



ABSTRACT

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department – Electricity Charges - One time settlement of cumulative arrear of current consumption charges to be paid by Panchayats to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board – Drawal of Rs.21.84 crores from the share of State Finance Commission Grant to Village Panchayats - Sanctioned – Orders - Issued.

Rural Development & Panchayat Raj (SGS-3) Department

G.O.(1D) No.585

Dated: 19.11.2012

Read:

From the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Letter No.24111/2012/PRI 3.2, dated 01.09.2012

ORDER:

In the letter read above, the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has stated that the Village Panchayats are looking after the maintenance of Street lights and Drinking Water Supply in rural areas for which current consumption charges are being paid to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board and water charges to the Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board. Separate account is being maintained in the Village Panchayats for this purpose. Minimum Grant of Rs.2.50 lakhs from the State Finance Commission Grant and entire allocation under Thirteenth Finance Commission Grants are being released to the respective account of Village Panchayats towards the payment of current consumption charges and water charges only. Progress in the payment made to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board and Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board are closely reviewed at State level and District level.

2. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has also stated that out of 12,524 Village Panchayats in the State, 12,093 Village Panchayats have settled the Electricity Board dues upto 30.6.2012 without any arrears. Balance 131 Village Panchayats are not in a position to settle the Electricity Board dues fully as on 30.6.2012 and keeping arrears to the tune of Rs.21.84 crores. Since funds released to these Panchayats did not match the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board Demand, this arrear amount is pending for long time. Since the Chairman, Tamilnadu

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Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited is urging to clear the current consumption charge arrears, all the District Collectors were requested to issue necessary orders to the Village Panchayat Presidents to settle the Electricity Board arrears immediately from the funds released to the Village Panchayats as State Finance Commission Grant and Thirteenth Finance Commission Grant and also from the General funds available in the Village Panchayats Account No.1, if sufficient fund is not available in Account No.2.

3. Since 431 Village Panchayats could not settle the Electricity Board arrear from the available grants and amount, the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has requested the Government to issue orders for the drawal of Rs.21.84 crores from the share of State Finance Commission Grant to Village Panchayats for one time settlement of cumulative arrear of current consumption charges to be paid to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board.

4. The Government have examined the proposal of the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj in detail and decided to accept the same and authorize him to draw a sum of Rs.21.84 crores from the share of State Finance Commission Grant to Village Panchayats and to settle the cumulative arrear of current consumption charges to be paid by the 431 Village Panchayats to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, as one time settlement.

5. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O.No. 61791/Finance (RD)/2012, dated 14.11.2012.

(By Order of the Governor)

N.S. PALANIAPPAN,
Principal Secretary to Government

To

The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Chennai-15.

The Chairman & Managing Director,

Tamilnadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited and

Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, Annasalai, Chennai-2.

All District Collectors. (except Chennai)

All Project Directors, District Rural Development Agencies

(Thro' Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Chennai-15)

The Accountant General, Chennai-18/6/9.

The Pay and Accounts Officer, Chennai-35.

All District Treasury Officers

The Pay and Accounts Officer, Madurai.

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//Forwarded by Order//



Section Officer.

