



### Abstract

Announcement - Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department – Guidelines for utilisation of fund allotted under Operation and Maintenance Deficit Grant Fund of Sixth State Finance Commission towards development of 278 Hilly Panchayats – Guidelines Approved - Orders – Issued.

### RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYAT RAJ (PR.3) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms) No.105

Dated 17.08.2023

சோபகிருது வருடம், ஆடி 32,

திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2054

Read :

1. Announcement made by the Hon'ble Minister of Rural Development on the floor of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 30.03.2023.
2. From the Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, letter Rc.No.30735/2023/PRI 2-2, dated 31.07.2023.

### ORDER:

The Honourable Minister for Rural Development has made an announcement as mentioned below on the floor of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 30.03.2023.

"மலைப்பகுதிகளில் உள்ள ஊராட்சிகளின் அடிப்படை தேவைகளை மேம்படுத்துவதற்காக 30 கோடி ரூபாய் மதிப்பீட்டில் சிறப்புத் திட்டம் செயல்படுத்தப்படும்."

2. In the letter second read above, the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has stated that the Rural areas constitute around 89% of the total Landscape in the State of Tamil Nadu. The landscape varies from Plains, Plateaus, Coastal and Hilly areas. The topographical condition of the area demands variation in the developmental needs expected from the Rural Local Bodies. Thus special attention and consequent concerted efforts and actions from the Village Panchayats. Sixth State Finance Commission has given special attention to geography and demographical balance and sustainable growth. Hence, the Sixth State Finance Commission has recommended a special allocation for Hilly Panchayats to the tune of Rs.30.00 Crore to meet the special needs of Hilly Panchayats for the entire award period of Sixth State Finance Commission as follows:-

(a) 299 Village Panchayats, which are located in hilly areas should also get an additional lump sum amount of Rs.10 lakh per hilly Panchayat. (Para 7.44)

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(b) As of now, there is no proper classification of Hilly Panchayats in Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1994 and rules thereunder. However, the Hill Area Conservation Authority (HACA) has notified certain Panchayats as Hill Area Conservation Authority Panchayats during the period from 1993 to 2003.

3. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has further stated that, now, the Hilly Panchayats needs to be classified as per the existing geographic conditions and other characteristics like Population, number of Habitation, altitude, Tourism importance, Tribal population, Own Source Revenue (OSR) etc. The parameters like Altitude and Location, Tourism importance have been considered by the inspector of Panchayats of all the Districts and as per the above 278 Village Panchayats are identified as Hilly Panchayats.

4. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has also further stated that, the fund allotted under Operation and Maintenance Deficit Grant Fund of Sixth State Finance Commission may be utilised for this purpose following the guidelines for the activities to be undertaken in the Hilly Panchayats.

5. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has requested the Government to approve the guidelines and to issue necessary orders on proposal.

6. The Government after careful examination of the proposal of the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, hereby approve the guidelines for the activities to be undertaken in 278 Hilly Panchayats by utilising the fund allotted under Operation and Maintenance Deficit Grant Fund of Sixth State Finance Commission (SFC) towards development of Hilly Panchayats. The list of 278 Panchayats and the approved guidelines for the implementation of this scheme in the Hilly Panchayats is annexed to this Government Order as Annexure I and II.

**(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)**

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

To  
The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Chennai-15.  
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The Pay and Accounts Officer, Chennai-35.  
All the District Treasury Officers.  
The Accountant General, Chennai-18/35.  
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ANNEXURE – I

G.O. (Ms.) No.105, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (PR.III) Department,  
dated 17.08.2023)

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj

<b>Details of Hilly Areas Village Panchayat</b>			
<b>Sl.No</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>No.of. Village Panchayats</b>	<b>Allocated Amount in Rs.</b>
1	Coimbatore	25	27500000
2	Dharmapuri	7	7700000
3	Dindigul	23	26800000
4	Erode	16	17000000
5	Kallakurichi	15	16500000
6	Kanniyakumari	7	7000000
7	Krishnagiri	8	8800000
8	Madurai	50	50000000
9	Namakkal	15	16400000
10	Nilgiris	34	40800000
11	Salem	24	25800000
12	Sivagangai	5	5000000
13	Theni	7	7700000
14	Tirupathur	9	9900000
15	Tiuvannamalai	21	21000000
16	Trichirapalli	3	3100000
17	Vellore	3	3000000
18	Virudhunagar	6	6000000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>300000000</b>

## Rural Development and Panchayat Raj

### List of Hilly Panchayats

Sl.No.	Name of the District	Name of the Block	Name of the Village Panchayat	Allocation In Rs.
1	Coimbatore	Anaimalai	Angalakurichi	1100000
2	Coimbatore	Anaimalai	Arthanaripalayam	1100000
3	Coimbatore	Anaimalai	Jallipatty	1100000
4	Coimbatore	Anaimalai	Kalapuram	1100000
5	Coimbatore	Anaimalai	Marappagoundenpudur	1100000
6	Coimbatore	Anaimalai	Periapodhu	1100000
7	Coimbatore	Karamadai	Chikkadasampalayam	1100000
8	Coimbatore	Karamadai	Nellithurai	1100000
9	Coimbatore	Karamadai	Odanthurai	1100000
10	Coimbatore	Karamadai	Thekkampatti	1100000
11	Coimbatore	Karamadai	Tholampalayam	1100000
12	Coimbatore	Karamadai	Velliangadu	1100000
13	Coimbatore	Madukarai	Mavuthampathi	1100000
14	Coimbatore	Periyanaickenpalayam	Chinnathadagam	1100000
15	Coimbatore	Periyanaickenpalayam	Naickenpalayam	1100000
16	Coimbatore	Periyanaickenpalayam	Nanjundapuram	1100000
17	Coimbatore	Periyanaickenpalayam	Somayampalayam	1100000
18	Coimbatore	Thondamuthur	Devarayapuram	1100000
19	Coimbatore	Thondamuthur	Ikkaraibolluvapati	1100000
20	Coimbatore	Thondamuthur	Madampatti	1100000
21	Coimbatore	Thondamuthur	Mathavarayapuram	1100000
22	Coimbatore	Thondamuthur	Narasiuram	1100000
23	Coimbatore	Thondamuthur	Perur Chettipalayam	1100000
24	Coimbatore	Thondamuthur	Theethipalayam	1100000

25	Coimbatore	Thondamuthur	Vellimalaipattinam	1100000
26	Dharmapuri	Dharmapuri	Kondagrahalli	1100000
27	Dharmapuri	Harur	Sittilingi	1100000
28	Dharmapuri	Nagamarai	Eriyur	1100000
29	Dharmapuri	Pappireddipatti	Sitheri	1100000
30	Dharmapuri	Pennagaram	Koothapadi	1100000
31	Dharmapuri	Pennagaram	Pikkili	1100000
32	Dharmapuri	Pennagaram	Vattuvanahalli	1100000
33	Dindigul	Athoor	Manaloor	1100000
34	Dindigul	Dindigul	Sirumalai	1100000
35	Dindigul	Kodaikanal	Adukkam	1200000
36	Dindigul	Kodaikanal	Kammanur	1200000
37	Dindigul	Kodaikanal	Kilakkuchettipatti	1200000
38	Dindigul	Kodaikanal	Kookal	1200000
39	Dindigul	Kodaikanal	Kumbaraiyur	1200000
40	Dindigul	Kodaikanal	Mannavanur	1200000
41	Dindigul	Kodaikanal	Pachalur	1200000
42	Dindigul	Kodaikanal	Periyur	1200000
43	Dindigul	Kodaikanal	Poolahur	1200000
44	Dindigul	Kodaikanal	Poomparai	1200000
45	Dindigul	Kodaikanal	Poondi	1200000
46	Dindigul	Kodaikanal	Thandikudi	1200000
47	Dindigul	Kodaikanal	Vadakavunji	1200000
48	Dindigul	Kodaikanal	Vellakavi	1200000
49	Dindigul	Kodaikanal	Vilpatti	1200000
50	Dindigul	Natham	Kuttupatty	1100000

51	Dindigul	Natham	Lingavadi	1100000
52	Dindigul	Natham	Seithur	1100000
53	Dindigul	Oddanacatram	Vadakadu	1100000
54	Dindigul	Reddiarchatram	Adaloor	1100000
55	Dindigul	Reddiarchatram	Pandrimalai	1100000
56	Erode	Anthiyur	Burgur	1000000
57	Erode	Sathyamangalam	Gundri	1000000
58	Erode	Sathyamangalam	Guthiyalathur	1000000
59	Erode	Sathyamangalam	Koothampalayam	1000000
60	Erode	T.N. Palayam	Kongarpalayam	1000000
61	Erode	T.N. Palayam	Perumugai	1000000
62	Erode	Thalavadi	Asanur	1100000
63	Erode	Thalavadi	Bynapuram	1100000
64	Erode	Thalavadi	Germalam	1100000
65	Erode	Thalavadi	Iggalore	1100000
66	Erode	Thalavadi	Mallanguli	1100000
67	Erode	Thalavadi	Neithalapuram	1100000
68	Erode	Thalavadi	Thalamalai	1100000
69	Erode	Thalavadi	Thalavadi	1100000
70	Erode	Thalavadi	Thiganarai	1100000
71	Erode	Thalavadi	Thingalur	1100000
72	Kallakurichi	Kalrayanhills	Arampoondi	1100000
73	Kallakurichi	Kalrayanhills	Innadu	1100000
74	Kallakurichi	Kalrayanhills	Kariyalur	1100000
75	Kallakurichi	Kalrayanhills	Kilakkadu	1100000
76	Kallakurichi	Kalrayanhills	Kundiyanatham	1100000
77	Kallakurichi	Kalrayanhills	Maniyarpalayam	1100000

78	Kallakurichi	Kalrayanhills	Melpacherry	1100000
79	Kallakurichi	Kalrayanhills	Pacherry	1100000
80	Kallakurichi	Kalrayanhills	Pottiyam	1100000
81	Kallakurichi	Kalrayanhills	Pudupalapattu	1100000
82	Kallakurichi	Kalrayanhills	Serapattu	1100000
83	Kallakurichi	Kalrayanhills	Thoradipattu	1100000
84	Kallakurichi	Kalrayanhills	Vanjikuzhi	1100000
85	Kallakurichi	Kalrayanhills	Vellimalai	1100000
86	Kallakurichi	Kalrayanhills	Vengodu	1100000
87	Kanniyakumari	Thiruvattar	Balamore	1000000
88	Kanniyakumari	Thiruvattar	Pechiparai	1000000
89	Kanniyakumari	Thiruvattar	Surulacode	1000000
90	Kanniyakumari	Thovalai	Arumanalloor	1000000
91	Kanniyakumari	Thovalai	Gnalam	1000000
92	Kanniyakumari	Thovalai	Kattuputhoor	1000000
93	Kanniyakumari	Thovalai	Thadikarankonam	1000000
94	Krishnagiri	Kelamangalam	Bettamgulalam	1100000
95	Krishnagiri	Thally	Doddamanchi	1100000
96	Krishnagiri	Thally	Kottayur	1100000
97	Krishnagiri	Thally	Kunthukotti	1100000
98	Krishnagiri	Thally	Madakkal	1100000
99	Krishnagiri	Thally	Manjukondapalli	1100000
100	Krishnagiri	Thally	Thaggatti	1100000
101	Krishnagiri	Thally	Urigam	1100000
102	Madurai	Chellampatti	Eravarpatti	1000000
103	Madurai	Chellampatti	Kannanur	1000000
104	Madurai	Chellampatti	Karumathur	1000000

105	Madurai	Chellampatti	Kovilankulam	1000000
106	Madurai	Chellampatti	Muthalaikulam	1000000
107	Madurai	Chellampatti	Panamooppanpatti	1000000
108	Madurai	Chellampatti	Panniyan	1000000
109	Madurai	Chellampatti	Pullaneri	1000000
110	Madurai	Chellampatti	Sakkarappanaicakanur	1000000
111	Madurai	Chellampatti	Vikkiramangalam	1000000
112	Madurai	Sedapatti	Athipatti	1000000
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114	Madurai	Sedapatti	Kethuvarpatti	1000000
115	Madurai	Sedapatti	Kudipatti	1000000
116	Madurai	Sedapatti	Kudiseri	1000000
117	Madurai	Sedapatti	Mallapuram	1000000
118	Madurai	Sedapatti	Melathirumanickam	1000000
119	Madurai	Sedapatti	Periampatti	1000000
120	Madurai	Sedapatti	Saptur	1000000
121	Madurai	Sedapatti	Seeinaickenpatti	1000000
122	Madurai	Sedapatti	Soolapuram	1000000
123	Madurai	Sedapatti	Thadayampatti	1000000
124	Madurai	Sedapatti	Thirumanickam	1000000
125	Madurai	Sedapatti	Thulikuttynaickanur	1000000
126	Madurai	Sedapatti	Uthapuram	1000000
127	Madurai	Sedapatti	Vandapuli	1000000
128	Madurai	Sedapatti	Vandari	1000000
129	Madurai	T.Kallupatti	Chinnapoolampatti	1000000
130	Madurai	T.Kallupatti	Koovalapuram	1000000
131	Madurai	T.Kallupatti	Mathakarai	1000000



132	Madurai	T.Kallupatti	S.Keelapatti	1000000
133	Madurai	T.Kallupatti	Santhaiyur	1000000
134	Madurai	T.Kallupatti	Silaimalaipatti	1000000
135	Madurai	Usilampatti	Allikundam	1000000
136	Madurai	Usilampatti	Erumarpatti	1000000
137	Madurai	Usilampatti	Jothinayakkanur	1000000
138	Madurai	Usilampatti	Kalluthu	1000000
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140	Madurai	Usilampatti	Manuthu	1000000
141	Madurai	Usilampatti	Meikkilarpatti	1000000
142	Madurai	Usilampatti	Nadupatti	1000000
143	Madurai	Usilampatti	Nakkalapatti	1000000
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148	Madurai	Usilampatti	Thoottappanayakanur	1000000
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154	Namakkal	Kollihills	Bail Nadu	1100000
155	Namakkal	Kollihills	Chitoor Nadu	1100000
156	Namakkal	Kollihills	Devanur Nadu	1100000
157	Namakkal	Kollihills	Edapuli Nadu	1100000
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162	Namakkal	Kollihills	Thinnanur Nadu	1100000
163	Namakkal	Kollihills	Tirupuli Nadu	1100000
164	Namakkal	Kollihills	Valapur Nadu	1100000
165	Namakkal	Kollihills	Valavanthi Nadu	1100000
166	Namakkal	Vennandur	Keelur	1000000
167	Nilgiris	Coonoor	Bandisholai	1200000
168	Nilgiris	Coonoor	Bearhatty	1200000
169	Nilgiris	Coonoor	Burliyar	1200000
170	Nilgiris	Coonoor	Hubbathalai	1200000
171	Nilgiris	Coonoor	Melur	1200000
172	Nilgiris	Coonoor	Yedapalli	1200000
173	Nilgiris	Gudalur	Cherangode	1200000
174	Nilgiris	Gudalur	Masinagudi	1200000
175	Nilgiris	Gudalur	Mudumalai	1200000
176	Nilgiris	Gudalur	Nellakottai	1200000
177	Nilgiris	Gudalur	Sreemadurai	1200000
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197	Nilgiris	Udhagamandalam	Mulligoor	1200000
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202	Salem	Ayothiyapattanam	Aladipatti	1000000
203	Salem	Gangavalli Block	Pachamalai	1000000
204	Salem	Kadayampatty	Kannavaipudhur	1000000
205	Salem	Kolathur	Palamalai	1000000
206	Salem	Panamarathupatti	Kuralnatham	1000000
207	Salem	Peddanaickenpalayam	Chinnakalrayan Hills Therkunadu	1000000
208	Salem	Peddanaickenpalayam	Chinnakalrayan Hills Vadakkunadu	1000000
209	Salem	Peddanaickenpalayam	Periya Kalrayanmalai Keelnadu	1000000
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216	Salem	Yercaud	Manjakuttai	1200000
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222	Salem	Yercaud	Vellakkadai	1200000
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226	Sivagangai	Singampunari	Melapatti	1000000
227	Sivagangai	Singampunari	Oduvanpatti	1000000
228	Sivagangai	Singampunari	Piranmalai	1000000
229	Sivagangai	Singampunari	Selliampatti	1000000
230	Theni	Bodinayakanur	Agamalai	1100000
231	Theni	Bodinayakanur	Anaikaraipatti	1100000
232	Theni	Bodinayakanur	Kottakudi	1100000
233	Theni	K.Myladumparai	Megamalai	1100000
234	Theni	K.Myladumparai	Murukkodai	1100000
235	Theni	K.Myladumparai	Thummakkundu	1100000
236	Theni	K.Myladumparai	Varusanadu	1100000
237	Tirupathur	Alangayam	Beemakulam	1100000

238	Tirupathur	Alangayam	Naikanur	1100000
239	Tirupathur	Alangayam	Nekkanamalai	1100000
240	Tirupathur	Alangayam	Velathigamanibenda	1100000
241	Tirupathur	Jolarpet	Elagiri Hills	1100000
242	Tirupathur	Madhanur	Naickaneri	1100000
243	Tirupathur	Tirupathur	Nellivasalnadu	1100000
244	Tirupathur	Tirupathur	Pudurnadu	1100000
245	Tirupathur	Tirupathur	Pungambattu Nadu	1100000
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256	Tiuvannamalai	Jawadhu Hills	Melsilambadi	1000000
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259	Tiuvannamalai	Jawadhu Hills	Palamarathur	1000000
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262	Tiuvannamalai	Jawadhu Hills	Veerappanur	1000000
263	Tiuvannamalai	Thandarampet	Athipadi	1000000
264	Tiuvannamalai	Thandarampet	Malayanoor Chekkadi	1000000

265	Tiuvannamalai	Thandarampet	P. Quilam	1000000
266	Tiuvannamalai	Thandarampet	Pudur Chekkadi	1000000
267	Trichirapalli	Thuraiyur	Kombai	1000000
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269	Trichirapalli	Uppliyapuram	Thenuranadu	1100000
270	Vellore	Anaicut	Jarthonkollai	1000000
271	Vellore	Anaicut	Palampattu	1000000
272	Vellore	Anaicut	Peenjamandai	1000000
273	Virudhunagar	Rajapalyam	Krishnapuram	1000000
274	Virudhunagar	Rajapalyam	Muthusampuram	1000000
275	Virudhunagar	Srivilliputhur	Pillaiyarnatham	1000000
276	Virudhunagar	Srivilliputhur	Thiruvannamalai	1000000
277	Virudhunagar	Watrap	Khanasapuram	1000000
278	Virudhunagar	Watrap	Maharajapuram	1000000
Total				300000000

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## ANNEXURE – II

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### Guidelines for Hilly Areas Scheme

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In this regard, Sixth State Finance Commission has given special attention to geography and demographical balance and sustainable growth. Further, the Sixth State Finance Commission has recommended a special allocation for Hilly Panchayats to the tune of Rs. 30 crore per year to meet the special needs of Hilly Panchayats for the entire award period of Sixth State Finance.

#### 2. Hilly Panchayats

As of now, there is no proper classification of Hilly Panchayats in Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1994 and rules thereunder. However, the Hill Area Conservation Authority (HACA) has notified certain Panchayats as Hill Area Conservation Authority Panchayats during the period from 1993 to 2003.

The Hilly Panchayats needs to be classified as per the existing geographic conditions and other characteristics like Population, number of Habitation, altitude, Tourism importance, Tribal population, Own Source Revenue (OSR) etc,. The parameters like Altitude and Location, Tourism importance have been considered by the inspector of Panchayats of all the Districts and as per the above 278 Village Panchayats are identified as Hilly Panchayats. The list of Hilly Panchayats along with allocation are annexed.

The fund allotted under Operation and Maintenance Deficit Grant Fund of Sixth State Finance Commission may be utilised for this purpose.

#### 3. Allocation of fund for Hilly Panchayats

State Finance Commission has earmarked an amount of Rs.30 crore to meet the special needs of Hilly Panchayats. Based on the area and population Rs.30 crore further distributed to the Hilly Village Panchayats as listed in annexure I. This amount will be drawn from the State Finance Commission - Operation and Maintenance Deficit Grant Fund (OMDGF). The Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj shall draw the funds from the Government pertaining to Hill area Scheme under Operation and Maintenance Deficit Grant Fund (OMDGF) and distribute the same to the Village Panchayats concerned.

Each Hilly Village Panchayat will be provided with an allocation of Rs.10 to 12 lakh per annum depending upon the requirement of the Hilly Panchayats development activities out of Operation and Maintenance Deficit Grant fund allocated under the Sixth State Finance Commission award period. After the award period, the continuation of the scheme will be decided by the ensuing State Finance Commission or it will be continued with the general funds of the Village Panchayats.

#### **4. Permissible Works**

The works in convergence with Swatch Bharath Mission II and payment of monthly remuneration to additional Thooimai kavalars engaged by the Village panchayats over and above the permitted one vide G.O.(Ms).No.78, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS-4) Department, dated 09.06.2023.

- The continuing and sustaining activities related to the Solid Waste Management.
- Works related to provision of Water supply facility in the Village Panchayats
- Provision of Street lighting facility in the Village Panchayats.
- Any other works that can be included based on the executive instructions from the Government / the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj from time to time.

#### **5. Implementing Agency**

The implementation of Works shall be entrusted to the concerned Village Panchayat Only. No work shall be entrusted to Line Departments.

#### **6. Administrative Sanction**

After the allocation of funds by the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, the Village Panchayats will identify the list of Projects/works. The District Collector / Village Panchayats shall accord Administrative Sanction for the works after getting detailed estimates based on the financial Powers delegated to them as per G.O (Ms) No.131, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (PR1(1)) Department, dated 06.12.2022.

#### **7. Technical Sanction**

Technical Sanction shall be accorded by the competent authority as per G.O(Ms)No.203, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, dated 20.12.2007 and Tamil Nadu Panchayats (Preparation of Plans and Estimates for works and mode and conditions of contracts.) Rules 2007.

#### **8. Tendering of Works**

The works under this Fund will be executed through tender as per Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998 and Rules 2000 and the procedures prescribed in Tamil Nadu Panchayats (Preparation of plans and estimates for works and mode and conditions of contracts) rules, 2007 and related guidelines.



## 9. Monitoring of Works

The District Collector and the Project Director, District Rural Development Agencies shall be responsible for monitoring the works executed under this scheme. Payment should be made after verification and certification by Engineers concerned (RD). The State Quality Monitors will also inspect the works during various stages of execution.

## 10. Documentation

Various processes of implementation of works starting from selection to completion shall be adequately documented. Necessary Photographs of works before, during and after shall be prepared as part of documentation. Further, good quality videos shall also be prepared comprising all works taken up in the Panchayats. 3% of the Estimates shall be utilised for the documentation purposes.

The Principal Secretary to Government, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj is empowered to modify the guidelines in consultation with the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj.

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