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COMMITTEE ON DELEGATED LEGISLATION (2014-2015)

(Constituted on 13th August, 2014)

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DELEGATED LEGISLATION ON THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE CONTAINED IN THE FIRST REPORT (FOURTEENTH ASSEMBLY)

PART - I

INTRODUCTION

I, the Chairman of the Committee on Delegated Legislation having been authorised by the Committee, present this Twentieth Report on its behalf.

2. This Report relates to the Action taken by the Government on the recommendations of the Committee contained in its First Report (Fourteenth Assembly), which was presented to the Assembly on the 4th May, 2012.

3. The Committee for the year 2014-2015 was constituted on the13th August, 2014.

4. The Committee considered the statement of action taken by the Government on the recommendations of the Committee at its meeting held on the11th August, 2015.

5. All the recommendations/observations contained in the said Report were either treated as implemented or the statement of action taken furnished by the Government were read and recorded by the Committee, as the case may be, subject to the recommendations of the Committee made in Part-II of this Report.

6. Detailed statement showing the subject matter of the notifications considered, the recommendations made, the statement of action taken on them by the Government and the decision of the Committee thereon are appended to this Report as Annexure.

7. The Committee approved this Report at its meeting held on the 16th September, 2015.

PART-II

1. NOTIFICATION ISSUED UNDER TAMIL NADU EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPEMENT DAY (DECLARATION AND CELEBRATION) ACT, 2006.

(G.O.Ms.No.159, School Education (N) Department, dated 6.7.2007)

In paragraph 2 of the First Report (Fourteenth Assembly) the Committee observed that in the Table appended to the notification in the first item under column(1), it has been mentioned as "Chief Educational Officers of the District concerned" and in the fourth item under column(1), it has been mentioned as "Chief Educational Officers of the Educational Districts concerned". As there was a vast difference between the expressions "District" and "Educational District", the Committee sought a clarification from the Department to clear the ambiguity regarding the usage of the above expressions.

The Government in School Education Department in its Letter No.16281/SE5(1)/ 2015-2, dated 10.8.2015 furnished the clarification as under:-

> "The recommendation of the Committee on Delegated Legislation (2011-2012) may be accepted. Action is being taken separately to amend the G.O.(Ms).No.159, School Education Department, dated 6.7.2007. Orders will be issued at the earliest".

The Committee is not convinced with the reply furnished by the Department and recommends that the amendments be issued immediately and copies of it laid on the Table of the House. The Committee also reiterates its earlier recommendation that the replies should be furnished at the earliest preferably within one month of presentation of the Report to the Assembly.

2. NOTIFICATION ISSUED UNDER TAMIL NADU UNIFORM SYSTEM OF SCHOOL EDUCATION ACT, 2010.

(G.O. Ms. No. 48, School Education (Budget-1) Department, dated 4.3.2010)

In paragraph 3 of the First Report (Fourteenth Assembly), the Committee observed that in the abovesaid notification the expression "the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby authorises..." was wrongly printed as "the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby authorities..."

The Committee, therefore, recommended that an errata be issued to the notification and copies of it be placed on the Table of the House.

The Government in School Education Department in this U.O. Note No.25406/ Bud 1/2015-1, dated 10.8.2015 furnished the reply as under:-

"The recommendation of the Committee on Delegated Legislation (2011-2012) may be accepted. Accordingly action is being taken to issue errata to the Tamil Nadu Uniform System of School Education Act, 2010 as detailed below:-

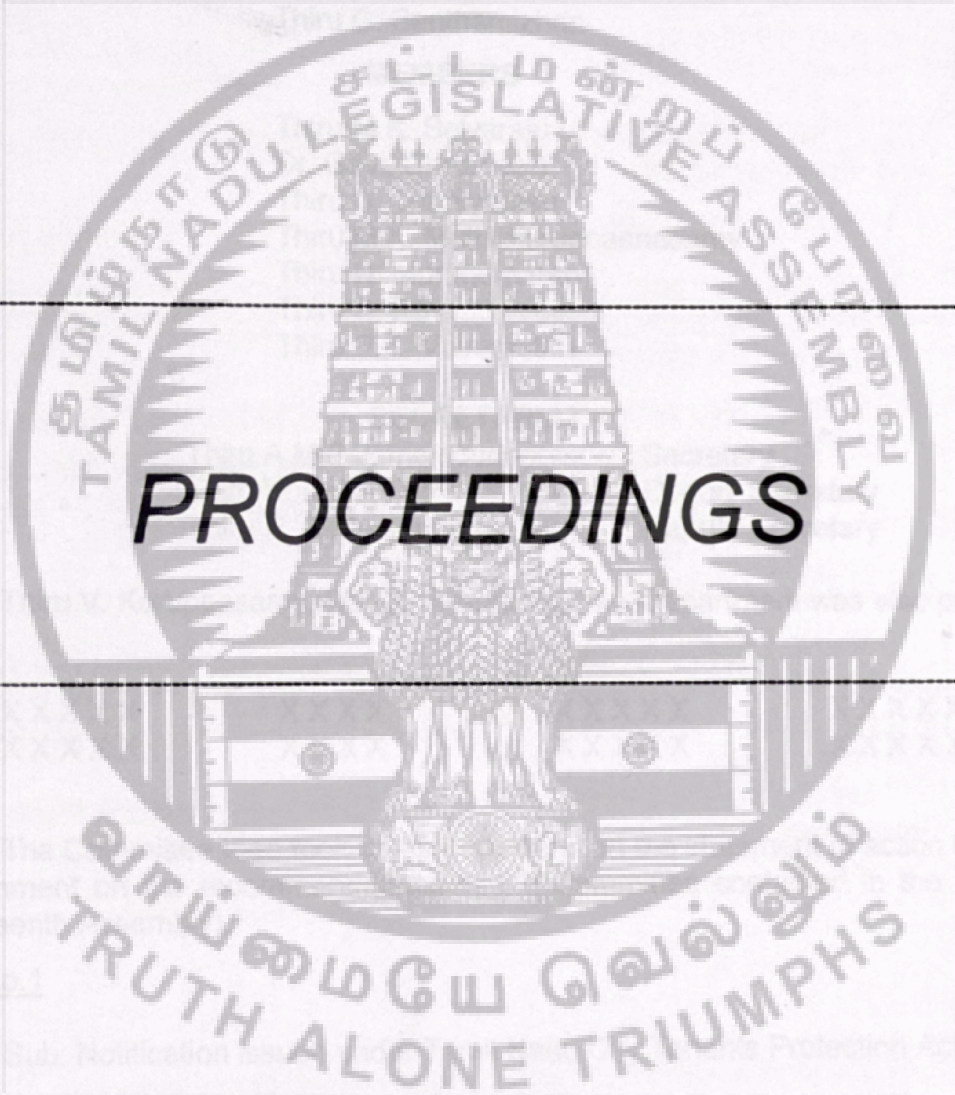
"the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby authorities.." shall be read as "the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby authorizes.." Action is being taken separately and orders will be issued at the earliest".

The Committee is not convinced with the reply furnished by the Department and recommends that the errata be issued immediately and copies of it placed on the Table of the House.

The Committee also reiterates its earlier recommendation that the action taken report be furnished to the Committee at the earliest preferably within one month of presentation of the Report to the Assembly.

Chennai,
16th September, 2015,
Manmatha, Aavani 30,
Thiruvalluvar Aandu-2046.

G. SENTHAMIZHAN
CHAIRMAN



PROCEEDINGS


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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE ON DELEGATED LEGISLATION

Tuesday, the 11th August, 2015

The Committee on Delegated Legislation met at 10-30 a.m. on Tuesday, the 11th August, 2015 in the Committee Room, Legislators' Residential Quarters, Omanthoorar Government Estate, Chennai-600 002.

The following members were present:

CHAIRMAN

Thiru G. Senthamizhan

MEMBERS

Thiru M.K. Selvaraju
Dr. Govi. Chezhiaan
Thiru U. Thaniyarasu
Thiru M.K. Muthukaruppannasamy
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Thiru A.M.P.Jamaludeen	-	Secretary
Thiru V. Kalairajan	-	Deputy Secretary
Thiru P. Padmakumar	-	Deputy Secretary

Thiru V. Karuppasamy, Deputy Secretary, Law Department was also present.

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The Committee then took up for consideration the statement of action taken by the Government on the recommendations of the Committee contained in the First Report (Fourteenth Assembly).

Item No.1

Sub: Notification issued under Tamil Nadu City Tenants Protection Act, 1921.

(G.O. Ms. No. 556, Revenue (ULCI(1)) Department, dated 28.8.2006)

The Committee read and recorded the Statement of action taken by the Department with the observation that the Department should take necessary steps to ensure that copies of the notification are placed on the Table of the House as statutorily mandated in the Act and within the specified time limit prescribed in paragraph 156 of the Secretariat Office Manual.

Item No.2

Sub: Notifications issued under Tamil Nadu Educational Development Day (Declaration and Celebration) Act, 2006

(G.O.Ms.No.158, School Education (N) Department, dated 6.7.2007) and (G.O.Ms.No.159, School Education (N) Department, dated 6.7.2007)

The Committee is not convinced with the statement of action taken by the Government and decides to pursue the matter further.

The Committee recommends that the replies should be furnished within one month of presentation of the Report to the Assembly.

Item No.3

Sub: Notification issued under Tamil Nadu Uniform system of School Education Act, 2010.

(G.O. Ms. No. 48, School Education (Budget-1) Department, dated 4.3.2010)

The Committee is not convinced with the statement of action taken by the Department and recommends that an errata be issued at the earliest and copies of it placed on the Table of the House.

The Committee also recommends that the action taken report be furnished to the Committee within one month of presentation of the Report to the Assembly.

Item No.4

Sub: Amendments to Tamil Nadu Co-operative Societies Rules, 1988.

(G.O.Ms.No.251, Co-operation, Food and Consumer Protection (CJ-1) Department, Dated 7.8.2007).
(G.O.Ms.No.141, Co-operation, Food and Consumer Protection (CJ1) Department, Dated 17.9.2009).
(G.O.Ms.No.212, Co-operation, Food and Consumer Protection (CJ1) Department, Dated 24.12.2009).

The Committee read and recorded the Statement of action taken by the Department.

Item No.5

Sub: Notification issued under Tamil Nadu Farmers' Management of Irrigation Systems Act, 2000.

(G.O. Ms. No. 114, Public Works (W2) Department, dated 30.4.2007)

The Committee read and recorded the Statement of action taken by the Department.

Item No.6

Sub: Amendment to Tamil Nadu Liquor (Possession for Personal Consumption) Rules, 1996.

(G.O. Ms. No. 65, Home, Prohibition and Excise (III) Department, dated 17.8.2007)

The Committee read and recorded the Statement of action taken by the Department.

Sub: Amendment to Tamil Nadu Indian made Foreign Spirit (Manufacture) Rules, 1981.

(G.O. Ms. No. 63, Home, Prohibition and Excise Department, dated 17.9.2008)

The Committee read and recorded the Statement of action taken by the Department.

Sub: Amendment to Tamil Nadu Distillery Rules, 1981.

(G.O. Ms. No. 22, Home, Prohibition and Excise (II) Department, dated 22.4.2008)

The Committee read and recorded the Statement of action taken by the Department.

Item No.7

Sub: Amendment to Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious Institutions (Officers and Servants) Service Rules, 1964.

(G.O. Ms. No. 224, Tamil Development, Religious Endowments and Information (RE4.2) Department, dated 16.6.2008)

The Committee read and recorded the Statement of action taken by the Department.

Wednesday, the 16th September, 2015

The Committee on Delegated Legislation met at 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday, the 16th September, 2015 in the Legislature Committee Room, Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.

The following members were present:

CHAIRMAN

Thiru G. Senthamizhan

MEMBERS

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Thiru U. Thaniyarasu
Thiru M.K. Muthukaruppannasamy
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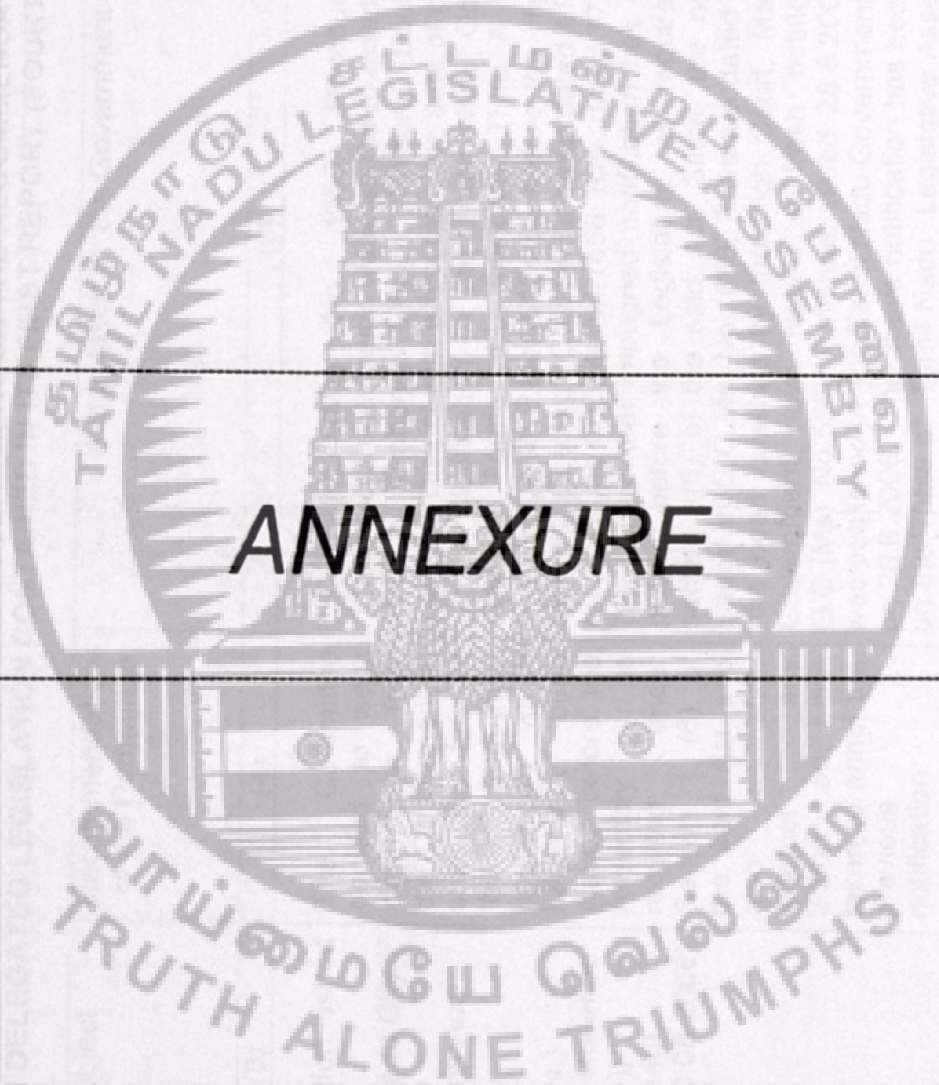
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Thiru P. Padmakumar	-	Deputy Secretary

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The Committee then took up for consideration the draft Report on the Statement of Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations of the Committee on Delegated Legislation contained in the First Report (Fourteenth Assembly)

After some discussion, the Committee approved the Draft Report without any modifications and the Committee authorised the Chairman to sign and present the Report to the Assembly on its behalf.

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ANNEXURE


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STATEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON DELEGATED LEGISLATION CONTAINED IN ITS FIRST REPORT (FOURTEENTH ASSEMBLY)

Sl. No.	Item No. in Part-II of the Main Report	Subject	Recommendations of the Committee	Action taken by the Government	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1.	1	Notification issued under Tamil Nadu City Tenants Protection Act, 1921 (G.O.(Ms.) No.556, Revenue (ULCI (1)) Department, dated 28.08.2006)	The Committee decided to seek clarification from the Department to state the fate of the impugned notification which had not been placed before the Assembly as required under Section 1 (6) of the said Act and also to state whether any action had been taken to annul the previous notification.	In G.O.(Ms) No. 1656, Revenue, dated 17.12.1985, notification were issued to extend the said Act to Virahanur Village, Madurai South Taluk, Madurai District with effect from the date of publication of the Notification in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette. Aggrieved by this order, Thiru A. Natarajan has filed a W.P.No.16164/88 before the High Court, Madras. The High Court in its order dated 11.6.96 has quashed the G.O.Ms.No.1656, Rev. dated 17.12.85 on the ground that impugned notification has not been placed before the Legislature as required under section 1(6) of the said Act. Since, the notification issued in G.O.Ms. No.1656, Revenue dated 17.12.85 has been quashed by the High Court, Madras the Government have issued a fresh notification in G.O.(Ms) No.556 Revenue, dated 28.8.2006 and it was published in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette on 20.9.2006. The above notification has been placed on the Table of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 5.12.2006. (Vide Letter No.21326/ULC-(1)/2013-1, dated 22.11.2013)	The Committee read and recorded the Statement of action.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
2.	2.	Notifications issued under Tamil Nadu Educational Development Day (Declaration and Celebration) Act, 2006. (G.O.Ms.No.158, School Education (N) Dept., dated 6.7.2007) and (G.O.Ms.No.159, School Education (N) Dept., dated 6.7.2007)	In order to avoid the ambiguity between the expression "Chief Educational Officers of the District" and "Chief Educational Officers of the Educational District", the Committee decided to seek a clarification from the Department in this regard.	The recommendation of the Committee on Delegated Legislation (2011-2012) may be accepted. Action is being taken separately to amend the G.O.(Ms).No.159, School Education Dept., dated 6.7.2007. Orders will be issued at the earliest. (Vide Lr.No. 16281/SE5(1)/2015-2, dated 10.8.2015)	The Committee decides to pursue the matter.
3.	3.	Notification issued under Tamil Nadu Uniform System of School Education Act, 2010. (G.O.Ms.No.48, School Education (Budget-1) Department, dated 4.3.2010).	The Committee recommends that the Government in School Education Department might issue an errata to the notification and place it on the Table of the House.	The recommendation of the Committee on Delegated Legislation (2011-2012) may be accepted. Accordingly, action is being taken to issue errata to the Tamil Nadu Uniform System of School Education Act, 2010 as detailed below:- "the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby authorities.." shall be read as "the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby authorizes. .." Action is being taken separately and orders will be issued at the earliest. (Vide U.O. Note No. 25406/Bud1/2015-1, dated 10.8.2015)	The Committee decides to pursue the matter.

(1)	(2)	(3)		(4)	(5)	(6)
4.	4.		Amendments to Tamil Nadu Co-operative Societies Rules, 1988.	The Committee decided to seek clarification from the Department to state the reasons which necessitated amending the provision and also the subsequent amendment to restore the original provision. The Committee also recommended that the explanatory note both in Tamil and English should be included in the notification.	Rule 149 of Tamil Nadu Co-operative Societies Rules, 1988, prescribes conditions of service of paid officers and servants of societies. As per sub rule (1) of the said rule 149 as amended by G.O.(Ms).No.373, Co-operation, Food and Consumer Protection Department, dated 29.10.2002 the Government is empowered to accord prior approval of the Special bylaws covering the service conditions of employees of Co-operative Societies. Prior to the said amendment, this power was vested with the Registrar of Co-operative societies and in exercise of the delegated power of the Registrar, the officers subordinate to the Registrar have exercised this power to the extent delegated. In view of the amendment made to Rule 149(1) in the above said Government Order, Co-operative Societies have to send the Special bylaws covering service conditions of their employees to the Government for prior approval which involved enormous volume of work at the level of Registrar and Government. There were no uniform guidelines to streamline the fixation of cadre strength, pay scales etc., with reference to different categories of Co-operative Societies. When these guidelines were issued by the Government in respect of certain categories of societies, they were challenged before the High Court of Madras by way of filing writ petitions which were quashed by the High Court. These complicated the issue in getting Government's prior approval of the special bylaws relating to the service conditions of employees of each and every Co-operative Society. To overcome such a situation the Government have decided that the power, to accord prior approval of special bylaws relating to the service conditions of employees of Cooperative Societies be vested again with the Registrar and to amend the rule 149(1) accordingly. Hence the amendment. The other observations and recommendations of the Committee are taken note of and the explanatory note both in Tamil and English will be included in the notification in future. (Vide U.O. Note No. 25690/CJ1/2010-13, dated 7.8.2015)	The Committee read and recorded the Statement of action taken.
		i)	(G.O.Ms.No.251, Co-Operation (Food and Consumer protection (CJ-1) Department, dated 7.8.2007)			

(1)	(2)	(3)		(4)	(5)	(6)
		ii)	G.O.Ms. No.141, Co-operation, Food and Consumer Protection (CJ1) Department, dated 17.9.2009	The Committee recommends that the Government should ensure that the Notifications placed on the Table of the House should necessarily contain the Explanatory Note appended to the Notification. The Committee also recommended that in the Annexure, the expression "Existing Rules -- As Amended" might be printed in *italics*.	The Committee's observation and recommendation are taken note of. This Department will be more vigilant and due care will be taken to avoid such lapses. In future, the notification will be placed on the Table of the House as per the recommendation of the Committee. (Vide U.O. Note No. 25690/CJ1/ 2010-8, dated 28.1.2013)	The Committee read and recorded the Statement of action taken.
		iii)	G.O.Ms. No.212, Co-operation, Food and Consumer Protection (CJ1) Department, dated 24.12.2009.	The Committee recommended that in the Annexure, the expression "Existing Rules -- As Amended" might be printed in *italics*.	The Committee's observation and recommendation are taken note of. This Department will be more vigilant and due care will be taken to avoid such lapses. In future, the notification will be placed on the Table of the House as per the recommendation of the Committee. (Vide U.O. Note No. 25690/CJ1/ 2010-8, dated 28.1.2013).	The Committee read and recorded the Statement of action taken.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
5.	5.	Notification issued under Tamil Nadu Farmers' Management of Irrigation Systems Act, 2000 (G.O.Ms No.114, Public Works (W2) Department, dated 30.4.2007)	The Committee decided to seek clarification from the Department for the inordinate delay in framing the Rules.	**Chronological activities since the enactment of TNFMIS Act, 2000 till the notification of Election Rules, 2003:** Enactment of "Tamil Nadu Farmers' Management of Irrigation Systems Act, 2000" (TN Act 7 of 2001) on March 2001. Draft Rules to the TNFMIS Act was prepared and circulated among all District Collectors and Water Resources Department field officials and their feedback obtained. The Act came into force with effect from 1.10.2002 and the same was notified on 24.9.2002. The Government issued instructions to the District Collectors empowering them to implement the Act in the command area covered by Water Resources Consolidation Project (WRCP) spread over 19 Districts by issuing necessary Notification further ordered that the Act will be extended to the left out 8 districts in due course of time. "Tamil Nadu Farmers' Management of Irrigation System Rules, 2002" Notified in the Government Gazette on 1.10.2002. As provided in the TNFMIS Act, the managing committees of farmer organization shall be constituted by election. Therefore Election Rules are necessary for organizing election. Before that the area under each Water Users Association shall be delineated and declared by the District Collectors concerned as per the Act and Rules. This socio-psychological process required awareness creation among the farmers and Department officials about the Act, Rules, Participatory Irrigation Management, etc., This was accomplished through distribution of pamphlets, booklets, display through wall posters, conducting meetings etc.	The Committee read and recorded the Statement of action taken.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
				Water users Association delineation map, Form I details, water users Association delineation in Form II, List of landholders and voters in each Water users Association area were prepared and displayed at village level in prominent public places, for the information of farmers and their suggestions/ objections obtained and updated. The District Collectors concerned issued necessary notification thereon in the District Gazette. This preparatory work prior to election took adequate time, as elections were organized in the State for the first time and the preparation of election Rules was also taken up simultaneously. Consultation and discussions with the officials of the State Election Commission and the provisions in the "Tamil Nadu Panchayats Election Rules, 1995" were updated and revised draft Election Rule was sent to Government. A team headed by the Senior Advisor (FOT) had visited Andhra Pradesh during 6-8 August, 2003 and gathered information, to organize the second election to WUAs (First Election held in 1997) after the expiry of the Five year term period. Finally the "Tamil Nadu" Farmers' Management of Irrigation Systems Election Rules, 2002" were notified on 12.1.2004. As the TNFMIS Act, 2000 came into force in 20 Districts as a first step in the command area under Water Resources Consolidation Project (WRCP) and the provisions of the said Act has extended to the left out 8 Districts also in April 2007 except the Nilgiris and Chennai Districts, where there is no ayacuts. The above said legal/administrative procedures consumed enormous time, causing delay in framing issue of notification of TNFMIS Rules, 2003 based on the recommendation of the Committee occurred which will be avoided in future. (Vide Letter No.12257/W2/2012-4, dated 15.3.2013)	

(1)	(2)	(3)		(4)	(5)	(6)
6.	6.	(i)	Amendment to the Tamil Nadu Liquor (Possession for Personal Consumption) Rules, 1996 (G.O. Ms. No.65, Home, Prohibition and Excise (III) Department, Dated 17.8.2007)	The Committee reiterated its earlier recommendation that the Notification should be placed before the Assembly within 6 months from the date of issue of Notifications.	Due to administrative reasons, there was a delay in placing the Notification on the Table of the House, which is regretted. In future, due care will be taken for placing the papers on the Table of the House within the stipulated time limit of six months from the date of publication of Notification in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette. (Vide U.O. Note No. 26479/H, P&E(V)/ 2009-13, dated 13.7.2012)	The Committee read and recorded the Statement of action taken.
		(ii)	Amendment to the Tamil Nadu Indian made Foreign Spirit (Manufacture) Rules, 1981 (G.O. Ms. No.63, Home, Prohibition and Excise Department, Dated 17.9.2008)	The Committee opined that such powers should not be delegated to the executive unless the law delegating such power lays down the Legislative policy and prescribes a standard for the guidance of the authority to which the power is delegated.	To avoid delay in taking decisions on commercial issues, the procedure of getting approval from the Government at two stages (i.e.) first at introduction stage and second at classification stage of Indian Made Foreign Spirit brands has been simplified. After obtaining orders in circulation, the said G.O. was issued, amending the Sub-Rule (3-B) of Rule 25 of the Tamil Nadu Indian Made Foreign Spirits (Manufacture) Rules, 1981 and omitting the word 'Government'. Sub-Rule (3-C) of Rule 25 of the Tamil Nadu Indian Made Foreign Spirits (Manufacture) Rules, 1981 has also been omitted.	The Committee read and recorded the Statement of action taken.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
				The existing procedure for introduction and classification of Indian Made Foreign Spirit brands are :- (i) The Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise issues orders for the introduction of Indian Made Foreign Spirit brands. (ii) Based on the request of the Indian Made Foreign Spirit manufacturing Units, the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation Limited fixed the manufacturer's basic price by negotiation and request the Government to issue suitable orders for classification of the Indian Made Foreign Spirit brands. (iii) The Government issued orders, classifying the Indian Made Foreign Spirit brands. (iv) Registration of Indian Made Foreign Spirit brands, approval of labels by the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise and commencement of the Supply of Indian Made Foreign Spirit brands to Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation Limited is possible only after the issue of orders by the Government classifying Indian Made Foreign Spirit brands. Hence, the final powers are vested with the Government. (Vide U.O. Note No. 26479/ H, P&E(V) /2009-13,dated 13.7.2012)	

(1)	(2)		(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
		(iii)	Amendment to the Tamil Nadu Distillery, Rules, 1981. (G.O. Ms. No.22, Home, Prohibition and Excise (II) Department, dated 22.4.2008)	The Committee recommended that the Rules framed or notifications issued in pursuance of delegation of Legislative powers be placed on the Table of the House within a period not exceeding 6 months from the date of their publication in the Government Gazette.	Due to administrative reasons, there was a delay in placing the Notification on the Table of the House, which is regretted. In future, due care will be taken for placing the papers on the Table of the House within the stipulated time limit of six months from the date of publication of Notification in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette. (Vide U.O. Note No. 26479/H, P&E(V)/2009-13,dated 13.7.2012)	The Committee read and recorded the Statement of action taken.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
7.	7.	Amendment to the Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious Institutions (Officers and Servants) Service Rules, 1964 (G.O. Ms. No.224, Tamil Development, Religious Endowments and Information (RE.4.2) Department, dated 16.6.2008)	The Committee suggests that for the expression, "eighteen years of age", the expression, "eighteen years of age as in the case of Government service" be substituted and an amendment to this effect be issued by the Department.	The temple servants are appointed by the Trustees of the temples and paid from the temple funds. Qualification and mode of appointment of temple servants are totally different from that of Government Servants. Further, retirement age of the temple servants is 60 years, whereas Government servants' retirement age is 58 years. Moreover, Rule 17 of the said Rules empowers the Commissioner to exempt any person from the operation of any Rule. If any necessity arises, the Commissioner can permit any person below the age of 18 years for appointment in temple. The said amendment was issued foreseeing that in case if qualified persons are not available for the appointment of Archagars, Paricharakam Suyambagi etc. Hence the Committee may be informed that expression 18 years of age as already included in the G.O. may be retained. (Vide U.O. Note No. 12902/RE4.2/2012-8, dated 12.12.2014)	The Committee read and recorded the Statement of action taken.

A.M.P. JAMALUDEEN
Secretary.

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