

**Provision of 958 electric street lights instead of solar lights and total of 3703 street lights in the relocated sites at a cost of Rs.3.90 crores**

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Revenue ( NC – III -1 ) Department

G.O. (Ms) No. 215

Dated : 23.04.2007

Read :

1. G.O.(Ms). No.656, Revenue (NC-IV -1 ) Department, Dated : 5.12.2005
2. G.O.(Ms).No. 158, Revenue ( NC-IV – 1) Department, Dated 1.3.2006
3. G.O.(Ms). No.646, Revenue (NC-IV -1 ) Department, Dated : 28.9.2006
4. G.O.(Ms).No. 625, Revenue ( NC-IV – 1) Department, Dated 20.9.2006
5. Special Commissioner and Commissioner of Revenue Administration Letter No.TRR – GAP 2/74590/06 dated 5.2.07
6. Minutes of the State Level Committee on Calamity Relief Fund Schemes Meeting dated 9.2.2007

**ORDER**

In Tsunami affected coastal districts, permanent houses are being constructed by the NGOs. The Provision of basic amenities for those relocated sites have been undertaken under Emergency Tsunami Reconstruction Project with the assistance of World Bank in eight districts viz. Kancheepuram, Tiruvallur, Cuddalore , Villupuram, Nagapattinam , Thoothukudi , Tirunelveli and Kanniyakumari districts. The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.80.84 crores for the provision of basic amenities in the relocated sites in the G.O.1,2 and 3<sup>rd</sup> read above.

2. The Government have given sanction for 3967 streetlights at an estimated cost of Rs.377.30 lakhs in eight districts vide G.Os 1,2 and 3<sup>rd</sup> read above. The Government have also sanctioned 958 solar lights at an estimated cost of Rs.250.40 lakhs. Thus , a sum of Rs.627.70 lakhs has been sanctioned for the provision of 4925 lights (3967 street lights and 958 solar lights)

3. In the G.O.fourth read above, permission was granted to the Collectors of Nagapattinam, Kancheepuram, Villupuram, Thiruvallur to construct about 3000 houses where NGOs backed out from their commitment to construct houses for Tsunami victims at a unit cost of Rs.2.10 lakhs and sanctioned Rs.63.00 crores under Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation Package now known as Tsunami Rehabilitation Programme. The Collectors have made changes in the number of houses to be actually constructed based on the field verification and the willingness of the beneficiaries. The number of houses that now need to be constructed by Government has been reduced to 1778. Hence there is savings available from the funds sanctioned above.

4. The Project Implementation Officer, Project Implementation Unit. Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Chennai has stated that the Procurement Plan for the provision of 2745 Street lights in the relocated sites at an estimated cost of Rs.284.31 lakhs was sent to World Bank for approval. In the procurement plan it was indicated that the work will be executed through Tamil Nadu Electricity Board. But the World Bank has informed that they will not accept Tamil Nadu Electricity Board deposit work mode of execution. The provision of streetlights is absolutely necessary and the beneficiaries are reluctant to occupy the houses without streetlights and house service connections. It is therefore decided to provide 2745 streetlights through Tamil Nadu Electricity Board at an estimated cost of Rs.2.84 Crores under Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation Package instead of under Emergency Tsunami Reconstruction Project assisted by world Bank.

5. Further the street lights with Electricity are functioning well and installation would be easier when compared to solar lights where long term operation and maintenance are required. It was therefore decided that 958 solar lights already proposed may also be converted to electric street lights at an estimated cost of Rs.1.06 Crores.

6. The Project Implementation Officer has therefore submitted a proposal for sanction of Rs.3.90 Crores under Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation package for the provision of 3703 street lights through Tamil Nadu Electricity Board from the savings available in the funds already sanctioned in the G.O.fourth read above.

7.The Project Director (ETRP and TEAP) has placed the above proposal before the State Level Committee on calamity Relief Fund Schemes meeting held on 9.2.2007 and the same has been approved by the Committee.

8.The Government accept the decision of the State Level Committee on calamity Relief fund Schemes and

- I. account permission to the project Implementation Officer, Project Implementaion Unit, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department , Chennai for the provision of 958 electric street lights instead of solar lights.
- II. accord permission for the provision a total of 3703 street lights in the relocated sites at a cost of Rs.3.90 crores from the Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation Package instead of Emergency Tsunami Reconstruction Project.
- III. The savings available in the funds already sanctioned in the G.O fourth read above shall be utilized for this purpose.

9.The Project Implementation Officer, Project Implementation Unit, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department Chennai is permitted to adjust/reimburse Rs.3.90 Crores to Emergency Tsunami Reconstruction Project account on receipt of funds from Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation package,now merged with Tsunami Rehabilitation Programme.

10. The Project Implementation Officer, Project Implementation Unit, Rural Developement and Panchayat Raj, Chennai is also permitted to reallocate the funds sanctioned for the provision of Streetlights among the District based on the requirements.

11. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.23607/ Rev/07 Dated 18.4.2007

(By order of the Governor)

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT