



## **ABSTRACT**

Establishment of corpus fund of Rs. 10 crores as Consumer Welfare Fund – Utilized for financing state / local level activities relating to welfare and protection of consumers – Orders – Issued.

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### **Cooperation, Food and Consumer Protection (H2) Department**

**G.O (Ms) No.45**

**Dated : 30.03.2012**

**Read :**

- 1 From the Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution D.O Lr.No.07/04/2004-CWF II dated 26.2.2004
- 2 G.O.(Ms) No.26 Cooperation, Food and Consumer Protection department dated 20.2.2006
- 3 G.O. (Ms) No.185 Cooperation, Food and Consumer Protection department dated 29.10.2008
- 4 From the Government of India, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution D.O. No.0-12011/10/2003-CWF dated 8.2.2010.
- 5 From the Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection department D.O. Letter Rc.No.CP1/5882/2010 dated 05.05.2010.

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### **ORDER:**

In the Government of India letter first read above, the Government of India have informed that it was decided by the Standing Committee on Consumer Welfare to decentralize the sanctioning of Consumer awareness programmes /projects with effect from 01.04.2004 with a view to elicit more active involvement of the State Government in strengthening the consumer movement in the respective States and for this purpose Government of India proposed to

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sanction lumpsum grants to the State Government. Government of India has also requested all the State Governments to constitute State Consumer Welfare Fund and for this, Government of India agreed to release 'Seed Money' in the ratio of 50:50 between State and Centre. Accordingly, in the Government Order second read above orders were issued constituting a Corpus fund called "Tamil Nadu State Consumer Welfare Fund" and accorded sanction for a sum of Rs.50 lakh as the State's share of Seed Money by crediting to Tamil Nadu State Consumer Welfare Fund for implementation of Consumer Welfare Schemes. The Government of India have sanctioned a sum of Rs.50 lakh as the centre's share. In the Government Order third read above, the Government have issued orders releasing a sum of Rs.50 lakh being the Government of India share of seed money to be credited to Tamil Nadu State Consumer Welfare Fund.

2. In the Government of India letter 4<sup>th</sup> read above, the Government of India have informed that in order to strengthen the Consumer Welfare Fund in all the States/UTs further, it has decided that States/UTs which are willing to establish a corpus of Rs.10.00 crore will be supported by the Central Government by contributing 75% of that amount as Central share from the Central Consumer Welfare Fund. Such corpus fund is to be credited in separate account that can generate interest which could be utilized for financing state/local level programmes.

3. In the letter 5<sup>th</sup> read above, the Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection has stated that according to the revised guidelines prescribed by Government of India for State Consumer Welfare Fund, State Government will first deposit 25 percent as their share in a separate non-lapsable, interest bearing account and requested the Government to issue orders releasing Rs.2.5 crore towards crediting into Tamil Nadu Consumer Welfare Fund as seed money of State's share and also requested to issue necessary order for crediting the same into the new sub head of account to be opened under Demand No.13 Cooperation, Food and Consumer Protection Department. Based on the Terms and Conditions given by the Government of India, to establish Corpus fund of Rs. 10 Crore, the Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection department has requested Orders of the Government for the following :-

### **3 (i) Generation of Interest from Corpus Fund**

According to guidelines of Government of India, the corpus has been set up so as to generate interest for meeting the expenditure on local programme and activities. The State will utilize the interest generated from the corpus fund on State / Local level activities relating to welfare and protection of consumers.

The Corpus to be released by Central and State Government may be remitted into the existing corpus fund called "Tamil Nadu State Consumer Welfare Fund". The amount of Central and State share will be in the ratio of 75:25. A sum of Rs.10 crore will be credited into Tamil Nadu State Consumer Welfare Fund.

### **3 (ii) Corpus not to be spent**

The Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection Department and the President, Tamil Nadu State Society for Consumer Protection and Empowerment (TANSSCOPE) will have to furnish a declaration to Government of Tamil Nadu that deposit amount will not be withdrawn or utilized for any other purposes without obtaining Government Orders to that effect. The deposit certificates shall be kept in the office of the President, Tamil Nadu State Society for Consumer Protection and Empowerment (TANSSCOPE) for safe custody. The Governing Committee constituted under rule 6 of the Tamil Nadu State Consumer Welfare Fund Rules, 2007 will monitor that Corpus of Rs.10 crore deposited in nationalized bank(s) has neither been withdrawn nor spent for any activities and shall furnish a certificate to Government to that effect along with original copy of Chalan about remittance particulars of interest amount into Government account to be furnished by the President, Tamil Nadu State Society for Consumer Protection and Empowerment (TANSSCOPE) through Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection Department.

### **3 (iii) Notification of guidelines for sanctioning of funds from Corpus**

Government in their G.O. Ms. No.42 Cooperation, Food and Consumer Protection Department, dated 12.02.2007 have issued order framing rules called "Tamil Nadu State Consumer Welfare Fund Rules, 2007" and notified in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette, dated 25<sup>th</sup> April 2007. Tamil Nadu State Consumer Welfare Fund is governed by the Tamil Nadu State Consumer Welfare Fund Rules, 2007. In the said rules, guidelines regarding Purposes for sanctioning of financial assistance, Procedure for seeking sanction of financial assistance, Eligibility for receiving financial assistance, Application processing, Funds Release, etc are well defined. It has been proposed to credit the corpus of Rs.10 crore into Tamil Nadu State Consumer Welfare Fund and Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection will be authorized to draw from Tamil Nadu State Consumer Welfare Fund and deposit into nationalized bank. Therefore, separate set of guidelines for sanctioning funds need not be required and the guidelines prescribed in Tamil Nadu State Consumer Welfare Fund Rules, 2007 may be adopted for sanctioning funds.

### **3 (iv) Application by VCOs and institutions**

The purposes of sanctioning of financial assistance from Tamil Nadu State Consumer Welfare Fund are well defined in rule 7 of the Tamil Nadu State Consumer Welfare Rules, 2007. In the State of Tamil Nadu, Government is implementing various consumer welfare projects availing grants from Government of India and from Tamil Nadu State Consumer Welfare Fund. As Government of Tamil Nadu is implementing various kinds schemes through district administration, the schemes proposed by Voluntary Consumer Organizations and institutions that are innovative in nature and different from Government schemes are only taken up for consideration. However, all the major projects, such as training programme to Self Help Group women members, Agriculturists, Government Employees, Workshops / seminars on consumer protection implemented by Government through its district machinery are carried out in coordination with local Voluntary Consumer Organizations. In other words, Government through its District Administration is utilizing the good services of local Voluntary Consumer Organizations in districts for implementation of various consumer protection welfare schemes. It may be assured that Government will motivate Voluntary Consumer Organizations and institutions to apply to State Consumer Welfare Fund for grant for carrying out State / local level Consumer welfare activities.

### **3 (v) Quarterly Report to Government of India**

The Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection shall prepare an annual action plan about consumer welfare activities with tentative budget, for its implementation. The Government of Tamil Nadu after considering the proposals of Commissioner of Civil Supplies will release fund amount from and out of Tamil Nadu State Consumer Welfare Fund. The Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection Department, Nodal Officer for implementing consumer protection activities in the State, will be responsible for implementation of Scheme in all districts as per proposal and utilization of fund amount by District Collectors towards implementation. The Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection will be monitoring impact and outcome of consumer welfare activities carried out and sending reports in detail with photographs after completion of each Scheme along with utilization certificate to Government of India through Government of Tamil Nadu.

4. After careful examination of the proposal of the Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection, the Government hereby constitute a corpus fund of Rs.10.00 crore (Rupees Ten Crores only) as Consumer Welfare Fund.

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The corpus fund released by Central and State Government shall be remitted into the existing corpus fund called Tamil Nadu State Consumer Welfare Fund. The said Tamil Nadu State Consumer Welfare Fund is governed by the Tamil Nadu State Consumer Welfare Fund Rules, 2007 issued in the Government order second read above. In the said Government order, the Government have constituted a fund called Tamil Nadu State Consumer Welfare Fund pending amendment to Tamil Nadu General Sales Tax Act, 1959 (Tamil Nadu Act 1 of 1959) with immediate effect. The Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection will be the Nodal Officer to implement the consumer welfare schemes and also for administering and monitoring the Tamil Nadu State Consumer Welfare Fund.

5. The sanction is hereby accorded for a sum of Rs. 2.50 crores, (Rupees two crores and fifty lakhs only) as state's share of seed money to be credited to the Tamil Nadu State Consumer Welfare Fund for implementing the Consumer Welfare Schemes.

6. The amount sanctioned in para 5 above shall be debited into the following head of account:

3456-00-Civil Supplies 104 - Consumer Welfare Fund –Schemes in the Eleventh Five Year Plan – VI Schemes shared between State and Centre – UA – Contribution of Tamil Nadu State Consumer Welfare Fund – 10 Contribution – 01 – Contribution to specific Fund  
DPC 3456 – 00 – 104 – UA - 1016

By contra crediting into

J – Reserve Funds (b) Reserve funds not bearing interest 8229-00 – Development and Welfare Fund 123 – Consumer Welfare Fund AA Tamil Nadu State Consumer Welfare Fund  
DPC 8229 – 00 – 123 – AA – 000B (Receipts)

The transfer of debits ultimately to the Reserve Fund will be accepted under Revised.

3456-00-Civil Supplies 902 – Deduct Amount met from the Tamil Nadu State Consumer Welfare Fund – VI Schemes shared between State and Centre – UA – Deduct Amount met from the Tamil Nadu State Consumer Welfare Fund – 30 Inter Account Transfer  
(DPC 3456 – 00 – 902 – UA – 3009)

By contra debiting into

J – Reserve Funds (b) Reserve funds not bearing interest 8229-00 –  
Development and Welfare Fund 123 – Consumer Welfare Fund AA Tamil  
Nadu State Consumer Welfare Fund  
DPC 8229 – 00 – 123 – AA – 0009 (Outgo)

The Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection is the estimating, reconciling and controlling authority for the above public head of account.

7. The Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection is hereby authorized to administer Tamil Nadu State Consumer Welfare Fund, and also authorized to draw the amount sanctioned in para No (5) and deposit in any banking institution on a long-term basis, i.e. for five years. The Government hereby delegates power to Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection to draw and deposit corpus amount on behalf of Government of Tamil Nadu in a deposit scheme of anyone of the following banks where Tamil Nadu State Society for Consumer Protection and Empowerment (TANSSCOPE) is banking.

1. State Bank of India  
(Triplicane Branch (Chennai) (24)  
Savings A/c No.30818465433)
2. Canara Bank  
(Triplicane Branch - Savings A/c No.0914101168021)
3. Indian Overseas Bank  
(TNCA Branch – Saving A/c. No. 1270)

8. The Government also directs that the Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection who is also the President, Tamil Nadu State Society for Consumer Protection and Empowerment (TANSSCOPE) is responsible to collect the interest amount accrued on the fixed deposit on the close of 31<sup>st</sup> March every year and remit the proceeds into overall interest receipts by the Government under following head of account:

0049 – Interest Receipts 04 – Interest Receipts of State / Union Territory  
Governments 800 – other Receipts CT – Interest Receipts from  
Investment of Tamil Nadu State Consumer Welfare Fund  
DPC 0049 – 60 – 800 – CT

9. The Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection Department has to collect remittance details on yearly basis with details of chalan number / Date and name of the Bank from the President, Tamil Nadu State Society for Consumer Protection and Empowerment (TANSSCOPE) and send compilation report to the Government with a copy to Accountant General (A&E) Tamil Nadu Government in turn, intimate the Accountant General about the total credit of interest remitted into Government account and seek transfer of amount into the receipt account of reserve fund under following head of account, by making necessary adjustment entries.

J. Reserve Funds - (a) Reserve Funds bearing interest - 8121 – 00. General and Other Reserve Funds – 101. General and Other Reserve Funds of Government Commercial Departments / Undertakings – AA. Tamil Nadu State Consumer Welfare Fund

(DPC 8121-00-101-AA-0004) outgo

The Accountant General (A&E) Tamil Nadu is requested to make necessary book adjustments for exhibiting the expenditure defrayed from the fund and revenue collected under 0070-60-800-DA and under 0049-60-800 (CT) and declare the total amount stands credit in Tamil Nadu State Consumer Welfare Fund on the close of 31<sup>st</sup> March every year by 20<sup>th</sup> May of every year. Based on intimation of credit balance in corpus fund by Accountant General (Accounts & Entitlements) Tamil Nadu Government in Finance Department is directed to provide necessary funds in the supplementary estimates of every financial year under the following head:

3456 - Civil Supplies 00 - 797 - Transfer to Tamil Nadu State Consumer Welfare Fund VI - Schemes shared between State and Centre  
UA - Transfer to Tamil Nadu State Consumer Welfare Fun 30.00 -  
Inter Account Transfer

10. The Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection is authorized to draw the amount sanctioned in para 4 above and to credit it to the "Tamil Nadu State Consumer Welfare Fund". Necessary funds have been provided in the First supplementary Estimate for 2011-12.

11. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No. 44/SS(PSK)/Cooperation, Food and Consumer Protection/12 Dated 29.3.2012 and Additional sanction Ledger No. 866 (Eight Hundred and Sixty Six)

**( BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)**

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