



ABSTRACT

Disaster Management - Michaung Cyclone - Oil spillage in Buckingham and Ennore Creek during the recent floods - Sanction to provide relief assistance for loss of livelihood to fisherfolk families in Chennai District - Orders - Issued.

Revenue and Disaster Management Department, **Disaster Management Wing, D.M.II section**

G.O.(Ms)No.595

Dated 21.12.2023

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Read:

1. G.O.(Ms.)No.234, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, dated: 19.05.2023
2. Orders of the National Green Tribunal (Southern Zone) Chennai in OA No.180/2023, dated: 09.12.2023.
3. Minutes of the Meeting chaired by Additional Chief Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration and State Relief Commissioner, dated :16.12.2023.
4. From the Commissioner of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare in Letter R.C.No.36650/P3/ 2023, dated:18.12.2023.
5. Government letter No.18777/D.M.I(2)/2023-2, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, dated: 19.12.2023
6. From the District Collector, Chennai Letter No.O4/21715/2023, Dated : 19.12.2023.
7. From the Additional Chief Secretary/ Commissioner of Revenue Administration and State Relief Commissioner, Letter No.OC-I/ 41/2022, Dated 20.12.2023.

ORDER:

The Cyclone "Michaung" (Migjaum) moved to South Andhra Pradesh Coast very close to Chennai and remained near stationery for a long time and as a result Chennai, Tiruvallur, Chengalpattu and Kancheepuram Districts experienced unprecedented continuous heavy rainfall to extremely heavy rainfall in all around on 3.12.2023 and 4.12.2023 causing flooding and inundation of many areas.

2. Due to the enormity of the short-term high intensity rainfall in Chennai, Tiruvallur, Chengalpattu and Kancheepuram Districts, more than one crore people and their habitations have been inundated resulting in loss of clothing and utensils and affecting their livelihood. There was also oil spillage in the flood waters in Buckingham canal due to leakage of oil by M/s. CPCL, Chennai adding to the woes of the fishermen and inhabitants in the Ennore Creek.

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3. In the order second read above, the Honourable National Green Tribunal in a Suo moto Case No. OA No.180/ 2023 had constituted a High-level Committee under the chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary/ Commissioner of Revenue Administration and State Relief Commissioner and directed to take measures to arrest the oil spill and assess the damages caused by oil spill and to take action for remediation and compensation.

4. Based on the above order, on 16.12.2023, the Additional Chief Secretary/ Commissioner of Revenue Administration and State Relief Commissioner chaired a meeting to review the works/ activities being carried out by Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB) and Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited (CPCL) to mitigate the pollution caused by Oil spillage in Ennore Creek during the recent floods. During the meeting, the Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation has informed that 6700 number of houses were affected by oil spill contaminated flood waters. The Commissioner of Fisheries also informed that, 2300 fishermen families and 787 Fishing Boats/ Fishnets were affected by the oil spillage during recent floods in Ennore Creek.

5. Based on the decision taken in the High-level Committee meeting, compensation to the people affected by the oil spill as follows: -

- i. 6,700 families, whose houses were affected by the oil contaminated flood waters may be paid a compensation of Rs.7,500/- per family.
- ii. 2,300 families of fishermen, who lost the livelihood may be paid Rs.12,500/- per fishermen family.
- iii. 787 boat owners may be paid a compensation of Rs.10,000/- per boat, for cleaning their boats and damages to their fishnets.

6. Consequent to the above, in the letter fourth read above, the Commissioner of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare has sent a proposal to the Additional Chief Secretary/ Commissioner of Revenue Administration and State Relief Commissioner and has requested to sanction a total sum of Rs.3,66,32,500/- for removing the Oil Spill deposits on the Fishing boats, Fishing implements and for providing relief assistance towards loss of livelihood of fisher folk families as detailed below: -

Sl. No.	Description	Number of families affected	Amount per Family (in Rs.)	Total Amount (in Rs.)
1.	Compensation to Fishermen families due to loss of Livelihood	2301	12500	2,87,62,500
2.	Compensation to boat owners	787	10000	78,70,000
	Total			3,66,32,500

7. Subsequently, in the letter sixth read above, the District Collector, Chennai has sent a proposal to the Additional Chief Secretary/ Commissioner of Revenue Administration and State Relief Commissioner and has requested to sanction an amount of Rs.5,02,50,000/- (6,700 x Rs.7,500/-) towards providing relief amount to the 6,700 families affected due to Oil Spill contaminated flood water.

8. In the letter seventh read above, the Additional Chief Secretary/ Commissioner of Revenue Administration and State Relief Commissioner has stated that based on the decision of the High-level committee and the proposals of the District Collector, Chennai and the Commissioner of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare, the total requirement of funds for a sum of Rs.8,68,82,500/- for providing above relief package.

9. In this connection, the Additional Chief Secretary/ Commissioner of Revenue Administration and State Relief Commissioner has therefore recommended the Government for the approval of State Executive Committee to disburse total Relief amount of Rs.8,68,82,500/- to the affected people through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) in their bank accounts.

10. The Government after careful examination of the proposal of the Additional Chief Secretary/ Commissioner of Revenue Administration and State Relief Commissioner and based on the approval of the State Executive Committee, accord sanction for providing relief amount to the fishermen families who lost their livelihood due to oil spill leak at Ennore Creek as detailed at para 6 and 7 above.

11. The amount Sanctioned in para 10 above shall be debited to the following head of account: -

"2245 Relief on Account of Natural Calamities -80 General - 800 Other Expenditure - State's Expenditure - AA Assistance for undertaking immediate relief works in connection with Flood/ Fire/ Drought - 309 Grants-in-Aid -09 Others."

[IFHRMS DPC 2245-80-800-AA-30909].

12. Necessary additional funds of Rs.1,15,12,500/- will be provided in Revised Estimate/ Final Modified Appropriation 2023-2024. Pending provision of such funds, the Additional Chief Secretary/ Commissioner of Revenue Administration and State Relief Commissioner is authorized to draw and disburse the amount. This expenditure should be brought to the notice of Legislative Assembly by the way of Specific Inclusion in the Supplementary Estimates 2023-2024. The Additional Chief Secretary/ Commissioner of Revenue Administration and State Relief Commissioner is directed to include the expenditure sanctioned above, while sending the Budget Proposal for Revised Estimate/ Final Modified Appropriation 2023-2024 and also to send necessary Explanatory Notes to Finance (BG-I/ Revenue) Department for inclusion of the above expenditure in the Supplementary Estimates 2023-2024 without fail.

13. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.4108/ Finance(Revenue)/ 2023, dated:21.12.2023 and ASL No.1602 (One Thousand Six Hundred and Two) (IFHRMS ASL No.2023121602).

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

V. RAJARAMAN
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Additional Chief Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration and State Relief Commissioner, Chepauk, Chennai - 600 005.

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- The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Animal Husbandry, Dairying, Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare Department, Secretariat, Chennai -600 009.
- The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Environment, Climate Change and Forests Department, Secretariat, Chennai -600 009.
- The Additional Chief Secretary/ Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation, Chennai- 600 003.
- The Commissioner of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare, Nandanam, Chennai- 600 035.
- The Director, Disaster Management, Tamil Nadu Disaster Risk Reduction Agency, Chepauk, Chennai -600 005.
- The District Collector, Chennai District.
- The Managing Director, Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited, 536, Annasalai, Teynampet, Chennai-600 018.
- The Accountant General, Chennai - 600 018.
- The Pay and Accounts Officer (East/North/South), Chennai - 600 008/600 001/600 035.

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