



## **ABSTRACT**

Covid-19 - Outbreak of Epidemic Covid-19 - Sanction of funds under State Disaster Response Fund to Town Panchayats, Municipal Administration and Higher Education Department towards Disinfectants, Masks, gloves, food and sanitary materials, equipments and for Drones etc., - Orders - Issued.

### **Revenue & Disaster Management(DM-II) Department**

**GO(Ms) No.184**

**Dated : 8.4.2020**

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#### **Read :**

1. G.O.Ms.No.161, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-II) Dept., dated 19.03.2020.
2. Announcement made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in Legislative Assembly on 23.03.2020.
3. G.O.Ms.No.171, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-II) Dept., dated 24.03.2020.
4. G.O.Ms.No.177, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-II) Dept., dated 1.4.2020.
5. G.O.Ms.No.179, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-II) Dept., dated 4.04.2020.
6. From the Director of Town Panchayat, Letter No.3460/2020/C3, dated 02.04.2020.
7. From the Commissioner of Municipal Administration Lr.No.3336/32/2020-3, dated 02.04.2020.
8. From the Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Letter. No. 6137 / A2 / 2020-1, dated: 02.04.2020
9. From the Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration, Letter No,OC-1/563/2020, dated 02.04.2020.

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In the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs (Disaster Management Division) Letter No.33-4/2020/NDM-1, dated 14.3.2020, it has been informed that the Central Government keeping in view the spread of COVID-19 Virus in India and the declaration of COVID-19 as pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO), by way of a special one time

dispensation, has decided to treat it as a notified disaster for the purpose of providing assistance under SDRF. The list of norms of assistance for containment of COVID-19 Virus in India, eligible from SDRF has also been communicated by Government of India.

2. The Government of Tamil Nadu vide its Notification No.118 dated 14.03.2020, (G.O.Ms.No.95, Health and Family Welfare (P1) Department, dated 13.3.2020) have declared that Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) as a notified disease in the State of Tamil Nadu. Further, the meeting of the Tamil Nadu State Disaster Management Authority was conducted by the Chairman, TNSDMA/ Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 9<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 to take stock of the situation prevailing due to the outbreak of Covid-19 and issued instructions on containment of Covid-19.

3. The Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration has stated that the Director of Town Panchayats in the reference 6th read above has stated that there are 528 Town Panchayats in the state and responsible for ensuring safe sanitation, collection and disposal of waste including biomedical waste, if any, generated from Quarantine Camps / Quarantine Homes /Home Care for COVID-19 suspected persons. As instructed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and Hon'ble Minister of Special Programme, various preventive measures are being carried out to curtail the outbreak of COVID-19. As per protocol prescribed by the Department of Health and Family Welfare, proper sanitization of public gathering places like Bus stands, Hospital, Shopping Complex, Community halls, vehicles, Railway toilets, public toilets, public parks, parking places and other Vulnerable congested areas etc., are being done by Town Panchayats on daily basis.

So far, Disinfection works are also being carried out in Town Panchayats areas by using 2,50,278 litres hypochlorite solution 1,64,446 litres of lizol and 260.40 MT Bleaching powder through 2593 power sprayers and hand sprayers by engaging 24963 workers (6646 permanent workers, 12013 SHGs workers and 4436 Dengue Mazdoor workers) for the preventive measures under COVID 19. In order to create awareness about COVID 19, 8221 awareness programme were so far conducted, and 5,79,817 pamphlets were distributed by the Executive officers. 58437 mask and gloves have been issued to the workers involved in the COVID 19. Food provided to the 87767 persons through 483 community kitchens.

Most of the Town Panchayats are not having sufficient funds to carry out the preventive measures. In G.O. Ms. No. 161, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, dated 19.03.2020 has sanctioned Rs.2.00 crore to Town Panchayats and it is not sufficient to meet out the entire requirements for the continuous preventive measures.

Hence, it has been requested by the Director of Town Panchayats to sanction a sum of Rs.15.84 crore (Rupees Fifteen Crores and Eighty Four Laksh only) (Rs.3.00 Lakhs per Town Panchayat) additionally to continue the preventive measures to curtail the outbreak of COVID 19.

4. The Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration has also stated that the Commissioner of Municipal Administration the Government have sanctioned Rs.6 Crores for the procurement of essential equipments and consumables for preventing COVID-19 and the same was disbursed to 14 Corporations and 121 Municipalities. In addition to that another Rs.14 Crores have been sanctioned and the same was disbursed to the 14 Corporations at the rate of Rs.1 Crore for each Corporation. At present, the disinfection activities are being carried out in full vigor by all the 121 Municipalities in this State following the Health Department protocols. There is a huge requirement of disinfectant materials like Lysol, Bleaching powder and Sodium Hypo Chlorite Solution to be procured and also the purchase of consumable like masks, gloves and personal protective equipments for the protection of Sanitary workers, who are involved in COVID - 19 activities. Many activities related to maintenance of social distance is being carried out by the respective Urban Local Bodies continuously. Apart from that additional man power is also engaged by every Urban Local Body (ULB) involved in monitoring the home quarantine cases spraying activities, marking the social distance works and also for the works related to health protocols. For the additional man power the ULB's are paying the wages from the general funds of the ULB's.

He has also pointed out that the Urban Local Bodies are facing financial crunch to meet the requirements for the containment of COVID - 19. On an average each ULB is spending around 60 Litres of Lysol and 1 M.T. of bleaching powder and 600 disposable masks and 600 pairs of Gloves which approximately costs around Rs.69,600/- per day. In addition to that each ULB has provided personal protective equipments to each worker which costs around Rs.1500.

So totally, during the COVID - 19 lock down period of 21 days starting from 26.03.2020 to 14.04.2020, each Municipality will incur an approximately expenditure of Rs.23.60 Lakh including the purchase of Personal Protective Equipments (PPE). So totally, all the 121 Municipalities need approximately Rs.28.57 crore for the purchase of equipments and consumables related to Covid - 19 for a period of 21 days lock down period. Hence, he has requested an additional grant of Rs.22.00 crore from SDRF and the details are tabulated below:

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Consumable / Material</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Rate per Unit (in Rs.)</b>	<b>Cost per day (in Rs.)</b>	<b>Cost for 21 days (in Rs.)</b>
1.	Lysol	60 litres	200	12000	252000
2.	Bleaching Powder	1 M.T.	30000	30000	630000

3.	Disposable Masks	600	16	9600	201600
4.	Gloves in pairs	600	30	18000	378000
5.	PPE	600	1500	0	900000
<b>Total</b>			<b>31746</b>	<b>69600</b>	<b>2361600</b>

In the above circumstances, it has been requested by the Commissioner of Municipal Administration to sanction additional grant of Rs.22.00 crore from the SDRF taking into account of Rs.6.00 crore already sanctioned by the Government so as to continue the disinfection activities to contain the COVID – 19 in 121 Municipalities.

5. The Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration has further stated that the Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department has stated that, the Professor and Director of Centre for Aerospace Research, MIT campus, Anna University has stated that the Greater Chennai Corporation was looking for appropriate and effective solutions for disinfectant spraying, as a first of its kind in the country, AU immediately responded with technology demonstration on 26.03.2020 followed by deploying its fleet of 4 nos of spraying drones in highly crowded / inaccessible areas like Koyambedu, Kasimedu etc., from 28.03.2020 onwards, thereby providing in realtime situation the prowess of AU Drone Technology. Further stated that now given the deteriorating situation, with increasing numbers of identification of COVID – 19 affected people and the imminent danger the crisis poses it is considered necessary to immediately cover larger extent of areas. In order to help the society in times of need apart from already deployed drones, a need for more number of drones deployment has arisen. To meet this urgent requirement, it is considered necessary to manufacture / assemble minimum 25 number of drones immediately to address the crisis situation.

Hence, it is requested that appropriate financial assistance may please be provided by the Government of supporting technologies for societal applications and is tabulated below:

For 25 Drones	INR Lacs
Cost for Imported parts (70 Parts in 5 assemblies)	375
Domestic Manufactured parts (36 parts)	93.75
Manpower cost for Assembly and setup	31.25
Total cost	500

In the above circumstances, the Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department has requested to sanction a sum of Rs.500.00 lakhs (Rs.5.00 crore) towards the manufacture / assemble minimum 25 number of drones immediately to address the crisis situation.

6. The Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration has stated that the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has made an announcement on 23.03.2020 that release of funds towards the containment of COVID-19 will be enhanced to Rs.500 Crore. Hence, within the enhanced amount of Rs.500 crores, as per the announcement made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, the Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration has requested to sanction the following amount from State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF):

- i. A sum of Rs.15.84 crore (Rupees Fifteen Crores and Eighty Four Laksh only) (Rs.3.00 Lakhs per Town Panchayat) additionally to continue the preventive measures to curtail the outbreak of COVID 19 to the Director of Town Panchayats.
- ii. A sum of Rs.22.00 crore to the Commissioner of Municipal Administration to continue the disinfection activities to contain the COVID - 19 in 121 Municipalities.
- iii. A sum of Rs.5.00 crores to the Director of Centre for Aerospace Research, MIT to Manufacture / assemble minimum 25 number of drones (disinfectant spraying) to contain the COVID - 19.

The Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration has also added that in pursuant to the G.O. Ms. No.380, Revenue Department, dated 27.10.2015, G.O. Ms. No.246, Revenue Department, dated 03.08.2017 and Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs (Disaster Management Division) Lr. No.33-4/2020/NDM-1, dated 14.3.2020, funds may be sanctioned under State Disaster Response Fund.

7. The Government after careful examination accept the proposal of the Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration and based on the approval of State Executive Committee accord sanction for a sum of **Rs.42.84 crores (Rupees Forty two crore Eighty four lakhs only) from State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF)** to various line departments as detailed below:

- i. **Rs.15.84 crore** (Rupees Fifteen Crores and Eighty Four Lakhs only) (Rs.3.00 Lakhs per Town Panchayat) additionally to continue the preventive measures to curtail the outbreak of COVID 19 to the Director of Town Panchayat.
- ii. **Rs.22 crore** (Rupees Twenty two crores only) to continue the disinfection activities to contain the COVID - 19 in 121 Municipalities to the Commissioner of Municipal Administration.
- iii. **Rs.5 crores** (Rupees Five crores only) to Manufacture / assemble minimum 25 number of drones (disinfectant spraying) to contain the COVID - 19 to the Director, Centre for Aerospace Research, MIT.

**Item (iii) may be released based on Letter of Credits for supply.**

8. The above expenditure sanctioned in Para 7 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 - AH Disaster Preparedness /Preventive measures to contain the outbreak of Corona Virus (Covid 19) - 309 Grants-in-Aid - 09 Others  
(Old DPC 2245 80 800 AH 0998)  
(IFHRMS DPC 2245 80 800 AH 30909)

9. Necessary additional funds will be provided in RE/FMA 2020-21. Pending of such funds, the Principal Secretary/ Commissioner of Revenue Administration is authorised to draw and disburse the amount. The expenditure shall be brought to the notice of Legislature by specific inclusion in Supplementary Estimate 2020-21. The Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration is requested to send necessary proposal for inclusion of this expenditure in Revised Estimate 2020-21 and also send necessary explanatory note for inclusion of this expenditure in Final Supplementary Estimate 2020-21 at appropriate time.

10. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its UO.No.14956/Finance(Revenue)/2020, dated 7.4.2020 with additional sanction ledger No.0005 (Five)

**(By order of the Governor)**

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The Director, Disaster Management, Tamil Nadu Disaster  
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The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Municipal  
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The Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education  
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**//Forwarded//By Order//**

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