

7. NREGS-TN

7.19 Sanction of Computer Assistants and Technical Assistants in six districts

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS I) Department

G.O.(Ms) No. 153

Dated : 20.10.2006

Read:

1. Joint Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Rural Development, New Delhi D.O. Letter No. V. 28012/3/05-06/NREGA, Dated 10.1.2006.
2. Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Letter No. 114726/05 TNREGS-1 Dated 24.7.2006 and 4.9.2006.
3. G.O. Ms. No. 89, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS I) Department, Dated 2.8.2006.

ORDER

The Tamil Nadu Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 was launched on 2.2.2006 in Six Districts, i.e., Cuddalore, Villupuram, Tiruvannamalai, Nagapattinam, Dindigul and Sivaganga of Tamilnadu. Under this Scheme, Rs.65.84 crores was received during 2005-06 and for this financial year (2006-07) an initial instalment of Rs.98.89 crores was received in May 2006. It is expected that Rs.402.78 crores is likely to be available for the six districts. The average allocation per Village Panchayat will work out to Rs.10.5 lakhs, each Block on an average would receive Rs.4.4 crores and the district average allocation would be Rs.67.13 crores.

2. In the D.O. letter first read above, the Government of India have suggested an administrative model to be placed for effective supervision and monitoring of this scheme, expenditure on which would be booked under the 2% administrative expenditure as indicated below for each block.

Sl.No.	Category of Staff	Annual Expenditure
1.	Block Programme Officer @ Rs.,20,000/- p.m.	Rs. 2,40,000/-
2.	1 Technical Assistant @ Rs. 8000/- p.m.	Rs. 96,000/-
3.	1 Accounts Assistant @ Rs.8000/- p.m..	Rs. 96,000/-
4.	1 Computer Assistant @ Rs.8000/- p.m.	Rs. 96,000/-
Total		Rs. 5,28,000 per annum

3. In a slight modification of the Government of India model, the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj in his letter second read above, has proposed to create **two posts of Computer Assistants and two Technical Assistants for each Block**. This is absolutely essential for the successful implementation of the scheme as these posts are required on account of the special nature of work that are closely associated with this scheme such as weekly payment of wages to the workers, monitoring and supervision at frequent intervals etc., as the existing staff working under the control of Block Development Officer (Village Panchayat) in connection with the execution of scheme works that are entrusted to Village Panchayats, such as Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC), State Finance Commission (SFC), Central Finance Commission (CFC) etc., could not handle this work also. He has also requested that **one Technical Assistant for every ten Village Panchayats** may be sanctioned. Without these posts the huge allocation of about Rs 1 crore per annum for ten Village

Panchayats on an average cannot be effectively monitored as the scheme envisages weekly payment and other administrative, technical and supervisory works for which this post will be extremely useful. The anticipated total expenditure per annum for the Block level technical staff and one Technical Assistant for every ten Panchayats would be as follows:

(i)	Two Computer Assistants per Block @ Rs.4000/- per month (90 blocks)	Rs.	0.86 Crores
(ii)	Two Technical Assistants per Block @ Rs.4000/- per month (90 Blocks)	Rs.	0.86 Crores
(iii)	One Technical Assistant per 10 Pts. @ Rs.4000/- per month (3830 Village Panchayats)	Rs.	1.84 Crores
TOTAL		Rs.	3.56 Crores

The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has also suggested the qualification and mode of recruitment for the said posts.

4. After careful examination of the recommendations of the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, the Government sanction the following posts in the six districts viz., Cuddalore, Villupuram, Tiruvannamalai, Nagapattinam, Dindigul and Sivaganga, where the Tamil Nadu Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme is under implementation till the scheme is in existence or the necessity of the post ceases whichever is earlier.

- (i) 180 posts of Computer Assistants and 180 posts of Technical Assistants (two posts of Computer Assistant and two posts of Technical Assistant for each of the 90 blocks in six districts).
- (ii) 383 posts of Technical Assistants at the rate of one for every ten Village Panchayats in six districts.
- (iii) For Computer Assistants (two per block), the Collectors shall recruit the eligible persons by calling for a list from the Employment Exchange or through outsourcing them on contract basis by prescribing a qualification of **"Degree in Computer Applications or Computer Science"**. They shall be paid Rs.4000/- per month on consolidated pay.
- (iv) The selection of two Technical Assistants per block and one for every ten Village Panchayats shall be made by calling for the list from the Employment Exchange and conducting a simple test for them or by outsourcing them locally on contract basis and place them on consolidated pay of Rs.4,000/- per month. The qualification for the post of Technical Assistant shall be **"Diploma / Degree in Civil Engineering"**.

5. The Collectors of Cuddalore, Villupuram, Tiruvannamalai, Nagapattinam, Dindigul and Sivaganga are requested to take immediate action for placement of personnel sanctioned in para 4 above and send a completion report to Government through the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj .

6. This order issues with concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. No.62141/RD/06 Dated: 10.10.2006.

(By order of the Governor)

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