



ABSTRACT

Funds – Release of funds for implementation of schemes in Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department - Delegation of powers to the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj to draw and disburse funds in respect of Central Sector/Centrally Sponsored/State share of Centrally Sponsored/State-funded Schemes – Approved - Orders – Issued.

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (B&C) Department

G.O. (Ms) No.33

dated 8.4.2010

Read:

- (1) G.O. Ms. No.8, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department dated 29.1.2007.
- (2) G.O. Ms. No.12, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department dated 2.2.2009.

In the Government Order 1st read above, the Government had issued orders delegating powers to the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj to release the State share of fund in two instalments for Centrally Sponsored Schemes / State Schemes in respect of the following Schemes subject to certain conditions as laid down in Government Order 2nd read above as detailed below:-

I. Centrally Sponsored Schemes:-

- 1) Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY)
- 2) Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY)
- 3) RCC roofing cost for IAY houses
- 4) Swarnajayanthi Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY)
- 5) District Rural Development Agency Administration Cost
- 6) Tamil Nadu Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (TNREGS)
- 7) Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC)
- 8) Any other Centrally Sponsored Scheme that will be introduced from time to time.

II. State Schemes:-

- 1) Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam (AGAMT)
- 2) Member of Legislative Assembly Constituency Development Scheme (MLACDS)
- 3) Any other State Scheme that will be introduced from time to time.

2. Consequent upon this, the Ministry of Panchayat Raj, Government of India has introduced a new Central Sector Scheme with 100% funding by Government of India known as Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF) in six selected districts of this State and the funds are routed through State Government. Therefore, the funds have to be released by the State Government to the Districts authorizing the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj to draw and disburse the amount on every occasion the funds are received. Recently, the Ministry of Panchayat Raj, Government of India has introduced a penalty clause of payment of interest by State Governments in case the funds are not released within 15 days. The Principal Accountant General has also brought to the notice of the Government that there were certain delays in the release of funds under BRGF during 2008-09 & 2009-10 and suggested for release of funds immediately to the local bodies so as to avoid the penalties prescribed by the Ministry of Panchayat Raj, Government of India. Since the existing order of delegation of powers deals with release of State share of funds for Centrally Sponsored Schemes and State Schemes, it has been considered to expand the ambit of delegation that the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj may be delegated powers to draw and disburse funds received from Government of India under Backward Regions Grant Fund. Also, from now onwards, the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj may be delegated powers to draw and disburse Central share of funds for Centre Sector / Centrally Sponsored Schemes also, which are routed through State Government that are being introduced from time to time, subject to the conditions stipulated in the order second read above.

3. The Government after careful examination, delegate the powers to the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj to draw and disburse the Central Sector/Centrally Sponsored/State share of Centrally Sponsored/State-funded Schemes as detailed below subject to the conditions laid down in this order:

I. Central Sector / Centrally Sponsored Schemes for which 100% assistance is given by Government of India.

- a) Backward Regions Grant Fund
- b) Any other Central Sector / Centrally Sponsored Schemes that will be introduced from time to time and the funds for which are credited to / routed through State Government.

II. State Share of Centrally Sponsored Schemes:

- 1) Indira Awaas Yojana
 - (i) Indira Awaas Yojana
 - (ii) Improvement of Kutcha Houses which are unable to live in under Indira Awaas Yojana Scheme
 - (iii) IAY under Special Component Plan
 - (iv) Improvement of Kutcha houses which are unable to live in under Special Component Plan in IAY Scheme.
 - (v) Scheme for construction of concrete houses for other Backward Classes (IAY) (roofing cost)
 - (vi) Scheme for construction of concrete houses for SC/ST (roofing cost)
- 2) Swarnajayanthi Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY)
- 3) District Rural Development Agency Scheme
- 4) Mahathma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme – Tamil Nadu (MGNREGS-TN)
- 5) Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC)
- 6) Any other Centrally Sponsored Scheme that will be introduced from time to time.

III. State Schemes (100% State funded schemes):-

- 1) Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam (AGAMT)
- 2) Member of Legislative Assembly Constituency Development Scheme (MLACDS)
- 3) Samathuvapuram
- 4) Any other State Scheme that will be introduced from time to time.

Conditions

- a) The amount sanctioned and released by the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj under each scheme will be restricted to the B.E/R.E of the respective financial year.
- b) Funds for the State funded Schemes shall be released in two instalments of 50% of B.E. provisions each.
- c) The State's matching share for the Centrally Sponsored Schemes shall be released in two or more instalments 50% of the State's proportionate Share for such schemes as per the Government of India's allocation for the year may be released as the first instalment and the rest in subsequent instalments without waiting for Government of India releases.

- d) Any ways and means instructions restricting expenditure through the treasuries shall be applicable to these releases.
- e) Any amount drawn in excess of the State share / Central share in a particular financial year shall be adjusted against the first instalment of release for the succeeding year. In such cases, proposals should be sent by the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department for the release of first instalment along with statement of releases for the previous year mentioning the Government of India's relevant orders etc.

4. This order will not apply to Kalaignar Veetu Vasathi Thittam (KVVT) and orders in this regard will be issued separately.

5. The order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. No.799(a)/FS/P/2010 dated 23.3.2010.

(By order of the Governor)

K. Ashok Vardhan Shetty,
Principal Secretary to Government.

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