

From
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To
The District Collector / Chairman,
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All Districts.

Lr.No.41637/2024/MGNREGS-I-2, Dated: 25.06.2024

Sir / Madam,

Sub: Mahatma Gandhi NREGS - RD & PR Department -
Announcements made by Hon'ble Minister of Rural
Development Department on the floor of Tamil Nadu
Legislative Assembly on 22.06.2024 - 5000 New Ponds -
Works to be taken up under MGNREGS during the FY year
2024-25 - Executive instructions issued - Regarding.

- Ref :
1. Announcement made by Hon'ble Minister for Rural
Development Department on the floor of the
Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 22.06.2024.
 2. Annual Master Circular 2024-25.
 3. Wage Rate G.O. (MS) No.93, RD & PR (CGS.1)
Department, dated.22.05.2024.

I invite your attention to the references cited.

In the reference 1st cited, the Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development has
made the following Announcement on the floor of the Tamil Nadu Legislative
Assembly on 22.06.2024 during the budget demand of Rural Development &
Panchayat Raj Department that

ஊரகப் பகுதிகளில் மழை நீரை சேகரித்து வேளாண் பணிகளை
மேம்படுத்தவும், நிலத்தடி நீர் மட்டத்தினை உயர்த்திடவும், மகாத்மா காந்தி தேசிய
ஊரக வேலை உறுதித் திட்டத்தின் கீழ் 5000 புதிய சிறு குளங்கள் மொத்தம் ரூ.250
கோடி மதிப்பீட்டில் அமைக்கப்படும்.

In the "Permissible Works List" communicated by MoRD, GoI, Construction of Community Water Harvesting Ponds has been listed at Sl.No.182, under the category of "A" Assets".

Hence, it is proposed to create 5000 New Ponds at a total cost of Rs.250 crore under MGNREGS during the FY 2024-25 to improve agriculture activities by collecting rain Water and to raise the ground water level in rural areas

The Government of India have notified the wage rate for the FY 2024-25 as Rs.319/- per day in respect of Tamil Nadu. Accordingly, the revision of wage rate and the Rural Schedule of Rate (RSoR) was approved vide reference 3rd cited for the FY 2024-25 shall be adopted for this work.

Under MGNREGS, the creation of New Pond works are approved by the Empowered Committee, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India during the Empowered Committee Meeting held on 27.03.2024.

The above works were also proposed by your district in the Shelf of Project of Labour Budget 2024-25.

Guidelines for the Creation of New Ponds

1. Minimum of One New Pond should be created per panchayat at New Site, the New site shall be located in Low lying area in order to collect surface water. Based on the availability of sufficient land in the village panchayat more than one New Pond shall be created.
2. New Pond should not be created inside the existing MI Tanks / Ponds / Ooraries / Canals or an extension of MI Tanks / Ponds / Ooraries / Canals.
3. New ponds can be created in Eri Poramboku/Neernilai Poramboke where the site is completely silted for more than 10 years and shall be taken up as Construction of Community Water Harvesting Ponds not as Renovation work.
4. In addition to the creation of new ponds, construction of new feeder and new supply channel shall also be created.


5. FMB Sketch of the village panchayats should be referred to identify such lands. Revenue Department Officials and Agriculture Department Officials shall be consulted to identify the land for new pond creation.
6. SDR soil lands shall also be given preference.
7. A border plantation with Palm Tree /Plantation of Neer Marudhu inside the pond with the saplings of 5 to 6 feet height shall also be done as Separate work.
8. A CAD drawing of plan should be prepared for each work and should be kept in the work file without fail.
9. Labour and Material ratio of 60:40 should be ensured.

Hence, I request you to accord Administration Sanction for 5000 New Ponds at a total cost of Rs.250 Crore as per the Labour Budget – Shelf of Project 2024-25 in rural areas under MGNREGS during the FY 2024-25 and also request you to accord Administrative Sanction from the proposed works during Labour Budget 2024-25 and send the AS given details to the Directorate on or before 10.07.2024.


Director

Copy to:

1. The Principal Secretary to Government,
Rural Development & Panchayat Raj Department,
Secretariat, Chennai.
2. The Additional Collector (Dev.) / Project Director,
District Rural Development Agency,
All Districts.


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