

2.23 Transfer of PMGSY Programme to Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS-III) Department

G.O. (Ms) No. 95

Dated: 17.08.2006

Read:

1. G.O.Ms. No180, Rural Development (P1) Department dated:-10.07.2000
2. G.O. Ms. No.301, Highways (H.W.1) Department, dated: 22.12.04.
3. From Director of Rural Development and panchayat Raj Letter No.1728/2006/TU2 Dated:22.06.2006.

ORDER

The Government of India had launched PMGSY on 25th December 2000 to provide all – weather roads to all rural habitations more than 1000 population by the year 2003 and all habitations with more than 500 population by the year 2007 in the following order of priority.

Providing new connectivity to the Unconnected Habitations with a population of 1000 persons and above (500 in case of Hill States)

Providing new connectivity to the unconnected habitations with a population range of 500-999 (250-499 in the Hill State)

Upgradation of “Through Routes” in the Core network

Upgradation of “Link Routes”

1. Taking into account the above objectives of the scheme, orders were issued in the G.O. first read above that the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department will be the executing and Nodal Department for implementation of PMGSY Scheme. Subsequently in the G.O.2nd read above orders transferring the implementation of PMGSY Programme and other Rural Roads to Highways Department were issued.

2. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj in his letter 3rd read above has stated that the guidelines of PMGSY insists on association of Panchayat Raj Institutions at all stages of selection, execution, monitoring, maintenance and approval of Block Panchayats and District Panchayats, for selection of works, resolution from the elected village representatives and local public before preparation of estimates and synergy with other Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Schemes, like Sampoorana Grameen Rozgar Yojana, Swarnajayanthi Gram Swarozgar Yojana etc. Necessary institutional capacity as prescribed under PMGSY has been developed in Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department. Therefore the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has requested the Government to issue necessary orders to retransfer execution of Road works under PMGSY and other Rural Road works pertaining to Panchayats and Panchayat unions from Highways Department to Rural Development and panchayat Raj Department.

3. The Government has examined the proposal of the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj and approve the proposal of the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj to retransfer the execution of road work under PMGSY and other Rural Road works pertaining to panchayats and panchayat union from Highways Department to Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department. Subject to the following guidelines:

- I. Phase IV of PMGSY works be continued to be implemented through Highways Department under the supervision of Tamil Nadu Rural Infrastructure Development Corporation (TNRIDC) as more than 90% of the works have been started.
- II. Phase V works under PMGSY sanctioned at a cost of Rs.174.00/- Crores be transferred to the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department.

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- III. Tamil Nadu Rural Infrastructure Development Corporation be entrusted with the implementation of Upgradation works relating to 'through routes' covering ODR / MDR of other District Roads.
- IV. Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department shall implement upgradation of existing link roads classified as village Panchayat / Panchayat Union Roads.
- V. TNRIDC shall continue to be a co-ordinating agency for works under both PMGSY and Bharat Nirman Programmes.
- VI. Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department will implement PMGSY with funds being released to DRDAs from TNRIDC.
- VII. The TNRIDC shall monitor the implementation of PMGSY and Bharat Nirman Programmes and obtain Periodical Progress Reports from the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj in respect of PMGSY and Bharat Nirman Programmes and send them to the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India.
- VIII. The Administrative Charge of 2.25% allowed under the Programme would be shared in proportion to the value of work done by Highways Department and Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department after retaining 0.25% by TNRIDC for their administrative expenditure.
- IX. During 2006-07 a total length of 4122 Km of roads have to be taken up for upgradation throughout the State. Out of the said target, 60% of the Roads i.e. 2473 Km of Road length is to be executed out of funds under Bharat Nirman Programmes. The remaining 40% of roads i.e.1649 kms of road length has to be taken up from State funds or from the funds of Local Bodies. The works, if any, completed during 2005-06 which was not taken into account for that year 2005-2006 shall be accounted for and included in the year 2006-07.
- X. The Secretary Rural Development and Panchayat Raj shall be included as a Director in the TNRIDC.
- XI. The Superintending Engineer in the Directorate of Rural Development shall be included as a Director in the TNRIDC.

This order issues with the concurrence of Highways Department vide its U.O. No.52a/S.HW/06, Dated 19.07.2006 and Finance Department vide its U.O.No.2765/FS/P/06, Dated:19.07.2006.

(By order of the Governor)

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