

6.2 The Tamil Nadu Panchayats (Travelling Allowance and other allowances payable to the Presidents, Chairmen and Members of Panchayats and their Committees) Rules, 1999**(G.O. (Ms) No. 258 Rural Development(C-4) Department, dated 14th December, 1999)**

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) and clause (x) of sub-section (2) of Section 242 of the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1994 (Tamil Nadu Act 21 of 1994) and in supersession of Rules relating to Travel Allowance to Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Members, etc., of Panchayats and payment of Travelling Allowance by Panchayat Union Councils to their Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen, Members and Members of their Committees, the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby makes the following Rules -

RULES

1. Short title - These Rules may be called the Tamil Nadu Panchayats (Travelling Allowance and other Allowances payable to the Presidents, Chairmen and Members of Panchayats and their Committees) Rules, 1999.

2. Definition - In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires, "functionary" means the President, Vice-President or member of a Village Panchayat or Chairman, Vice-Chairman or member of a Panchayat Union Council or District Panchayat.

3. Fixed monthly travelling allowance for the journey performed within the jurisdiction - (1) Every President of the Village Panchayats, Chairman and member of the Panchayat Union Councils and District Panchayats shall be paid fixed monthly travelling allowance from the Funds of the Panchayat concerned at the rate fixed by the Government, from time to time.

(2) They shall not claim any other travelling allowance other than the fixed travelling allowance for any journey made within their jurisdiction.

4. Daily or travelling allowance for journey performed outside the jurisdiction - The rates of daily allowance and travelling allowance admissible to a functionary of a Panchayat for attending to official work outside his jurisdiction shall be as determined by the Government, from time to time:

Provided that, travelling allowance shall not be admissible for a journey undertaken within eight kilo metres from his headquarters:

Provided further that, when a journey is performed to and from, Chennai, the rate of daily allowance shall be increased by one hundred per cent on the rate specified above.

5. Admissibility of daily allowance - The daily allowance shall be admissible to a functionary for a block of twenty-four hours absence from his headquarters for the journey exceeding eight kilo metres for attending to official work. The following percentage of daily allowance is admissible for a journey undertaken by him for more than eight kilo metres from his headquarters -

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| a) | Daily allowance for not more than six hours | 30 per cent |
| b) | Daily allowance for more than six hours but less than twelve hours | 70 per cent |
| c) | Daily allowance for more than twelve hours | 100 per cent |

6. Place of headquarters - Where a functionary resides within the jurisdiction of the Village Panchayat or Panchayat Union Council or District Panchayat concerned, but at a place different from where the office of Village Panchayat or Panchayat Union or District Panchayat concerned is situated, such place of residence shall be treated as headquarters for the purpose of calculating travelling allowance.

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7. Requirement of Panchayat resolution - Where a functionary has to perform journey outside his jurisdiction for attending to official work and claim travelling allowance for such journey, it shall be sanctioned by a resolution of the Panchayat concerned:

Provided that, the prior sanction of the Inspector shall be obtained for a journey to be undertaken by a functionary outside the district.

8. Sitting fees for attending Panchayat meetings - (1) Every functionary who attends the meeting of the Panchayat concerned, shall be paid sitting fees at the rates as determined by the Government, from time to time.

(2) The expenditure for travelling allowance and sitting fees shall be met from the Funds of the Panchayat concerned.

9. Power of the Government to restrict the travelling allowance - Notwithstanding anything contained in these Rules, the Government shall have power to restrict the amount of travelling allowance payable for a month or a year to any of the functionaries.

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