

Self Help Groups (SHGs) – Formation of 25,000 Self Help Groups - 2008-09 – Permitted - Sanction of Rs.87.50 lakhs.

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.3) Department.

G.O. (Ms) No.98

Dated: 9.6.2008

Read:

From the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited D.O.Lr. No. 288/D1/2008, dated 8.5.2008.

ORDER:

The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited has stated that the Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited is implementing Mahalir Thittam in partnership with Non Government Organisations with the objective of bringing about socio-economic development and empowerment of women. Under Mahalir Thittam, Self Help Groups are formed, systematically trained and motivated to start income generating activities. The immediate goal of Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited is to ensure that all poor women particularly widows, destitutes and marginalized are included in Self Help Groups in the next 3 years.

2. Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development and Local Administration had announced in the floor of the Assembly that 25,000 new Self Help Groups will be formed under Mahalir Thittam during 2008-09 giving priority to poor women who are not part of Self Help Groups especially National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme workers. Though 3,65,709 Self Help Groups have been formed in the State, the coverage of women in Self Help Groups is less than 25% in as many as 3644 Village Panchayats. Special attention will be given to these inadequately covered Village Panchayats while forming new Self Help Groups during 2008-09.

3. The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited has stated that for formation of a new Self Help Group, formation cost of Rs.350/- per Self Help Group is paid to the Non Government Organisations partner as per the norms issued by the Government. The cost of formation of 25,000 new groups works out to Rs.87.50 lakhs (25000 group x Rs.350 per group).

4. The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited has requested the Government to issue necessary orders sanctioning Rs.87.50 lakhs towards assistance for formation of 25,000 new Self Help Groups for the financial year 2008-09.

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 25,000 Self Help Groups during 2008-09 by giving priority to women who are not part of Self Help Groups especially National Rural Employment Guarantee Act workers and Special attention shall be given to the inadequately covered Village Panchayats while forming new Self Help Groups. The Government also

accord sanction and release a sum of Rs.87.50 lakhs (Rupees Eighty Seven lakhs and fifty thousand only)

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-aids 03 Grants for specific schemes. (D.P. Code 2235-02 103 LO 0933).

7. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Chennai is authorized 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.

8. The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited is requested to send the utilization certificate to the Accountant General, Government and the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj,

9. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. No.1745/FS/P/08 dated 9.6.2008.

(By order of the Governor)

K. ASHOK VARDHAN SHETTY
SPECIAL COMMISSIONER AND
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.