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### 1.5 Delegation of powers to accord administrative sanction and nodal department for implementation

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Rural Development (PII) Department

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Read:

From the Secretary, Government of India, Department of Programme Implementation Letter .No.C/89/96- MPLADS., dated 21.2.97

#### ORDER

The Government of India have revised the guidelines on Member of Parliament Local Areas Development Scheme on 15.2.97 and a copy of the guidelines has been communicated to all District Collectors by Government of India. According to para 3.3 of the revised guidelines on Member of Parliament Local Areas Development Scheme, decision on execution of works should be taken only at the district level in respect of administrative and technical sanctions and if need be for the purpose of implementation of this Scheme, full and final powers should be delegated to the District Technical and administrative functionaries para 4.1 of the guidelines also provides that ideally it would be desirable to the Members of Parliament to suggest individual works costing not more than Rs.10 Lakhs per work. However, the limit of Rs.10 Lakhs per work should not be too rigidly construed and amounts higher than Rs.10 Lakhs per work can be spent depending upon the nature of the work.

2. Accordingly, with a view to ensure speedy implementation of various works taken up under Member of Parliament Local Areas Development Scheme, the Government hereby delegate powers to the District Collectors/Commissioner Corporation of Chennai to accord administrative sanction for execution of works under Member of Parliament Local Areas Development Scheme. Similarly, the Technical Authorities at District level/Corporation of Chennai are hereby authorised to accord technical sanction for the works, under Member of Parliament Local Areas Development Scheme, That is to say, that the concerned technical authorities at the district level are delegated with full powers of technical sanction in respect of Member of Parliament Local Areas Development Scheme works and no reference to higher authorities outside the district should be made for the purpose of technical sanction.

3. The Government have also decided to designate Rural Development Department as the Nodal Department and nominate the Secretary to Government, Rural Development Department as Nodal officer for Physical monitoring and coordination with Department of Programme Implementation, Government of India. He shall conduct annual meeting at State head quarters inviting District Collectors, Commissioners Corporation of Chennai, Director of Rural Development and members of Parliament to review the progress of works under this Scheme once in a year.

4. The revised guidelines on Member of Parliament Local Areas Development Scheme issued by Government of India cover almost all important aspects like concept, implementation, release of funds and monitoring arrangements of the scheme. It is needless to emphasis that the fruits of the scheme can be reaped only with the cooperation and assistance of all implementing agencies. Experience shows that inordinate delays have occurred in the implementation of the proposals suggested by Members of Parliament on account of various field problems which keep arising from time to time. The District Collectors/Commissioner, Corporation of Chennai, are requested to issue further instructions to the implementing agencies and planning departments under their control to cooperate, assist and implement the works referred to them under Member of Parliament Local Areas Development Scheme and mark copies of such instructions to the Members of Parliament at their constituencies and at their Delhi addresses.

5. Since the works under this Scheme would be implemented by different State Government

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agencies such as Public Works, Rural Development, Irrigation Agriculture, Health Education, Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Housing Corporation, etc., the Collectors/Commissioner, Corporation of Chennai shall be responsible for coordination and overall supervision of the works under the Scheme within their area of jurisdiction. The Government therefore direct that the Collector/Commissioner, Corporation of Chennai shall visit and inspect at least 10% of these works every year. They should involve Members of Parliament in such inspections and monitoring to the maximum extent feasible and furnish monitoring reports once in two months to the Members of Parliament concerned and Department of Programme Implementation Government of India, likewise officers of districts at the sub-divisional and block level shall also closely monitor implementation of these works through visits to worksites

6. Though the revised guidelines issued by Government of India are exhaustive, the Collectors/Commissioner, Corporation of Chennai are requested to ensure the following points in particular, for smooth and effective implementation of the programme :-

a) The site selected for execution of the works by the Members of Parliament shall not be changed except with the concurrence of the Member of Parliament himself;

b) Payment of advances of any type to the contractors/Suppliers under any work falling within this Scheme is Prohibited;

c) Expenditure for maintenance and upkeep of the works taken up under this Scheme should be met from the funds of concerned local body or the relevant agency that is Government aided institution and registered society etc.;

d) All works should be awarded through open tenders;

e) As far as possible, all sanction for works should be accorded within 45 days from the date of receipt of proposal from the concerned Member of Parliament;

f) The implementing agencies should not collect any administrative charges, centage etc. for their services of preparatory work, implementation, supervision etc;

g) In order that local people become aware that particular works have been executed with Member of Parliament Local Areas Development Scheme funds, Sign boards carrying the inscription "MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT LOCAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT SCHEME WORKS" may be prominently erected at the sites.

7. The Collector/Corporation of Chennai are requested to bring the contents of this order to the notice of Technical Authorities under their control.

8. The receipt of this order shall be acknowledged.

(By order of the Governor)

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