List of Chennai bus routes as of 1985 or so (purely from memory). Would appreciate additions or corrections.

Route number	From	То	Notes
1	Triplicane	Tondiarpet	now changed to express 1
2	Anna Square	M.K.B.Nagar	
3	Mandaiveli	Royapuram	
4	Foreshore Estate	Toll Gate	
5	Parrys	Adayaru	General Patters Rd
5B	T.Nagar	Mylapore	Saidapet
5C	Parrys	Taramani	
5E	Vadapalani	Besant Nagar	
6	MUC	Toll Gate	
6C	MUC	Toll Gate	More frequent than 6
7	Parrys	Perambur	
7B	Parrys	Korattur	
8	Parrys	Perambur	
9	Parrys	T.Nagar	Egmore, Spur Tank Rd
10	Parrys	T.Nagar	Egmore, College Rd
11	Parrys	T.Nagar	G.N.Chetty Rd
11A	Parrys	T.Nagar	Teynampet
11D	Parrys	K.K.Nagar	Teynampet
12	T.Nagar	V.House	
12B	Vadapalani	Foreshore Estate	Eldams Rd, Luz
13	T.Nagar	Triplicane	
14	Parrys	Arumbakkam	
15	Parrys	Anna Nagar	
15D	Parrys	Anna Nagar West	
16	QMC	Anna Nagar	
17	Parrys	Vadapalani	Chintadripet
17C	Periyar Bridge	Porur	
17D	Parrys	K.K.Nagar	Egmore, Sterling Rd
17E	Parrys	Saligramam	
18	Parrys	Saidapet	The most frequent bus then
18A	Broadway	Tambaram	
18K	Parrys	West Saidapet	
19	T.Nagar	Injambakkam	
20	Parrys	Villivakam	
21	Parrys	Mandaiveli	Royapettah High Road
21C	Seethakadi Nagar	Mandaiveli	Beyond Beach station!
23A	Egmore	Tiruvanmiyur	
23C	Ayanavaram	Besant Nagar	
23E	Egmore	Tiruvanmiyur	
24	V. House	Anna Nagar	
24A	V. House	Anna Nagar West	
27D	Foreshore Estate	Villivakkam	

28	Egmore	Tiruvotiyrur	Chintadripet
29	Anna Square	Periyar Nagar	
29B	Perambur	Saidapet	
29C	Perambur	Besant Nagar	
30	V.House	V.Nagar	
32	V.House	V.Nagar	
37	Vadapalani	V.Nagar	Doveton, Kellys, Salt Cotaurs
37C	Vadapalani	Moolakkadai	
37D	K.K.Nagar	V.Nagar	
39	Ambedkar Bridge	Royapuram Mada	The most obscure route that I
		Church	remember
40	Villivakkam	V.Nagar	
41	Mandaiveli	Anna Nagar West	Ega
41A	Mandaiveli	Anna Nagar West	Loyola College
45	Anna Square	Guindy	
45B	Anna Square	Guindy	Luz, more frequent than 45
47	Villivakkam	Adyar	Loyola College
47A	ICF	Besant Nagar	Ega
48	Villivakkam	Red Hills	
50	Broadway	Thiruverkadu	
56	Broadway	Manali	
64	Parrys	Madhavaram	
		Milk Colony	
71	Parrys	Avadi	New Avadi Road

The situation 35 years later is quite different and many old routes have died and new ones taken over. The prominent ones that remain unchanged from the old days are 29C, 27D, 23C, 45B, 47, 47A, 5C, 18K, 12B and 21 and some new ones at least in my orbit recently are 1, 2A, 4, 6D, 11G, 32A and 32B. No bus says Parrys any more, they all say Broadway or High Court.

Some long distance routes (29C and 47A being the most prominent) to Besant Nagar alternate with Tiruvanmiyur as a destination, in roughly equal proportions.