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.1 Crore / per month for the Months of January 2021 to March 2021 - Orders – Issued.

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.1) Department

G.O.(Ms).No.51 **Dated: 29.03.2021**

Read:

From the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Letter No.47891/2020/SBM (G)– 3, Dated 11.11.2020.

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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. Accordingly, in the 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 sanctioned funds from the year 2015-16 towards payment of monthly wages to Sanitary Workers and also for procurement of cleaning materials.

2. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has stated that during this current year 2020-21, there is no separate allocation in the Budget under Solid Waste Management, 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 he has stated that the Panchayat Union Schools are the property of the Panchayat Unions and they are responsible for maintaining sanitation and hygiene in the Schools, as in the past. 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 2020-21.

3. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has further stated that based on the reports received from the District Collectors, has furnished the number of Schools in which outsourced Sanitary workers are to be engaged in the Panchayat Union Primary/Middle Schools and Government Schools located in rural areas and the total requirement of funds for the same for the academic year 2020-21 for School toilets cleaning, cleaning of class rooms / School premises and cost of cleaning materials as detailed below:-

Sl. No.	Category of Schools	Total 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 of funds for the academic year 2020-21 (Rs.in crore)
1	Panchayat Union / Govt. Primary Schools	22,660	1,000	300	1,300	2.946
2	Panchayat Union / Govt. Middle Schools	6,603	1,500	500	2,000	1.321
3	Govt. High Schools in Rural areas	2,541	2,250	750	3,000	0.762
4	Govt. Higher Secondary Schools in Rural areas	2,034	3,000	1,000	4,000	0.814
	Total	**33,838**				**5.843**

4. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has therefore requested the Government to permit the District Collectors to set apart an amount of Rs.5.843 Crore per month from the State Finance Commission population grant due to the Panchayat Unions for the year 2020-21 as a separate component after arriving the block wise required amount 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 academic year 2020-21 and to direct the District Collectors to release the funds to the BDOs (BP) on the monthly basis for making payment to Sanitary Workers as well as for the procurement of cleaning materials from the reopening of Schools and 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 2020-21.

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6. The Government after careful examination of the proposal of the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj have decided to permit the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj through the District Collectors to set apart an amount of Rs.One Crore / per month from the State Finance Commission population grant due to the Panchayat Unions for the months of January, 2021 to March, 2021 as a separate component after arriving the block wise required amount 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 of January, 2021 to March, 2021, considering Primary / Middle Schools have not been opened. The District Collectors are also directed to release the funds to the BDOs (BP) on monthly basis for making payment to Sanitary Workers as well as for the procurement of cleaning materials from the reopening of Schools by adopting the guidelines issued in G.O.(Ms).No.79, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS-1) Department, dated 14.7.2017, for the months January, 2021 to March, 2021.

7. This order is issued with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.No.15714/RD/21,dated:26.03.2021.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY
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