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1. Introduction

The Government have pioneered several innovative, scientific and welfare oriented Special Schemes to make Tamil Nadu as number one state in the country. This Government, under the dynamic and visionary leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister have created a new department namely Special Programme Implementation Department on 16.05.2011, vide G.O.Ms. No.423, Public (Special-A) Department.

It is the first time in the history of the State of Tamil Nadu that a department is created exclusively for monitoring and coordinating the implementation of various flagship programmes/ schemes of the Government.

It is the endeavour of the Government to implement multi-pronged special schemes in a scientific manner to usher in an era of all round socio-economic development. This department will closely work with other line departments for achieving sustainable development and balanced growth of every important sector such as Agriculture, Energy, Water, Education, Health, Rural Development, Industry and Infrastructure.

The Government is implementing several social security schemes for inclusive and integrated development of various sections of the society especially, the disadvantaged and the marginalized such as the poor and women.

To achieve these objectives, the Government is implementing need based schemes aimed at improving the quality of life and strengthening the livelihood of people. In this direction the Government is implementing several special schemes such as providing milch cows and

goats/sheep at free of cost to the poorest of the poor, supply of 20 kg rice at free of cost to ration card holders, enhanced Marriage Assistance along with 4 gram gold coin for Thirumangalyam, supply of home appliances like Mixies, Fans and Grinders at free of cost to women beneficiaries, supply of Laptop Computers at free of cost to students, etc.

This department will function for effective and speedy implementation and monitoring of the special schemes to ensure that the benefits reach the targeted population. In this process the department of Special Programme Implementation will involve all stakeholders besides the respective line departments.

2. Functions and activities of the department

2.1 The functions and activities of the department are as follows:-

- To monitor implementation of various special programmes/schemes of the Government in coordination with the concerned line departments.

- To carry out field inspections, conduct review meetings and have consultations at District level on regular basis.

- The department will also provide necessary feedback to the Government on the qualitative and quantitative aspects of the schemes by organizing frequent inspections by the officers of this department and also suggest corrective course of action wherever necessary. The

department will also coordinate with other departments and advise them, based on the feedback, in evolving appropriate policy and guidelines in order to achieve the desired results of various schemes and programmes.

- The department will function as a Monitoring Body of the Government for effective implementation of various special programmes/schemes.

2.2 Since the main focus of the department is monitoring the implementation of various programmes and schemes, a vigilant and effective inspection and monitoring mechanism is considered essential. In order to carry out monitoring and field level inspection of the scheme components, experienced officers have been drafted from various departments such as Economics and Statistics, Rural Development, Revenue Department etc..

3 . Monitoring

3.1. Monitoring is an administrative mechanism which concerns wholly and faithfully with careful examination of the progress of the scheme over a period of time with a view to ensuring that its path adheres to the desired trajectory. The continuous monitoring of a scheme will generate warning signals, if they deviate from the objectives and facilitate the administration to put it back on the right track. With this objective, the department of Special Programme Implementation will vigilantly monitor the progress of various special programmes and schemes.

3.2 Monitoring and coordinating the implementation of Special Schemes

The Government have announced several schemes, programmes and projects for socio-economic development of the State and to fulfill

long felt needs of the people. As these schemes, programmes and projects will be implemented by different departments this department will interact with the line departments on regular basis and assess the status of implementation. The progress of these schemes will be monitored on-line through usage of appropriate Information Technology tools.

3.3. Monitoring of the Announcements made by the Government

The status of implementation of various announcements pertaining to wholesome developmental activities made in the Governor's address, budget speech and special announcements made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on the floor of the Assembly are closely monitored by this department for effective implementation. These announcements are segregated department-wise for effective monitoring. An interactive software has been developed and hosted in the intranet system of

the Secretariat to enable the concerned departments to update the status on-line. As per the status report furnished by the concerned departments, consolidated compendium will be generated and will be utilized for review and reference purpose.

3.4. At district level, Collectors have nominated senior officers such as District Revenue Officer and Project Director, District Rural Development Agency as Nodal Officers for monitoring the implementation of special programmes/schemes. These Nodal Officers will coordinate with the concerned officers and will act as a focal point at district level for timely feed back and action.

3.5. Through this department, the Government will have regular feedback about the progress and effectiveness of various schemes. This system of monitoring will facilitate the Government in taking mid-course correction in implementation of a scheme.

4. Schemes implemented by the department

Apart from monitoring the special programmes, this department is implementing two landmark schemes of the Government viz., distribution of Laptop Computers at free of cost to students and distribution of electric fans, mixies and grinders at free of cost to women beneficiaries.

4.1. Distribution of Laptop Computers at free of cost to students

The State of Tamil Nadu has emerged as a favoured destination both for the domestic and multinational IT companies. This has opened new vistas of job opportunities for youth in Tamil Nadu. In today's world, the Laptop Computer is an essential education tool for student community. Further, the students from lower rungs of the socio economic pyramid also need to be equipped to participate in the emerging global market. To bridge the 'digital divide' and to

provide level playing field, to develop skills and improve human resources in consonance with the Millennium Development Goals, the Government have decided to provide Laptop Computers to students. Under this scheme, the students studying in 12th standard in Government and Government Aided schools and the students in Government and Government Aided Arts & Science, Engineering and Polytechnic Colleges will be provided Laptop Computers. These students will be covered under the scheme as follows:

Year-wise distribution of Laptop Computers to Students

Year	Students Studying in			
	Schools	Arts & Science Colleges	Engi- neering Colleges	Poly- Technic Colleges
2011-12	12 th Standard	1 st & 3 rd year	2 nd & 4 th year	1 st & 3 rd year
2012-13	12 th Standard	3 rd year	2 nd & 4 th year	1 st & 3 rd year
2013-14 onwards	12 th Standard	----	----	1 st year

During the year 2011-12, being first year of the programme, nearly 9.12 lakh students will be covered as indicated below:

**Institution wise distribution of
Laptop Computers to students in 2011-12**

Sl. No	Type of Institutions	No. of Students (in Lakhs)
1	Schools	5.47
2	Arts & Science Colleges	2.91
3	Engineering Colleges	0.24
4	Polytechnic Colleges	0.50
Total		9.12

The Government have already provided Rs.912 crores for this purpose in the current year budget.

Electronics Corporation of Tamil Nadu (ELCOT) has been entrusted with the task of procuring computers under this scheme.

The distribution of the Laptop Computers will commence from September 15th, 2011 on the occasion of the celebrations of Perarignar Anna's birthday.

The distribution of the Laptop Computers will be done through the respective Departments such as Director of School Education, Director of Collegiate Education and Commissioner of Technical Education.

To ensure proper working of the Laptop Computers, Service and Repair Centres will be set up at Taluk level.

4.2. Distribution of Electric Fans, Mixies and Grinders at free of cost to women beneficiaries

To make women more effective participants in the economy, it is imperative to provide them some relief and comfort from the strenuous domestic activities. Therefore, the Government have decided to distribute a package of electric fan, mixie and grinder to all the women from the families holding family cards which are eligible to draw rice as a welfare measure. This scheme is aimed to improve the standard of living of the poor women, apart from providing equal opportunities by making available these modern domestic appliances to them.

Nearly 1.85 crore women beneficiaries from the households holding family cards which are eligible for drawing rice as on 30-6-2011 will get this benefit. During 2011-12, 25 lakh households will be covered and all the eligible beneficiaries will be distributed these appliances in a phased

manner. For this purpose, a sum of Rs.1250 crore has been earmarked in the current year budget.

The Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation (TNCSC) has been entrusted with the task of procuring electric fans, mixies and grinders under this scheme.

The distribution of the electric fans, mixies and grinders will commence from September 15th, 2011 on the occasion of the celebrations of Perarignar Anna's birthday.

Distribution will be done by the Revenue Department under the overall control of the District Collectors in the districts and the Corporation Commissioner in case of Chennai city.

To ensure proper working of the appliances, the suppliers will setup Service and Maintenance Centres at Taluk level.

To facilitate speedy and efficient implementation of this scheme, the Government is considering sanction of additional staff to Revenue department in every district.

The benefits will be distributed only to a woman from the eligible households. In case, a household having family card which is eligible for drawing rice does not have any woman member, it will be given to the head of the family. While distributing the benefits, rural areas will be covered first followed by Town Panchayats, Municipalities and Municipal Corporations.

5. Conclusion

With the objective of achieving impressive economic growth within the framework of social justice, the Government have proposed to take

up several special schemes for the benefit of socially and economically deprived sections of the society. The Government have taken this progressive step and created a new department for monitoring the implementation of these special schemes in a time bound manner.

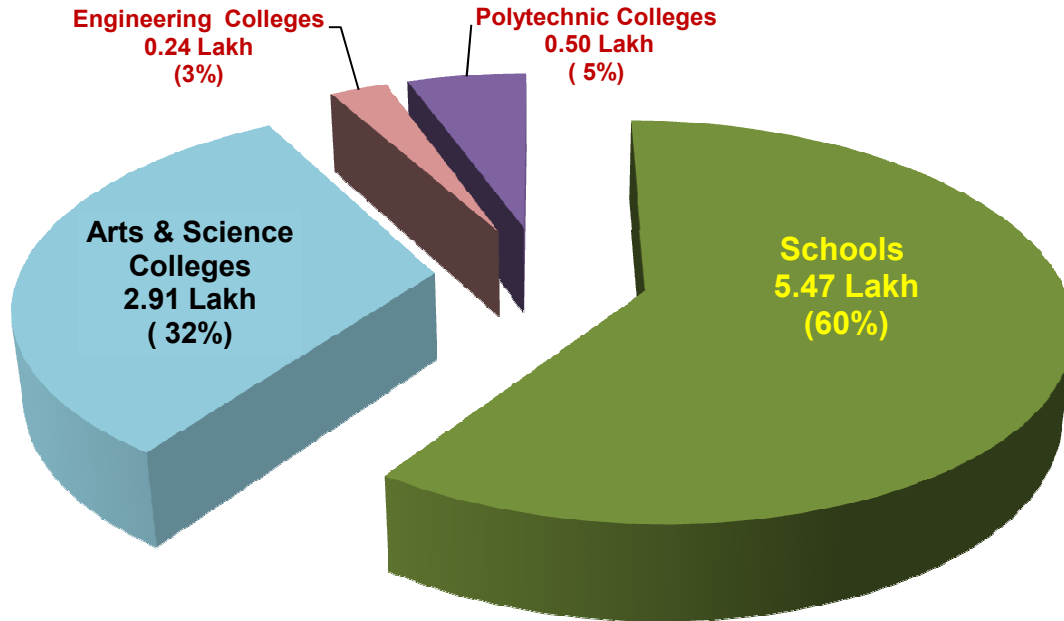
The department of Special Programme Implementation aspires to bring in significant qualitative and quantitative changes in the implementation of various schemes through effective monitoring with a missionary zeal, relentless dedication and sustained commitment.

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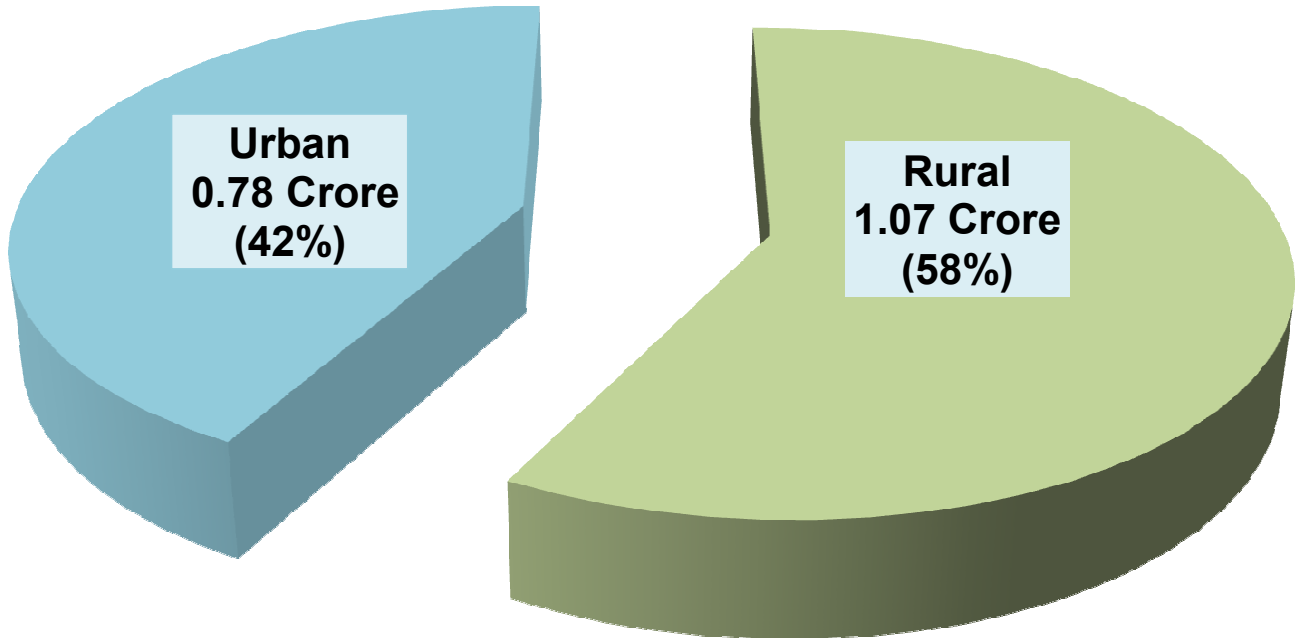
Distribution of Laptop Computers to Students

2011-12

(Number of Students in Lakh)



Distribution of Fans, Mixies & Grinders Beneficiaries - Rural and Urban areas (in Crore)



Distribution of Fans, Mixies & Grinders

District-wise Total Beneficiaries

