



## **ABSTRACT**

Schemes – State Scheme - Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister's Announcement in his Budget Speech for the year 2020-21 - Tamil Nadu Rural Roads Improvement Scheme (TNRRIIS) – Implementation of the scheme during 2020-21 at a cost of Rs.1000 Crore – Administrative sanction accorded - Orders - Issued.

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### **Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (SGS.2) Department**

**G.O. (Ms).No.135**

**Dated: 10.08.2020.**

**சார்வரி – ஆடி – 26**

**திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு – 2051**

**Read:**

1. G.O.(Ms).No.108, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (PR.1) Department, dated 21.09.2017.
2. G.O. (Ms) No.02, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (SGS.2) Department, Dated: 04.01.2018.
3. G.O.(Ms)No.117, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (SGS.2) Department, Dated: 03.09.2018.
4. G.O.(Ms.) No.63, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (PR-1) Department, Dated : 29.05.2019.
5. G.O.(Ms.) No.73, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (PR-1) Department, Dated : 20.06.2019.
6. G.O.(Ms.) No.153, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (SGS-2) Department, Dated : 22.10.2019.
7. Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj letter No.16595/2020/TU1, dated 16.04.2020.

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### **ORDER:**

The Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister in his Budget speech for the year 2020-21 has announced that, "*The Tamil Nadu Rural Roads Improvement Scheme to upgrade and maintain Panchayat Union and Village Panchayat roads is being implemented at a cost of Rs.1,200 crore during 2019-20. In 2020-21 this scheme will be implemented at a cost of Rs.1,400 crore.*"

2. The Tamil Nadu Rural Roads Improvement Scheme (TNRRIS) was introduced with an annual allocation of Rs.800 crore during the year 2015-16, The scheme facilitated optimal funding for improvement of the Village Panchayat and Panchayat Union Roads based on the needs of the District and the scheme envisaged improvement of Village Panchayat and Panchayat Union roads under three streams, The scheme was implemented with an annual allocation of Rs.800 crore from 2015-16 to 2017-18 and in 2018-19 and 2019-20, with an allocation of Rs.1,200 crore. So far, under the scheme, from 2015-16 to 2019-20, improvement of 23,352Km length of Village Panchayat and Panchayat Union Roads have been sanctioned at a cost of Rs.4,800 Crore. An online road register has been created in tnrd.gov.in. by assigning unique alpha-numeric generic "Road Code" to each and every Panchayat Union and Village Panchayat road. This list is updated annually to include new roads and also the change in surface condition based on the improvements made during the year. The abstract surface details of the Village Panchayat and Panchayat Union roads in the state are as given below:

Table-I

Sl.No	Type of Surface	Panchayat Union Roads	Village Panchayat Roads	Total
		Length in 'Km'		
1	Black topped	26,471	72,065	98,536
2	Cement concrete	308	3,313	3,621
3	Double layer WBM	144	1,936	2,080
4	Single Layer WBM	365	8,417	8,782
5	Gravel	162	4,756	4,918
6	Earthen	994	29,619	30,613
	<b>Total</b>	<b>28,444</b>	<b>1,20,106</b>	<b>1,48,550</b>

3. In pursuance of the above announcement, the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj in his letter seventh read above has sent a proposal for the implementation of Tamil Nadu Rural Roads Improvement Scheme (TNRRIS) 2020-21 at a cost of Rs.1,400 Crore and requested orders of the Government on the following:-

- i. Administrative Sanction for the implementation of Tamil Nadu Rural Roads Improvement Scheme (TNRRIS) 2020-21 with an annual overall outlay of Rs.1400 crore, and also to accord permission to adopt the same detailed guidelines, issued for TNRRIS by the Government vide G.O.(Ms) No.117, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (SGS.2) Department Dated:03.09.2018 and G.O.(Ms) No.153, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (SGS.2) Department Dated: 22.10.2019 for the implementation of the TNRRIS scheme during 2020-21.

- ii. Sanction for utilizing Rs.100 crore, allocated under 80% component of CGF for the improvement of 2500 km length of local body roads to ODR standard, as priority works issued under G.O.(Ms). No.108, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (PR-1) Department, dated:21.09.2017, for TNRRIS 2020-21 and to permit the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department to earmark the same for the implementation of TNRRIS 2020-21.
- iii. Authorizing the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj to meet out a sum of Rs.700 from out of Rs.839.08 crore available for allocation, based on the Horizontal Distribution formula among District Panchayat, under 80% component of Capital Grant Fund for the year 2020-21, for taking projects through District Planning Committee as indicated in G.O.(Ms). No.108, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (PR-1) Department, dated:21.09.2017 for the implementation of TNRRIS 2020-21.
- iv. Authorizing the balance amount of Rs.600 crore to be met from the Panchayat Union share of State Finance Commission (SFC) Population Grant 2020-21 for the implementation of TNRRIS 2020-21.
- v. Permission for taking the road works under Stream-I, Stream-II and Stream-III category with the following norms:

4. From out of the total allocation to a district, at least 25% of the funds allocated shall be earmarked for each of the three streams. Out of the total allocation to a district, at least 25% of funds shall be allocated to Bus-Plying roads cumulatively under all the three streams.

- **Stream-I and Stream-II category** only eligible under 80% component of Capital Grant Fund for priority works and 80% of the Capital Grant Fund distributed to District Panchayats.
  - **Stream-I, Stream-II and Stream-III category** are eligible under Panchayat Union share of State Finance Commission (SFC) Population Grant.
- i. Authorizing the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj to permit roads with less than 1 Km length based on the specific recommendation of the concerned District Collector.
  - ii. Authorizing the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj to permit inter-component flexibility for allocation of funds, on a case by case basis, based on the specific request of the District Collectors with proper justifications, under intimation to the Government and to permit the RLBs to meet the gap in funding, if the allocation made as per the distribution formulae is not sufficient to complete the projects.

5. Given that TNRRIS is based on devolution resources, and also given that works have to commence early to catch the working season, Government concurs that sanctions with a condition that, if Revenue Drop is 30%, taking into account the proportionate drop in devolution, the TNRRIS outlay would be Rs. 980 crore and if the drop is 40% then the outlay would be Rs.840 crore. Therefore the outlay for the TNRRIS at this stage shall be restricted to Rs.1000 crore and the situation may be reassessed at the end of the second

quarter and further sanctions if warranted would be considered.

6. Considering the reasons in para.5 above in view of Covid-19 pandemic, the Government restrict the outlay for TNRRIS at this stage for the year 2020-21 to Rs.1000 crore and pass the following orders:-

- (i) The annual overall outlay of Rs.1400 crore for the implementation of TNRRIS for the year 2020-2021 is restricted to Rs.1000 crore under State Finance Commission Grants.
- (ii) The release the funds of Rs.1000 crore would be made in four instalments commencing from October 2020 in anticipation of restoration of fiscal normalcy.
- (iii) To adopt the detailed guidelines issued vide G.O(Ms).No.117, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (SGS.2) Department Dated 03.09.2018 and G.O(Ms).No.153, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (SGS.2) Department Dated 22.10.2019 for the implementation of the TNRRIS scheme during 2020-2021.
- (iv) Permission is accorded for taking the road works under Stream-I (Upgradation of Non-BT roads into BT roads), Stream-II (Strengthening of the existing damaged BT roads) and Stream-III (Maintenance of the existing damaged BT roads) category with the following norms:-
  - (a) From out of the total allocation to a district, at least 25% of the funds allocated to be earmarked for each of the three streams.
  - (b) Out of the total allocation to a district, at least 25% of funds to be allocated to Bus-Plying roads cumulatively under all the three streams.
    - **Stream-I and Stream-II category** only eligible under 80% component of Capital Grant Fund for priority works and 80% of the Capital Grant Fund distributed to District Panchayats.
    - **Stream-I, Stream-II and Stream-III category** are eligible under Panchayat Union share of State Finance Commission (SFC) Population Grant subject to the condition that other capital works to be undertaken is not affected.
- (v) The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj is authorised to permit roads with less than 1 Km length based on the specific recommendation of the concerned District Collector by drawing down a bank of sanction of works in advance as done in Highways Department.
- (vi) The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj is authorised to permit inter-component flexibility for allocation of funds, on a case by case basis, based on the specific request of the District Collectors with proper justifications, under intimation to the Government and to permit the Rural Local Bodies (RLBs) to meet the gap in funding, if the allocation made as per the distribution formula is not sufficient to complete the projects.

7. Three stage photography of all works to be done, i.e., before, during and after commencement of work.

8. Ensure there is no duplication of works.

9. Guidelines to be strictly adhered to in selection and quality control.

10. This order is issued with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.25467/RD/2020, dated: 10.08.2020

**(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)**

**HANS RAJ VERMA,  
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.**

To

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

All District Collectors (Except Chennai)

All Project Directors, District Rural Development Agency

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

The Accountant General, Chennai -18/35.

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