



ABSTRACT

Special schemes / Programmes of the Government – Provision of tools / implements to Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) workers through the Self Help Groups (SHGs) by using the Revolving Fund provided by the Government – Orders – Issued.

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.1) Department

Dated: 12.12.2011.

G.O.(1D) No.605

Read:

1. Secretary to Government, Special Programme Implementation Department, D.O. Letter No.116/SP1/2011, dated 23.06.2011.
2. Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited, D.O. Letter No.2914/D1/2011, Dated 29.07.2011.
3. Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Letter No.85620/2010/ MGNREGS. 1-1, Dated 22.08.2011.

ORDER:

In the D.O. letter first read above, the Secretary to Government, Special Programme Implementation Department has requested to furnish the action plan / time schedule for implementing the Special scheme / proposal on providing tools / implements under Employment Guarantee Scheme to be given free of cost.

2.In the proposal second read above, the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited has sent necessary proposals for providing tools / implements to Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme workers through Self Help Groups (SHGs) by using the Revolving Fund provided by the Government as follows:-

(i) Most of the Self Help Groups (SHGs) are living below poverty line and are working in Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme for their livelihood in rural areas. New Self Help Groups are also being formed of women workers of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme who are now not in Self Help Groups. Now, there are about 3,30,000 women Self Help Groups in rural areas with a membership of 51,77,000 and in each Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme worksite workers are formed into groups of 20. The Groups do not have sufficient number of digging tools like crow bar, pick axes and

spade. Due to the shortage of tools, two or three members dig the earth and rest of the members carry the soil to the bund for deposition. Therefore, the soil excavated is less, resulting in lesser out-turn and low wages. For a group of 20 workers, to get the full daily prescribed wages (Rs.119/- per day), the out turn has to be as per pre-marked dimension of 72.6m x 9m x 0.3m (First lead) over a period of six days for hard soil. To get this out-turn for obtaining the full wages of Rs.119/- per day minimum tools and implements required are Crowbar:3, Spade:5, Ironpan:12. A group of 20 women workers may have 3-5 able bodied workers who can use crowbar for digging and loosening the soil. Five members can use spades to load the soil into the iron pans. The balance 8-10 members carry the soil and deposit on the bunds / road margins. The rough cost of implements per group will be:

Cost of Crowbar	= Rs. 150.00 x 3	= 450.00
Cost of Spade	= Rs. 120.00 x 5	= 600.00
Cost of Iron pan	= Rs. 50.00 x 12	= 600.00

Total for a Group of 20 workers	=	Rs. 1650.00

The cost per worker is only Rs.82.50 which is less than a day's wage of Rs.119/- for an Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme worker.

(ii) During field visits and interaction with women workers of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme it was found that women are unable to get the full wages in spite of toiling in the hot sun and under difficult circumstances due to not having sufficient and appropriate tools. If the Self Help Group women have these tools and implements their out-turn will improve and thereby their wages will also go up. As mentioned above for a group of 20 workers, 3 crowbars, 5 spades and 12 iron pans are necessary to ensure required out-turn to get the minimum wages of Rs.119/- per day fixed by the State Government for the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme workers.

(iii) Self Help Groups (SHGs) can use the Revolving Fund provided by the Government to buy these tools locally. The cost of purchase of the minimum set of tools is approximately Rs.1650/-. Revolving Fund ranging from Rs.25,000/- to Rs.60,000/- has been provided to more than 3.35 lakhs of Self Help Groups over the years. If the Self Help Groups make this small investment of about Rs.2,000/-, the benefits will be phenomenal. For Example: A worker who is getting Rs.80/- as daily wage with current out-turn is likely to get Rs.100/- with new out-turn achieved by use of sufficient and appropriate tools. A group of 20 workers will get an average increase of Rs.20/- every day and in days the investment made for the cost of tools and implements will be recovered. If the Self Help Groups (SHGs) purchase the implements, from their corpus for their group members, minimum wages fixed by Government for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme works will be assured. Moreover, they can enjoy the ownership of those tools which can be utilized by them not only for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme work but can also be used for agricultural purposes. The tools can be stored in a common place under safe custody of some group member or in Self Help Group building.

(iv) Block Development Officer (VP) and Deputy Block Development Officer (MGNREGS) to organize meeting for Panchayat Level Federations (PLFs) and Self Help Group representatives to explain the reasons for current low wages and benefits they get by buying new tools and implements for improving out-turn for enhanced wages. The Project Officer, Mahalir Thittam and Project Director, District Rural Development Agency to organize intensive awareness campaign through newspaper, television and pamphlets. The District Collectors, Project Directors, District Rural Development Agencies and Project Officer, Project Implementation Unit, Mahalir Thittam to motivate the Self Help Groups (SHGs) to purchase tools and implements and closely monitor the purchase of implements by reviewing the progress made during meeting of Block Development Officers.

3. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj in his letter third read above, has stated that the aforesaid proposal of the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited is very much acceptable and justifiable in terms of making the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme workers to get the wages of Rs.119/- per day and requested orders of the Government.

4. The Government after careful examination of the proposal of the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited and the views of the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj in detail have decided to accept the proposal of the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited and issue the following orders:

(i) 3 Crowbars, 5 Spades and 12 Iron pans be purchased for a group of 20 workers under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.

(ii) The rough cost of implements per group will be:

Cost of Crowbar	= Rs. 150.00 x 3	= 450.00
Cost of Spade	= Rs. 120.00 x 5	= 600.00
Cost of Iron pan	= Rs. 50.00 x 12	= 600.00

Total for a Group of 20 workers	=	Rs. 1650.00

(iii) The Self Help Groups (SHGs) can use the Revolving Fund provided by the Government to buy these tools locally.

(iv) The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj / Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited is directed to issue suitable instructions to the Block Development Officers (VP) and Deputy Block Development Officers (MGNREGS) to organize meeting for Panchayat Level Federations (PLFs) and Self Help Group representatives to explain the reasons for current low wages and benefits they get by buying new tools and implements for improving out-turn for enhanced wages.

(v) The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj / Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited is directed

to issue suitable instructions to the Project Officers, Mahalir Thittam and Project Directors, District Rural Development Agencies to organize intensive awareness campaign through newspaper, television and pamphlets.

- (vi) The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj / Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited is directed to issue suitable instructions to the District Collectors, Project Directors, District Rural Development Agency and Project Officer, Project Implementation Unit, Mahalir Thittam to motivate the Self Help Groups (SHGs) to purchase tools and implements and closely monitor the purchase of implements by reviewing the progress made during the meeting of Block Development Officers.

5. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.2286/FS/P/2011, dated 05.09.2011.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

N.S. PALANIAPPAN,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Chennai-15.

The Managing Director,

Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Ltd., Chennai – 34.

All District Collectors (except Chennai)

(They are requested to communicate this order to all concerned)

All Project Directors, District Rural Development Agency,

All Project Officers, Mahalir Thittam.

Copy to:

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government / Secretary –I to
Chief Minister, Chennai-9.

The Secretary to Government,

Special Programme Implementation Department, Chennai – 9.

The Director, State Institute of Rural Development,

Maraimalai Nagar, Kancheepuram District.

The Special Personal Assistant to Minister (Finance), Chennai-9.

The Special Personal Assistant to Minister (Municipal Administration
and Rural Development), Chennai – 9.

Finance (RD) Department, Chennai-9.

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.3) Department, Chennai – 9.

The Private Secretary to Chief Secretary, Chennai-9.

The Private Secretary to Principal Secretary to Government,

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Chennai-9.

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