

Sanction of Additional Posts of BDO (co-ordination) and Assistant – cum-Data Entry Operators in 12 District Implementation Units in RD & PR Department – Approved by the Sub-Committee

Revenue (NC IV.1) Department

G.O. (Ms) No. 750

Dated : 17.12.2007

Read :

1. G.O.Ms.No.659, Revenue (NC IV-1) Department dated 8.12.2005
Read also:
2. Agenda for Sub Committee Meeting held on 18.9.2007
3. Officer on Special Duty (R&R) and Project Director, ETRP/TEAP) Lr.No. TRR-EAP.4/5306/2007 dated 6.11.2007

ORDER

In the Government Order first read above, a project Implementation Unit headed by the Project Implementation Officer, now redesignated as Project Director, has been formed by the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department for the implementation of the Externally Aided Project of Tsunami Emergency Assistance Project (TEAP) funded by Asian Development Bank, and Emergency Tsunami Reconstruction Project (ETRP) funded by World Bank.

2) The Project Director, Tsunami Project Implementation Unit has stated that Asian Development Bank Assisted Tsunami Emergency Assistance Project (TEAP) is being implemented for the last one year and as on date Revolving Fund to 32933 SHGs and Economic Assistance to 2443 and grant to 33547 Disabled persons and 38 individuals have been sanctioned covering 46 coastal blocks of 12 districts. An expenditure of Rs. 8793.60 lakhs under Revolving Fund, and amount of Rs. 3009.45 Lakhs under economic assistance and a sum of Rs.3345.70 lakhs as grant assistance to disabled persons have been incurred so far. During the field visits of officials of Tsunami Project Implementation Unit and Asian Development Bank, it has been found that proper and adequate verification and monitoring have yet to be done at the field level. It is also found that many banks have charged interest on subsidy and in large number of cases the amount have not been credited in SHGs accounts, in time. The delays varied from 30 days to beyond 150 days in many cases. It is further; found that some banks have charged commission of the SHGs for the services rendered. However, the staff in the District Implementation Units were unable to monitor effectively the whole process, which has resulted in a situation wherein the very purpose behind this scheme itself has been defeated.

3) The Project Director, Tsunami Project Implementation Unit has also stated that the following issues are still not attended fully in the implementation of the programme:-

- I) Sanction of the loan component of RF and EA to the SHGs do take considerable time in many Banks, resulting in keeping the subsidy amounts in the "Subsidy Reserve funds" (without earning any interest), and thus depriving the SHGs the much needed assistance;
- II) Creation of assets by utilizing the subsidy as well as the loans sanctioned by the Banks take its own time, either due to the delays in Bank's procedures or due to the lack of effective coordination at the field level;
- III) Regarding the grant assistance disbursed to the disabled persons, asset creation could not be effectively monitored owing to the large numbers involved; and
- IV) The documentation of the process involved in release and utilization of RF, EA, disabled grants and resultant mapping of the assets created is a time consuming and tedious process, requiring huge man power and effective and continuous monitoring;

4) The Project Director, Tsunami Project Implementation Unit has submitted proposals for sanction of one post of Block Development Officer, Assistant, Data Entry Operator and Office Assistant each in 12 District Implementation Units of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department. The Project Director (ETRP/TEAP) Chennai placed the same before the Sub-Committee at its Meeting held on 18.09.2007.

5) The Sub-Committee has agreed to approve the proposal of Project Director, Tsunami Project Implementation Unit, Chennai with some modifications/ The sub-Committee has agreed to create only the post of 12 Block Development Officers and 12 Assistants-Cum-Data Entry Operators alone in 12 District Implementation Units of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department for a period upto 30.4.2008 or till the need exists whichever is earlier.

6) The Government after careful examination, accept the decision of the Sub-Committee and accord sanction for creation of 12 posts of Block Development Officer in the scale of Rs. 6500-200-10500 at the rate of one post of Block Development Officer for each District Implementation Unit and 12 posts of Assistants-Cum-Data Entry Operators in the scale of pay of Rs 4000-100-6000 in the 12 District Implementation Units at the rate of one post of Assistants-Cum-Operators for each District Implementation Unit for a period upto 30.4.2008 or till the necessity ceases whichever is earlier. The Block Development Officers and Assistants-Cum-Data Entry Operators are also eligible to draw 10% Project Allowance and other allowances as eligible to Government Servants in accordance with orders admissible in force.

7) The expenditure sanctioned in paragraph 6 above shall be debited to the following head of account:-

“ 2515-00. Other Rural Development Programme -102. Community Development – II. State Plan – RC. Asian Development Bank assisted Scheme under Tsunami Emergency Assistance Project (TEAP) – Project Management Unit-Rural Development.”
(DPC. No. 2515-00-102-RC-0007)

8) This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. No. 78555/ Finance (RD)/07, Dated: 12.12.2007 and U.O. No. 81980/Finance (CMPC)/07, Dated: 14.12.2007

(By order of the Governor)

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