CHAPTER - III

Functions
FUNCTIONS

Tax Collection

During the year 2005-2006 the following amounts of taxes have been collected by the revenue officials (village officer, village man) and Panchayat Official (Bill Collectors)\(^1\).

Collection by Revenue Officials

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<td>Local cess</td>
<td>43,066</td>
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<td>Local cess Surcharge</td>
<td>6,703</td>
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<td>Water cess</td>
<td>1,755</td>
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<td><strong>76,479</strong></td>
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\(^1\) Annual Register of Painkulam Village Office, 2005-2006.
Collection of taxes from various sources are given below.

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<td>Library Taxes</td>
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<td>Additional Taxes</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>20,50,529</strong></td>
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**Road Facilities**

When Kanyakumari District was merge with Tamil Nadu in the 1st November 1956, there were only 3 roads in this village. Now there 67 roads in this village. Out of these 67 roads 3 roads are National Highways. These 3 roads are maintained by the Highways Department. The remaining 64 roads are the Panchayat roads and these roads are maintained by the Panchayat.

Thengapattam – Karungal Road, Thengapattam – Marthandam Road, and Puthukkadai – Karungal

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3. Personal Interview with T. Rajamony, aged 87, residing at Painkulum, dated 06.05.2006.
5. Ibid.
Road are the Highways, which are going through this Village. A large number of Buses are operated in these roads. Puthukkadai–Nagercoil, Thengapattanam–Nagercoil, Thiruvananthapuram–Thengapattanam, Thengapattanam–Thoothoor buses are operated on these roads. Out of the 64 roads maintained by the Panchayat, the following 27 link roads are very useful to the public. They are,

1. Painkulam - Parakani Road
2. Painkulam - Paruthikadavu Road
3. Amsi - Vettamangalam Road
4. Amsi - Arasakulam Road
5. Ananthamangalam - Pallikulam Road
6. Ananthamangalam - Chemparuthikulam Road
7. Sakthi Nagar - Chemparughikulam Road
8. Mukkadu - Parakani Road
9. Thekkadappu - Ooranvilakam Road

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24. Moontrumukku - Kottiymvilai Road
25. Kottiym vilai - Kalpaduthivilai Road
26. Mulakkottu vilai - Charal Road
27. Kakkaravilai - Mulakkottuvilai Road

Street Lights

Street Light facilities have been made by the Panchayat in this Village. There are 11 Solar lights, 34 sodium lights and 1032 tube lights on the road sides and certain important junctions of this Village.

Drinking water

Drinking water facilities have been made by the Panchayat in this village. Drinking water through pipe line to the people of this village was supplied first through the Joint Drinking water supply scheme Mankadu as the water getting through this scheme is inadequate, Painkulam Panchayat has deepened big wells in Chemparuthikulam, Amsikulam, Arasakulam, Panankalamukku,

7. Ibid.
8. Personal Interview with T. Chandra Kumar, President, Painkulam Village Panchayat, aged 35, residing at Painkulam, dated 07.05.2006.
10. Personal Interview with T. Chandra Kumar, President, Painkulam Village Panchayat, aged 35, residing at Painkulam, dated 07.05.2006.
Amsi, Mulamoodu and in Paruthikadavu in Painkulam village to take spring water, and stored in 9 over tanks. The details of the over tanks are:-

Kaisoondi I - 1,50,000 Liters  
Kaisoondi II - 1,50,000 Liters  
Sakthi Nagar - 1,00,000 Liters  
Manakkadu - 1,00,000 Liters  
Kukkadu - 1,00,000 Liters  
Oottukuzhi - 30,000 Liters  
Maniyarmkuntru - 1,50,000 Liters  
Arasakulam - 60,000 Liters  
Thengapattanam - 1,50,000 Liters

Water from these over tanks is supplied to the people of this village through pipe lines. There are 476 public tap connections and 696 house connections in this Village. Electric Pump sets have been installed for the regular supply of Water.

When the repairing works are to be carried out in the pump or pipe lines people are taking drinking water from the ordinary open wells, which are also under the maintenance of the

12. Ibid.  
13. Personal Interview with T. Chandra Kumar, President, Painkulam village Panchayat, aged 35, residing at Painkulam, Dated, 07.05.2006.

\textsuperscript{14} Register of Painkulam Village Panchayat, 2005 P.S.
49. Charalcode, and 50. Mukkadu. There is no problem for drinking water in this Village.

**Drinage**

Necessary Drinage facilities have been made on both sides of Highway Roads and Panchayat roads.

**Facilities available for public in this Panchayat**

Public Libraries are absolutely necessary for social development. Public libraries play an important role in providing an opportunity for ordinary people to gain knowledge. Usually in the spare time utilize the public library for reading News papers and Magazine.

There were no public libraries in Painkulam Village at the time of the merger of Kanyakumari District with Tamilnadu on 01.11.1956. Now there are 9 Libraries functioning under the control of Painkulam Panchayat and one library is functioning under the control of the District Library Office, Nagercoil.

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15. Personal Interview with R. Vijaya Kumari, Ward II, Painkulam Panchayat Member, aged 35, residing at Mukkadu, dated 11.05.2006.
16. Personal Interview with Kasvan, Vice President Painkulam Village Panchayat, aged 55, residing at Painkulam, dated 12.05.2006.
17. Personal Interview with R. Selvamony, aged 85, residing at Ananthamagalam, dated 12.05.2006.
Libraries functioning under the Panchayat are:-

1. Nethaji library, Parakkani
2. Subash Chandra Bose Library, Oothukuzhi.
3. Amsi weavers Street Library, Panakalamukku,
4. Nethaji Library, Panakalamukku,
5. Vivekanantha Library, Kakkaravilai
6. Nethaji Library, Kattuvilai
7. Chattampi Swamikal Library, Manakkadu,
8. Jyan Thiruvalluvar Library, Mulluvilai\(^{19}\).

Government Library, Painkulam is functioning under the control of the District Library officer, Department of Public Libraries, Government of Tamilnadu\(^{20}\).

**Government Village Library Painkulam**

This Library has been started on 23.7.1999\(^{21}\). As there was no Government building it was functioning in a rented

\(19.\) Ibid.
building near Painkulam junction. In the year 2001 a building was constructed in the C.R. centre (Community Recreation Centre) in Painkulam junction, from the M.L.A. Fund for one lakh rupees and that building was inaugurated by Dr. D. Kumardhas M.L.A. on 23-7-2001. Subsequently another building for Rs. 2 lakhs has also been constructed from the M.L.A. fund, adjacent to the previous building and it was also inaugurated by Dr. D. Kumardhas MLA. On 27-11-2002. As the space in these two buildings was not adequate for the functioning of the Library, another one upstair building, adjacent to the previous buildings, has also been constructed for Rs. 2 lakhs from Panchayat fund by Thiru. T. Chandrakumar, President, Painkulam Panchayat. This building was inaugurated by Thiru. Pon Radhakrishnan, former Central Minister on 11-9-2005. Now this library is functioning in a pucka building.

The Hindu (English) Thinamalar (Tamil) Thina-Thanthi (Tamil) and Mathrubhoomi (Malayalam) News papers are available in this Library. In addition to these daily news papers,

23. Personal Interview with D. Defin Joe, Librarian, aged 35, residing at Amsi Mukkadu, dated 15.05.2006.
24. Ibid.
Employment News and many other weeklies and monthlies are available in this Library, General knowledge books. Books for the competitive examinations, Medical books, Library Books, Children's book etc. are available in this Library in English, Tamil and Malayalam languages. More than 11 thousand books are available in this Library. Cost of these books is Rs. 6,35,992/-.

Many people are attending this Library daily. Librarian of this library is a Government servant, working under the control of the District Library officer.

There are 701 members and 69 puravalars in this Library. Membership amount is Rs. 20. and the puravalar amount is Rs. 1000/-.

The 38th National Library Week has been celebrated from 14-11-2005 to 20-11-2005.

Essay and Elocution competitions for school and college going students have been conducted in connection with the Library week celebration and the prizes and the certificates were issued to the winners by the District Library officer, Nagercoil.

26. Ibid.
27. Ibid.
30. Personal Interview with T.R.Varadarajan, Government Library, Vice President Painkulam, aged 50, residing at Parakani, dated 17.05.2006.
Books Exhibition was also conducted in the Library during Library week celebration.

Though this Library is functioning under the control of the department of public Libraries, the day today affairs are looked after by the Readers Forum. This Readers Forum consists of President, Vice President, Secretary, Joint secretary, Treasurer and 13 committee members. The Librarian of this Library is the secretary of the Readers Forum. The present members of the Readers forum are:

Thiru R. Sikamony (President)
Thiru T.R. Varadarajan (Vice President)
Thiru D. Delfi Joe, Librarian (Secretary)
Thiru P.S. Madhavan Thampi (Joint Secretary)
Thiru A. Raja Mony (Treasurer)
Thiru C. Sajeev, committee members
Thiru T. Chandra Kumar, committee members
The Furniture items required for this Library are donated by Painkulam Panchayat, Painkulam Agricultural Bank and some Philanthropic minded people of this village. This Library is functioning in a very good manner.

31. Ibid.
**Maternity centre**

Maternity centre is situated at Kaisoondi in this village. The health visitors of this centre is visiting the houses and giving medical advices on polio, family planning etc. 32.

**Women's Welfare**

The Deserted wives and their husbands have been asked by the Panchayat to attend in the Legal Aid camp held in the Panchayat office, Painkulam. They have attended the camp and they have been enquired by the legal authorities. After conducting enquiry most of the cases have been rehabilitated.

For making awareness among public on sexual harassment and alcoholic drinks, processions have been conducted under the leadership of Thiru T. Chandrakumar, President of the Panchayat. It is notable that no liquor shop is available in this village.

There are 138 self help group in this Village. These groups are functioning in a very good manner. They are getting

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34. Personal Interview with T. Chandra Kumar, President, Painkulam Village Panchayat, aged 35, residing at Painkulam, dated 17.05.2006.
loans from the Banks and doing small sealer industries. Painkulam Panchayat has constructed two buildings for the self help groups one in Panchayat office premises and another one at Ananthamangalam. These groups are participating in the Grama sbha meetings and giving their full supports for the implementation of schemes decided by the Grama sabha.

**Assistance to Physically Handicapped**

There are 136 physically Handicapped persons in this village. A sum of Rs. 60,000/- has been allotted to the poor physically handicapped persons under S.U.R.Y - II scheme to start business. The self help groups people are doing help to them to apply Government of getting other assistances.

**Health and Sanitation**

Painkulam Village Panchayat has taken necessary steps for Environmental protection and sanitary works. It has also made vide publicity among public regarding the awareness on prevention of polio and Aids and conducted Eye camps in the village.

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35. Ibid.
36. Ibid.
37. Personal Interview with P.Kasavan, Vice President, Painkulam Village Panchayat, aged 55, residing at Amsi mukkadu, dated 16.05.2006.
Decomposed and Non Decomposed articles are being collected separately in cement barrels and taken than in pulling carts the places for deposal. In addition to this, 850 young plants have been planted on the roadsides and in the school and office premises and in the Panchayat vested Porumboke lands for environmental Protection.\footnote{38}{Personal Interview with M. Mohandhas ward I Member, Painkulam Village Panchayat, aged 45, residing at Mulloorthurai, dated 17.05.2006.}

Mulloorthurai is a costal hamlet of Painkulam Village.\footnote{39}{Ibid.} There were no proper drainage facilities in this hamlet. So the people of this suffered hamlet a lot for want of sanitation and they have brought this to the notice of the Panchayat president Thiru T. Chandrakumar. Panchayat president has taken necessary steps and severage work under ‘Namathu Gramam’ scheme has been taken immediately and redressed their grievances.

On 13-12-2005 Thiru Sunil Palival, As collector of Kanyakumari District has inaugurated the sanitary work scheme in Mulloorthurai.\footnote{40}{Register of Painkulam Village Panchayat Scheme, 2005.} Sanitary workers went ot the houses and collected the wastes in hand pulling carts and placed them in to
the manure pits and thus the Mulloorthurai hamlet become a cleaned hamlet.

Painkulam Panchayat has also taken necessary steps for the prevention of polio disease by 100% and made vide publicity to take Children to the polio prevention centres for consuming polio drops\(^{41}\). Vide publicity has also been made for the use of iodised salt. The pregnant ladies have been instructed to register their names in the maternity centre for further help.

**Member of Parliament local Area Development Schemes**

This scheme, Member of Parliament local Areas Development scheme, was First introduced in the country by the former prime minister P.V. Narasimha Rao. He made the announcement to this regard in Parliament on December 23, 1993. This scheme is still in force.

The Central Government allots to each Parliamentary constituency’s Rs. 1 core every year under this scheme. It sends the amount directly to the District collector concerned, and the

\(^{41}\) General Information Register of Painkulam Village Panchayat, 2005.
District collector sanctions estimated money from this fund as per the guidelines of Member of Parliament Local Area Development scheme, which was recommended by the Local Member of Parliament\textsuperscript{42}. The implementation of these schemes are undertaken either by the agencies of the Government or Panchayat or Panchayat Raj Institutions\textsuperscript{43}. The guidelines for implementing schemes under this programme prohibit involvement of private contractors.

Mr. Pon Radhakrishnan M.P. and the then Central Minister has allotted Rs.5,00,000/- for the construction of a school building in Koottalumoodu Arulmigu Bhadreswari Devasthanam Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Painkulam in the Year 2001 in M.P. Fund\textsuperscript{44}.

**Jawahar Rozgar Yojana**

Rajeev Gandhi, the former Prime minister of the country launched the scheme to provide employment to educated unemployed people in rural areas as this scheme was named in

\textsuperscript{42} Government order Ms. No.184 Rural Development Department, Chennai, dated 10.06.1997.

\textsuperscript{43} Ibid.

\textsuperscript{44} Register of Painkulam Village Panchayat Government Scheme, 2000-2001.
Hindi as Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (J.R.Y). As this scheme was meant for rural areas it had to be implemented through Panchayat Raj Institutions.

The Central Government's plan envisaged implementation of the scheme under three segments such as 65 percent, 20 percent and 15 percent. The first segment of 65 percent of the scheme was to be implemented in village Panchayat areas, the second segment of 20 percent was to be implemented by Districts Panchayats and the remaining segment of 15 percent was to be implemented by Panchayat unions.

As Painkulam is a village Panchayat it was not eligible to get a location of central funds to implement this scheme in its area. However, the state government allotted its own funds to the village Panchayats to implement J.R.Y schemes. The Central Government also took into consideration of the special nature of the Village Panchayats to implement JRY schemes. The Central Government also took into consideration of the special nature of the village Panchayats and allotted some funds to them to

45. Ibid.
implement the employment opportunity scheme. Under this scheme Painkulam Village Panchayat has received Rs.5 Lakhs for the year 2004-2005. The Panchayat utilized this amount for the development works in Painkulam Panchayat.

**MLA Local Area Development Scheme (M.L.A.D.S)**

Each member of the Legislative Assembly of the state is allowed to initiate development measures in his/her constituency under the guidelines of Member of Legislative Assembly Development Scheme on the lines of member of Parliaments Local Areas Development scheme of the Central Government. The members of the assembly are asked to take care of their constituencies specific problems about which they receive representations from the people of the constituencies or their representatives.

This scheme was introduced in the state by the Government headed by the Chief Minister Mr. M. Karunanithi in 1998. He made the assembly while replying to the Governor's

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47. Ibid.
address in the Budget session of the Assembly in 1997 and then in his speech on the budget for the fiscal year of 1997-1998.

He also announced Allocation of Rs.25 lakhs to each of the Assembly constituencies to enable its representative in the house to recommend specific development works\(^48\).

As it is done under the Union Government’s Member of Parliament Local Areas Development scheme, funds are directly turned over to the district collectors under this scheme. The collector has to Sanction the money to the implementing agencies for the schemes, Recommended by MLAS\(^49\). In this M.L.A, fund Dr. D. Kumaradhas has allotted a sum of Rs.1,00,000/-, for the construction of Library building in Painkulam junction during the year 2000-2001\(^50\).

Dr. Kumaradhas the then M.L.A has also allotted a sum of Rs.2,00,000/- for the construction of another building annexed to the Painkulam village Library in Painkulam junction during the year 2001-2001 under Anna Maurmalarachi Scheme\(^51\).

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51. Ibid.
Namakku Namae Thittam

The Government of Tamilnadu introduced another scheme named Namakku Namae Thittam in 1997 to develop Villages. Chief Minister Karunanithi made the formal announcement on the floor of the State Assembly during the budget session in 1997. The name of the scheme is self explains its scope. The name, 'Namakku Namae Thittam' in Tamil means self-help scheme. The Chief Minister formally launched the scheme at a function at Vinamangalam in north Arcot District on June 26, 1997.

The scheme has been shaped out on the concept that the Village-level development should be participatory in nature and the Government should act as a motivating and assisting their needs. The scheme envisages a team work by the people of Villages and the Government’s various departments.

Anna Marumalarchi Thittam

Chief Minister M. Karunanithi introduced another development scheme namely Anna Marumalarchi Thittam.

(Anna Renaissance Scheme) in the fiscal year 1997-1998. The scheme envisage the gradual development of villages and it came in to force in the same Year itself.

Every member of Legislative Assembly can recommend to the District Collector. Specific Schemes for specific Villages under this Scheme. When an M.L.A makes such a suggestion, the District Collector Sanctions funds to the agencies like District Rural Development Agency for such works and agencies carry out the works. The Government does not allot any funds to the Scheme, because this is a combination of various Schemes of Central and State Governments. The Government has listed seven basic needs of a Village. They are drinking water, Primary education to all Children, health and sanitation of ther people. Nutritious food to Children, group houses to the people who are below the poverty line, road and bus facility and ration shops.

II Finance Commission

The Government of Tamilnadu introduced a new scheme know as Second Finance commission during year

53. Government Order No. MS 149, Department of Rural Development, Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai, dated 08.05.1997.
2004-2005. This was the District Panchayat work and only for village Panchayat in its basic needs such as water supply, roads, bridges, buildings etc. The government ordered that all the Village Panchayat should spend eighty percent funds for the construction of roads, bridges and the rest twenty percent of funds for the formation of Government Office.  

The state Government allotted to Painkulam Village Panchayat Rs.4,50,000/- in 2004-2005 for implementing the second finance commission scheme in it areas. With this amount Painkulam village Panchayat has formed a new road from Koottalumoodu to Mulluvilai.

**Works under taken in 2004-2005 under S.G.R.Y Scheme**

The following items of work have been under taken under S.G.R.Y Scheme in 2004-2005.

1. Construction of retaining walls and maintenance work in Chundavilai – Kattuvilai Road. 1,00,000-00.
2. Construction of side wall and shutter Palathadi – Kannimarkanamvaikkal-50,000-00

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54. Personal Interview with Richard Wilson, G., Assistant, Section II Finance Commission, DD.P. Anna Marumalarchi, Thittamand Numakku wame Thittam, of DRAD, Nagercoil, on date 18.05.2006.
56. Personal Interview with T. Chandrakumar, President, Painkulam Village Panchayat, aged 35, residing at Painkulam, dated 19.05.2006.
3. Metal and Tar work in Mukkuttuvilai – Pottavilai Road – 30,000-00 Elanthavilai-50,000-00.

Works under taken in 2004-2005 under Panchayat Fund

1. Tar work in Chemparuthikulam Northern side Road -1,00,000-00
2. Tar work in Chemparuthikulam Eastern side Road-1,00,000-00
3. Construction of path way from Krishnancoil to Vazthoor Manivilai-50,000-00
4. Concrete work in Oruplavlai in Valode-Amsi Ammancovil road-75,000-00
5. Concrete flooring from Thengapattanam Karuthavatty shop to A.V.M canal-41,000-00
6. Construction of side wall in Ananthamangalam –Vathian Vilai Road-50,000-00
7. Maintenance work under taken in Moontrumukku to Kottianvilai Road-31,000-00

8. Maintenance work in Koottyam Vilai to Kalpaduthi Vilai Road.-1,00,000-00
9. Tar work in Mulakkottu Vilai Charal Road-1,00,000-00
10. Tar and Maintenance work Kakkaravilai-Mulakkottuvilai Road-1,00,000-00
11. Pipe line extended from Arasukulam pond to the house of Thiru Kumaradhas-60,000-00
12. Extension of pipe line from Maniyarankuntru to Thaividai-75,000-00
13. Construction of Retaining wall in south side of Mulluvilai-1,00,000-00
14. Construction of side wall in Mulluvilai Kulam-1,00,000-00
15. Construction of Culvert and maintenance work in Chemparuthikulam-1,00,000-00
16. Maintenance work in Oottukuzhi Pottakulam.-25,000-00
17. Construction of shutter and Maintenance works in Amsikulam-1,00,000-00
18. Construction of Library Building at Manakkadu-2,00,000-00

58. Ibid.
Details of Beneficiaries from 2002-2003 to 2004-2005

1. Indira Memorial Free houses-117
2. Katcha houses-42
3. Anna Anthiyothaya scheme-336
4. Houses Constructed on concession Loan scheme-1
5. Below poverty level benefits-43.59

Awards from Chief Minister Collector and President of India

In Painkulam Panchayat sanitation facilities have been made by the panchayat under the leadership of Thiru T. Chandra Kumar B.Sc,L.L.B., the President of this Panchayat.

The Government of Tamilnadu have selected this Village for the award of “Thooimai Gramam” (Sanitary village) for the year 2004-2005 and certificate of Merit for Thooimai Gramam was issued to Thiru T. Chandrakumar, B.Sc.L.L.B., President of Panchayat by the Chief Minister of Tamilnadu on 18.05.2005. A Cheque for Rs. 5,00,000/- has also been given to the Panchayat President to carry out development works in the village.

59. Personal Interview with T. Chandrakumar, President, Painkulam Village Panchayat, aged35, residing at Painkulam, dated 18.05.2006.

60. Ibid.
Not only in the sanitation works, the Panchayat President has concentrated works in Namathu Gramam scheme and achieved the target. So this Panchayat has also been selected for the award of "Namathu Gramam scheme". The certificate of merit was issued to the Panchayat President Thiru. T. Chandrakumar B.Sc. L.L.B, by the Collector of Kanyakumari District on 26.01.2006. A cheque for Rs.3,00,000/- has also been given to him to under take development works in this Panchayat.\(^{61}\)

Considering all works undertaken for the Development of Painkulam Panchayat, this Panchayat has also been selected in all India Level for the award of "Nirmal Purashikar Award". The certificate of merit was issued to the Panchayat President Thiru. T. Chandra Kumar B.Sc. L.L.B by the President of India on 23.04.2006. A cheque for Rs. 4,00,000/-\(^{62}\) has also been given to him to undertake development works in this Panchayat.

\(^{61}\) Register of Painkulam Village Panchayat works, 2005-2006.
\(^{62}\) Thina Thanthi (Tamil daily), dated 23.04.2006.