



ABSTRACT

Announcement-Announcement made in Budget Speech 2016 – 2017, Implementation of the "Kudimaramath – Water bodies Restoration with Participatory Approach" on a pilot basis for the year 2016-17 at an estimated cost of Rs.100 Crore - Procedures for implementation of the project - Administrative Sanction – Accorded – Orders – Issued.

Public Works (W1) Department

G.O. (Ms) No. 12

Dated: 21.1.2017

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Read:

1. G.O.(Ms.)No.623,Public Works Department, dated 30.04.1975
2. Government letter No.83331/N1/78-2 dated 17.05.1979
3. G.O.(D).No.19, Public Works (WR1) Department, dated 11.01.2001.
4. G.O. (Ms.) No.82, Public Works (W2) Department, dated 03.03.2016

Read also:

5. From the Engineer in Chief, Water Resources Department and Chief Engineer (General), Public Works Department, Letter No. S7(4) / 28821/ OT3 /2016, dated 16.11.2016.

ORDER:

The Hon'ble Minister for Finance, Personnel and Administrative Reforms, during the Budget Speech 2016 – 2017, has announced on the floor of Assembly on 21.07.2016 that

".....The State Government will embark on a Mission for Water Resources Management to restore water bodies and revive Kudimaramath through user communities Initially, a sum of Rs.100 crore is set apart as incentive fund to revive Kudimaramath which will be enhanced substantially with NABARD assistance in due course".

2. Earlier in G.O.(Ms.) No.623, Public Works Department, dated 30.04.1975, the Government directed that the Irrigation works including maintenance, repairs and Kudimaramath works executed by Public Works Department the estimated cost of which does not exceed Rs.1.00 Lakh, be entrusted to an ayacutdars or any association or group of ayacutdars nominated by the ayacutdars jointly involving, or with the consent in writing of, the majority of the ayacutdars benefitting from the irrigation work concerned subject to the condition that the other procedures as are applicable to the contractors are made applicable to the nominated contractors also.

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3. Subsequently, in the Government letter second read above, it was clarified that the orders issued in the Government Order first read above are applicable to all Districts in the State.

4. In the Government Order third read above, orders were issued for the procedures to be followed while executing the 949 minimum rehabilitation packages as follows:-

- (i) One minimum rehabilitation estimate for rehabilitation of distributories and minors of irrigation system shall be prepared in respect of each Farmers Councils.
- (ii) The execution of each individual estimate for value not exceeding Rs.7.00 Lakhs shall be done by the willing Water Users Association / Farmers Council of the respective area on nomination basis at estimated rates under the technical guidance of the concerned Junior Engineer / Assistant Engineer of Water Resources Organisation.
- (iii) The execution of works where the cost of individual package exceeds Rs.7.00 Lakhs or where the Water Users Association / Farmers Councils are not willing to take up the works, usual Water Resources Consolidation Project tendering procedures / World Bank Procurement guidelines shall be followed by Water Resources Organisation. Only in such cases; suitable clubbing of works/ packages for tendering to save cost on advertisement, documentation etc., shall be allowed. Also, these clubbing shall be made keeping geographical location of works to facilitate easy working in a compact area.
- (iv) The Executive Engineers concerned in Water Resources Organisation shall award works to the Water Users Association / Farmers Councils on nomination basis at current schedule of rates as ordered in sub para (ii) above.

5. In the Government Order fourth read above, orders were issued appointing the Competent Authority to exercise the powers and perform the functions of Farmers Organisation till the Farmers Organisations are reconstituted, as detailed below:-

Sl. No.	Farmers organization	Competent Authority to take over charge
1.	Water Users' Association and its Managing Committee	Assistant Engineer / Junior Engineer, Water Resources Department
2.	Distributory Committee and its Managing Committee	Executive Engineer, Water Resources Department
3.	Project Committee and its Managing Committee	Superintending Engineer, Water Resources Department

6. Based on the announcement of the Hon'ble Minister (Finance and Personnel and Administrative Reforms) above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Water Resources Department and Chief Engineer (General), Public Works Department, Chennai in his letter 5th read above, has submitted proposal for the implementation of the

"Kudimaramath – Water bodies Restoration with Participatory Approach" on a pilot basis for 2016-17 at an estimated cost of Rs.100 crore and the guidelines/ procedures for implementation of the project as detailed below:-

- a) The Water Users Associations are constituted on hydraulic basis, in the ayacut area under Major, Medium and Minor irrigation systems including tanks. Distributory Committees are constituted under each Major and Medium irrigation system, comprising two or more Water Users' Associations and Project Committees are constituted under the river irrigation system only (Major system).
- b) There were 4,341 Water Users' Associations constituted so far, under Water Resources Consolidation Project (WRCP) and Irrigated Agriculture Modernisation and Water Bodies Restoration and Management (IAMWARM) Project implemented areas and 161 Distributory Committees and 9 Project Committees were also constituted.
- c) Prior to the enactment of Tamil Nadu Farmers' Management of Irrigation Systems Act, 2000, there are Farmers' Councils registered under the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975 for the purpose of carrying out the functions of Participatory Irrigation Management and still functioning in certain areas, by entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the authority concerned of Water Resources Department.

7. He has furnished the Guidelines for implementation of works under Kudimaramath - Water bodies Restoration with participatory approach as follows :-

The following components are proposed to be taken up for implementation in the tanks and its appurtenances and canals, selected on priority basis, under the control of Water Resources Department.

(A) Minor Works:

- Removal of weeds, prickly-pear and scrub jungles in the tanks and supply channels and canals;
- Maintenance of bunds and clearing out the deposits in supply channels, canals and from tanks sluices;
- Filling up gullies or other inequalities caused by rain, by the treading of cattle, etc., upon the bunds of tanks, supply channels and canals and
- Repairs to sluices, shutters, surplus weirs, cross masonry structures, replacement of shutters, etc.

(B) Major Works:

- Reconstruction of sluices, surplus weirs, cross masonry structures, strengthening and standardization of bunds etc.,

8. He has suggested that the Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, Design, Research and Construction Support shall be the Nodal Officer for the project. A Project Implementation and Monitoring Committee for Kudimaramath Project shall prioritize the tanks and canals and monitor the effective implementation of the project in time. Separate detailed estimates for Minor works and Major works incorporating the various components of works will be prepared by the respective Regional Chief Engineers and sent to the Nodal Officer for onward transmission to NABARD through Government.

9. He has proposed the procedure for implementation of the project is as detailed below: -

- (i) The Project Implementation and Monitoring Committee for Kudimaramath Project comprising the following members shall select the tanks and canals on priority basis, and Monitor the effective implementation of the project in time.

1.	Engineer-in-Chief, Water Resources Department & Chief Engineer (General), Public Works Department	Chairman
2.	Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department Design, Research and Construction Support, Chennai-5.	Nodal Officer & Member
3.	Regional Chief Engineers, Water Resources Department (Chennai Region / Trichy Region / Madurai Region / Coimbatore Region) concerned.	Member
4.	Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department Operation and Maintenance	Member
5.	Joint Chief Engineer (Irrigation), Water Resources Department	Member Secretary

- (ii) Necessary estimates for maintenance considering the requests and requirements of Farmers' Organisations or Farmers' Councils or Ayacutdars, as the case may be, shall be prepared by the respective Regions of Water Resources Department.
- (iii) Separate estimates for the Minor works and the Major works shall be prepared in respect of each Farmers' Organisation or Farmers' Council area or equivalent area on hydraulic basis.
- (iv) Estimates shall be sent to the Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, Design, Research & Construction Support, who is the Nodal Officer for implementation of Kudimaramath, for obtaining Administrative Sanction from the Government.
- (v) The execution of the Minor works for a value not exceeding Rs.10.00 lakh shall be done on nomination basis by following, as the case may be, at estimated rates, subject to the condition that the other procedures as are applicable contractors are made applicable to the nominated contractors also, under the Technical guidance of the department Engineers of the Water Resources Department concerned:-

- a) The Farmers' Organisation of the respective area as per the TNFMIS Act, 2000 shall execute the work, where such Farmers' Organisation exists.
- b) The Farmers' Council of the respective area as per the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975 shall execute the work, where such Farmers' Council is alive and where Farmers' Organisation as per TNFMIS Act, 2000 is yet to be constituted.
- c) Where Farmers' Organisation as per TNFMIS Act, 2000 is to be constituted or reconstituted or any Farmers' Council as per Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975 is not functioning in that area, an ayacutdar or group of ayacutdars nominated by the ayacutdars jointly involving, or with the consent in of, the majority of the ayacutdars benefited from the irrigation works concerned.

The nominated contractor shall be exempted from the payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) & Security Deposit.

- (vi) The Executive Engineer concerned of Water Resources Department shall award the works under 9(v) as above on nomination basis at estimated rates based on the current Schedule of Rates.
- (vii) The Major works shall be executed by the Water Resources Department by following the usual tender procedures and Rules and Regulations in force.
- (viii) The respective Regional Chief Engineers of Water Resources Department shall send a monthly progress reports on these works to the Government and the Nodal officer on 5th of succeeding month indicating the 'progress' during the month and 'cumulative progress' upto the end of the month.
- (ix) Guidelines for entrusting works on nomination basis to the Farmers' Organisation/Farmers' Council / An Ayacutdar and Agreement Form for execution of Kudimaramath work shall be issued by the Engineer-in-Chief, Water Resources Department and Chief Engineer (General), Public Works Department.

10. The Engineer in Chief, Water Resources Department and Chief Engineer(General), Public Works Department has requested the Government to accord Administrative Sanction for a sum of Rs.100 crore for the implementation of "Kudimaramath – Water bodies Restoration with Participatory Approach" on a pilot basis for the year 2016-17 and approval for the procedures for implementation of the project.

11. The proposal of Engineer-in-Chief, Water Resources Department and Chief Engineer (General), Public Works Department, Chennai was examined in consultation with the Finance Department. Accordingly, the Government hereby accord approval for implementation of the "Kudimaramath – Water bodies Restoration with Participatory Approach" on a pilot basis for the year 2016-17 and sanction a sum of Rs.100.00 crore (Rupees One hundred crore only) by following the Procedures/Guidelines stipulated at para 9 above subject to the following conditions:-

- i) Nomination of Minor works as defined in para (9) (v) above shall be assigned only to the farmers organization or farmer council or ayacutdars or user association and

- ii) out of the estimates 10% should come as contribution from the user association or ayacutdars in the form of labour or material or cash contribution.

12. The expenditure sanctioned in para 11 above shall be debited to the following head of account:-

"4701 Capital Outlay on Major and Medium Irrigation – 03 Medium Irrigation – Commercial 345 Medium Irrigation Schemes OJ Mission for Water Resources Management and Reviving Kudimaramath – 16 Major Works (DPC 4701 03 345 OJ 1606)"

13. The Engineer-in-Chief, Water Resources Department and Chief Engineer (General), Public Works Department, Chennai-5 is authorised to incur the expenditure sanctioned in para 11 above.

14. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its No. 435(A)/ACS(F)/P/17, dated 21.1.2017.

(By Order of the Governor)

S.K. Prabakar
Principal Secretary to Government

To

The Engineer-in-Chief, Water Resources Department and Chief Engineer (General), Public Works Department, Chennai – 5.
The Chief Engineer (Plan Formulation), Water Resources Department, Chennai – 5.
The Chief Engineer, Design Research and Construction Support, Water Resources Department, Chennai-5.
The Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, Trichy Region, Trichy -20.
The Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department Chennai Region, Chennai-5.
The Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, Madurai Region, Madurai -2.
The Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, Coimbatore Region, Coimbatore.
The Principal Accountant General (A&E / Audit – I), Chennai – 18.
The Resident Audit Officer, O/o. Principal Accountant General (General and Social Sector Audit), Tamil Nadu Secretariat, Chennai-9.
The Chief General Manager, NABARD, 48, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai-34.

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