ABSTRACT

Sanitation – Maintenance of School Toilets - Cleaning of Class rooms and School Premises in Panchayat Union / Government Schools located in Rural areas – Permission accorded to utilize State Finance Commission (SFC) Grant of Rs.36.50 Crore for the month from September 21 to April 22 - Orders – Issued.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYAT RAJ (CGS.1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms). No.37 **Dated:23.03.2022**
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திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு 2052

Read:

From the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Letter No.47891/2020/SBM(G)–3, dated 10.07.2021 and 15.12.2021

ORDER:

In the letter read above, the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has stated that in G.O.(Ms). No.77, School Education (SE.4-1) Department, dated 13.4.2015, the Government have entrusted the responsibilities of maintenance of toilets in all the Government Schools to the local bodies located in their respective jurisdiction and directed to utilize the Solid Waste Management (SWM) Funds for this purpose.

2) The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has stated that in G.O.(Ms). No.151, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS-1) Department, dated. 30.11.2015, the Government issued detailed guidelines regarding engagement of Sanitary Workers on outsourcing basis, i.e., through Village Poverty Reduction Committee (VPRC) / Panchayat Level Federation (PLF) / Any other outsourcing Agencies for cleaning of School Toilets in the Panchayat Union Primary / Middle Schools and Government Schools located in rural areas and cleaning should be done compulsorily twice in a day, preferably once in the morning and once in the afternoon. Further, in the G.O.(Ms). No.79, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.1) Department, dated 14.07.2017, the Government have issued revised guidelines for the maintenance of School toilets, cleaning of class rooms and school premises and procurement of cleaning materials for the Panchayat Union Primary / Middle Schools and Government Schools located in rural areas.

3) The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has stated that the Government have regularly allocated the funds from the academic year 2015-16 onwards for the maintenance of School Toilets i.e. for the payment of wages to Sanitary Workers engaged in the Panchayat Union Primary / Middle Schools and Government Schools located in rural areas and also for the procurement of cleaning materials. During the year 2020-21, in view of Covid 19 Pandemic situations, Government High Schools and Government Higher Secondary Schools were opened only for the month of January to March, 2021, pertaining to which the allocation was restricted to Rs.1.00 crore month.

Year	Government orders	Amount (Rs.in Crore)	Allocation of funds from
2015-16	G.O.(Ms). No.151, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, dated 30.11.2015	57.63	SWM
2016-17	G.O.(Ms).No.127, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department dated 24.10.2016	26.83	SWM
2017-18	G.O.(Ms).No.79, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department dated 14.7.2017	54.50	SWM
2018-19	G.O.(Ms).No.161, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department dated 12.11.2018	63.92	SFC & IGFF Saving funds
2019-20	G.O.(Ms).No.166, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department dated 11.11.2019	64.26	SFC
2020-21	G.O.(Ms).No.51, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department dated 29.03.2021 (for the month of January, February and March 2021 at rate of Rs.1.00 crore month)	3.00	SFC

4) The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has also stated that the Government has reopened the Schools for Standards 9, 10, 11 & 12 from 1st September 2021 and the Schools for 1st to 8th Standards were reopened from 1.11.2021 onwards. The Sanitary Workers are being engaged in Government Schools located in rural areas for the maintenance of School toilets from 1st September 2021 onwards for 9th, 10th, 11th& 12th Standards. Further, Sanitary Workers are being engaged in Panchayat Union Primary / Middle Schools for the maintenance of School toilets from 1st November, 2021 onwards.

5) The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has further stated that during this current year 2021-22, there is no separate allocation made in the Budget under SWM, for cleaning of School toilets, cleaning of Class Rooms and School Premises in Panchayat Union Primary / Middle Schools and Government Schools located in rural areas. Further, it may be noted that the Panchayat Unions are

responsible for maintaining sanitation and hygiene in the Schools in rural areas. Hence, the funds required for the maintenance / cleaning of School toilets, cleaning of Class Rooms and School Premises in Panchayat Union Primary / Middle Schools and Government Schools located in rural areas and also for procurement of cleaning materials may be met from the State Finance Commission (SFC) Grant for the year 2021-22.

6) Further, based on the reports received from the Districts, the monthly requirement of funds for the academic year 2021-22 for payment to Sanitary workers engaged in cleaning of School toilets, cleaning of class rooms / School premises and also for the procurement of cleaning materials by the Schools are as follows:-

1) Panchayat Union Primary / Middle Schools:

(Rs.in crore)

Sl. No.	Category of Schools	No.of Sanitary workers engaged in Schools	Wages per worker per month (Rs.)	Cost of cleaning material per month (Rs.)	Total amount per month (Rs.)	Monthly requirement for wages and cleaning materials	Total requirement for 6 months (Nov.21 to April 2022)
1	P.U. Primary Schools	21,937	1,000	300	1,300	2.8518	17.1108
2.	P.U. Middle Schools	6,330	1,500	500	2,000	1.2660	7.5960
	Total	**28,267**				**4.1178**	**24.7068**

2) Government Primary & Middle Schools located in Rural areas:

(Rs.in crore)

Sl. No.	Category of Schools	No. of Sanitary workers engaged in Schools	Wages per worker per month (Rs.)	Cost of cleaning material per month (Rs.)	Total amount per month (Rs.)	Monthly requirement for wages and cleaning materials	Total requirement for 6 months (Nov. 21 to April 2022)
1	Government Primary Schools	551	1,000	300	1,300	0.0716	0.4296
2	Government Middle Schools	145	1,500	500	2,000	0.0290	0.1740
	Total	**696**				**0.1006**	**0.6036**

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3) Government High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools located in Rural areas:

(Rs.in crore)

Sl. No.	Category of Schools	No.of Sanitary workers engaged in Schools	Wages per worker per month (Rs.)	Cost of cleaning material per month (Rs.)	Total amount per month (Rs.)	Monthly requirement for wages and cleaning materials	Total requirement for 8 months (Sept 21 to April 2022)
1	Government High Schools	2,559	2,250	700	3,000	0.7677	6.1416
2	Government Higher Secondary Schools	2,065	3,000	1,000	4,000	0.8260	6.6080
	Total	**4,624**				**1.5937**	**12.7496**

Abstract

(Rs.in crore)

Sl. No.	Category of Schools	No. of Sanitary workers engaged in Schools	Monthly requirement for wages and cleaning materials	Total requirement for 6/8 months (Sept 21 /Nov.21 to April 2022)
1	P.U primary & Middle Schools	28,267	4.1178	24.7068
2	Government primary & Middle Schools in rural areas	696	0.1006	0.6036
3	Government High Schools & Higher Secondary Schools in rural areas	4,624	1.5937	12.7496
	Total	**33,587**	**5.8121**	**38.0600**

Totally, a sum of Rs.38.06 crore is required for the remaining academic year 2021-22 (September 21 to April 22) for the maintenance of Schools toilets in both Panchayat Union Primary /Middle Schools (Rs.24.7068 crore) and Government Primary / Middle / High / Government Higher Secondary Schools (Rs.13.3532 crore) located in rural areas.

7) The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has therefore requested the Government to permit the District Collectors to set apart the amount of Rs.38.06 crore from the SFC population grant due to the Panchayat Unions for the year

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2021-22 as a separate component after arriving the block wise requirement for the maintenance of School Toilets clean, cleaning of class rooms and school premises in the Panchayat Union Primary / Middle Schools and Government Schools located in rural areas and also for the procurement of cleaning materials by the Schools for the remaining academic year 2021-22 (September 21 to April 22). The District Collectors shall be directed to release the funds to the Block Development Officers (BP) on the monthly basis for making payment to the Sanitary Workers as well as for the procurement of cleaning materials. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has also requested the Government to issue orders to adopt the guidelines already issued in G.O.(Ms).No.79, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS-1) Department, dated 14.7.2017 for the academic year 2021-22 for the above purpose.

8) The Government after careful examination of the proposal of the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj have decided to permit the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj through the District Collectors to set apart the amount of Rs.36.50 crore from the SFC population grant due to the Panchayat Unions for the year 2021-22 as a separate component after arriving the block wise requirement for the maintenance of School Toilets clean, cleaning of class rooms and school premises in the Panchayat Union Primary / Middle Schools and Government Schools located in rural areas and also for the procurement of cleaning materials by the Schools for the months from September 2021 to April 2022. The District Collectors are also directed to release the funds to the BDOs (BP) on the monthly basis for making payment to the Sanitary Workers as well as for the procurement of cleaning materials by adopting the guidelines issued in G.O.(Ms). No.79, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS-1) Department, dated 14.7.2017.

9) This order is issued with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.14364/Fin(RD)/2022, dated 22.03.2022.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

P. AMUDHA,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Chennai – 15.
All District Collectors (Except Chennai)
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