

ABSTRACT

Announcements – 2023-24 – Announcement made by Hon'ble Minister (Rural Development) – Increasing of consolidated payment to Thooimai Kaavalars engaged in the Solid Waste Management activities in the Village Panchayats from 3600 to 5000/- per month - Allocation of Rs.396.78 Crore per annum from State Finance Commission Grant – Sanctioned and Guidelines approved – Orders – Issued.

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.4) Department

G.O. (Ms) No.78

Dated: 09.06.2023

சோபகிருது, வைகாசி, 26 திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு 2054

Read:

- 1. G.O.(Ms) No.47, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS-I) Department, Dated 26.3.2015.
- 2. G.O.(Ms) No.10 Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS-I) Department, Dated 20.01.2016.
- 3. G.O.(Ms) No.127, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS-I) Department, Dated 24.10.2016.
- 4. G.O.(Ms) No.53, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS-I) Department, Dated 05.04.2018.
- 5. G.O.(Ms) No.208, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS-I) Department, Dated 05.12.2020.
- 6. From the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Letter.Rc.No.16074/2023/ SBM(G)-3, Dated: 06.04.2023.

ORDER:

The Hon'ble Minister (Rural Development) has made the following announcement on the floor of the Legislative Assembly on 30.03.2023.

"அனைத்து கிராம ஊராட்சிகளையும் தூய்மையாக வைத்திருக்க தூய்மைக் காவலர்கள் இல்லம் தோரும் திடகழிவுகளை சேகரித்து, தரம் பிரித்து மக்கும் குப்பைகளை உரமாக மாற்றும் பணியினை மேற்கொண்டு வருகின்றனர். இவர்களுக்கு வழங்கப்படும் மாதாந்திர மதிப்பூதியம் 3600 ரூபாயிலிருந்து 5000 ரூபாயாக உயர்த்தி வழங்கப்படும். இதற்காக அரசு கூடுதலாக 112 கோடி ரூபாய் ஒதுக்கீடு செய்யும்."

- 2) In the Government Order first read above, orders were issued for engaging one Thooimai Kaavalar per 150 households for the implementation of SWM activities in the Village Panchayats. Accordingly, about 66,025 Thooimai Kaavalars have been engaged in all the 12,524 Village Panchayats through outsourcing basis through Village Poverty Reduction Committee (VPRC) / Panchayat Level Federation (PLF).
- 3) In the Government Orders, second and third read above, orders were issued for the establishment of Solid Waste Management (SWM) Systems in all the 12,524 Village Panchayats for the collection, segregation and safe disposal of waste to ensure cleanliness of the Village Panchayats with infrastructure facilities like Tricycles/ Pushcarts, E-carts, Street Garbage Collection Bins, besides implements and other safety equipments like Jackets, Gloves, Cap, etc., for the workers engaged in SWM activities to ensure effective implementation of the scheme.
- 4) In the Government Order fourth read above, orders have been issued for allocating an amount of Rs.206.04 crore per annum from the State Finance Commission Grant for consolidated payment to 66,025 Thooimai Kaavalars at the rate of Rs.2,600/- per Thooimai Kaavalar to carry out Solid Waste Management activities in the rural areas. amount is deducted from the SFC Devolution grant due to the Village Panchavats and Panchavat Unions in the ratio of 67:33 (Rs.138.05 Crore of Village Panchayats and Rs. 67.99 Crore of Panchayat Union share) Rs.17.17 Crore is deducted every month from the SFC Grant on the above basis and release the same to the Districts. The District Collectors were permitted to release the above amount to the Village Panchayats based on the number of Thooimai Kaavalars engaged in the Village Panchayats and directed to deposit the same in the Savings Bank Account maintained by the Village Panchayats for the SWM Scheme. Accordingly, Rs.17.17 Crore is deducted from the SFC grant and released to the Districts every month to carry out Solid Waste Management activities in all the Village Panchayats.

- 5) In the Government order 5th read above, orders were issued to increase the consolidated monthly payment to Thooimail Kavalar engaged in Solid Waste Management activities in village panchayats from 2600/- to 3600/- per month and allocation of Rs.285.6816 crore per annum was made from State Finance Commission Grant and guidelines were approved.
- The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj in his letter 6th read above has stated that as per the orders issued in the Government order 5th read above, Rs.285.6816 Crore shall be deducted from the SFC Devolution Grant due to the Village Panchayats and Panchayat Unions in the ratio of 55:37:8 (Rs.157.1249 crore of Village Panchayats and Rs. 105.7022 crore of Panchayat Unions share and Rs.22.8545 crore from District Panchayat share) and also to deduct Rs.23.8068 crore every month from the SFC Grant on the above basis and release the same to the Districts. The District Collectors were permitted to release the above amount to the Village Panchayats based on the number of Thooimai Kaavalars engaged in the Village Panchayats and directed to deposit the same in the Savings Bank Account maintained by the Village Panchayats for the SWM activities. The Thooimai Kaavalars are carrying out the duties assigned to them with respect to SWM activities in their allocated Village Panchayats are engaged on an outsourcing basis for a monthly consolidated payment of Rs.3,600/-. Several representations have been received at this Directorate, besides the requests from the District Collectors, to increase the consolidated payment of Thooimai Kaavalars, as the current monthly payment of Rs.3,600/- is inadequate, considering the quantum of work.
- 7) The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj further stated that as per the Announcement made by the Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development on the floor of the Legislative Assembly on 30.03.2023, taking into account the various representations including the request of District Collectors and the efforts of the Thooimai Kaavalars in door to door collection of waste, transportation of waste collected to the segregation shed through tricycle/pushcarts, segregation of waste as biodegradable, recyclable and non-recyclable waste, generation of compost from bio-degradable waste and safe disposal of waste and also their noble work of maintaining the cleanliness and hygienic status of the Village Panchayats thereby effectively contributing to the prevention of epidemics, the consolidated payment of Thooimai Kaavalars may be increased by Rs.1,400/-, which will amount to Rs.5,000/- in total, per month.

- 8) The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has therefore requested the Government to issue the following orders:
 - a) The present consolidated monthly payment of Thooimai Kaavalars who are engaged through VPRC/PLF on an outsourcing basis, may be increased from Rs.3,600/- to Rs.5,000/-.
 - b) Allocation of Rs.396.78 crore may be made from the State Finance Commission Grant due to Village Panchayats, Panchayat Unions and District Panchayats for the monthly payment of 66,130 Thooimai Kaavalars at an increased amount of Rs.5,000/- and apportion the amount, in the ratio of 55:39:6, (Rs.218.229 crore from Village Panchayats, Rs.154.7442 crore from Panchayat Unions and Rs.23.8068 crore from District Panchayats) as recommended for devolution by the 6th State Finance Commission, to rural local bodies every year. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj may be permitted to deduct Rs.33.065 crore every month from the SFC Grant in the ratio as indicated above and release the funds to / Chairpersons, the District Collectors District Development Agencies.
 - c) The guidelines already issued by the Government in G.O. (Ms) No. 208, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS 1) Department, Dated: 05.12.2020 may be adopted for the continuous implementation of SWM activities.

and also requested the Government to enhance consolidated monthly payment may be given to Thooimai Kaavalars with effect from 01.04.2023.

- 9) The Government after careful examination of the proposal of the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj have decided to increase the Monthly Consolidated Pay of the Thoomai Kavalar who engaged in Solid Waste Management activities in villge panchayats from 3600/- to 5000/- with effect from 01.04.2023 and allocate the sum of Rs.396.78 Crore from State Finance Commission Grant due to village panchayats, panchayat union, and District Panchayat at the appropriate ratio of 55:39:6 as per the recommendation made by 6th State Finance Commission every year as detailed in the Annexure 1 of this order
- 10) The Government also permit the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj to deduct Rs.33.065 crore every month from the SFC Grant in the ratio as indicated above and release the funds

to the District Collectors / Chairpersons, District Rural Development Agencies.

- 11) The Government also direct to follow the guidelines already issued by the Government in the Government order 5th read above for continues implementation of SWM activities.
- 12) This order is issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. No.22923/RD&PR/2023, dated 08.06.2023

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

Dr.P.SENTHILKUMAR, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Chennai – 15.

The Commissioner of Municipal Administration, Chennai-28.

All District Collectors (Except Chennai)

(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 Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, Chennai – 9.

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The Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Government of India,

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

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

The National Informatics Centre, Chennai – 9.

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Annexure

<u>District wise No.of Thooimai Kavalars and details of Annual</u> <u>Allocation of Funds</u>

G.O. (Ms) No.78, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.4) Department, dated 09.06.2023.

SI. No	Name of the Districts	No.of Thooimai Kaavalars	Monthly consolidated pay (@ Rs.5000/- pm) Rs.in lakh)	Annual allocation (Rs. In lakh)
1	2	3	4	5
1	Kancheepuram	1097	54.85	658.20
2	Chegalpattu	1678	83.90	1006.80
3	Tiruvallur	2257	112.85	1354.20
4	Cuddalore	2895	144.75	1737.00
5	Villupuram	2789	139.45	1673.40
6	Kallakurichi	1825	91.25	1095.00
7	Vellore	1224	61.20	734.40
8	Thirupapathur	1143	57.15	685.80
9	Ranipet	1178	58.90	706.80
10	Tiruvannamalai	3245	162.25	1947.00
11	Salem	3585	179.25	2151.00
12	Namakkal	1763	88.15	1057.80
13	Dharmapuri	1822	91.10	1093.20
14	Krishnagiri	2219	110.95	1331.40
15	Erode	1961	98.05	1176.60
16	Tiruppur	1857	92.85	1114.20
17	Coimbatore	1608	80.40	964.80
18	The Nilgiris	612	30.60	367.20
19	Thanjavur	2557	127.85	1534.20
20	Nagapattinam	1064	53.20	638.40
21	Mayiladudurai	1231	61.55	738.60
22	Tiruvarur	1681	84.05	1008.60
23	Tiruchirapalli	2261	113.05	1356.60
24	Karur	1237	61.85	742.20
25	Ariyalur	1121	56.05	672.60
26	Perambalur	790	39.50	474.00
27	Pudukottai	1912	95.60	1147.20
28	Madurai	2305	115.25	1383.00
29	Theni	997	49.85	598.20
30	Dindigul	2588	129.40	1552.80
31	Ramanathapuram	1834	91.70	1100.40

32	Virudhunagar	2231	111.55	1338.60
33	Sivagangai	1612	80.60	967.20
34	Tirunelveli	1497	74.85	898.20
35	Tenkasi	1584	79.20	950.40
36	Thoothukudi	1810	90.50	1086.00
37	Kanniyakumari	1060	53.00	636.00
Total		66130	3306.50	39678.00

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