



TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

Among the major States, Tamil Nadu continues to be the most urbanised State with 48.4% of the population living in urban areas. Tamilnadu has a well established transport system that connects all parts of the State. This is partly responsible for the investment in the State. The public transport system meets the transport requirements of around one-fourth of the workforce.

Bus Based Public Transport in Tamil Nadu

Until 1971, State Transport operations were under the control of the Government. After 1971, this was entrusted to various Transport Corporations incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956.

The Government have implemented “Chennai Bus App” based real time passenger information for journey planning of passengers waiting at bus stops and CCTV and panic button-based monitoring system to ensure safety of women and children travelling in buses.

The Government also initiated the process of modernisation, using funding from KfW German Development Bank and Government grants, to upgrade buses including BS-VI compliant diesel buses and electric buses, introduce better passenger information systems, cashless transaction system, ERP etc.

Chennai Intelligent Transport System

JICA funded project focusing on Integrated Transport Management System (ITMS) solutions for MTC buses including Automatic Vehicle Location finding system, Passenger Information System at bus terminals, bus stops and also delivers through mobile app for crew & websites Depot Management system is an operation related solution application for vehicle planning and scheduling, vehicle despatch, crew rostering, attendance management and exclusive app for all MTC staff. Total Project cost is Rs.136 Crore for transport related components for MTC. The funding pattern is 51% by JICA and 49% by the State Government. The system integrator is expected to be on board very soon.

Women Safe City Project

The safe city project supported under Nirbhaya Project, a Centrally sponsored scheme aims to create a safe, secure and empowering environment for women in public spaces especially public transport systems like buses bus terminals, bus depots to enable them to pursue all opportunities without the threat of gender based violence and harassment.

Passenger Information System (Chennai Bus App)

A live passenger information mobile app named “Chennai App” was launched for bus commuters planning their travel through bus mode in Chennai without loss of time. The app will show the origin, destination and a selected route on a map. Also, the live map shows the present location of the buses running on the route, estimated time of arrival of next 5 buses at a bus stop along with route numbers, list of nearest bus stop etc., of the person's present location.

The Institute of Road Transport

The Institute of Road Transport (IRT) was started in Chennai in 1976 as a society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. The main objective of IRT is applied research on issues pertaining to refresher training to all State Transport Undertaking's employees, traffic, transportation, road safety, bus system management and to ensure that spares purchased by State Transport Undertakings conform to the specifications prescribed, for which testing of samples are carried out.

Tamilnadu Transport Development Finance Corporation Limited

The Tamil Nadu Transport Development Finance Corporation Limited (TDFC) which is wholly owned by the Government of Tamil Nadu, began operations on March 25, 1975. The objective of TDFC was to attract funds from the general public for the State Transport Undertakings capital and working capital needs through deposit mobilisation from public and others, rather than relying on Government budgetary support. The Reserve Bank of India has approved TDFC as a Non-Banking Finance Company (NBFC).

Pallavan Transport Consultancy Services Limited

Pallavan Transport Consultancy Services Ltd (PTCS) was established in April 1984 as a wholly owned Company of Government of Tamil Nadu with an Authorized share Capital of Rs.50.00 lakhs with a paid-up Share Capital of Rs.10.00 lakhs. The core objective of the Company is to provide Consultancy services in the area of Road Transport.