ABSTRACT

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme – Announcement made by Hon'ble Minister (MA, RD and Impn. of Spl. Programme) on the floor of the Legislative Assembly on 16.03.2020 – Undertaking Massive Tree Plantation activities of 72 lakh plants seedlings at an estimated cost of Rs.224.57 crores under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in Rural Areas during the Financial Year 2020-21 – Administrative Sanction accorded – Orders- Issued.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYAT RAJ (CGS.1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms.) No.181 **Dated: 06.11.2020**
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Read:

1. Announcement made by Hon'ble Minister (MA, RD and Impn. of Spl. Programme) on the floor of the Legislative Assembly on 16.03.2020.
2. From the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Lr.No.15856/2020/MGNREGS-I-1, dated:13.4.2020.

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ORDER:

The Hon'ble Minister for Municipal Administration, Rural Development and Implementation of Special Programmes has made the following Announcement on 16.03.2020:-

ஊரகப் பகுதிகளை பசுமை மயமாக்கவும், சுற்றுச் சூழலை மாசுபடுத்தும் காரணிகளை கட்டுப்படுத்திடவும், மாண்புமிகு இதய தெய்வம் புரட்சித் தலைவி அம்மா அவர்களின் ஆசியுடன், மாண்புமிகு தமிழ்நாடு முதலமைச்சர் அவர்களின் ஆணைப்படி, அரசு நிலங்கள், அரசு மற்றும் தனியார் நிறுவனங்கள், பள்ளிகள், கல்லூரிகள், பொது பூங்காக்கள் மற்றும் பொருத்தமான இடங்களில் 2020–21 ஆம் ஆண்டில் 72 இலட்சம் பெருமளவு மரக்கன்றுகள் நடும் பணிகள் 207 கோடியே 25 இலட்சம் ரூபாய் மதிப்பீட்டில் மேற்கொள்ளப்படும்.

2. Based on the above announcement, the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has sent a proposal stating that the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India has approved Labour Budget of 27 crore persondays under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme to Tamil Nadu for the financial year 2020-2021. The Plantation of trees is the need of the hour in the context of climate change. Depletion of forest cover, biodiversity and other natural resource, are leading to poverty and disturbance in hydrological cycle, which in turn affects the cropping pattern and cropping intensity. As a measure to improve the green cover in rural areas and to maintain the ecological balance, Massive tree plantation programme is being taken under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural

Employment Guarantee Scheme in Panchayat lands, Government lands, Government and private institutions, Schools, colleges, parks PMGSY/NABARD/TNRRIS/ Panchayat Union/ Panchayat Roads and other vacant places under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.

3. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has further stated that in para 4.(1).I. of Schedule – I, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, it is mentioned that, "The focus of the scheme shall be on the following works as categorised below:"Category A: Public works relating to natural resources management, especially listed in item (v) such as afforestation, tree plantation and horticulture in common and forest lands, road margins, canal bunds, tank foreshores and coastal belts duly providing right to usufruct to the households covered in Para 5, of schedule-1, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act.

4. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has further stated that the Massive Tree Plantation programme is being taken up under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme by the Rural Development Department with the saplings raised in all the 385 Block nurseries and in Convergence with Forest Department. During the year 2020-21, 72 lakh saplings will be planted in commemoration of the birthday of the former Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, out of which, 64 lakhs saplings will be raised and planted by the Rural Development Department through the Block Nurseries raised under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. The remaining 8 lakh saplings will be raised and planted by the Forest Department in convergence with Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. The cost for raising the 8 lakh plants by the Forest Department will be borne from Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme including pitting, planting and transportation cost.

5. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has further stated that the plantation of 72 lakh saplings has been proposed in the Labour Budget for the Financial Year 2020-21 and the same was approved by the Empowered Committee, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India during the Empowered committee Meeting held on 13.03.2020.The Government of India have notified the wage rate for the Financial Year 2020-21 as Rs.256/- per day in respect of Tamil Nadu. Accordingly, the revision of wage rate and the Rural Schedule of Rate (RSoR) was approved for the Financial Year 2020-21 in G.O.Ms.No.82, RD&PR (CGS.1) Department, Dated:30.03.2020 and G.O(Ms.)No.86, RD&PR (CGS.1) Department, Dated:13.04.2020 respectively and the Rural Schedule of Rate 2020-21 is adopted for this work. The detailed Guidelines issued for the Massive Tree Plantation programme vide G.O.(MS). No.12, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department (CGS-1), dated 04.02.2019 for the Financial Year 2018-19, shall be adopted for the year 2020-21 also and referred for Planning with regard to the Massive Tree Plantation, selection of worksite, execution of Massive Tree Plantation programme and Non-negotiable items without any deviation. Resolution should be obtained from Gram Sabha for all the selected works and it should be entered work wise in Register No.2 of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act of village panchayats concerned.

Non-Negotiable Items:

- Estimate creation, Administrative sanction and Technical sanction shall be done in SECURE software.

6. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has further stated that the 72 lakh saplings will be planted at an estimated cost of Rs.224.57crore out of which the Labour Component is Rs.219.53 crore and Material Component is Rs.5.04 crore with the Labour/ Material Ratio of 97.76:2.24. The cost is calculated based on the Rural Schedule of Rates for the year 2020-21. However, the actual estimate may vary according to the site condition.

7. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has further stated that the Labour cost is borne 100% by the Government of India and the material cost is shared in the ratio of 75:25 by the Government of India and the State Government and the detailed funding pattern is as follows.

Description	Material Component (2.24%)			Labour Component (97.76%) (Central Share 100%) (Rs.in Crores)	Grand Total (Rs.in Crores)
	Central Share (75%) (Rs.in Crores)	State Share (25%) (Rs.in Crores)	Total (Rs.in Crores)		
Planting 72 lakh saplings	3.78	1.26	5.04	219.53	224.57

8. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has therefore requested the Government to accord permission for undertaking Massive Tree Plantation activities for 72 lakh plants at an estimated cost of Rs.224.57 crores which includes plantation of 64 lakhs saplings by Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department and 8 lakh saplings by Forest Department under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme through convergence (Inclusive of pitting, planting and transportation) during the Financial Year 2020-21 and to adopt the detailed Guidelines issued vide G.O.(MS) No.12, RD&PR (CGS.1) Department, Dated:04.02.2019 regarding Massive Tree Plantation for the year 2018-19.

9. The Government after careful examination, have decided to accept the proposal of the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj and accord Administrative sanction for undertaking Massive Tree Plantation activities for 72 lakh plants at an estimated cost of Rs.224.57 crores which includes plantation of 64 lakh saplings by Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department and 8 lakh saplings by Forest Department under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme through convergence (Inclusive of pitting, planting and transportation) in Rural Areas during the Financial Year 2020-21 by adopting the detailed Guidelines issued regarding Massive Tree Plantation for the year 2018-2019 vide G.O.(Ms.)No.12, RD&PR (CGS.1) Department, Dated: 04.02.2019, subject to the condition that the Financial sanction shall be made only after receipt of Government of India share.

10. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.39580/RD/20, dated 03.11.2020.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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