

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Forcible Conversion of Religion Ordinance, 2002 (Tamil Nadu Ordinance 9 of 2002) was promulgated on 5-10-2002 prohibiting conversion from one religion to another by the use of force or allurement or by fraudulent means. This Ordinance was subsequently replaced by the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Forcible Conversion of Religion Act, 2002 (Tamil Nadu Act 56 of 2002). Subsequently, a decision was taken on 18-5-2004 to repeal the said Act. Accordingly, the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Forcible Conversion of Religion (Repeal) Ordinance, 2004 (Tamil Nadu Ordinance 4 of 2004) was promulgated on 18-5-2004. The said Tamil Nadu Ordinance 4 of 2004 has not been replaced by introducing a Bill in the Legislative Assembly and has, therefore, lapsed. Now, the Government have decided to repeal the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Forcible Conversion of Religion Act, 2002 (Tamil Nadu Act 56 of 2002) by introducing a Bill in the current session of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly.

2. The Bill seeks to give effect to the above decision.

M. KARUNANIDHI,
Chief Minister.

M. SELVARAJ,
Secretary.