

Self Help Groups (SHGs) – Organising competitions for Self Help Groups / Panchayat Level Federations (PLFs) members at Block Level and District Level – 2008-09 – Sanction and Release of funds.

Rural Development & Panchayat Raj (CGS3) Department

G.O. (Ms.) No.89

Dated. 06-6-2008.

Read:

1. G.O.(Ms.) No. 104, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.1) Department Dated 19.6.2007.
2. From the Managing Director, Tamilnadu Corporation for Development of Women Ltd. D.O.No. 318/F/08, dated 08.05.2008.

ORDER

In the G.O. first read above, orders were issued for organizing competitions at Block and District Levels among Panchayat Level Federations and for distribution of cash prizes and certificates for the year 2007-2008.

2. On the light of the successful experiment, of 2007-08, the Managing Director, Tamilnadu Corporation for Development of Women Ltd. has proposed to conduct competitions for Self Help Group / Panchayat Level Federations Members during 2008-2009 as detailed below:-

- Competitions will be conducted first at Block level in November & December, and at District level around Samathuva Pongal in the month of January.
- At the Block level each Panchayat Level Federation (PLF) will be represented by a team. The winning team at the Block level will participate in the District level competition.
- Competitions will be in 4 events to be chosen from among debate, oratory, singing, group singing, group dancing, kolam, etc. The competitions will be designed around socially relevant topics.
- Prize money and certificates will be given to the winning teams. The Block level winners in each event will be given prize money of Rs.1000. At the District level, 3 prizes will be given for each event as follows:

1st Prize	:	Rs.5000/-
2nd Prize	:	Rs.3000/-
3rd Prize	:	Rs.2000/-
- The services of Women's Colleges, Polytechnics, ITIs and Girls' Schools which are willing and have adequate infrastructure for conducting these events will be utilized.

3. The Managing Director, Tamilnadu Corporation for Development of Women Ltd. has indicated the estimated cost towards organizing these competitions as follows:-

A. BLOCK LEVEL COMPETITIONS

Estimated number of participants per PLF - 10

Food & refreshment	-	Rs. 50/- per person
Transport charges	-	@ Rs.10/- per person
Cost of organising 4 events	-	@ Rs. 2500/- per event
Cost of prizes	-	Rs.1000 per event (4 events)
Contingency and documentation	-	Rs.2000 per Block

B. District Level Competitions

Estimated number of participants - 15 participants per Block

Food & refreshment expenditure	-	Rs. 100/- per person
Transport charges	-	@ Rs.20/- per person
Cost of organizing 4 events	-	Rs. 6000/- per event (4 Events)
Cost of prizes at district level	-	Rs. 10,000/- per event (4 events)
Contingency and documentation	-	Rs. 6000/- Per District

4. The Managing Director, Tamilnadu Corporation for Development of Women Ltd. has stated that a sum of Rs.1.66 crores is required for holding the competitions and a sum of Rs.1.60 crores has been provided in the Budget Estimate 2008-09. The excess cost on this account, if any, will be incurred from savings available out of funds sanctioned for the year 2007-08.

5. The Managing Director, Tamilnadu Corporation for Development of Women Ltd. has therefore requested to accord sanction for holding the competitions during 2008-09 at a total cost of Rs.1.66 crores and to release an amount of Rs.1.60 crores provided in the Budget 2008-09 and to authorize the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj to draw and disburse the amount to the Tamilnadu Corporation for Development of Women Ltd. by means of cheque. The Managing Director, Tamilnadu Corporation for Development of Women Ltd., has also requested that the Special Commissioner and Secretary to Government, Rural Development & Panchayat Raj Department may be authorised to amend the guidelines of the scheme based on operational requirements, in consultation with the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Ltd.

6. The Government after detailed examination, of the proposal accept the same and issue the following orders:-

- a) Accord sanction for holding the competitions as proposed at para 2 and 3 above during 2008-09 and to release an amount of Rs.1.60 crores provided in the Budget 2008-09.
- b) The expenditure over and above Rs. 1.60 crores shall be met from the savings of previous years.

- c) Authorize the Special Commissioner and Secretary to Government, Rural Development & Panchayat Raj Department to amend the guidelines of the scheme based on operational requirements, in consultation with the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Ltd.

7. The Managing Director, Tamilnadu Corporation for Development of Women Ltd. shall take into account the savings of previous years while sending proposals for the next year.

8. The expenditure sanctioned in para 6 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 – LV Organizing competitions among Self Help Groups - 09 Grants in aid 03. Grants for specific schemes.” (D.P. Code 2235 - 02 - 103 - LV-0939):

9. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj is authorized to draw the amount sanctioned in para 6 above and to disburse the same to Tamilnadu Corporation for Development of Women Ltd. by means of cheque.

10. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. Note No.1590/FS/P/08, dated 25.5.2008.

(By order of the Governor)

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SPECIAL COMMISSIONER AND
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT