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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

COMMERCIAL TAXES, REGISTRATION AND RELIGIOUS ENDOWMENTS DEPARTMENT

No. II(2)/CTRRE/589(b)/2026.

[ESTABLISHMENT – HINDU RELIGIOUS AND CHARITABLE ENDOWMENTS DEPARTMENT – CREATION OF NEW CHENNAI AND TRICHY ZONES – THE POSTS OF ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER IN THE SENIOR SCALE OF IAS, SANCTIONED – ALLOCATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION AND ASSIGNMENT OF POWERS AND DUTIES – ORDERS - ISSUED.]

The following Government Order is Published:-

[G.O. Ms. No.79, Commercial Taxes, Registration and Religious Endowments (RE.2.1)], 23rd July 2026,
ஆடி 7, பராபவ, திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு–2057.]

READ :

1. G.O.(Rt)No.2181, Public (Special-A) Department, dated 19.06.2026.
2. G.O.(Rt)No.2548, Public (Special-A) Department, dated 15.07.2026.
3. From the Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department, Letter R.C.No.08/2022/D5, dated 17.07.2026.

Order: No. 79, Commercial Taxes, Registration and Religious Endowments (RE.2.1), dated 23rd July 2026.

In the Government Order first read above, the post of Additional Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments, Thiruchirappalli Division in the senior scale of IAS has been sanctioned.

2. In the Government Order second read above, the post of Additional Commissioner Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments, Chennai Division in the senior scale of IAS has been sanctioned.

3. In the letter third read above, the Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department, has requested the Government to allocate the administrative jurisdiction and assign the powers and duties to the Additional Commissioner at Chennai in charge of the North zone and the Additional Commissioner at Trichy in charge of the South zone.

4.In accordance with the section 13-A of the Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1959, subject to the administrative control of the Commissioner, the Government can determine which powers and duties of the Commissioner are given to the Additional Commissioner /Joint Commissioner.

5. According to sub-section (1) of section 13 of the Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1959, the Commissioner shall with the previous approval of the Government specify the area within which each Additional/ Joint/Deputy Commissioner shall exercise the powers conferred and discharge the duties imposed by this Act and Rules.

6. The Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department, have decided to approve the allocation of administrative jurisdiction to the Additional Commissioners for South and North zones as required under sub-section (1) of section 13 of the Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1959 and to determine their powers and duties as required under section 13-A of the said Act, subject to certain conditions mentioned below and order accordingly:-

I. The Administrative Jurisdiction of the Additional Commissioners for Chennai and Trichy zone shall be as follows:-

Additional Commissioner	*Administrative Jurisdiction (Joint Commissioner Region Wise)*
Additional Commissioner at Chennai Incharge of North zone	Chennai-1, Chennai-2, Chennai-3, Kancheepuram, Vellore, Tiruvallur, Villupuram, Cuddalore, Tiruvannamalai, Dharmapuri, Salem, Erode, Coimbatore.
Additional Commissioner at Trichy Incharge of South zone	Tiruppur, Trichy, Perambalur, Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Nagapattinam, Mayiladuthurai, Madurai, Dindigul, Sivagangai, Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi.

II. The powers and duties of the Additional Commissioner at Chennai incharge of North zone and Additional Commissioner at Trichy incharge of South zone are determined, as follows:-

Sl. No.	*Subject*	*Details of Religious Institutions*
1	Preparation of basic registers, annual verification of the registers, submission of registers once in 10 years as provided under section s29,30,31 of the Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1959.	Non-Senior Grade Religious Institutions published under Section 46(iii)
2	Inspection of Property and Documents as provided under section 33 of the Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1959.	All religious institutions
3	Approval of Budgets as provided under section 86 of the Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1959.	Non-Senior Grade Religious Institutions published under section 46(iii)
4	Assessment and levy of contribution, audit fees and recovery of legal expenses from religious institutions as provided under sections 92&93 of the Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1959.	All religious institutions
5	Approval of Procurement Tenders relating to Non-Senior Grade Temples from Rs.5,00,000 to Rs.10,00,000 as provided under rule 17 of the Management and Preservation of Properties of Religious Institutions Rules.	Non-Senior Grade Religious Institutions published under section 46(iii)
6	Approval of Lease/License Auctions of temple properties where annual lease/license fee/rent is between Rs.5,00,001 and Rs.10,00,000 (Except items which are not required to exercise veto power of the Commissioner) as provided under rule 12 of the Religious Institutions (Lease of Immovable Property) Rules,1963.	All religious institutions
7	According sanction for transfer of funds from first account to second account as provided under rule 7 of the Collection of Income and the Incurring of Expenditure Rules.	Non-Senior Grade Religious Institutions published under section 46(iii)
8	Permission for Balalayam, Ashtabandhana Marundhu Satruthal and Kumbhabhishekam.	Non-Senior Grade Temples

Conditions:

(a) Any order passed by the Additional Commissioner on the above subjects shall be deemed to be an order of the Commissioner for the purpose of the said Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments, Act,1959, as per section 13-A of the said Act.

(b) If in the opinion of the Additional Commissioner, any order intended to be passed by him on the above subjects will have effect on all other religious institutions in the State of Tamil Nadu, then it shall be referred to the Commissioner for taking suitable decision.

(c) The Additional Commissioner shall not pass any order involving policy decision of the Department or Government.

III. The Additional Commissioner may exercise the following general superintendence powers on the religious institutions under his jurisdiction:-

(a) Sanctioning of annual increments, leave, surrender of earned leave and pay fixation for the officers in the cadre of Assistant Commissioner.

(b) Reviewing and monitoring of all welfare schemes implemented by the department.

(c) Monitoring the progress of collection of contribution and audit fees levied under section 92 of the Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1959.

(d) Monitoring the revenue and collection of religious institutions generated from temple lands.

(e) Reviewing the progress of cases pending before the Joint Commissioners under section 78 of the Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1959.

(f) Monitoring the implementation of all Integrated Temple Management System (ITMS) modules and regular updation of entries in the modules.

(g) Reviewing the progress of removal of encroachments on the properties of the religious institutions.

(h) Conducting co-ordination meeting with District Administration and other Departments during important festivals.

(i) And other works assigned by the Commissioner and the Government from time-to-time.

(By Order of the Governor)

J. KUMARAGURUBARAN,
Secretary to Government.

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