ABSTRACT

Implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) Phase – II from 2020-21 to 2024-25 – Orders – Issued.

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.1) Department

G.O.(Ms).No.4 **Dated: 13.01.2021**

Read:

(1) From the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Letter. Rc.No.18269/2020/SBM(G)-3, dated 30.09.2020.

(2) From the Under Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Jal Shakti, DoDW & S, SBM(G) Letter No.S-11011/2/2020-SBM-DDWS, Dated 3.12.2020.

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ORDER:

In the letter first read above, the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has stated that SBM(G) Phase-II was approved and to be implemented from 2020-21 to 2024-25 as a novel model of convergence between different verticals of financing and various schemes of Central and State Governments (including from the tied component of 15th Finance Commission grants to Rural local Bodies), with the focus on ODF (Open Defecation Free) sustainability and Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) in the rural areas of the country in order to create ODF Plus Villages.

2) The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has also stated that the Government of India has issued amended operational guidelines for the implementation of SBM (G) Phase-II. The key objective of SBM(G) Phase-II (2020-21 to 2024-25) is to sustain the ODF status of villages, to ensure no one is left behind and to improve the levels of cleanliness in rural areas through solid and liquid waste management activities, making villages ODF Plus. ***"An ODF Plus village is defined as a village which sustains its Open Defecation Free (ODF) status, ensures solid and liquid waste management and is visually clean".***

3) The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has further stated that the Ministry of Jal Shakti and Ministry of Panchayati Raj have issued joint advisory letter and requested to utilize the 15th Finance Commission Grants for water and sanitation on priority basis to cover all the activities identified under SBM (G) Phase- II

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and Jal Jeevan Mission. It has been specifically mentioned that 50% Tied Component of 15th Finance Commission grants to Rural Local Bodies should be utilized for ODF Plus works under SBM(G) Phase-II (either individual standalone works or in convergence).

4) The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has requested the Government to issue necessary orders to fulfill the eligibility requirements for release of funds as per the Chapter 16 of the SBM(G) Phase-II Operational Guidelines on the following items:-

i) Passing a resolution by the State Cabinet to implement the SBM(G) Phase II and commitment of timely release of State share for the programme.

ii) To agree to devolve funds to Village Panchayats for co-financing of SBM(G) components, i.e., utilization of tied component funds earmarked under 15th Finance Commission Grants for sanitation activities.

iii) The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj may be directed to take action for setting up of suggested institutional arrangement for implementation and management of SBM(G) Phase-II components as per the guidelines.

5) In the letter second read above, the Government of India have relaxed the condition (i.e.,) "The State Cabinet passes a resolution to implement the SBM(G) Phase –II and commits timely release of State Share for the programme", prescribed in the guidelines for the States to become eligible for release of funds.

6) The Government after careful examination of the proposal of the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, issue orders on the following:-

i) To implement the SBM(G) Phase-II from 2020-21 to 2024-25 and commitment of timely release of State Share for the programme.

ii) Agree to devolve funds to Village Panchayats for co-financing of SBM(G) components, i.e., utilization of tied component funds earmarked under 15th Finance Commission Grants for sanitation activities.

7) The Government also direct the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj to take action for setting up of suggested institutional arrangement for implementation and management of SBM(G) Phase-II components as per the guidelines.

8) This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.50486/RD/20, Dated 08.01.2021.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY
TO GOVERNMENT

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The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Chennai – 15.

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