

<u>ABSTRACT</u>

Grants - State Finance Commission Grant for the year 2014-15 - Release of Infrastructure Gap Filling Fund to the tune of Rs.584,60,25,000/- for the year 2014-15 - Orders - Issued.

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (PRI) Department

G.O.(Ms) No.125

Dated: 09.09.2014.

Read:

- 1. G.O.(Ms)No.182 Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (C2) Department, dated 2.11.2007.
- 2. G.O.(Ms) No.194, Finance (FC-IV) Department, dated 10.6.2013.
- 3. G.O.(Ms) No.64, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (PR.I) Department, dated 4.06.2014.
- 4. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj letter No.30392/2014/PRI 2.1 dated 11.07.2014.

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ORDER:

In the Government order first read above, orders were issued framing the guidelines for sanction and execution of work from Infrastructure Gap Filling Fund vested with the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj and the District Collectors based on the recommendations of the third State Finance Commission. In the Government order second read above orders have been issued based on the recommendations of fourth State Finance Commission stating that 10% of the devolution to Rural Local Bodies shall be deducted from the share of Village Panchayats and allocated towards Infrastructure Gap Filling Fund (IGFF) for Village Panchayats and it shall be utilized on project / scheme basis only. Out of the Infrastructure Gap Filling Fund, 50% shall be allocated towards Tamil Nadu Village Habitations Improvement Scheme (THAI) and from the remaining 50% fund, a part of the amount shall be allocated to the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj and the balance shall be allocated to the Districts based on population and the amount shall be utilized for providing basic amenities in rural areas.

2. In the Government order third read above orders have been issued for the sanction of a sum of Rs.3342,96,55,001/- to Village Panchayats, Panchayat Unions and District Panchayats as part of the State Finance Commission Grant during 2014-15. In the said order the Government has earmarked a sum of Rs.584,60,25,000/- for Infrastructure Gap Filling Fund for the year 2014-15 and it has also been informed that the orders on Infrastructure Gap Filling Fund would be issued separately.

- 3. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj in her letter fourth read above has requested the orders of the Government to sanction and release a sum of Rs.584,60,25,000/- as Infrastructure Gap Filling Fund from the State Finance Commission Grant for the year 2014-15. She has requested to issue necessary orders sanctioning the Infrastructure Gap Filling Fund for Rs.93 crore at the rate of Rs.3 crore per District as minimum allocation for the year 2014-15 as was done in 2013-14 and the balance amount may be allocated to the District Collectors and the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj in the ratio of 75:25. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has also requested orders of the Government to authorize her to draw and release the abovesaid amount to be released to the District Collectors and to retain the balance amount at State level and to follow the existing guidelines issued in the G.O.(Ms) No.134, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (PRI) Department, dated 19.9.2013 for utilizing the Infrastructure Gap Filling Fund at District level and State level.
- 4. The Government after careful examination of the proposal of the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has decided to accept the same. Accordingly the Government sanction a sum of Rs.584,60,25,000/- as Infrastructure Gap Filling Fund from the State Finance Commission Grant for the year 2014-15 as follows:

[Amount in Rupees]

1	10% Infrastructure Gap Filling Fund (IGFF) on the Rural Local Body allocation	584,60,25,000
2	Out of the above 10% Infrastructure Gap Filling Fund, 50% amount to be earmarked for Tamil Nadu Village Habitation Improvement (THAI) Scheme	292,30,12,500
3	Balance (1-2)	292,30,12,500
4	Out of the balance amount of Rs.292,30,12,500/-amount allocated to District Collectors at the rate of Rs.3 crore per District (Rs. 3 crore x 31)	93,00,00,000
5	Balance (4-5)	199,30,12,500
6	75% to be allocated to the District Collectors based on population to provide basic amenities in rural areas (75% of Rs.199,30,12,500/-)	149,47,59,375
7	Balance 25% to be retained by the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj for providing basic amenities in rural areas. (25% of Rs.199,30,12,500/-)	49,82,53,125

5. The Government also order that the existing guidelines for utilizing the Infrastructure Gap Filling Fund (IGFF) vested with the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj and District Collectors issued in the G.O.(Ms) No.134, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (PR-I) Department, dated 19.9.2013 be followed.

- 6. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj is authorized to draw and disburse the amount to be released to the District Collectors and to retain the balance amount at State level sanctioned in para 4 above.
- 7. The amount sanctioned in para 4 above shall be debited to the following head of Account:

3604-00-Compensation and Assignments to Local Bodies and Panchayat Raj Institutions- 198 Assistance to Gram Panchayats - AC-Infrastructure Gap Filling Fund for Rural Local Bodies 09. Grants-in-aid-02-Grants for creation of Capital Assets (DPC 3604-00-198-AC-0923).

8. This order is issued with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. No.46598/RD/14 dated 4.09.2014.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

N.S.PALANIAPPAN Principal Secretary to Government

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The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Chennai – 15

All District Collectors (Except Chennai)

All Project Directors, District Rural Development Agency,

The Accountant General, Chennai – 18/35.

The Pay and Accounts Officer (South), Chennai-35.

All District Treasury Officers,

The Pay and Account Officer, Madurai.

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The Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (SGS I / SGS II / SGS III / OPII) Department, Chennai -9.

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