

**IFAD assisted Post Tsunami Sustainable Livelihood Programme (PTSLP)  
Tamilnadu Corporation for Development of Women as Lead Programme Agency**

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Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS-II) Department

G.O. (Ms) No. 99

Dated: 13.6.2007

Read:

1. G.O.(Ms) No.136, Rural Development Department, dated 19.10.2005
2. G.O.(Ms) No.139, Rural Development Department, dated 21.10.2005
3. From the Project Implementation Officer, Tsunami Project Implementation Unit, D.O.Lr.No.1140/06/A2, dated 8.8.2006
4. Chief Secretary to Government, D.O.Lr.No.24125/CGS-II/2006, Rural Development Department, dated 10.8.2006 addressed to Secretary to Government of India, Department of Economic Affairs
5. From the Director (FD), MOF, Government of India, D.O.Lr.No3/2/2005-FB-VII, dated 28.2.2007
6. From the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited D.O.Lr.No.184/IFAD/2007/dated 16.4.2007

**ORDER**

In the G.O. 1st read above, the Government authorized the Tamil Nadu Welfare Society for Self Help Groups to implement the Post Tsunami Sustainable Livelihood Programme (PTSLP) assisted by International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) in the state. In the G.O. 2nd read above, the Project Implementation Officer, Tsunami Project Implementation Unit has been appointed as the Chairman of the Tamil Nadu Welfare Society for Self Help Groups. The Loan Agreement with International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), (Loan No.662 IN) was signed on 11.11.2005. In the Loan Agreement, the Tamil Nadu Welfare Society for Self Help Groups has been designated as the Lead Programme Agency for the implementation in the State. Prior to signing the Memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Government of Tamil Nadu and Tamil Nadu Welfare Society for Self Help Groups (as stipulated in the Programme Loan Agreement), the Government reviewed the strengths and weaknesses of Tamil Nadu Welfare Society and came to the conclusion that the Tamil Nadu Welfare Society is still in a nascent stage and does not have the expertise or experience to implement a Multi-Dimensional Programme such as Post Tsunami Sustainable Livelihood Programme (PTSLP).

2. The Project Implementation Officer, Tsunami Project Implementation Unit who is the Chairman of the Tamil Nadu Welfare Society for Self Help Groups has stated that the Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited has the necessary expertise and 17 years of experience in implementing this type of programme. He has stated that this Corporation has successfully implemented the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) Project for Women Self Help Groups between 1989 and 1995. He has, therefore, suggested that the Post Tsunami Sustainable Livelihood Programme (PTSLP) may be implemented through the Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited.

3. In view of the above suggestion the Government in their letter 4th read above have requested the Government of India for designating Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited as the Lead Programme Agency for implementation of International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) assisted Post Tsunami Sustainable Livelihood Programme (PTSLP). The Government have therefore requested to take this matter up with International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to amend the Loan Agreement for incorporating the proposed change of implementing agency. In the D.O. letter 5th read above, the Government of India have, communicated the concurrence of International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) for the amendments sought by this Government.

4. The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited has stated that as per the Programme Loan Agreement (Loan No.662-IN) one of the conditions for effectiveness of the Loan is that a copy of the signed copy of order designating the Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited as the implementing agency in accordance with the procedures described in para 3.3 of schedule 3 should be delivered to International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). He has stated that Para 3.3 of schedule 3 of the Programme Loan Agreement states as follows:-

The State and the Lead Programme Agency shall be governed by a Government Order which provide among other things that:

- i. The State authorizes the implementation of the Programme through Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited .
- ii. The State shall transfer International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) loan proceeds and other resources to the Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited for the purposes of implementing the Post Tsunami Sustainable Livelihood Programme (PTSLP) as follows: The State, through Rural Development Department, shall release Loan and other resources to Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited on the basis of the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWPB) quarterly in advance. The first advance shall be made to the Programme account of the Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited within 90 days after the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) Loan effective date and shall cover the first three months of programme operations in accordance with the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWPB) and the second and subsequent advances shall be made as replenishments to the Programme account on a quarterly basis upon submission by Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited to the State of a statement of expenditure relating to the previous advance wherein at least 60% of such previous advance shall be accounted for.
- iii. Surplus Programme funds received and invested by the Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited shall be made available to the exclusive use of the Programme.
- iv. The procedures to be utilised for, inter alia, procurement and recruitment, budget preparation, operation of the Programme account, release / flow of funds, accounting , audit and reporting obligations; and
- v. The Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited shall declare its commitment to the goal and purposes of the programme as stated in Schedule 1 of the Programme Loan Agreement and shall undertake to carry out the Programme in accordance with the Programme Loan Agreement.

5. The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited has stated further that another condition for loan effectiveness is that the Government should appoint a Project Director from among the cadre of Civil Servants.

6. The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited has stated that the Government have posted an Executive Director for Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited. He has suggested that the Executive Director may be posted as Project Director of International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) assisted Post Tsunami Sustainable Livelihood Programme (PTSLP) in addition to the duties as Executive Director.

7. The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited has stated that all the formalities relating to the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) assisted, Post Tsunami Sustainable Livelihood Programme (PTSLP) have been completed and International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) will transfer funds for the project through the Government of India as and when the loan becomes effective. He has, therefore, requested the Government to issue orders on the following:-

- i. Authorising Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women as Lead Programme Agency to implement the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) assisted Post Tsunami Sustainable Livelihood Programme (PTSLP) at state and district levels. The conditions stated in para 3.3 of Schedule 3 may be incorporated in the order.
- ii. The Executive Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited may be made as Project Director in charge of this programme in addition to the duties as Executive Director of Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited.

8. The Government after careful examination have decided to accept the above proposals of Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited and pass the following orders:-

- i. The Government authorize the Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited as the Lead Programme Agency (in lieu of Tamil Nadu Welfare Society) to implement the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) assisted Post Tsunami Sustainable Livelihood Programme(PTSLP) in the State.
- ii. The State, through Rural Development Department, shall release Loan and other resources to Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited on the basis of the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWPB) quarterly in advance. The first advance shall be made to the Programme account of the Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited within 90 days after the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) Loan effective date and shall cover the first three months of programme operations in accordance with the AWPB and the second and subsequent advances shall be made as replenishments to the Programme account on a quarterly basis upon submission by Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited to the State of statement of expenditure relating to the previous advance wherein at least 60% of such previous advance shall be accounted for.
- iii. Surplus Programme funds received and invested by the Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited shall be made available to the exclusive use of the Programme.
- iv. The procedures to be utilised for, inter alia, procurement and recruitment, budget preparation, operation of the Programme account, release / flow of funds, accounting, audit and reporting obligations; and
- v. The Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited shall declare its commitment to the goal and purposes of the programme as stated in Schedule 1 of the Programme Loan Agreement and shall undertake to carry out the Programme in accordance with the Programme Loan Agreement.
- vi) a. The Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited shall comply with the terms and conditions governing the release of grant / loan by the Government of Tamil Nadu ;
  - b. Follow the guidelines and procedures prescribed by the Government of India / Government of Tamil Nadu for implementation of the programme in the Tamil Nadu State in pursuance of obligation set forth in the Programme Loan Agreement.
  - c. Follow the procedures for procurement of goods and equipment and services required for implementation of the Programme as set forth or referred to in the Programme loan and project agreements.
  - d. Institute satisfactory arrangements for opening and operation of bank accounts at different levels and for the flow of funds from the Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited to District Programme Implementation Units (DPIUs) and the DPIUs to Community institutions and NGOs and other project partners;

e. Maintain proper accounts and other relevant records, prepare annual accounts comprising receipt and payments, statement of assets and liabilities as may be required by the law.

f. The Programme accounts shall be audited by an independent Chartered Accountant in accordance with the provision of Companies Act. The audited accounts along with a copy of the audit report including report on statement of expenditure and the Annual Report of the Corporation shall be furnished to the Government of Tamil Nadu by end of September every year; and

g. The Programme accounts would be subject to audit by the Comptroller and Audit General of India under the provisions of Comptroller and Auditor General Act.

vii. The decision of the Secretary, Department of Rural Development, and Panchayat Raj Department of Tamil Nadu in regard to interpretation of the above clauses will be final and binding.

9. The Government also direct that the Executive Director of the Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited be appointed as the Project Director in charge of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) assisted Post Tsunami Sustainable Livelihood Programme (PTSLP) in addition to the duties as the Executive Director.

10. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department Vide its U.O.No.1448/FS/P/2007, dated 27.4.2007.

(By order of the Governor)

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT