

8. TAMIL NADU TEXT BOOK CORPORATION

8.1. PRINTING OF TEXTBOOKS

Tamil Nadu Text book Corporation was established in the year 1970. This Corporation prints and supplies the following text and other books:

- Text books for 1-12 stds. of State Board Schools.
- 10th Std. books for Matriculation and Anglo-Indian Schools
- Text books for minority language students in stds. 1-10; Language books for +1, +2 students; Readers upto 12th Standard
- Text books for L.K.G. to +2 Std. of Ariviyal Tamil
- Guides for 10th and +2 students of Adi-Dravidar, Backward Classes and Most Backward Classes Schools besides note books.
- Question bank, model question booklet and guides for entrance test of professional courses.
- Source books for Diploma in Teacher Education Course.

8.2. SUPPLY OF TEXTBOOKS

The printed textbooks both for free supply and sale are distributed through 21 Regional Offices of the Tamil Nadu Textbook Corporation. The Regional Offices distribute the text books to the offices of the Education Department and other Welfare Departments, which in turn distribute these text books to the schools well in advance, enabling the students to have the text books immediately on reopening of schools. The text books meant for sale are distributed through the network of 42 District Cooperative Societies at the wholesale level and 2000 private retailers at the retail level. This ensures that all schools get their requirement fairly well before the opening of the schools.

A Sales Emporium is functioning on all working days at the administrative office of the Corporation at Chennai.

8.3. FREE TEXTBOOKS

At present Tamil Nadu Textbook Corporation prints and distributes free textbooks to all students enrolled in Standard 1 to 5 and also supplies free textbooks to the noon-meal beneficiaries in standards 6 to 8 in Panchayat, Government and Aided Schools. The production cost is being reimbursed by the State Government to the Corporation. Besides this, Adidravidar and Tribal Welfare, Backward Classes and Minorities welfare, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities welfare departments are also supplying free text books. From the academic year 2005-2006, all students studying from 1st Standard to 10th Standard in Government and Government Aided Schools will be supplied text books free of cost.

8.4. NOTEBOOKS

Tamil Nadu Textbook Corporation brings notebooks for Government Departments and for open market sales. Tamil Nadu Textbook Corporation has also brought out flexible notebooks in laminated multi colour wrapper in the best quality paper at an economical price in addition to the conventional type of notebooks for open market sales.

9. PUBLIC LIBRARIES

9.1. OPENING OF NEW LIBRARIES

Each district is having a central library. Branch libraries are opened in places where the population is above 5000. Village libraries are opened where the population is between 1000-5000 with the support of the local public. Part-time libraries are opened wherever the population is less than 1000.