



ABSTRACT

Schemes – State Scheme – Implementation of Tamil Nadu Village Habitation Improvement Scheme (THAI)-II (2016-17) – Guidelines issued – Relaxation to para 4.1.4 (vii) – Orders - Issued.

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (SGS-1) Department

G.O.(Ms).No.12

Dated : 25.01.2017

Read :

1. G.O(Ms)No.129, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (SGS-1) Department, Dated 25.10.2016
2. Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Letter Roc.No.32119 / 2016 / MGNRGES 3.1, Dated 23.12.2016.

ORDER:

In the Government order first read above the Government have accorded sanction for a sum of Rs.750 Crore for the implementation of Tamil Nadu Village Habitations Improvements Scheme -II 2016-17 under two components viz., i) Improvement of Minor Irrigation Tanks, ii) Basic Infrastructure and amenities along with the guidelines for the implementation of the Scheme.

2. In the letter second read above, the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has stated that the District Collectors of Villupuram, Pudukottai, Krishnagiri and Vellore have represented that as per the guidelines issued in the G.O., first read above in para 4.1.4 (vii), under Selection and Prioritization of MI Tanks, it has been laid down that "MI tanks which were taken up under MGNREGS in the last two years and current year whether completed or ongoing, shall not be taken up under THAI-II scheme during 2016-17". Due to the above condition in para 4.1.4(vii), the majority of the MI tanks in Villupuram District are not eligible to be taken up under Tamil Nadu Village Habitations Improvements Scheme (THAI)-II Scheme. The District Collectors have further added that in MI Tanks desilting works taken up under MGNREGS, the required and expected area and depth of desilting have not been achieved and expected capacity of water storage is also not achieved. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has further stated that the following difficulties are faced in implementing the existing Tamil Nadu Village Habitations Improvements Scheme (THAI) guidelines:

- (i) The water storage capacity could not be increased to the desired level in the tanks under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Gurantee Scheme, where the works are carried out manually. If these

works are carried out by using machineries, the desired level of deepening would have been achieved.

- (ii) Mostly aged and women laborers were engaged in Minor Irrigation Tanks desilting works taken up under MGNREGS, the required and expected area and depth of desilting have not been achieved and expected capacity of water storage is also not achieved.
- (iii) The tanks are vast in area and also some of the tanks having heavy jungles with deep rooted of trees are not removable manually under MGNREGS.
- (iv) Moreover, the hard strata and rocky portion of the tank were not deepened in the MGNREGS due to the inherent capacity of the manual workers.
- (v) The repair or reconstruction works of appurtenances like inlet sluices and surplus weirs of these tanks also were not been taken for repair and maintenance and also the bunds have not been strengthened. As these works are to be executed under the utilisation of machinery, these works have not been covered under the MGNREGS.
- (vi) Works taken for desilting under MGNREGS have covered a minimum area in a single direction while the other areas of the tank have not been fully covered, which in turn may result in the stagnation of water within a particular area.

3. In views of the above reasons, the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has requested to relax the condition stipulated in para 4.1.4 (vii) of the guidelines of THAI-II 2016-17 so as to take up the MI Tanks, which have maximum water spread area under THAI-II Scheme 2016-17 and to achieve the maximum storage capacity of the MI Tanks.

4. The Government examined the proposal of the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj carefully. In order to restore the MI tanks to their full capacity, increase ground water recharge, prevent surplus runoff and breaches in the water bodies and also to regulate the storage of water for drinking and agricultural purposes, thereby ensuring sustainable drinking water supply and increased crop productivity and irrigated area, the Government relax para 4.1.4(vii) of guidelines of Tamil Nadu Village Habitations Improvement Scheme (THAI) 2016-2017 issued in G.O.(Ms) No.129, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (SGS-1) Department, dated 25.10.2016, so as to take up Minor Irrigation Tanks of bigger sizes in terms of extent and Ayacut, under the Tamil Nadu Village Habitations Improvements Scheme (THAI) Scheme-II for the year 2016-2017, except those MI Tanks that were taken up in the current year under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.

5. This orders issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide it's U.O No. 13/RD/2016, Dated: 13.01.2017.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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To

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All District Collectors (except Chennai) (Thro' the DRD&PR, Chennai-15)
All Project Directors, District Rural Development Agencies.
(Thro' Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Chennai-15)
The Principal Accountant General, Chennai-6/18/35.
The Pay and Accounts Officer (South), Chennai – 35.
The Pay and Accounts Officer (East), Chennai-5.
The Pay and Accounts Officer (North), Chennai-1.
The Pay and Accounts Officer (Secretariat), Chennai-9.
The Pay and Accounts Officer, Madurai.
All District Treasury Officers.

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Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (PRI) Department, Chennai-9.
(for necessary follow up action to allot fund from SFC grant)
The National Informatics Centre, Chennai-9.

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