

## 7. NREGS-TN

### 7.8 Sanction of additional fuel for Panchayat Union Jeeps for monitoring NREGS-TN in Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Karur and Tirunelveli Districts

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS I) Department

G.O. (Ms) No. 114

Dated: 2.7.2007

Read:

1. G.O.(D)No.524, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.I) Department, Dated 4.9.2006.
2. Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj D.O.Letter No.88649/06/TNREGS-1, Dated 22.4.2007.

#### ORDER

The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj in his D.O.Letter 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, has stated that National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme is being implemented in six districts of Tamil Nadu namely Cuddalore, Villupuram, Tiruvannamalai, Nagapattinam, Dindigul and Sivagangai. Now, the Government of India have extended the implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme to Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Tirunelveli and Karur districts also with effect from 01.04.2007 and these four districts have received Rs.12.00 crores as initial instalment of funds under the scheme. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has stated further that the NREG Scheme unlike the other scheme works, has a very large component of earth work which requires very close monitoring. Secondly, the payment under the scheme has to be made on weekly basis requiring weekly inspections. Thirdly, under the scheme, works are to be taken in all Panchayats, unlike other schemes where works may be going on in 2 to 3 Village Panchayats per block. Hence, this scheme requires close monitoring and frequent inspections by the block officials. Within the existing fuel ceiling for block vehicles, the block officials may not be able to visit the worksites frequently to monitor the progress. Hence, he has stated that it is imperative to sanction an additional 50 litres of fuel each for the two jeeps available at the block level in the 51 blocks of said four districts. The Government in the order first read above have sanctioned additional 50 litres of fuel each for the two Jeeps in each block in the 6 districts viz., Cuddalore, Dindigul, Nagapattinam, Sivaganga, Thiruvannamalai and Villupuram, where National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme was first implemented.

2. In view of the circumstances explained above, the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has requested that additional allotment of 50 liters of fuel per month each for the two jeeps in each block in the districts of Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Tirunelveli and Karur may be made. The additional fuel allotment proposed would entail an expenditure of approximately Rs.21.05 lakhs per annum (51 blocks x 2 jeeps x 50 liters x 12 = 61.200 liters of fuel annually requiring approximately Rs.21.05 lakhs per year). Against the annual anticipated allocation of Rs.36.00 crores this year for the four districts, this would work out to only 0.58% of the allocation and this expenditure can be booked under the 4% administrative expenditure allowed under National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. Hence, the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has requested the Government to issue necessary orders for the additional fuel allocation.

3. After careful consideration of the recommendation of the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, the Government sanction an additional 50 litres of fuel each for the two jeeps available at the block level in 51 blocks in the districts of Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Tirunelveli and Karur.

4. The approximate expenditure of additional fuel allotment amounting to Rs.21.05 lakhs per annum which would work out to only 0.58% of the anticipated Central allocation would be met from the 4% administrative expenditure allowed under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.

5. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department, vide its U.O.No.15/SS(PK)/07 dated 16.5.2007.

(By order of the Governor)

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