



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 500 Panchayat Office Buildings in convergence with 15th Central Finance Commission Grants at a total cost of Rs.113.25 Crore under MGNREGS for the year 2020-21 - Sanction accorded - Orders- Issued.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYAT RAJ (CGS.1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms) No.26

Dated: 09.02.2021

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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.19962/2019/ MGNREGS-II-2, dated: 13.04.2020 and 28.9.2020.

ORDER:

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu among others has made the following announcement under Rule 110 on the floor of the Legislative Assembly on 19.03.2020:

“30 ஆண்டுகள் கடந்த நிலையில், மிகவும் பழுதடைந்து, பயன்பாடின்றி உள்ள 500 ஊராட்சி மன்ற அலுவலகங்களுக்கு தலா 22 லட்சத்து 65 ஆயிரம் ரூபாய் மதிப்பீட்டில் புதிய கட்டடங்கள் கட்டித் தரப்படும்”.

2. Subsequently, the Secretary, Ministry of Panchayat Raj, Government of India and Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India have sent a detailed D.O letter dated 10.06.2020 to all States regarding converging the Finance Commission funds with MGNREGA funds. As per para (5) of the above D.O. letter, it has been instructed that the maximum approved unit cost for Gram Panchayat Bhawan by Ministry of Panchayat Raj is Rs.20 Lakh. It has been decided to meet 50% cost of Panchayat Bhawan through Finance Commission Funds and 50% of the cost from MGNREGS funds. In case the available unspent balance under 14th Finance Commission available with Village Panchayat is insufficient to meet the 50% cost of Panchayat Bhawan, the deficit may be met by utilizing the 'untied funds' likely to be made available to Gram Panchayats under 15th Financial Commission or State Finance Commission (SFC) Grants or Own Sources of Revenues (OSR)”.

3. Further in para 8 of the said D.O. letter it has been instructed that "the aforesaid decision has been taken to meet the key infrastructure deficit in rural areas and to provide immediate employment opportunities to skilled and unskilled manpower currently available in rural areas through convergence of Central Finance Commission and MGNREGS funds. These works need to be initiated immediately and completed within this financial year in a mission mode. Further this decision is valid only for the current financial year. The construction of Panchayat Office Building for Village Panchayats is a permissible activity as per SI.No.4 of the list of restructuring permissible works under MGNREGA.

4. Hence, based on the announcement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister under Rule 110 as stated at para 1 above and the instructions of the Secretary, Ministry of Panchayat Raj, Government of India and Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India as detailed at paras 2 & 3 above, the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has sent a proposal for the construction of 500 Panchayat Office Buildings under MGNREGS in convergence with 15th Central Finance Commission grants during 2020-21 at an unit cost of Rs.22.65 Lakh (Rs.12.65 Lakh under MGNREGS and Rs.10 Lakh under 15th Central Finance Commission untied grant) with a total cost of Rs.113.25 Crore during the year 2020-21 by providing ramp with hand rails and Unisex accessible toilet for facilitating differently abled persons.

5. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has further stated that the above work has been proposed in the Labour Budget for the Financial Year 2020-21. The Government of India has approved Labour Budget of 27 Crore persondays under MGNREGS to Tamil Nadu for the financial year 2020-21. 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 wage rate for the year 2020-21 approved in G.O.Ms.No.82, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.1) Department, Dated:30.03.2020 and Rural Schedule of Rates approved in G.O.Ms.No.86, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.1) Department, Dated:13.4.2020, shall be adopted. In case of any revision made in Rural Schedule of Rates in future, the same shall be adopted.

6. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has stated that the following guidelines shall also be adopted:-

Selection Criteria:

- The old village panchayat office buildings which are in dilapidated condition and which are more than 30 years old shall be taken up for construction.
- The old village panchayat office buildings which are in dilapidated condition within 20-30 years old may also be taken up for construction after the approval of the committee comprising of District Collector/Chairman, Project Director, Executive Engineer(RD) and Assistant Director (Panchayat).
- Village Panchayat which has Village Panchayat Office in dilapidated condition and ready to incur the 50% of construction cost in 15th Central Finance Commission shall be selected for the construction.
- Resolution shall be obtained in the Grama Sabha for all the selected works and it shall be entered work wise in Register No.2 of Mahatma Gandhi NREGA of the village Panchayat concerned.

7. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has further stated that the unit cost for the construction of Panchayat Office Building will be Rs.22,65,000. The labour and material cost ratio is 7.47:92.53, for funds under MGNREGS Component. The Labour cost under MGNREGS is borne 100% by the Government of India and the material cost under MGNREGS 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 is as follows:

(Rupees in Crore)

Description	Material Component (92.53%)			Labour Component (7.47%) (Central Share 100%)	Total
	Central Share (75%)	State Share (25%)	Total		
MGNREGS : Cost of construction of 500 Panchayat Office Buildings 500 No's x Rs. 12.65 Lakh = Rs. 6325.00 Lakh (Rs.63.25 Crore)	41.10	13.70	54.80	8.45	63.25
15th Central Finance Commission 500 Nos. x Rs.10.00 Lakh = Rs.5000 Lakh (Rs.50.00 Crore)		50.00		0	50.00
Total					113.25

8. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has therefore requested orders for the construction of 500 Panchayat Office Buildings in convergence with 15th Central Finance Commission at a total cost of Rs.113.25 Crore which includes Rs.63.25 Crore under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme and Rs.50 Crore under 15th Central Finance Commission untied grant during the year 2020-21 and to adopt the guidelines issued for the construction of Panchayat Office Buildings for the year 2019-20 vide G.O.(Ms) No.98, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.1) Department, Dated:26.07.2019.

9. The Government, after careful examination, have decided to accept the proposal of the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj and accord sanction for the construction of 500 Panchayat Office Buildings under MGNREGS in convergence with 15th Central Finance Commission untied grant at a total cost of Rs.113.25 Crore (Rupees One hundred and thirteen crore and twenty five lakh only) which includes Rs.63.25 Crore (Rupees Sixty three crore and twenty five lakh only) under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme and Rs.50 Crore (Rupees fifty crore only) under 15th Central Finance Commission untied grant during the year 2020-21 by adopting the guidelines issued for the construction of Panchayat Office Buildings for the year 2019-20 vide G.O.(Ms) No.98, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.1) Department, Dated:26.07.2019, and the

selection criteria specified at para 6 above, subject to the condition that the release of financial sanction shall be approved after getting the release of Central Share.

10. This order is issued with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.2839/RD/2021, dated 04.02.2021.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

**HANS RAJ VERMA,
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All District Collectors (except Chennai District).
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All Project Directors, District Rural Development Agencies
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The Accountant General, Chennai-18.

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