ABSTRACT

Planning and Development Department - Announcements 2019-2020 - Sustainable Development Goals – Formation of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) District Level High Power Committee, SDG District Level Executive Committee and SDG Cells in Districts for the achievement of SDGs - Orders – Issued

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Planning, Development and Special Initiatives (SP.2) Department

G.O.Ms.No.122

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READ:

1. G.O.Ms. No.15, PD&SI (SP.1) Department, dated: 21.03.2017.
2. From Member Secretary, State Planning Commission D.O.letter No.458 / SPC / SDG Cell / 2019, dated: 15-02-2019 and 03-04-2019.
3. Announcements 2019-2020 of the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister on the Floor of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly.
4. Government Letter No.3008 / PD&SI (SP.2) Department, dated: 18.08.2019.
5. From Member Secretary, State Planning Commission Letter No.3456 / SPC / SDG Cell/ 2019, dated: 20-08-2019.
6. G.O.Ms.No.108, PD&SI (SP.2) Department, dated: 30.09.2019.
7. G.O.Ms.No.109, PD&SI (SP.2) Department, dated: 30.09.2019.

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ORDER:

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is a Universal developmental framework adopted by 193 member Countries of the United Nations in the year 2015, which officially came into effect from 01.01.2016. The framework called "Transforming our World: 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" includes 17 goals, 169 targets and over 350 National and State Specific Indicators.

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2. The commitment of the State to achieve targets under SDG has been stated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister in the Independence Day speech on 15.08.2019.

> " ஐக்கிய நாடுகள் சபையின் மாநாட்டில் ஏற்றுக்கொள்ளப்பட்ட நீடித்த வளர்ச்சி இலக்குகள் 2030ஆம் ஆண்டுக்குள் எய்தப்பட்டு, அதன் மூலம் தமிழ்நாடு உலக அரங்கில் வளர்ச்சிப் பாதையில் சென்றிட மாண்புமிகு அம்மாவின் அரசு உறுதியுடன் செயல்பட்டு வருகின்றது. இந்த நோக்கத்தினை செயல்படுத்தும் விதமாக பல்வேறு மக்கள் நலத் திட்டப் பணிகளை மாண்புமிகு அம்மாவின் அரசு செயல்படுத்தி வருகின்றது. "

3. The outcomes of various schemes being implemented, measured and correlated to SDG targets and indicators, provides both the outcomes of work done and the analysis for identification of strategies and programmes that enable the achievement of the aspirations for People, Planet, Prosperity and Peace.

4. Considering the significance of SDGs for the "Future we want", the need to strengthen the systems in the State has led to 3 Announcements by the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister while moving Demand No.36 for the year 2019-2020 on the floor of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly:

1) Formation of SDG Cells in Districts
2) Formation of SDG Units in Departments
3) Award and Ranking of Districts, Backward Blocks and other Blocks

In the Government orders 6th and 7th read above, orders with regard to Formation of SDG Units in Departments and Award and Ranking of Districts, Backward Blocks and other Blocks have been issued respectively.

5. The State had vide orders issued in the Government Order first read above, formed the State Level High Power Committee headed by the Chief Secretary with the Secretaries to Government of various Departments as the members. In the said Government order, the State has formed 8 Working Groups covering the 17 goals. These Working Groups are headed by the Secretary to Government, identified as Nodal Officer and has as its members the various Heads of Department concerned. These Working Groups have been given Terms of Reference that cover the broad areas of work that are to be done with reference to Sustainable Development Goals.

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1) Mapping of Goals and Targets;

2) Developing monitorable indicators for each target;

3) Collection of base line data and periodical data collection;

4) Preparation of Vision Document;

5) Capacity Building;

6) Preparation of Annual Status Report on the progress;

7) Convergence of resources for optimal use in achieving targets;

8) Periodical review of targets and achievements;

9) Reporting of achievements to High Level Committee, etc.

6. The State performance is the reflection of performance of Districts and the relevance of SDGs for the State is on account of the Localization of the SDGs at District Level, Block Level, Village Level and City/Municipality/Town Panchayat Level.

7. The announcement to enable localizing of SDGs in the State by Formation of SDG Cells in Districts reads as follows:

> " மாவட்ட வாரியாகவும், வட்டார வாரியாகவும் நீடித்த நிலைத்த வளர்ச்சி இலக்குகளின் செயற்திட்டங்கள் சென்றடைந்த தொலைவினைக் கண்டறியவும், தொடர்ந்து கண்காணிக்கவும் இதய தெய்வம் மாண்புமிகு புரட்சித் தலைவி அம்மா அவர்களின் நல்லாசியுடன், மாண்புமிகு முதலமைச்சர் அவர்களின் ஆணையின்படி, மாவட்ட வாரியான பிரிவுகள் உருவாக்கப்படும். "

8. The views of District Collectors on how to take the SDGs forward in the District and to Sub-District Levels had been called for and the views incorporated.

9. The measure of SDGs is through indicators. Many of the indicators (both output and outcome) evolve from the grass root level; but measurement and reporting is done at the District and at times Sub-District levels. As data from all Districts and Sub-District Levels are to be collected, it is imperative to establish a system for monitoring the progress and collection of data from the implementing Departments at various levels.

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10. In order to collect data and monitor the progress of each target, a dedicated Web Site and SDG Dashboard with online data monitoring system has been developed through Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency. Provisions have already been made to capture district level data for available indicators. This would facilitate entry/transfer of data from various line departments, periodical review of targets and achievements, facilitate reporting of achievements to High Power Committee and preparation of Annual Status Report.

11. The District performance is currently being seen in respective scheme and Department reviews. The impact of the Government schemes on the goals and targets to be achieved under SDG needs to be seen through SDG indicators and targets. The SDG Dashboard would provide the District performance including on schemes to be seen in the SDG perspective.

12. The Award and ranking on basis of SDG, as Announced, would be seen through this Dashboard. The performance of the District and its Blocks in the system of Ranking would propel improvements because of identification of areas requiring attention.

13. Also with the 73rd & 74th Amendment to the Constitution of India, decentralised planning has an important part. SDGs on being localised will be built into the plans at various levels.

14. Documentation of work done in Districts, Blocks, and specific rural & urban areas on regular basis and in District Annual Reports covering the SDGs would highlight the success.

15. At District Level existing partnership with NGOs and collaboration with private sector can be enhanced. The SDG framework will enable further exploration to focus on desired outcomes through partnership for goals. Since the goals are oriented towards public welfare, the people's representatives become important stakeholders.

16. The District Level, has a crucial role to play regular reviews at District level consisting of all Departments concerned would be necessary. In review amongst others, is the important aspect of data entry in the Dashboard.

17. Considering the importance of SDGs and as per the announcement of the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister on the floor of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly while moving Demand No.36 for the year 2019-2020, Government issue the following orders on the Formation of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) District Level High Power Committee, SDG District Level Committee and SDG Cells in Districts:

a) The **SDG District Level High Power Committee** shall be formed consisting of:

Honourable Minister	Chairman
District Collector	Member Secretary
Project Director (DRDA)	Convenor
Members:	
Member/s of Parliament	Joint Director (Agriculture)
Members of Legislative Assembly	Joint Director (Animal Husbandry)
District Superintendent of Police	Assistant Director (Fisheries)
Commissioner, Municipal Corporation	Superintending Engineer (TNEB) & (TANGEDCO)
District Revenue Officer	Executive Engineer (PWD-WRO)
District Forest Officer	Executive Engineer (PWD-Buildings)
Regional Director (Municipal Administration)	Project Director (TNSRLM)
Joint Registrar of Cooperative Societies	Project Director (Mahalir Thittam)
District Planning Officer and District Panchayat Secretary	Joint Director (Health)
District Backward Classes Welfare Officer	Deputy Director of Health Services
District Adi-Dravidar Welfare Officer	Chief Educational Officer
District Employment Officer	Divisional Manager (Transport)
District Differently Abled Welfare Officer	District Social Welfare Officer
Senior Regional Manager (TNCSC)	Senior Engineer, TWAD Board
District Civil Supplies Officer	Public Relations Officer
Project Officer (ICDS)	Divisional Engineer (Highways)
Deputy Director of Statistics	Manager, Lead Bank
Deputy Manager (TAHDCO)	Assistant Director, Town Panchayats
General Manager (DIC)	District Labour Officer

Any others as required

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This Committee is to meet Annually to discuss all aspects of SDGs pertaining to the District.

b) The **SDG District Level Executive Committee** is formed consisting of

1. District Collector (Chairman)
2. Superintendent of Police
3. Project Director, DRDA
4. District Forest Officer
5. District Revenue Officer
6. Project Director Mahalir Thittam
7. Lead District Manager
8. General Manager (DIC)
9. Joint Director, Health
10. Deputy Director, Health Services
11. Joint Director (Agriculture)
12. Deputy Director, Horticulture
13. Regional Joint Director, Animal Husbandry
14. Deputy Director, Fisheries
15. Chief Educational Officer
16. Project Officer (ICDS)
17. District Social Welfare Officer
18. Assistant Director, Panchayat
19. Assistant Director, Town Panchayats
20. Commissioner, Municipal Corporation
21. Assistant Director, Skill Development
22. District Employment and Training Officer
23. District Planning Officer - Member Convenor
24. Deputy Director of Statistics - Data Coordinator
25. District Adi-Dravidar Welfare Officer
26. District Backward Class Welfare Officer
27. District Labour Officer

Any others as required

(Depending on the Agenda, the officials concerned are to attend)

The SDG District Level Executive Committee Terms of Reference are similar to that of the Working Groups at State Level and covering all the goals, targets and indicators applicable to the District and Sub-District Levels and are to work on

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1)Localising of SDGs;

2)Ensuring data collection and entering in the Dashboard for District and Sub-District levels;

3)Block level and District level monitoring and analysis of performance;

4)Planning strategies ;

5)Implementing action plans for achieving targets and improved outcomes and performance;

6)Documentation;

7)Capacity Development and Workshops ;

8)Collaborations in work;

9)Report progress to State Level SDG Unit;

This Committee is to meet once in a quarter.

The SDG District Level Executive Committee is to form **District Working Groups and Working Teams** as required to work on key and specific areas of relevance to the District. It is also to ensure that the various already existing Committees connected to different sectors, incorporate the correlation of SDG into their working. These Working Groups and Working Teams are to meet monthly or as frequently as required.

c) The **District Level SDG Cell** is the monitoring and support unit in the District. It is to be headed by the Deputy Director, Statistics who will also be the Data Manager. The District Panchayat Secretary of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department and District Planning Officer is to be the Convenor. All Departments in the SDG - District Level Executive Committee are to nominate a Nodal Officer to work as part of the Cell. This District Level SDG Cell shall be responsible for ensuring all data entry is done in the Dashboard and carry forward the directions of the District Level Committee in enabling the District to achieve the SDGs.

The SDG cell would not only ensure data collection and transfer to Dashboard, the SDG Cell would also coordinate between State and District and Sub-District Level activities for the implementation of SDGs such as support in formulation of specific strategies, policy reviews, workshops, capacity building for the Departmental staff. These officials would coordinate data support for SDG monitoring and furnishing of periodical report along with their regular duties.

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Further guidelines as required would be issued from Planning and Development Department.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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