

8.1 2007- 08 - Panchayat Union School Renovation Programme - Guidelines and allocation of Rs.135.00 Crores

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (SGS4) Department

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Read:

Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj DO. Letter No.Roc.No.31787/2007/PRI 2.2 dated 30.5.2007

ORDER

The Honorable Minister for Rural Development and Local Administration has announced a new scheme called "**PANCHAYAT UNION SCHOOL RENOVATION PROGRAMME**" (ஊராட்சி ஒன்றிய பள்ளிகள் சீரமைப்புத் திட்டம்) on the floor of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 12.4.2007. The programme envisages repair and improvement of all the Panchayat Union Elementary Schools and Middle Schools in the State in a phased manner.

2. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj in his detailed proposal has stated that in the **385** Block Panchayats in the State, there are around **22,000** Panchayat Union schools and **5,500** Panchayat Union Middle Schools which are being maintained by the Block Panchayats. In those schools, new buildings have been constructed under various schemes like Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), Operation Blackboard (OBB), Sampoorana Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), MLA Constituency Development Scheme (MLACDS), MP Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) and Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA) Scheme besides others. However, over a period of time, due to lack of maintenance, many buildings have become dilapidated. There are instances where the students are forced to sit out in the open for fear of the roof collapsing or tiles falling down. Hence there is an urgent need to take up repair and renovation of such long neglected school buildings. It is also necessary to provide additional facilities like electrification, water supply, toilets kitchen sheds for the benefit of the students. Hence repairs and improvement of elementary and middle schools is to be taken up under a new scheme called "**Panchayat Union School Renovation Programme**" (ஊராட்சி ஒன்றிய பள்ளிகள் சீரமைப்புத் திட்டம்). He has also suggested certain guidelines for implementation of this scheme.

3. The Government have examined the proposal of Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj in detail and decided to accept them. Accordingly the Government direct that the Scheme for "**Panchayat Union School Renovation Programme**" (ஊராட்சி ஒன்றிய பள்ளிகள் சீரமைப்புத் திட்டம்) be implemented with immediate effect. The Government also direct that the guidelines annexed to this order shall be strictly followed for the implementation of the scheme.

4. The Government also direct that the funds for the scheme be allotted from out of Third State Finance commission grant share of Panchayat Union and District Panchayat (in the ratio of 32:8) as follows.

From Panchayat Union Share	: Rs.108.00 Crores
From District Panchayat Share	: Rs.27.00 Crores
Total	Rs.135.00 Crores

5. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj is directed to release the funds on quarterly basis as detailed bellow.

Panchayat Union Share :

1 st Quarter	: Rs.27.00 Crores
2 nd Quarter	: Rs.27.00 Crores
3 rd Quarter	: Rs.27.00 Crores

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4th Quarter : Rs.27.00 Crores

District Panchayat Share :

1st Quarter : Rs.6.00 Crores

2nd Quarter : Rs.7.00 Crores

3rd Quarter : Rs.7.00 Crores

4th Quarter : Rs.7.00 Crores

6. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj is authorized to draw and disburse the amount sanctioned in paras 4 and 5 by apportioning them suitably among the various districts.

7. This order issue with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its. U.O.No.1792/FS/p/07 Dated 3.6.07

(By order of the Governor)

K. ASHOK VARDHAN SHETTY
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

ANNEXURE**Guidelines for implementation of Panchayat Union School Renovation Programme:****1. Construction of new buildings is not permitted under this Scheme.****2. Selection of Schools.**

For the year 2007-08, the entire funds for repair and improvements of panchayat Union Primary and Middle Schools be allocated to the AGAMT Village Panchayats of selected during 2006-07 and 2007-08.

3. Selection and Finalisation of the works

A selection committee consisting of the following members shall be given the responsibilities for the finalization of the repair works to be carried out in each of the school buildings.

- a) Block Development Officer (Block Panchayat)–Convener of the Committee
- b) Union Engineer
- c) Assistant Elementary Education Officer (AEEO) concerned
- d) Head Master of the Panchayat Union School
- e) Village Panchayat President
- f) Panchayat Union Ward Member Concerned.

4. The Committee should inspect each and every school building and list out the items of repairs to be carried out. The Union Engineer must take necessary measurement for preparing detailed estimate for the works during this visit itself. The committee should satisfy itself about the priority of works to be taken up for repairs and renovation.

5. Identification of repair works.

In identification of the repair works to be carried out the following order of priority shall strictly be observed.

1. Mandatory Works:

- Electrification (including wiring, provision of fans and CFLs) and payment of E.B. Deposits.
- White washing / Colour washing of the buildings (except those buildings, where white washing / colour washing was done within the last 3 years).

2. Priority Works:

- Under taking repairs of RCC roof (in terms of putting up weathering course or taking up leak proofing etc.)
- Repairs / replacement of damaged flooring
- Painting of Black Boards
- Repair/ replacement of doors and windows
- Minor repairs of damaged tiles/rafters/ reapers in buildings with tiled roofing.
- Repairs of cracks in buildings walls.

3. Special Works:

In respect of such works where replacement of tiled roofing or Asbestos sheet roofing is to be taken up as suggested by the Committee, **The Assistant Executive Engineer (RD) concerned shall inspect each and every work** and verify the type of work which can be undertaken on site considering the building condition and also the cost involved for that purpose. Such cases are to be dealt with on a case to case basis separately and are to be approved by the District Collectors also separately.

6. If the selection committee is of the opinion that a particular building is so dilapidated that it requires total replacement, then it need not be taken up for repairs and taking up of new building under SSA, MPLAD, MLACDS or other schemes be looked into.

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7.A detailed proposal shall be submitted with technically sanctioned estimates by the BDO (Block Panchayat) containing the assessment sheet for each school, duly signed by the Block Development Officer (Block Panchayat), Union Engineer, Assistant Elementary Education Officer, Head master of the School, Village Panchayat President and Panchayat Union Ward Member concerned.

8.Test Verification of Estimates:

The District Collector shall on getting the reports about the repairs required in each school, send individual officials for test verification about the correctness of the works identified and amount involved in each proposal. The District Collector shall himself inspect at least 10% of the work before giving Administrative sanction. The Project Officer, District Rural Development Agencies Executive Engineer (RD) , Chief Education Officer, District Elementary Education Officer shall each inspect at least 20% of the works independently and super-check the necessity of the sub-components of the work identified in each school building and also the correctness of the estimation in this regard.

9.Administrative Sanction:

The administrative sanction shall be accorded by the District Collector who will reserve the right to add or score off any sub-component of work, as required.

10. Tendering of works:

The works shall be executed through tendering process. The Block Development Officer (Block Panchayat) is designated as the tender inviting authority. The Panchayat Union Council will be empowered to accept tenders without any tender excess. The Collector will be empowered to accept tenders with the tender excess up to a maximum of 5% over the estimate.

11. Flow of funds:

Allotment of funds to the District shall be on pro-rata basis in proportion to the number of Panchayat Union Elementary and Middle Schools in the districts. 75% of the funds received by the District will be allocated in the first installment for the works identified by the committee for individuals schools as test verified by the district level officials. The remaining 25% will be allocated subsequently based upon individual reports got from the Assistant Executive Engineer (RD) concerned, for such works which require replacement of Asbestos Sheet roofing in the buildings. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj is directed to open a separate account in the directorate at State level One account may be opened in the District Rural Development Agency office and operated by the Project Officer, District Rural Development Agency in which the funds for the District shall be initially deposited the Block Development Officer (Block Panchayats) shall also open one separate account in the block office. The District Collector will reallocate the amount to the blocks based on the proposals received from the blocks and sanctioned and the money shall be released by the Project Officer, Rural Development Agency to the Blocks concerned.

12. All the Panchayat Union Elementary Schools and Panchayat Union Middle school shall be covered through this scheme. The Panchayat Union Schools located in Town Panchayats / Grade-III Municipalities should also be taken up as those schools are owned by the respective Panchayat Unions.

13.Documentation:

Documentation should be done detailing various processes in the implementation of the scheme, starting from identification of the works up to the completion. Once the work is over, the fact that the school has been renovated under the "**PANCHAYAT UNION SCHOOL RENOVATION PROGRAMME**" (ஊராட்சி ஒன்றிய பள்ளிகள் சீரமைப்புத் திட்டம்) should be prominently written in Tamil along with the amount incurred on a portion of the school building.

14. The Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, in consultation with Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj is empowered to modify any of the above guidelines based on exigencies that may arise from time to time.