

Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana Scheme (PMGSY) – State Rural Roads Development Agency (SRRDA) – Creation of staff for strengthening the State Level Autonomous Agency

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Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.2) Department

G.O.Ms.No.140

Dated : 01.9.2008  
Read:

1. G.O.Ms.No.180, Rural Development Department, dated 10.7.2000.
2. G.O.Ms.No.183, Rural Development Department, dated 27-8-2003.
3. G.O.Ms. No. 15, Rural Development &Panchayat Raj Department, dated 14-02-2007.
4. Commissioner of Rural Development &Panchayat Raj's Letter No.66491/2006/TU4, dated 14.5.2007&Letter No.51617/2007/TU4, dated 20.08.2007& 5.1.2008.

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**ORDER:**

The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana Scheme was launched by Government of India to provide all weather roads to all rural habitations with population more than 1000 by the year 2003 and to all habitations with population between 500 and 1000 by the year 2007. This is a 100% centrally sponsored scheme. In the G.O. first read above, among others, the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department was designated as the executing agency and nodal department for the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana Scheme. Orders were issued in the G.O. second read above, to utilize the services of Tamil Nadu Rural Housing and Infrastructure Development Corporation (TNRHIDC) which is functioning under the control of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department as State Level Autonomous Agency for receiving funds from Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India. Subsequently the Government have ordered that the Tamil Nadu Rural Housing and Infrastructure Development Corporation is the State Rural Road Development Agency (SRRDA) for executing the Scheme (PMGSY) / Bharat Nirman Scheme which is under the control of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department vide the G.O. third read above.

2. As per the Operations Manual for Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, the functions of the State Rural Road Development Agency (SRRDA) are as follows:-

- 1) Rural Road Planning and Sectoral Coordination.
- 2) Management of Funds.
- 3) Preparation and submission of annual proposals.
- 4) Works Management
- 5) Contract Management
- 6) Financial Management
- 7) Maintenance Management

Similarly, the State Rural Road Development Agency (SRRDA) comprises of the following set up:-

- 1) The Chairman / President
- 2) Chief Executive Officer.
- 3) Empowered Officer.
- 4) Chief Engineer for PMGSY / Rural Roads.
- 5) Financial Controller.

- 6) IT Nodal Officer.
- 7) State Quality Coordinator (SQC)

3. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj in the letter fourth read above has stated that currently, the following personnel are working in Tamilnadu Rural Housing and Infrastructure Development Corporation (TNRHIDC):-

Sl. No.	Post	Nos.
1.	Extension Officer (Accounts)	1
2.	Superintendent	1

The current staff structure is inadequate for effective implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana and Bharat Nirman Scheme and hence the staff structure needs to be strengthened. Further as on date, 3261.36 Km of roads have been completed with an expenditure of Rs. 379.13 Crores under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana Phase I, II, III and Phase IV being implemented by the Highways Department, Also, 849.25 Km of length at a cost of Rs.182.05 crores is being executed by Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj under Phase V. Under Bharat Nirman, the Government of India has fixed a target of 11,115 Km of roads, out of which 60% (ie. 6668.70 Kms) of roads have to be covered under upgradation using funds under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and 40% (4445.80Km) length has to be taken up for relating using State funds. In order to consolidate and forward the proposals to Nation Rural Roads Development Agency ( NRRDA) for early clearance, sufficient staff structure is essential for State Rural Roads Development Agency (SRRDA).

4. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has further stated that, as per para 12.2 Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) Guidelines the Scheme does not provide for any staff costs. However, the administrative and travel expenses of Project Implementation Units and State Rural Roads Development Agency (SRRDA) will be met out to an extent of 0.25% (restricted to a maximum of Rs.25 lakhs) with the State Government bearing any additional costs.

5. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has requested for the sanction of 3 posts to State Rural Roads Development Agency (SRRDA) as detailed below:-

Post	No.of Posts	Mode of recruitment	Expenditure per annum
1)State Quality Coordinator	1	Out sourcing of retired person in the cadre of Superintending Engineer.	Rs.3,60,000/-
2)Accounts Officer	1	Out sourcing of retired person in the cadre of Accounts Officer.	Rs.3,00,000/-
3) IT Nodal Officer	1	Deputation of an Asst. Exe. Engineer from RD&PR Dept.	Rs.3,00,000/-

6. The Government have examined the proposal of Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj carefully and decided to accept the same. Accordingly the Government direct that the three posts as proposed by Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj in para-5 above, be created exclusively for State Rural Road Development Agency (SRRDA) – the State Level

Autonomous Agency for executing the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) / Bharat Nirman Scheme which is under the control of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department for a period of one year or till the necessity ceases therefor, whichever is earlier. The Government also direct that the two posts, viz., State Quality Coordinator (SQC) and Accounts Officer may be filled up by outsourcing of personnel from among the retired officials in cadre of Superintending Engineers and Accounts Officers respectively and that IT Nodal Officer post may be filled up by drawing an Assistant Executive Engineer of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department on deputation.

7. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.2232/FS/P/2008, dated 18.7.2008.

(By order of the Governor)

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