

Self Help Groups (SHGs) - Formation of 50,000 New SHGs during 2009-10 - Permitted - Sanction of Rs.175.00 lakhs towards formation cost.

Rural Development & Panchayat Raj (CGS3) Department

G.O.(Ms).No.87

Dated: 5.8.2009

Read: -

From the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of women Limited D.O. Lr. No. 1124/D1/2009, dated 29.06.2009.

ORDER:-

The Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister had announced on the floor of the Assembly that "efforts would be taken to bring all women living below poverty line under the Self Help Group movement within the next 2 years and to operationalise this announcement, 50,000 new self help groups will be formed in 2009-10 and another 50,000 new Self Help Groups (SHGs) will be formed in 2010-11".

2. The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Ltd, in his letter read above has sent a proposal stating that the Self Help Groups were formed specifically among women who were not members of any Self Help Group with special attention to Village Panchayats with inadequate coverage of SHGs. He has further added that as on 01.04.09 there are still 2723 Village Panchayats where coverage of eligible women in SHGs is less than 25%. Hence the Corporation needs to continue to focus on these areas and efforts have to be taken to include all left out poor women, particularly widows, destitutes and the marginalized in SHGs.

3. The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited., has stated that it is proposed to form 50,000 new Self Help Groups during 2009-10 with women who are not part of SHGs with special focus on :

- NREGS women workers
- Minorities
- Slum dwellers in urban areas
- Village panchayats with inadequate coverage of SHGs.

4. The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of women Limited has further stated that for formation of a new SHG, formation cost of Rs.350/- per SHG is paid to the Non Government Organisation as per the rates approved by the Government. The cost of formation of 50000 new groups works out to Rs.175.00 lakhs (Rs.350 per group x 50000 groups). He has requested the Government to issue necessary orders sanctioning Rs.175.00 lakhs towards assistance for formation of 50,000 new SHGs for the financial year 2009-10.

5. The Government after careful consideration of the proposal of the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of women Limited., accept the proposal and accordingly permit the formation of 50,000 new SHGs during 2009-10, bringing all women, living below poverty line under Self Help Groups movement by giving priority to women who are not part of SHGs, especially NREGS Women workers, Minorities, Slum dwellers in urban areas and Village Panchayats with inadequate coverage of SHGs while forming new SHGS. The Government also accord sanction for a sum of Rs.1,75,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore and Seventy five lakhs only) which includes Budget Estimate 2009-10 provision of Rs.87.50 lakhs towards formation cost of new SHGs as per the rates approved by Government and exempt the amount sanctioned from the purview of Quarterly Control of Appropriation.

6. The amount sanctioned in the Para "5" above shall be debited to the following head of account.

"2235. Social Security and Welfare-02. Social Welfare 103 – Women's Welfare – Schemes in the Eleventh Five Year Plan-II. State Plan - LO Assistance for formation of Self Help Groups - 09 Grants-in-aid - 03 Grants for specific schemes. (DPC 2235-02 103 LO 0933).

7. The additional expenditure of Rs.87.50 lakhs sanctioned in para 5 above shall constitute a 'New Instrument of Service'. This expenditure shall be brought to the specific notice of Legislature for approval in due course. Pending approval of the Legislature, the expenditure shall initially be met by an advance from the Contingency Fund. The Commissioner of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj Department is requested to apply for the required funds from Contingency Fund to the Finance (BG-I) department in the prescribed format along with a copy of this order. The Commissioner of Rural development and Panchayat Raj is requested to send necessary proposal to include this expenditure in the supplementary Estimates 2009-10 to Government without fail.

8. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department is authorised to draw and disburse the amount sanctioned in para "5" above to the Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited by means of cheque.

9. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No. 43134/RD/2009 dated 28.7.2009 and with Additional Sanction Ledger No. 462 (Four hundred and sixty two)

(By Order of the Governor)

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (i/c)