hostels)

- 20 minority hostels with a sanctioned strength of 1,700 - 16 college and 4 school hostels. Parental income limit **Rs.2 lakh**; 960 admitted so far in **2026-27**.

- District Collectors are empowered to admit students up to an additional 10 percent over and above the sanctioned strength in these hostels.

- An additional 5 seats are allocated in each hostel exclusively for the children of SriLankan Tamils residing in camps.

- Five seats in every minority hostel are reserved for children of Sri Lankan Tamils living in camps, and Collectors may admit 10% above the sanctioned strength.

- Four percent of seats in every hostel are reserved for students with disabilities.

- Rescued child labourers are permitted to be admitted to the hostels unconditionally, even in the middle of the academic year and

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are allowed to stay and study until they complete their education.

- To facilitate the admission of children of plantation labourers native to Tamil Nadu who work in the hills along the Kerala border into hostels in the Theni district, they are exempted from producing community and income certificates and will be admitted based on a self-declaration provided by their parents.

9.1 Food Charges

- The monthly food charges for School hostel students is Rs.1,400 and for college hostel students is Rs.1,500. These food charges are provided for 10 months in a year.

- Mutton is served on the first and third Wednesdays of every month, chicken is served on the second and fourth Wednesdays.

- Twenty eggs per month are provided to each student. Bananas are given to those who do not eat eggs.

- Hostel food charges: **Rs.1,400** a month for school and **Rs.1,500** for college students, plus a festival allowance of **Rs.40** and **Rs.80** for Christmas, Ramzan, Bakrid, Mahavir Jayanti and Buddha Purnima.

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- Sundal (boiled legumes) along with dry ginger-coriander coffee or tea is provided daily as an evening snack.

- On festival days (Christmas, Ramzan, Bakrid, Mahavir Jayanti, and Buddha Purnima), a special food allowance of Rs.40 per festival for school students and Rs.80 per festival for college students is permitted.

Other Benefits Received by Hostel Students

- Monthly miscellaneous charges for purchasing items such as soap, toothpaste, and oil are sanctioned to hostel boarders at the rate of Rs.100 per month for school hostel students and Rs.150 per month for college hostel students.

- Four sets of stitched uniforms are supplied annually to students staying in school hostels and studying from Classes 4 to 10.

- Mats are provided to school hostel students, jamakkalams (thick cotton carpets) are provided to first-year college hostel students and blankets are supplied once in

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every two years to all school and college hostel students.

Schemes Implemented for the Welfare of Hostel Students

- Sports equipment has been provided to school and college hostels and fitness gear has been supplied to college hostels, keeping the good physical health of the students.
- Colour television sets (LED TVs) with DTH connections have been provided to all hostels.
- Surveillance cameras (CCTV) are being installed in all hostels to ensure the safety and security of the students.
- To provide safe drinking water to hostel students, water purifiers are being supplied alongside fire extinguishers, inverters, wet grinders and two-tier bunk cots provided to the college hostels.
- A napkin incinerator has been provided to the girls hostel to ensure a safe and hygienic environment.

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- Medical check-ups are conducted three times a year for all hostel students.
- Special guides and question bank books are distributed annually to students appearing for Class 10 and Class 12 public examinations to help them score high marks.
- One English and two Tamil daily newspapers are supplied to each hostel.
- Question and answer bank books are provided to students studying in Classes 11 and 12 to enable them to appear for and clear medical and professional course entrance examinations (NEET, JEE).
- Classical Language library facilities and electronic libraries (e-Libraries) have been set up in hostels to help students develop their general knowledge.
- Career guidance programs are conducted annually by experts for students studying in Classes 10, 12, and the final year of college to help them secure higher education and employment opportunities.

- Three medical check-ups a year for all hostel students, with **Rs.6.06 crore** allocated in **2026-27** for food, maintenance and other hostel works.

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- A cultural festival "Kalai Thiruvizha", comprising elocution, essay writing, and sports competitions are conducted annually to bring out the talents of the students. Winners are honoured with prizes and certificates are distributed by the District Collector.

A budgetary allocation of Rs.6.06 Crore has been made for the financial year 2026–2027 towards hostel food charges, administrative maintenance, and other works.

10. Ulemas and Employees Welfare Board

Ulemas and Employees Welfare Board established with an objective of achieving economic and educational advancement for employees working in Islamic mosques, dargahs, burial grounds, thaikas, asharkhanas, Muslim orphanages, and madrasas in Tamil Nadu including Alims, Pesh Imams, Arabic teachers (male/female), Muadhins, and Bilals.

To register as a member of this board, individuals must be at least 18 years of age and not exceeding 60 years.

The details of financial assistance provided to the members enrolled in the Board:

Sl. No.	Details of Welfare Assistance	Financial Assistance (Rs.)
1	**Accidental Relief**	
	i) Assistance for accidental death	1,25,000/-
	ii) Assistance for disability due to accidents (depending upon disability)	10,000/- to 1,00,000/-
2	**Natural Death Assistance**	30,000/-
3	**Assistance for Funeral Expenses**	5,000/-
4	**Scholarship**	
	i) Student studying in VI to IX Std	1,000/-
	ii) Girl student studying in X Std.	1,000/-
	iii) Student who passed X Std.	1,000/-
	iv) Girl student studying in XI Std.	1,000/-

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	v) Girl student studying in XII Std.	1,500/-
	vi) Student who passed XII std.	1,500/-
	vii) Student studying Degree Courses (Day Scholar)	1,500/-
	viii) Student studying Degree Courses(Hosteller)	1,750/-
	ix) Student studying Post Graduate Courses (Day Scholar)	4,000/-
	x) Student studying Post Graduate Courses (Hosteller)	5,000/-
	xi) Student studying Under Graduate Professional Courses (Day Scholar)	4,000/-
	xii) Student studying Under Graduate Professional Courses (Hosteller)	6,000/-
	xiii) Student studying Postgraduate Professional Courses (Day Scholar)	6,000/-
	xiv) Student studying in Postgraduate Professional Courses (Hosteller)	8,000/-
	xv) Student studying in ITI/Polytechnic	1,000/-

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	xvi) Student studying in ITI/Polytechnic (Hosteller)	1,200/-
5	**Marriage assistance** i) Male ii) Female	 3,000/- 5,000/-
6	**Maternity Assistance**	
	i) Rs.1000/- per month for six months	6,000/-
	ii) Abortion	3,000/-
7	**Reimbursement of Spectacle Expenses**	750/- (Maximum)
8	**Old Age Pension (per month)**	1,200/-

A total of 15,297 individuals are enrolled as members in this Board.

For the financial year 2026–2027, a budgetary allocation of Rs.78.76 lakh has been made for this scheme.

10.1 Subsidy for Ulema to Purchase Two-Wheelers

A financial subsidy of Rs.50,000/- is provided to registered members of the Ulemas and Employees Welfare Board for purchasing two-

- The minority welfare assistance table: old age pension **Rs.1,200** a month and spectacle reimbursement up to **Rs.750,** among other heads.

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wheelers. For the implementation of this scheme during the financial year 2026–2027, an amount of Rs.4.75 Crore has been allocated.

11. Welfare Board for Priests and Employees Working in Christian Churches

A Welfare Board for Priests and Employees Working in Christian Churches was established to uplift the economic and educational status of employees in Christian churches, including Priests, vethiyars (gospel workers), assistants, choir singers, cemetery workers, Christian orphanages, and leprosy rehabilitation homes. To register as a member of this board, individuals must be at least 18 years of age and not exceeding 60 years.

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	i) Student studying in VI to IX Std	1,000/-
	ii) Girl student studying in X Std.	1,000/-
	iii) Student who passed X Std.	1,000/-
	iv) Girl student studying in XI Std.	1,000/-
	v) Girl student studying in XII Std.	1,500/-
	vi) Student who passed XII std.	1,500/-
	vii) Student studying Degree Courses (Day Scholar)	1,500/-
	viii) Student studying Degree Courses (Hosteller)	1,750/-

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	ix) Student studying Post Graduate Courses (Day Scholar)	4,000/-
	x) Student studying Post Graduate Courses (Hosteller)	5,000/-
	xi) Student studying under Graduate Professional Courses (Day Scholar)	4,000/-
	xii) Student studying Under Graduate Professional Courses (Hosteller)	6,000/-
	xiii) Student studying Postgraduate Professional Courses (Day Scholar)	6,000/-
	xiv) Student studying in Postgraduate Professional Courses (Hosteller)	8,000/-
	xv) Student studying in ITI / Polytechnic	1,000/-
	xvi) Student studying in ITI / Polytechnic (Hosteller)	1,200/-
5	**Marriage assistance** i) Male ii) Female	 3,000/- 5,000/-
6	**Maternity Assistance**	
	i) Rs.1000/- per month for six months	6,000/-
	ii) Abortion	3,000/-

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7	**Reimbursement of Spectacle Expenses**	750/- (Maximum)
8	**Old Age Pension (per month**)	1,200/-

A total of 6,483 individuals are enrolled as members in this Board.

A budgetary allocation of Rs.75.00 lakh has been made for this scheme for the financial year 2026–2027.

11.1 Separate Portals for the Ulema and Employees Welfare Board and Christian priests and Employees Welfare Board

Two separate portals (uwb.tn.gov.in and cwb.tn.gov.in) have been developed to facilitate all processes through online starting from member enrolment to the disbursement of financial assistance to beneficiaries under both Ulemas and Employees Welfare Board and Christian Priests and Employees Welfare Board. These portals have been brought into public use.

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12. Financial Assistance for Holy Pilgrimage to Jerusalem

The Government provides financial assistance to Christians in Tamil Nadu who undertake holy pilgrimage to Jerusalem in Israel. The number of beneficiaries under this scheme is 600 per year. Out of these, 50 seats are reserved exclusively for nuns and sisters. A financial assistance of Rs.60,000/- is provided to nuns and sisters, while Rs.37,000/- is given to other individuals.

- Financial assistance of **Rs.60,000** to nuns and sisters and **Rs.37,000** to other**s,** for 600 beneficiaries a year at **Rs.2.33 crore**.

Under this scheme, the subsidy is directly disbursed to the beneficiaries through the Electronic Clearing Service (ECS) mode. A budgetary allocation of Rs.2.33 Crore has been made for this scheme for the financial year 2026–2027.

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13. Financial assistance for Buddhists to undertake holy Pilgrimage to Nagpur Deeksha

Financial assistance is provided to Buddhists to participate in the Dhamma Chakra Pravartan festival held on Vijayadasami at Deeksha Bhoomi in Nagpur. Under this scheme, an amount of Rs.5,000/- each, or the actual travel and accommodation expenses whichever is less is sanctioned to 150 individuals annually.

A budgetary allocation of Rs.7.50 lakh has been made for this scheme for the financial year 2026–2027.

14. Financial Assistance for Buddhist, Jain, and Sikh religious Communities to Undertake Holy Pilgrimages to their Religious Sites

Financial assistance of Rs.10,000/- per person is provided annually to 50 Buddhist, 50 Jain, and 20 Sikh pilgrims who undertake holy

pilgrimages to their respective religious sacred places within India.

A budgetary allocation of Rs.12.00 lakh has been made for this scheme for the financial year 2026–2027.

15. Renovation Scheme for Heritage Churches

Under the scheme for renovation of Heritage churches that are over 100 years old, a maximum financial assistance of Rs.2.00 Crore per church is provided.

- Heritage churches over 100 years old get up to **Rs.2 crore** each; **Rs.27.78** crore has been sanctioned for 17 churches so far, with **Rs.10 crore** allocated for **2026-27**.

So far, financial sanction of Rs.27.78 Crore has been accorded for the repair and renovation of 17 churches.

A budgetary allocation of Rs.10.00 Crore has been made for this scheme for the financial year 2026–2027.

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16. Scheme for providing subsidy assistance for renovation and repair of Christian churches.

A scheme for providing subsidy assistance for renovation and repair works in churches in Tamil Nadu is being implemented to help in the maintenance of Christian churches. An allocation of Rs.7.00 crore has been made under this scheme. This scheme provides a maximum financial assistance of Rs.20.00 lakh per church.

- An ordinary church renovation grant of up to **Rs.20 lakh** has sanctioned **Rs.5.34 crore** for 58 churches, under a **Rs.7 crore** allocation.

So far, Rs. 5.34 crore have been sanctioned for the renovation of 58 Christian churches and works are underway.

17. Provision of sewing machines with electric motors to Minority women

To ensure the economic empowerment of minority women, sewing machines equipped with electric motors are distributed by providing training through the Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation.

So far, 6,000 women have received electric motorized sewing machines at a total cost of Rs.3.42 crore. During the current financial year, steps are being taken to distribute electric motorized sewing machines for the benefit of minority women.

- 6,000 minority women have received electric sewing machines at a cost of **Rs.3.42 crore** - the livelihood arm of the department.

18. Establishment of Burial Grounds and Kabarsthans

Based on the requests and needs of Christians and Muslims residing in various parts of Tamil Nadu, administrative sanction has been accorded to establish Burial Grounds and Kabarsthans on Government lands. In areas where no surplus Government land is available, private lands are acquired through direct negotiation by a committee headed by the respective District Collector.

Following Government orders to establish Kabarsthans and Burial Grounds on Government lands in every district headquarters, these

- Kabarsthans and Christian burial grounds have now been established on Government land in every district headquarters - a long-standing minority demand recorded as complete.

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facilities have now been successfully established across all district headquarters.

Similarly, to ensure the availability of burial grounds and Kabarsthans in all municipal corporation areas, the Government has issued orders to establish Burial Grounds and Kabarsthans in Sivakasi Corporation (Virudhunagar district) and a Kabarsthan in Kumbakonam Corporation (Thanjavur district), where these facilities were previously not available and the works are underway.

A budgetary allocation of Rs.28.04 lakh has been made for this scheme for the financial year 2026–2027.

19. Construction of Compound wall, laying pathways and renovation of Burial Ground and Kabarsthan

The Government provides funds for repairing the damaged Compound walls, construction of new Compound walls and laying

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pathways to Burial Ground and Kabarsthan of the Christian and Islamic communities.

A budgetary allocation of Rs.33.77 crore has been made for this scheme for the financial year 2026–2027.

20. Prime Minister's Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK)

The Prime Minister's Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) aims to improve the socio-economic status of minorities in minority-dominated areas, provide them with basic amenities to improve their standard of living and reduce inequality. Under this scheme, projects are being implemented to create infrastructure facilities in the education, health and skill development sectors. The scheme is being implemented by the Union Ministry of Minority Affairs in areas identified as minority-concentrated areas as per the 2011 Census.

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The scheme is being implemented with a financial contribution of 60:40 from the Union and State Governments. Of the total funds allocated under this scheme, 80 percent is spent on education, health and skill development projects, and 33-40 percent of them are spent on creating infrastructure/facilities for women/girl children.

Totally 119 projects has been sanctioned with an estimate of Rs.658.16 crore, out of which 110 projects have been completed, and the remaining construction works are underway at various stages.

During the year 2023–2024 and 2024–2025, 374 projects has been approved by the State Level Committee (SLC) with an estimate of Rs.909.19 Crore and forwarded to the Central Government for approval.

- Under the Union scheme for minority-concentrated areas (identified from the **2011** Census), 119 projects worth **Rs.658.16 crore** were sanctioned and 110 completed; 374 more worth **Rs.909.19 crore** await Central approval.

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A budgetary allocation of Rs.123.21 Crore has been made for this scheme during the year 2026-2027.

- **Rs.123.21 crore** is allocated in **2026-27** for the minority-concentrated area development programme - the largest single scheme line in this note.

21. PRIME MINISTER'S NEW 15 POINT PROGRAMME

Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme is being implemented to ensure that the due share reaches the Minority people in proportion to the population of Minorities in the targets set under various schemes implemented in Tamil Nadu.

A high level committee headed by the Chief Secretary at state level and a District level committee headed by the District Collector have been constituted to monitor and review the schemes of new 15 point programme implemented by various departments.

21.1 Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme

1. Equitable availability of ICDS Services;

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2. Improving access to School Education;
3. Greater resources for teaching Urdu;
4. Modernizing Madarsa Education;
5. Scholarship for meritorious students from minority communities;
6. Improving educational infrastructure through Maulana Azad Education Foundation;
7. Self-employment and wage employment for the poor;
8. Upgradation of skills through technical training;
9. Enhanced credit support for Economic Activities;
10. Recruitment to State and Central services;
11. Equitable share in rural housing scheme;
12. Improvement in condition of slums inhabited by minority communities;
13. Prevention of communal incidents;

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14. Prosecution for communal offences; and,

15. Rehabilitation of victims of communal riots.

22. Tamil Nadu State Minorities Commission

The State Minorities Commission, Tamil Nadu was constituted by the State Government in the year 1989 for safeguarding the rights and interests of both Religious and Linguistic Minorities. The State Minorities Commission has been conferred with Statutory Powers as per Tamil Nadu State Minorities Commission Act 2010 (Act 21/2010) with effect from 1.8.2010.

- The Tamil Nadu State Minorities Commission, **1989**, covers both religious and linguistic minorities.
- The Commission gained statutory powers under Act 21 of **2010** with effect from **01.08.2010** - a body first created by executive order and later given statutory backing.

The Commission is reconstituted every three years. The Commission will function with a Chairman, Vice Chairman, and 8 members. After formation of this Government in Tamil Nadu, Thiru. Felix Gerald has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the Commission, in accordance with G.O (Ms) No.39, Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare

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Department, dated 05.08.2026. He will hold this post for a term of three years.

This Commission is responsible for examining, monitoring and evaluating the functioning of the protections provided for the protection of minorities under the Constitution of India and the laws enacted by the State Government. It carries out functions such as expressing appropriate opinions on the laws and welfare schemes proposed by the government regarding minorities and recommending ways to the Government to ensure, maintain and improve religious harmony in the state.

23. Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation (TAMCO)

The Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation was established in 1999 with the objective of providing low-interest loans to the economic development of minorities residing in Tamil Nadu, specifically of Muslims,

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Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, and Parsis. It is a Public Sector Undertaking registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956.

The Corporation is functioning as the State Agency for the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC), New Delhi. District Central Cooperative Banks, Urban Cooperative Banks, and Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit Societies serve as its district level agencies, facilitating the disbursement of loans to beneficiaries.

The Corporation obtains loan from NMDFC upon guarantee given by State Government for funding various loan schemes of National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation.

The authorized share capital of this company is Rs.5.00 crore and a paid-up share capital is Rs.2.05 crore.

- **TAMCO**, the minorities economic development corporation, is a public sector undertaking under the Companies **Act, 1956** with **Rs.5 crore** authorised and **Rs.2.05 crore** paid-up capital.

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23.1 Loan schemes

- General Term Loan
- Virasat Scheme (A credit scheme for craft person)
- Micro Credit Loan for self help groups
- Educational Loan

The details of the share capital for the aforementioned loan schemes are as follows:

NMDFC’s share	90%
TAMCO's share	5%
Beneficiary's share	5%

Details of Schemes where financial assistance is given:

Financing schemes of TAMCO have been segregated into following two categories with differential quantum of loan & interest rates for beneficiaries from different income groups:

Scheme–I	The annual income should not exceed Rs.3.00 lakh.
Scheme–II	The annual income should not exceed Rs.8.00 lakh.

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23.1.1 General Term Loan Scheme

Individual loans are provided to enable people belonging to minority communities to engage in self-employment or business activities and improve their economic status.

Measurements	Details of the scheme	
	Scheme-I	Scheme-II
Annual income	Rs. 3.00 lakh per annum	Rs. 8.00 lakh per annum
Maximum loan amount	Rs. 20.00 lakh	Rs. 30.00 lakh
Interest rate (Men)	6% per annum	8% per annum
Interest Rate (Women)	6% per annum	6% per annum
Repayment period	Maximum 5 years	

For the financial year 2026-2027, Rs.33.90 Crore has been fixed under the General Term Loan.

- **TAMCO** lending: Scheme-I for incomes up to **Rs.3 lakh** and Scheme-II up to **Rs.8 lakh**; women pay 6% in both, men 6% and 8%; repayment up to 5 years. Target for **2026-27** is **Rs.100 crore**.

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23.1.2 Virasat Scheme (A credit scheme for craft person)

To improve the economic status of minority artisans, loans at low interest rates are provided for the purchase of capital goods—such as equipment, tools and machinery required for their craft.

The details regarding this scheme are as follows:

Measurements	Details of the scheme	
	Scheme-I	Scheme-II
Annual income	Rs.3.00 lakh per annum	Rs.8.00 lakh per annum
Maximum loan amount	Rs.10.00 lakh	Rs.10.00 lakh
Interest rate (Men)	5% per annum	6% per annum
Interest Rate (Women)	4% per annum	5% per annum
Repayment period	Maximum 5 years	

For the financial year 2026-2027, Rs.5.95 Crore has been fixed under the Virasat Scheme (A credit scheme for craft person)

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23.1.3 Micro-credit scheme for Self-Help Groups

This loan is provided to minority men and women who are members of self-help groups to undertake small-scale business activities.

Micro-loans will be extended to minority self-help groups (comprising men or women), with priority given to women.

At least 60 percent of the group members must belong to minority communities. The remaining 40 percent may consist of individuals from Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, Denotified Communities, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, or other categories.

The details of this scheme are as follows:

Measurements	Details of the scheme	
	Scheme-I	Scheme-II
Annual income	Rs.3.00 lakh per annum	Rs.8.00 lakh per annum

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Maximum loan amount	Rs.1,00,000/- (per member)	Rs.1,50,000/- (per member)
Interest rate (Men)	7% per annum	10% per annum
Interest Rate (Women)	7% per annum	8% per annum
Repayment period	Maximum 3 years	

For the financial year 2026-2027, Rs.54.20 Crore, has been fixed under the Micro-credit scheme for Self-Help Groups.

23.1.4. Education loan

To promote the educational improvement of minority students, educational loans are provided to those pursuing professional courses and employment-oriented degree programs in Government or Government-recognized private educational institutions. The details of this scheme are as follows:

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Category	Details of the scheme	
	Scheme-I	Scheme-II
Annual income	Rs.3.00 lakh per year	Rs.8.00 lakh per year
Maximum loan amount (per beneficiary)		
Professional courses / Job-oriented courses (Maximum 5 years)	Up to a maximum of Rs.20.00 lakh, at the rate of Rs.4.00 lakh per year	Up to a maximum of Rs.20.00 lakh, at the rate of Rs.4.00 lakh per year
Vocational / Job-oriented courses abroad (Maximum 5 years)	Up to a maximum of Rs.30.00 lakh, at the rate of Rs.6.00 lakh per year	Up to a maximum of Rs.30.00 lakh, at the rate of Rs.6.00 lakh per year
Interest rate (Men)	3% per annum	8% per annum
Interest rate (Women)	3% per annum	5% per annum
Repayment period	The repayment of the Education loan commence from 6th month after completion of course duration (or) getting employment / appointment whichever is earlier	

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For the financial year 2026-2027, Rs.5.95 Crore, has been fixed under the Education Loan Scheme.

For the financial year 2026-2027, Rs.100.00 Crore, has been fixed as target under TAMCO Loan Schemes.

24. Tamil Nadu Waqf Board

The Tamil Nadu Waqf Board has been constituted under Section 14 of the Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development Act 1995 with Chairman and nine members.

The Tamil Nadu Waqf Board is constituted under Section 14 of the **UMEED Act, 1995**, with a Chairman and nine members; 38 districts are grouped into 11 zones.

The Tamil Nadu Waqf Board, with its head office at Chennai is functioning with 38 districts organized under 11 zones.

24.1 Objective

To implement and monitor the administrative system of Waqf institutions in

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Tamil Nadu and for framing schemes of administration in accordance with the objectives and intentions of the Waqif.

24.2 Functions

The Tamil Nadu Waqf Board is carrying out the following works as per the Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development Act 1995:

- To inspect and maintain the records of Waqf properties, accounts, Waqf deeds and documents.
- To take measures for the recovery of the lost properties of Auqaf.
- To institute and defend suits and proceedings relating to Auqaf and their properties.
- The Board scrutinises the income and expenditure accounts submitted by the Muthawallis of Waqf institutions and arrange for the audit of such accounts.

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- To investigate and determine the nature and extent of Waqf properties and survey of Waqf properties;
- To do generally all such acts as may be necessary for the due control, maintenance and administration of Auqaf.
- To settle scheme of management for Auqaf.
- To appoint and remove Muthawallis in accordance with the provisions of the UMEED Act.
- Managing of Waqf funds.
- Obtain and providing grant from the Government to carryout major repair and renovation works in Mosques and Dargahs.
- To sanction Ulema pension and family pension to the eligible Ulemas.
- Providing monthly honorarium to District Kazis.
- The M.S.S. Waqf Board College at Madurai is functioning under the supervision of the Board.

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24.3 Registration of Waqf Institutions

Under the Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development Act, 1995 (UMEED Act, 1995), the UMEED Portal has been established for the registration and management of Waqf properties. Out of the total 6,886 Waqf institutions in Tamil Nadu, details of 6,108 Waqf institutions have been uploaded in the UMEED Portal as on 06.06.2026. A case was filed before the Tamil Nadu Waqf Tribunal, seeking extension of time for approval of 1428 Waqf institutions pending in the portal and for uploading the details of the remaining 778 Waqf institutions. The said case was dismissed on 23.06.2026. Aggrieved by the order of the Tamil Nadu Waqf Tribunal, an appeal in C.M.A. No.2655 of 2026 has been filed before the Hon'ble High Court of Madras, and the enquiry is going on.

- 6,886 Waqf institutions exist in Tamil Nadu; 6,108 were uploaded to the **UMEED** Portal as on **06.06.2026**, with a Tribunal case seeking time for the remaining 778.

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24.4 Auqaf under Direct Management of Tamil Nadu Waqf Board

Under Section 65 of the Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development Act, 1995 (UMEED Act, 1995), where misadministration in the management of Waqf institutions is identified, such institutions are brought under the direct management of the Waqf Board, in accordance with the orders of the Board by publication in the Government Gazette and Executive Officers. At present, 65 Waqf institutions are under the direct management of the Tamil Nadu Waqf Board.

24.5 Survey and Protection of Waqf Properties

Under Section 4 of the Waqf Act, 1954, the original records containing the details of Waqf institutions, prepared by the Assistant Commissioner of Survey during 1955–1956 and published in the District-wise Government

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Gazette, are being maintained in the Tamil Nadu Waqf Board.

At present, the survey of Waqf properties are being carried out using 15 modern DGPS Rover instruments through 31 licensed surveyors.

A sum of Rs.2.16 crore has been sanctioned for identification of waqf lands and completion of the survey of Waqf properties. So far, survey of Waqf Properties have been completed for 18,494 Survey Numbers pertaining to 3,507 Waqf institutions.

- Waqf property survey covers **18,494** survey numbers across 3,507 institutions, using 15 **DGPS** Rover instruments and 31 licensed surveyors at a sanctioned **Rs.2.16 crore**.

24.6 Retrieval of Waqf Properties from Encroachments

Tamil Nadu Waqf Board in order to prevent illegal transactions involving Waqf properties, has sent communication to all Sub-Registrar Offices to invoke the provisions of Section 22-A of the Registration Act, 1908, and prohibit the

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registration of unlawful transactions relating to Waqf properties.

24.7 Administrative Grant Sanctioned to Tamil Nadu Waqf Board

The Government of Tamil Nadu provides an annual administrative grant of Rs.2.50 crore to the Tamil Nadu Waqf Board.

24.8 Government Schemes Implemented by Tamil Nadu Waqf Board

24.8.1. Ulema Pension Scheme

The Ulema Pension Scheme has been implemented from the year 1981. Sanction for the grant of pension under the scheme is accorded by the Ulema Pension Sanction Committee headed by the Hon'ble Minister for Minorities Welfare.

- The Ulema Pension Scheme, **1981**, pays **Rs.5,000** a month to Pesh Imams, Muadhins, Arabic teachers and Mujavars aged 60 with 20 years of service - 40 years and 10 years for persons with disabilities. 1,578 beneficiaries.

Under the scheme, a monthly pension of Rs.5,000/- is provided to Pesh Imams, Muadhins, Arabic Teachers and Mujavars retired from service in Dargahs, who have attained the age of

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60 years and rendered a minimum of 20 years of service. In the case of persons with disabilities, pension is provided to those who have attained the age of 40 years and completed 10 years of service.

At present, Ulema Pension is being disbursed through the District Treasuries to 1,578 Ulemas.

24.8.2 Ulema Family Pension Scheme

The Ulema Family Pension Scheme was introduced in the year 2022. Under the scheme, upon the death of an Ulema pensioner, 50% of the last pension drawn by the deceased pensioner is being sanctioned to the eligible legal heir as Ulema Family Pension. At present, 44 beneficiaries are receiving Ulema Family Pension.

- Ulema Family Pension, **2022**, gives the legal heir 50% of the last pension drawn; 44 beneficiaries at present.

24.8.3 Major Repair and Renovation Grant

Under the Major Repairs and Renovation Grant Scheme, the Government provides grants

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every year for the repairs and renovation of Mosques and Dargahs.

24.8.4 Major Repair and Renovation Grant for Ancient Dargahs

The Government is providing financial assistance for the repairs and renovation of ancient Dargahs in Tamil Nadu.

24.8.5 Honorarium to Kazis

The Government provides honorarium of Rs.20,000/- per month to 44 District and Town Kazis serving in Tamil Nadu.

- 44 District and Town Kazis receive **Rs.20,000** a month as honorarium from the Government.

24.9 Waqf Tribunal

To adjudicate appeals against the resolutions passed by the Board and to resolve disputes relating to Waqf Properties, the Tamil Nadu Waqf Tribunal is functioning at Chennai from the year 2018. The Tribunal is presided over by a District Judge and consist of a member in the cadre of a State Civil Services Officer equivalent

- The Waqf Tribunal, Chennai, has sat since **2018** - presided over by a District Judge with a civil services officer of Additional District Magistrate rank and a member versed in Muslim law.

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to an Additional District Magistrate and one member having knowledge of Muslim Law and Judiciary.

25. Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee

25.1 Constitution of the Committee

The Government of India enacted the Hajj Committee Act, 2002 to make arrangements pertaining to travel and accommodation to the Hajj pilgrims visiting Makkah/Madinah at Saudi Arabia. The Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee is periodically reconstituted by the Government for a period of 3 years as per the provisions contained in the said Act. The tenure of the present committee has expired on 14.06.2026. The Government is taking steps to reconstitute the Committee. Thiru. M.A. Siddique, I.A.S., is designated as Ex-officio Member of the Committee.

- The Hajj Committee **Act, 2002** governs pilgrim travel and accommodation; the Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee is reconstituted every three years.

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25.2 Functions of the Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee

(i) Based on the guidelines of Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India, the Hajj Committee of India, Mumbai, invites 100% online Hajj Applications from the intending pilgrims. Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee gives publicity in the dailies regarding the Hajj applications.

(ii) Issue of advice to the applicants regarding payment of passenger fare and other dues to the Hajj Committee of India, Mumbai.

(iii) Deputation of representative(s) to the Building Selection Team to assist Consulate General of India, Jeddah to select suitable buildings.

(iv) Deputation of Hajj volunteers as State Hajj Inspectors to Saudi Arabia every year to look after the welfare of the Hajj pilgrims from Tamil Nadu.

(v) To liaise with the Regional Passport Offices for obtaining passports for the intending Hajj pilgrims, if necessary.

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(vi) Printing and supply of hand book on 'Hajj and Umrah' free of cost in Tamil language every year to Hajj pilgrims.

(vii) To coordinate the functions relating to various agencies of Government of India, State Government, the Hajj Committee of India, Mumbai etc, and other agencies such as Saudia Airlines, Air India, Airports Authority of India, Immigration, Customs, BCAS, etc., and other voluntary organisations for smooth and successful arrangements for Hajj flight operations, etc.

(viii) To provide supporting arrangements for operation of Hajj flights from Chennai to Jeddah and back such as transit accommodation, transport from accommodation centres to airport and back, etc.

(ix) To conduct inoculation camps and orientation programmes at all the district headquarters benefitting the pilgrims.

(x) Carrying out other incidental activities relating to Hajj pilgrimage.

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25.3 Arrangements for Hajj pilgrimage

Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee undertakes various functions such as announcement for Hajj pilgrimage applications, issuing of advice regarding payments to be made to Hajj Committee of India, issue of travel documents, providing transit accommodation facility etc., in Chennai as per the guidelines from Ministry/Hajj Committee of India with the help of Tamil Nadu Hajj Service Society, other Government departments and voluntary organisations.

Further, this Committee coordinates other functions such as flight operations, remote check-in counters, immigration and customs, security at transit accommodation centres and at airport, transport facility to Hajj pilgrims for movement to Airport etc.

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25.4 Grants/assistance from Government

(a) State Government Hajj subsidy

In order to fulfill one of the five religious obligations of the Islam, the Government has been implementing a scheme of providing subsidy to the pilgrims of Tamil Nadu who are performing Hajj pilgrimage through the Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee for the first time. During Hajj 2026, the Government sanctioned a sum of Rs.15.60 Crore towards Hajj subsidy to 6239 pilgrims. The said amount was distributed to their savings bank account directly. A sum of Rs.10.00 crore is allocated in the budget estimate. In the 2026-2027 budget speech, it has been announced that the Government Hajj subsidy amount will be enhanced from Rs.25,000/- to Rs.35,000/- and action is being taken to implement the same.

- Hajj **2026**: **Rs.15.60 crore** in subsidy to 6,239 pilgrims. The **2026-27** budget speech raises the subsidy from **Rs.25,000** to **Rs.35,000** per pilgrim.

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(b) Administrative Grant

Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee meets the administrative cost towards the staff from out of financial assistance provided by the Government of Tamil Nadu. The Government of Tamil Nadu sanctions a sum of Rs.80.00 lakh as administrative grant every year to the Hajj Committee towards payment of salaries to staff, settlement of charges like property tax, electricity charges, metro water and sewerage charges, etc. For 2026-2027, a sum of Rs.80.00 lakh is allotted in the Budget Estimate as administrative grant to the Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee.

(c) Sanction of grant for deputation of State Hajj Inspectors (Hajj volunteers)

The Government also sanctions grants to the Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee to meet expenditure on deputation of State Hajj Inspectors (Hajj volunteers) to Saudi Arabia who assist the Hajj pilgrims. During Hajj 2026,

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42 State Hajj Inspectors were deputed to Saudi Arabia to assist the Hajj pilgrims.

- 42 State Hajj Inspectors were deputed to Saudi Arabia during Hajj **2026** to assist pilgrims.

(d) Construction of the Tamil Nadu Hajj House

It is customary for Hajj pilgrims to visit the Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee camp office in Chennai to complete their passport, visa and other Hajj related formalities before leaving to airport. The Government has allotted 1 acre of land at Survey No.1460/2, Nanganallur, near Anna International Airport, Chennai, for the construction of the "Tamil Nadu Hajj House" at an estimated cost of Rs.39.20 crore for the convenience of Hajj pilgrims. The Government has so far released Rs.8.00 crore in the first phase and the construction work is currently underway through the Tamil Nadu Police Housing Corporation, Chennai.

- A Tamil Nadu Hajj House is being built on 1 acre at Nanganallur near Chennai airport at **Rs.39.20 crore**, with **Rs.8** crore released in the first phase through the Tamil Nadu Police Housing Corporation.

Conclusion

This department, specifically created for the welfare of minorities, is effectively implementing

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various welfare schemes to improve the standard of living of Minorities. The educational development of minorities is ensured through diverse scholarship schemes, ranging from providing incentives to prevent school dropouts among poor minority girls in rural areas, to offering financial assistance for minority students to pursue postgraduate studies in abroad.

Low-interest loans are provided to minorities and essential basic amenities are created in their residential areas, paving the way for their economic and social advancement.

This Government will continue to take all necessary initiatives required for the progress of minorities and will protect the interest of minorities.

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ANNEXURE

ALLOTMENT FOR THE YEAR 2026 – 2027

(Rs. in lakh)

Department	Revenue	Capital	Loan	Total
Tamil Nadu Waqf Board	1364.82	-	-	1364.82
Tamil Nadu Hajj Committee	2113.02	3120.00	-	5233.02
State Minorities Commission	88.32	-	-	88.32
Directorate of Minorities Welfare	6383.35	15794.02	-	22177.37
Tamil Nadu Waqf Tribunal	191.48	-	-	191.48
Total	**10140.99**	**18914.02**	**-**	**29055.01**

- Total allotment for **2026-27** is **Rs.290.55** crore across the Directorate, Waqf Board, Hajj Committee, Minorities Commission and Waqf Tribunal - the Directorate alone taking **Rs.221.77** crore.

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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 Secretariat on 08.07.2026.

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The Hon'ble Minister for Minorities Welfare welcomed the pilgrims who returned to their homeland after completing the Hajj pilgrimage on 08.06.2026.

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Distribution of cheque to a beneficiary of the Muslim Women Aid Society during the meeting held under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Minister for Minorities Welfare in Virudhunagar District on 13.06.2026



During the review meeting held in Mayiladuthurai District, the Hon'ble Minister for Minorities Welfare distributed welfare assistance to the beneficiaries.

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During the review meeting held in Mayiladuthurai District, the Hon'ble Minister for Minorities Welfare distributed welfare assistance to the beneficiaries of Christian Women Aid Society on 31.07.2026.

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During the review meeting held in Tenkasi District, the Hon'ble Minister for Minorities Welfare distributed welfare assistance to the beneficiaries on 01.08.2026



During the review meeting held in Chengalpattu District, the Hon'ble Minister for Minorities Welfare distributed welfare assistance to the beneficiaries on 04.08.2026



Distribution of cheque to a beneficiary of the Muslim Women Aid Society during the meeting held under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Minister for Minorities Welfare in Chengalpattu District on 04.08.2026

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The Hon'ble Minister for Minorities Welfare visited the Our Lady of Good Health Shrine at Velankanni in Nagapattinam District and enquired about the arrangements made for the Annual Festival of Velankanni – 2026.

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