



ABSTRACT

Department of Economics and Statistics – Rationalization of Minor Irrigation Statistics (RMIS) – State Level Steering Committee, Technical Sub-Committee & District Level Sub Committee for the upcoming 7th Minor Irrigation Census, 2nd Census of Water Bodies, 1st Census of Major and Medium Irrigation Projects and 1st Census of Springs with reference year 2023-24 – Constitution – Orders – Issued.

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & SPECIAL INITIATIVES (ST.2&E) DEPARTMENT.

G.O.(Ms.) No. 11

Dated: 19.02.2025.

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READ:

1. G.O.(Ms.)No. 334 Public Works Department, Dated: 06.07.2000.
2. G.O.Ms.No.143 Revenue & Disaster Management Department, Land Administration Wing, [LA-I(2)] Section, Dated: 04.04.2022.
3. From the Additional Director General, MoJS, Dept. of WR, RD & GR, GoI, New Delhi, F.No.V-57/1/2022-MI(Stat.)/2163, Dated: 02.05.2022.(Administrative Approval and Financial Sanction for completion of 6th Census of Minor Irrigation and 1st Census of Water Bodies and for conduct of 7th MIC and 2nd CWB with reference year 2022-23)
4. G.O.(Ms.)No.62 Planning, Development and Special Initiatives (ST.2&E) Department, Dated: 25.04.2023.
5. From the Deputy Director General, MoJS, Dept. of WR, RD & GR, GoI, New Delhi, D.O. Letter No. V-53 / 1 / 2023 - MI(Stat.), Dated: 28.07.2023.
6. e-Mail received from the Deputy Director General, MoJS, DoWR, RD & GR, GoI, Dated: 20.10.2023. (Operational Guidelines for 7th MIC & 2nd CWB).
7. Letter received from the Director, Department of Economics and Statistics, Chennai - 600 006, Letter No.18859 / RMIS / 2023, Dated: 15.03.2024.

8. G.O.(Ms.) No.107, Planning, Development and Special Initiatives (ST.2&E) Department, dated: 02.09.2024.
9. Letter received from the Director, Department of Economics and Statistics, Chennai - 600 006, Letter No.18859 / RMIS / 2023, Dated: 26.09.2024.
10. e-Mail received from the Deputy Director General, MoJS, DoWR, RD & GR, GoI, Dated: 21.10.2024. (Manual for 7th MIC & 2nd CWB).
11. Letter received from the Director, Department of Economics and Statistics, Chennai - 600 006, Letter No.18859 / RMIS / 2023, Dated: 05.11.2024.

ORDER:

In the G.O first read above, orders were issued for formation of a statistical wing in Commissioner of Land Administration Department as Nodal Department to compile Minor Irrigation data and 16 posts were created as per instructions of Government of India.

2. In G.O.Ms.No.314, Revenue and Disaster Management (LA-I(2)) Department dated: 04.09.2012, orders were issued reducing the total staff strength from 16 to 6 in the Statistical Cell under the Rationalization of Minor Irrigation Statistics(RMIS) as per the instructions of Government of India.

3. In the G.O. second read above orders on reconstitution of the Steering Committee with the Commissioner, Department of Economics and Statistics as Chairman, Commissioner (SSS) O/o Commissioner of Revenue and Disaster Management, Additional/Joint Commissioner, O/o Commissioner of Land Administration, Engineer-in-Chief (WRD),PWD, Regional Chief Engineer, Central Water Commission, Regional Director, Central Ground Water Board, Chennai, Chief Engineer, Agricultural Engineering, Chennai, Deputy Director General, National Sample Survey Organization, Field Operations Division (NSSO, FOD), Chennai, Superintending Engineer, Directorate of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj (DRD) as Members have been issued. Based on the above reconstitution, it has also been ordered that the above Steering Committee be designated as Minor Irrigation Census Committee for 6th Minor Irrigation Census and future censuses also and that the Statistical wing working in the Office of the Commissioner of Land Administration will be stationed in the Commissionerate of Economics and Statistics under the administrative control of the Commissioner of Economics and Statistics.

The Rationalization of Minor Irrigation Statistics (RMIS) wing has been shifted and it has commenced functioning from the Department of Economics and Statistics from 22.04.2022.

4. In the reference third read above, the Additional Director General, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Government of India, New Delhi, has conveyed the Administrative Approval and Financial Sanction with a total estimated cost of Rs.237 Crores for 7th Minor Irrigation Census and 2nd Census of Water Bodies (covering both rural and urban areas) during 2021-22 to 2025-26 at all India level.

The Government of India will provide 100% central assistance to all the States/UTs for the following three components:

- I. Conduct of 7th Minor Irrigation Census (MIC) during 2021-22 to 2025-26 inclusive of the remaining activities of 6th Minor Irrigation Census with reference year 2017-18.
- II. Conduct of 2nd Census of Water Bodies (CWB) during 2021-22 to 2025-26 inclusive of the remaining activities of 1st Census of Water Bodies with reference year 2017-18.
- III. Continuation of State Statistical Cells in the Nodal Departments of States/UTs during 2021-22 to 2025-26.

5. In the Government Order fourth read above, inter-alia orders have been issued to the following effect:

- Declaring the Department of Economics and Statistics as the Nodal Department for conduct of the Minor Irrigation Census and Census of Water Bodies
- Declaring the Commissioner, Department of Economics and Statistics as the State Minor Irrigation Census Commissioner and that RMIS Wing to function under the administrative control of the Commissioner, Department of Economics and Statistics.

6. In the letters seventh, ninth and eleventh read above, the Director, Department of Economics and Statistics has stated that Government of India through Department of Water Resources (WR), River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Department has proposed to undertake the 1st Census of Major and Medium Irrigation (MMI) Projects and 1st Census of Springs along with 7th Minor Irrigation Census and 2nd Census of Water Bodies with reference year 2023-24. The Government of India has approved the nomination of the Department of Economics and Statistics as the Nodal Department for the conduct of 7th Minor Irrigation Census and

2nd Census of Water Bodies and the Engineer-in Chief, Water Resources Department (WRD) and Chief Engineer, WRD, State Ground Water and Surface Water Resources Data Centre as the nodal officers for the conduct of 1st Census of Major and Medium Irrigation Projects and 1st Census of Springs respectively in the reference fifth read above.

7. As per the guidelines of Government of India, vide reference sixth read above, the States are to constitute only one State Level Steering Committee and one Technical Sub Committee for the conduct of all the 4 censuses namely 7th Minor Irrigation Census, 2nd Census of Water Bodies, 1st Census of Major and Medium Irrigation Project and 1st Census of Springs and that a District Level Sub-Committee may be constituted under the Chairmanship of District Collector wherever required to ensure better monitoring and smooth completion of census work on ground.

8. In response to the request made by the Government of India, States are to initiate preparatory activities, including the formation of the State Level Steering Committee, Technical Sub-Committee and District Level Sub-Committee. Accordingly, the Director of the Department of Economics and Statistics has submitted proposals and requested the Government to issue orders for the Constitution of these Committees to facilitate the smooth conduct of the censuses.

9. After careful examination, the Government in supersession of the orders issued in the Government Order 8th read above, order formation of the State Level Steering Committee, Technical Sub-Committee and District Level Sub-Committee for the conduct of the above said 4 censuses with following Compositions as detailed below:

i. Composition of State Level Steering Committee

Sl. No.	Name of the Department & Designation	Position
1.	Chief Secretary to Government, Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009.	Chairman
2.	Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Planning and Development Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009.	Vice-Chairman
3.	The Principal Secretary / Commissioner, Department of Economics and Statistics, Teynampet, DMS Compound, Chennai – 600 006.	Census Commissioner

4.	The Commissioner (SSS) (or) his nominee, O/o Commissioner of Revenue Administration & Disaster Management, Chepauk, Chennai – 600 005.	Member
5.	The Commissioner/ Director, Municipal Administration (or) his nominee, MRC Nagar, Raja Annamalaipuram, Chennai – 600 028.	Member
6.	The Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation (or) his nominee, Park Town, Chennai – 600 003.	Member
7.	The Director, Directorate of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015.	Member
8.	The Director, Town Panchayats (or) his nominee, MRC Nagar, Raja Annamalaipuram, Chennai – 600 028.	Member
9.	The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Head of Department) (or) his nominee, Forest Headquarters Building, Near Kannikapuram checkpoint, Velacherry Main Road, Guindy, Chennai-600 032.	Member
10.	The Member Secretary State Planning Commission, Chepauk, Chennai – 600 005.	Member
11.	The Engineer-in-Chief & Chief Engineer (General), Water Resources Department, Chepauk, Chennai – 600 005.	Member
12.	The Chief Engineer, State Ground & Surface Water Resources Data Centre, Taramani, Chennai – 600 113.	Member
13.	The Chief Engineer, Agricultural Engineering (Soil and Water Conservation) Department, Chennai – 600 035.	Member

14.	The Regional Chief Engineer, Central Water Commission, Gandhimaa Nagar, Coimbatore – 641 004.	Member
15.	The Regional Director, Central Ground Water Board, Rajaji Bhavan, Besant Nagar, Chennai – 600 090.	Member
16.	The Deputy Director General, National Sample Survey Organisation (FOD), Shastri Bhavan, Nungambakkam, Chennai – 600 006.	Member

Role of State Level Steering Committee:

- To review the progress of the 7th MI Census, 2nd Census of Water Bodies, 1st Census of Major and Medium Irrigation (MMI) Projects and the 1st Census of Springs for its successful completion in the State.
- To convene its meeting on regular intervals / as and when suggested by GoI so that impediments in completion of different constituent activities of all 4 censuses could be discussed and sorted out for timely completion.

ii. Composition of Technical Sub-Committee

Sl.No.	Name of the Department and Designation	Position
1.	The Regional Chief Engineer, Central Water Commission (State in charge officer), Sangamam, Gandhimaa Nagar, Peelamedu Post, Coimbatore – 641 004.	Chairman
2.	The Joint Commissioner, (Cinema & Irrigation), Land Administration Department, Chepauk, Chennai – 600 005.	Member
3.	The Additional Director, Department of Geology and Mining, Alandur Road, Guindy Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai – 600 032.	Member

4.	The Joint Director (State Schemes), Department of Economics and Statistics, Teynampet, Chennai – 600 006.	Member
5.	The Chief Engineer, Design Research and Construction Support, Water Resources Department, Chepauk, Chennai – 600005.	Member
6.	The Chief Engineer & Director, Institute for Water Studies, Hydrology & Quality Control, Water Resources Department, Taramani, Chennai – 600113.	Member
7.	The Regional Director, Central Ground Water Board, E-Wing, G-Block, Rajaji Bhawan, Besant Nagar, Chennai-600090.	Member
8.	The Chief Engineer, State Ground & Surface Water Resources Data Centre, Taramani, Chennai-600 113.	Member
9.	The Chief Engineer, Agricultural Engineering (Soil & Water Conservation) Department, Nandanam, Chennai - 600 035.	Member
10.	The Chief Engineer, (In charge of Water Bodies) Greater Chennai Corporation, Ripon Building, Chennai – 600 003.	Member
11.	The Chief Engineer, (In charge of Water Bodies), Commissionerate of Municipal Administration, MRC Nagar, Raja Annamalaipuram, Chennai – 600028.	Member
12.	The Superintending Engineer, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai – 600 015.	Member
13.	The Superintending Engineer, (In charge of Water Bodies) Directorate of Town Panchayats, MRC Nagar, Raja Annamalaipuram, Chennai – 600 028.	Member

Role of Technical Sub-Committee

- To provide technical inputs and guidance to the State Nodal Statistical Cell during the Census operations.

iii. Composition of District Level Sub- Committee

Sl. No.	Name of the Department and Designation	Position
1	The District Collector	Chairman
2	The District Revenue Officer	Nodal Officer
3	The Deputy Director of Statistics	Member - Convener
4	The Commissioner or his Nominee, Corporation	Member
5	The Project Director, District Rural Development Agency (DRDA)	Member
6	The District Forest Officer, Forest Department.	Member
7	The Revenue Divisional Officer	Member
8	The Executive Engineer, Water Resources Department	Member
9	The Commissioner or his Nominee, Municipality	Member
10	The Executive Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	Member
11	The Assistant Director, Town Panchayat	Member
12	Tahsildar	Member

Role of District Level Sub- Committee

- To co-ordinate various Departments involved in the conduct of above 4 censuses.
- To monitor the progress of the 4 Censuses at District level.
- To convene its meeting fortnightly / as and when required.

10. The Government also issue the following instructions for the conduct of Irrigation Census Scheme:

(i) Enumerators for the 7th Minor Irrigation Census and 2nd Census of Water Bodies

- Village Administrative Officers (VAOs) are the Enumerators to collect data at field level. The village schedule, Scheme related schedules ie, 7th Minor Irrigation Census and 2nd Census of Water Bodies schedules are canvassed by the VAOs at village level in the rural areas.
- In the urban areas, Enumerators are the field staff nominated by Corporation / Municipal Commissioners and Executive Officers in Town Panchayat. The enumerators for water body (urban area) may be identified for one town or group of Towns.

(ii) Supervision and Scrutiny

While the field work is going on, the overall quality of field work will be monitored by State/District/Block level officers to ensure the correctness of data, quality and consistency of 7th Minor Irrigation Census and 2nd Census of Water Bodies.

Level of Supervision	Supervision by	Scrutiny
State	RMIS Wing, Department of Economics and Statistics	---
District	District Revenue Officer/ District Deputy Director of Statistics	At least 1% of the total schedules or 100 schedules whichever is maximum by District level Officers
Block	Tahsildar / Assistant Director of Statistics	100% Village Schedule, 35% MIC & 35% CWB schedules by Block Statistical Inspectors
Corporation/ Municipality/ Town Panchayat	Officials nominated by Corporation/Municipal Commissioners and Executive Officer in Town Panchayat	35% schedules by the field staff nominated by Corporation /Municipal Commissioners and Executive Officer in Town Panchayat

(iii) Provision of Fund from GOI

As per the norms and guidelines of Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS), the rates of Grant towards honorarium to the various officials engaged in the Census will be paid as follows:-

(a) Honorarium

Sl. No.	Item	7 th Minor Irrigation census (in Rs.)	2 nd Census of Water Bodies (in Rs.)
1.	Field Allowance per village for enumerator (rural areas to VAO and urban areas to local body staff)	900/- (as maximum)	720/- (as maximum)
2.	VAO Allowance per village (for both MI schemes and Water bodies)	300/-	
3.	Taluk/Block Level Officers per Block (for supervision and inspection of field work)	3170/-	960/-
4.	For District level officers per district (for inspection and related work)	6480/-	1320/-
5.	For State level officers in charge of 7 th MIC and 2 nd CWB per large state (i.e. States with number of MI schemes $\geq 15,000$ as per 5 th MIC as per annexure) Tamil Nadu	18000/-	3600/-
6.	Scrutiny of Schedules per village For scrutiny of 35% of MI scheme schedules and complete village schedule. For Census of Water Bodies - scrutiny of 35% of Schedules of Water Bodies	360/- -	- 120/-

(b) Other Costs

Sl. No.	Item	7 th Minor Irrigation census (in Rs.)	2 nd Census of Water Bodies (in Rs.)
1.	Printing cost of user manual per 10 village	20/-	
2.	Contingency per village which includes (i) Providing State / district level training to enumerators and supervisors		

	(ii) Advertisement for MI Census, Publicity etc., (iii) Transportation (iv) Providing training honorarium to District level officers (v) Providing TA, DA to Enumerators /Block Officers for attending training (vi) any other unforeseen miscellaneous expenditure of contingent nature.	290/-	90/-
3.	Computerization cost per schedule (maximum including validation)	3/-	3/-
4.	Honorarium for the use of mobile devices for capturing the data for 7 th MIC and 2 nd CWB	750/-	

(iv) The Departments involved in the 7th Minor Irrigation Census, 2nd Census of Water Bodies, 1st Census of Major and Medium Irrigation Projects and 1st Census of Springs are hereby directed to coordinate and render necessary assistance to the respective Department.

11. It is ordered that in respect of 1st Census of Major and Medium Irrigation Projects and 1st Census of Springs, the Water Resources Department as nodal department concerned is directed to accordingly pursue necessary follow up action with Ministry of Jal Shakthi, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Government of India.

12. This orders issues with the concurrence of Finance Department and Water Resources Department vide U.O.No.347/2024 dated:13.12.2024 and dated:16.12.2024 respectively.

// BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR//

RAMESH CHAND MEENA
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Additional Director General, Minor Irrigation Statistics Wing, Department of Water Resources (WR), River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakthi (MoJS), Government of India, 2nd Floor, B Wing, Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi - 110 003.

The Principal Secretary / Commissioner / Census Commissioner (Minor Irrigation), Department of Economics and Statistics, Teynampet, Chennai – 600 006.

The Principal Secretary to Government, Finance Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009.

The Senior Principal Private Secretary to Chief Secretary, Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009.

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Water Resources Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009.

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Rural Development & Panchayat Raj Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009.

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009.

The Principal Secretary to Government, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009.

The Agriculture Production Commissioner and Principal Secretary to Government, Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009.

The ACS / Commissioner of Revenue Administration & Disaster Management, Chepauk, Chennai – 600 005.

The Director, Municipal Administration, MRC Nagar, Raja Annamalaipuram, Chennai – 600 028.

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The Chief Engineer, Ground Water Circle, State GW & SW Resources Data Centre, Tharamani, Chennai – 600 113.

The Chief Engineer & Director, Institute of Water Studies and Hydrology, Public Works Department, Taramani, Chennai – 600 113.

All District Collectors.

All District Revenue Officers.

The Pay and Accounts Officer (South), Chennai – 600 035.

The Pay and Accounts Officer (CAS), Chennai – 600 009.

The Principal Accountant General (A&E), Chennai – 600 018.

The Accountant General, Chennai – 600 009.

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