



ABSTRACT

Covid-19 Pandemic – Additional Two Days Wages to MGNREGS Workers as Special Allowance – Sanction of Rs.123.10 Crore under State Disaster Response Fund- Orders - Issued.

Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-II) Department

GO(Ms) No.191

Dated:13.4.2020

விகாரி, பங்குனி 31
திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2051

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. G.O.Ms.No.186, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-II) Dept., dated 9.04.2020.
8. From the DRD&PR, Letter No.48900/2019/MGNREGS-I-2, dated:06.04.2020.
9. From the Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration, Letter No,OC-1/563/2020, dated 8.04.2020.

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 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. 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.

2. The meeting of the Tamil Nadu State Disaster Management Authority was conducted by the Chairman, TNSDMA/ Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 9th, 13th, 16th, 19th and 20th 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. Due to the spread and pandemic of Covid-19 throughout the State, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has made the following Announcement under Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Rule 110 on 24.03.2020 as relief to the MGNREGS workers of Tamil Nadu who have worked during the month of March 2020 of Tamil Nadu as follows:-

“மகாத்மா காந்தி தேசிய ஊரக வேலை உறுதித் திட்டத்தின் கீழ், இந்த மாதத்தில் பணி புரிந்த தொழிலாளர்களுக்கு, 2 நாட்களுக்கான ஊதியம், சிறப்பு ஊதியமாக கூடுதலாக வழங்கப்படும்”.

4. Further the DRD& PR has sent a revised proposal stating that the Ministry of Rural Development Government of India was requested to provide the details of MGNREGS workers worked during the month of March 2020 in the PFMS/Excel Format by the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj. As requested by the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India have shared the details on 06.04.2020 that 26,84,989 MGNREGS workers worked during the month of March 2020 in Tamil Nadu. Hence, based on the data provided by Government of India and approved wage rate for Tamil Nadu for the FY 2019-20 @ Rs.229/ per day, the total amount arrived for two day wages as Special Allowance is as follows:-

No of MGNREGS workers worked during the month of March 2020 as per the data shared by Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India.	Rs.26,84,989
Wage rate for Tamil Nadu for the FY 2019-20 per day.	Rs.229
Two day wages as Special Allowance to be disbursed to 26,84,989 MGNREGS workers worked during the month of March 2020= 26,84,989* Rs.458	Rs.122,97,24,962

Charges towards Direct Benefit Transfer by National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI) @ Rs.0.45 per Transaction = 26,84,989* Rs.0.45	Rs.12,08,245
Total Amount = Rs.122,97,24,962+ Rs.12,08,245	Rs.123,09,33,207
Total Amount Rs. in Crore (Rounded Off)	Rs.123.10 Crore

In the earlier proposal, sanction of funds has been requested for 25 lakh workers who have worked from 01.03.2020 to 24.03.2020. Now the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India have shared the data for 26,84,989 MGNREGS workers worked from 01.03.2020 to 31.03.2020 which resulted in the increase of 1,84,989 workers. As per the announcement of Hon'ble Chief Minister under Rule-110, this two days wages as special allowance has to be given to all the MGNREGS workers worked during March, 2020, i.e., from 01.03.2020 to 31.03.2020. Hence, revised proposal is sent herewith. The DRD&PR has further stated that as per the announcement made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Under Rule 110, an amount of Rs.123.10 Crore towards the payment of 2 day wages as special allowance to 26,84,989 MGNREGS workers has to be sanctioned by the State Government. Considering this, a separate Bank Account has been opened in Indian Bank, Saidapet, Chennai vide SB a/c "Covid-19 MGNREGS Special Allowance" No:6872437692 exclusively. From this new account, the special allowance will be disbursed directly to the Bank accounts of 26,84,989 MGNREGS workers through PFMS.

5.The Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration has already stated 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 Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department and based on the approval of State Executive Committee accord sanction an amount of Rs.123.10 crore (Rupees one twenty three crore Ten lakhs only) under State Disaster Response Fund for the payment of two day wages as Special Allowance to 26,84,989 lakh MGNREGS workers who have worked in the month of March 2020, as per the announcement made by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

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 through Director of Rural Development. 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. 226/Finance (Rev)/2020, dated:13.04.2020 with additional sanction ledger No.11(Eleven).

(By order of the Governor)

**ATULYA MISRA,
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY**

To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department,
Chennai -600 009

The Principal Secretary and Commissioner of Revenue
Administration, Chepauk, Chennai-600 005.

The Director, Disaster Management,
Tamil Nadu Disaster Risk Reduction Agency, Chepauk, Chennai-05.
The Accountant General, Chennai - 600 018.

The Pay and Accounts Officer (East/South/North),
Chennai - 600 008/600 035/600 001.

Copy to:

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Finance Department, Chennai - 600 009

The Principal Private Secretary to Additional Chief Secretary
to Government, Revenue and Disaster Management
Department, Chennai - 600 009.

The Finance (Revenue/BG-I/BG-II) Department, Chennai -600 009.

//Forwarded/By/Order//

Atulya Misra
13/4/2022
SECTION OFFICER