ABSTRACT

Cluster Facilitation Project (CFP) in Tamil Nadu – Formation of State Level Committee - To implement the Cluster Facilitation Project (CFP) in Tamil Nadu - Orders - Issued.

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.1) Department

G.O.(Ms).No.35 **Dated:19.02.2020**
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Read:

1. Government D.O. letter No.995/CGS.1/2020-1, dated 21.01.2020.
2. From the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Letter No.2291/2020/ MGNREGS-II-I, dated: 25.01.2020.

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ORDER:

In the Government D.O. letter first read above, the District Collectors of Ramanathapuram, Virudhunagar, Madurai and Sivagangai have been requested to identify blocks in their district considering the following parameters.

a) Poor performance under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA (Low Persondays Generation, Delay in timely payment etc.,)
b) High SC / ST population
c) Tribal areas
d) Poor connectivity
e) Mission Water Conservation Blocks (Over exploited and Critical Blocks)

2. In the letter second read above, the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has sent a proposal stating that the Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Government of India, has launched Cluster Facilitation Project (CFP) – an initiative for addressing poverty in aspirational Districts and Backward areas with multi pronged strategy of leveraging the synergies of different flagship programmes of Central and State Government in convergence with Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act and State Rural Livelihood Mission through GIS Planning. Better coordination and implementation of Cluster Facilitation Project either through Civil Society Organisation (CSO) or through outsourced staff recruited through HR Agencies has been emphasised in the guidelines. In Tamil Nadu, the Cluster Facilitation Project will be implemented in 5 Blocks viz. two blocks each in 2 aspirational Districts (i.e) Ramanathapuram and Virudhunagar Districts and one backward block from other District. The Project Blocks need to be identified by the District Programme Coordinator / District Collector and this Project will be implemented for a period of three years from 01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023.

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3. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has further stated that the project will be implemented in the indentified 4 + 1 (5) Blocks by placing a dedicated team at State Level Cluster Facilitation Project Cell, District Level Cluster Facilitation Project Cell and Block Level Cluster Facilitation Project Cell as detailed below.

State CFP Cell (3)

- One State Project Officer –NRM
- One State Project Officer –GIS
- One Project Officer –Livelihood

District CFP Cell (2)

- One District Coordinator –NRM
- One District GIS Expert

Block CFP Cell (9)

- One Block GIS Coordinator
- Four Block NRM Expert
- Four Block Livelihood Expert (Agriculture and Allied)

4. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has also stated that the State, Districts and Selected blocks will be provided with infrastructure support for implementing the project exclusively to achieve the Deliverables within three years from the date of commencement of the project. The expenditure towards the implementation of Cluster Facilitation Project inclusive of Manpower and infrastructure support is entirely borne by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India.

Formation of State Level Committee

In para 15 of the Guidelines for the Implementation of Cluster Facilitation Project (CFP) issued by Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India have emphasised that, the proposal for the implementation of Cluster Facilitation Project shall be submitted to committee headed by Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department (In charge of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act) and committee shall have members from the Finance Department, State Rural Livelihood Mission and Panchayat Raj.

5. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has further stated that a State Level Committee headed by Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department may be formed as detailed below:-

Sl. No.	Designation	Role in the Committee
1.	The Additional Chief Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department	Chairperson
2.	The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Finance Department	Member
3.	Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj	Member Secretary/ Convenor
4.	Managing Director, Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihood Mission.	Member

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5	Additional Director (MGNREGS)	Member
6	Additional Director (Panchayat Raj)	Member

Powers of the State Level Committee as per of the Guidelines

- Selection of 5 blocks based on Geographical and Demographical data in 2 Aspirational Districts @ 2 per districts and one Backward block in other District.
- Selection of CSO as partner organisation for implementation of Cluster Facilitation Project or directly through empanelled Human Resources Agencies in each block following the prescribed criteria.
- Examination and approval of the Cluster Facilitation Project proposal submitted by the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj.
- Any other instructions from the State and Central Government issued from time to time.
- The State Level Committee shall formulate guidelines for the implementation of Cluster Facilitation Project (CFP) in Tamil Nadu and the Committee shall monitor the implementation of Cluster Facilitation Project once in a quarter.
- After obtaining approval of the State Level Committee the proposal of the implementation of Cluster Facilitation Project (CFP) in the 5 Selected Blocks and fund requirement need to be sent to Ministry of Rural Development of Government of India with the approval of State Level Committee.

6. Therefore, the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has requested the Government to issue necessary orders to approve the formation of State Level Committee headed by Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department to implement the Cluster Facilitation Project (CFP) in Tamil Nadu.

7. The Government after careful examination, have decided to accept the proposal of Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj and issue orders for the formation of State Level Committee and the powers of the Committee to implement the Cluster Facilitation Project (CFP) as follows:

1. **Formation of the Committee:**

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4.	Managing Director, Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihood Mission.	Member
5.	Additional Director (MGNREGS)	Member
6.	Additional Director (Panchayat Raj)	Member

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2. Powers of the Committee:

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(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY
TO GOVERNMENT

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The Additional Chief Secretary to Govt., Finance Department, Chennai-9.
The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihood Mission, Chennai-32.
The Additional Director (MGNREGS),
O/o. Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Chennai-15.
The Additional Director (Panchayat Raj),
O/o. Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Chennai-15.
The District Collectors, Ramanathapuram, Virudhunagar, Madurai and Sivagangai
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