

21.8**Guidelines for annual maintenance of rural roads**

Rural Development (P1) Department

G.O. (Ms) No. 281

Dated : 29.11.2001

Read :

1. G.O. (Ms) No.177, R.D., dated 7.7.2000.
2. From the Director of Rural Development, D.O.Lr.No.47440/2K/TU1, dated 10.10.2000.
3. From the Chief Engineer (Highways) Rural Roads, Lr.No.3428/2001/RR1, dated 30.05.2001.

ORDER

In the G.O. first read above, orders have been issued, that some of the rural roads which have higher traffic intensity in rural areas, might be chosen for annual maintenance by engaging contractors on experimental basis. The Director of Rural Development was requested to issue guidelines in consultation with the Highways Department in this regard.

2. Accordingly the Director of Rural Development has sent the following guidelines for approval of the Government.

1. Roads selected should have high traffic intensity.

2. Roads should be selected from financially sound Panchayat Unions at the rate of one or two Unions in each District. Entire stretch of the road should be selected.

3. Maintenance should be done from the General Fund of the Union.

4. Tenders should be called for, for fixing up the contractor, L1 should be awarded the work for one year, adopting existing tender procedure.

5. The road should be maintained in such a manner that it should be free from:-

- i) Surface defects
- ii) Cracks
- iii) Pot holes
- iv) Deformations
- v) Disintegration

The road should give a smooth riding surface.

6. Maintenance of road includes

- a) Maintenance of carriage way
- b) Maintenance of shoulders
- c) Maintenance of cross drainage works
- d) Maintenance of culverts, embankments, signboards, milestones
- e) Name boards etc.
- f) Removing light jungles on both sides.

7. Payment should be made every month based on the certificate issued by an officer authorized by the District Collector.

8. If the maintenance is not proper, fine may be imposed on the contractor based on the defects noticed.

3. The Director of Rural Development has also furnished a list of model estimate on expenditure for annual maintenance of rural roads at the rate of Rs.6,250/- per year per K.M. and requested the Government to approve the same. The Chief Engineer (Highways) Rural Roads, Chennai has stated that the rate suggested by the Director of Rural Development is quite reasonable.

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4. The Government after careful consideration, approve the guidelines proposed by the Director of Rural Development in para 2 above, subject to the conditions that while awarding the work contract, due procedure as laid down in the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act / Rules, 2000 should be followed. The annual maintenance cost of the rural roads as suggested by the Director of Rural Development in para 3 above is also accepted by the Government.

5. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O.No.58388/RD/2001-1, dated 5.9.2001.

(By order of the Governor)

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