

28. DEVOLUTION OF POWERS

28.40 High Level Committee recommendations on Non Conventional Energy Sources - Decision of the Government

Energy (C3) Department

G.O. (Ms) No. 125

Dated : 04.06.1999

Read :

G.O. (Ms) No. 65. Energy, dated : 24.03.1999.

ORDER

Under the revised Rule 73 of Indian Constitution 1994, the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act was enacted. According to the Act three tier Panchayats set up was formed for which elections conducted and elected members assumed charge in the Panchayats, Panchayat Union and District Councils. As per Rule 243G of 1994 of Tamil Nadu Panchayat Act and Rules 257 of the Said Act, the economic and social welfare Programmes implemented by the three tier Panchayats set up for which a High level committee was constituted with selected Legislators as Members and the Minister for Rural Development and Local Administration as Convenor has examined the Devolution of powers to the three tier panchayats setup under the subject viz., "**Non Conventional Energy Sources**".

2. The Government have examined the recommendations of the High Level Committee made under the Subject 15 "**Non Conventional Energy Sources**". In supersession of the orders issued in the G.O. read above, the Government have decided to accept those recommendations as mentioned in the Annexure to this order.

3. The Chairman and Managing Director., Tamil Nadu Energy Development Agency is requested to take necessary action with reference to the above orders of the Government. The Chairman and Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Energy Development Agency is also requested to acknowledge the receipt of this order.

(By order of the Governor)

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

ANNEXURE TO G.O.MS.NO.125, ENERGY,DT: 04.06.1999

Sl. No	Recommendations of High Level Committee	Decision of the Govt.
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VILLAGE PANCHAYATS :-		
1	Identifications of beneficiaries by Village Panchayats for installations of windmills, Solar Cookers and Bio-gas Plants, in consultation with the B.D.O DRDA and Branch Manager, TEDA .	The Village Panchayats may be empowered to identify the persons to be assisted, the place where these sources of energy such as Solar, wind mill and bio-gas plants to be erected and co-ordinate with Block Development Officers, District Rural Development Agency and Branch Manager of Tamil Nadu Energy Development Agency.
2	To help the Village Panchayats on guiding the Villagers on the importance and saving of electricity then and there.	TEDA and Electricity Board will guide Village Panchayats to educate the rural people on the importance of Electricity and its savings.
3	To organise training at Village level to the selected beneficiaries on the use of N.C.E.S (Bio gas, Solar Cookers and Windmills)	The Village Panchayats may be given the responsibility of imparting training to the beneficiaries selected under non-conventional energy sources like bio-gas, Solar, Windmill.
4	To identifying the beneficiaries for NCES such as Biogas, Solar Cookers and windmills under Rural Employment Programmes by the Village Panchayats.	The Villagers Panchayats may assist in the proper Identification of beneficiaries under these schemes and also in the rural employment generation schemes.
PANCHAYAT UNIONS :-		
1	At Panchayat Union level action may be taken to identify and promote the NCES Solar Energy windmills and Bio-gas Plants	The Panchayat Unions will Identify the non-Conventional energy sources such as Solar, Windmills and bio-gas plants and its extensions and take appropriate action to develop the scheme. The Panchayat Unions will propagate the importance and the benefits of non conventional energy sources through media.
2	To arrange for training to the beneficiaries in the NCES	The Panchayat Unions will arrange for giving proper training for the users.
3	Panchayat Unions may be entrusted with power for Promotion and implementations of Solar Cookers, SPV Pumps and Solar Water Heaters, TEDA may utilise the Concerned Panchayat Unions as its implementing Agency.	The Panchayat Unions will have powers to implement the schemes on the NCES like Solar cooker windmill pumps and Solar Water heaters etc., TEDA may use the concerned Panchayat Unions as implementing agencies.
4	The Biogas Plants should be installed at panchayat Union level and its benefits to be propagated to the Rural people by the Panchayat Unions. The IRDP Programme relating to Rural Development Department be entrusted to Panchayat Unions. The beneficiaries under this programme to be identified by the Village Panchayats and the details furnished to the Panchayat Unions.	The Panchayat Unions may have the powers to install the biogas plants and educate the Public on the importance and use of the plants to implement the Integrated Rural Energy Programme. The Village panchayats may send the list of identified beneficiaries to the Panchayat Unions.

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DISTRICT PANCHAYATS :-

1	To Co-ordinate the work for promotion of NCES and for preparing Master Plan for promotion of Biogas Plants windmills and Solar Cookers.	The District Panchayats may undertake planning and Co-ordination of the development of these schemes. It may also assist in design a master plan at the district level for biogas, windmills, solar cookers and heaters.
2	At District Level Promotional activities to ascertain the resources for Wind Energy, Solar Energy and Bio-Energy and to formulate programmes at District level for implementation.	The District Panchayats will take action for the identification of potentialities for non conventional energy sources more specially for Solar Energy, wind energy and bio-gas. It will take necessary action to extend this scheme throughout the District.