

ABSTRACT

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department – Monthly Honorarium to the Village Panchayat Presidents – Enhancement of sitting fees to the President as well as Ward Members of the Village Panchayat – Sanction - Accorded.

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (PR4) Department

G.O.(Ms.) No.54

Dated 29.06.2012

திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2043 ஆனி 15

Read:

1. G.O.(Ms.)No.101, Rural Development (C3) Department, dated 27.3.1997.
2. G.O.(Ms.)No.362, Rural Development (C1) Department, dated 20.12.1997.
3. G.O.(Ms.)No.258, Rural Development (C4) Department, dated 14.12.1999.
4. From the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Lr.No.57069/PR1/2011, dated 22.7.2011.
5. Tamil Nadu Panchayats (Amendment) Act, 2012 (Tamil Nadu Act, 15 of 2012).

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ORDER:

The Hon'ble Minister (Municipal Administration and Rural Development) has made the following announcements during the demand of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department for the financial year 2011-2012.

- i. Village Panchayat Presidents are acting as an Executive Authority of the Village Panchayat and discharge their functions. Hence, this Government have accepted their long term demand for sanction of monthly honorarium of Rs.1,000/- to the Village Panchayat President. This would be implemented in the current year. A sum of Rs.15 crores will be allocated for this purpose in the current financial year.
- ii. This Government have also decided to enhance the sitting fees from Rs.50 to Rs.100 for the Village Panchayat President and from Rs.25 to Rs.50 for the members of the Village Panchayat who attend the meeting of the Village Panchayat. This would be implemented in the current year. A sum of Rs.7.50 corres will be allocated for this purpose in the current financial year.

2. Based on the above said announcement, the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has sent proposal. He has reported that the Village Panchayat Presidents are now paid Rs.500/- towards travelling allowance and Rs.50 as sitting fees. But no honorarium was paid to them. Whereas honorarium was paid to the Presidents of the neighbouring States like Kerala, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. He has therefore requested the Government to sanction monthly honorarium of Rs.1,000/- to the Village Panchayat Presidents and to enhance the sitting fees from

Rs.50 to Rs.100 for the Village Panchayat President and from Rs.25 to Rs.50 for the members of the village panchayat who attend the meeting of the Village Panchayat.

3. The Government have, after careful examination, accepted the proposal of Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj and decided to accord sanction for a sum of Rs.22.53 crores as detailed below:-

i) Honoarium:

12,524 , Panchayat Presidents @ Rs.1,000/- per month for 12 months	Rs.15.03 Crores
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ii) Sitting Fee:

i)	12,524 , Panchayat Presidents @ Rs.100/- per month for 12 months (not exceeding two sittings in a month)	Rs.1.50 Crores
ii)	1,00,000 Panchayat Ward Members @ Rs.50 per month for 12 months (not exceeding two sittings in a month)	Rs.6.00 Crores
	Total	Rs.22.53 Crores

It is permitted to incur the expenditure from the State Finance Commission Grant / Own Funds of the village panchayats duly adhering to the conditions laid down in the recommendations of the State Finance Commission.

4. Accordingly, under the proviso to section 82 of the Tamil Panchayats Act, 1994 (Tamil Nadu Act 21 of 1994) the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby fixes Rs.1,000/- (Rupees one thousand only) as monthly honorarium for the Presidents of the Village Panchayats.

5. Further, under section 82 of the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1994 (Tamil Nadu Act 21 of 1994) read with Sub-rule (1) of rule 8 of the Tamil Nadu Panchayats (Travelling Allowances and other allowances payable to the Presidents, Chairman and members of the Panchayats and their Committees) Rules, 1999 and in partial modification of the orders issued in G.O.(Ms)No.362 Rural Development (C1) Department, dated 20.12.1997, the Governor of the Tamil Nadu hereby fixes the sitting fees for the President of the Village Panchayats as Rs.100/- (Rupees One hundred only), (not exceeding two sittings in a month) and for the members of the village panchayats as Rs.50/- (Rupees fifty only). (not exceeding two sittings in a month).

6. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj is authorised to disburse the funds sanctioned in para 3 above to the District Collectors. The Inspector of Panchayats / District Collectors in turn, to release the amount to the Local Bodies concerned.

7. Implementation of this order will come into effect from the date of assumption of the elected representatives of Local Bodies i.e. from 25.10.2011.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department U.O. No.205/JS(PM)/12 dated 28.6.2012.

(By Order of the Governor)

N.S.PALANIAPPAN,
Principal Secretary to Government.

To
The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj,
Chennai-600 015.
All District Collectors,
All Project Directors, District Rural Development Agency, District concerned.
Assistant Directors (Panchayats), all Districts.
The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (Training), Chennai-15.
The Pay and Accounts Officer (South), Chennai-600 035.
All District Treasuries.
All District Panchayats / Block Development Officers
(through the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj).

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