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## **INTRODUCTION**

Tamil Nadu being a welfare State, focused on improving the health care and the socio-economic well being of the people, to safeguard economically weaker sections from the evils of illicit liquor, the Government pursues a pragmatic liquor policy and implementing it through Prohibition and Excise Department.

The Prohibition and Excise Wing functions under the administrative control of Home, Prohibition and Excise Department.

Three Head of the Departments viz., Commissionerate of Prohibition and Excise, Prohibition Enforcement Wing and Narcotic Intelligence Bureau (NIB) CID and one Public

Sector Undertaking viz., Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation Limited (TASMAC) are functioning under this Department.

## **2. COMMISSIONERATE OF PROHIBITION AND EXCISE**

2.1 The Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise is empowered to enforce the Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, 1937 (Tamil Nadu Act X of 1937) and the Rules made thereunder. The above said Act and Rules are implemented with the following broad objectives:-

- Better Excise administration to ensure maximum revenue optimization to the Government.
- Creation of awareness among the public about the evils of intoxication.
- Eradication of illicit distillation and sale of arrack and prevention of smuggling of spurious and non excised liquor through the State border.

2.2 At State level, the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise is supported by 2 Joint Commissioners in the cadre of District Revenue Officer, 1 Financial Controller in the cadre of Joint Secretary to Government (Finance Department) and 5 Assistant Commissioners in the cadre of Deputy Collector to implement the Prohibition and Excise Policy. At district level, the District Collector is supported by Deputy / Assistant Commissioner (Excise).

2.3 To exercise effective control over the production of spirits / Indian Made Foreign Spirits / Beer / Wine and prevention of their unauthorized diversion and monitoring the levy of excise duty on excisable articles under the Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, 1937, officers in the cadre of Deputy Collector are posted in the manufacturing units, in the chemical units and bonded warehouses. The above work is exercised by Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars of Revenue Department, who are posted as Excise

Supervisory Officers and Bonded Manufactory Officers respectively.

## **Molasses**

2.4 Molasses is the raw material for the manufacture of alcohol in Tamil Nadu. It is the by-product obtained during the production of Sugar. The District Collector / District Revenue Officer are the competent authority to issue licenses for possession, use, sale, transport and import or export of molasses under the Tamil Nadu Molasses Control and Regulation Rules, 1958. The Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise will give prior approval to the Collector/ District Revenue Officer for issuing licence for possession and use of molasses and give import / export permit. The licensees can possess and use molasses as per the possessional limit fixed by the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise.

## **Distilleries and Spirit Production**

2.5 There are 17 Distilleries in Tamil Nadu. Out of this, 15 are in the Private Sector and 2 are in the Co-operative Sector. These Distilleries produce Spirit which is the raw material for the production of Liquor. Alcohol is used as raw material in the manufacturing of Indian Made Foreign Spirits products. It is also used in educational institutions, hospitals, laboratories, research institutions in small quantities. In the Paint and Varnish industries, denatured spirit is used as a solvent.

## **Extra Neutral Alcohol (ENA)**

2.6 Extra Neutral Alcohol is used for the production of Indian Made Foreign Spirits by the IMFS units. There are 17 Distillery Units in the State that are producing Extra Neutral Alcohol. The Extra Neutral Alcohol produced in the above distilleries during the year 2022-2023 is



12.17 crore litres. The IMFS manufacturing units were also allowed to import 5.28 crore litres of Extra Neutral Alcohol from other States during the four quarters of the year 2022-2023.

### **Grain based Extra Neutral Alcohol (GENA)**

2.7 Grain based Extra Neutral Alcohol is used for the production of Premium brand liquors by the Indian Made Foreign Spirits manufacturing units. As the Grain based Extra Neutral Alcohol manufacturing unit is not available in Tamil Nadu, it is permitted to be imported from other States. The total Grain Extra Neutral Alcohol permitted to be imported from other States during the four quarters of the year 2022-2023 is 6.33 crore litres.

### **Ethanol**

2.8 Ethanol is primarily a plant based fuel. It greatly reduces the net emission of greenhouse gases and thereby protects the environment from

pollution hassles. Ethanol also helps to save foreign exchange by reducing crude oil import. Ethanol is produced in 12 Distilleries in Tamil Nadu. The production of Ethanol during the year 2022-2023 is 2.14 crore litres.

### **Indian Made Foreign Spirits, Beer and Wine Manufacturing Units**

2.9 At present, there are 11 Indian Made Foreign Spirits Manufacturing Units, 7 Beer Manufacturing Units and 1 Wine Manufacturing Unit functioning in Tamil Nadu.

### **Export of Beer**

2.10 The Government have accorded permission for Export of Beer to other States / Union Territories and other Countries from Tamil Nadu. Export Permits for export of Beer to other States and Union Territories are being issued on-line.

## **Import of Foreign Liquor**

2.11 The Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise is issuing Import Permits for importing foreign liquor from other Countries on collection of a special fee under the Tamil Nadu Liquor (Licence and Permit) Rules, 1981. From 02.03.2012 onwards, TASMAL has been made as the nodal agency to facilitate the import of Foreign Liquor by FL2 (Recreation Clubs), FL3 (Star Hotels, i.e. 3 Star category and below and non star hotels), FL3A and FL3AA Licensees by collecting a service charge at 3% on the Special Fee.

2.12 The FL3 licensees (Four Star, Five Star and above categories) will continue to procure imported foreign liquor items directly from the suppliers of imported foreign liquor whose Excise bonded warehouses are located in other States.

2.13 During 2022-2023 the revenue earned by Government through Special Fee on imported foreign liquor is Rs.44.79 crore and the revenue earned by TASMAC from service charge is Rs.12.23 lakh.

## **Neera**

2.14 Neera is a non-alcoholic nutritious drink drawn from the unopened inflorescence of Coconut trees using anti fermentation technology to arrest the fermentation. Government have permitted tapping of Neera from Coconut trees and also manufacture of other products from Neera by obtaining licence.

2.15 Coconut Producer Companies registered under the Companies Act, 2013 or Co-operative Societies registered under the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Societies Act, 1983 are eligible to get licences for tapping, distribution, sale and manufacture of products from Neera. These Companies and Co-operative Societies can

apply for the licence to the District Collector and they should also register with the Coconut Development Board.

## **Padani**

2.16 Padani is a popular nutritious unfermented juice drawn from the inflorescence of palmyra, dates or any other kind of palm tree. Licence is issued to regulate the tapping, possession, transport, sale, distribution of Padani and manufacture of products from Padani.

## **State Excise Labels**

2.17 The Government introduced Foolproof Polyester based Hologram Excise Labels in lieu of paper labels to eradicate the sale of spurious liquor, curb the smuggling of liquor from other States and to ensure payment of excise duty on IMFS / Beer and Wine bottles produced by the Manufacturing Units. The security features of these labels are being upgraded periodically.

At present, the average monthly requirement of excise labels is around 27.00 crore. During 2022–2023, the net revenue earned by Government towards the sale of excise labels is Rs.24.42 crore.

### **e-Governance Initiatives**

2.18 To substantially reduce the time taken for renewal of licenses and for issue of export and import permits, the following processes have been made online with web enabled applications:

- a. Export Permit is issued for export of Beer to other States and Countries.
- b. Renewal of FL2, FL3, FL3A and FL3AA licences.
- c. Import Permit is issued for import of Foreign Liquor by FL2, FL3, FL3A and FL3AA licensees.

2.19 Administrative sanction has been accorded for enabling 74 services under

e-Governance initiatives through online with web enabled applications. Action is being taken to implement the above services through National Informatics Centre.

### **Rehabilitation Fund for Prohibition Offenders**

2.20 With a view to rehabilitate the erstwhile prohibition offenders socially and economically, the Government is sanctioning a financial assistance of Rs.5.00 crore as grant every year.

2.21 There is a Rehabilitation Committee in each district headed by the District Collector comprising of the Superintendent of Police of the District, the Senior Regional Manager, TASMAC and the Deputy Commissioner (Excise) / Assistant Commissioner (Excise) to identify eligible beneficiaries under the scheme and distribute the grant to them for their economic rehabilitation.

2.22 Each identified beneficiary will get a grant, upto a maximum of Rs.30,000/- to create

permanent income through different kinds of professions like sheep and milch animals breeding, production of agarbathi, camphor, preparation of instant sambrani, candles, paper cups, washing soap, soap powder and other such small trades.

2.23 Through this scheme, a grant of Rs.5.00 crore has been sanctioned for the year 2022-2023 and out of the first installment of Rs.2.50 crore, Rs.1.44 crore has been apportioned to 14 Districts for rehabilitating 483 prohibition offenders.

### **Conducting Awareness Campaigns against Consumption of Liquor and Drunken Driving**

2.24 For conducting Awareness Programmes in Districts against the evils of liquor consumption, drunken driving and Drug Abuse, Rs.4.00 crore has been sanctioned by the Government which has been allocated to all the



District Collectors and the Enforcement Wing of Police Department.

2.25 A District Level Committee has been constituted in each district under the Chairmanship of the District Collector with the following members to chalk out a plan to carry out the awareness activities in the districts against the evils of consumption of liquor and drunken driving: -

1.	District Collector	Chairman
2.	Zonal Superintendent of Police (Enforcement)	Member
3.	District Superintendent of Police	Member
4.	Chief Educational Officer	Member
5.	Deputy Commissioner (Excise)/ Assistant Commissioner (Excise)	Member - Convener
6.	Public Relations Officer	Member

2.26 To create awareness about the consumption of liquor, awareness activities like

rallies, camps, seminars, street plays, skits, elocution competition, essay competition, advertisement at public places, distribution of pamphlets, human chains etc., are conducted every month specifically in identified locations by the district administration with the help of students, Self Help Groups and Non-Governmental Organizations, targeting habitations with population vulnerable to liquor drinking. Further, group discussions, poster making and essay competitions are conducted in schools and colleges to create awareness. Apart from this, T-shirts, Travel Bags and Calendars are distributed to public for creation of awareness. Street plays in villages, seminars in colleges and schools and mass awareness processions are conducted district-wise and during the awareness procession, pamphlets are circulated among the public to create awareness against consumption of liquor. Cultural events are conducted in all districts. Stickers are supplied to transport

authorities and those stickers are pasted in their buses as part of awareness campaign. Statewide competitions like poetry writing, story writing and short film making are conducted.

2.27 Out of Rs.4.00 crore which is allotted for conducting awareness programmes Statewide, Rs.8.94 lakh has been apportioned to each district, Rs.15.00 lakh has been allocated to the Additional Director General of Police (Enforcement), Chennai and Rs.10.00 lakh each has been allocated to the Zonal Superintendents of Police Chennai and Madurai Zones respectively for conducting awareness programmes against consumption of liquor, like poetry writing, story writing and short film making.

### **De-addiction Centres**

2.28 With a view to provide integrated treatment and rehabilitation services for persons addicted to alcohol and drugs, the Government

has established De-addiction Centres spread across the State. There are 20 De-addiction Centres functioning in the State.

### **3. PROHIBITION ENFORCEMENT WING**

3.1 The Prohibition Enforcement Wing (PEW) is functioning with the avowed objective of eradicating illicit distillation, transportation, possession and sale of illicit liquor and preventing smuggling of spurious liquor as well as non-duty paid IMFL from other States.

3.2 The Additional Director General of Police, Enforcement is the Head of the Wing and he is assisted by a Inspector General of Police and a Superintendent of Police, Central Intelligence Unit at Chennai and 2 Superintendents of Police (Enforcement) each at Chennai and Madurai Zones. The Superintendent of Police, Central Intelligence Unit is assisted by

2 Deputy Superintendents of Police, 6 Inspectors of Police, 8 Sub-Inspectors of Police, one Head Constable and one Grade II Police Constable.

3.3 There are 101 Prohibition Enforcement Wing units functioning in the State. These Prohibition Enforcement Wing units, headed by Inspectors of Police, are declared as Police Stations for enforcing the Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, 1937. They are supervised by Deputy Superintendents of Police in cities/districts and Additional Superintendents of Police at selected places. The Prohibition Enforcement Wing units and its officers work under the administrative and operational control of the Commissioners of Police in the Cities and the Superintendents of Police in Districts who have the primary role of enforcing prohibition.

## **Measures to Curb the Movement of Spurious Liquor / Rectified Spirit from neighbouring States**

### **3.4 Steps taken for elimination of illicit distillation**

(i) Special teams have been formed to curb smuggling of rectified spirit, spurious liquor and other State liquor from neighbouring States by notorious offenders through human intelligence and CDR analysis.

(ii) Temporary check posts have been erected often depending on festivals and dry days to restrain infiltration of spurious, non-duty paid IMFL, rectified spirit, arrack sachets from neighbouring States into Tamil Nadu. In all 45 permanent prohibition check posts have been established in Nagapattinam (5), Kanniyakumari (1), Theni (1), Thiruvallur (5), Vellore (5), Cuddalore (4), Villuppuram (9), Krishnagiri (7), Erode (1), Salem (2), The Nilgiris (1), Thiruvarur (1), Thiruppur (1) and Coimbatore (1) districts and Chennai City (1). Apart from this, 7 mobile check posts are

functioning in Nagapattinam (2), Cuddalore (1), Villuppuram (1), Krishnagiri (1), Thiruvallur (1) and Thiruvarur (1) districts.

(iii) To curb illicit distillation of arrack and smuggling of other State liquor, special raids have been conducted in reported places frequently.

(iv) Rectified spirit is a highly concentrated form of alcohol. It is generally transported for selling as unexcised cheap liquor. Many a times such liquor also results in Hooch tragedies. On the basis of intelligence collected by the staff of Central Intelligence Unit and Prohibition Enforcement Wing Units, surprise vehicle checks are being regularly conducted throughout the State.

### **Rewards to Informants**

3.5 Every year, the Government accord permission to TASMACH to sanction Rs.15 lakh from its own funds for sanction of awards to encourage informants who are risking their life on giving information to Prohibition Enforcement

Wing officials about the movement of smuggling of rectified spirits.

### **Incentive Scheme**

3.6 Every year, the Government grants monetary rewards upto a total of Rs. 15 lakh as incentives to Prohibition Enforcement Wing and local police personnel who help in seizure of smuggling rectified spirits, spurious and non duty paid liquor, played a major role in encouraging the police personnel who are instrumental in major seizures.

### **3.7 Achievements for the year 2022**

1. All efforts are being taken to eradicate illicit / spurious / seconds liquor in the State. Enforcement measures taken by the Central Intelligence Unit and Prohibition Enforcement Wing Units have considerably contained illicit distillation, transport and selling to a large extent.



2. A total of 1,40,649 prohibition cases were detected and 1,39,697 accused including 11,828 female were arrested.
3. A total of 8,89,995 litres of fermented wash with a value of Rs.1,77,99,900 was seized and destroyed.
4. A total of 5,18,019 litres of illicit distilled arrack with a value of Rs.2,07,20,760 was seized and destroyed.
5. A total of 37,217 litres of rectified spirit with a value of Rs.37,21,700 was seized.
6. A total of 30,263 litres of Toddy with a value of Rs.6,05,260 was seized and destroyed.
7. A total of 16,77,938 numbers of 180 ml IMFL bottles with a value of Rs. 20,13,52,560 was seized.
8. A total number of 2,957 vehicles including 8 lorries, 7 vans, 231 cars,

65 auto rickshaws, and 2,646 motor cycles involved in Prohibition offences were seized.

9. A total of 162 notorious prohibition offenders were detained under the Tamil Nadu Act XIV of 1982. (B.L.Act).
10. There is no liquor death during this period in the State.

### **Installation of Solar Power Generators in bordering Check Posts**

3.8 Out of the 45 Prohibition Check Posts functioning across the State, 20 Check Posts are functioning in the districts located in the border areas of the neighbouring States. Consequent on the announcement made during the year 2022-2023 on the Floor of the Assembly, Government have ordered to install solar power generators with batteries in those Check Posts at a cost of Rs. 0.13 crore to prevent night-time illegal activities of criminals.

## **Steps Taken to avert Hooch Tragedies**

3.9 During the last 14 years, there is no Hooch tragedy in the State due to zero tolerance policy towards blending units. Intensive ID arrack raids are conducted from time to time in few districts wherein distillation of ID arrack was reported. Methanol which was the main reason for causing Hooch tragedies in 2002 was brought within the ambit of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, 1937. Suitable amendments were also made in the Tamil Nadu Denatured Spirit, Methyl Alcohol and Varnish (French Polish) Rules, 1959 to maintain strict control over possession, use, transportation, import, sales etc., of methanol.

3.10 The District Superintendents of Police have also been instructed to check all Methanol manufacturing units, end-users, factories, industries that have license to possess methanol

in the State. Their monthly reports are closely analyzed at the Enforcement Headquarters.

### **Prohibition Helpline - 10581**

3.11 A 24 hours toll free prohibition helpline with a telephone No.10581 has been installed at the Central Intelligence Unit Control Room in Enforcement Headquarters. The objective of the helpline is to enable informants and the general public to give information at free of cost about prohibition offences viz., illicit arrack distillation, transport of rectified spirit, spurious liquor, selling of illicit liquor etc. During the period from 01.01.2022 to 31.12.2022, a total number of 3275 helpline complaints were received and appropriate action has been taken.

### **Gandhi Adigal Police Medal**

3.12 Gandhi Adigal Police Medal for the year 2022 was sanctioned to 2 Inspectors,

2 Sub Inspectors and 1 Head Constable for their outstanding work in curbing illicit liquor.

#### **4. NARCOTIC INTELLIGENCE BUREAU (CID)**

### **Achievements for the Year 2022**

#### **4.1 Law Enforcement Activities**

- 1) Due to the efforts taken by Tamil Nadu Police, the State is maintaining 'Zero Cultivation' status of Ganja.
- 2) During the year 2022, a total of 10,665 cases were detected resulting in arrest of 14,934 accused including 19 foreign nationals and seizure of 28,383 Kgs. of Ganja, 63,848 Tablets and 98 Kgs. of other drugs.
- 3) Action was taken against Interstate drug cartels involving individuals from Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Odisha and Telengana.

- 4) Statewide joint raids were conducted along with drug inspectors against pharmacies selling prescription medicines to minors without proper documents.
- 5) During the Ganja & Gutkha Operation-1.0 from 06.12.2021 to 05.01.2022, a total of 1,272 NDPS cases have been registered resulting the arrest of 1,221 accused and seized 2,299 Kgs. of Ganja and 23 Kgs. of Heroin.
- 6) In Ganja & Gutkha Operation – 2.0 from 28.03.2022 to 27.04.2022, a total of 2,023 NDPS cases have been registered resulting the arrest of 2,423 accused and 3,562.50 Kgs. of Ganja was seized.
- 7) To stop the sale of Ganja near Schools and Colleges, special checks were conducted at the shops in the vicinity of the educational institutions. In addition to this, awareness campaigns have been conducted in schools and colleges to

educate the youth regarding the ill effects of Ganja and other Narcotic substances and Psychotropic substances.

- 8) In addition to creating awareness, stringent enforcement action under NDPS Act is being taken by the Tamil Nadu Police leading to higher seizure of Narcotic drugs & Psychotropic substances in the year 2022 compared to earlier years.
- 9) Financial investigation has been initiated in 72 cases filed against narcotics offenders and 151 moveable and immovable properties all worth about Rs. 17.87 crore were seized.
- 10) 4,994 bank accounts pertaining to the accused concerned with NDPS Act cases and their relatives / friends bearing balance of Rs. 2.00 crore were frozen under section 102 Cr.P.C.

- 11) In order to watch the activities of previous offenders involved in NDPS Cases, a total of 24,880 accused involved in cases from 2019 onwards have been listed out. Of which, about 12,000 accused are lodged in jails. 5,495 accused have been bound over and security bonds have been executed. Of which, 195 accused have been arrested due to breach of bond condition.
- 12) Cyber Cell was set up in NIB CID with 3 computers and software sanctioned under DGP/ HOPF's discretionary fund.

#### 4.2 **Awareness Activities**

- 1) In order to create awareness among youngsters especially students, the Enforcement Bureau Unit organized a mass Anti-Drug Abuse Pledge throughout the State on 11.08.2022. The



State Level function was led by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and more than 74 Lakh students of Schools and Colleges took the pledge on the same day and same time across the State of Tamil Nadu. The effort has been recognized as 'World Record' by the World Record Union.

- 2) A 20 minute Awareness video incorporating message of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and ill effects of drugs was prepared and shared to all schools and colleges for showing the same to students.
- 3) Anti-Drug Clubs have been formed in 14,000 educational institutions aimed to protect the students from the threat of drug addiction by including students as stakeholders.
- 4) NSS Volunteering Programme provides the opportunity for NSS to volunteer with

the Drive against Drugs (DAD) movement.

- 5) Social media awareness campaign was launched using the awareness campaign fund.
- 6) Website for NIB CID and an awareness film against drug abuse is under preparation.
- 7) 3 sniffer dogs were purchased and they are under training for narcotics detection. Totally 10 sniffer dogs are available in Tamil Nadu for anti-narcotics operation.

### **Formation of Enforcement Bureau CID**

4.3. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu made an announcement that the Prohibition Enforcement Wing will be merged with Narcotic Intelligence Bureau CID Unit for effective action against Narcotic drugs and Psychotropic substances. In accordance with the

announcement, orders were issued regarding formation of the Enforcement Bureau CID of Tamil Nadu.

4.4. The newly formed “Enforcement Bureau CID” has the responsibility for enforcement of Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, Narcotics Drugs Psychotropic Substances Act, Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs Psychotropic Substances Act and Intellectual property rights.

4.5. Each District will have Enforcement Bureau CID Units. The strength of existing Prohibition Enforcement Wing units has been rationalised and additional responsibility of enforcement of NDPS Act has been given to district Enforcement Bureau CID units.

## **5. TAMIL NADU STATE MARKETING CORPORATION LIMITED**

5.1 The Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation Limited (TASMAC) was incorporated as a State Public Sector Company on 23.05.1983 under the Companies Act, 1956.

### **Exclusive Privilege**

5.2 As per Section 17-C (1-A) (a) of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, 1937 (Tamil Nadu Act X of 1937), Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation has been granted the exclusive privilege of wholesale trade of Indian Made Foreign Spirits and Foreign Liquor for the whole of Tamil Nadu and is carrying on the wholesale distribution of liquor from 23.05.1983. Under Section 17-C (1-B) (a) of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, 1937 (Tamil Nadu Act X of 1937), the Corporation has been granted the exclusive privilege of Retail Vending of Indian Made Foreign

Spirits and is carrying on the Retail Vending of liquor from 29.11.2003. In addition, Imported Foreign Liquor, Beer and Wine products are also marketed by the Corporation.

### **Board of Directors**

5.3 The activities of the Corporation are directed and controlled by the Board of Directors of the Corporation. The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Home, Prohibition and Excise Department is the Chairman of the Corporation. The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Finance Department, the Secretary to Government, Commercial Taxes and Registration Department, the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise and the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation are the members of the Board.

## **Share Capital**

5.4 The authorized share capital of Rs.15.00 crore has been fully contributed by the Government to Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation.

## **Organizational Setup**

5.5 The Managing Director is supported by the General Manager (Finance), the General Manager (Wholesale & Administration), the General Manager (Retail Vending) in the cadre of District Revenue Officer, the General Manager (Personnel & Welfare) in the cadre of Joint Commissioner of Labour, Deputy General Manager (Purchase and Sales), Company Secretary, Chief Accounts Officer, Law Officer and other supporting staff.

## **Registered Office and Regional Offices**

5.6 Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation's Registered Office is situated at Chennai. The Corporation has Five Regional Offices at Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai, Salem and Tiruchirappalli. These offices are administrated by the Senior Regional Managers in the cadre of District Revenue Officer.

## **Special Flying Squads**

5.7 Special Flying Squads have been formed in the Regional Offices located at Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai, Salem and Tiruchirappalli for inspection of the proper functioning of the Liquor Retail Vending Shops. The Special Flying Squads are headed by officers in the cadre of Deputy Collector.

## **District Offices, Depots, Liquor Retail Vending Shops**

5.8 Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation has 38 District Offices, 43 Indian Made Foreign Spirits depots, 5,329 Liquor Retail Vending Shops as on 31.03.2023.

5.9 Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation is stocking liquor in 43 depots. Out of the 43 depots, 31 depots are functioning in own building.

## **Liquor Retail Vending Shop Employees**

5.10 In the Liquor Retail Vending Shops, 6,648 Shop Supervisors, 14,794 Salesmen and 2,876 Assistant Salesmen are working as on 31.03.2023 on contract / consolidated pay basis.

## **Welfare Measures for Liquor Retail Vending Shop Employees**

5.11 The Liquor Retail Vending Shop employees are being paid Bonus and Ex-gratia



every year as ordered by the Government apart from monthly consolidated pay. Further, Medical Assistance Scheme is being implemented for the welfare of these employees. Employees' Provident Fund Scheme, Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme, Gratuity, Family Benefit Fund Scheme, Annual Additional Fixed Incentive, etc., are also being implemented.

### **Procurement of Liquor**

5.12 Indian Made Foreign Spirits, Beer and Wine products are procured by the Corporation from 11 Indian Made Foreign Spirits manufacturing units, 7 Beer manufacturing units and 1 Winery unit functioning in the State.

### **Sale of Imported Foreign Liquor through TASMAC Retail Vending Shops**

5.13 553 brands of Foreign Spirits, Beer and Wine products are being sold through

238 FL11 licensed retail outlets of Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation.

### **Installation of IP CCTV Cameras**

5.14 IP CCTV camera with night vision have been installed in 3,000 vulnerable shops across the State to prevent theft and to improve security. This will not only facilitate the reduction in number of theft/attempts to theft, but also facilitate in identification of individuals who indulge in burglary and theft. It also facilitates in identification of suspicious activities near the shops. The feed/images captured by IP CCTV camera are being linked to concerned District Manager's Office and Corporate Office.

### **FSSAI licence**

5.15 All Depots and Liquor Retail Vending Shops of the Corporation have been registered under the provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 and rules framed thereunder. Food Safety and Standards Authority of India Licence is renewed periodically.

## **Installation of Cash Safe**

5.16 In 2,825 Liquor Retail Vending Shops located in Town and Village Panchayat which are vulnerable for theft and ransacking, Cash Safes have been installed therein. Each Cash Safe weighs more than 300 kg and it cannot be damaged by any instrument. They are grounded on the floor of the shop and protective wall is constructed in the rear side, top and both left and right sides of Cash Safe. After the working hours of shop, the shop personnel can safely protect the sale proceeds by keeping it inside the Cash Safe.

## **Installation of Point of Sale (POS) Machines**

5.17. The Point of Sale machines have been installed in all the Liquor Retail Vending Shops to enable the consumers to make payment by electronic mode.

## **Dry Days**

5.18. There will be no sale of liquor on the following Eight days in Tamil Nadu, viz.,

Gandhi Jayanthi Day, Thiruvalluvar Day, Mahavir Jayanthi Day, Birth Day Eve of Nabigal Nayagam, Vadalur Ramalingar Ninaivu Naal, Independence Day, Republic Day and May Day. Apart from the above, days of important events and days related to Parliament, Legislative Assembly and Local Body Elections are also now and then declared as dry days.

### **Government Revenue**

5.19 The details of Government Revenue earned are given below:-

<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Excise Revenue</b>	<b>VAT (Sales Tax)</b>	<b>Total</b>
		(Rs. in crore)		
1	2003-04	1657.10	1982.83	3639.93
2	2004-05	2549.00	2323.03	4872.03
3	2005-06	3176.65	2854.12	6030.77
4	2006-07	3986.41	3487.20	7473.61
5	2007-08	4764.05	4057.11	8821.16
6	2008-09	5755.42	4846.08	10601.50
7	2009-10	6740.59	5757.63	12498.22
8	2010-11	8115.90	6849.52	14965.42
9	2011-12	9956.06	8125.10	18081.16
10	2012-13	12125.31	9555.36	21680.67

11	2013-14	5034.82	16640.07	21674.89
12	2014-15	5731.18	18433.77	24164.95
13	2015-16	5836.01	20009.57	25845.58
14	2016-17	6248.17	20747.08	26995.25
15	2017-18	6009.25	20788.71	26797.96
16	2018-19	6863.11	24294.72	31157.83
17	2019-20	7205.97	25927.27	33133.24
18	2020-21	7821.69	25989.46	33811.15
19	2021-22	8236.60	27814.05	36050.65
20	2022-23	10401.56	33697.00	44098.56

## **CONCLUSION**

The Government will continue to take firm and stringent action to curtail illicit distillation, sale and transportation of illicit and spurious liquor, sale of Narcotic drugs and Psychotropic substances. The enforcement wing is also geared up to ensure effective implementation of the Prohibition and Excise policy of the State. The Government is taking concerted efforts to rehabilitate persons who were previously engaged in illegal distillation and sale of illicit liquor and arrack. Government have also established

de-addiction centres in Government hospitals for giving treatment to liquor and drug addicted patients. Government is also conducting statewide awareness campaigns to educate the people about the evils of consuming liquor. Vigorous awareness campaigns against evils of liquor, narcotic drugs and the rehabilitation measures for prohibition offenders and addicts will be further strengthened.

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