



ABSTRACT

Announcement made by Honourable Chief Minister on the floor of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 29.08.2016 under Rule 110 - Establishment of Amma Parks in rural areas - Sanction of Rs.100 Crore at the rate of Rs.20 lakh per Park - Accorded - Orders - Issued.

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (PR.III) Department

G.O. (Ms) No.132

Dated 02.11.2016

Read :

1. Announcement made by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on the floor of Legislative Assembly under rule 110 on 29.8.2016.
2. From the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Letter Roc.No.52669/ 2016/ MGNREGS III.1, dated 31.08.2016.

ORDER:

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has made the following announcement on the floor of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 29.8.2016 under Rule 110.

“கிராம ஊராட்சிகளில் குழந்தைகள், பெண்கள் மற்றும் பெரியோர்களுக்கு பொழுதுபோக்கு, விளையாட்டு மற்றும் உடற்பயிற்சி சாதனங்கள், நடைபாதைகள், சிமெண்ட் பெஞ்சுகள், குடிநீர் வசதிகள், புல்தரை, பசுமைத் தோட்டம் மற்றும் கழிப்பறை, ஆகிய அம்சங்களுடன் கூடிய 500 'அம்மா பூங்காக்கள்' 100 கோடி ரூபாய் மதிப்பீட்டில் இந்த ஆண்டு அமைக்கப்படும்”.

2. In the letter second read above, the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has stated that as per Section 111 of the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1994, one of the discretionary duties of Village Panchayats is to provide necessary facilities for the establishment of play grounds, parks, sports clubs and centre of physical culture for the welfare and benefit of the people in rural areas. In the Guidelines issued for implementation of 14th Finance Commission Basic Grant for the year 2015-16, vide G.O.(Ms) No. 108, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj(PR1) Department, dated: 24.07.2015 it has been stated that the Village Panchayat can take up works from the gaps identified in Village Panchayats by dovetailing funds under MGNREGS, State Finance Commission Grant, Pooled Assigned Revenue and the General Funds of Village Panchayats in addition to the CFC Basic Grant to create / improve infrastructure facilities in rural areas.

3. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has further stated that as per the above announcement, 500 Amma Parks will be established in rural areas at a cost of Rs.100 crore at the rate of Rs.20 lakh per park by dovetailing CFC Grants already released to the Village Panchayats with State Finance Commission Grants to create this additional facility as below:-

1. State Finance Commission Grant	:	Rs.	50 crore
2. 14 th Finance Commission Grant	:	Rs.	50 Crore
Total	:	Rs.	<u>100 crore</u>

4. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has therefore requested to accord sanction for Rs.50 crore from State Finance Commission Grant to be drawn from the share of Village Panchayat and Panchayat Union in the ratio of 2:1 and another Rs.50 crore under 14th Finance Commission Grant, totaling Rs.100 Crore, as the Government of India have already communicated the allocation of Rs.1312.19 crore as 14th Finance Commission General Basic Grant to the Village Panchayats for the year 2016-17. The Government also permit the selected Village Panchayats to utilize Rs.50 Crore of fund for the establishment of Amma Parks.

5. The Government after careful examination have decided to accept the proposal of the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj and accordingly sanction a sum of Rs. 50 crore from State Finance Commission Grant to be drawn from the share of Village Panchayat and Panchayat Union in the ratio of 2:1 and another Rs.50 crore under 14th Finance Commission Grant, totaling to Rs.100 Crore to the Village Panchayats for the year 2016-17 for establishment of 500 Amma Parks in rural areas. The Government also permit the selected Village Panchayats to utilize Rs.50 Crore of fund for the establishment of Amma Parks.

6.The detailed guidelines for establishment of Amma Parks in rural area and their district wise allocation is appended to this order.

7.This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.58327/RD/2016, Dated 02.11.2016.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

**HANS RAJ VERMA,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.**

To

The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Chennai-15.

All District Collectors (Except Chennai)

The Accountant General, Chennai-18/35.

The Pay and Accounts Officer, Chennai-35.

The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Chennai-15.

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The Finance (RD/FC.IV) Department, Chennai – 600 009.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister's Office, Chennai-9.

The Senior Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister

(Municipal Administration & Rural Development,
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The Principal Private Secretary to Pricipal Secretary to
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**G.O.(Ms) No.132, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (PR.III)
Department, dated 02.11.2016
Draft guidelines for establishment of Amma Parks in Village Panchayats**

Introduction

The Honourable Chief Minister has made an announcement under Rule 110 on the floor of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 29.08.2016 that 500 Amma Parks will be established in rural areas during this financial year at a cost of Rs.100 crore at the rate of Rs.20 lakh per park in order to provide recreational infrastructure facilities in rural areas on par with urban areas.

One of the discretionary duties of Village Panchayats is to provide necessary facilities for the establishment of play grounds, parks, sports clubs and centre of physical culture for the welfare of the people in rural areas.

Advantages of Amma Parks

- Improves health and physical fitness
- Recreation to the children, youth and elderly people
- Rejuvenates the mind and body
- Beautifies the village
- Provides footpath for walking.

For the establishment of Amma Parks the following steps are to be taken.

I. Formation of District level Committee

The District Collector is the authority for implementation of the Amma Park scheme at District level. A Committee shall be constituted at the District level for selection, finalisation and establishment of Amma Parks and to monitor the Amma Parks in Village Panchayats. The District level Committee consists of:

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| i. District Collector | : Chairman |
| ii. Project Director,
District Rural Development Agency | : Member Secretary |
| iii. Executive Engineer (RD) | : Member |
| iv. Assistant Director (Panchayats) | : Member |
| v. Assistant Director (Horticulture) | : Member |
| vi. District sports officer | : Member |

II. Identification of Amma Parks and Components of Amma Parks.

- The District Collector shall select the panchayats based on availability of site for park in the midst of habitation and also taking into consideration of the availability of general funds of the village

panchayats. i.e., more than Rs.20 lakh annual income and receiving a Grant of Rs.20 lakh and above under 14th Finance Commission Grants and State Finance Commission Grants for that Village Panchayat. If any shortfall is found in allocation in any Panchayat, General Fund of the concerned Panchayat or Panchayat Union fund can also be dovetailed.

- 'Amma Park' shall be taken up only in Village Panchayats wherever the lands of an area of about 15,000 to 20,000 sq.ft. vested with Panchayat is available for developing the Amma Parks or in the OSR (Open Space Reserved) Lands handed over to the village panchayats.
- The Amma Park shall have sufficient plantation in consultation with the Assistant Director (Horticulture) so as to look green and shady.
- If the Amma Parks proposed in the existing park area in sub urban / semi urban areas with well grown tree, that can be developed with the facilities with children play equipments as in the new park.
- Amma Parks shall be created with great care to provide safety in the physical design of the park such as 'Open and Welcoming Entry, proper lighting facilities and signage to be provided.
- The size of the Amma Park will be maximum of 20,000 sq.ft.
- The Amma Parks to be established in the midst of habitations so as to ensure easy accessible for youth, women and children and elderly people and shall not be established in the remote areas.
- The Amma Park should have the following Provisions,
 - a. Foot path in Cement Concrete or Paver block.
 - b. Lighting arrangements with LED bulbs.
 - c. Cement / Granite topped benches (or) stainless steel benches.
 - d. Toilet for women, children and elderly people.
 - e. Water facilities for drinking, garden maintenance and toilet
 - f. Children play area with play materials.
 - g. Welcome Arches with Creepers (Steel) and exit.
 - h. Compound wall with safety grill provision or with precast materials.
 - i. Additional facilities for physical fitness wherever space is available.
 - j. Information boards and instruction board shall be erected at appropriate locations with proper captions.
 - k. Pebble walk and provision for "8" shaped pebble surface may be provided wherever required.

III. Procurement of materials

The following materials should be made available in the Amma Parks, for the best utilization of aged people or for recreation of children.

- a. The selection of play material in the Amma Park shall be made according to the size and availability of space and need of public in selected village panchayats.
- b. Children play area with playing materials like Seesaw, slide and swing (1 set) - Children (2 nos), 1 set - Adult (2 nos), Monkey bar (1 no), creepy crawly (1 no).
- c. Additional provisions such as Pull up bar / Parallel bar, Badminton, Ring ball, Volley ball may be provided if adequate space is available.

IV. Method of Procurement

Tender shall be called at District level for the allocation made to the District. Tenders shall be called at the District level considering the size of procurement and the technicality involved. The Project Director, District Rural Development Agency will be the tender inviting authority. The District Collector will be the tender accepting authority. The Block Development Officer (Village Panchayats) will be responsible for monitoring the establishment and functioning of Amma Parks at Block level. However, the maintenance of the Amma Parks shall be carried out by the Village Panchayats.

V. Issue of work order:

After finalization of tender for execution and creation of Amma Parks, work order will be issued by the District Collector and agreement shall be executed by the contractor for Amma Park establishment including supply of play materials as per the specification in the tender document within the time limit as per the contract conditions.

VI. Execution of works:

After the execution of agreement, the establishment of Amma Park shall be commenced with the supply and execution of play materials and construction of civil works etc., simultaneously by the contractor within the time limit as per the contract conditions. The Block Development Officer(V.Pts.) should make entry in the Stock Register after receipt of play materials. The Payment will be made after the receipt of certificate of supply and installation of play materials from the Block Development Officer(V.Pts.) and the joint quality certificate from AEE (RD) and EE (RD) concerned. The Payment will be made in two installments for play materials equipments; first 50% payment shall be after supply of play materials and balance after the successful completion of installation of play materials after satisfying all stipulated contract conditions.

VII. Allocation for the year 2016-17:

During the year 2016-17, 500 Amma Parks will be established and the required amount will be met out from the following grants.

1. State Finance Commission Grant : Rs. 50 crore
2. 14th Finance Commission Grant : Rs. 50 Crore

The Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj will draw funds from the State Finance Commission Grant and release to the District Collectors. The 14th Finance Commission Grant allocation has already been communicated to the District Collectors. In the Guidelines issued for implementation of 14th Finance Commission Basic Grant for the year 2015-16, vide G.O.(Ms) No.108, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department(PR1) Department, dated 24.7.2015, the Village Panchayat can take upworks from the gaps identified in Village Panchayats by dovetailing funds under MGNREGS, SFC Grant, Pooled Assigned Revenue and the general funds of Village Panchayats in addition to the CFC Basic Grant to create/improve infrastructure facilities in rural areas. Through proper convergence and dovetailing of different funds, the Village Panchayats can create more number of infrastructure facilities. The selected Village Panchayats can dovetail funds released under 14th Finance Commission Grant with SFC Grant for the establishment of Amma Parks. The tentative no. of Amma parks and the indicative amount allocated to each District is given in the Annexure. The District Collector while selection of village panchayats, shall take into consideration the annual income of the village panchayats that it is more than Rs. 20 lakh.

A separate Saving Bank Account should be maintained in the Nationalized Bank by the District Rural Development Agency for maintenance of this fund at District level.

VIII. Selection of Village Panchayats

As mentioned above, 500 Amma Parks at an estimate cost of Rs.100 crore at the rate of Rs 20 lakh per unit will be established during this financial year. The target for each District is given in the Annexure-I on the basis of population, and peri-urban and suburban nature of the Village Panchayats in the District. The park shall be located in the midst of habitations or atleast within the habitations rather than remote area.

The District Collectors should select and approve the Village Panchayats based on the availability of space, its key location, interest of the public, involvement of the Panchayat President and population of the Village Panchayat etc. The Project Director, DRDA and Assistant Director (Panchayats) at District level and Block Development Officer (Village Panchayats) at Block level may be asked to identify the suitable Village Panchayats, the district level committee shall analyse the locational advantage in each village panchayat and select village panchayats for establishment of Amma Parks.

IX. Monitoring

The District Collector will review the progress of establishment of Amma Parks at District level once in 15 days. The Project Director, District Rural Development Agency is responsible for monitoring the establishment of Amma Parks at District level. Nodal Officers in the cadre of Assistant Director should be appointed by the District Collector to supervise the progress and functioning and maintenance of Amma Parks in Village Panchayats.

X. Quality Control

1. In order to ensure the required quality standards, the creation and establishment of Amma Parks will be subject to third party Quality control through the State Quality Monitors (Schemes).
2. The State Quality Monitors (Schemes) will be deployed every month to inspect the Amma Park works during various stages.
3. In the case of Play material or other sports material necessary clause will be provided in the tender documents to ensure inspection and certification by AEE (RD) and EE (RD) concerned.
4. In the case of play materials a defect liability period will be provided and the supplier is liable to make good any defects during such period.
5. Payment shall be made for the Amma Parks only after verification and certification by the competent authority i.e., Assistant Executive Engineer (RD) and Executive Engineer (RD) concerned.

The Principal Secretary to Government, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department is empowered to modify the guidelines issued for this Scheme whenever necessary in consultation with the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj.

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Annexure
Details of District wise allocation of Amma Parks

Sl. No.	Name of the District	Total No. of Parks	Amount allotted for Amma Park (Rs. in Crores)		Total Amount allotted (Rs. in Crores)
			SFC	14 th F.C.	
1	Kancheepuram	45	4.50	4.50	9.00
2	Tiruvallur	45	4.50	4.50	9.00
3	Cuddalore	15	1.50	1.50	3.00
4	Villupuram	20	2.00	2.00	4.00
5	Vellore	20	2.00	2.00	4.00
6	Tiruvannamalai	15	1.50	1.50	3.00
7	Salem	25	2.50	2.50	5.00
8	Namakkal	15	1.50	1.50	3.00
9	Dharmapuri	10	1.00	1.00	2.00
10	Krishnagiri	10	1.00	1.00	2.00
11	Erode	15	1.50	1.50	3.00
12	Coimbatore	40	4.00	4.00	8.00
13	Tiruppur	20	2.00	2.00	4.00
14	The Nilgiris	10	1.00	1.00	2.00
15	Thanjavur	15	1.50	1.50	3.00
16	Nagapattinam	10	1.00	1.00	2.00
17	Tiruvarur	10	1.00	1.00	2.00
18	Tiruchirappalli	20	2.00	2.00	4.00
19	Karur	20	2.00	2.00	4.00
20	Ariyalur	5	0.50	0.50	1.00
21	Perambalur	5	0.50	0.50	1.00
22	Pudukkottai	10	1.00	1.00	2.00
23	Madurai	20	2.00	2.00	4.00
24	Theni	10	1.00	1.00	2.00
25	Dindigul	15	1.50	1.50	3.00
26	Ramanathapuram	10	1.00	1.00	2.00
27	Virudhunagar	10	1.00	1.00	2.00
28	Sivagangai	5	0.50	0.50	1.00
29	Tirunelveli	10	1.00	1.00	2.00
30	Thoothukkudi	10	1.00	1.00	2.00
31	Kanniyakumari	10	1.00	1.00	2.00
Total		500	50.00	50.00	100.00

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