Budget 2013-2014  
"Material Progress With Distributive Justice"  

Highlights

Twenty two years after the constitution of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal, the relentless efforts of our dauntless and sagacious Hon'ble Chief Minister have forced the Government of India to notify the final order of the Tribunal. The directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court brought to an end the perfidious saga of denial of justice to Tamil Nadu by the Central Government by delaying the notification of the final order for six long years from 2007. This magnificent victory for the efforts taken by the Hon'ble Chief Minister in reasserting Tamil Nadu’s rights in the Cauvery water dispute will go down in history as a glorious chapter, which will forever be cherished for generations in public memory.

**Fighting the Drought - Relief Measures & the way ahead**

a. All districts of the State declared as drought affected & the land revenue waived.

b. Increase in the eligibility for employment under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) upto 150 days per annum per family.

c. **To those farmers who had suffered more than 50% crop loss in the Cauvery delta area, Rs.15,000 per acre as crop loss compensation including advance against insurance payments**

d. **Total financial commitment to the State exchequer on account of the cash compensation package- Rs.541 cr**

e. State Government to bear the farmers' entire share of insurance premium in the Cauvery delta area this year

f. Works worth Rs.1,517 cr under various schemes in the Cauvery delta area, including the creation of 15,000 farm ponds under MGNREGS at a cost of Rs.181 cr

g. Rs.17.85 cr to manage the cattle feed & fodder shortage

h. Rs.37.25 cr to augment drinking water supply

i. A drought memorandum to the Central Government

j. **Since the drought has affected the whole State, the Government is finalising a relief package for non delta districts also & this will be shortly announced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister**

**THE ECONOMIC SCENARIO**

a. backdrop of the gloomy national economic scenario, poor economic growth, waning investor confidence, severe drought & crop failure

b. a lower growth in Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP). The GSDP growth rate-advance Estimates for 2012-2013- 4.61% at constant prices.

c. **Our Approach**;

   i. Continued thrust on primary sector & infusion of more investment in storage & marketing infrastructure.

   ii. Speedy implementation of infrastructure projects & investing more funds in new projects for power, roads connectivity, etc.

   iii. Additional incentives to encourage balanced industrial growth in backward & most backward areas,
particularly in Southern Tamil Nadu.

iv. Special package to Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) to boost employment generation & to revitalise industrial growth.

v. Increased flow of funds to build quality urban infrastructure.

vi. Infusion of more capital in urban housing to benefit Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) & the Lower Income Group (LIG).

vii. Improvement of welfare schemes by ensuring better service delivery through better governance.

viii. Thrust on poverty reduction & skill building for productive & high value jobs.

ix. Strengthening the social security net to protect the destitute & the poor.

x. Stepping up expenditure in social sectors like education, health & nutrition.

ANNUAL PLAN

a. Total State Plan allocation during the Twelfth Plan period - Rs.2.11 lakh cr.

b. **The State will exceed the Annual Plan target of Rs.28,000 cr during 2012-2013 & the allocation has been increased to Rs.37,000 cr for 2013-2014. The plan allocation for the primary sector has been increased by 20.12%.**

LAW & ORDER

a. During 2012-2013, the Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board (TNUSRB) has recruited 12,152 Police Constables, 377 Jail Warders & 791 Firemen. **The TNUSRB will further recruit 17,138 Police Constables, 1,091 Sub-Inspectors, 1,005 Firemen & 292 Jail Warders during 2013-2014.**

b. Rs.50 cr has been earmarked in the BE 2013-2014 for the construction of buildings for the remaining 109 police stations to ensure that all the police stations in Tamil Nadu will hereafter function only from their own buildings.

c. The overall allocation for the Police Department increased from Rs.4096.7 cr in 2012-13 to Rs.4706.17 cr in BE 2013-2014.

d. Enhanced the allocation to Fire & Rescue Services Department from Rs.186.72 cr in 2012-2013 to Rs.208.48 cr in the BE 2013-2014.

e. Rs.179.67 cr has been provided for the Prison Department.

f. For the Judiciary, a sum of Rs.695.28 cr in BE 2013-2014.

GOVERNANCE

E-governance initiatives

a. The State to create the State Residents Data Hub (SRDH), as a unified data repository to service all departments-pilot project in Pudukottai.

b. Together, the Government has recruited 1,93,508 employees since May 2011, greatly relieving the stress on governance.

REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

a. 26 lakh cases disposed so far through the fast track patta transfer system.

b. **During 2013-2014, 2 lakh house site pattas will be distributed**
POVERTY ALLEVIATION

a. 110 additional blocks will be covered in 2013-2014 under the Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihood Mission (TNSRLM) in addition to the existing 60 blocks
b. A sum of Rs.350 cr for the Pudu Vazhvu Project & Rs.100 cr for the Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihood Mission during 2013-2014 as state’s share
c. The Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) for poverty alleviation in urban areas will be implemented with an outlay of Rs.99.73 cr during 2013-2014.
d. Rs.200 cr has been allocated for the Tamil Nadu Urban Livelihood Mission (TNULM) which converges all the programmes that target urban poverty, in BE 2013-2014
e. Socio-economic survey to identify the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families in progress in rural & urban areas

YOUTH & EMPLOYMENT

b. Rs.8 cr earmarked for the modular skill training.
c. Possibilities of conducting training programmes with industry participation will be explored
d. Funding & technical assistance will be sought from International Institutions in order to make youth them globally competitive
e. Grant of Rs.5 cr to the Entrepreneurship Development Institute in 2013-2014.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Aiming high- The Vision 2023, Volume II

a. The second volume of the Vision 2023 Document approved by TNIDB. Rs.15 lakh cr investment in next ten years in key infrastructure projects- 60% from private sector.
   i) Agriculture/irrigation Rs.1,27,250 cr
   ii) urban infrastructure Rs.2,59,000 cr
   iii) human capital Rs.60,120 cr
   iv) transport Rs.3,65,927 cr
b. in BE 2013-2014,
   i) Infrastructure Development Fund (IDF) -Rs.2,000 cr &
   ii) Project Preparation Fund (PPF) -Rs.200 cr

THE PRIMARY SECTOR

AGRICULTURE

a. Overall allocation for primary sector has been increased Rs.17,220.89 in 2013-2014.
b. The allocation for agriculture has been increased to Rs.5,189.15 cr which is the highest ever allocation for the sector.

The National Agriculture Development Programme (NADP)

a. Approval for Rs.669 cr under the NADP during 2012-2013- the highest ever for the State; Rs.700 cr in the BE 2013-2014
b. Uzhavar Peruvizha will be continued in at a cost of Rs.46 cr under the NADP.
c. An additional area of 5 lakh acres of paddy cultivation will be brought
under the System of Rice Intensification (SRI).

d. Dry land agricultural production will be stabilised at a cost of Rs.24 cr
e. Special thrust to farm mechanisation.

**Timely, adequate & quality inputs**

a. Rs.161.62 cr for production & distribution of quality seeds for various crops.
b. Rs.150 cr is as revolving fund to the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Marketing Federation (TANFED) to ensure quality fertilizer supply.

d. Rs.20 cr for promoting agro processing industries under the National Mission for Food Processing

**Weather Risk Mitigation**

a. Attaining 100% crop insurance coverage. Rs.42.95 cr as State Government's share for crop insurance schemes
b. Funds under the National Mission on Micro Irrigation, NADP, NHM & other schemes will be dovetailed with State funds for covering 1.30 lakh acres of cultivated & under micro irrigation at a total cost of Rs.520 cr
c. The existing ceiling of one acre for availing the benefit under micro irrigation schemes for small & marginal farmers will be removed.
d. Farmers will be provided vouchers & given full freedom to choose suppliers. Subsidy will be released into the farmer's bank account & the amount will be disbursed to the supplier company only after satisfactory installation, as confirmed by the farmer's voucher & third party inspection report.

**CO-OPERATION**

a. The target for disbursement of crop loans by the co-operatives will be stepped from present level of Rs.4,000 cr to Rs.4,500 cr
b. Rs.160 cr towards interest subvention support to farmers for prompt repayment
c. So far, 2,270 godowns taken up with 2.85 lakh MT capacity at a cost of Rs.237.02 cr
d. Elections for 22,532 co-operative institutions in four phases
ANIMAL HUSB&RY
Rs.1,082.64 cr for this sector, which is 240% higher than the 2010-2011 allocation.
The Second White Revolution
a. 12,000 milch animals & 6 lakh sheep & goats to 1.5 lakh poor women at a cost of Rs.250 cr.
b. Fodder Augmentation Scheme will be continued with enhanced allocation of Rs.25 cr
c. Another 100 veterinary sub-centres will be upgraded into veterinary dispensaries in addition to the already upgraded 585
d. Construction of buildings for 450 veterinary dispensaries at a cost of Rs.115 cr
e. Rs.25 cr for further renovation of veterinary dispensaries/ hospitals

Performance of Aavin
a. Milk procurement by District Co-operative Milk Producers Unions reached an all-time high of 27.14 lakh lt/day in peak season
b. Erode cattle feed plant will be revived at a cost of Rs.14 cr

Poultry Development
a. Institute of Poultry Production & Management being established at Hosur at a cost of Rs.45.96 cr
b. Rs.25 cr to promote poultry in non-traditional areas.

FISHERIES
Fishermen Welfare
a. A sum of Rs.467.44 cr for this sector
b. Rs.200 cr for relief assistance during the lean fishing season, relief assistance during fishing ban & provision of subsidised fuel
c. The existing 25% subsidy will be enhanced to 50% to fishermen for procuring new tuna long-liners. Rs.30 cr set apart for this under the NADP.

Unprecedented Infrastructure
a. Works in progress for 23 fish landing centres & 4 fishing harbours at a cost of Rs.245 cr. Fishing harbours being upgraded at Cuddalore, Pazhayar, Nagapattinam & Thoothukudi.
b. A modernised fish landing centre will be developed in Mudasalodai in Cuddalore District at a cost of Rs.7.78 cr.
c. Two fish processing parks will be established at Ramanathapuram & Thiruvallur districts through PPP
d. works to stabilise bar mouths at Nagoor & Parangipettai will be taken up at a cost of Rs.10 cr each.

FOOD SECURITY
A Model Universal Public Distribution System
a. Rs.4,900 cr for food subsidy.
b. TNCSC would modernise 7 more rice mills at a cost of Rs.32.6 cr in addition to the seven already modernised

Price control measures
a. Distribution of tur dhal & urad dhal at Rs.30/kg & palm oil at Rs.25 per litre through PDS outlets.
b. The Government to increase the size of Price Stabilisation Fund to Rs.100 cr.
c. This Government to off-load one lakh MT of rice in open market for sales at Rs.20/kg through Amudham, co-operatives & special outlets.
d. To control vegetable prices, farm fresh consumer outlets will be opened in urban areas by the co-operatives & the Horticulture Department

IRRIGATION
a. For the State’s agriculture, a substantial allocation of Rs.3,314.50 cr for irrigation
b. The Government will take immediate steps to have the Cauvery Management Board & the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee established.

Conserving Every Drop

a. Restoration works in 36,000 irrigation tanks & water bodies under the control of the Public Works Department (PWD) and the Panchayat Unions

b. 176 works for the restoration of traditional water bodies at a cost of Rs.50 cr will be taken up in 2013-2014.

c. The Cauvery Delta Area Improvement Scheme costing Rs.1,560 cr proposed to the Asian Development Bank to mitigate the impact of climate change.

Restoration of Major Dams

a. The project agreement for implementing the Dam Rehabilitation & Improvement Project (DRIP) already signed with World Bank.

b. Out of total project cost of Rs.745.49 cr, Rs.390 cr has been provided in the BE 2013-2014

Intra State River Linkage

a. The works for the Thamiraparani-Karumeniar-Nambiar link & the Cauvery-Gundar link with the Kattalai barrage are in progress & Rs.156.44 cr has been allocated in the Budget 2013-2014

b. Government will initiate necessary action for the early commencement of the third intra state river linkage scheme; the Pennaiyar-Araniyar Link project.

ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS

a. Allocation for the Environment & Forest department to Rs.880.69 cr which is 15.89% higher than 2012-2013.

b. To increase the green cover of the State & to promote soil & moisture conservation in dry areas, 64 lakh tree saplings were planted during 2011-2012 commemorating the 64th birthday of our Hon'ble Chief Minister. During 2012-2013, this noble initiative has been implemented at a cost of Rs.43.55 cr. We will continue this scheme in 2013-2014 also.

Restoration of Chennai Rivers & Waterways

a. It is proposed to access external funding to implement a special project for eco-restoration of rivers & water bodies under the aegis of the Chennai Rivers Restoration Trust (CRRT).

b. The Japanese International Co-operation Agency (JICA) aided Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Conservation & Greening Project will be continued at a cost of Rs.50 cr

c. The Water Conservation & Canopy Improvement Programme this scheme will be further expanded with an additional allocation of Rs.50 cr.

Environment Protection Fund

2. Rs.100 cr for the Environment Protection Fund (EPF); is provided in the Budget.

INDUSTRIES

a. The manufacturing sector of the State contributes 10% of the country’s total manufacturing capacity.

b. A Land bank of 25000 acres will be created through SIPCOT to attract more industries to the State.

c. A new ship building yard in Thoothukudi by the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO) under PPP.

d. Push to the development of Madurai-Thoothukudi Industrial Corridor to create
four manufacturing regions, one agri-business region, two business investment regions, a special tourism zone, one rural tourism hub & one knowledge hub. Rs.1,90,000 cr of industrial investment envisaged in next 10 years.

e. Special package of incentives for encouraging investments for the development of the industrially backward districts of southern Tamil Nadu will be announced soon.

The Tamil Nadu Investment Promotion Programme (TNIPP)

a. The Tamil Nadu Investment Promotion Programme (TNIPP) aiming at easing some major bottlenecks faced by the investors, mainly through policy changes with the assistance of JICA, by correcting infrastructural inadequacies.

b. This will facilitate the investment flow of around Rs.770 cr for investment in small & medium infrastructure projects over three years.

MICRO, SMALL & MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

a. Special package of support from 2013-2014, to stimulate & revitalise the Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises sector will be unveiled soon.

The New Entrepreneur Cum Enterprise Development Scheme

a. Under this scheme, the Government provides 25% capital subsidy on investments besides training & consultancy support.

b. In the BE 2013-2014, Rs.100 cr has been allocated for the NEED Scheme & 50% of this has been earmarked for women beneficiaries.

c. Rs.25 cr is allocated for the three percent Interest Subvention Programme to benefit MSME through the Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporation (TIIC).

INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY

a. The IT parks developed in Chennai & tier-II cities namely Trichy, Coimbatore, Madurai, Tirunelveli, Hosur & Salem have created 18.5 lakh sq. ft. office space.

b. For promoting rural Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) centres, Rs.10 cr has been allocated in the BE 2013-2014.

HANDLOOM & TEXTILES

a. Under the scheme for Revival, Reform & Restructuring of the Handloom sector, Rs.97.83 cr, including the State share of Rs.21.32 cr, was sanctioned during 2012-2013.

b. In 2013-2014, this Government will procure & distribute 1.72 crore dhoties & 1.73 crore sarees at a cost of Rs.362.80 cr.

c. Rs.78.45 cr has been provided in the BE 2013-2014 as handloom rebate. Similarly, Rs.12 cr has been provided as rebate to the Khadi & Sarvodaya Societies.

HIGHWAYS

To cope with this increase in demand, the Government has enhanced the allocation for the Highways Department from Rs.5,615.71 cr in 2012-2013 to Rs.6,452.77 cr in 2013-2014.

Ensuring Quality – Maintaining World Class Roads

a. This Government is taking action to upgrade & strengthen the roads in a phased manner. 168 km of State Highways will be widened from intermediate lane to double lane & 1,000 km of major district roads will be widened from single lane to intermediate lane during 2013-2014, under the Comprehensive Road
Infrastructure Development Programme (CRIDP). Besides, 3,500 km of roads will also be further strengthened.

b. An amount of Rs.2,032 cr has been allocated for the CRIDP

c. Rs.191.60 cr has been earmarked to undertake various road works & Rs.233 cr for bridge works with NABARD assistance.

d. The Performance Based Maintenance Contract (PBMC) model, being tried on pilot basis in Pollachi sub division, will be upscaled to other areas.

e. Works on four laning the East Coast Road upto Mahabalipuram will commence during 2013-2014.

f. Based on the recommendations of the Chennai City Traffic & Transportation Study (CTTS), four grade separators in Chennai City will be taken up at a cost of Rs.271.68 cr.

g. Works will be taken up for the construction of two flyovers at Kaalavasal & Goripalayam in Madurai City, at a cost of Rs.130 cr during 2013-2014.

Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project- Phase II

As announced in the previous Budget Speech, we have obtained the approval of the World Bank & the Government of India for the second phase of the Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project. This project would be the biggest externally aided project implemented in this sector so far, at a total cost of Rs.8,580 cr & covering 1,678 km. The project will improve & develop road links having very high intensity traffic. These works will commence from 2013-2014.

The State Highways Development Authority

A new "Tamil Nadu State Highways Development Authority" will be established on the lines of the National Highways Development Authority & major State Highways will be entrusted to it so as to give more focused attention to their formation, quality maintenance & management, as per global standards.

TRANSPORT

a. Since the assumption of office, this Government has approved the procurement of 6,000 new buses at a cost of Rs.1,026 cr. Out of these, 2855 buses have already been put on road. This has drastically reduced the average age of the fleet. The kilometre per litre of fuel (KMPL) indicator has also improved.

b. As the accumulated losses of the State Transport Undertakings (STUs) are still very high, it is necessary to address this issue in a comprehensive way. This Government has decided to constitute a High Level Expert Committee to suggest measures to improve the operational efficiency of various STUs.

Shouldering the Burden

a. The frequent hike in diesel price & the unjust & regressive dual pricing policy of the Central Government on diesel have plunged the finances of STUs back into a crisis. This Government had provided Rs.200 cr during 2012-2013 to absorb the additional fuel costs of STUs without passing the burden to the common man.

b. To compensate STUs for these additional fuel costs, a sum of Rs.500 cr has been provided in the BE 2013-2014.

Integrated Urban Transport System

a. During 2013-2014, a study on the Multi Modal Transport Integration in Chennai city will be taken up by this Government.

b. Rs.750 cr has been provided for Metro Rail.
ENERGY

a. The Government is taking several steps to improve power supply in order to provide, uninterrupted quality power to the consumers.

b. NTPC-TANGEDCO Joint Venture Project Unit-I at Vallur has already been commissioned and the generation has been stabilised.

c. The MTPS Stage-III (600 MW), NTPC-TANGEDCO Joint Venture Unit-II at Vallur and North Chennai Thermal Power Station Stage II, Unit-II have commenced trial production.

d. North Chennai Thermal Power Station Stage-II, Unit-I (600 MW) will be commissioned in May 2013. The third unit (500 MW) of NTPC-TANGEDCO Joint Venture at Vallur will be commissioned in October, 2013.

e. Two units of 500 MW each of NLC-TANGEDCO joint venture at Tuticorin are expected to be commissioned in December, 2013 and March, 2014 respectively. All these new projects are expected to give an additional generation of 3230 Mega Watt.

Renewable Energy- The New Horizon

a. Tamil Nadu has the largest number of renewable energy installations in the country. 12.6% of the total energy consumed by the State comes from wind alone.

b. Tamil Nadu has also made pioneering efforts to establish bagasse based co-generation projects in co-operative sugar mills to generate 183 MW of power. These projects will be commissioned in 2013-2014. During the current financial year, the Government has sanctioned Rs.352 cr as short term loan to finance the co-generation plants in various sugar mills of the State.

c. Tamil Nadu Generation & Distribution Company Ltd., (TANGEDCO) has invited bids to supply 1000 MW solar power through competitive bidding. About 226 MW has been tied up with the power generators under this bid.

d. The existing Government buildings will be provided with solar installations at a cost of Rs.11.70 cr by earmarking Rs.5 lakhs out of the Member of Legislative Assembly Constituency Development Scheme (MLACDS) funds for each assembly constituency.

The Financial Restructuring Plan

a. To ameliorate the adverse financial position of TANGEDCO, the Hon’ble Chief Minister has approved the Financial Restructuring Plan (FRP).

b. Under the FRP, 50% of Rs.12,211 cr of the short term & medium term liabilities of TANGEDCO will be taken over by the State Government. Further, the cash loss will also be part-financed by the State from 2012-2013 onwards.

c. The Government had given a total assistance of Rs.7,913.35 cr for the year 2011-2012. In the current financial year 2012-2013 also, a sum of Rs.11,242 cr has been provided to TANGEDCO. Besides, this Government has already provided guarantee to TANGEDCO to avail of loans from the Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) & the Power Finance Corporation (PFC) to the tune of Rs.10,000 cr.

During 2013-2014, the Government has allocated Rs.12,197 cr for TANGEDCO, which includes the
enhanced power subsidy of Rs.5,197 cr.

TOURISM
a. Rs.153.95 cr has been provided for the Tourism sector in the BE 2013-2014.
b. Rs.67.91 cr has been allocated to the special tourism project for strengthening the infrastructure in selected tourism spots in the eastern tourism circuit & the southern tourism circuit, is being implemented with the financial support of the Asian Development Bank at a cost of Rs.450 cr.
c. This Government will set up a world class oceanarium at a cost of Rs.250 cr through the Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation under Public-Private-Partnership with the technical support of the Fisheries Department.
d. A new Field Fossil Museum will be established at Ariyalur at a cost of Rs.2 cr.

TAMIL DEVELOPMENT
a. This Government has allocated Rs.39.29 cr for the Tamil Development Department for the year 2013-2014.
b. A special grant of Rs.2 cr will be given to Tamil University, Thanjavur to improve the existing infrastructure.

HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
a. Rs.6,511.76 cr has been allocated in the BE 2013-2014 for the health sector.
b. Tamil Nadu has registered 99.8% institutional deliveries, which is the highest in India. During 2012-2013, a total assistance of Rs.597.48 cr has been distributed to 6,23,795 beneficiaries under the Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Memorial Maternity Assistance Scheme. For the year 2013-2014, a sum of Rs.720 cr has been allocated for this programme.
c. The Chief Minister’s Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme has benefited 2,84,228 persons to the tune of Rs.623.58 cr for the period upto February 2013. For the coming year, Rs.750 cr has been provided.
d. Rs.77.59 cr has been allocated for The free pick up & drop back facilities scheme in the BE 2013-2014.
e. During 2013-2014, Rs.1,400 cr will be spent by the NRHM Society to implement this scheme.

Focus on Non-Communicable Diseases under TNHSP
a. Under the Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project TNHSP, a major Non Communicable Disease (NCD) intervention programme for Screening & Treatment of Cervical Cancer & Breast Cancer, Prevention & Control Programme for Cardio Vascular Diseases & Diabetes has been takenup.
b. In 125 hospitals, round the clock Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric & New born Care Services (CEMONC) have been established under this programme, besides establishing a web based Health Management Information System (HMIS) & Hospital Management System (HMS). Rs.117.93 cr has been allocated to implement TNHSP.
c. The Government has decided to establish two more regional cancer centres in Thanjavur & Tirunelveli Medical College Hospitals at a total cost of Rs.30 cr.
d. The operation theatres of the district headquarters hospitals & medical college hospitals will be strengthened during 2013-2014 at a cost of Rs.20 cr.
**AYUSH System of Medicine**

a. **It is the desire of this Government to strengthen & popularise Indian systems of medicine for which special measures will be soon announced by Hon’ble Chief Minister.**

b. For the year 2013-2014, a sum of Rs.169.13 cr is allocated for the Department of Indian Medicines.

**SCHOOL EDUCATION**

a. Our State was among the first few states to notify the Right of Children to Free & Compulsory Education Rules, 2011. Tamil Nadu is one of the best states in terms of achieving the Right to Education indicators, particularly on gross enrolment & drop-out levels.

b. A sum of Rs.16,965.30 cr is provided in the BE 2013-2014 for School Education Department, which is the highest among all departments.

c. From the year 2011, when this Government took the reins of administration, 51,757 teaching staff & 7,275 non-teaching staff have been recruited.

d. In order to contain drop-out & to improve student retention ratio at the secondary school level, the Government is giving special cash incentives to students studying in 10th, 11th & 12th standards & 24.76 lakh students will receive a cash benefit of Rs.381 cr during the year 2013-2014.

e. For the year 2013-2014, Rs.700 cr is provided under SSA, Rs.366.52 cr under RMSA & Rs.293 cr under NABARD assistance.

f. Funds will be dovetailed from rural development schemes, the Minimum Needs Programme (MNP), the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) etc., to provide toilets & drinking water facilities to 2,733 schools & Rs.50 cr has been allocated under NABARD assistance to fill the gap. This will ensure 100% coverage of all schools with safe drinking water supply & toilet facilities before the end of 2013-2014.

**Enabling learning environment**

The following allocations have been made in the BE 2013-2014 for creating a better learning environment.

i. Rs.217.22 cr has been allocated for the supply of text books to 97.70 lakh students.

ii. Rs.110.96 cr has been allocated for the supply of note books to 86.71 lakh students.

iii. Rs.323.70 cr has been provided for free bus passes to cover 14.02 lakh students.

iv. Rs.353.22 cr has been provided to supply 4 sets of uniform covering 53.53 lakh students.

v. Rs.19.79 cr has been provided to supply school bags for 13 lakh students.

vi. Rs.8.47 cr has been provided for supplying footwear to 6.1 lakh students.

vii. Rs.6.65 cr has been provided for supplying geometry boxes, atlases, etc. to 9.67 students.

viii. Rs.200.98 cr will be provided for the supply of bicycles to 6.30 lakh students.

ix. During 2013-2014, our Hon’ble Chief Minister ordered the supply of woollen sweaters to 10.30 lakh children in hilly areas at a cost of Rs.4.12 cr.

x. Sanitary Napkins will continue will be supplied under the Menstrual Hygiene Programme to 32.79 lakh girl children during 2013-2014 at a cost of Rs.54.63 cr.

All put together, these benefits to students will cost the State exchequer Rs.1299.74 cr.
HIGHER EDUCATION
a. This Government has opened 22 new Arts & Science colleges, One new Government engineering college in the last two years. The Government has also announced opening of 10 new Government Polytechnic Colleges and 2 new engineering colleges.

b. The enrolment of students in higher education went up from 6,09,915 in 2010-2011 to 6,51,807 in 2012-2013. The allocation under the scheme to reimburse tuition fees to first generation graduates has been substantially enhanced from Rs.518 cr in 2012-2013 to Rs.673 cr in 2013-2014.

EQUIPPING THE YOUTH FOR THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ERA
A total number of 5.65 lakh laptop computers will be given to students for the academic year 2013-2014. An allocation of Rs.1,500 cr has been made in the BE 2013-2014 for this purpose.

SPORTS DEVELOPMENT
a. During 2012-2013, this Government sanctioned Rs.40 cr for the improvement of the Nehru Stadium & for laying new athletics track in Chennai.

b. The overall allocation for the Sports & Youth Welfare Department has been substantially increased from Rs.31.26 cr in 2010-2011 to Rs.112.50 cr in 2013-2014.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT
Clean villages
a. Our Hon’ble Chief Minister had started the ‘Clean Village Campaign’ during 2003. Regrettably, this scheme was not followed up by the previous Government. This Government has now relaunched the ‘Clean Village Campaign’ from 2013-2014.

All the villages will put up a proper solid waste management system with recycling & waste disposal facilities. The villages adjoining the urban areas can be part of the solid waste management projects implemented in the urban areas. A sum of Rs.150 cr will be earmarked within the devolution for putting up such facilities, including the cost of manpower for collecting & handling waste.

b. Rs.97.85 cr, available under the Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan, will also be used for the purpose of solid waste & waste water management during 2013-2014.

Rural Housing
a. In the last two years, 1,20,000 houses, at an estimated cost of Rs.2,160 cr, have been taken up for construction under the Chief Minister’s Solar Powered Green House Scheme. In the coming financial year also, 60,000 solar powered green houses will be constructed.

b. Under the Indira Awas Yojana, one lakh houses will be taken up during 2013-2014.

Village Infrastructure
In the last two years, 96,508 works were taken up at a cost of Rs.1,430 cr under the Tamil Nadu Village Habitation Improvement Scheme (THAI). A sum of Rs.750 cr has been allocated for the scheme during 2013-2014 to cover 15,115 habitations.

Member of Legislative Assembly Constituency Development Scheme (MLACDS)
Under the MLACD Scheme, 16,153 works have been undertaken during 2012-2013 at a cost of Rs.470 cr. In 2013-2014 also, Rs.470 cr has been allocated for this scheme.
The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS)

a. The State stands first in the country in terms of work completion rate & overall expenditure under the MGNREGS. For the year 2013-2014, the allocation to the State stands at Rs.6,341.80 cr.
b. With effect from 1.4.2013, the daily wage rate payable under this scheme will be raised to Rs.148, which is Rs.16 higher than the current year.

Road Connectivity to Rural Areas

a. Rs.200 cr has been sanctioned with NABARD assistance for road upgradation & bridges during 2012-2013.
b. During 2013-2014, this Government has proposed to take up improvement of 3095.77 km of roads at a cost of Rs.1,130.10 cr under the Prime Minister’s Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) Phase-VIII. Out of these, 45 bridges at a cost of Rs.78.18 cr & 2,031.22 km of works at a cost of Rs.772.97 cr will be taken up by rural local bodies & 1,064.55 km of works with Rs.278.95 cr will be executed by the Highways Department.

Municipal Administration & Water Supply

Rapid urbanization demands long term planning and vision. This Government is, therefore, according top priority to the fulfilment the critical infrastructure needs of urban areas like roads, water supply, sewerage, storm water management & solid waste management.

The State Mission Mode Projects

a. In the last two years, this Government allocated Rs.1,000 cr under the Chennai Mega City Development Mission, & Rs.1,500 cr under the Integrated Urban Development Mission for taking up roads improvement, water supply schemes, underground sewerage schemes & other critical projects.
b. In the BE 2013-2014 also, Rs.500 cr has been provided for Chennai Mega City Development & Rs.750 cr for the Urban Development Mission.
c. In order to leverage additional funds to take up more projects under these mission mode programmes, funding will henceforth be project based & grant would be restricted to a maximum of 75% of the project cost for Chennai Corporation & financially stronger local bodies & balance 25% shall be leveraged through local body contributions which may include loans from financial institutions.
d. For the financially weaker urban local bodies, the grant component of the project will be 90% & the remaining 10% will be financed through own funds or loans or by dovetailing from Infrastructure Gap Filling Fund.

Solid Waste Management & Sewage Management System

a. ‘Waste to Energy’ projects will be established wherever possible. A ‘Waste to Energy’ project at a cost of Rs.55 cr is under implementation in Tirunelveli Corporation.
b. As directed by our Hon’ble Chief Minister, a special Solid Waste Management Fund will be constituted with a sum of Rs.100 cr for financing projects in weak urban local bodies during 2013-2014.
c. Out of the 42 urban local bodies annexed to Chennai city, only two viz., Valasaravakkam & Al&ur are have sewerage systems. In 13 erstwhile urban
local bodies, sewerage works are in progress. In other areas, sewerage works will be taken up in the coming years.

d. In 22 Municipalities, sewerage works worth Rs.870.63 cr are under implementation by the Tamil Nadu Water Supply & Drainage (TWAD) Board. Special priority will be given for taking up tertiary treatment & recycling the sewage water for industrial use especially in & around Chennai.

e. This Government has prepared a massive plan for establishing Under Ground Sewerage System (UGSS) for various Municipalities & Town Panchayats.

f. The for eradicating open defecation in the urban areas scheme will be continued in 2013-2014 also with an outlay of Rs.72.60 cr.

**Improvement of Town Panchayat Roads**

*In 281 Town Panchayats, 425.92 km of roads will be improved during 2013-2014 at a cost of Rs.103 cr with NABARD assistance.*

**DRINKING WATER**

a. The Hon’ble Chief Minister has recently inaugurated the 100 MLD sea water reverse osmosis desalination plant at Nemeli.

b. Formation of a new reservoir near Kannankottai & Thervakandigai villages to augment Chennai's existing water storage at a cost of Rs.330 cr is in progress. Works for increasing the storage capacity in Cholavaram, Porur, Nemam & Ayanambakkam tanks are also in progress & Rs.50 cr has been allocated in the Budget 2013-2014 for these works.

c. In the BE 2013-2014, Rs.500 cr has been allocated for the Hogenakkal Water Supply & Flurosis Mitigation Project this project.

d. Rs.212.54 cr has been allocated in the BE for the major Combined Water Supply Schemes in Madurai, Virudhunagar, Sivagangai, Nagapattinam, Vellore, Salem, Tiruppur & Coimbatore Districts.

e. During, 2013-2014, this Government is proposing to cover 6,000 partially covered rural habitations & 195 quality affected habitations using funds under the NRDWP, MNP & State funds to the tune of Rs.1190.72 cr.

**URBAN HOUSING**

a. During this financial year, the Tamil Nadu Housing Board (TNHB) will develop 5,922 housing units at a cost of Rs.1,530.45 cr.

b. The Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board (TNSCB) will complete the on-going construction of 18,055 tenements during 2013-2014. Further, it will commence construction of 12,845 new tenements at a cost of Rs.1,936.91 cr in 2013-2014.

c. In the next three years, the TNSCB & the TNHB will take up construction of 50,000 houses by dovetailing funds from various schemes to meet the housing needs of LIG & EWS.

**STATE FINANCE COMMISSION**

a. The Fourth State Finance Commission (FSFC) has already submitted its report to the State Government. This report & the action taken report on its recommendations will be placed in the assembly during this session.

b. As recommended by the FSFC, the Government will continue to devolve 10% of its own tax revenue to the local bodies. However, though the FSFC had recommended the sharing of resources between rural & urban local bodies in the ratio of 56 : 44, this Government, having regard to the
special needs of rural local bodies, will continue to devolve funds in the existing ratio of 58 : 42.
c. The rural local bodies will get Rs.4,887.69 cr in 2013-2014. The Urban Local Bodies will also get Rs.3,539.36 cr through devolution grants. Altogether, local bodies will receive Rs.8,427.05 cr as devolutionary grant from the State Government during 2013-2014.

ADI DRAVIDAR & TRIBAL WELFARE
a. The Government has fixed Rs.7,042 cr as the size of Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCSP) for the year 2013-2014. This is 15.29% higher than the allocation for 2012-2013.
b. Rs.13.26 cr has been provided as share capital assistance to revitalise the Tamil Nadu Adi-Dravidar Housing & Development Corporation (TAHDCO). Rs.122.48 cr has also been provided to TAHDCO for implementing various economic development programmes under the Special Central Assistance (SCA).
c. Rs.56.34 cr has been allotted for the distribution of free bicycles to the students belonging to the Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes.
d. For the year 2013-2014, Rs.420.34 cr has been allocated for post-matric scholarships. Another Rs. 59.53 cr is provided for prematric scholarship. The total allocation for scholarships to Scheduled Caste students has been enhanced to Rs.479.87 cr, 10.62% more than the previous year.
e. The Government is providing boarding & lodging facilities to 1.31 lakh Adi-Dravidar & Tribal students in 1,641 hostels in the State.
f. In the year 2013-2014 also, buildings will be constructed for 44 hostels at a total cost of Rs.35.04 cr with NABARD assistance. This will ensure that all the hostels in the state will function only in their own buildings.
g. The size of the Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) has been increased from Rs.349.30 cr in 2012-2013 to Rs.489.48 cr in 2013-2014, which is 1.32% of the Annual Plan size.
h. Rs.25.72 cr has been provided for the development of the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups.

Special Project for Tribal Development
a. In order to ensure the overall development of the tribal people in the State, the Hon’ble Chief Minister has launched a special project for Tribal development under which 5 new ITIs were sanctioned in tribal areas viz. Jamunamarudur, Kolli hills, Anaikatti, Pachaimalai & Kalrayan hills besides taking up various other works.
b. An amount of Rs.50 cr has again been provided in the BE 2013-2014 for continuing this scheme.

WELFARE OF BACKWARD CLASSES, MOST BACKWARD CLASSES, MINORITIES & DENOTIFIED COMMUNITIES
a. The allocation for the welfare of BC, MBC, DNC & Minorities has been continuously increased over the years & in the BE 2013-2014, Rs.764.43 cr has been provided for this purpose.
b. Twenty eight new hostels and Construction of buildings for 84 hostels was opened during 2012-2013. For another 56 hostels, buildings were sanctioned at a cost of Rs.50.01 cr with NABARD assistance.
c. Rs.173.98 cr has been allocated during 2013-2014, for the scholarship, including examination fee, tuition fee & special fee.
This will benefit 5,06,630 poor students to continue their education.

d. **Rs.139.42 cr** has been allocated for distribution of free bicycles to the students belonging to BC, MBC, DNC & Minorities.

e. In order to ensure the educational progress of the students from minority communities, **Rs.55.21 cr** has been provided in the BE 2013-2014 for the various scholarship schemes.

f. The Wakf Institution Development Fund has been constituted & a sum of **Rs.3 cr** has been sanctioned as a grant to this fund.

g. **Rs.1 crore** has been allocated in the BE 2013-2014 for providing financial assistance for pilgrimage by Christians to Jerusalem.

h. During 2013-2014, an overall allocation of **Rs.60.39 cr** has been provided for Minorities Welfare.

**WELFARE OF WOMEN & CHILDREN**

a. The path breaking initiatives taken by this Government for the cause of women empowerment include substantial enhancement of financial assistance under the Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Memorial Maternity Assistance Scheme, various Marriage Assistance Schemes, the Pension Scheme for Widows & Destitute Women, the Girl Child Protection Programme, the Cradle Baby Scheme, the Special Incentive for Girl Students etc.

b. **Rs.750 cr** has been provided for the scheme of distributing 4 gram gold coin for Thirumangalyam along with enhanced marriage assistance in the BE 2013-2014 under various marriage assistance schemes.

c. **Rs.105 cr** has been allocated for the Girl Child Protection Scheme for the year 2013-2014.

d. **Rs.34.26 cr** has been provided for special incentives for girl students.

e. The Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women has formed 5.56 lakh self-help groups (SHG), with 85.69 lakh women as members. So far, 4.93 lakh SHGs were credit linked to the tune of **Rs.18,200.94 cr.** **Rs.6,000 cr** of credit assistance will be provided to SHGs during the next financial year.

**Distribution of Mixie, Grinder & Fan**

During 2011-2012, this Government distributed 25 lakh sets of free mixie, grinder & fan at a cost of **Rs.1,361.62 cr.** In the year 2012-2013, another 35 lakh units are under distribution at a cost of **Rs.1,556 cr.** **This Government is proposing to distribute another 35 lakh units in the year 2013-2014 for which an allocation of **Rs.1,500 cr** has been made in the BE.

**The Puratchi Thalaivar MGR Noon Meal Programme**

a. As announced by Hon'ble Chief Minister, variety meals under the Noon Meal Programme & Integrated Child Development Services Scheme, will be provided in one block in each district on a pilot basis. For 2013-2014, the Government has allocated **Rs.1,492.86 cr** for the implementation of the Noon Meal Programme so as to benefit 53.53 lakh children.

b. **Further, during 2013-2014, this Government will take up the construction of 14130 kitchen-cum-stores in noon meal centres at a cost of Rs.359.70 cr.**

**The Integrated Child Development Services Scheme (ICDS)**

a. During 2012-2013, a pilot scheme was launched to supply colour uniforms to anganwadi children in 5 districts viz.,
Chennai, Vellore, Trichy, Dindigul & Theni. 
In 2013-2014, it will be extended to five more districts viz., Villupuram, Ariyalur, Perambalur, Nagapattinam & Tirunelveli. Rs.4.30 cr has been provided in this Budget for the supply of colour dresses to anganwadi children.
b. Rs.1,320.52 cr has been allocated for the Integrated Child Development Services Scheme for 2013-2014.

WELFARE OF THE ELDERLY, DESTITUTE & THE MARGINALISED

a. This Government has increased the financial assistance under all social security pensions to Rs.1,000 per month. The number of beneficiaries covered under various schemes like Old Age Pension, Destitute Widow Pension etc. has gone up from 23.71 lakhs in 2010-2011 to 30.72 lakhs in 2012-2013.
b. The total allocation for these schemes has been increased from Rs.1207.32 cr in 2010-2011 to Rs.3,461.75 cr in 2013-2014.
c. As promised by the Government, the disbursement of Social Security Pensions & other benefits through bank accounts has already started. So far, 6.24 lakh beneficiaries are being given pensions through their bank accounts & the coverage of all the remaining beneficiaries in urban areas & in villages, having population more than 2,000, is progressing very fast.

WELFARE OF THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED

a. As ordered by the Hon’ble Chief Minister, a High Level Committee has been formed, with the Chief Secretary as the Chairperson, to ensure 3% reservation for differently abled persons in Government jobs.
b. Rs.131.05 cr has been allocated in the BE 2013-2014 for maintenance allowance to the severely disabled, the mentally challenged & muscular dystrophy affected persons.
c. For the welfare of the differently abled, Rs.263 cr has been allocated in the BE 2013-2014.

LABOUR WELFARE

a. After this Government assumed office, Rs.178.86 cr has been disbursed to 7.16 lakh workers as welfare assistance through all the 17 unorganised workers welfare boards.
b. The initiative of electronic transfer of welfare assistance directly to the bank accounts of the members of welfare boards has been successfully implemented on pilot basis in six districts & will soon be upscaled to all the districts.

WELFARE OF SRI LANKAN TAMIL REFUGEES

a. This Government has already extended all welfare schemes to the Sri Lankan Tamils living in the various refugee camps in the State & has also hiked the cash assistance given to them.
b. Further, from the coming financial year, the coverage of the Chief Minister’s Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme will be extended to the Sri Lankan Tamils living outside the refugee camps also.
c. Over all, a sum of Rs.109.91 cr is allocated for the welfare of Sri Lankan Tamil refugees in the BE 2013-2014.
PENSIONERS WELFARE
a. As on 01-01-2013, there are 7,00,350 pensioners in the State & a sum of Rs.16,514.34 cr has been allocated for the prompt payment of pensionary benefits.

b. A separate Health Insurance Scheme will be launched to reduce the burden of health related expenses of the pensioners.

c. The assistance given to the bereaved family under the Tamil Nadu Government Pensioner’s Family Security Fund Scheme will be enhanced from Rs.35,000 to Rs.50,000.

WELFARE OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES
a. In the Budget 2012-2013, the house building advance was enhanced from Rs.15 lakhs to Rs.25 lakhs. In the BE 2013-2014, Rs.252.95 cr has been provided for this purpose.

b. Under the Government Servants Health Insurance Scheme, 21,656 government employees have benefitted by insurance claims of Rs.215.34 cr. In 2013-2014, Rs.270 cr will be paid as insurance premium, including Rs.37.46 cr as the State Government’s contribution.

WELFARE OF ADVOCATES
a. The Government has enhanced the financial assistance to the legal heirs of deceased advocates from Rs.2.00 lakhs to Rs.5.25 lakhs.

b. The Government has also sanctioned a sum of Rs.4.00 cr per annum as a grant to the Tamil Nadu Advocates Welfare Fund & this has been included in the BE 2013-2014.

PART B
RESOURCES FOR FINANCING THE BUDGET

Share in Central Taxes

The Central Government has again missed the target of budgeted tax receipts. As a result, the share of Tamil Nadu in central taxes has also been drastically reduced by over Rs.500 cr. This has put excessive stress on the State’s own resources.

The Grants-in-Aid from the Central Government

a. Clause 7 of the Finance Bill 2013, seeks to make statutory levies of a State Government non-deductible from the income of State Public Sector Undertakings & thereby intends to boost the income of Central Government at the cost of the legitimate tax & non-tax revenue of the State Governments. This amounts to an indirect taxation of the income of State Governments & hence is violative of the spirit of Article 289 of the Constitution, which exempts the property & income of a State from Union taxation. We call upon the Central Government to withdraw this ill-conceived & misguided provision which has no place in a federal polity like ours.

b. The Union budget for 2013-2014 has given a severe blow to the State’s financial planning by brutally cutting down plan expenditure. An already committed amount of Rs.395 cr, for example, which was spent by the State in flood control projects, is not being reimbursed by the Union Government for the past two years.

c. Although this sudden reduction of grants has added to the burden on the State finances, our Government will not allow implementation of welfare
schemes for the people of Tamil Nadu to falter & all the schemes will continue unabated.

**State’s Own Tax Revenue**

a. Although the general slowdown in the economy has affected the tax growth in the State, the sagacious policies of the Government would ensure the achievement of the budgetary target for tax collection in 2012-2013.

b. The Tax-GDP ratio in our State is one of the best in the country. In 2011-2012, the ratio was 9.3, & as per the Revised Estimates for 2012-2013, the ratio will be 10.3. During 2013-2014 also, the State’s finances would exhibit a favourable Tax-GSDP ratio.

c. The Hon’ble Chief Minister has decided that, in the backdrop of slow growth of Indian economy in general & its possible repercussions on State economy in particular, no new tax will be imposed, nor will any existing tax rate be hiked in this Budget.

d. For 2013-2014, the overall target for State’s own taxes will be Rs. 86,065.4 cr, with a projected growth rate of 17% over the Revised Estimates for 2012-2013. The estimates for Commercial Taxes, Excise Duty & Motor Vehicles taxes are Rs.56,025.24 cr, Rs.14,469.87 cr & Rs.4,881.15 cr, respectively. The revenue from the collection of Stamp duty & registration fees, will be Rs.9,874.22 cr.

**Public Debt**

a. The eligibility for Tamil Nadu to raise net public borrowing in 2012-2013 was Rs.20,716 cr. However, the Government has restricted the net public borrowing to Rs.15,675 cr in 2012-2013.

b. The Debt to GSDP ratio has been contained at 18.98% as against the mandatory requirement of 24.5%. This Government proposes a net borrowing of Rs.21,142 cr during 2013-2014 as against the approved limit of Rs.24,263 cr.

**FISCAL INDICATORS**

a. In the Revised Estimate for 2012-2013, revenue surplus is estimated will be Rs.451.52 cr. The fiscal deficit has been restricted to Rs.19,889.31 cr, which is 2.88% of GSDP. These indicators are well within the targets specified in the FRBM Act, 2003 & the requirements of the 13th Finance Commission.

b. During 2013-2014, we are projecting a revenue surplus of Rs.664.06 cr & a fiscal deficit of Rs.22,938.57 cr. This fiscal deficit will be 2.84% of GSDP, which is within the stipulated norm of 3%.

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