



## **ABSTRACT**

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme – Effective monitoring and implementation of the Scheme - Decision taken in the Steering Committee meeting held on 30.04.2013 – Provision of Closed User Group (CUG) facility to the officials of the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department – Orders issued.

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.1) Department.

**G.O.(Ms) No. 90**

**Dated: 24.07.2013**

**Read:**

Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Chennai  
Letter Rc.No.34648/2013/ MGNREGS.I-3 dated 22.05.2013.

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## **ORDER:**

In the letter read above, the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has stated that Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department is executing various developmental schemes in the Rural areas which are aimed at alleviating poverty by providing direct and indirect employment opportunities to the rural poor by implementing various schemes. The Socio-economic improvement of the rural people lies in the timely execution of these schemes.

2. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has also stated that Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme is one of the most important programmes with an estimated budget outlay of Rs.5,300 crores during 2012-13 and Rs. 6300 crores during 2013-14. Since Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme involves providing direct employment to lakhs of rural people every day, it requires continuous monitoring and communication at all levels on a day to day basis. The officials at the district level, Project Director, District Rural Development Agency, Executive Engineer (Rural Development), Assistant Project Officers, Assistant Executive Engineers, Zonal officers (Assistant Director (Panchayats), Personal Assistant (Development), and other Assistant Director level officers), have to continuously monitor the progress of works and qualitative implementation of the programme. Similarly, the officers at the State level need to monitor the implementation of the scheme and collect periodicals for onward transmission to the Government. Hence, it is important to create a network of these officials for efficient implementation of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme and other flagship schemes of the Government of Tamilnadu.

3. To achieve the above, the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has sent the details of the officers brought under the Closed User Group (CUG) as follows:

**Officials Covered****a) State Level (Directorate of Rural Development)****Administrative Wing**

1. Additional Director
2. Joint Director
3. Financial Advisor and Chief Accounts Officer
4. Deputy Director (Statistics)
5. Accounts Officer
6. Assistant Director
7. Block Development Officer

**Technical Wing**

1. Superintending Engineer
2. Executive Engineer
3. Assistant Executive Engineer
4. Assistant Engineer

**b) District Level****Administrative Wing**

1. District Collector
2. Project Director (DRDA)
3. Assistant Project Officer (WE)
4. Block Development Officer (DRDA)
5. Personal Assistant (Development)
6. Secretary (District Panchayat)
7. Assistant Director (Panchayats)
8. Assistant Director (Audit)
9. Personal Assistant (Noon Meal Programme)

**Technical Wing**

1. Executive Engineer (RD)
2. Assistant Executive Engineer (R & B)
3. Assistant Executive Engineer (RD)
4. Assistant Engineer (Sub-Division)

**c) Block Level****Administrative Wing**

1. Block Development Officer (Village Panchayat)
2. Block Development Officer (Block Panchayat)

**Technical Wing**

1. Assistant Engineer
2. Junior Engineer
3. Union Engineer

The total number of Officials proposed to be covered under Closed User Group as follows:

Sl. No	Total No. of Sanctioned Posts
State Level	63
District Level	726
Block Level	1994
<b>Total</b>	<b>2783</b>

4. Further, Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has detailed the procedure followed in finalizing the rates with the service providers and informed that the final negotiated rate offered by M/s. Aircel, Puduchery who was selected based on the tender process for all the items was furnished as under:

Sl. No	Description	Final rate offered by M/s Aircel	
		Amount in Words (Rs.)	Amount in Figures (Rs.)
1	a) 45,000 seconds free Talk time per month per user outside CUG to all local mobiles (irrespective of service provider) within TAMILNADU with per second pulse rate b) 500 local SMS free per month per user to any mobile within TAMILNADU (irrespective of service provider) c) Pulse rate to be reckoned per second	One Hundred and sixty five only	165.00
2	Local outgoing call rate (over and above the 45,000 seconds free Talk time indicated in 1a above):		
	I. To same service provider - per second pulse rate	One Paise per Second	1p/sec
	II. To other service providers - per second pulse rate	One Paise per Second	1p/sec
	III. To Landline	One Paise per Second	1p/sec
3	SMS rate (Over and above the free SMS indicated in 1b above)		
	1. Local (Chennai and RoTN)	Fifty Paise per SMS	50p/SMS
	2. National	Fifty Paise per SMS	50p/SMS

Hence, based on the final offer made by M/s. Aircel, Puduchery the total value of the tender works out to (i.e Rs.165x12x2783) Rs.55,10,340 (Rupees Fifty Five Lakhs Ten Thousand and Three Hundred and Forty only) for one year.

5. In Government Letter No.11165/ SGS.4/2012-5, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Dated 16.08.2012, Government has authorized the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj to issue orders for Closed User Group after following due procedures based on which Letter of Acceptance (LOA) has been issued to M/s. Aircel, Puduchery and agreement will be executed shortly.

6. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has stated that the details of Closed User Group monitoring and finalization of price with Aircel based on due process as approved by Government was discussed in detail in the First Steering Committee Meeting held on 30.04.2013. The Committee ratified the process and permitted the payment of Rs.55 lakhs towards monitoring charge to Aircel to M/s.Aircel, Puduchery for one year.

7. In order to continuously operationalise the implementation of the Closed User Group services to the Officers of the Rural Development & Panchayat Raj Department, the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has requested the Government to issue permission to meet the expenditure from the 6% administrative cost under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme available at the state level.

8. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has further stated that the Closed User Group provider herein M/s.Aircel Puduchery has a contract period of 1 year with provision for extension for a further period of 1 year. Since the provision of Closed User Group for monitoring purposes would be a continuous requirement, he has requested the Government to permit the Commissioner of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj to provide uninterrupted Closed User Group Services to the Officers of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department by following the above stated procedures and the rules framed under the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act (TTA),1998 subject to the same being ratified by the Steering Committee.

9. The Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, permit the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj to provide uninterrupted Closed User Group (CUG) services to all the Officers of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department in State, District and Block Level as detailed in para 3 above at a cost of Rs.55 lakhs for one year and the proposal at para 8 above. The Government also direct that the expenditure therefor be met from the 6% administrative cost under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme available at the State Level.

10. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No. 38719/RD/13, dated 20.07.2013.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

C.V. SANKAR,  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Chennai – 15,  
All District Collectors (except Chennai) (Through the DRD & PR, Chennai – 15),

All Project Directors, District Rural Development Agencies  
(Through the DRD & PR, Chennai – 15),  
The Accountant General, Chennai – 6/18/35.

Copy to:

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The Senior Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Municipal Administration,  
Rural Development, Law, Courts and Prisons), Chennai – 9.  
The Senior Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary to Government, Chennai – 9.  
Finance (RD) Department, Chennai – 9.  
The Senior Private Secretary to the Principal Secretary to Government,  
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Chennai – 9.  
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (OP.II) Department, Chennai – 9.  
The National Informatics Centre, Chennai – 9.

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