ABSTRACT

Planning and Development Department Announcements 2019 - 2020 Sustainable Development Goals – Award and Ranking the performance of Backward Blocks, Other Blocks and Districts in the State - Orders-Issued.

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

G.O.Ms.No. 109 **Dated:30.09.2019,**
விகாரி– புரட்டாசி – 13,
திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு –2050.

READ:

G.O.Ms.No.15, Planning, Development and Special Initiatives (SP-1) Department, dated: 21.3.2017 and subsequent amendments.

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ORDER:

The State is actively pursuing various steps for the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals. On the occasion of the Independence Day on 15.08.2019, the Hon'ble Chief Minister had in his speech said –

" 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. "

Further, 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 made the following announcement:-

மாவட்டம் மற்றும் வட்டாரங்களின் வளர்ச்சிக்கான காரணிகளை, நீடித்த நிலைத்த வளர்ச்சி இலக்குகளின் இணையதள கண்காணிப்பு பலகையின் செயல்பாட்டுடன் இணைப்பதன் வாயிலாக, அவற்றின் செயல்பாட்டின் அடிப்படையில் மாதந்தோறும் தரவரிசைப்படுத்தவும் கண்காணிக்கவும் இயலும்.

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மாநிலத்தின் பின்தங்கிய வட்டாரங்கள், ஏனைய வட்டாரங்கள் மற்றும் மாவட்டங்களின் வளர்ச்சியை அடிப்படையாகக் கொண்டு ஊக்கமும் உற்சாகமும் அளிக்கும் வகையில், மாதந்தோறும் தரவரிசைப்படுத்தி அதனடிப்படையில் சிறப்பாக செயல்படுவனவற்றைக் கண்டறிந்து, இதய தெய்வம் மாண்புமிகு புரட்சித் தலைவி அம்மா அவர்களின் நல்லாசியுடன், மாண்புமிகு முதலமைச்சர் அவர்களின் ஆணையின்படி ஆண்டுதோறும் விருது வழங்கப்படும்.

2. As per orders issued in the G.O. read above, State Level High Power Committee has been formed to oversee the implementation of SDGs under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary to Government. Eight Working Groups for all 17 Goals have been formed to carry out the activities related to SDG implementation.

Each Working Group is headed by the Secretary of Nodal Department. The Working Groups have the tasks of Mapping of Goals and Targets, Developing monitorable indicators for each target, Collection of base line data and periodical data collection, Preparation of Vision Document, Capacity Building, Preparation of Annual Status Report on the progress, Convergence of resources for optimal use in achieving targets, Periodical review of targets and achievements, Reporting of achievements to High Level Committee, etc.

3. To further strengthen the process, implementation, monitoring and important role that each Department has in the achievement of SDGs in the State, it has simultaneously been announced that each Department at State level is to have a unit for SDG.

4. For the State to achieve SDGs, each District, is to achieve the SDG targets and indicators. To enable the district to work as a team for this, and bring in the requisite focus and approach of convergence of departments, in to its work, the Government had announced the formation of District Cell for SDG. The Terms of Reference for the District Cell amongst various aspects of SDG includes data collection, monitoring, analysis for the district, to assess its performance.

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

6. Localising of SDGs would require the correlation of the SDGs, Targets, Indicators that are identified at State level to that which applies at District level, Block level, Village level, City level. The indicators under SDG for Districts and Blocks, as applicable at District level, Block level, will be identified. Specific data is to be provided in the SDG dashboard.

7. The effectiveness of the work done at these different levels seen through the indicators would yield better results when there is a comparison of outcomes against targets to be achieved as well as when the progress is seen as against a baseline. Such comparisons will encourage and motivate performance, help identify beacons, and models for replication and expansion, focus on areas for improvement and thus provide a thrust to overall development across all sectors.

8. Considering the relative differences between blocks on various parameters that are relevant to development, the Government have already been implementing the special scheme for backward blocks (State Balanced Growth Fund). The identified backward blocks thereunder, it is expected would have received additional attention, including additional funding (such as under State Balanced Growth Fund). Consequently, they should have shown improvement. However, the process for assessment is yet to be systematised and regularly taken up. These Backward Blocks cannot be compared on progress and performance on same terms as other Blocks.

9. Considering all the above, the Government has decided to bring in a system of regular assessment of progress on parameters and indicators identified under the SDGs at Block level and District level and issue the following orders:

i. SDG Indicators are to be identified for District level and Block level, including backward blocks.

ii. These indicators will be identified through a consultative process.

iii. Baseline data and periodical progress as per periodicity of the indicators shall be entered into the portal of the SDG Dashboard at District/Block level.

iv. Seamless data transfer from the departments to the SDG Dashboard is to be ensured by the departments concerned, and TNeGA.

v. Monthly ranking of Districts, Blocks and Backward Blocks would be done.

vi. Annual progress would be assessed of the Districts including Blocks and Backward Blocks, within the district and best performers would be awarded.

vii. Participatory monitoring, evaluations and third party checks on data entered would be taken up.

10. Detailed guidelines and executive instructions on this are to be issued separately.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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