From

To

Dr.Darez Ahamed, I.A.S., Commissioner, Rural Development & Panchayat Raj, PanagalMaaligai, Saidapet,Chennai-15.

The District Collector/Chairman, District Rural Development Agency, All Districts.

## Rc.No.21604/2023/MGNREGS-I-1, Dated. 01.06.2023

Sir / Madam,

Sub: Mahatma Gandhi NREGS – 2023-24 – RD & PR Department – Announcements made by Hon'ble Minister of Finance Department on the floor of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly – To renovate 10,000 water bodies in rural areas consisting of minor irrigation tanks, ponds and ooranies in the next two years at a cost of Rs.800 crore - Executive instructions issued - Regarding.

Ref: 1. MGNREG Act Schedule I: Notification No.19(E), Dt.03.01.2014.

- 2. List of 266 approved works.
- 3. Annual Master Circular issued by Government of India, Ministry of Rural Development for the implementation of MGNREGS 2022-23.
- 4. Minutes of the Empowered Committee meeting of MoRD, GoI held on 16.03.2023.
- 5. G.O.(Ms.) No.65, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.1) Department, Dated 21.04.2023.
- 6. Announcement made by Hon'ble Minister for Finance Department on the floor of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly.
- 7. This office letter No. 21604/2023/MGNREGS-I-1, Dated 05.05.2023.
- 8. Proposal received from Districts.

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I invite your attention to the references cited.

In the reference 4<sup>th</sup> cited, Government of India, Ministry of Rural Development have approved Labour Budget of 20 Crore persondays under MGNREGS to Tamil Nadu for the financial year 2023-24.

In the reference 5<sup>th</sup> cited, the Government of India have notified the wage rate for the FY 2023-24 as Rs.294/- per day in respect of Tamil Nadu.

In the reference 6<sup>th</sup> cited, the Hon'ble Minister for Finance Department has made the following Announcements on the floor of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly during the Demand of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj Department.

"Restoration of 6,618 water bodies has been taken up in rural areas in the last two years at a cost of Rs.638 crore. Further, 10,000 water bodies in rural areas consisting of minor irrigation tanks, ponds and ooranies will be renovated in the next two years at a cost of Rs.800 crore."

In continuation of the above, in the reference 7<sup>th</sup> cited, all the District Collectors were requested to send the details of water bodies to be taken up in the year 2023-24 that have not been taken up for renovation in the past 3 years under any schemes.

Based on the reports as per reference 8, received from districts, it is arrived that 7000 MI Tanks and Ponds and Ooranies will be taken up for renovation during the year 2023-24.

Hence, I request the District Collectors to accord Administrative Sanction for the renovation of MI Tanks, Ponds and Ooranies as per the Annexure enclosed.

Encl: Annexure

Sd/- Darez Ahamed Commissioner

For Commissioner

## Copy to:

1. The Principal Secretary to Government, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Secretariat, Chennai-9.

 The Additional Collector / Project Director, District Rural Development Agency, All Districts.

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