

Transfer of Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana scheme from Directorate of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj to Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited.

Rural Development & Panchayat Raj (CGS-3) Department

G.O (Ms) No. 54

Dated 28.3.2008.

Read:

From the Director of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj, Chennai-
15. D.O. letter No.14815/08/SGSY 1-1, dated 13.3.2008.

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ORDER:

In the letter read above, the Director of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj has sent a proposal to transfer the implementation of Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana scheme from the Directorate of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj to Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited.

2. The Government of India had introduced the Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) in the year 1999. Under Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana, provision has been made for forming Self Help Groups (SHGs), providing training and sanction of revolving fund and subsidy for economic activities. The Revolving Fund, subsidy for economic activities as well as support for infrastructure under SGSY have been provided to the Self Help Groups formed under Mahalir Thittam (which is a State Scheme) and by the other NGOs in rural areas. There is lot of over lap and duplication in the activities of Mahalir Thittam and Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY). Both the programmes provide for formation of new groups, capacity building & skill training of Self Help Groups, infrastructure support and facilitation of credit linkages through banks. Mahalir Thittam is implemented by Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women through its District offices which are manned by the Project Officer, Mahalir Thittam, who is a Joint Director on deputation from Rural Development Department. Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) is implemented by the Director of Rural Development at the State level and by the DRDAs through Block Level staff at the districts.

3. The Director of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj has stated that the above initiatives have succeeded in bringing about convergence in implementation of schemes meant for Self Help Groups to a great extent. To further this process of convergence, it is necessary that Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana and Mahalir Thittam are implemented by a single agency at the State as well as District levels. The Director of Rural Development and DRDAs are looking after a plethora of schemes mainly concerned with provision of rural infrastructure and wage employment. With the introduction of NREGA in all the districts of the State, the responsibility of DRDAs under wage employment intervention has grown manifold. Of all the schemes that are being implemented by the DRDAs, Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana is the only scheme that does not gel well with the other programmes since the main focus of DRDAs is infrastructure development and wage employment.

4. As per Para 8.6 and 8.7 of the Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana guidelines, Line Departments and NGOs are to play important roles in the implementation of the scheme, besides the Bankers. Para 8.9 of Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana guidelines stipulate that a close co-ordination among different agencies is critical for the successful implementation of the programme. The programme should be treated as a joint programme with all agencies being conscious of their respective roles. As such, it becomes imperative that a well co-ordinated, uni-directional and dedicated system be in place to ensure successful implementation of the programme. In as much as the objectives of Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana and Mahalir Thittam being implemented by Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited are similar and in the light of the plethora of schemes that are being implemented by DRDAs, including NREGS requiring focused and dedicated attention, it is felt appropriate that the interest of the Self Help Groups will be better served if the implementation of Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana is transferred from DRDAs to Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women, whose primary agenda is the welfare of Self Help Groups. Therefore, the Director of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj has sent a proposal to transfer the implementation of Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana scheme from the Directorate of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj and Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development Women Limited.

5. The Government after careful examination of the proposal of the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj order the transfer of Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana at the State Level from the Directorate of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj to the Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited and at the District Level from Project Officer, DRDA to Project Officer, Mahalir Thittam. The Government also order the following on division of work on implementation of Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana scheme between the Directorate of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj and Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited.

5. I. State Level:

(a) Role of Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited. (TNCDW Ltd.)

1. Formulate State Level priorities with respect to various components of Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) in accordance with the SGSY guidelines.
2. Monitor the implementation of SGSY in the districts on a regular basis.
3. Send necessary proposals for release of funds to State Government / Government of India as provided in the guidelines on SGSY by getting the proposals from Project Officer, DRDAs.
4. Collect the progress reports on implementation of SGSY from the districts and consolidate and forward it to the Directorate of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj for onward transmission to Government of India and State Government.

5. Attend all meetings pertaining to SGSY at State and National level including State Level Bankers Committee (SLBC) and Central Level Coordination Committee (CLCC) Meetings.
6. Furnish replies to the audit reports of Comptroller and Auditor General pertaining to implementation of SGSY at the State level and at the District level and take follow up action on audit objections.

(b) Role of Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj

1. Receive all correspondences sent by Government of India, directly or through State Government and transmit the same to the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women.
2. Draw the State share of SGSY for the districts and ensure timely release of the same to the DRDAs and receipt of funds by the Project Officer, Mahalir Thittam.
3. Receive the monthly periodical reports from Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited and transmit the same to the State Government as well as to Government of India as per requirement.
4. Receive and scrutinize the proposals for release of funds inclusive of audit reports and utilisation certificates sent by the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited and to transmit the same to Government of India for release of Central Government funds as per the prescribed procedures and schedule under intimation to State Government.

- (c) The following posts shall be transferred from the Directorate of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj to the office of the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited, in order to monitor the implementation of SGSY.

Sl.No.	Name of the Post	No. of Post
1	Joint Director	1
2	Superintendent / BDO	1
3	Extension Officer (Accounts)	1
4	Assistant	2

- (d) The following posts shall be retained in the office of the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj to attend the duties prescribed for the Directorate of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj in relation to SGSY.

Sl.No.	Name of the Post	No. of Post
1	Superintendent/BDO	1
2	Extension Officer (Accounts)	1
3	Assistant	1

(e) Salary and Furniture:

The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department shall depute necessary staff for the posts diverted to the office of the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited, as indicated at (c) above. The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited, shall pay the salary and allowances for these staff along with the staff working under Mahalir Thittam by including these cost in the budgetary grant of Mahalir Thittam. Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Ltd., shall provide necessary furniture for the posts now diverted for the Director of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj.

5. II. District Level:

The division of responsibilities between the Project Officer, DRDA and Project Officer, Mahalir Thittam in the implementation of SGSY scheme at the district level shall be as under:

(a) Role of Project Officer, DRDA:

1. Receive Central / State Government funds pertaining to SGSY and release the same to the Project Officer, Mahalir Thittam without any delay.
2. Send the reports pertaining to SGSY scheme, which are required to be sent directly to Government of India by co-ordinating with the office of Project Officer, Mahalir Thittam.
3. Bear the expenditure on wages and contingencies of the staff pertaining to implementation of SGSY scheme deputed on working arrangement basis to the office of the Project Officer, Mahalir Thittam.
4. Prepare proposals for release of funds under SGSY as per the guidelines on the scheme. Necessary details like utilization certificate etc. shall be obtained from the Project Officer, Mahalir Thittam and sent to the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited.

(b) Role of Project Officer, Mahalir Thittam:

1. Monitor the implementation of all components of SGSY including the monitoring of the District Supply cum Marketing Societies.
2. Receive the funds pertaining to the scheme from DRDA as and when the funds are received from the Central Government / State Government and maintain accounts as prescribed in the guidelines on SGSY.
3. Facilitate participation of Self Help Groups in exhibitions and fairs at State and National Levels.

4. Prepare replies pertaining to Accountant General's audit and send through DRDA.
 5. Compile the expenditure and send the utilisation certificate and audit reports to the Project Officer, DRDA for transmission to Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited for release of funds as and when required.
 6. Liaise with the Lead District Manager and others for preparation of suitable banking plan for the implementation of SGSY and co-ordinate the implementation of the Scheme through suitable interventions in the District-level Bankers meeting.
- (c) The following posts now under the DRDA shall be transferred on deputation basis to the District Units of Mahalir Thittam functioning under TNCDW Ltd.

Sl.No.	Name of the Post	No. of Post
1	Asst. Project Officer	1
2	Assistant	1
3	RWO in the cadre of Assistant	1

- (d) The Project Officer, DRDA shall have only one Assistant in his office to co-ordinate the minimal works entrusted to him pertaining to SGSY.
- (e) The following steps shall be taken with an aim of division of responsibilities between Project Officer, DRDA and Project Officer, Mahalir Thittam.
1. Project Officer, DRDA shall estimate the requirement of Salaries and allowances of the Assistant Project Officer, Assistant and Rural Welfare Officer Grade-I deputed to the District Unit of TNCDW Ltd., and release the funds on a half-yearly basis in advance to the District Unit of TNCDW Ltd., from the DRDA Administrative funds in the months of April & October every year.
 2. A total of 50 Litres of fuel per month is sanctioned additionally to the Project Officer, Mahalir Thittam, for monitoring the implementation of SGSY. The Project Officer, DRDA should also release the fuel charges for 50 Litres per month in advance every half year alongwith the Salaries / Allowances to the Project Officer, Mahalir Thittam to take care of the fuel expenses.
 3. Furniture presently being used in DRDA office by the 3 officials shall be transferred to the office of the Project Officer, Mahalir Thittam.
 4. The Block Development Officer (Village Panchayats) and related staff shall report to the Project Officer, Mahalir Thittam in connection with implementation of SGSY,
- (f) The District Collector shall ensure that a smooth co-ordination and liaisoning exists between Project Officer, DRDA and Project Officer, Mahalir Thittam in order to ensure effective implementation of Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana. The Collectors shall conduct a monthly meeting

preferably before the conduct of the District Level Bankers Committee (DLBC) meeting, to sort out functional issues.

6. The Secretary to Government, Rural Development & Panchayat Raj is authorized to modify the procedures and role of functionaries in implementation of the Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana in consultation with Director of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj and Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited, in case of exigencies.

7. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. No.911/FS/P/2008, dated 18.3.2008.

(By Order of the Governor)

K.ASHOK VARDHAN SHETTY,
Special Commissioner and Secretary to Government.