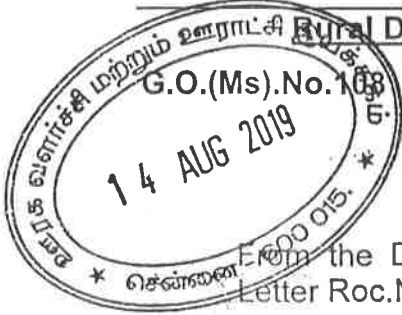




ABSTRACT

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act – Undertaking Massive Tree Plantation activities of 71 lakh plants seedlings at a total cost of Rs.198.57 crore under MGNREGS for the year 2019-20 – Sanction accorded – Orders - Issued.

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.1) Department



Dated:07.08.2019

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Read:

From the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj
Letter Roc.No.10214/2019/ MGNREGS-I-1, dated 27.04.2019.

ORDER:

In the letter read above, the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has stated that, Government of India, Ministry of Rural Development has approved Labour Budget of 22 Crore persondays under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme to Tamil Nadu for the financial year 2019-20 and the Plantation of trees is the need of the hour in the context of climate change. Depletion of forest cover, biodiversity and other natural resource, are leading to poverty and disturbance in hydrological cycle, which in turn affects the cropping pattern and cropping intensity. As a measure to improve the green cover in rural areas and to maintain the ecological balance, Massive tree plantation programme is being taken under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in Panchayat lands, Government lands, Government and private institutions, schools, colleges, park and other vacant places under MGNREGS. In para 4.(1).I. of Schedule – I, Mahatma Gandhi NREGA, it is mentioned that, "The focus of the scheme shall be on the following works as categorised below:" Category A: Public works relating to natural resources management, especially listed in item (v) such as afforestation, tree plantation, and horticulture in common and forest lands, road margins, canal bunds, tank foreshores and coastal belts duly providing right to usufruct to the households covered in Para 5, of Schedule-1, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act. The Massive Tree Plantation programme is being taken up under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme by the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department with the saplings raised in all the 385 Blocks nurseries and in Convergence with Forest Department in commemoration of the former Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. During the year 2018-19, Plantation of 70 lakh seedlings were taken up out of 63 lakh plantations was sanctioned to Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department and 7 lakh plantations was sanctioned to Forest Department.

2. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has further stated that as per the joint meeting held with Principal Secretary, Environment and Forests Department and Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department it was decided to raise and plant 7 lakh saplings under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme by the Forest Department. Accordingly, during the year 2019-20, 71 lakh saplings will be planted in commemoration of the former Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. Out of which, 64 lakh saplings will be raised and planted by the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department through the Block Nurseries raised under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. The remaining 7 lakh saplings will be raised and planted by the Forest department in convergence with Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. The cost for raising the 7 lakh plants by the Forest Department will be borne from Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme including pitting, planting and transportation cost. The plantation of 71 lakh saplings has been proposed in the Labour Budget for the financial year 2019-20 and the same was approved by the Empowered Committee, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India during the Empowered committee Meeting held on 18.02.2019.

3. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has further stated that the Government of India have notified the wage rate for the financial year 2019-20 as Rs.229/- per day in respect of Tamil Nadu. Accordingly, the Rural Schedule of Rates for the year 2019-20, approved in G.O.(Ms).No.52, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.1) Department, dated:09.04.2019 and G.O.(Ms).No.53, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.1) Department, dated:15.04.2019 is adopted for this work. The detailed Guidelines issued for the Massive Tree Plantation programme vide G.O.(Ms).No.12, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS-1) Department, dated 04.02.2019, shall be adopted for the year 2019-20 also and referred for Planning with regard to the Massive Tree Plantation, selection of worksite, execution of Massive Tree Plantation programme and Non-negotiable items without any deviation.

4. Further, the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has proposed to raise and plant 71 lakh saplings during the year 2019-20 under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, out of which, 64 lakh saplings will be raised and planted by the Rural Development Department through the Block Nurseries raised under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. The remaining 7 lakh saplings will be raised and planted by the Forest department in convergence with Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. The cost of raising of 7 lakh plants by Forest Department will be borne from Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme including pitting, planting and transportation. This 71 lakh saplings will be planted at an estimated cost of Rs.198.57 Crore out of which the Labour Component is Rs.193.60 crore and Material Component is Rs.4.97 crore with the Labour / Material Component Ratio of 97.50:2.50. The cost is calculated based on the Rural Schedule of Rates for the year 2019-20. The Labour cost is borne 100% by the Government of India and the material cost is shared in the ratio of 75:25 by the Government of India and the State Government. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has worked out the funding pattern for undertaking Massive Tree Plantation activities of 71 lakh saplings at a total cost of

Rs.198.57 crore for the year 2019-20 under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme as detailed below:

(Rupees in Crores)

Description	Material Component (2.50%)			Labour Component (97.50%) (Central Share 100%)	Grand Total
	Central Share (75%)	State Share (25%)	Total		
Planting of 71 lakh saplings	3.73	1.24	4.97	193.60	198.57

5. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has requested permission from the Government for undertaking Massive Tree Plantation activities for 71 lakh plants at an estimated cost of Rs.198.57 crore which includes 64 lakh saplings by Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department and 7 lakh saplings by Forest Department under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme through convergence. (inclusive of pitting, planting and transportation) and to adopt the detailed Guidelines issued vide G.O.(Ms).No.12, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.1) Department, dated:04.02.2019 regarding Massive Tree Plantation for the year 2018-19.

6. The Government, after careful examination, have decided to accept the proposal of Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj and accord sanction for undertaking Massive Tree Plantation activities for 71 lakh plants at an estimated cost of Rs.198.57 crore which includes 64 lakh saplings by Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department and 7 lakh saplings by Forest Department under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme through convergence (Inclusive of pitting, planting and transportation) by adopting the detailed Guidelines issued in G.O.(Ms).No.12, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.1) Department, dated:04.02.2019, subject to the condition that the financial sanction shall be approved after getting the release of Central Share.

7. This order is issued with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.36840/RD/2019, dated:05.08.2019

(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 District).

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

All Project Directors, District Rural Development Agencies

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

The Accountant General, Chennai-18.

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

The Finance (RD) Department, Chennai-9.

The Chief Minister's Office, Secretariat, Chennai-9.

The Senior Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Municipal Administration & Rural Development, Implementation of Special Programme), Chennai-9.

The Principal Private Secretary to Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Chennai-9.

The National Informatics Centre, Secretariat, Chennai-9.

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7.8.2019
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