ABSTRACT

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme - Announcement made by Hon'ble Chief Minister on the floor of the Legislative Assembly under Rule 110 on 19.03.2020 - Construction of cremation sheds in Adi Dravidar habitations at a total cost of Rs.97.15 crore under MGNREGS during 2020-21– Administrative Sanction accorded – Orders- Issued.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYAT RAJ (CGS.1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms) No.17 **Dated: 02.02.2021**
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Read:

1. Announcement made by Hon'ble Chief Minister on the floor of the Legislative Assembly under Rule 110 on 19.03.2020.
2. From the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Letter No.Roc.No.32007/2020/ MGNREGS-II-2, dated 01.09.2020.

ORDER:

The Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has made the following Announcement under Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Rule 110 on 19.03.2020:

"ஆதிதிராவிடர் குடியிருப்புப் பகுதிகளில் அனைத்து அடிப்படை வசதிகளையும் மேம்படுத்திட வேண்டும் என்ற உயரிய நோக்கில், பல்வேறு திட்டங்களை ஒருங்கிணைத்து உரிய நிதி ஒதுக்கீடு செய்து, அதனை செயல்படுத்தும் விதத்தில், 2020–21ஆம் ஆண்டைய நிதிநிலை அறிக்கையில் வழிவகை செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளது. அதன்படி, மகாத்மா காந்தி தேசிய ஊரக வேலை உறுதியளிப்புத் திட்டம், மத்திய, மாநில நிதிக்குழுவின் நிதி மற்றும் அம்மா ஆதிதிராவிடர் குடியிருப்பு மேம்பாட்டு திட்ட நிதி ஆகியவற்றில் இருந்து 2,500 கோடி ரூபாய் ஒதுக்கீடு செய்யப்படும். இந்நிதியில் இருந்து, ஆதிதிராவிடர் குடியிருப்பு பகுதிகளில் குடிநீர் வசதி, இணைப்புச் சாலை வசதி, சிமெண்ட் / பேவர் பிளாக் சாலை வசதி, தெருவிளக்குகள், வடிகால் வசதி, மயான மேம்பாடு உள்ளிட்ட அடிப்படை வசதிகள் ஏற்படுத்தப்படும் என்பதை மகிழ்ச்சியுடன் இப்பேரவைக்கு தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறேன்".

2. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj in his letter second read above has stated that as per the above announcement, it is proposed to take up works like Cement Concrete Pavement, Paver Block, Culverts, Single Layer WBM Roads, Soak Pit, Dugwells, Cattle Shelter/ Goat Shelter, Cement Concrete Drainage and Burial Ground at a total cost of Rs.1002.65 Crore under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme for the development of basic amenities in SC habitations. Considering the need for construction of cremation sheds and also improvements to existing cremation sheds in Adi Dravidar habitations, 500 Nos. of cremation sheds will be either newly constructed or

additional basic infrastructures will be taken-up during the FY 2020-21 under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in a comprehensive manner by providing other infrastructure facilities like Waiting shed, Paver Block and Plantation within the premises of cremation shed along with Compound wall, apart from construction of cremation shed. The unit cost for the construction of cremation shed is Rs.19.43 lakh and the total cost of 500 Cremation Sheds will be Rs.97.15 crore under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS during 2020-21. Construction of Cremation Shed, Waiting Shed, Compound Wall, Paver Block Pavement and Plantation works are included in the above unit cost. The Breakup details are given below.

Sl.No.	Item	Estimate Cost (Rs. In Lakhs)
1.	Cremation Shed	3.15
2.	Waiting Shed	4.25
3.	Compound Wall	6.76
4.	Paver Block Pavement	4.66
5.	Plantation	0.61
	Total Cost	**19.43**

MGNREG Scheme permits the construction of Cremation Sheds in Rural areas, on community basis. According to the Annual Master Circular 2020-21, construction of cremation sheds (crematorium) has been permitted in Sl.No.11 (7.2.1) of "List of Permissible Works" under 7.2 "Type of Works". The above work has been proposed in the Labour Budget for the Financial Year 2020-21 and the Government of India has approved Labour Budget of 27 Crore persondays under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS to Tamil Nadu for the financial year 2020-21.

3. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has further stated that the Government of India have notified the wage rate for the FY 2020-21 as Rs.256/- per day in respect of Tamil Nadu. He has also stated that the Labour cost is borne 100% by the Government of India and the material cost is shared at the ratio of 75:25 by the Government of India and the State Government. The fund requirement and the Central and State share for the construction of Cremation Shed is given below:

(Rupees in Crores)

Description	Material Component (89.20%)			Labour Component (10.80%) (Central Share 100%)	Grand Total
	Central Share (75%)	State Share (25%)	Total		
Cost of 500 Nos of Cremation shed (500 Nos x Rs.19.43 Lakhs = Rs.9715.00 Lakhs) (**Rs.97.15 Crores**)	64.99	21.67	86.66	10.49	97.15

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4. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has also furnished the procedures for Work Selection and Execution as follows:

Work Selection and Execution:

- The Project Director (DRDA) should use the THAI survey report as the basic data and identify the requirement of all the SC inhabited areas in the district through the Block Development Officer (BP) concerned.
- The Project Director (DRDA) should prioritize and prepare the list of SC habitations to be covered under this scheme in a particular year based on descending order of SC population in the district.
- Selection of sites shall be based on descending order of population.
- "Atrocity prone villages" identified by Additional Director General of Police, Social Justice and Human Rights should compulsorily be taken up, irrespective of the population.
- Only after exhausting the requirement of atrocity prone villages in the blocks of the districts, the works in other Adi Dravidar habitations should be undertaken, based on descending order of population.
- In the case of construction of cremation sheds, site selected should be inspected by the Project Director (DRDA) and Executive Engineer(RD).
- Resolution should be obtained in Gram Sabha for all the selected Works and it should be entered work wise in Register No.2 of Mahatma Gandhi NREGA of village panchayats concerned.
- As far as new construction is concerned, along with cremation shed, provision for waiting shed, compound wall, paver block, plantation within premises and facilities for lighting and water supply are mandatory and the lighting & water supply shall be done under 30% FFC Grants allotted for Adi Dravidar Welfare Scheme.
- Wherever improvement works are to be done, priority shall be given to construction of waiting shed and gardening using native plant species.
- Standalone proposal for Compound wall and paver block within the cremation shed premises shall not be permitted.
- Provision for basic amenities like lights and water supply shall also be taken-up under convergence with FFC scheme.
- Walking platform and outer platform should be constructed compulsorily, all-round the shed.
- RCC – sloped roofing with provision for two chimneys should be provided for the cremation shed.
- Usage of light roofing materials is not allowed.
- Dry - loose boulder / brick wall arrangement should be provided for the cremation area.
- Construction of waiting shed of size 6m x 4m with sloped RCC roofing is compulsory.

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- Plantation cost should be included within estimate. Saplings for plantation should be procured free of cost from the block nurseries.
- Works shall be selected as per the requirement of that site. There is no need to take all the works in the estimate for the selected site.

Non-Negotiable Items:

(1) Estimate creation, Administrative sanction and Technical sanction shall be done in SECURE software.

(2) Citizen Information Board shall be kept at the work site in 3 X 4 feet with all necessary information as per the framework given by the Government of India vide Ref No: k11023 /1/1/2017 – MGNREGA (IV), MORD, Dated 07.04.2017. Since this is a community type structure, the cost of Citizen Information Board will be fixed at Rs.4,500/- per unit. The cost of the Citizen Information Board shall be included in the estimate itself.

(3) Geo Tagging of the Assets shall be done for all 3 stages namely Before, During and After completion of the work.

(4) MGNREGS work file (Checklist / Contents) as per the instructions of GoI, vide Ref no: J11001017/6/2016 – MGNREGA (VII), MORD, Dt 21.12.2016 has to be maintained for all works.

(5) The Rural Schedule of Rate finalised in G.O.Ms. No.82, RD&PR (CGS.1) Department, Dated: 30.03.2020 and Rural Schedule of Rates approved in G.O.Ms. No.86, RD&PR (CGS.1) Department, Dated: 13.04.2020 shall be adopted. In case of any revision made in Rural Schedule of Rates in future, the same shall be adopted.

5. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has therefore requested the Government, to accord sanction for construction of 500 cremation sheds at a total cost of Rs.97.15 Crore under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS during the year 2020-21.

6. The Government, after careful examination, have decided to accept the proposal of Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj and accord Administrative Sanction for the construction of 500 cremation sheds at a total cost of Rs.97.15 Crore under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS during the year 2020-21 by following the procedures laid down at paras 3 & 4 above, subject to the condition that the financial sanction shall be made after receipt of Central Share.

7. This order is issued with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.3834/RD/2021, dated 25.01.2021.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

HANS RAJ VERMA,
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Chennai-15.
All District Collectors (except Chennai District).
(Through the CRD & PR., Chennai-15)

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All Project Directors, District Rural Development Agencies
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The Accountant General, Chennai-18.

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The Chief Minister's Office, Secretariat, Chennai-9.
The Senior Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Municipal Administration, Rural Development and Implementation of Special Programme), Chennai-9.
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