



### 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.62.709 Crore for the month from June 22 to April 23- Orders – Issued.

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### Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.4) Department

G.O. (Ms) No.55

Dated:01.04.2023

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திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு, 2054

Read :

- 1) G.O.(Ms). No.77, School Education (SE.4-1) Department, dated 13.4.2015.
- 2) G.O.(Ms). No.151, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj(CG.S-1) Department, dated. 30.11.2015.
- 3) G.O.Ms.No.79, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS-1) Department, dated 14.7.2017.
- 4) From the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Letter No.47891/2020/SBM(G)–3, dated 11.07.2022 and 19.01.2023.

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### ORDER:

In the Government Order 1<sup>st</sup> read above, 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.

2) In the Government Order 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, 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 cleaning should be done compulsorily twice in a day, preferably once in the morning and once in the afternoon.

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3) In the letter 4<sup>th</sup> read above, the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has stated that the Government have regularly allocated the funds from the academic year 2015-16 onwards for the maintenance of School Toilets i.e. for the payment of wages to Sanitary Workers engaged in the Panchayat Union Primary /Middle Schools and Government Schools located in rural areas and also for the procurement of cleaning materials. During the year 2020-21, in view of Covid-19 Pandemic situations, Government High Schools and Government Higher Secondary Schools were opened only for the months of January to March, 2021, pertaining to which the allocation was restricted to Rs.1.00 crore per month. During the year 2021-22, in view of Covid-19 Pandemic situations, Schools for Standards 9, 10, 11 & 12 from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 and the Schools for 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Standards were opened from 1.11.2021 onwards. Government have sanctioned Rs.36.50 crore for the maintenance of School toilets, cleaning of class rooms and school premises and procurement of cleaning materials as detailed below;-

Year	Government orders	Amount (Rs. In crore)	Allocation of funds from
2015-16	G.O.(Ms.) No.151, RD&PR Dept. Dated 30.11.2015	57.63	SWM
2016-17	G.O.(Ms.) No.127, RD&PR Dept.Dated 24.10.2016	26.83	SWM
2017-18	G.O.(Ms.) No.79, RD&PR Dept.Dated 14.07.2017	54.50	SWM
2018-19	G.O.(Ms.) No.161, RD&PR Dept.Dated 12.11.2018	63.92	SFC & IGFF Saving funds
2019-20	G.O.(Ms.) No.166, RD&PR Dept.Dated 11.11.2019	64.26	SFC
2020-21	G.O.(Ms.) No.51, RD&PR Dept.Dated 29.03.2021(for the month of January, February and March 2021 at rate of Rs.1.00 Crore month)	3.00	SFC
2021-22	G.O.(Ms.) No.37, RD&PR Dept.Dated 23.03.2022	36.50	SFC

4) The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has further stated that during this current year 2022-23, there is no separate allocation made in the Budget under SWM, 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. Further, it may also be noted that

Panchayat Union Schools are responsible for maintaining sanitation and hygiene in the Schools, 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 2022-23.

5) The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has further that based on the reports received from the Districts, the monthly requirement of funds for the academic year 2022-23 for payment to Sanitary workers engaged in cleaning of School toilets, cleaning of class rooms / School premises and also for the procurement of cleaning materials by the Schools are as follows:-

**1. Panchayat Union Primary / Middle Schools:**

(Rs.in crore)							
Sl. No.	Category of Schools	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.)	Monthly requirement for wages and cleaning materials	Total requirement for academic year 2022-23 (June.22 to April 2023)
1	P.U. Primary Schools	21,668	1,000	300	1,300	2.81684	30.98524
2.	P.U. Middle Schools	6,106	1,500	500	2,000	1.22120	13.43320
	<b>Total</b>	<b>27,774</b>				<b>4.03804</b>	<b>44.41844</b>

**2. Government Primary & Middle Schools located in Rural areas:**

(Rs.in crore)							
Sl. No.	Category of Schools	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.)	Monthly requirement for wages and cleaning materials	Total requirement for academic year 2022-23 (June.22 to April 2023)
1	Govt. Primary Schools	418	1,000	300	1,300	0.05434	0.59774
2	Govt. Middle Schools	111	1,500	500	2,000	0.02220	0.24420
	<b>Total</b>	<b>529</b>				<b>0.07654</b>	<b>0.84194</b>

**Government High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools located in Rural areas:**

(Rs.in crore)

Sl. No.	Category of Schools	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.)	Monthly requirement for wages and cleaning materials	Total requirement for academic year 2022-23 (June.22 to April 2023)
1	Govt. High Schools	2,558	2,250	700	3,000	0.76740	8.44140
2	Govt. Hr. Sec. Schools	2,047	3,000	1,000	4,000	0.81880	9.00680
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,605</b>				<b>1.58620</b>	<b>17.44820</b>

**Abstract**

(Rs.in crore)

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1	P.U primary & Middle Schools	27,774	4.03804	44.41844
2	Govt. primary & Middle Schools in rural areas	529	0.07654	0.84194
3	Govt. High Schools & Higher Sec. Schools in rural areas	4,605	1.58620	17.44820
<b>Total</b>		<b>32,908</b>	<b>5.70078</b>	<b>62.70858</b>

6) Totally, a sum of Rs.62.70858 crore is required for the academic year 2022-23 (June 22 to April 23) for the maintenance of Schools toilets in both Panchayat Union Primary /Middle Schools (Rs.44.41844 crore) and Government Primary / Middle / High / Govt.Higher Secondary Schools (Rs.18.29014crore) located in rural areas.

7) Therefore, the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat has sent a proposal in his letter dated 11.07.2022 to the Government to sanction of Rs.62.70 Crore for the academic year 2022-23. In the Government letter dated 21.07.2022, the Government have directed to review the proposal and resend along with relevant head of account to Government for consideration.

8) In the meantime, all the District Collectors were requested to make an interim arrangement to ensure the uninterrupted wages to the School Sanitary Workers and also for the purchase of cleaning materials by meeting out the expenditure from the Panchayat Union General Fund which may be reimbursed after sanctioning of funds by Government for the maintenance of School toilets, cleaning of class rooms and school premises in the Panchayat Union Schools located in Rural areas/Town Panchayats and for Government Schools located in Rural Areas from June 2022 to December 2022.

9) Now, the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat has furnished herewith the revised proposal and requested the Government to permit the District Collectors to set apart the amount of **Rs.62.709 crore** from the SFC population grant due to the Panchayat Unions for the year 2022-23 as a separate component after arriving the block wise requirement 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 2022-23 (June 22 to April 23)**. The District Collectors shall be directed to release the funds to the BDOs (BP) on monthly basis for making payment to the Sanitary Workers as well as for the procurement of cleaning materials.

10) The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has therefore requested the Government to issue orders to adopt the guidelines already issued in the Government Order 3<sup>rd</sup> read above for the academic year 2022-23 for the above purpose.

11) The Government after careful examination of the proposal of the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj have decided to permit the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj through the District Collectors to set apart the amount of Rs.62.709 crore from the SFC population grant due to the Panchayat Unions for the year 2022-23 as a separate component after arriving the block wise requirement 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 months from June 2022 to April 2023. The District Collectors are also directed to release the funds to the BDOs (BP) on the monthly basis for making payment to the Sanitary Workers as well as for the procurement of cleaning materials by adopting the guidelines issued in Government Order 3<sup>rd</sup> read above.

12) This order is issued with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.20/DS(RR)/2023, dated 28.03.2023.

**(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)**

**P. AMUDHA,  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.**

**To**

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Chennai – 15.

All District Collectors (Except Chennai)

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(Through Commissioner of Rural Development  
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11/4/2023  
**SECTION OFFICER**