



ABSTRACT

Disaster Management - Announcement made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister - Input subsidy to the affected farmers whose **Agricultural crops** and **Horticultural crops** were damaged due to cyclone 'Nivar' on 25.11.2020 - Sanction of a sum of Rs.1608.047 lakhs from State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) and a sum of Rs.1,051.650 lakhs from State Fund to the Director of Agriculture and the Director of Horticulture - Orders - Issued.

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

G.O(Ms) No.3

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திருவள்ளூர்வராண்டு 2049

Read:

1. G.O. (Ms) No.682, Revenue and Disaster Management [DM.III(2)] Department, dated: 01.12.2020.
2. G.O. (Ms) No.705, Revenue and Disaster Management [DM. III (2)] Department, dated 03.12.2020
3. From the Agricultural Production Commissioner and Principal Secretary to Government Agriculture Department D.O.Letter No.459/APC&PS/2020, dated 28.12.2020.
4. From the Director of Agriculture, letter No.G1/119754/2010 dated 30.12.2020.
5. From the Director of Horticulture letter No.Trq./20047/2020, dated 30.12.2020.
6. Press statement No.1 made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, dated 02.01.2021.
7. From the Additional Chief Secretary/ Commissioner of Revenue Administration, Letter No.NC.1(4)/1875/ 2020, dated 02.01.2021.

ORDER:

The Regional Meteorological Centre, Chennai in its bulletin No.3, dated 22.11.2020 issued a warning that a low pressure area over southwest and adjoining southeast Bay of Bengal has become well marked low pressure area and persists over the same region. It is very likely to concentrate into a depression over Southwest Bay of Bengal during next 24 hours and intensify further into a cyclonic storm during subsequent 24 hours. It is very likely to move north westwards and cross Tamil Nadu

and Puducherry coasts between Karaikal and Mahabalipuram around 25th November 2020 noon/afternoon.

2. Based on the forecast of 'Nivar' Cyclone, the Hon'ble Chief Minister convened the meeting of the State Disaster Management Authority on 23.11.2020 and deputed Senior Ministers and Senior I.A.S. officers to the districts likely to be affected by 'Nivar'. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu also visited the State Emergency Operation Centre on 24.11.2020 to take stock of the situation and instructed to take up adequate precautionary measures to reduce the risk due to the Cyclone 'Nivar'.

3. The Severe Cyclonic storm "Nivar" crossed the Tamil Nadu and Puducherry Coast near Puducherry between 23.30 Hrs of 25.11.2020 and 02.30 Hrs of 26.11.2020. Few coastal districts as well as certain interior districts received rainfall coupled with cyclonic winds gusting upto 120-130 kph, which left many trees uprooted, power distribution lines disrupted, water stagnation at many places particularly in Chennai and threw normal life out of gear. 8 stations have recorded extremely heavy rainfall, of which Tambaram station has recorded 314.10 mm. Moreover, 51 stations have received very heavy rainfall and 65 stations in the state have recorded heavy rainfall.

4. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has made the following announcement on 02.01.2021 as follows:-

'.....xxxx நிவர் மற்றும் புரவி புயல்களின் தாக்கத்தின் காரணமாக, பாதிப்பிற்குள்ளான விவசாயிகளின் நலனை காக்கும் பொருட்டு, வேளாண் பெருமக்கள் அதிக உற்பத்தி செய்து, பேரிடரால் பெரும் பாதிப்பு அடைந்துள்ளதை கருத்தில் கொண்டு, தேசிய பேரிடர் நிவாரண நிதியின் வழிகாட்டு நெறிமுறைகளின்படி, மானாவாரி மற்றும் நீர்ப்பாசன வசதி பெற்ற நெற்பயிர்களுக்கும், நீர்ப்பாசன வசதி பெற்ற இதர பயிர்களுக்கும் ஹெக்டேர் ஒன்றுக்கு வழங்கப்படும் இடுபொருள் நிவாரணத் தொகையான 13,500/- ரூபாய் என்பதை, 20,000/- ரூபாயாக உயர்த்தியும், மானாவாரி நெற்பயிர் தவிர, அனைத்து மானாவாரி பயிர்களுக்கும் இடுபொருள் நிவாரணத் தொகையான ஹெக்டேர் ஒன்றுக்கு வழங்கப்படும் 7,410/- ரூபாய் என்பதை, 10,000/- ரூபாயாக உயர்த்தியும், பல்லாண்டு கால பயிர்களுக்கு (Perennial crops) இடுபொருள் நிவாரணத் தொகையாக ஹெக்டேர் ஒன்றுக்கு வழங்கப்படும் 18,000/- ரூபாய் என்பதை, 25,000/- ரூபாயாக உயர்த்தியும் வழங்க நான் ஆணையிட்டுள்ளேன். உயர்த்தப்பட்ட இடுபொருள் நிவாரணத்திற்கான தொகையை, தமிழ்நாடு அரசு வழங்கும்.'

5. In the letter seventh read above, the Additional Chief Secretary/ Commissioner of Revenue Administration has stated that in the Government Order second read above, Government have sanctioned Rs.5 crore to the Agriculture Department and Rs.1 crore to the Horticulture Department under State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) towards input subsidy to the affected farmers whose Agricultural crops and Horticultural crops were damaged due to cyclone 'Nivar' on 25.11.2020.

6. The Additional Chief Secretary / Commissioner of Revenue Administration has further stated that the Agricultural Production Commissioner and Principal Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department has informed as follows:-

- ❖ In the last week of November, 2020, Nivar cyclone coupled with heavy rainfall caused severe damage to agricultural and horticultural crops in an area of approximately 16,677 Ha in 10 districts.
- ❖ While assessment was in progress, the deep depression due to Burevi occurred leading to the inundated condition in Paddy crop cultivated in many districts such as Tiruvarur, Cuddalore, Nagapattinam etc. Banana crop which had been in maturity stage has been affected severely in many districts such as Cuddalore, Tiruvannamalai, Ranipet, Tiruvallur etc. Ultimately, due to these two successive cyclones, over 4 lakh farmers have been affected due to crop loss in a total extent of over 2.98 lakh Ha.
- ❖ Even though the officials have been instructed immediately to initiate assessment work, it took nearly ten days for fields for complete draining of rain water. Once the flooded fields were completely drained, teams of officials from Agriculture, Horticulture and Revenue Departments have jointly visited the affected fields to assess the crop damage, as per the formats communicated by this office.
- ❖ All the districts across the State received good rainfall from South west and North East Monsoons. Besides, comfortable storage position and continuous release of water from Mettur reservoir has made the farmers to go for Samba paddy cultivation. The Agriculture Department has made an elaborate arrangement for making essential agricultural inputs like seeds and fertilizers available to farmers in time. Hence, with an assured hope of getting good harvest as well as high returns, farmers have incurred substantial cost for cultivation of these crops amidst the hardship in Covid-19 pandemic period. The crops were in maturity to harvesting stages. But, the two cyclonic systems have caused immense damage to their crops.
- ❖ Among various affected crops, irrigated crops like paddy, banana and rainfed crops like maize, pulses, cotton, chillies, onion etc., are considered as high value crops. Hence, it is felt that the input subsidy of Rs.18,000/- per Ha for perennial crops, Rs.13,500/- for irrigated crops (and paddy even in Rainfed condition) and Rs.7,410/per Ha for other rainfed crops eligible under SDRF norms would not be sufficient to meet the loss incurred by the affected farmers.
- ❖ Moreover, there are cases of affected farmers with more than 2 Ha who have also suffered huge damages due to the Rainfall / Cyclonic winds. But, as per SDRF norms, eligibility criteria for getting input subsidy is upto two hectares only, Over 7200 farmers, who raised crops in an area of over 13,793 Ha would not be eligible to get relief under SDRF over and above 2 Ha limit and this would only increase their financial burden.

7. In view of the above, the Agricultural Production Commissioner and Principal Secretary to Government Agriculture Department has requested to consider

sanction of increased relief assistance under State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) with the following relaxations in the SDRF norms, so as to extend the benefit to all the affected farmers:

1. Enhancing input subsidy:-

- a. Input subsidy may be increased from the present level of Rs.7,410/- per Ha to atleast Rs.10,000/- per ha for all rainfed crops other than paddy.
- b. Input subsidy may be increased from the present level of Rs.13,500/- per Ha to atleast Rs.20,000/- per ha for paddy.
- c. Input subsidy may be increased from the present level of Rs.18,000/- per Ha to atleast Rs.25,000/- per ha for all types of perennial crops.

2. Relaxation of eligibility of area:

- ❖ The present eligibility norm of 2 ha may be relaxed and the relief assistance may be sanctioned to all the affected farmers irrespective of area restriction.

8. The Additional Chief Secretary / Commissioner of Revenue Administration has further stated that the Director of Agriculture has informed that Agricultural crops have been damaged to an extent of 12,863.125 Hectares have been damaged more than 33% due to Nivar Cyclone. Further, the Director of Horticulture has informed that Horticultural and plantation crops have been damaged to an extent of 3,814.12 Hectares have been damaged more than 33% due to Nivar Cyclone. The Director of Agriculture and the Director of Horticulture has also sent proposals by calculating Rs.10,000/- per ha for all rainfed crops other than paddy, Rs.20,000/- per ha for Paddy and Irrigated Crops and Rs.25,000/- per ha for all types of perennial crops as detailed below:-

ENHANCED INPUT SUBSIDY FOR AGRICULTURAL CROPS

S. No.	District	As per SDRF Norms (Per hectare @ Rs.13500 for Paddy/ irrigated & @ Rs.7410 per hectare for Rainfed & @ Rs.18,000 per hectare for Perennial)				Proposed Input subsidy (@ Rs.20,000 Per hectare for Paddy/ irrigated & @ Rs.10,000 per hectare for Rainfed & Rs.25,000 per hectare for Perennial)				Difference
		Irrigated	Rainfed	Coconut / Perennial Trees	Grand Total	Irrigated	Rainfed	Coconut / Perennial Trees	Grand Total	
Amount in Lakhs										
1	Chengalpet	189.345	-	-	189.345	280.512	-	-	280.512	91.166
2	Cuddalore	65.464	-	-	65.464	96.984	-	-	96.984	31.520
3	Kanchipuram	267.122	0.171	-	267.294	395.737	0.254	-	395.991	128.697
4	Krishnagiri	14.901	-	-	14.901	22.076	-	-	22.076	7.175
5	Ranipet	268.191	0.034	0.144	268.369	397.320	0.046	0.200	397.566	129.197
6	Thirupathur	7.540	0.232	0.024	7.796	11.170	0.313	0.034	11.517	3.721
7	Thiruvallur	12.420	-	-	12.420	18.400	-	-	18.400	5.980

8	Thiruvannamalai	580.169	-	-	580.169	859.509	-	-	859.509	279.341
9	Vellore	104.525	3.537	0.036	108.098	154.852	4.773	0.050	159.675	51.577
10	Villupuram	121.041	54.093	-	175.134	179.320	73.000	-	252.320	77.186
Total		1,630.719	58.067	0.204	1,688.991	2,415.880	78.386	0.284	2,494.550	805.559

ENHANCED INPUT SUBSIDY FOR HORTICULTURE CROPS

Sl. No.	Districts	Input subsidy as per SDRF Norms (Per hectare @ Rs.13500 for irrigated & @ Rs.18000 for Perennial)			Subsidy Proposed (Per hectare @ Rs.20000 for irrigated & @ Rs.25000 for Perennial)			Difference
		Irrigated	Perennial	Total	Irrigated	Perennial	Total	
(Rupees in Lakhs)								
1	Chengalpet	21.861	4.281	26.142	32.36	5.94	38.30	12.154
2	Cuddalore	51.204	1.143	52.347	75.86	1.59	77.45	25.099
3	Kancheepuram	13.049	0.000	13.049	19.05	0.00	19.05	6.001
4	Ranipet	71.710	1.382	73.092	106.22	1.92	108.14	35.047
5	Thirupathur	5.363	0.000	5.363	7.85	0.00	7.85	2.483
6	Thiruvallur	64.517	1.562	66.079	95.58	2.17	97.75	31.671
7	Thiruvannamalai	174.433	0.000	174.433	258.27	0.00	258.27	83.833
8	Vellore	64.834	0.000	64.834	93.59	0.00	93.59	28.754
9	Villupuram	43.717	0.000	43.717	64.77	0.00	64.77	21.049
Total		510.688	8.368	519.056	753.534	11.613	765.147	246.091

9. The amount already sanctioned to Agriculture and Horticulture Department from State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) in the Government Order second read above and the amount requested from State Disaster Response Fund SDRF and the amount to be sanctioned after deducting the amount already sanctioned are as follows:-

Sl. No	Details	Amount Requested for input Subsidy under SDRF	Amount already sanctioned vide G.O. (Ms) No.705, Revenue Dept, dated 03.12.2020	Balance amount to be sanctioned
(Amount in Lakhs)				
1	Input Subsidy for the farmers whose Agricultural Crops were damaged more than 33% due to NIVAR Cyclone	1,688.991	500.000	1,188.991
2	Input Subsidy for the farmers whose Horticultural and Plantation Crops were damaged more than 33% due to NIVAR Cyclone	519.056	100.000	419.056
TOTAL		2,208.047	600.000	1,608.047

10. The Additional Chief Secretary / Commissioner of Revenue Administration has recommended the proposal of the Director of Agriculture and the Director of Horticulture and requested to sanction the following amount towards input subsidy relief assistance to the affected farmers whose crops were damaged of more than 33% due to "NIVAR" Cyclone by adjusting the amount already sanctioned in the Government Order second read above:-

Sl. No	Details	From SDRF	From State Fund	Total
		(Amount in Lakhs)		
1	Input Subsidy for the farmers whose Agricultural Crops were damaged more than 33% due to NIVAR Cyclone.	1188.991	805.559	1994.550
2	Input Subsidy for the farmers whose Horticultural and Plantation Crops were damaged more than 33% due to NIVAR Cyclone.	419.056	246.091	665.147
	TOTAL	1608.047	1,051.650	2659.697

11. The Government after careful consideration, accept the proposal of the Additional Chief Secretary / Commissioner of Revenue Administration to sanction a sum of Rs.26,59,69,700/- [Rs.16,51,65,000 + Rs.10,51,65,000] (Rupees Twenty six crore fifty nine lakhs sixty nine thousand and seven hundred only) from the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) and from the State Fund towards input subsidy to the affected farmers whose Agricultural crops and Horticultural crops were damaged due to cyclone 'Nivar' on 25.11.2020.

12. The amount sanctioned in paragraph 11 above shall be debited to the following head of account:-

<u>Agriculture:</u> "2245-Relief on account of Natural Calamities - 02-Floods, Cyclones etc., 114-Assistance to Farmers for purchase of Agricultural inputs-State's Expenditure - AA-Subsidy to Small and Marginal Farmers for Agricultural Inputs due to Flood - 311-Subsidies 01-Individual based subsidy. (OLD DPC 2245-02-114-AA-1114) (IFHRMS DPC 2245-02-114-AA-31101)	Rs.19,94,55,000/-
<u>Horticulture:</u> "2245-Relief on Account of Natural Calamities - 02-Flood, Cyclones, etc., - 800-Other Expenditure-State's Expenditure - BH-Relief measures to farmers due to damage of Horticultural Crops in Flood affected areas - 311-Subsidies - 01-Individual Based subsidy. (OLD DPC 2245-02-800-BH-1114) (IFHRMS DPC 2245-02-800-BH-31101)	Rs.6,65,14,700/-
Total	Rs.26,59,69,700/-

13. Necessary additional funds of Rs.26,59,69,700/- will be provided in Final Modified Appropriation 2020-2021 to meet the expenditure sanctioned in paragraph 11 above. Pending provision of such funds, the Additional Chief

Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration is authorized to draw and disburse the amount. However, this expenditure shall be brought to the notice of the Legislature by the way of Specific Inclusion in the Supplementary Estimates 2020-2021. The Additional Chief Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration is also directed to include the expenditure sanctioned above, while sending the budget proposal for Final Modified Appropriation 2020-2021 and also send necessary draft explanatory notes for inclusion of this expenditure in the Supplementary Estimates 2020-2021 to Finance (BG.I/Revenue) Department at appropriate time without fail.

14. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.01/DS(B)/Finance (Revenue)/2021, dated with Additional Sanctioned Ledger No.1364 [One thousand three hundred and sixty four].

(By order of the Governor)

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To

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Tamil Nadu Disaster Risk Reduction Agency, Chepauk, Chennai-600 005.

The Director of Agriculture, Chepauk, Chennai-600 005.

The Director of Horticulture, Chepauk, Chennai-600 005.

The Accountant General (A & E), Chennai - 600 018.

The Pay and Accounts Officer (East/South/North),
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The Principal Secretary, Highways and Minor Port Department, Chennai-600 009.

The Principal Private Secretary to Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
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The Principal Private Secretary to Chief Secretary to Government,
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The Hon'ble Chief Minister's Office, Chennai-600 009.

The Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister's Office, Chennai-600 009.

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

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