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Ministry of Rural Development
Department of Rural Development
(Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Division)

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi 110 001

Dated: 8th February 2017
9th

To
Commissioner/Secretary
Department of Rural Development
Government of Tamil Nadu
Chennai

Subject: Provision for additional employment over and above 100 days per household under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in notified drought affected 32 Districts of Tamil Nadu- reg.

I. Background

The State Government of Tamil Nadu has declared **32 Districts of Tamil Nadu** (listed in the Annexure) as drought affected on account of failure of North east Monsoon during 2016, under relevant State regulations. As a result of the adverse impact on agriculture operations in these areas, there is a likelihood of increased demand for wage employment on public works.

II. Special dispensation in drought affected Talukas/Mandals/Areas

1. Currently, funds are being provided to the States under Section 22 of MGNREG Act for meeting the cost of employment upto 100 days per household in a financial year. As per the funding pattern, the Central Government funds the entire cost of unskilled employment upto 100 days per household and 75% of the corresponding cost of materials (including semi-skilled and skilled employment). The cost of employment over and above 100 days, if any, is borne by respective State Governments.
2. In view of the likelihood of increased demand for employment on public works due to the drought situation, it has been decided, under Section 3(4) of MGNREGA, to provide upto **50 days of additional employment** in notified drought affected Districts in the financial year 2016-17.

3. This additionality is subject to the following conditions:

- (i) There is a Labour Budget (LB) which has been agreed to by the states and Central Government for the current financial year. LB includes an approved Shelf of Projects. Works will be taken up from this approved shelf. Initially, funds will be provided to States as per agreed to LB from where they will continue to meet the expenditure on account of providing employment upto 100 days and also for the increased number of days in notified areas;
- (ii) If the approved shelf of projects in the agreed to LB is not adequate for meeting the increased demand for employment, a supplementary list, in accordance with the procedure to be followed for preparing the shelf of projects, will be prepared. However, works specified in para 4 of Schedule I of the Act as notified on 3rd January, 2014 may be considered for inclusion in the supplementary list. Priority for works in the supplementary list shall be determined by each Gram Panchayat in meetings of the Gram Sabha and the Ward Sabha. However, states will make efforts to convince Gram Sabhas/ Gram Panchayats to give higher priority to drought proofing works including works relating to water and soil conservation in line with the objectives of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY);
- (iii) Proposals for a revision of LB, if required, may be submitted by States in the same format and following the same procedure as for original LB. Based on an assessment of demand for employment, potential for providing employment on ongoing works and other factors, the Empowered Committee Chaired by Secretary, Department of Rural Development will take a decision on the proposal;
- (iv) All other non-negotiables (conditions on use of machinery, wage material ratio, ban on contractors etc) and the stipulated processes in MGNREGA (such as 50% of the works in terms of cost to be assigned to Panchayats for implementation, wage rate, muster rolls, Social Audit, etc) will continue to apply.

III. MIS

- (i) Currently, NREGASoft does not allow data entries for employment above 100 days to a HH in a financial year unless specifically requested for by the State. In view of the decision referred to above, NREGASoft is being appropriately modified to allow entries for employment to registered HHs upto 150 days in notified tehsils.
- (ii) In addition to the existing arrangements for keeping details of employment upto 100 days, NREGASoft will keep separate details of expenditure on account of

employment cost (wages and material separately) upto 50 days beyond the stipulated 100 days.

IV. Audit of Accounts and SEGF

The scheme funds including SEGF will be audited in accordance with the provisions of the Act and instructions/guidelines issued by the Central Government from time to time. Accounts of Implementing Agencies and SEGF will show separately, expenditure incurred on account of raising the limit from 100 to 150 days. The Auditor will also certify whether the funds released have been utilized in accordance with the norms/guidelines and whether funds required to be credited by States in SEGF have been done or not.

Yours faithfully,


(Aparajita Sarangi)

Joint Secretary to the Government of India

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Encl: as above

Copy to

1. The Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Government of India
2. Senior Director (Technical), NIC, Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Rural Development to take necessary action in respect of MIS
3. All Officers/Sections/Consultants in MGNREGA Division of Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Rural Development, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi, to take necessary follow-up action



TAMIL NADU GOVERNMENT GAZETTE

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Part II—Section 1

Notifications or Orders of specific character or of particular interest to the public
issued by Secretariat Departments.

NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Secretariat, 18th January 2017.

[DISASTER MANAGEMENT - DROUGHT - FAILURE OF NORTH EAST MONSOON, 2016 - DECLARATION OF
32 DISTRICTS AS DROUGHT AFFECTED AND SANCTION OF RELIEF ASSISTANCE - ORDERS - ISSUED.]

No. II(1)/REV/D/2017.

The following Government Order is published:—

[G.O. Ms. No.6, Revenue [DM 3(1)], 10th January 2017, Margazhi 26, Thunmugi, Thiruvalluvar Aandu-2047.]

READ:

1. G.O.(Rt) No. 4104, Public (Spl-B) Department, dated 15-10-2016.
2. Hon'ble Chief Minister press statement, dated 03-01-2017.
3. G.O. Ms. No.1, Revenue [DM3(1)], Department, dated 03-01-2017.
4. Letter No.NC II(1)/7899/2016, dated 10-01-2017, from the Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration and State Relief Commissioner, Chennai-5.
5. Hon'ble Chief Minister press statement, dated 10-01-2017.

ORDER:

[G.O. Ms. No.6, Revenue [DM 3(1)], 10th January 2017, Margazhi 26, Thunmugi, Thiruvalluvar Aandu-2047.]

Tamil Nadu receives rain fall from the North East Monsoon between the 1st October and 31st December. The average rain fall during this period is 440 mm. In the current year the State has received only 168.3 mm. which is 62% less than normal. The rainfall deficit in the 32 Districts ranges from 35% to 81%.

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3. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu conducted a review of the drought situation in the state on 03-01-2017 and issued orders to the District Collectors for conducting the "Ground truthing" exercise in all the Districts of the state. The modalities for conducting the same were also approved. District level teams with Hon'ble Ministers and Senior I.A.S., officers were formed to supervise and oversee the Ground truthing exercise and enable the submission of necessary reports to the Government. Field inspections were taken up by the District level teams and the report was submitted to Government on 09-01-2017.

3. The Field inspections have revealed that, of the 16,682 Revenue Villages in the State, 13,305 Revenue Villages have been affected by drought. Of these, Ground truthing exercise was carried out in 1,564 Revenue Villages which revealed that 57% of the Crop has been affected by drought. This situation is likely to get worse in the ensuing months *vide* reference 4 read above. The Principal Secretary / Commissioner of Revenue Administration and State Relief Commissioner, in his letter 4th read above has recommended the declaration of Severe Drought in all the 32 Districts of the State.

4. Based on the reports furnished by the Districts level committee, the Hon'ble Chief Minister conducted a detailed review meeting on 09-01-2017 with the Hon'ble Ministers and senior officials. Based on the announcements made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 10-01-2017 the following orders are issued:-

1. As all the Districts in the State have received scanty rainfall during the North East Monsoon and since the criterion in the Manual for Drought Management, 2016 have been fulfilled all districts of the State are hereby declared as severely drought affected.

2. The land revenue to be remitted by the farmers in all the districts for the Fasli year 1426 is hereby waived.

3. The farmers are not in a position to repay their loans due to drought. Hence, steps will be taken to convert the crop loans availed by the farmers in the Co-operative and Commercial banks into medium term loans. All the District Collectors are instructed to issue modified Annavari Certificates required for this purpose expeditiously. A sum of Rs. 3,028 Crores has been disbursed as crop loans through the Co-operative Banks. Co-operation, Food and Consumer Protection Department will take necessary steps to convert the loans disbursed by Co-operative and Commercial Banks as medium term loans.

4. *Vide* G.O. Ms. No.380, Revenue [DM3(2)] Department, dated 27-10-2015, Farmers are entitled for relief for crop damages if the damage is to the extent of 33% and above.

5. The New Crop Insurance Scheme is being implemented in Tamil Nadu so as to enable farmers to get the maximum benefit even though the Government is incurring more expenditure for the same. The crop insurance premium contribution of the State Government for the previous year was Rs.40 crores only, but in the current year State Government has contributed Rs.410 crores for this purpose. The insured farmers will get compensation ranging from Rs.8000/- to Rs.50,000/- based on the type of crop, extent of crop loss and the district in which it is located.

6. Agriculture department will take necessary steps to expeditiously conduct Crop Cutting Experiments so as to assess the extent of crop damage due to drought and enable Insured farmers to claim crop Insurance from the Insurance company.

7. Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Department will take necessary measures to ensure supply of Green fodder, Feed concentrate, Dry fodder and water to cattle at an estimated cost of Rs.78 crores.

8. Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department will take steps to provide employment to Agriculture labourers and others who have been affected by drought. The number of working days under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme will be increased from 100 days to 150 days. De-siltation of tanks, rejuvenation of ponds and de-silting of irrigation channels will be taken up at a cost of Rs.3400 crores. It is expected that Agricultural labourers affected by drought in rural areas will be provided employment with these measures.

9. Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department will take up necessary drinking water supply, repairs and augmentation works to ensure availability of drinking water supply in the drought affected villages and rural areas at an estimated cost of Rs.350 crores.

10. Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department will take up necessary drinking water supply, repairs and augmentation works to ensure availability of drinking water supply in the drought affected urban areas at an estimated cost of Rs.160 crores.

11. Forest Department will take up works to ensure food and water supply to wild animals and Forest areas affected by drought at an estimated cost of Rs.5 crores.

2. Public Works Department will take up works of constructing sub surface reservoirs, sub surface dykes and water conservation works at an estimated cost of Rs. 25 crores.
3. It has been reported that 17 farmers have committed suicide in the past two months. Even though these suicides have been committed for various other reasons, as a measure of welfare for the families of the deceased a sum of Rs. 10 lakhs per family of the deceased will be paid from the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund.
4. Based on the orders issued in paragraph 4 above, the Head of Departments are requested to send necessary proposals for sanction of funds to the State Government through the State Relief Commissioner and Principal Secretary / Commissioner of Revenue Administration as per the guidelines of the State Disaster Relief Fund.
5. The District Collectors and Heads of Departments are requested to send necessary progress reports in the prescribed format to the State Government through the State Relief Commissioner and Principal Secretary / Commissioner of Revenue Administration. The State Relief Commissioner and Principal Secretary / Commissioner of Revenue Administration is requested to consolidate these progress reports and send the same to Government for necessary action.
6. The Monitoring Officers appointed *vide* G.O. first read above, are requested to review the progress of works and submit monthly progress reports on the announcements in this G.O. The monthly progress reports may be sent from February 2017 onwards to Government.
7. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department *vide* its U.O.No.291A/FS/P/Fin(Rev)/2017, dated 10-01-2017.

(By Order of the Governor)

Date: 10-01-2017,
Place: Chennai.

DR. CHANDRAMOHAN, B.,
Secretary to Government.

Drought Declaration Certificate

Drought Declaration

Having taken into account the conditions as arising from rainfall deficiency, decline in the availability of ground and surface water, poor crop conditions, and parameters related to remote sensing and socio-economic parameters etc., ascertained the distress situation that is likely to develop in the areas affected by these conditions through sample field verification, and, on the basis of reports available from the Collectors of concerned districts, the State Government has decided to declare drought of a severe nature in all 32 Districts in the State (list enclosed).

The declaration of drought would come into effect on 10.01.2017 and would continue to be in effect for six months from this date unless revoked earlier by an order of the State Government.

The State Government hereby authorizes the Collectors of the concerned districts to undertake relief measures in the notified area.

By the Order and in the name of Honorable Governor.

Date: 10-01-2017,
Place: Chennai.

DR. CHANDRAMOHAN, B.,
Secretary to Governmen

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DECLARATION OF DROUGHT

List of Districts

Sl. No. (1)	Districts Name (2)
1	Ariyalur
2	Chennai
3	Coimbatore
4	Cuddalore
5	Dharmapuri
6	Dindigul
7	Erode
8	Kancheepuram
9	Kanniyakumari
10	Karur
11	Krishnagiri
12	Madurai
13	Nagapattinam
14	Namakkal
15	Nilgiris
16	Perambalur
17	Pudukottai
18	Ramanathapuram
19	Salem
20	Sivagangai
21	Thanjavur
22	Theni
23	Tirunelveli
24	Tiruppur
25	Tiruvallur
26	Tiruvannamalai
27	Tiruvarur
28	Thoothukudi
29	Tiruchirapalli
30	Vellore
31	Villupuram
32	Virudhunagar

Date: 10-01-2017,
Place: Chennai.

DR. CHANDRAMOHAN, B.,
Secretary to Governmen

Gagandeep Singh Bedi, I.A.S.,
Agricultural Production Commissioner &
Secretary to Government



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D.O.LETTER NO.14/APC/2017, DATED 19.01.2017

Dear Sir,

SUB: Disaster Management – Drought due to failure of North East Monsoon during 2016 in Tamil Nadu – Regarding.

REF: G.O.Ms.No.6, Revenue {DM-3(1)} Department, Dated 10.1.2017.

I would like to bring to your kind attention that the North-East Monsoon period in Tamil Nadu is between 1st October and 31st December every year and the average rainfall during this monsoon period is 440mm. On the contrary, during 2016 (October-December), Tamil Nadu has received only 168.3mm rainfall **with a deficit of 62% in rainfall.** The rainfall deficit in all the 32 districts of Tamil Nadu ranges from 35% to 81%. Due to this, the State has been experiencing severe shortage of water for cultivation as well as drinking water supply which has led to immense loss of employment opportunity for agricultural labourers.

In view of the aforesaid drought situation, **the Government of Tamil Nadu has declared all the 32 districts of Tamil Nadu as drought affected.** The Government has also, in paragraph 8 of the Government Order cited above, stated that due to drought, the Agricultural Labourers are affected by lack of employment and in order to provide employment opportunities to them, steps will be taken to enhance the ceiling of 100 days to 150 days of employment under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. Works such as desilting of tanks, renovation of ponds and desilting of irrigation channels were ordered to be taken up through the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department in order to ensure that the rural agricultural labourers affected by drought get employment opportunities.

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Hence, it is requested the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India should kindly intimate the Ministry of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj to increase the number of permissible working days per family under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme **from 100 days to 150 days** as is done under drought declaration conditions under MGNREGS.

I am herewith enclosing the Government Order in Tamil notifying all the 32 districts in Tamil Nadu as drought affected for your kind reference. An English Translation of the above Government Order is also enclosed for kind reference.

with deep regards,

Yours sincerely,

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18/1/17.

To

Shri Shobhana K Pattanayak, IAS.,
Secretary to Government of India,
Department of Agriculture, Co-operation
and Farmers Welfare,
Krishi Bhavan, Dr.Rajendra Prasad Road,
New Delhi-110 001

English Translation of G.O. (Ms) No. 6 Revenue [DM-3(1)] Department
dt. 10/01/2017.



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(APC)
Agricultural Production Commissioner &
Secretary to Government
Agriculture Department,
Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.

Abstract

Disaster Management - Drought due to failure of North East Monsoon during 2016 - Declaration of all 32 Districts as drought affected and issue of assistance for drought relief - Orders issued.

Revenue [DM-3(1)] Department

G.O (Ms) No: 6

Dated: 10.01.2017
Thunmugi, Margazhi-26
ThiruvallurAandu 2047

Read:

1. G.O (Rt.) No.4104, Public (Special-B) Department, dated 15.10.2016.
2. Press Statement of Hon'ble Chief Minister, dated 03.01.2017
3. G.O (Ms) No.1, Revenue [D.M-3(1)] Department, dated 03.01.2017
4. State Relief Commissioner and Principal Secretary / Commissioner of Revenue Administration, Chennai -5, Letter No. NC.II (1)/7899/2016, dated 10.01.2017
5. Press Statement of Hon'ble Chief Minister, dated 10.01.2017.

ORDER:

In Tamil Nadu, the North-East Monsoon period is from 1st October to 31st December. The average rainfall during this monsoon period is 440 mm. But during the current year, it has rained 168.3 mm only. Rainfall deficit in the State is 62%. Further, the rainfall deficit in 32 districts range from 35% to 81%.

2. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, during the meeting held on 3.1.2017, ordered the District Collectors in the State to undertake direct field inspection of crops. Guidelines for undertaking crop inspection were issued as per the orders of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

In the G.O. 3rd cited, District-wise Committees were formed consisting of Hon'ble Ministers and Senior Indian Administrative Service Officers to super-check the field inspections undertaken, and submit report on the drought conditions with their recommendations to Government. The District Level Committees after assessing the drought conditions in the affected districts submitted their reports on 09.01.2017 to Government.

3. The field assessment of drought concluded that out of 16,682 Revenue Villages, 13,305 villages are drought affected. Out of these villages, crop condition was assessed in 1,564 villages and it was found that nearly 87% of lands were affected by drought. These drought conditions will aggravate in the coming months. In view of the above, the Principal Secretary / Commissioner of Revenue Administration vide reference 4th cited has recommended to Government to issue orders declaring all the 32 districts in Tamil Nadu as drought affected districts.

4. Based on the reports submitted by the District Level Committees, a detailed Consultative Meeting under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister was held on 9.1.2017. The meeting was attended by Hon'ble Ministers and Senior Officers. Based on the announcements made by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 10.01.2017, the following orders are issued:-

1. The rainfall during the North-East Monsoon period had been very low in Tamil Nadu and that the State is eligible for declaration as drought affected State as per the guidelines of Government of India, all the districts are declared as drought affected districts.
2. The Land Revenue dues of the farmers for the fasli year 1426 are fully waived in all the districts.
3. The Farmers could not repay their Loans due to drought. So, steps will be taken to convert the crop loan raised by farmers in Cooperative banks and Commercial banks to medium term loan.

The District Collectors are instructed to take urgent action for the issue of 'Annavari certificate' required for this conversion. Crop Loans amounting to Rs.3,028 crore have been issued during this year by Cooperative Banks. It is ordered to take action for conversion of loans issued by Cooperative Banks and Commercial Banks into medium term loan, through the Food, Cooperation and Consumer Protection department.

4. As per G.O.Ms.No.380 Revenue [D.M.3(2)] dated 27.10.2015, if the crop loss is more than 33%, relief amount will be paid to the affected farmers. As per the above G.O., Relief amount will be given for other crops also.
5. As the Prime Minister's Fasal Bima Yojana (New Crop Insurance Scheme) is beneficial to the farmers, it is being implemented in the State even though it entails higher expenditure. In the past, the average annual contribution by the State was Rs 40 crore. This year, the Government orders the payment of Rs.410 crore as its contribution through the Agriculture Department. Due to this, the farmers will be able to get compensation amount of Rs. 8,000 to Rs. 50,000, depending upon the crop loss, type of crops and districts.
6. The farmers who have insured their crops will be able to get compensation from the insurance firms for the loss of crops. It is ordered that the Crop Cutting Experiments which are required for this purpose should be taken up by the Agriculture department.
7. To mitigate the shortage of cattle feed due to drought, it is ordered to implement schemes for the supply of Green fodder, Cattle Feed and Dry Fodder through the Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Department at a cost of Rs.78 Crore.

8. Due to drought the Agricultural Labourers are affected by lack of employment and in order to provide employment opportunities to them, steps will be taken to enhance the ceiling of 100 days to 150 days of employment under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. It is ordered to take up works such as desilting of tanks, renovation of ponds and desilting of irrigation channels at a cost of Rs.3,400 crore through Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department. Due to these measures, the rural agricultural labourers affected by drought will get employment opportunities.
9. In order to mitigate the drinking water scarcity in rural areas due to the prevailing drought, it is ordered to execute improvement of water sources and water supply works at an estimate of Rs.350 crore through Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department.
10. To solve the drinking water scarcity in urban areas due to drought, it is ordered to execute drinking water supply improvement works at an estimate of Rs. 160 crore through the Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department.
11. In order to protect the wildlife from the drought, it is ordered to implement works for augmenting fodder and drinking water for the wildlife, at an allocation of Rs.5 crore, through the Forest department.
12. It is ordered for taking up of Ground water conservation, Ground water rejuvenation and water source augmentation works through Public Works Department at an estimate of Rs.25 crore.
13. In the last two months 17 farmers have committed suicide. Though the farmers' suicides could have occurred due to various

reasons, considering the welfare of their families, each family will be granted Rs.3 lakh from Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund.

5. On the basis of the orders issued in para 4 above, subject to the guidelines of State Disaster Management Fund, the Heads of departments should send proposals to the Government for getting necessary allocation with due recommendations through Principal Secretary/ Commissioner of Revenue Administration.

6. State Relief Commissioner is requested to prescribe necessary formats for reporting the progress of above Schemes by the District Collectors and Heads of Departments, and also to compile such reports and sent it for the review of the Government.

7. The Monitoring Officers appointed vide G.O. first cited above should inspect the affected districts once in a month and ensure that relief is provided to the farmers and agricultural labourers as per the announcements made in this Government order. Monthly Report in this regard should be furnished to Government from February, 2017. They are also advised to implement the various schemes recommended, review the progress of works in the field and expedite the relief measures undertaken.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. No.291A/FS/P Finance (Revenue)/2017, dated 10.1.2017.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

Dr.Chandramohan. B
Secretary to Government

To

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

The Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary /
Secretary to Government, All Departments, Secretariat,
Chennai- 600 009.

Heads of Departments Concerned.

All District Collectors.

All District Treasury Officers.

The Accountant General, Chennai- 600 018.

The Accountant General, Chennai-600 018 (by name).

The Accountant General (Audit I), Chennai-600 018.

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