

Social Welfare – Women Welfare – World Bank funded Tamil Nadu Empowerment and Poverty Reduction Project (TNEPRP) – Project concept design for Empowerment and Poverty Reduction Project to be implemented from 2004-2011 in Tamilnadu, Administrative approval – Orders issued.

Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme (SW.3) Department

G.O.(2D).No.63

Dated: 24.10.2005

Read:

1. G.O.(Ms) No.33, Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department, dated 09.03.2005.
2. G.O.(Ms) No.34, Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department, dated 09.03.2005.
3. G.O.(Ms) No.67, Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department, dated 03.05.2005.
4. Letter (Ms) No.66, Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department, dated 03.05.2005.

Read also:

5. From the Executive Director and Project Director, Tamil Nadu Empowerment and Poverty Reduction Project, D.O.Letter No.398/WB/2004, dated 16.02.2005 and 17.03.2005.

In the letter fifth read above the Project Director, Tamil Nadu Empowerment and Poverty Reduction Project has sent project proposal giving details of the project and implementation arrangements for approval of the Government. The Project has been designed as a community driven development Project. The objectives of the project are to improve the livelihoods and empower the rural poor (particularly women and other disadvantaged groups) through

- (a) developing and strengthening pro-poor local Institutions/Groups,
- (b) building skills and capacities of poor and
- (c) financing productive demand driven sub-Project investments.

2. The project will cover around 350,000 target families in 2300 Panchayats in 70 backward blocks spread over 15 districts of the State. The targeted population under this project will primarily be the:

- Very poor and poor households
- Most vulnerable, destitute, widows, aged
- Marginalized communities and sections
- Differently-abled (disabled)

The total cost of the 'Tamil Nadu Empowerment and Poverty Reduction Puthu Vazhvu Project is Rs.717 Crores (159 Million US \$).

In the Government Order first read above, Orders have been issued for the formation of State Level Society and District Level Societies with the list of members, to implement the World Bank assisted Tamil Nadu Empowerment and Poverty Reduction Project.

To guide the project the Government also constituted an Executive Committee consisting of eight members under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department.

3. In the G.O. second read above, Government have also constituted Village Level Poverty Reduction Committee (VPRC) in the Panchayats in which the projects will be implemented.

- The World Bank has approved the project concept design for empowerment and Poverty Reduction Project to be implemented in Tamilnadu. The Plan of action for implementation of the Project is from 2005-2011 (six years). The Project will be implemented in the following three main components:

- (i) Village Livelihoods Funds 88.83% of the Project Outlay
- (ii) Institutional Strengthening 4.40% of Project Outlay
- (iii) Project Management 6.77% of Project Outlay.

4. Administrative sanction is accorded to the State Action Plan for 70 Blocks comprising of 2329 Panchayats in 15 Backward Districts of the State at a total target outlay of Rs.717.00 Crores for the period for 2005-2011 as detailed below:

No	Component	Amount (Rupees in Million)		%
A	Village Livelihoods Fund (A1 + A2)		6370.00	88.83
A1	Forming and Strengthening Local Institutions	899.00		12.54
A2	Village Fund (A2a + A2b + A2c)	5471.00		76.30
A2a	Village Fund – VPRC Fund	2001.00		27.90
A2b	Village Fund – Livelihoods Fund	2990.00		41.70
A2c	Village Fund – Gram Panchayat Incentive Fund	480.00		6.70
B	Institutional Strengthening Support		315.40	4.40
B1	Capacity Building at State and District Levels	106.80		1.49
B2	Support to Livelihoods at State and District Level	156.00		2.18
B3	Monitoring	52.60		0.73
C	Project Management		485.60	6.77
Total (A+B+C)			7171.00	100.00

(Rounded to Rupees Seven hundred and seventeen crores only)

5. The Project Director, Tamil Nadu Empowerment and Poverty Reduction Project is requested to send the budget proposals with plan of action for each year with the approval of the General body of the Tamil Nadu Puthuvazhvu Society and obtain the orders of Government separately for sanction and release of required fund for implementation of the project.

6. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.3457/FS/P/2005, dated 27.09.2005.

(By order of the Governor)

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