



ABSTRACT

Special Initiatives – Launching of New Special Initiatives – Orders – Issued.

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL INITIATIVES (SI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.23

Dated: 19.03.2018.
Hayvilambi, Panguni- 5
Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2049

Read:

1. G.O.Ms.No.31, Planning and Development (WTO) Department dated 29.4.2002.
2. G.O.Ms.No.146, Planning, Development & Special Initiatives (CSS) Department dated 2.11.2006.
3. Government Letter No.8835/CSS/2003, Planning, Development and Special Initiatives (CSS) Department, dated 2.11.2006.
4. G.O.Rt.No.916, Public (Spl.A) Department dated 14.3.2018.

ORDER:

In the Government Order first read above, pursuant to the address by His Excellency the Governor of Tamil Nadu to the Legislative Assembly on 9.3.2002, the subject of Special Initiatives was added to the erstwhile Planning and Development Department to process innovative schemes that emanate from different sources. In the order second read above, the subject of Special Initiatives was included in the First Schedule of the Business Rules under the Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Department.

2. In the Government letter third read above, the procedure relating to processing of Special Initiatives has been outlined. As mentioned thereunder, it is in the nature of Special Initiatives that some of them may not ultimately be successful or worth pursuing, and hence may be dropped. Planning, Development and Special

Initiatives Department's role will be to initiate and/or co-ordinate and either bring the initiative to maturity, or determine that the initiative is not worth pursuing and drop it. Once it is determined that a particular initiative has reached a level of maturity such that it is sustainable and/or the continued intervention of the Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Department is no longer necessary it will be handed over to the concerned administrative departments.

3. In order to speed up the progress of important infrastructure and development projects and also to improve provision of public services to citizens, there is a need for special attention to certain subjects which are multi-sectoral in nature and require focussed attention.

4. After careful consideration, it has been decided that the following may be taken up as Special Initiatives:

- i. Streamlining of land acquisition and land alienation procedures especially for major projects (with a view to substantially reducing the time taken, while adhering to the prevailing statutory requirements);
- ii. Conversion of Water Bodies in the vicinity of Chennai for water supply (from irrigation);
- iii. Identifying and improving certain key points of interaction of the common citizen with Government, with a view to clean and efficient provision of public services.

5. The Principal Secretary, Planning Development and Special Initiatives Department is hereby authorised to create working groups for each Special Initiative and to co-opt officers of various departments on a part-time basis to work on these Special Initiatives. Such work will be in addition to their normal departmental duties.

6. The role of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Department shall be to formulate specific, feasible and actionable steps for achieving the objectives set out in para 4, clearly identifying what is to be done and by whom, and wherever possible, giving a time frame for implementation. It is expected that the Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Department will complete the initiative in para 4(i) within six months and the others within a year.

7. Thiru Anil Meshram, I.A.S., Member-Secretary, State Planning Commission and Tmt. V.Kalaiarasi, I.A.S., Director of Land Reforms shall function as Officer on Special Duty (Special Initiatives) and ex-officio Joint Secretary (Special Initiatives) respectively under the control of Principal Secretary, Special Initiatives to assist him in this regard, in addition to their normal responsibilities in accordance with the order fourth read above. Allocation of duties shall be made separately.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of Revenue Department.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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