



ABSTRACT

Sanitation – Maintenance of School Toilets - Cleaning of Class rooms and School Premises in Panchayat Union / Government Schools located in rural areas – Permission accorded to utilize State Finance Commission (SFC) Grant of Rs.64.26 crore for the year 2019-20 – Orders – Issued.

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.1) Dept

G.O (Ms) No.166

Dated:11.11.2019

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Read:

From the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Letter No.18166/2019/SBM(G)-3, dated:20.04.2019.

ORDER:

In the letter read above, the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has stated that 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. In G.O.(Ms).No.151, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS-1) Department, dated:30.11.2015, for the year 2015-16, the Government issued detailed guidelines regarding 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 and continued in 2016-17 vide G.O.(Ms.)No.127, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.1) Department, dated:24.10.2016 and sanctioned the balance required amount of Rs.26.83 crore for this purpose.

2) The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has also 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 continue maintenance of School Toilets, Government had permitted to utilize Rs.54.50 crore from the savings amount available under SWM fund Phase I and II in G.O.(Ms).No.79, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS-1) Department, dated:14.7.2017. Likewise, for the year 2018-19 also, as there was no separate allocation for cleaning of School toilets, etc., under SWM, the Government in the G.O.(Ms).No.161, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS-1) Department, dated:12.11.2018, permitted to utilize Rs.63.92 crore from

the saving fund available in the Directorate of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj under State Finance Commission (SFC) Grant / Infrastructure Gap Filling Fund (IGFF) relating to previous years for the academic year 2018-19.

3) The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has also stated that during the year 2019-20, there is no separate allocation for cleaning of School toilets, cleaning of Class Rooms and School Premises in Panchayat Union Primary / Middle Schools and Government Schools located in rural areas. Hence, the funds required for the maintenance / cleaning of School toilets, cleaning of Class Rooms and School Premises in Panchayat Union Primary / Middle Schools and Government Schools located in rural areas and also for procurement of cleaning materials may be met from the State Finance Commission (SFC) Grant for the year 2019-20.

4) Further, based on the reports received from the District Collectors, the number of Schools in which outsourced Sanitary workers are to be engaged in the Panchayat Union Primary / Middle Schools and Government Schools located in rural areas and the total requirement of funds for the same for the academic year 2019-20 (i.e. from June 2019 to April 2020) for School toilets cleaning, cleaning of class rooms / School premises and cost of cleaning materials are as follows:

Sl. No	Category of Schools	Total No. 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 2019-20 (from June 2019 to April 2020) (Rs.in crore)
1	Panchayat Union / Govt. Primary Schools	22,660	1,000	300	1,300	32.40
2	Panchayat Union / Govt. Middle Schools	6,603	1,500	500	2,000	14.53
3	Govt. High Schools in Rural areas	2,545	2,250	750	3,000	8.40
4	Govt. Higher Secondary Schools in Rural areas	2,030	3,000	1,000	4,000	8.93
Total		33,838				64.26

5) The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has therefore requested the Government to permit the District Collectors to set apart an amount of Rs.64.26 Crore from the SFC population grant due to the Panchayat Unions for the year 2019-20 as a separate component after arriving the block wise required amount 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 also for the procurement of cleaning materials by the Schools for the academic year 2019-20 (June, 2019 to April, 2020) and direct the District Collectors to release the same to the Block Development Officers (Block Panchayats) on monthly

basis for the above said purposes and to issue orders to adopt the guidelines already issued in G.O.(Ms).No.79, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS-1) Department, dated 14.7.2017 for the academic year 2019-20 also for the above purpose.

6) The Government after careful examination, have decided to accept the proposal of the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj and permit the District Collectors to set apart an amount of Rs.64.26 Crore from the SFC population grant due to the Panchayat Unions for the year 2019-20 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 also for the procurement of cleaning materials by the Schools for the academic year 2019-20 (June, 2019 to April, 2020) and direct the District Collectors to release the same to the Block Development Officers (Block Panchayats) on monthly basis for the above said purposes by adopting the guidelines already issued in G.O.(Ms).No.79, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS-1) Department, dated 14.7.2017, subject to the condition that as parity exist in SFC devolution, the streamlining of devolution of grants as per the requirement is considered essential and Director shall ensure that this shall be posed before the ensuing 6th SFC without fail.

7) This order is issued with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.54614/Fin (RD&PR), dated: 07.11.2019.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

**HANS RAJ VERMA
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(Through Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Chennai – 15)

All Project Directors, District Rural Development Agencies,

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

The Accountant General, Chennai – 18/35/6.

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11.11.2019
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