

8. MISCELLANEOUS

8.40 Renaming the Department of Rural Development as Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj

Rural Development (E5) Department

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The Rural Development Department aims at improving the quality of living standards of the rural masses through various welfare schemes by providing Self Employment and Wage employment, Infrastructure Development and basic needs. After the 73rd Constitutional Amendment the major functions of Rural Development Department is facilitating the local governance through effective functioning of the Rural Local Bodies. Further, the Rural Local Bodies are also playing a major role in providing the following services to improve the quality of rural life.

Providing drinking water supply

Street light

Rural Connectivity

Rural Sanitation

Rural civic maintenance

Social and Economic Empowerment of Women Self Help Groups

Implementation of Wage Employment and Self-Employment schemes of Central and State Governments.

The Rural Development Department attends to the basic needs of the rural people with the active involvement of Rural Local Bodies in the State. The role of Rural Local Bodies becomes more prominent consequent to the enactment of 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act of Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act 1994. Since the Department caters to the needs of both Development indicators as well as facilitating the Rural Local Bodies for effective delivery mechanism, the Director of Rural Development has proposed that the Directorate of Rural Development may be renamed as Directorate of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj.

2. The Government examined the proposal of the Director of Rural Development in detail and decided to accept the proposal of Director of Rural Development for renaming the Directorate of Rural Development as Directorate of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj. Accordingly, the Government direct that the Directorate of Rural Development be renamed as "Directorate of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj". Consequently, the Rural Development Department in Secretariat is also renamed as "Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department." This order will come into force from Budget 2006-2007.

(By order of the Governor)

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