

ABSTRACT

Disaster Management - COVID 19 - Welfare of Migrant labourers - Utilization of Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situation(PM CARES) Fund - Guidelines - Orders - Issued.

Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Disaster Management Wing, D.M.I(2) section.

G.O.(Ms) No. 342

Dated 09.07.2020 சார்வரி வருடம், ஆனி 25, திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு 2051 Read:

- The Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration and State Relief Commissioner Letter No. N.C.1(4)/1494/2020, dated 21.05.2020.
- 2. The NDMA, MHA, GOI Letter No. 3/2020/Misc/PMCARES Fund/Cdn, dated 08.06.2020.
- 3. The NDMA, MHA, GOI Letter No. 3/2020/Misc/PMCARES Fund/Cdn, dated 22.06.2020.
- The Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration and State Relief Commissioner Letter No.OC-I/ 563/2020, dated 27.06.2020.

ORDER:

In the letter fourth read above, the Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration has stated that during the Annual Conference of Relief Commissioners/Secretaries, Department of Disaster Management of States/ Union Territories conducted by the Ministry of Home Affairs (DMD), Government of India through video conference on 20.05.2020, It has been directed to open an Exclusive Bank Account for PM CARES Fund immediately.

2. Accordingly, in the letter first read above, the Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration has also stated that a bank account was opened at the Indian Overseas Bank, Secretariat branch and the details of which was communicated to the Deputy Secretary(DM), Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, Disaster Management Division, New Delhi.

3. Further, in the letter second read above, the NDMA has informed that the 1st installment of assistance from PM CARES Fund allocated to Tamil Nadu i.e., a sum of Rs.39,74,50,000/- (Rupees Thirty Nine Crores Seventy Four Lakhs and Fifty Thousand Only) has been transferred to the bank account and has also communicated the detailed guidelines on disbursement and utilization of funds from PM CARES Fund for compliance which are as follows:-

- A total sum of Rs.1000 crores under PM CARES Fund will be disbursed for care of migrant labourers.
- ii. Disbursing & Monitoring: Money will be disbursed through National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) which will be the nodal entity for onward disbursement to all States/UTs and monitoring of effective utilization of this assistance.
- iii. NDMA will open a separate account for receiving this money from PM CARES Fund for onward release/disbursement to States/UTs for care of migrant labourers as per the distribution proposed, in the prescribed format (Annexure).
- iv. Release of PM CARES Fund: Of the Rs.1000 crores, first tranche of Rs.500 crores will be provided based on the data of cases as on 13th May 2020, while the second tranche will be disbursed based on the data as on 15th June 2020.
- v. Methodology adopted to determine assistance : State/UT-wise funds should be released on the weightage of (a) population of the State/UT as per 2011 Census – 50% weightage (b) Number of positive COVID-19 cases as on date – 40% weightage and (c) Equal share (10% weightage) for all States/UTs to ensure basic minimum sum for all States/UTS.
- vi. Dedicated Bank Account: To maintain a separate sanctity of this fund, States/UTs are required to open a dedicated Bank Account under the State Disaster Management Authority. The money should not be transferred through Treasury route or to CM Relief Fund.
- vii. States/UTs are expected to use this fund only through the District Collectors/Municipal Commissioners towards permissible activities only.
- viii. Permissible activities are accommodation facilities, food arrangement, and medical treatment and transportation arrangements. The assistance is exclusively to be used for welfare of the migrant labourers.
- ix. Booking of Expenses: Due care needs to be taken to ensure that past expenses are not booked under this fund and double booking of the expense is not done. The State/UT Government shall ensure that (i) the money drawn from their dedicated Bank Account (PM CARES Fund) is actually utilized for the purpose for which the Fund has been released by PMO, (ii) expenditure are only on permissible items of expenditure (iii) fund is not diverted to non-permissible expenditure.
- x. Accounts & Audit: Independent auditors who will be appointed by the trustees would audit the fund in conformity with approved / permissible activities in terms of the purposes of the PM CARES Fund were provided. To facilitate audit, States/UTs shall be informed about maintenance of the proper record of assistance provided in the prescribed format as given in Annexure (as per the GoI's guidelines).
- xi. States/UTs is advised to prepare a consolidated list of individual beneficiaries and should display the same at their website at State/District and block/taluk levels for the purpose of verification and social audit.

xii. NDMA is the nodal authority for overseeing the utilization of the PM CARES Fund by States/UTs allocated for care of migrant workers and shall monitor compliance with the guidelines.

4. In the letter third read above, the NDMA has further informed that the 2nd installment of assistance from PM CARES Fund allocated to Tamil Nadu i.e., a sum of Rs.43,77,70,000/- (Rupees Forty Three Crores Seventy Seven Lakhs and Seventy Thousand Only) has been transferred to the PM CARES account of this State.

5. In the letter fourth read above, the Principal Secretary/ Commissioner of Revenue Administration has also stated that the total amount available in the account is Rs.83,52,20,000/- (Rupees Eighty three crores fifty two lakhs twenty thousand only) and also requested the Government to issue necessary orders so that the proposals received from the District Collectors, for funds to be released from PM CARES Fund for welfare of migrant labourers, may be forwarded to the Government for sanction of funds.

6. The Government after careful examination, accept the proposal of the Principal Secretary/ Commissioner of Revenue Administration regarding the modalities for utilization of PM CARES funds as detailed in paragraph 3 above and also to sanction funds for individual proposals to be released from PM CARES funds for the welfare of migrant labourers, after approval by the State Executive Committee of State Disaster Response Fund(SDRF) comprising of Chief Secretary to Government, Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue and Disaster Management), Additional Chief Secretary(Finance), Additional Chief Secretary(Home), Principal Secretary(Public Works), Principal Secretary (Highways and Minor Ports) and also including the concerned Secretary i.e Additional Chief Secretary(Labour and Employment) in this case, as it involves welfare of migrant labourers.

7. The Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration is requested to take necessary follow up action in this regard.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O. No.21991/Finance (Revenue)/2020, dated 08.07.2020.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

ATULYA MISRA, ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

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The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,

Finance Department, Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,

Home Department, Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Labour

and Employment Department, Secretariat,

Chennai-600 009.

The Principal Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.

The Principal Secretary to Government, Highways and Minor Ports Department, Secretariat, Chennai-600 009. The Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration, Chepauk, Chennai-600 005. The Director, Disaster Management, Tamil Nadu Disaster Risk Reduction Agency, Chepauk, Chennai-600 005. **Copy to** The Hon'ble Chief Minister's Office, Chennai -600 009. The Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister's Office, Chennai-600 009. The Special Personal Assistant to Minister for Revenue and Disaster Management and Information Technology, Secretariat, Chennai-600 009. The Principal Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary to Government, Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.

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Annexure to G.O.(Ms)No.342, Revenue and Disaster Management[D.M.I(2)] Department, dated 09 07.2020

S.No.	Name of Migrant	Present Address	Permanent/ Native Address	Mobile Number	Aadhaar Number	Details of Assistance Provided							
						Accommodation		Food		Medical Care		Transport	
						Dates	Expense	Dates	Expense	Dates	Expense	Dates	Expense
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