



ABSTRACT

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department – Sixth State Finance Commission Grant for the year 2022-23 – Sanction of an amount of Rs.5,00,00,000/- (Rupees Five Crore Only) to Sanitary Workers Welfare Board – Undertaking welfare / social security initiatives for the Sanitary Workers in rural areas - Orders - Issued.

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS-4) Department

G.O. (Ms) No.14

Dated: 20.02.2023

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திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு, 2054

Read:

From the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Letter No.DRD/313/2023/PRI 2-2, dated 15.02.2023.

ORDER:

In the letter read above, the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has stated that the Sixth State Finance Commission has submitted its recommendations to Government by prescribing devolution of grants form State's Own Tax Revenue (SoTR) to Local Bodies and inter-se distribution between the Local Bodies. Further, the Commission has recommended for some other measures to be undertaken to improve the administration's efficiency and augment the Own Sources of Revenue of Local Bodies. The Village Panchayats are engaging sanitary workers to maintain the campus of the offices belonging to Village Panchayats and other government office buildings of the Local Bodies. At present, there are 40,000 Sanitary workers engaged by the Rural Local Bodies to undertake the above activity in rural areas. But, many of the Sanitary workers are not yet enrolled themselves in the Sanitary Workers Welfare Board. Now, the Sixth State Finance Commission has come with specific recommendations on Sanitary Workers Welfare Board and allocated an amount of Rs.5 crore per year.

2) The Sixth State Finance Commission in its recommendations under Operations, Maintenance and Deficit Grant Fund (OMDGF) at State Level has recommended as follows:-

7.44(f) - "Efforts need to be taken to ensure that the sanitary workers in RLBs are registered with the Sanitary Workers Welfare Board. Rs.5 Crore per year should be given as a grant to the board to undertake welfare/social security initiatives for the

Sanitary Workers in rural areas. Director Rural Development should be co-opted as member/special invitee to the Sanitary Workers Welfare Board”.

3) Based on the proposal of the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj in the letter read above, Government accord sanction for a sum of Rs.5,00,00,000/- (Rupees Five Crore only) to Sanitary Workers Welfare Board based on the recommendation of 6th State Finance Commission. The guidelines for utilisation of the sum sanctioned are as below for strict adherence.

I. Works that can be taken up:

The funds allocated by the Sixth State Finance Commission shall be utilized only for the activities that are associated with welfare of the Sanitary Workers engaged by Rural Local Bodies. The works such as construction of the building, procurement of car, vehicles that are to be utilized for officials of Sanitary Workers Welfare Board shall not be taken up. Purchase of property and land is not permitted. This amount shall not be utilized for extension or maintenance of office of Sanitary Workers Welfare Board. Likewise, this money shall not be utilized for engaging manpower at Sanitary Workers Welfare Board.

II. Accounting Method:

As per the recommendations of Sixth State Finance Commission, an amount of Rs.5 Crore per year for the entire award period is sanctioned. The fund shall be directly transferred to Sanitary workers welfare Board. In this regard, following accounting methods shall be followed as detailed below:-

1. A separate Bank Account for this amount of Rs.5 Crore per annum shall be opened at the Sanitary Workers Welfare Board.
2. A separate cashbook/ledger has to be maintained in Sanitary Workers Welfare Board.
3. This amount of Rs.5 Crore shall be utilized within the financial year.
4. Annual Statement of Account with receipt and expenditure shall be enclosed with utilization certificate that has to be sent to Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj.
5. Interests and savings if any available in the account at the end of the financial year shall be transferred to the Government Account. The unspent balance which is not committed for the financial year, may be utilized for payment of salary to the Sanitary workers, if any with approval of the Committee mentioned below.

III. Utilization Certificate:

The Sanitary Workers Welfare Board shall produce utilization Certificate during May-June of every year for the previous year's sanction and release. The utilization certificate shall be sent to the Commissioner, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj and the same will be scrutinized by him/her. The proposal for claiming the grant for the current year shall consist of proposal and the utilization certificate of the last year.

The Template format for utilisation certificate will be decided by the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj in consultation with Sanitary Workers Welfare Board.

IV. Monitoring:

The grant sanctioned under Sixth State Finance Commission for this specific purpose shall be monitored periodically. For this purpose, a Committee at the State level has to be constituted and the same has to be percolated to down the line. At the State level, the committee shall consists of the following.

Commissioner, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj	Chairman
CEO/ Secretary, Sanitary Workers Welfare Board	Member
Additional Director (SBM)	Convenor
Additional Director (PRI) and Additional Director (NGE)	Member
Representative from Sanitary Workers Welfare Board	Member
Select Sanitary Workers of RLB. Nominated by Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj	Members
Representative from Adi Dravidar & Tribal Welfare Department nominated by the Secretary, Adi Dravidar & Tribal Welfare Department.	Member

The above Committee shall conduct the meeting with the wide spectrum of sanitary workers engaged with Rural Local Bodies (RLBs) to find out the shelf of activities for the welfare of Sanitary Workers Welfare. Likewise, at the District level, the District administration shall conduct a meeting with Sanitary Workers and their grievances shall be received and the same be apprised to the State level Committee, if required.

4) The Government authorize the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Chennai to draw and disburse the amount sanctioned in para 3 above to Sanitary Workers Welfare Board through IFHRMS under the following Head of Account:-

Head of Account	Amount
3604-00 Compensation and Assignments to Local Bodies and Panchayat Raj Institutions – 200 Other Miscellaneous Compensations and Assignments – State’s Expenditure CD. Operation, Maintenance Deficit Grant Fund (OMDGF) - Sanitary Workers Welfare Board – 309. Grants-in-aid – 02. Grants for Creation of Capital Assets. DPC 3604 00 200 CD 30902	Rs.5,00,00,000/-
Total	Rs.5,00,00,000/-

5) The Principal Secretary to Government, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, has empowered to modify the guidelines wherever necessary in consultation with the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj and Finance Department.

6) This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. No.6853/2023/Fin (SFC-MC) Department, dated : 20.02.2023.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

**P. AMUDHA,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.**

To
The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj,
Chennai – 15.
The Secretary, Sanitary Workers Welfare Board, Chennai.
The Secretary, Adi Dravidar & Tribal Welfare Department, Chennai – 9.
All District Collectors,
All District Treasury Officers.
The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Chennai-35.
The Director of Local Fund Audit, Chennai-35.
The Pay and Account Officer (South), Chennai-35.

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The Special Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Rural Development), Chennai-9.
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The Finance (RD/SFC-MC/W&M.I/BG.I/BG.II) Department, Chennai -9
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