



ABSTRACT

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme – Decision taken in the Steering Committee meeting held on 30.04.2013 – Delegation of powers to the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj upto Rs.25 lakhs for single proposal / project and provision of permanent advance of Rs.10,000/- for contingent expenses – Orders issued.

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

G.O.(Ms) No. 92

Dated: 24.07.2013

Read:

Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Chennai - 15
Letter Rc.No.34403/2013/ MGNREGS.1-2 dated 16.05.2013.

ORDER:

In the letter read above, the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has stated that Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme is being implemented in all 31 Districts of Tamil Nadu. Since there is an increase in Labour Budget outlay over the years, the Administrative Unit at State level needs to be strengthened by way of certain administrative and financial powers.

2. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has also stated that the State Government has undertaken many special initiatives under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme as Pilot Projects in order to implement the scheme more effectively and efficiently. So far, the following Pilot Projects are undertaken :

- i. Generation of LISS-IV Geographic Information System Maps through Institute of Remote Sensing, Anna University, Chennai.
- ii. Study for Preparation of Special Rural Schedule of Rates for Disabled Workers in certain Districts through Non Governmental Organisations.
- iii. Project of "NREGAGIT" (NREGA Implementation through Geographic Information Technologies for Tamil Nadu State) through Bharathidasan University.

3. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has further stated that it will be easy to undertake more such efforts/special initiatives, studies and preparation of analytical reports in future as well, if the administrative and financial powers are delegated to the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj upto Rs.25 lakhs per Project/Study/ Proposal/Procurement.

4. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has added that the subject has been placed in the Steering Committee for consideration. After detailed

discussions, the Steering Committee approved that “the delegation of powers to Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj upto Rs.25 lakhs for single Proposal / Project /Administrative Expenditure to be incurred under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme 6% Administrative Funds, subject to the condition that the expenditure should be ratified in the ensuing Steering Committee Meeting”.

5. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has further stated that based on the approval of the Committee, the delegation of powers to Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj upto Rs.25 lakhs for single Proposal / Project / Administrative Expenditure shall be approved subject to the following conditions :

- a) Before sanctioning of any Project/Proposal to any organisation or made any Administrative Expenditure, the norms prescribed in the Tamil Nadu Tender Transparency Act / Rules shall be followed.
- b) On such expenditure, report shall be sent to Government of Tamil Nadu as well as to Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India.
- c) Ratification for such expenditure should be obtained in the ensuing Steering Committee meeting.

6. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has stated that the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme Unit at State level frequently prepares Notes, Powerpoint Presentations, Photo Albums, for Performance Review Meetings, Regional Review Meetings, Management Information System (MIS) Nodal Officers Meeting, Labour Budget Meeting, State Employment Guarantee Council Meeting, Steering Committee Meeting, State Level Bankers Committee Meeting, apart from Special Meetings convened by Government of India / Government of Tamil Nadu, Directorate, etc. Arrangements for the field visits undertaken by Government of India Officials and other Officials from various States are also undertaken by the officials in the unit. At present, there is no Contingent Fund to meet the immediate expenses or the day-to-day expenditure for such arrangements.

7. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has also stated that in order to meet the day-to-day expenditure or immediate expenses, it has been decided that a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) may be provided to Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme Unit at State level, which may be recouped at regular intervals from the 6% administrative cost of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.

8. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has further stated that the need for permanent advance for contingent expenses has been discussed in detail in the Steering Committee held on 30.04.2013 and the Committee has approved the provision for permanent advance.

9. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has added that based on the decision taken by Steering Committee the provision for permanent advance of Rs.10,000 to meet the contingent expenses may be approved with the following conditions :

- a) Permanent Advance Register has to be maintained.

- b) Permanent Advance Register has to be closed on each day of transaction and it should be authenticated by the Accounts Officer.
- c) Recoupment of Permanent Advance shall be sanctioned by the Commissioner of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj.

10. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has therefore requested the Government to issue orders on the following:

- I. To delegate powers to Commissioner of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj upto Rs.25 Lakhs for single Proposal / Project and expenditure shall be incurred within the 6% administrative cost funds under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.
- II. To provide permanent advance of Rs.10,000/- for contingent expenses, from 6% administrative cost of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.

11. The Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, direct that the powers be delegated to the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj to incur the expenditure upto Rs.25 lakh for single proposal / project and the expenditure shall be incurred within the 6% administrative cost under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme subject to the following conditions:

- a) Before sanctioning of any Project/Proposal to any organisation or incur any Administrative Expenditure, the norms prescribed in the Tamil Nadu Tender Transparency Act / Rules shall be followed.
- b) On such expenditure, report shall be sent to Government of Tamil Nadu as well as to Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India.
- c) Ratification for such expenditure should be obtained in the ensuing Steering Committee meeting.

12. The Government also direct that the permanent advance of Rs.10,000/- be provided to Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme Unit at State level for contingent expenses from the 6% administrative cost of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, subject to the following conditions:

- a) Permanent Advance Register has to be maintained.
- b) Permanent Advance Register has to be closed on each day of transaction and it should be authenticated by the Accounts Officer.
- c) Recoupment of Permanent Advance shall be sanctioned by the Commissioner of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj.

13. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No. 38738/RD/13 dated 22.07.2013.

(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:

The Secretary,
Ministry of Rural Development,
Government of India, Krishi Bhavan,
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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.

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The National Informatics Centre, Chennai – 9.

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