



## **ABSTRACT**

Covid-19 - Outbreak of Epidemic Covid-19 - Sanction of funds under State Disaster Response Fund to Tamil Nadu Housing Board and Fire and Rescue Services Department for the emergency nature of works and preparedness towards the containment of Covid-19 - Orders - Issued.

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

**GO(Ms) No.186**

**Dated : 9.4.2020**

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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. G.O.Ms.No.184, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-II) Dept., dated 8.04.2020.
7. From the Managing Director of Tamil Nadu Housing Board, Letter No. CE/PC/1/2020-21, dated:6.04.2020
8. From the DGP / Director, Fire and Rescue Services Letter No. 234/A1/2020, dated: 06.04.2020
9. From the Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration, Letter No,OC-1/563/2020, dated 8.04.2020.

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### **ORDER:**

In the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs (Disaster Management Division) Lr. 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 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 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 Managing Director of Tamil Nadu Housing Board has stated that Tamil Nadu Housing Board is maintaining 17 schemes of 2326 Units in Chennai and 120 scheme of 17909 units in moffussil district totally 20235 TNGRHS Flats all over Tamil Nadu by getting grant from Government of Tamil Nadu. The TNGRHS Flats are thickly populated and the spreading of the viral disease may affect the majority of the urban population. The outbreak of the "Corona Virus" requires disinfecting the common places, like staircases, handrails, corridors, platforms, roads and other areas.

During the review meeting conducted by the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister along with the Principal Secretary to Government, Housing & Urban Development Department along with the officials of the TNHB, it has been instructed to disinfect the surroundings of Tamil Nadu Government Rental Schemes by spraying 5% Lizol solution in the ratio 1:19 using Battery operated and Petrol driven sprayers. Besides, bleaching powder are sprayed in public places to prevent the spreading of this virus. As part of awareness campaign, banners, pasting wall stickers in the staircases of the tenements and distribution of pamphlets to the allottees are being carried out.

Tamil Nadu Government Rental Housing Schemes are being maintained by Tamil Nadu Housing Board based on the Government grants received and the TNHB has no funds to implement this programme. It is therefore requested by the Tamil Nadu Housing Board that the Government may be pleased to sanction and release Rs.78,95,000 from the Disaster Relief Fund immediately to facilitate the Tamil Nadu Housing Board to complete this programme as tabulated below:

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Purchase of Equipments</b>	<b>No.of Equipments</b>	<b>Rate per Unit</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1.	Medium petrol driven mist sprayer	24	9000	216000

2.	Hand sprayer	62	1050	65100
3.	Petrol / Oil for Medium petrol driven mist sprayer (10 liter per day x 55 days)	13200	85	1122000
4.	Disinfectant solution in Litre	13830	180	2489400
5.	Bleaching powder 25kg bag	2035	625	1271875
6.	Labour charges to operate sprayer machines (55 days)	4730	520	2459600
7.	Gloves, Jackets, Goggles	86	1500	129000
8.	Face Masks	4730	30	141900
<b>Total</b>				<b>7894875</b>

Hence, it has been requested by the Managing Director of Tamil Nadu Housing Board to sanction a sum of **Rs.78,95,000** for carry out corona virus prevention activities.

4. The Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration has further stated that the DGP / Director of Fire and Rescue Services has stated that in view of the Covid - 19 disaster response, the Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Department is undertaking the work of disinfecting on a war footing basis throughout the State with the available fleet of fire vehicles including the Aerial Ladder Platforms (Bronto Sky Lifts of 54m). The disinfecting work is carried on by diluting 3 to 5% of Sodium hypochlorite in water and their vehicles disinfect by ejecting water in various streams like jet, mist, fog as per requirement and need. The massive exercise includes all the Government hospitals (like in Chennai Rajiv Gandhi Government Hospital, Stanley Medical College and Hospital, Kilpauk Medical College and Hospital) public gathering places like Koyambedu Bus stand and Koyambedu Central vegetable market, Govt. Offices, Railway Station, Bus Stand and other important social gathering places like Temples, mosques, churches thereby successfully and productively disinfecting. All the 346 Fire and Rescue Stations throughout the State and all the fire Personnel are engaged in the noble cause of disinfecting the areas in the entire State. All the Cities / Districts including the taluk and block head quarters have been covered in the exercise. The exercise of disinfecting is still being carried out continuously on war footing and it will go upto 30.04.2020 or till the need ceases. In this massive exercise the personnel numbering 5587 of Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services are being engaged and 536 vehicles being used.

He has also requested the Government to extend the sanction of feeding charges to the Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services personnel as in Police Department. The continuous and tireless efforts of the Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue personnel in this massive exercise of disinfection throughout the State, it is trusted and expected has helped to contain the spread of germs in all these places of entire State. These Firemen have exposed themselves fearlessly to the Corona virus as well as the chemical Sodium Hypochlorite in a large measure.

Hence it is requested by Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Service Department that feeding charges at the rate of Rs.250/- per day for a maximum of 31 days (excluding 5 days of Extra-duty Allowance) may be sanctioned from the rank of Fireman to Assistant District Officer for the period from 26.03.2020 to 30.04.2020 tabulated below:

<b>Total Strength of Fire and Rescue Personnel Fireman to Assistant District Officer</b>	<b>Amount in Rs.</b>
Feeding for 5 days for 5587 from 26.03.2020 to 31.03.2020 (excluding 1 Sunday) (5587 X 250 X 5 days)	69,83,750/-
Feeding for 26 days for 5587 from 01.04.2020 to 30.04.2020 (excluding 4 Sundays) (5587 X 250 X 26 days)	3,63,15,500/-
<b>Total Amount required</b>	<b>4,32,99,250/-</b>

Hence, it has been requested by the DGP / Director of Fire and Rescue Services to sanction a sum of **Rs.4,32,99,250/-** for carry out corona virus prevention activities.

5. 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.78,95,000 (Rupees Seventy Eight Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Only)** to the Managing Director of Tamil Nadu Housing Board towards the corona virus prevention activities.
- ii) A sum of **Rs.4,32,99,250/- (Rupees Four Crores Thirty Two Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Only)** to the DGP / Director of Fire and Rescue Services towards the feeding charges from the rank of

fireman to Assistant District Officers for the period from 26.03.2020 to 30.04.2020.

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) Letter No.33-4/2020/NDM-1, dated 14.3.2020, funds may be sanctioned under State Disaster Response Fund.

6. 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.5,11,94,250/- (Rupees Five crore Eleven lakhs Ninety four thousand Two hundred fifty only) from State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF)** to various line departments as detailed below:

- i) **Rs.78,95,000 (Rupees Seventy Eight Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Only)** to the Managing Director of Tamil Nadu Housing Board towards the corona virus prevention activities.
- ii) **Rs.4,32,99,250/- (Rupees Four Crores Thirty Two Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Only)** to the DGP / Director of Fire and Rescue Services towards the feeding charges from the rank of fireman to Assistant District Officers for the period from 26.03.2020 to 30.04.2020.

7. The above expenditure sanctioned in Para 6 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)

8. 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.

9. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its UO.No.14983/2020, dated:09.04.2020 with additional sanction ledger No. 0006(Six).

**(By order of the Governor)**

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To

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The Director, Disaster Management,

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The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Municipal  
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The Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education  
Department, Chennai-9.

The Director General of Police/Director of Fire and Rescue Service  
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The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Housing Board, Chennai

The Accountant General, Chennai - 600 018.

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**/Forwarded // By Order/**

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16/4/2020.  
**UNDER SECRETARY TO GOVT.**