



ABSTRACT

Schemes – State Schemes – World Bank funded Tamil Nadu Empowerment and Poverty Reduction Project (TNEPRP) - Vaazhndhu Kaattuvom Project – Extension of the Vaazhndhu Kaattuvom Project in 10 more Districts – Additional Financing of c.950,00,00,000/- (US \$ 153.0 Million) sanctioned by World Bank – Implementation – Administrative sanction accorded – Orders – Issued.

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

G.O.(Ms) No:27

Dated : 28.02.2011.

Read:-

1. G.O.(2D) No.63, Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme (SW3) Department, dated 24.10.2005.
2. Fax message of Acting Country Director, India, dated 23.11.2010.
3. From the Project Director, Vaazhndhu Kaattuvom Project D.O.Letter No.269/VKP/C2/2009, dated 16.03.2009 and 03.01.2011.

ORDER:-

In the order first read above, the Government had accorded administrative approval for implementation of the World Bank funded Tamil Nadu Empowerment and Poverty Reduction Project known as Vaazhndhu Kaattuvom Project in 70 Backward Blocks spread in 16 districts of Tamil Nadu at an outlay of c.717.00 crores during the period from 2005-2006 to 2010-2011.

2. In the letter second read above, the Project Director, Vaazhndhu Kaattuvom Project has sent a proposal for additional financing for the project giving details of the Project principles and implementation arrangements for recommending the project and to send it to World Bank through Government of India. He has stated that the Project is following the Community-driven Development approach. The objectives of the project are to improve the livelihoods and empower the rural poor through:

- (a) Developing, strengthening and synergizing pro-poor local Institutions / Groups, (Including Village Panchyats).
- (b) Enhancing skills and capacities of poor (Specially women and vulnerable).
- (c) Financing productive demand driven sub-Project Investments related to livelihoods for the target poor.

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3. The Project Director, Vaazhndhu Kaattuvom Project has stated that the project is now being implemented in 2509 Village Panchayats in four phases covering approximately 5.80 lakh households. Under the additional financing proposals, the Project will cover an additional 3.82 lakh target families in 1661 Village Panchayats. The mid-term evaluation study as well as the successive Missions of the World Bank have recommended that additional financing is imperative to sustain the momentum gained and to deepen and broaden the Project coverage to enhance the development impact. Hence, he has stated that the Project needs additional funds for extending its program to new areas and also for intensifying the impact in the existing areas.

4. The Project Director, Vaazhndhu Kaattuvom Project has also stated that based on the above, a detailed additional financing proposal costing c.950 crores for sanction was sent to the World Bank through Government of India with recommendations of Tamil Nadu to extend the Project to 50 more backward blocks in additional 10 Districts and to extend the Project period till 30.09.2014 and the quantum of additional funds required was worked out as follows:-

	c. in Crores
Requirement of Additional funds for existing Project Blocks	222.85
Requirement for 50 additional Blocks	727.15

TOTAL	c. 950.00 Crores

5. The World Bank in the Fax message second read above had conveyed their approval for additional financing of the Tamil Nadu Empowerment and Poverty Reduction Vaazhndhu Kaattuvom Project. The agreement between the World Bank, Government of India, Government of Tamil Nadu and the Project Authorities were signed on 23.12.2010.

6. The Project Director has also stated that there is no change in the Project design and the programme will be implemented as per the existing structure and there is also no change in the Project components and the project will be implemented in the following three main components:

- i. Village Livelihood Program - 92.95% of the outlay.
- ii. Capacity Building of State and District Level teams -2.36% of the outlay.
- iii. Project Management – 4.69% of the outlay.

He has therefore requested the Government to accord administrative sanction for implementation of the Tamil Nadu Empowerment and Poverty Reduction Vaazhndhu Kaattuvom Project at an outlay of c.950 crores (Rupees Nine hundred and fifty crores only) and to implement the project in 10 more Districts, covering 46 Blocks and 4 Blocks in existing Project area covering 1661 Village Panchayats in all as given in the annexure to this order.

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7. The Government after careful consideration of the proposal of Project Director, Vaazhndhu Kaattuvom Project accept the proposal and accord Administrative sanction for the implementation of Vaazhndhu Kaattuvom Project at a total outlay of c. 950,00,00,000/- (Rupees Nine hundred and fifty crores only) and to extend the project to 10 more Districts, covering 46 Blocks and 4 Blocks in existing Project Districts covering 1661 Village Panchayats and also Requirement of Additional funds for existing projects blocks as at para 4 above. The Government also extend the period of implementation of the project upto 30.09.2014. The component wise details of the project and the details of the additional districts, no. of Block and No.of Village Panchayats to be covered and also the number of additional blocks to be covered in existing areas and the districts are given in annexure I & II respectively.

8. The Project Director, Vaazhndhu Kaattuvom Project is requested to send the budget proposals with plan of action for each year with the approval of the General body of the Vaazhndhu Kaattuvom Project State Society and obtain the orders of Government separately for sanction and release of required fund for implementation of the project.

9. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. No.58/JS(PM)/11, dated 28.02.2011.

//By Order of the Governor//

K. Allaudin,
Principal Secretary to Government.

To
The Project Director,
Vaazhndhu Kaattuvom Project, Chennai – 600 018.
The Country Director, World Bank, New Delhi.
The Deputy Secretary to Government,
Ministry of Finance, Government of India, New Delhi.
The Accountant General, Chennai – 600 006/35.
The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj,
Chennai – 600 015.
The Managing Director,
Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited ,
Chennai - 600 032.
The Pay and Accounts Officer (south), Chennai - 600 035.
Copy to:
The Finance Department (RD&PR), (EAP)), Chennai – 600 009.
The Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Chennai – 600 009.
The Senior Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister,
Chennai – 600 009.
The Director, State Institute of Rural Development,
Maraimalai Nagar, Kancheepuram.

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ANNEXURE – I
Component wise details of the Project

Component	Details	Rs.in Crores			%
		Existing Blocks	New Blocks	Total	
A	Village Livelihood Program	222.85	660.15	883.00	92.95
A1	Forming and Strengthening Of Village Institutions	0.00	88.50	88.50	9.31
i	VP Initiation activities	0.00	5.80	5.80	0.61
ii	Formation and Strengthening of Village Institutions	0.00	49.70	49.70	5.23
iii	VP Incentive	0.00	33.00	33.00	3.47
A2	Inter Village Development	187.85	510.90	698.75	73.56
i	VPRC Investments	50.00	199.32	249.32	26.24
ii	Livelihoods Development	137.85	298.98	436.83	45.98
iii	VPRC Incentive	0.00	12.60	12.60	1.33
A3	Intra Village Development	35.00	60.75	95.75	10.08
i	Developing Community professionals		3.25	3.25	0.34
ii	Federations Development	35.00	57.50	92.50	9.74
B	District and State Support to Village Livelihood Program	0.00	22.50	22.50	2.36
B1	Capacity Building of State and District level teams	0.00	7.70	7.70	0.81
B2	Livelihoods, Employment, Business Support and linkages	0.00	5.90	5.90	0.62
B3	Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning	0.00	8.90	8.90	0.93
C	Project Management	0.00	44.50	44.50	4.69
Total (A+B+C)		222.85	727.15	950.00	100

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ANNEXURE – II

**Details of name of additional Districts , Blocks to be covered
and no. of Village Panchayats**

District	No. of Blocks	No. of Village Panchayats
Perambalur	3	101
Ariyalur	4	134
Dharmapuri	6	193
Dindigul	5	121
Karur	6	131
Krishnagiri	5	178
Sivagangai	5	183
Virudhunagar	4	165
Madurai	4	132
Pudukkottai	4	155
Total	46	1493

Additional Blocks to be covered in existing Project Area

Namakkal	1	29
Ramanathapuram	1	53
Thoothukudi	1	46
Thiruvannamalai	1	40
Total	4	168
Grand Total (A+B)	50	1661

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