



ABSTRACT

Announcement of Hon'ble Chief Minister under Rule 110 on 20.07.2019 - Kudimaramathu – Rejuvenation of Minor Irrigation Tanks, Ponds and Ooranies in Rural areas during 2019-20 through State Funds in Convergence with Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme – Administrative Sanction – Accorded and Guidelines approved – Orders – Issued.

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.1) Department

G.O.(Ms) No.96

Dated:26.07.2019

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Read:

1. From the DRD & PR, Letter No.35454/2019/ MGNREGS-3.2, dated: 15.07.2019.
2. Announcement made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister under Rule 110 on 20.07.2019.

ORDER:

The Hon'ble Chief Minister under Rule 110 has made an announcement on 20.07.2019 as follows:-

“... ஊரக வளர்ச்சி மற்றும் ஊராட்சித் துறை மூலம் கிராமம் தோறும் ஏரிகள், குட்டைகள் மற்றும் ஊருணிகள் போன்ற நீர்நிலைகளின் கொள்ளளவினை அதிகரிக்கும் பணிகளும் மேற்கொள்ளப்படும். ஏற்கனவே மகாத்மா காந்தி தேசிய ஊரக வேலை உறுதித் திட்ட நிதி 750 கோடி ரூபாயுடன், கூடுதலாக சிறப்பு நிதியாக 500 கோடி ரூபாய் தமிழ்நாடு அரசு வழங்கி மொத்தம் 1,250 கோடி ரூபாய் நிதி இப்பணிகளுக்கு பயன்படுத்தப்படும்.....”

2. In the letter first read above, the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has sent a proposal stating that Tamil Nadu is entirely depending on monsoon rains for recharging its water resources. The failure of monsoon and increasing usage of water for irrigation, domestic and industrial purposes has led to an over exploitation of ground water leading to reduction in ground water potential which is evident from the fact that out of 385 blocks, 165 blocks are over exploited and critical in terms of water stress in the State.

3. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has further stated that in light of the above, the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department has proposed to launch Kudimaramathu – a Participatory Programme of the local public for rejuvenation of Minor Irrigation (MI) Tanks, Ponds and Ooranies vested with Panchayat Union and Village Panchayat. There are about 21,609 Minor Irrigation (MI) Tanks

vested with the Panchayat Unions and 48,758 ponds and Ooraries vested with the Village Panchayats. Under this programme, Desilting and Deepening of Minor Irrigation Tanks, Ponds and Ooraries shall be taken up through the use of machineries from the State Funds and the other works like reconstruction of inlet, surplus weir, sluice(s) for MI Tanks and construction of baby pond, bathing ghat, inlet and outlet structures for Ponds and Ooraries etc., will be taken up in convergence with Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS).

4. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has further stated that Government has clearly spelt out its priority on the rejuvenation of Minor Irrigation (MI) tanks, ponds and Ooraries in rural areas by launching the concept of Kudimaramathu. Based on the concept of Kudimaramathu Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department has proposed to take up the restoration of MI tanks/Ponds and Ooraries through the above methodology by Participatory approach of the local public through implementation of Kudimaramathu. It has been proposed to take up the desilting of Ponds and Ooraries through the use of machineries by the concerned Village Panchayat and the desilting of MI tanks will be executed through the use of machineries by the concerned Panchayat Union by adopting the Public Works Department (PWD) Schedule of Rates (SoR) for the year 2019-20, under the State Funds at a cost of Rs.500 Crore. According to the Annual Master Circular 2019-20, section 7.3 - Works focusing on Agriculture and Allied activities - "Renovation of Traditional water bodies including desilting of irrigation tanks and other water bodies" are permissible as per Schedule I of MGNREG Act - Category A : Public works relating to Natural Resources Management. The construction of other works like inlet, surplus weir, sluice for MI Tank and construction of baby pond, bathing ghat, inlet and outlet structures for Ponds and Ooraries will be taken up at a cost of Rs.750 Crore under convergence with Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS). The fund allocation is as follows:

(A) Allocation of State Funds:

Details of works	Total nos.	Proposed in this Scheme	Tentative Estimate Unit Cost (for the use of machineries based on PWD SoR) (Rs. in Lakhs)*	Total Cost in (Rs. In Crores)
Desilting of MI Tanks	21,609	5,000	5.00	250.00
Ponds & Ooraries	48,758	25,000	1.00	250.00
Total	70,367	30,000		500.00

*The tentative estimate cost is inclusive of Desilting, Deepening, Bund strengthening and compaction through machineries.

(B) Allocation of MGNREGS Funds:

Details of works	Total nos.	Proposed in this Scheme	Tentative Estimate Unit Cost (Rs. in Lakhs)	Total Cost in (Rs. In Crores)
Construction of other works like surplus weir, sluice in MI Tanks	21,609	5,000	5.00	250.00
Construction of other works like surplus weir, sluice in Ponds and Ooraries	48,758	25,000	2.00	500.00
Total	-	30,000	-	750.00
Grand Total (A+B)				1250.00

5. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has sent the draft guidelines for the Improvements to Minor Irrigation Tanks, Ponds and Ooraries during 2019-20 for approval.

6. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has therefore requested the Government to approve the draft guidelines and also requested to accord permission for (i) taking up the desilting and deepening of 5,000 MI tanks through Panchayat Unions and 25,000 Ponds and Ooraries through Village Panchayats using machineries at an estimate cost of Rs.500 Crore from the State Funds by adopting PWD SoR for the year 2019-20 and (ii) taking up the construction of other works in MI Tanks/Ponds/Ooraries like inlet, outlet, surplus weir, sluice, baby pond, bathing ghat at an estimate cost of Rs.750 Crore under convergence with the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme funds.

7. The Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, have decided to accept the proposal and accord sanction for the following:

- i. taking up the desilting and deepening of 5,000 MI tanks through Panchayat Unions and 25,000 Ponds and Ooraries through Village Panchayats using machineries at an estimate cost of Rs.500 Crore from the State Funds by adopting PWD SoR for the year 2019-20 and
- ii. taking up the construction of other works in MI Tanks/Ponds/Ooraries like inlet, outlet, surplus weir, sluice, baby pond, bathing ghat at an estimate cost of Rs.750 Crore under convergence with the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme funds.

8. Financial sanction shall be approved after getting release of Central Share in respect of Rs.750 crore under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.

9. For administrative sanction and for financial release of Rs.500 crore under State funds on para 7(i) above G.O. will be issued separately.

10. Three stage photography of all works to be done i.e. before, during and after completion. Geo tagging of all works to be done and uploaded on Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme portal.

11. Utilization Certificate to Government of India to be sent in time and all the Central and State guidelines related to Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme to be followed strictly.

12. This order is issued with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.35808/DS(RR)/RD/2019, dated:26.07.2019.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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(Through the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Chennai-15)

All Project Directors, District Rural Development Agencies

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