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INTRODUCTION

The Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Department is a professional organization deserving much credit for its performance. It has a well-deserved place in the people's esteem. The present system of responses to emergencies is working well.

The need of the hour is modernization and the emphasis should be on the prevention of fire before it starts. The Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue

Services Department is interested in keeping abreast of constant innovation and the improvements in new technology, equipment and systems around the world from fire suppression to the digital technology that are impacting fire service delivery capabilities and is striving hard to adopt the same here for the betterment of the society. The adaptation of these new technology advancements would allow the Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Department to coordinate better with other community services and also allow the fire fighters to execute fire ground operations more effectively.

2. OBJECTIVES

The Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Department is a public service oriented Department with the motto of "We Serve to Save" and it concentrates mainly on fire-fighting besides rescue operations. It plays a major role in fire prevention by creating safety-awareness among

the public through propaganda and publicity and by conducting mock drills in Schools and among people visiting commercial complexes and those residing in multi-storey buildings. The focus is to provide safety to the public who congregate during public places like commercial establishments, business centres, malls, multiplexes and cinema theatres in Chennai City and major towns in the State.

The Fire and Rescue Services Department is a multidisciplinary unit, which has diverse roles in emergency situations. The Fire and Rescue Services Department undertakes rescue operations during natural calamities, responds to emergency calls for rescuing humans and animals from hard to inaccessible locations. Extrication from vehicle wrecks, retrieval of mortal remains of humans, removal of animal carcasses from water bodies and deployment of the sniffer dog squad to locate missing humans are some other

emergency services rendered by the Fire and Rescue Services Department.

It works hand-in-hand with other Departments such as the Police, Revenue and the Medical Services at times of threats of terrorist attacks, caste and communal clashes and for bandobust arrangements during elections, fairs and festivals. The ambulance service available with the Department is used to transport the sick and the injured to hospitals for immediate medical attention. This Department also undertakes standby arrangements during the visits of VIPs and during important conferences and meetings especially where extensive pandals are erected, standby arrangements are also provided for private functions on payment of prescribed charges. Further, the Department performs an advisory role to the various licensing authorities by issuing N.O.C / Fire Licences after inspection of premises to ensure that they conform to the

stipulations in various Acts and Rules from the point of fire safety measures.

For the purpose of prevention of fires through more technology based fire safety enforcement measures, action is being taken to overhaul the existing Fire Services Act, 1985 thoroughly.

3. HISTORY

In the year 1908, a small city-based Fire Fighting Force called "Madras Fire Brigade" was formed under the control of the Commissioner of Police, Madras. In the year 1967, the Fire Services Department was established as a separate entity by carving it out from the Police Department. This Department was entrusted with the dual-tasks of Fire fighting services, and rescue related ambulance services. In the year 2001, this Department was given a new identity corresponding to its role and renamed as the "Fire and Rescue Services Department" by the

Government. In the year 2001, the Government appointed women in the Department, thereby becoming the first Fire and Rescue Services Department in the Country with women officers. The Government have various schemes to modernize the Department and motivate the personnel with various welfare measures.

The Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Department has firmly established a reputation as one of the largest and most efficient fire fighting organizations in the country. Now, the Department has 352 Fire and Rescue Services Stations apart from 3 exclusive Rescue Stations at Hogenakkal, Kotagiri and Marina.

4. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Fire and Rescue Services Department functions under the administrative control of Home Department, Government of Tamil Nadu. The Director General of Fire and Rescue Services,

who is currently an I.P.S. Officer in the rank of Director General of Police is the Head of the Department. This Department is divided into five Regions. A Region is headed by a Joint Director or Deputy Director. A Joint Director is in-charge of the State Training Centre, Tambaram. Apart from this, in the Directorate, the Director is assisted by Additional Director (Operation and Training), Additional Director (Administration), Deputy Director (Headquarters), Deputy Director (Administration) and two Administrative Personal Assistants (viz., Administration and Accounts). The Regions are further divided into 37 Districts and each District is headed by a District Officer, Fire and Rescue Services. The basic unit in the Administrative setup of the Fire and Rescue Services Department is the Fire and Rescue Services Station, which is headed by a Station Officer, functioning under the overall control of the District Officer. The State Training Centre,

Tambaram organizes and conducts training for the personnel of this Department, and the public in Fire-Fighting. There is also a State Workshop in Chennai which undertakes repair and maintenance of vehicles functioning under the control of the Joint Director (Training and Rescue Operation). The Administrative setup of the Fire and Rescue Services Department is given in Table-I and Table-II.

A separate Dog Squad is formed for use in the Fire and Rescue Services Department. The Dog Squad will enable locating persons who are buried and / or struggling for survival under the debris of collapsed buildings. Orders were issued vide G.O.(Ms.)No.80, Home (Police-XVII) Department, dated 17.02.2022 for the purchase of six new dogs of suitable breed in lieu of old dogs which are either dead or retired.

5. INTEGRATED SYSTEMS OF OPERATIONAL APPROACH

The basic unit of the Department is a Fire and Rescue Services Station. In order to reduce response time with the help of Global Positioning System (GPS), the new fire stations will be located on the basis of a scientific mapping exercise.

The Government emphasis is on prevention of fire through more technology based fire safety enforcement measures. The staff pattern prescribed by the Government for formation of a single Unit Fire and Rescue Services Station, is as follows: -

Station Officer	-	1
Leading Firemen	-	2
Driver Mechanic	-	1
Firemen Driver	-	2
Firemen	-	11
Total	=	<u>17</u>

The break up details of District wise Fire and Rescue Services Stations are given in Table -III.

6. INFRASTRUCTURE AVAILABLE

a) Man Power

The Fire and Rescue Services Department has an executive and ministerial strength of 8069 persons. The posts of District Officer, Assistant Engineer (Automobile) in the State Workshop, Station Officers, Junior Assistants, Typists and Steno-Typists are recruited through Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission. Direct recruitment of Firemen is done by the Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board (TNUSRB).

b) Vehicles

This Department has been provided with 325 water tenders, 35 water lorry, 28 small foam tender, 20 advanced tenders, 5 aerial ladder

platform (34mtr,42mtr,54mtr), 2 aerial ladder platform (104 mtr), 1 snorkel, 21 emergency rescue tenders, 115 mini water tenders (350 ltr), 5 mini water tenders (600 ltr), 44 ambulances, 1 turn table ladder, 25 cars, 29 jeeps, 3 vans, 4 pickup vans, 3 buses/mini bus, 23 motor cycles, 60 bullet 350cc, 5 bowzers, 5 education vans, 100 motor cycles for officers, 25 jeeps for ADO, 1 crane, 11 special motor cycles, 7 troop carrier, 3 commando buses.

c) Equipments

The Department has been provided with Fire and Rescue vehicles to undertake rescue activities. In order to undertake rescue activities very effectively during emergency situations such as Floods and Cyclones, Landslides, Building collapse, Earthquakes, Industrial Explosions and Road / Rail Accidents, this Department has been provided with the following Modern and Specialized Gadgets:-

S. No	Name of the equipment	No. of Units
1	Inflatable Rubber Boat with Life buoys and Life jackets	125
2	Inflatable Rubber Boat and with Motors	73
3	Thermal Imaging Camera	19
4	Multi-Gas Monitors	13
5	Search Lights	620
6	Rechargeable Torch Lights	377
7	Inflatable Emergency Lighting System	98
8	Power Saws with Generators	80
9	Portable Type Petrol Driven Power Saws	300

S. No	Name of the equipment	No. of Units
10	Concrete Cutters	61
11	Smoke Extractors	66
12	Portable Electric Drills	51
13	Life Buoy	4770
14	Life Jackets	3419
15	Public Address System	1536
16	Telescopic Ladders	54
17	Breathing Apparatus Sets	626
18	Helmets	4617
19	Personal Protective Equipment	3778
20	Heat Resistant Gloves	120
21	High Range Portable Pumps	34

S. No	Name of the equipment	No. of Units
22	Dewatering Heavy Duty Pump	9
23	Submersible Dewatering Pumps	6
24	Manual Combi Tool	30
25	Manila Ropes 50 Meter	460
26	Manila Ropes 100 Meter	608
27	Manila Ropes 130 Meter	1222
28	Hydraulic Combi Tools	53
29	Battery Operated Combi Tools	6
30	Hydraulic Cutters	38
31	Hydraulic Spreader	30
32	Extension Ladder	396
33	Rope Ladder	65

S. No	Name of the equipment	No. of Units
34	Single Ladder	285
35	Snake Catcher	383
36	Bore well Rescue Equipment	9
37	Stretchers / Spine Boards	336
38	Air Lifting Bag	48
39	Rope Launcher	5
40	Victim Location Camera	10
41	Rope Riders	5
42	Floto Pumps	56
43	Portable Pumps	56
44	Breathing Apparatus Set Compressor	1

S. No	Name of the equipment	No. of Units
45	Oscillating Monitors	4
46	Video Camera	2
47	Fire Entry Suits	169
48	Chemical Protective Suits	84
49	Scuba Diving Suits	30
50	Generator	18
51	Mechanized Fiber Boats	8
52	Life Detectors	4
53	Reciprocating Saws	50
54	Portable Electrically Operated Circular Saws	70
55	Power Saw with inbuilt motors	116

S. No	Name of the equipment	No. of Units
56	Electric Gloves	100
57	Rubber Gloves	60
58	Tent	1

7. COMMUNICATION FACILITIES

a) Telephones and Wireless Sets

Timely service is an essential element in fire fighting and rescue operations. Every Fire and Rescue Services Station has been provided with telephone facility. A modern fire control room with toll-free telephone numbers '101' and '102' is functioning in Chennai City and the Toll-free telephone number '101' is available in all District Headquarters and large towns.

To render service to the public, Common User Group (CUG) has been introduced in Cell phones

in order to ensure effective communication system among fire fighting officers from the rank of Station Officer and above with effect from December 2009. This system serves as a wide network throughout the State with free call charges among the officers. It is easy for the public to remember the mobile number of the Station Officer in their area since the number will be a permanent one.

All officers and executive staff have been connected on a CUG mobile number. All the Fire and Rescue Services Stations in Chennai City, Thiruvallur District and Kancheepuram District are linked with the headquarters with wireless communication to cater to the communication needs.

The Government have ordered the implementation of Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) by integrating Police and Fire and Rescue Services Departments into a nationwide

single emergency No."112" for setting up of Modernized State-wide Control Room for Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services.

To implement the ERSS scheme, all the Fire and Rescue Services Stations have been provided with desktop computers with high bandwidth landline/ Broadband connections, 371 rugged tablets were also provided to all fire fighting vehicles to monitor the movement of vehicles. Now, all emergency calls relating to the Fire and Rescue Services Department are received and dispatched at the State Emergency Response Centre (SERC). Thus, all the Fire and Rescue Services Stations are fully integrated with the SERC system and the scheme has been fully implemented.

b) Response Time

Response time is the time taken by the first fire unit to reach the scene of a fire accident /

rescue spot. Response time is one of the essential factors which determines the efficacy of fire fighting and rescue works undertaken by the Department. Despite traffic congestion, the Department is constantly endeavoring to reduce the response time to the minimum. Apart from telephone and wireless communication facilities available with the Department, in order to monitor and reduce the response time taken by the fire fighting vehicles to reach the spot of fire/ rescue accident, Vehicle Tracking with Geo-positioning System have been provided. The location of new fire stations will be on the basis of a scientific mapping exercise to reduce response time.

c) Departmental Website

Website facility is user friendly and contains information needed by the public. A website for the Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services with the address <http://www.tnfrs.tn.gov.in> maintained by the National Informatics Centre,

provides complete information. This website provides information about the Department and its activities and plays a vital role in educating the Public on Fire-Safety, providing inputs on norms for fire licences, safety provisions to be adopted in various occupancies as per the National Building Code of India and other Statutory Rules.

8. TRAINING FACILITIES

As a public utility service, the Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Department focus on improving the quality of training given to its personnel at the entry level and as well as refresher courses at all levels, so as to keep abreast of the modern developments in rescue techniques and the fighting technology. These training courses are conducted in a well-maintained State Training Centre at Tambaram. The State Training Centre at Tambaram is equipped with necessary vehicles and gadgets to impart quality training to its

personnel at all levels. This includes modern developments and techniques. Air-conditioned class rooms, Media projectors, Computers and Internet connection, Library and Excellent accommodation with canteen facilities help to enrich the quality of training. The Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs have designated the State Training Centre of Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Department as one of the Regional Training Centers in the Country for conducting courses offered by the National Fire Service College, Nagpur. The State Training Centre is also conducting training for Fire fighters from other States, Public Sector Undertakings, Government Institutions and Public. Basic Fire-fighting training is offered to private individuals at all District Headquarters for a period of one week on payment of a fee of Rs.1000/- per person.

The Fire and Rescue Services Department imparts training to fire fighters to upgrade

knowledge and skill levels on par with International standards by staying abreast of modern developments in the field of technology used for Fire-fighting and Rescue. In addition, this Department aims at creating resource persons in society towards fire and life safety and in Disaster Management.

Basic training is imparted at State Training Center to all candidates selected for the post of fireman and by creation of temporary Training Centers at various Districts.

9. BUILDINGS FOR FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES STATIONS

The Fire and Rescue Services Station functions round the clock and they are the lifeline of the Department. It is therefore necessary to house them in buildings with adequate facilities so as to keep the costly vehicles and other equipments in good condition and also to provide adequate working space for the personnel. About

45 cents of land is required for construction of a Fire and Rescue Services Station building. Out of the 352 Stations in the Department, 270 Stations are now functioning in own or rent-free Government buildings and 82 stations are housed in rented buildings.

The Government have proposed to construct new building for the Fire and Rescue Services Stations for which land has been earmarked and acquired. For construction of 25 new buildings for Fire and Rescue Services Stations by the Tamil Nadu Police Housing Corporation Limited, work is in progress at various stages.

10. FIRE PREVENTION

“Prevention is better than cure”. With this aim in the background, the Fire and Rescue Services Department is concentrating on fire prevention as its primary function though its

functions are manifold. Fire prevention is a proactive method for reducing the number of emergencies and the ensuing damage. Fire prevention wings are mainly responsible for imparting fire prevention education to both rural and urban population. In order to intensify the fire prevention work, this Department has Fire Prevention wings in 13 districts. Fire prevention Work is also undertaken by the Fire and Rescue Services Stations, wherever a separate prevention wing is not available. Fire safety awareness programmes in the form of Mock Drills, Exhibitions, Stage plays, Short films are conducted in Schools, Industries, Offices, Hutment areas, Multi-storey Buildings etc.

Evacuation Drills are conducted in any one of the schools in each District to create fire safety awareness and to educate children about the evacuation Procedures, in case of emergency arising from the outbreak of fire. Annual National

Level Fire and Evacuation Drills in schools is being observed on January 21st of every year, throughout the Country. Fire Service Day for a week commencing from April 14th to April 20th, is observed throughout the State in all Fire and Rescue Services Stations by conducting Intensive propaganda and safety campaigns.

In order to ensure fire and life safety in the premises, mandatory fire safety inspections are being undertaken in schools by Station Officer. The Station Officers in the concerned jurisdiction issues a 'No Objection Certificate' to the schools after an inspection and audit on whether safety systems are installed.

During Deepavali festival, awareness programmes are screened in television and theatres throughout the State by using famous actors for enlightening the public in reducing the Fire Accidents. Further, pamphlets on safety tips for fire Protection are distributed in public places.

11. SAFETY VOLUNTEERS

For assisting the Fire Service personnel in time of emergency, Fire Safety Volunteers are being enrolled from Schools, Colleges and Self-Help Groups. They are trained in various elementary Fire Fighting skills and Rescue methods. The Department presently has 5289 Volunteers.

12. PREVENTION OF FIRE IN MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS AND HOSPITALS

Inspections are conducted in Multi-Storey Buildings, Educational Institutions, Commercial Complexes, Public Buildings, Hospitals and Multi-occupancies by the High Rise Building Inspection Committee and they send reports to the appropriate Licensing authorities. In addition, this Department also conducts Fire Safety Audits in Government buildings.

Important preventive measures to be verified before granting Licenses to multiplexes and hospitals:-

- i. Provision of adequate Emergency Exits.
- ii. Provision of adequate Fire Buckets with sand and water.
- iii. Provision of adequate water storage for Continuous Fire-Fighting.
- iv. Provision of adequate Fire Extinguishers and a First Aid box in the Cinema Theatre Operator's room.
- v. Provision of Sprinklers and Smoke Detectors in Multiplex Cinema Theatres.
- vi. Training of attendants and staff in the use of fire-fighting equipment maintained in the premises.
- vii. Construction of False Ceiling and Wall Decoration with Fire proof materials.
- viii. Provision of adequate Fire Extinguishers and Hose reel systems.

- ix. Provision of Sprinklers and Smoke Detector in areas on the suggestion of the Local Fire authority.
- x. Provision of adequate width of Corridor and Exits for the movement of stretcher patients.
- xi. Provision of Smoke Check Doors or compartments
- xii. Provision of adequate Emergency exits and mandatory Ramps in hospitals.
- xiii. Illuminated Signages and Fire order.
- xiv. Training of Nurses and Staff in the use of all Fire Fighting Equipment maintained in the Premises.

13. MOBILE PATROLLING DURING SUMMER SEASON AND DEEPAVALI

During summer season, every year from April to July, a system of Mobile Patrolling is followed. Vulnerability Mapping is done by identifying vulnerable areas based on statistics of

the previous year's Fire and Rescue incidents and Patrolling vehicles are placed strategically.

14. FIRE SERVICE DAY

Fire Service Day is observed on 14th April, every year. On this day the brave personnel of Fire and Rescue Services Department who lost their lives are commemorated. Commencing from April 14, for a week, Fire Service Day is commemorated every year by propagating a fire safety campaign amongst all sections of people including public and employees through newspapers, television and radio. Several competitions relating to Fire safety are conducted amongst students all over the State.

15. MOTIVATION AND INCENTIVES

To motivate the personnel of the Fire and Rescue Services Department to perform their duties more effectively and to achieve the desired

goals and objectives, the following awards and welfare measures are being provided: -

A) AWARDS

In recognition of outstanding devotion to duty, meritorious service and gallantry exhibited by the personnel of the Fire and Rescue Services Department while performing duty, the following medals instituted by the State Government are awarded:

(a) The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Fire Service Medal (Anna Medal)

Every year, on the occasion of Perarignar Anna's Birthday, on 15th September, the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Fire Service Medal is awarded for outstanding devotion to duty (Anna Medal). The recipients of this medal for Meritorious Service are eligible for a lumpsum grant varying between Rs.4000/- to Rs.10,000/- according to their rank.

(b) The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Fire Service Medal for Gallantry (Anna Medal)

The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Fire Service Medal for Gallantry (Anna Medal) recipients are eligible for a lumpsum cash reward amount of Rs.5 lakh.

(c) The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Fire Services Medal

Every year on Pongal day, the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Fire Service Medal is awarded to recognize the services of personnel below the rank of Station Officers who enjoy a clean record of service for more than 10 years. The recipients are entitled to receive a cash allowance of Rs.400/- per month.

(d) The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Fire Service Medal for Excellence

On the occasion of Fire Service Day i.e., April 14th, the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Fire

Service Medal for Excellence is awarded to six personnel in the rank of Station Officer, Leading Firemen and Firemen as a recognition of excellent performance of duty. Each awardee receives a Gold Medal weighing 8 grams and a lump sum grant varying between Rs.2000/ to Rs.3000/- according to their rank.

(e) Other Medals

Based on recommendations of the State Government, the following medals are awarded by the Government of India: -

- i. The President's Fire Service Medal for Distinguished / Meritorious Service on the occasion of Independence Day and Republic Day.
- ii. The President's Fire Service Medal for Gallantry on the occasion of Independence Day / Republic Day.

B) WELFARE SCHEMES

The personnel who have completed 15 and 25 years of service in Fire and Rescue Services Department have been automatically upgraded to the next level.

(i) Fire and Rescue Services Benevolent Fund

The Fire and Rescue Services Benevolent fund was created to render financial help to the members of the Fire and Rescue Services Department in distress. The number of persons registered with the fund is 5,964. It promotes their welfare by granting financial assistance to the members for the following purposes: -

- (a) to purchase nutritious food for themselves and for their dependants who are suffering from chronic diseases such as tuberculosis, leprosy, cancer etc.
- (b) to meet the cost of higher education of their children

- (c) to provide relief to the families of deceased members
- (d) to meet the funeral expenses of the members and their dependants

(ii) Group Insurance Scheme

In order to help the family of Fire and Rescue Services personnel who die while on duty, a "Group Insurance Scheme" covering all categories of fire fighting personnel is implemented. Under this scheme, a financial assistance of Rs.4.00 lakh has been provided to District Officer, Deputy Director, Joint Director and Rs.2.00 lakh has been provided to the rank of Fireman to Assistant District Officer.

(iii) Food Subsidy Scheme

Food articles are supplied to Fire and Rescue Services personnel up to the rank of Assistant District Officer at subsidized rate

through the Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation. Under this scheme food articles such as wheat, sugar, maida and dal are supplied.

(iv) Dietary charges for personnel

Fire and Rescue Services Personnel up to the rank of Assistant District Officers and Station Officers (Transport) are paid dietary charges for attending to fire calls, rescue calls and for mobilization duty during emergencies at the rate of Rs.300/- per day in Chennai City and Rs.250/- per day in the mofussil areas.

(v) Canteen facility for purchase of commodities at subsidized rates

The canteen facility catering to the families of serving, retired and deceased Police Personnel has been extended to the Fire and Rescue Services personnel and also extended to Ministerial Staff of Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Department by the Government.

(vi) Construction of quarters

For personnel of Fire and Rescue Services Department rent free quarters are allotted near the working place for easy and quick mobilization and also to augment strength in case of an emergency. At present, 1464 quarters are available throughout the State and construction of 159 quarters in various places is under progress. Quarters are constructed through Tamil Nadu Police Housing Corporation Limited. In Melakottaiyur Village 113 houses have been allotted to the officers and personnel of Fire and Rescue Services Department.

16. SPORTS

In order to maintain the physical fitness of personnel, this Department conducts competitions on sports and events such as Athletics, Badminton, Volley Ball, Foot Ball and Swimming every year at Regional and State level. In

addition, to enhance Fire-Fighting and Rescue capabilities among personnel, competitions in quick Fire Fighting and Rescue techniques, Hose Laying, Ladder Drills, Rope Climbing, Pump Drill and operation of Fire Fighting/ Rescue Vehicles are conducted. Considering the importance of sports, the Government sanctioned grants for conduct of Regional sports and State sports events.

17. NEW INITIATIVES

The following important initiatives have been taken by the Government in order to improve the quality of service rendered by the fire fighters in saving of lives and properties of the public and also to motivate the personnel by grant of certain benefits on welfare of the personnel of the Department: -

- ❖ This Government emphasis will be on prevention of fire through more technology

based fire safety enforcement measures. For this purpose, the existing Fire Services Act 1985 will be thoroughly overhauled.

- ❖ To improve and modernize the training facilities at the upcoming Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services academy, Kalavakkam, Chengalpattu District, Fire and Rescue Services training simulators will be provided at a total cost of Rs.20 crores.
- ❖ Administrative sanction has been accorded for a sum of Rs.623.88 lakh towards construction of District Office and station building for the Fire and Rescue Services at Ambattur in Chennai suburban District vide G.O.(Ms). No.55, Home (Police-XVII) Department, dated 29.01.2022.
- ❖ Administrative sanction has been accorded for a sum of Rs.575.42 lakh towards construction of station building for the Fire

and Rescue Services at Manali in Chennai Suburban District vide G.O.(Ms). No.41, Home (Police-XVII) Department, dated 24.01.2022.

- ❖ Administrative sanction has been accorded for a sum of Rs.628.10 lakh towards construction of District Office and station building for Fire and Rescue Services at Kanchipuram in Kanchipuram district vide G.O.(Ms). No.56, Home (Police-XVII) Department, dated 29.01.2022.
- ❖ Administrative sanction has been accorded for a sum of Rs.531.65 lakh towards construction of station building for Fire and Rescue Services at Teynampet in Chennai South District vide G.O.(Ms). No.512, Home (Police-XVII) Department, dated 19.11.2021.

- ❖ Administrative sanction has been accorded for a sum of Rs.296.92 lakh towards construction of station building for Fire and Rescue Services at Tiruvaiyaru in Thanjavur District vide G.O.(Ms). No.511, Home (Police-XVII) Department, dated 19.11.2021.
- ❖ Administrative sanction has been accorded for a sum of Rs.341.37 lakh towards construction of station building for Fire and Rescue Services at Redhills in Chennai Suburban District vide G.O.(Ms). No.510, Home (Police-XVII) Department, dated 19.11.2021.
- ❖ Administrative sanction has been accorded for a sum of Rs.624.61 lakh towards construction of station building for Fire and Rescue Services at Vanniyampathi in Chennai North District vide

G.O.(Ms).No.43, Home (Police-XVII) Department, dated 25.01.2022.

- ❖ Administrative sanction has been accorded for a sum of Rs.232.35 lakh towards construction of station building for Fire and Rescue Services at Kadamalaikundu in Theni District vide in G.O.(Ms). No.16, Home (Police-XVII) Department, dated 06.01.2022.
- ❖ Administrative sanction has been accorded for a sum of Rs.214.11 lakh towards construction of station building for Fire and Rescue Services at Rajapalayam in Virudhunagar District vide G.O.(Ms).No.111, Home (Police-XVII) Department, dated 01.03.2022.
- ❖ Administrative sanction has been accorded for construction of 100 quarters at various places of the State at a total cost of

Rs.2331.70 lakh vide G.O.(Ms). No.67, Home (Police-XVII) Department, dated 08.02.2022.

- ❖ Administrative sanction has been accorded for a sum of Rs.18.75 crore for procurement of 25 water tenders to replace the condemned water tenders which have served a period of more than 15 years vide G.O.(Ms). No.544, Home (Police-XVII) Department, dated 01.12.2021.
- ❖ Administrative sanction has been accorded for a sum of Rs.11.00 crore for procurement of one Aerial Ladder Platform (sky lifts) of 42 meter height to aid in fire fighting, especially for Tiruppur District vide G.O.(Ms). No.563, Home (Police-XVII) Department, dated 09.12.2021.
- ❖ Administrative sanction has been accorded for a sum of Rs.16.00 crore for procurement

of 20 water bowzers for Fire and Rescue Services Stations for major fire fighting operations vide G.O.(Ms). No.539, Home (Police-XVII) Department, dated 30.11.2021.

- ❖ Administrative sanction has been accorded for a sum of Rs.65.00 lakh for procurement of 9 jeeps in place of condemned vehicles for the use of District Officers vide G.O.(Ms). No.519, Home (Police-XVII) Department, dated 20.11.2021.
- ❖ Administrative sanction has been accorded for a sum of Rs.8.10 crore for procurement of 1350 fire protective suits with fire resistant shoes and fire retardant helmets for fire fighters vide G.O.(Ms). No.515, Home (Police-XVII) Department, dated 19.11.2021.

- ❖ Administrative sanction has been accorded for a sum of Rs.2.10 crore for procurement of 3000 rescue dress to Fire and Rescue Services personnel vide G.O.(Ms). No.545, Home (Police-XVII) Department, dated 01.12.2021.
- ❖ Administrative sanction has been accorded for a sum of Rs.3.50 crore for procurement of 350 sets of self contained breathing apparatus sets for the use of Fire and Rescue Services Department vide G.O.(Ms). No.546, Home (Police-XVII) Department, dated 01.12.2021.
- ❖ Administrative sanction has been accorded for a sum of Rs.9.00 crore for procurement of 10 Mini emergency rescue tenders for the Fire and Rescue Services Stations vide G.O.(Ms). No.568, Home (Police-XVII) Department, dated 10.12.2021.

- ❖ Administrative sanction has been accorded for a sum of Rs.5.60 crore for procurement of 7 Ultra high pressure water tenders for the use of Fire and Rescue Services Stations vide G.O.(Ms). No.520, Home (Police-XVII) Department, dated 20.11.2021.

18. CONCLUSION

Society's progress has raised people's expectations on fire safety. To meet public demand, members of this Department are committed to making continuous efforts on all fronts, including licensing, fire prevention and fire safety to eliminate potential fire hazards. Regular mock drills coupled with mass awareness campaigns at the community level are needed to prevent fire and to make fire safety everyone's agenda.

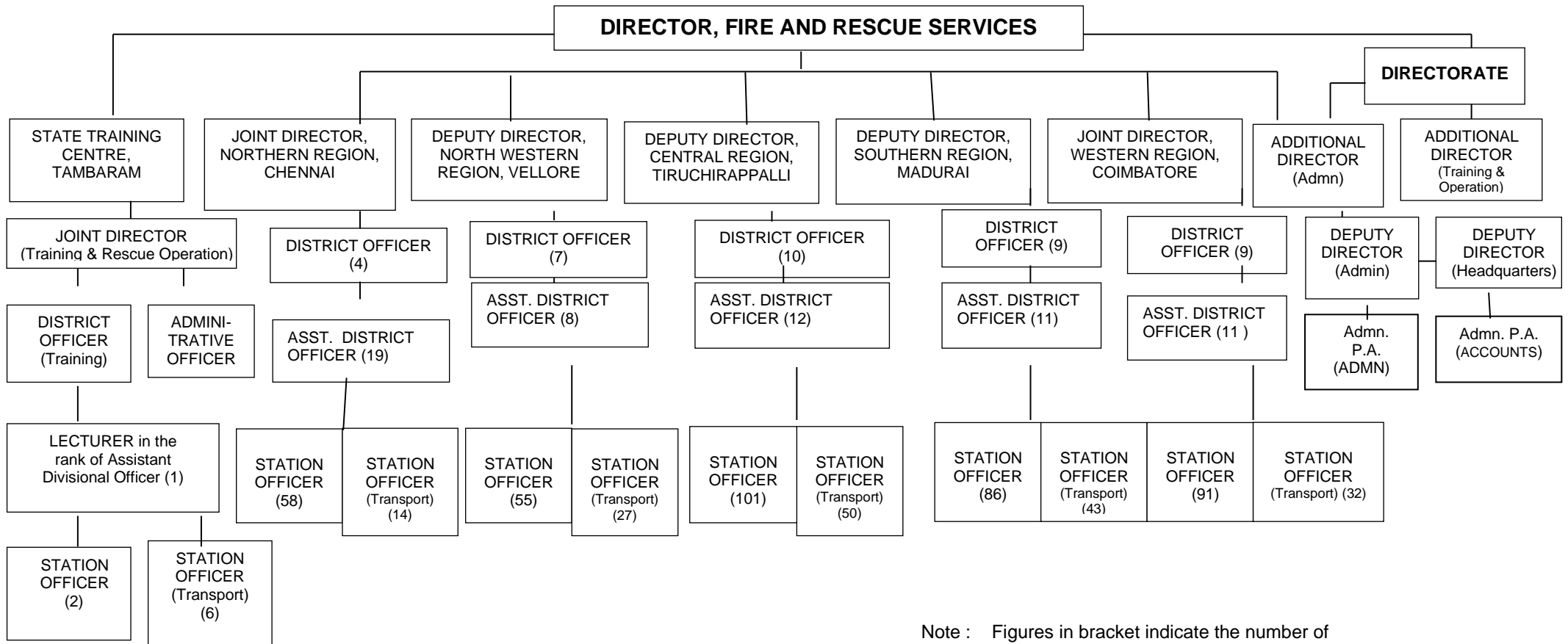
Considering its importance, the Government is constantly upgrading the infrastructural

facilities of the Fire and Rescue Services and strives to modernize the Department in a manner that fire fighters become the first responders in case of any disaster or emergency. Thus the Government is consistently taking all measures to modernize the Department and to motivate the personnel so as to make them to be in the forefront of professional competence in the country.

M.K.Stalin,
Chief Minister

TABLE- I

**DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES
ORGANISATIONAL CHART**



Note : Figures in bracket indicate the number of officers in that cadre.

TABLE - II**STATION AND OTHER UNITS FUNCTIONING UNDER THE REGIONS**

Northern Region					North-Western Region					Central Region					Southern Region					Western Region					
DIVN	FRSS	FPW	OTH		DIVN	FRSS	FPW			DIVN	FRSS	FPW			DIVN	FRSS	FPW			DIVN	FRSS	FPW			
1. Chennai North	9	1	1*		1. Vellore	5	1			1. Thiruchirappalli	9	1			1. Madurai	14	--			1. Coimbatore	13	1			
2. Chennai South	12	1	1*		2. Thirupathur	5	--			2. Pudukottai	13	1			2. Tirunelveli	7	--			2. Ooty Kothagiri	3	--	1 @		
3. Chennai Central Marina	10	-	--	1 @	3. Ranipet	6	--			3. Thanjavur	9	--			3. Tenkasi	8	--			3. Erode	11	1			
4. Chennai Sub urban	10	--	--		4. Tiruvannamalai	13	--			4. Naga pattinam	14	--			4. Kanniyakumari	8	--			4. Tiruppur	8	1			
5. Northern Region	--	--	2**		5. Kancheepuram	4	1			5. Cuddalore	15	--			5. Tuticorin	10	--			5. Salem	11	1			
Total	41+1 @	2	4		6. Chengalpattu	9	--			6. Villupuram	8	--			6. Virudhunagar	10	1			6. Dharmapuri Hogenekkal	5	1	1 @		
					7. Thiruvallur	9	--			7. Kallakurichi	7	--			7. Ramanathapuram	11	--			7. Krishnagiri	7	--			
					Total	51	2			8. Karur	4	--			8. Sivagangai	6	--			8. Dindigul	10	1			
										9. Perambalur	6	--			9. Theni	9	--			9. Namakkal	6	--			
										10. Tiruvarur	12	--			Total	83	1			Total	77+2 @	6			

Total Number of Fire and Rescue Services Station in the State : 349+3@

Other Institutions:
 State Training Centre - 1
 State Workshop - 1
 Rescue Station - 3@
 Dog Squad - 1
 Band Party - 1

Note:
 DIVN - Division
 FRSS - Fire and Rescue Services Station
 FPW: Fire Prevention Wing
 OTH: *Photographic Section
 ** Fire Control Room & Wireless Section

TABLE - III

**District Wise Fire and Rescue Services
Stations**

Sl. No	District	No. of Stations
1	Ariyalur	3
2	Chennai (Including one Rescue station at Marina)	42
3	Coimbatore	13
4	Cuddalore	15
5	Dindigul	10
6	Dharmapuri + One Rescue Station at Hogenakkal	6
7	Erode	11
8	Karur	3
9	Kancheepuram	4
10	Chengalpat	9
11	Kanniyakumari	8
12	Krishnagiri	7
13	Madurai	14
14	Nagapattinam	14
15	Namakkal	6
16	The Nilgirs + one Rescue Station at Kothagiri	4
17	Pudukottai	13
18	Perambalur	2
19	Ramanathapuram	11

Sl. No	District	No. of Stations
20	Salem	14
21	Sivagangai	6
22	Thanjavur	9
23	Theni	9
24	Tiruvannamalai	13
25	Tiruchirapalli	11
26	Thiruvarur	12
27	Thiruvallur	9
28	Thoothukudi	10
29	Tiruppur	8
30	Tirunelveli	7
31	Tenkasi	8
32	Vellore	5
33	Thirupathur	5
34	Ranipet	6
35	Villupuram	8
36	Kallakurichi	7
37	Virudhunagar	10
	Total	352



HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER PRESENTED ANNA MEDAL TO THE FIREMAN



HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER PRESENTED THE APPOINTMENT ORDER TO THE FIREMAN



QUICK RESPONSE VEHICLE WITH INFLOATABLE RUBBER BOAT



WATER TENDERS



EMERGENCY RESCUE TENDER

