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PUDUKKOTTAI.

His Highness The Raja of Pudukkottai.

His Highness Sri Brihadamba Das Raja Rajagopala Tondaiman Bahadur, ninth in succession from Regunatha Tondaiman, the founder of the Ruling House--is the Ruler of the State and is entitled to a salute of eleven guns. He was born on June 23rd 1922. His Highness was invested with Ruling Powers with effect from 17-1-44.

His Highness is a good cricketer and a tennis player and is an expert shot.

He is interested in improving the condition of the villages in the State, which he visits at regular intervals, exhorting the people to improve their ways of living.

From the date on which His Highness assumed charge of the administration, he appointed an Executive Council, over which he presides, consisting of a Dewan and two Councillors to aid and advise him in the Government of The State. Within a short time of his assuming the charge of administration of the State, he has introduced many reforms for the benefit of the people. On his 25th birthday, on 15-7-47, His Highness has ordered that two popular ministers to the Executive Council will be

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elected from the members of the Legislative Council, which is composed of 35 elected and 15 nominated members.

This progressive Tamil State of Pudukkottai is sure to make its mark very soon under the able Rule of His Highness.



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