

## 11. NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR CONTROL OF BLINDNESS-2008-09

The Government of India launched the National Programme for Control of Blindness in 1996 as 100% centrally sponsored scheme with the goal of reducing the prevalence of blindness. On 1.4.06, Tamil Nadu State Blindness Control Society was formed as a separate entity, to give thrust to the goal by planning, execution and monitoring at the District level. Every District in the State has one District Blindness Control Society to govern the activities of the National Programme for control of Blindness. The District Collector is the Chairman of the District Blindness Control Society. The cataract, being the major cause for the avoidable blindness, was given importance and various infrastructure facilities like eye wards, dark room etc. have been built till 30.06.2002 and are now in use. Under this programme, the society was funded by World Bank till 30.06.2002 through Union Government. The State Blindness Control Society, Chennai has been merged with the State Health Society with effect from 01.04.2007.

The physical target and achievement for the year 2008-09 is as follows:

**Table No : 11.(a) PHYSICAL TARGET AND ACHIEVEMENT**

S.No.	Particulars	Target	Achievement	% of achievement
1	Cataract Operation	6,50,000	6,50,092	100
<b>2</b>	<b>School Eye Screening</b>			
	School children screened	19,04,762	20,03,419	105
	Children with Refractive Error	1,33,333	86,072	65
	Free Spectacles to poor children	40,000	44,036	110
<b>3</b>	<b>Eye donation</b>			
	Eye collected	8000	11,917	148

**Table 11.1. CATARACT PERFORMANCE - 2008-09**

S.No.	Name of the District	Cataract Operations			Cataract Performance by institutions				
		Target	Ach.	%	Teaching	Dist. & Taluk Hospital	Voluntary Org.	Private	Total
1	Chennai	57500	156021	271	10960	315	33798	110948	156021
2	Coimbatore	50000	62735	125	2467	373	16990	42905	62735
3	Cuddalore	26000	12535	48	0	1828	9686	1021	12535
4	Dharmapuri	13000	4593	35	1118	184	3291	0	4593
5	Dindigul	22000	13835	63	0	1808	11781	246	13835
6	Erode	30000	25049	83	0	2556	14856	7637	25049
7	Kancheepuram	37000	35874	97	792	936	27018	7128	35874
8	Kanyakumari	14000	6955	50	793	100	5833	229	6955
9	Karur	11000	7057	64	0	1528	2542	2987	7057
10	Krishnagiri	12000	6480	54	0	358	4519	1603	6480
11	Madurai	27000	47629	176	1951	0	21678	24000	47629
12	Nagapattinam	11500	7146	62	0	1637	4291	1218	7146
13	Namakkal	14500	9058	62	0	2343	6038	677	9058
14	Perambalur	13000	10070	77	0	542	3949	5579	10070
15	Pudukottai	12000	6588	55	0	1940	3392	1256	6588
16	Ramanathapuram	13000	10437	80	0	2549	6902	986	10437
17	Salem	28000	26809	96	2099	144	14425	10141	26809
18	Sivaganga	10500	7482	71	0	1141	6048	293	7482
19	Thanjavur	24500	17164	70	1836	2062	10057	3209	17164
20	The nilgiris	7500	1677	22	0	439	1211	27	1677
21	Theni	11000	10677	97	460	1344	5345	3528	10677
22	Thiruchirapalli	30000	29111	97	4068	0	14768	10275	29111
23	Thiruvallur	33000	28377	86	0	1972	13288	13117	28377
24	Thiruvannamalai	23000	13964	61	0	2393	10003	1568	13964
25	Thiruvarur	10000	6031	60	0	1089	4040	902	6031
26	Thuthukudi	14000	9493	68	1062	330	7956	145	9493
27	Tirunelveli	23000	28153	122	887	698	16368	10200	28153
28	Vellore	31000	20142	65	1128	866	15703	2445	20142
29	Villupuram	23000	14476	63	0	1349	11943	1184	14476
30	Virudhunagar	18000	14474	80	0	1603	4767	8104	14474
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>650000</b>	<b>650092</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>29621</b>	<b>34427</b>	<b>312486</b>	<b>273558</b>	<b>650092</b>

**Table 11.2. SCHOOL EYE SCREENING - 2008-09**

S.No.	Name of the District	SCHOOL EYE SCREENING				
		No. of Teachers trained	No. of schools screened	No. of students screened	No. of Refractive error Detected	No. of Free spectacles provided
1	Chennai	0	0	11602	9027	4769
2	Coimbatore	0	557	62886	12967	6102
3	Cuddalore	537	397	101917	5268	283
4	Dharmapuri	0	103	35353	1820	1820
5	Dindigul	110	151	62631	3007	406
6	Erode	568		208113	6187	4922
7	Kancheepuram	0	351	124263	8415	3906
8	Kanyakumari	116	103	65041	1308	799
9	Karur	290	223	64103	697	521
10	Krishnagiri	0	41	14610	356	71
11	Madurai	199	228	97954	2396	1771
12	Nagapattinam	0	114	48471	1254	1254
13	Namakkal	0	0	57573	1885	1885
14	Perambalur	0	0	80084	5295	720
15	Pudukottai	130	172	33206	568	428
16	Ramanathapuram	425	425	64751	3952	804
17	Salem	142	75	108914	4479	479
18	Sivaganga	242	258	50431	1337	1222
19	Thanjavur	0	0	137769	1218	1254
20	The nilgiris	0	46	5503	377	339
21	Theni	148	220	45967	3021	385
22	Thiruchirapalli	663	470	63536	1955	1425
23	Thiruvallur	0	2226	57799	915	1546
24	Thiruvannamalai	77	140	55465	2061	2002
25	Thiruvarur	244	281	29932	739	616
26	Thuthukudi	0	286	45290	793	716
27	Tirunelveli	20	433	144855	896	865
28	Vellore	118	322	21635	527	0
29	Villupuram	70	47	24602	91	0
30	Virudhunagar	0	189	79163	3261	2726
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4099</b>	<b>7858</b>	<b>2003419</b>	<b>86072</b>	<b>44036</b>

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