ABSTRACT

Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited – Awards to Craftspersons - Distribution of Awards - Financial assistance from the Government - Funds sanctioned – Orders – Issued.

Handlooms, Handicrafts, Textiles and Khadi (G2) Department

G.O.(Ms)No.223

Dated: 08.10.2013

9/64, Thiruvalluvar Street, 2nd Floor
Thiruvalluvar Andu 2044

Read:

From the Chairperson and Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited Letter Rc. No. 2289/DC/2012, dated 01.08.2013.

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ORDER:

In the letter read above, the Chairperson and Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited has stated that, the Poompuhar State Award and Poompuhar District Award have been introduced as a recognition given to the artisans of Tamil nadu who are engaged in a trade that has a rich cultural heritage. The Poompuhar State awards are given in the name of the Government of Tamil Nadu.

2. The Chairperson and Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited has further stated that every year the Poompuhar State Awards are distributed to 10 crafts persons. Further, the Poompuhar District Awards are given for 16 crafts practised in Tamil Nadu. Totally 85 crafts persons are selected for the District awards every year. This scheme was introduced from the year 2011-2012 as per the announcement made in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly.

3. The Chairperson and Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited has added that the Poompuhar State Award includes a cash prize of Rs.50,000/-, a Gold medal of 4 grams weight and Bronze Tablet and the Poompuhar District Award includes a cash prize of Rs.5,000/-.
4. The Chairperson and Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited has therefore requested the Government to sanction an amount of Rs.12.00 lakh annual grant as Financial Assistance for distributing the awards through the Corporation and declaring the scheme as a Government Scheme with an increase of funds at 5% every year to be allowed to provide for price escalation.

5. The Government after careful examination of the proposal of the Chairperson and Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited hereby accord sanction of annual grant of a sum of Rs.12.00 lakhs (Rupees Twelve lakhs only) with increase of allowing 5% every year for price escalation as financial assistance for distribution of State / District awards to crafts persons by declaring the said scheme as a Government scheme implemented through the Corporation.

6. The expenditure sanctioned in para 5 above shall be debited to the following head of account:-

"2851.00. Village and Small Industries –
104. Handicraft Industries Schemes in the Twelfth Five Year Plan –
II. State – Plan.
JK. Assistance to Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Development Corporation-
09. Grants – in – Aid –
03. Grants for specific Schemes –
(DPC 2851-00-104-JK-0937)

7. The Industries Commissioner and Director of Industries and Commerce is authorized to draw the amount sanctioned in para 5 above and disburse it to the Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited.

8. The expenditure is an item of “New instrument of Service”. The approval of the Legislature will be obtained in due course. Pending approval of the Legislature, the expenditure will be initially met by sanction of an advance from the Contingency Fund, orders regarding which the Government in Finance (BG.I) Department will issue. The Industries Commissioner and Director of Industries and Commerce is directed to send necessary proposals to Government in Finance (BG.I) Department, in the prescribed format along with a copy of this order for sanction of an advance required for the current year from Contingency Fund. He is also requested to send a draft explanatory note to Finance (BG.I / Ind) Department for inclusion of the expenditure in the
supplementary Estimates for bringing it to the notice of the Legislature, in
due course.

9. This orders issues with the concurrence of Finance Department
vide its U.O. No.55644/Ind/ 2013, dated 07.10.2013 and ASL No.1550
(One thousand five hundred and fifty).
(By Order of the Governor) 
Harmander Singh,
Principal Secretary to Government.

To
The Chairperson and Managing Director,
Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited,
Chennai – 02.
The Industries Commissioner and Director of Industries and Commerce,
Chennai-28.

Copy to
The Hon’ble Chief Minister’s Office, Chennai -09.
The Special Personal Assistant to Hon’ble Minister (Finance), Chennai -09.
The Special Personal Assistant to Hon’ble Minister (Rural Industries),
Chennai -09.
The Finance (Ind/BG.I/BG.II) Department,
Chennai-09.
The Private Secretary to Principal Secretary to Government, Handlooms,
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