

18.11 Second State Finance Commission - Constitution of District Level Co-ordination Committee to sort-out issues between Local Bodies and Tamil Nadu Electricity Board

Rural Development (C2) Department

G.O. (Ms) No. 22

Dated : 1.3.2006

Read :

1. G. O. Ms. No.518, Finance (Resources) Department, dated 1.12.1999.
2. G. O. Ms. No.103, Finance (Resources) Department, dated 3.3.2000
3. G. O. Ms. No.284, Finance (FC.IV) Department dated 12.8.2002
4. G. O. Ms. No.371, Finance (FC.IV) Department, dated 11.11.2002
5. G. O. Ms. No. 98, Rural Development Department, dated 16.6. 2004
6. G. O. Ms. No.158, Rural Development (C2) Department dated 14.10.2004.
7. From the Director of Rural Development, Letter No. 104058-2004/PRI-II-I dated 31.1.2005.
8. From the Director of Rural Development, Letter No. 104058/2004/PRI-II-I dated 25.4.2005

ORDER

As per the provisions laid down in 73rd and 74th Constitutional amendments the Second State Finance Commission was constituted in the G. O. first read above to review the financial position of rural and urban local bodies in Tamil Nadu and to make its recommendations. In the G. O. second read above, the Terms of Reference to the Commission were issued in which the commission was requested to make its report available by 31.10.2001. The Commission submitted its report to Her Excellency the then Governor on 21.5.2001.

2.As per the decision taken by the High Level Committee the Finance Department has placed the action taken report on the recommendations of the Second State Finance Commission in respect of Chapter VII, VIII, X, XII (para 21.6 and 21.7 only) and XIII of the report in the Legislative Assembly on 8.5.2002. As decided by the High Level Committee, Rural Development/ Municipal Administration & Water Supply Department were also requested to prepare action taken report and issue Government Order in respect of recommendation covered in other Chapters of the report of Second State Finance Commission.

3. The Second state Finance Commission has recommended in para 14.4.1 under Chapter XII of its Report that a District level co-ordination Committee may be formed as follows to sort-out various issues relating to local bodies and Tamil Nadu Electricity Board.

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| 1. District Collector | - | Chairman |
| 2. Superintending Engineer
Tamil Nadu Electricity Board | - | Member |
| 3. Regional Director of
Municipal Administration | - | Member |
| 4. Assistant Director,
Town Panchayats | - | Member |
| 5. Assistant Director,
Panchayats | - | Member |

4. After careful consideration of the above recommendation of the Second State Finance Commission, the Government direct that a District Level Co-ordination Committee shall be formed immediately at District Level as follows:

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1. District Collector	-	Chairman
2. Superintending Engineer Tamil Nadu Electricity Board	-	Member
3. Regional Director of Municipal Administration	-	Member
4. Assistant Director, Special Village Panchayats	-	Member
5. Assistant Director Panchayats	-	Member

5. The Committee shall review the following

1. Areas Concerning the low voltage problems and strengthening the distribution systems.
2. Regularisation of fixing of meters, ensure proper functioning of the meters fixed, issue of meter cards, recording of the meter reading by the local body staff.
3. Service charge payable to the electrician for the replacement of light, spares etc., by the local bodies.
4. Issues relating to obtaining of No objection Certificate from Village Panchayats/ Municipalities/ Corporation before giving house service connections by Tamil Nadu Electricity Board.
5. Payment of professional tax by the Staff of Tamil Nadu Electricity Board.
6. Levy of charge for shifting of Electricity Board poles.
7. Levy of tract rent by the local bodies.
8. Bi- monthly reconciliation meeting between Electricity Board officials and the staff of local bodies at the Block/District level.
9. Rationalisation of service connection by clubbing nearby connection.
10. Replacement of damaged poles.
11. Ensure the prompt availability of Tamil Nadu Electricity Board Service personnel for replacement of spares and lights.

6. The committee will sort out the field level problems between local bodies and Tamil Nadu Electricity Board. The committees shall meet once in a quarter (i.e) during January, April, July and October and the deliberations decision shall be sent to Government and Tamil Nadu Electricity Board within 10 days from the date of the meeting. The Assistant Director (Panchayat) shall be the convenor of the meeting of the committee.

(By order of the Governor)

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