2.2 Maintenance of accounts at State level / District level – Constitution of District Programme Implementation Units

Rural Development (P1) Department

G.O. (Ms) No. 181 Dated: 10.07.2000

Read:

1. Secretary Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, D.O.No. 17011/12/99-RR Dated: 9th May 2000.

2. G.O.Ms.No. 180 Rural Development Dept, Government of Tamil Nadu Dated: 10.07.2000.

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Government of india as a major initiative to achieve total connectivity in rural areas has launched a scheme viz., National Rural Roads Programme (NRRP) as a major component of the Pradhan Mantri's Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY) with effective from 2000-2001. In the reference cited, Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India has indicated that an allocation of Rs. 46.49 Crores is earmarked for the State of Tamil Nadu under the scheme for the year 2000-2001. Government of India has been requested to allocate more funds to Tamil Nadu. Government of India has requested the State Government to finalise the implementation and formulation of modalities specific to certain issues related to National Rural Roads Programme.

2) Government of Tamil Nadu after careful consideration of various issues have decided to Implement the NRRP. Policy decision to implement NRRP in the State has been outlined in the Government Order 2nd read above. Rural Development Department will be the nodal department. In continuation of orders issued, the Government of Tamil Nadu issue further orders in (a) the Constitution of District Programme implementation unit, (b) maintenance of accounts at the State level, (c) maintenance of accounts at the District level in DPIU, (d) Audit of accounts and (e) monitoring of Programme Implementation.

(a) District Programme Implementation Unit

This programme will be implemented through District Rural Development Agencies which will discharge the functions of the District Programme Implementation Unit (DPIU). The District Collector will be the Chairman of the Unit, Project Officer, District Rural Development Agency will be the Chief Executive Officer and Executive Engineer (RD) will be the Technical Member of the DPIU. This unit shall meet atleast once a month. DPIU will be responsible to prepare Project reports for rural connectivity for one Block or combination of Blocks; submit Project Report to State Standing committee of Government of Tamil Nadu and Government of India for Scrutiny and sanction; receive funds for the sanctioned projects from Government of India and Government of Tamil Nadu, undertake the implementation of sanctioned projects, conduct close supervision and monitoring, maintenance of all records accounts of the sanctioned projects and office expenditure and accounts audited, and furnish necessary reports to Government of Tamilnadu and Government of India on the National Rural Roads Programme. At the State Level and District Level and funds released under National Rural Roads Programme by Government of India should be kept in a separate Savings Bank account in any one of the Nationalised banks nearer to the respective authority. For the maintenance of accounts funds flow, auditing and filling the utilization certificate following procedures shall be followed

(b) Maintenance of Accounts of State Level

At the State level in Chennai for receipt and disbursement of funds, a savings bank account shall be opened and maintained in any one of the Nationalised Bank nearer to the Directorate of Rural Development. The Director of Rural Development will be responsible to operate this account and get the accounts audited by Chartered Accountants and furnish all reports to Government of India and Government of Tamil Nadu.

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(c) Maintenance of Accounts at District Level by DPIU

At the District Level, Project Officer, District Rural Development Agency, will open, operate and maintain Savings Bank Account in a nationalised bank. Director of Rural Development will transfer funds of the programme as and when project are sanctioned and received from Government of India to the respective districts account maintained by the District Project Implementation Unit.

(d) Auditing of the Accounts

Accounts of the District Project Implementation Unit will be audited by Chartered Accountants and audited accounts and certificates should be furnished to the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, Secretary, Rural Development Department and Director of Rural Development.

(e) Reporting the Progress of National Rural Roads Programme

Project Officer, District Rural Development Agencies, shall furnish monthly physical and financial project reports to Director of Rural Development to reach him on or before 10th of succeeding month. Director of Rural Development will compile and submit monthly reports to reach Government of Tamil Nadu and Government of India before 20th of succeeding month. He will also report the same to the State Level Standing Committee.

3) This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide U.O.No. 288/ADS/US/2000 Dated: 06.07.2000.

(By order of the Governor)

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