

**THE GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS OF GOODS
(REGISTRATION & PROTECTION) ACT, 1999**

(To be filed in triplicate along with the Statement of Case accompanied by five additional representation of the geographical indication)

One representation to be fixed within the space and five others to be send separately

FORM GI-1

- A. Application for the registration of a geographical indication in Part-A of the Register Section 11(1), Rule 23(2).
- B. Application for the registration of a geographical indication in Part-A of the Register Section 11(1), 84(1), Rule 23(3).
1. Application is hereby made by (a) Thanjavur Chamber of Commerce, for the registration in Part A of the Register of the accompanying geographical indication furnishing the following particulars :
- A. Name of the Applicant : Thanjavur Chamber of Commerce, Thanjavur.
- B. Address : Thanjavur Chamber of Commerce, Thanjavur.
18A/2886,
Srinivasa Pillai Road,
Santhapillai Gate, Thanjavur.
- C. List of Association of Persons / Producers / organization / authority : To be provided on request
- D. Type of Goods : Handicrafts
falling in Class 28
- F. Name of Geographical Indication : Thanjavur Doll

1. HISTORY OF ORIGIN

Thanjavur is ancient capital of the mighty cholas and its history dates back to time immemorial even more ancient than the Greek and Roman history. It is now the district head quarters of the name Thanjavur in the ~~State~~ state of Tamilnadu in India and is known as the rice bowl of South India.

During the 16th Century, Thanjavur was ruled by Nayaks, who were the contemporary of Queen Elizabeth - I, in whose reign, Sir Issac Newton had made it known the force of gravity, through an act of serendipity, involving falling apple. Even before the advent of Nayaks, Dolls (Toys) were being made in the Tanjore. It shows and makes abundantly clear that, the makers of Tanjore Dolls (Toys) are more scientifically enlightened than the English and in particular Newton, even before their scientific era.

The scientific temper of Tamilians was at its height during and aftermath of the Chola Empire and Tanjore Dolls (Toys) are the product of that era of enlightenment.

2. SPECIFICATION

The globally acclaimed Tanjore dolls (Toys) are made with plaster of Paris, Wood pulp and, of course, the clay, obtained on river banks of Cauvery. The Tanjore Dolls, which is produced on the bases of gravitational force, used to be produced in pairs i.e... Raja and Rani.

The Tanjore dolls (Toys) are said to be attracted the attention of children worldwide, for it comes to be static, when a mischievous child tries to push it, to make it flat.

Generally, women folk are involved in the making of these Dolls.

3. METHODS OF PRODUCTION

Plaster of Paris, wood pulp and tuber-flour are goes into the making of present - Tanjore Dolls.

The plaster of Paris is grinded well. The plaster of Paris and Paper (Wood) pulp are immersed in the rate of 1:3 alongwith required tuber flour (Sago) and they were bundled into dough like a "poori" flour. The same is put in the die, meant for producing patterns. The die-cast figurine is let to dry in shade for 1/2 hour. Later on, the die cast figurine is affixed with papers and let to try for 1 1/2 hours.

Then two parts of Dolls (Toys) are fixed and let to dry. After that the doll is given a coat of flour, filling any gap left in the Doll. Later on, clay is added on the bottom. After that is dried, the Doll is painted. After the doll, were given final touching in the plate.

The Tanjore Dolls (Toys) are done only in Raja - Rani pair and in no other motiff, the dolls (Toys) are ever made into.

We forced the Dolls (Toys) to lay in ground, they would defiant and stand erect. This is artistic feature which is a subject of surprise. As this Kindle the interest of on lookers, it has earned supporters in millions. Thanjore Dolls (Toys) are produced at a height of 9' or 10'. The price is Rs.10/- in mofussil, the rates will go up and in foreign countries, a doll will costs as much as Rs.500/- to 1000/-.

OTHERS

It is said that the Tanjore Dolls (Toys) are come to hog the limelight during the reign of the Great Marattas.

It is used to be said that Tanjore is the cradle of bravery and these dolls (Toys) are made only to show that we would not succum even if we full. These dolls (Toys) are marketed in South East Asian countries as well.

It would take a week to produce a Doll. The Tanjore Dolls (Toys) are sold out maximum at the entrance to the Big Temple, Tanjore. In fact, a visit to big temple is not said to be fulfilled without ever buying a Tanjore doll.

UNIQUENESS

Tanjore Dolls (Toys) are the unique creations of artisans, living in the around Tanjore incorporating the concept of the gravitational force, even before and infact very earlier than the period of it discovery made by Sir Issac Newton. The alluvial soil and clay obtained from bank of River Cauvery enhances the utility value of Tanjore Dolls (Toys) to a greater extent and it serves as a weight to pull the dolls (Toys) to stand erect it made flat.

INSPECTION BODY

Thanjavur Chamber of Commerce would establish an inspection body a statutory body consisting of minimum 8 persons, under the guidance of Central and State Governments to protect and secure the quality of Thanjavur dolls (Toys).

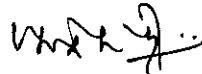
Along with the Statement of Case in Class 28 in respect of (c) Thanjavur dolls (Toys) in the name(s) of (d) commission whose address is producers of the said goods to which the geographical indication relates and which is in continuous use since time immemorial in respect of the said goods.

2. The application shall include such other particulars called for in rule 32(1) in the Statement of Case.

3. All communications relating to this application may be sent to the following address in India: P. Sanjai Gandhi, Advocate, No.6, Law Chamber, High Court of Madras, Chennai - 104.

4. In the case of an application from a convention country the following additional particulars shall also be furnished.
 - a. Designation of the Country of origin of the geographical indication.

 - b. Evidence as to the existing protection of the geographical indication in its country of origin, such as the title and the date of the relevant legislative or administrative provisions, the judicial decisions or the date and number of the registration, and copies, of such documentation.



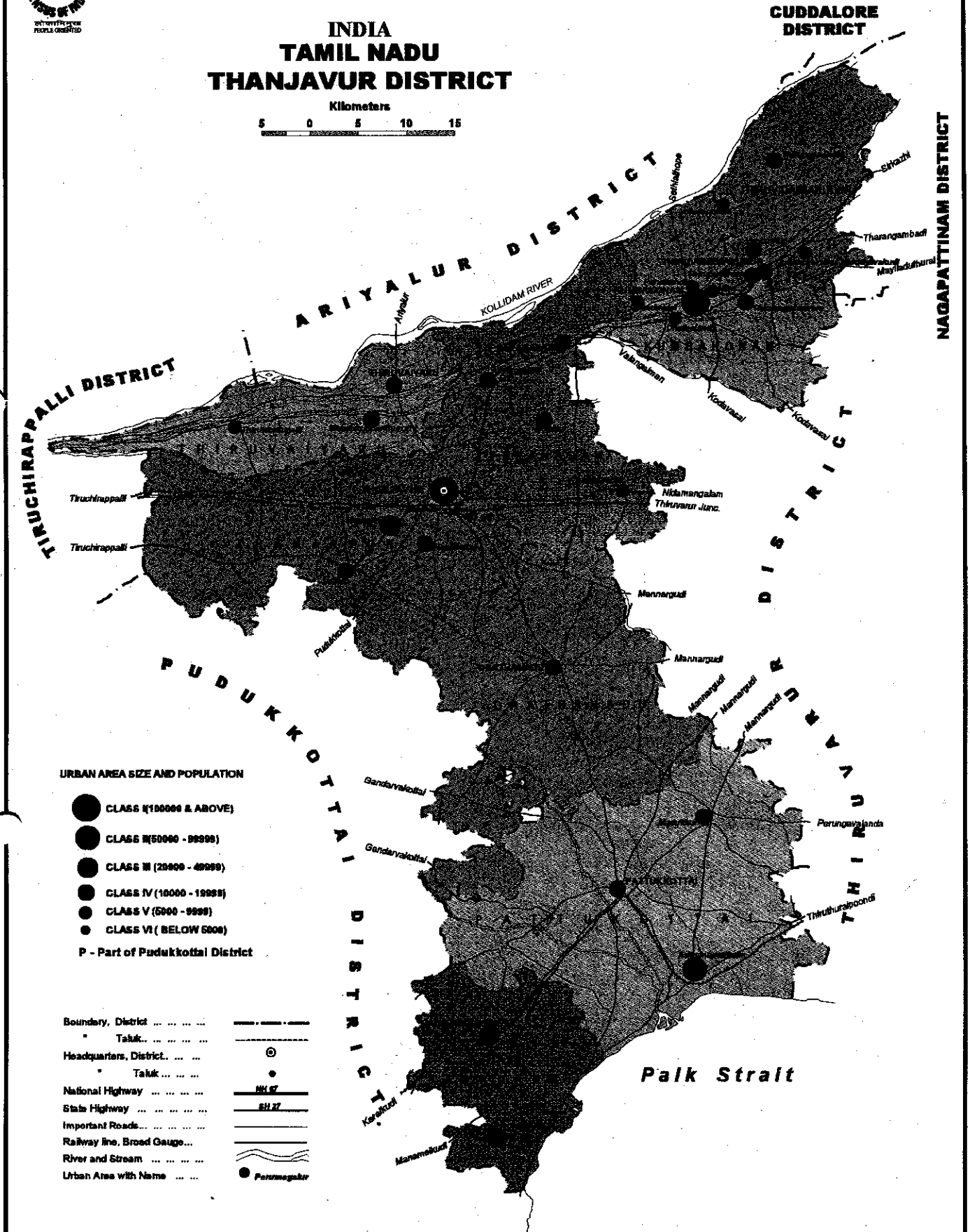
SIGNATURE

Name of the Signatory

For Thanjavur Chamber of Commerce



INDIA
TAMIL NADU
THANJAVUR DISTRICT



URBAN AREA SIZE AND POPULATION

- CLASS I (100000 & ABOVE)
- CLASS II (50000 - 99999)
- CLASS III (20000 - 49999)
- CLASS IV (10000 - 19999)
- CLASS V (5000 - 9999)
- CLASS VI (BELOW 5000)

P - Part of Pudukkottai District

Boundary, District	-----
Taluk	-----
Headquarters, District	○
Taluk	●
National Highway	NH 67
State Highway	SH 27
Important Roads	---
Railway line, Broad Gauge	====
River and Stream	~~~~
Urban Area with Name	● Pattanamakur

District Headquarters Is also Taluk Headquarters.