



ABSTRACT

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj – Installation of piped water supply connections to one lakh households across the State in Tamil Nadu – Orders - Issued.

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (SGS-3) Department

G.O.(Ms.) No.140

Dated:14.10.2015

Read:

- (1) G.O.(Ms) No. 260, Rural Development Department, dated 09.12.1998.
- (2) From the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj letter No.21639/2015/PRI 3.2, dated 09.04.2015.

ORDER:-

In the Government Order first read above, guidelines were issued for provision of household wise water supply connections to households in village Panchayats in the year 1998.

2. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj in the letter second read above has sent proposals along with Guidelines in this regard. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj in his proposal has stated that one of the basic duties of the Village Panchayats as per Section 110 of Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act 1994 is provision of water supply to the rural public. Tamil Nadu Vision 2023 unveiled by the Hon'ble Chief Minister has envisaged a world class, secure, affordable water supply, sanitation and sewerage system to all citizens of Tamil Nadu. At present, 12,524 Village Panchayats maintain water supply through the following water sources.

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| 1) | Hand Pumps | - | 2,19,645 Nos. |
| 2) | Power Pumps | - | 1,02,003 Nos. |
| 3) | Mini Power Pumps | - | 82,827 Nos. |

In addition, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board is providing water supply through 541 Combined Water Supply Schemes to 5,103 Village Panchayats. The Village Panchayats provide water supply to the rural Public through public fountains without charging any fee. Whereas the expenditure in respect of maintenance of water supply is met by the Village Panchayats from the sources like General funds, State Finance Commission Grant, Thirteenth Finance Commission Grant and Pooled Assigned Revenue. The Village Panchayats are paying water charges to Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board for water supplied through Combined Water Supply Schemes.

3. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has also stated that the Government have issued detailed guidelines for provision of household wise water supply connections to households in Village Panchayats in the year 1998 vide G.O.(Ms)No.260, Rural Development Department, dated 09.12.1998. As per the guidelines, water supply connections to the households will be given after getting Rs.1,000/- as one time deposit and Rs.30/- as water charge per month. At present, piped water supply to the household level has been covered to 13,91,976 households in the rural areas of the State, which is 11.40% only (Total rural households in the State is 1,22,07,817). He has further stated that the piped water supply to households level will ensure protected water supply, judicious water use and avoid wastage of water. As per Vision Tamil Nadu 2023 unveiled by the Honourable Chief Minister, a world class, secured, affordable water supply will be ensured to all the citizens of Tamil Nadu. The Ministry of Drinking water and Sanitation, Government of India also have been advocating for more coverage of piped water supply to the household level in the 12th five year plan. Hence, based on the essentiality of piped water supply to the household level in Village Panchayats and considering the present status of piped water supply in rural areas, he has sent the proposal for provision of piped water supply to 1 lakh households in Village Panchayats in the year 2015-2016 and therefore requested the Government to issue orders for provision of piped water supply to 1 lakh house holds in Village Panchayats in the year 2015-2016.

4.The Government have examined the proposal of Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj and accordingly permission is accorded for provision of piped water supply to one lakh households in Village Panchayats during the year 2015-2016 in the State. The detailed guidelines and District Wise target for piped water connection to house holds in Village Panchayat during 2015-2016 are annexed to this order.

5. This order issues with concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O.No.55977/RD/2015, dated 09.10.2015.

(By Order of the Governor)

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To

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All District Collectors, (Except Chennai)

All Project Director, District Rural Development Agencies,

(Thro' Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Chennai-15)

The Accountant General, Chennai -9/18/35.

All District Treasury Officers,

The Pay and Accounts Officer, Chennai - 35.

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G.O.(MS).NO.140, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj
(SGS-3) Department, Dated : 14.10.2015

ANNEXURE-I

Guidelines for Provision of 1 lakh piped water supply connections to households in Village Panchayats

Vision Tamil Nadu 2023 unveiled by the Honorable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu envisaged a world class, secured, affordable water supply, sanitation and sewerage system to all the citizens of Tamil Nadu. Provision of piped water supply to rural households is one of the basic duties of the Village Panchayats as per section 110 of Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1994. Accordingly, the State Government issued detailed guidelines for provision of household water supply connections in Village Panchayats vide G.O. (MS) No. 260, Rural Development Department, Dated : 9.12.1998. At present, the Village Panchayats are providing piped water supply to 13,91,976 rural households which is only 11.40% out of total no. of 1,22,07,817 rural households in the State. Provision of piped water supply will ensure protected drinking water, ready accessibility, judicious water use in rural areas and also avoid wastage of drinking water. The Twelfth Five year plan document also has given thrust for more coverage of piped water supply to the household level. Hence, it is proposed to provide piped water supply to 1 lakh rural households in the year 2015 - 16 in addition to the existing household water supply connections. The guidelines for provision of piped water supply to the rural households are as follows:

Guidelines :

1. The District wise target for household wise piped water supply connections in rural areas is given in the annexure-II
2. The District Collector will communicate target to the Village Panchayats based on the availability of sufficient water.
3. The Village Panchayats where combined water supply schemes are available should be given priority for household connections. Similarly the District Collector should give priority for the Village Panchayats adjacent to urban areas and where scope for water supply is 55 LPCD and more.

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4. The norms fixed by TWAD Board for the maximum number of piped water connections to be given in accordance with the capacity of a particular source / storage structure should not be deviated.
5. The Village Panchayats should get technical guidance from the Assistant Engineer / Assistant Executive Engineer (Rural Development) concerned in respect of the water potential from the existing source and whether the additional piped water supply connections can be given to the rural households. However, it should be ensured that the regular water supply through public fountains is not affected.
6. The allocation of number of household wise service connection details should be placed before the Grama Sabha for information.
7. Wherever present position of water supply is not adequate as per norms, water supply connection to the households should be avoided.
8. To be eligible for new water supply connections, the household should have functional toilets. Otherwise the household will not be eligible for piped water connection.
9. The cost of extension of pipes up to the household level fixed by the Panchayat with the technical supervision of the official concerned (Overseer/Junior Engineer/Assistant Engineer) should be met by the beneficiary.
10. Meter should be fixed for the new connections, to know the quantity of daily water supplied to the household. This will ensure provision of 55 LPCD and avoid excess distribution of water.
11. The Village Panchayat should collect Rs. 1,000/- as one time Deposit and Rs. 30/- as monthly water charge from the beneficiary / household as per Government Order with the provision for change in the rate then and there by the Authorities concerned.

12. The deposit amount and monthly water charges collected should be kept in the General fund account of Village Panchayat.
13. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj is authorized to change the District wise target and modalities for implementation of this scheme in consultation with the Government.
14. Each household should be given only one connection.

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ANNEXURE-II

District wise target for Piped water connections to households in Village Panchayats during 2015-16

Sl. No.	Name of the District	No. of Blocks	No. of rural Households	No. of Household connections already available	Balance	No. of households Proposed for piped water Connections in 2015-16
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Kancheepuram	13	5,05,437	1,02,625	4,02,812	4,000
2	Tiruvallur	14	3,93,356	36,540	3,56,816	4,000
3	Cuddalore	13	4,87,797	43,942	4,43,855	5,000
4	Villupuram	22	9,14,380	8,739	9,05,641	5,000
5	Vellore	20	5,58,289	1,33,104	4,25,185	3,000
6	Tiruvannamalai	18	5,21,064	77,190	4,43,874	4,000
7	Salem	20	5,72,787	42,383	5,30,404	5,000
8	Namakkal	15	3,48,510	42,235	3,06,275	3,000
9	Dharmapuri	8	2,68,691	6,223	2,62,468	2,500
10	Krishnagiri	10	3,52,550	6,759	3,45,791	3,000
11	Erode	14	3,49,504	34,072	3,15,432	5,000
12	Tiruppur	13	3,79,010	79,654	2,99,356	3,500
13	Coimbatore	12	3,17,762	64,841	2,52,921	3,000
14	The Nilgiris	4	99,178	2,885	96,293	1,000
15	Thanjavur	14	4,24,464	31,160	3,93,304	3,500
16	Nagapattinam	11	3,71,094	22,475	3,48,619	3,000
17	Thiruvarur	10	2,99,167	30,334	2,68,833	3,500
18	Tiruchirapalli	14	5,98,412	95,498	5,02,914	5,000
19	Karur	8	2,06,420	43,744	1,62,676	2,000
20	Perambalur	4	1,37,163	16,838	1,20,325	1,500
21	Ariyalur	6	2,01,404	36,431	1,64,973	1,500
22	Pudukottai	13	3,54,752	31,052	3,23,700	2,500
23	Madurai	13	4,40,499	46,950	3,93,549	3,000
24	Theni	8	1,78,346	38,339	1,40,007	1,500
25	Dindigul	14	4,85,677	70,092	4,15,585	3,000
26	Ramanathapuram	11	3,09,332	14,332	2,95,000	2,500
27	Virudhunagar	11	6,26,956	32,827	5,94,129	3,500
28	Sivagangai	12	3,22,160	46,024	2,76,136	3,000
29	Thirunelveli	19	5,89,979	57,915	5,32,064	5,000
30	Thoothukudi	12	3,82,805	33,305	3,49,500	3,000
31	Kanniyakumari	9	2,10,872	63,468	1,47,404	2,000
	Total	385	1,22,07,817	13,91,976	1,08,15,841	1,00,000

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