



### **ABSTRACT**

Sanitation - Maintenance of School Toilets clean, cleaning of class rooms and school premises in the Panchayat Union Primary / Middle Schools and Government Schools located in rural areas – Permission granted to utilize savings amount under State Finance Commission (SFC) Grant / Infrastructure Gap Filling Fund (IGFF) of Rs.63.92 crore for the year 2018-19 - Orders issued.

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### **Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.1) Department**

G.O.(Ms) No.161

Dated: 12.11.2018

Read:

From the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, letter No.60354/2015/SBM(G)-3, dated 20.07.2018.

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### **ORDER:**

In the letter read above, the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has stated that as per G.O.(Ms).No.77, School Education (SE.4-1) Department, dated 13.4.2015, the Government have entrusted the responsibilities of maintenance of toilets in all the Government Schools to the local bodies located in their respective jurisdiction and directed to utilize the Solid Waste Management (SWM) funds for this purpose. Accordingly, in G.O.(Ms) No. 151, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS-1) Department, dated 30.11.2015, the Government issued detailed guidelines for engagement of Sanitary Workers on outsourcing basis, i.e., through Village Poverty Reduction Committee (VPRC) / Panchayat Level Federation (PLF) / Any other outsourcing Agencies for cleaning of School Toilets in the Panchayat Union Primary/Middle Schools and Government Schools located in rural areas and sanctioned Rs.57.63 crore for the year 2015-16 towards payment of monthly wages to Sanitary Workers and also for procurement of cleaning materials.

2. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has also stated that since the Government Order was issued in November, 2015 and the scheme became operation in January, 2016, the balance amount available in 2015-16 was carried forward to 2016-17 and Government have sanctioned the balance required amount of Rs.26.83 crore for the year 2016-17 on page 4 of serial No.08, in G.O.(Ms). No.127, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS-1) Department, dated 24.10.2016 for the

maintenance of School toilets clean in the Panchayat Union Primary / Middle and Government Schools located in rural areas and procurement of cleaning materials.

3. Further the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has stated that there was no separate allocation for cleaning of School toilets, etc., under Solid Waste Management for the year 2017-18. In order to ensure continuous maintenance of School Toilets, the Government had permitted to utilize Rs.62.50 crore from the savings fund available under Solid Waste Management Phase I and II and issued detailed guidelines for cleaning of toilets, cleaning of Class Rooms and School Premises in Panchayat Union Primary / Middle Schools and Government School located in rural areas and procurement of cleaning materials vide G.O.(Ms).No.79, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS-1) Department, dated 14.07.2017. Likewise for the year 2018-19 also, there was no separate allocation for cleaning of School toilets, etc., under Solid Waste Management. Hence, the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has requested the Government in School Education Department to allocate required fund of Rs.63.30 crore for the year 2018-19, for the continuous maintenance of School toilets clean, procurement of cleaning materials and cleaning of class rooms / premises. In this regard, Government in Finance Department have offered remarks that *"Primary Schools & Middle Schools are the property of local bodies and they have to fund for Sanitation. Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department to reconsider and provide necessary funds as in the past"*. Accordingly, the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has sent this proposal to Government.

4. Based on the reports received from the District Collectors, the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has furnished the details of the number of Schools in which outsourced Sanitary workers are engaged in the Panchayat Union Primary/Middle Schools and Government Schools located in rural areas and the total requirement of funds for the academic year 2018-19 (June 2018-April 2019) for School toilets cleaning, cleaning of class rooms / School premises and cost of cleaning materials as follows :

Sl. No.	Category of Schools	Total Number of Sanitary workers engaged in Schools	Wages per worker per month (Rs.)	Cost of cleaning material per month (Rs.)	Total amount per month (Rs.)	Total requirement for the academic year 2018-19 (from June 2018 to April 2019) (Rs.in crore)
1	Panchayat Union / Govt. Primary Schools	22,537	1,000	300	1,300	32.23
2	Panchayat Union / Govt. Middle Schools	6,574	1,500	500	2,000	14.46

3	Govt. High Schools in Rural areas	2,534	2,250	750	3,000	8.36
4	Govt. Higher Secondary Schools in Rural areas	2,015	3,000	1,000	4,000	8.87
<b>Total</b>		<b>33,660</b>				<b>63.92</b>

5. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has also stated that the required amount of Rs.63.92 crore for the maintenance of School toilets clean, cleaning of Class Rooms and Schools premises and cost of cleaning materials may be met out from the savings amount available in the Directorate under State Finance Commission (SFC) Grant / Infrastructure Gap Filling Fund (IGFF) relating to earlier years and that the guidelines already issued in G.O.(Ms).No.79, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS-1) Department, dated 14.7.2017 may be adopted for the maintenance of school toilets clean, cleaning of class rooms, school premises in the Panchayat Primary / Middle Schools and Government Schools located in rural areas for the academic year 2018-19.

6. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has therefore requested the Government to permit the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj to utilize the required amount of Rs.63.92 crore from the savings amount available in the Directorate under SFC Grant / IGFF relating to earlier years and also release the above amount to the Panchayat Unions through the District Collectors in one or more installments for the maintenance of School Toilets clean, cleaning of class rooms and school premises in the Panchayat Union Primary / Middle Schools and Government Schools located in rural areas and procurement of cleaning materials for the academic year 2018-19 (June, 2018 to April, 2019) and adopt the guidelines issued in G.O.(Ms).No.79, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS-1) Department, dated 14.7.2017 for the academic year 2018-19 for the above purpose.

7. The Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj and decided to accept the same. Accordingly, the Government permit the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj to utilize the required amount of Rs.63.92 crore from the savings amount available in the Directorate under SFC grant / IGFF relating to earlier years and also release the above amount to the Panchayat Unions through the District Collectors in one or more installments for the maintenance of School Toilets clean, cleaning of class rooms and school premises in the Panchayat Union Primary / Middle Schools and Government Schools located in rural areas and procurement of cleaning materials for the academic year 2018-19 (June, 2018 to April, 2019) following the guidelines issued in G.O.(Ms).No.79, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS-1) Department, dated 14.7.2017 for the academic year 2018-19.

8. This order is issued with the concurrence of Finance (RD) Department vide it's U.O.No.42251 / Finance(SFC-MC) / 2018, dated : 24.09.2018.

**(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)

(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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Finance (RD/BG.II) Department, Chennai – 9.

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

The Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (OP.2) Department,  
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The National Informatics Centre, Chennai – 9.

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**//FORWARDED BY ORDER//**

  
**SECTION OFFICER**

