

Sanction of Rs.90.76 crores for the year 2007-08 to Vazhndu Kaattuvom Project

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS-I) Department

G.O. (Ms) No.131

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Read :

From the Project Director, VKP, D.O.Lr.No.634/ VKP.C(1)/2006, dated 16.4.2007

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The Project Director, Vazhndhu Kaattuvom Project has stated that 'The Vazhndhu Kaattuvom Project' is an initiative of Government of Tamil Nadu assisted by World Bank. It is a community driven development based project with the shift in focus from Group Formation and Social Empowerment of Mahalir Thittam to Poverty Reduction through Livelihood Promotion and Economic Empowerment. The objectives of the Project are as follows:

- a) Developing and strengthening pro poor local institutions / groups
- b) Building skills and capacities of the poor through various Trainings
- c) Financing productive demand driven sub projects to improve the livelihoods of the poor.

2. The Project Director has stated that the Project would be implemented over a period of 6 years with an outlay of Rs.717 Crores in 2469 Gram Panchayats of 70 backward blocks spread over 15 districts namely Theni, Tiruvarur, Tiruvannamalai, Tirunelveli, Tiruvallur, Kancheepuram, Vellore, Villupuram, Salem, Namakkal, Coimbatore, Cuddalore, Nagapattinam, Ramnad and Tuticorin.

World Bank Share	Rs. 541 Crores
Govt. of Tamil Nadu Share	Rs. 122 Crores
Community Contribution	Rs. 54 Crores
Total funds	<u>Rs. 717 Crores</u>

3. The Activities of the Project as reported by the Project Director, Vazhndhu Kattuvom Project, are as follows:

Initial activities like communication campaign, release of Village Panchayat initiation Fund of Rs.35,000/- per Village Panchayat and the exercise of Participatory Identification of Poor have been completed in the 15 first phase blocks covering 581 Village Panchayats. Out of these 581 Panchayats, 495 Village Panchayats have formed Village Poverty Reduction Committees and Village Poverty Reduction Committee fund has been released to 183 Village Panchayats.

Similarly, 518 Village Panchayats of 14 blocks selected in the second phase, initial communication campaign has been completed in 443 Village Panchayats.

During the year 2007-08, the first phase and second phase Panchayats (ie) 1099 Panchayats will implement activities under Village Poverty Reduction Committee Fund and will also commence livelihood activities for Self Help Groups/Economic Activity Groups. The third phase of project implementation will commence in December 2007 / January 2008 and fourth phase will commence in May 2008. The third phase Panchayats will complete the initial project activities like communication campaigns, participatory identification of the poor, Village Poverty Reduction Committee formation, Self Help Groups formation etc.

4. The Project Director, Vazhndhu Kattuvom Project has furnished the realistic budget for the year 2007-08 as detailed below:

Sl.No.	Component	Budget for 2007- 08 (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Formation and Strengthening of Village Institutions	1642.19
2.	Village Fund	5913.62
3.	Institutional Strengthening at District and State Level	450.95
4.	a) Project Management at State Level b) Project Management at District Level	308.98760.29
	Total	9076.03

5. The Project Director, has therefore, requested the Government to sanction a sum of Rs.9076.03 lakhs for the implementation of the Vazhndhu Kaattuvom Project for the year 2007-08. He has also requested that the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Chennai may be authorized to draw and disburse the amount to the Project Director, Vazhndhu Kaattuvom Project.

6. The Government after careful examination, have decided to accept the above proposal of the Project Director, Vazhndhu Kattuvom Project, Accordingly, the Government sanction a sum of Rs.9076.03 lakhs (Rupees ninety crores seventy six lakhs and three thousand only) to the Project Director, Vazhndhu Kattuvom Project for implementation of the Vazhndhu Kattuvom Project for the year 2007-08.

7. The amount sanctioned in para 6 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 – PD.World bank aided Tamil Nadu Empowerment and Poverty Reduction Project – 09. Grants-in-Aid-03. Grants for Specific Schemes (D P C 2235-02-103-PD-0931)"

8. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj is authorized to draw and disburse the above amount by means of cheque to the Project Director, Vazhndhu Kattuvom Project.

9. The Project Director, Vazhnthu Kattuvom Project is requested to send the Utilisation Certificate to the Accountant General, Government and Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj.

10. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O.No.181/DS(APA)/2007 dated: 19.7.07.

(By order of the Governor)

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