
ORDER

In the devastating tsunami, which struck the 13 coastal districts of Tamil Nadu on 26-12-2004, numerous people living in the rural and urban areas on the coast had entirely lost their homes and possessions, besides losing their livelihood.

2. In the G.O. first read above, sanction was accorded for an immediate relief package consisting of the following items to each of the estimated one lakh families living along the Tamil Nadu coastline who had lost all their possessions due to the tsunami:-

i) one dhoti, one saree and two bedsheets,
ii) 60 Kgs of rice

iii) 3 litres of kerosene

iv) Rs. 1000/- for purchasing oils, pulses etc.,

v) Rs.1000/- for purchasing utensils and stove

vi) Rs.2000/- for putting up a temporary shelter.

In the G.O. second read above, the package was extended to an additional 50,000 families.

3. In the G.O. 3rd read above, the relief package was modified and extended to 66,000 marine fishermen families who have lost their livelihood even though the tsunami might not have entered their houses but were affected by loss of wages. The modified package consisted of all the items listed out in paragraph 2 above, except the relief of Rs.2000 meant for temporary shelter. This modified package of the value of approximately Rs. 3000, was further extended in the G.O. fourth read above, to families which were involved in small businesses and petty trades connected with coastal economy and shopkeepers and petty traders who were ordinary resident in the affected villages, making the total number of beneficiary family under the modified package to 1.5 lakhs. Thus, a total number of around 3 lakh families have been sanctioned the immediate relief package under the first four G.Os read above.

4. In the G.O. fifth read above, a relief package costing Rs. 65 crores was sanctioned to enable the fishermen repair and rebuild their catamarans and vallams and also to buy nets. In the G.O. 6th read above a comprehensive relief package of Rs. 395.56 crores was sanctioned to enable the fishermen to repair their partly damaged fishing crafts and to replace their fully damaged or lost fishing crafts, engines and nets and the Director of Fisheries and the Collectors were directed to assist the fishermen to get the required loan from the commercial banks.

5. Even though these relief packages have been sanctioned to the affected families, it will take about three months for all of them to get back their livelihood fully and to return to normalcy. It is necessary until then to provide a relief package for their daily sustenance. The Hon’ble Chief Minister has therefore announced in the Legislative Assembly on 3.2.2005 that all these affected families, who have received the relief package sanctioned in the G.O.s first to fourth read above, be given another relief package. Accordingly, sanction is hereby accorded for a relief package consisting of the following items to each of the families affected by tsunami.

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4. Toor Dhal 2 Kgs
5. Turmeric Powder 100 gms
6. Tamarind 1 Kg
7. Iodized Salt 1 Kg
8. Sugar 2 Kgs
9. Tea dust 200 gms
10. Dry Chillies 500 gms
11. Sambar Powder 300 gms

It is estimated that the cost of the commodities to be supplied to each family will be Rs.526/-. In addition, each of the families will be provided Cash assistance of Rs.1000/- per month. The Government order that the package be given every month for the three months of February, March and April 2005.

6. The Government further direct that the relief package be distributed to the wife, or the mother or the eldest daughter of the affected fisherman, through Fair Price Shops in the presence of the members of the Village Level Monitoring Committee formed as per the instructions issued in the G.O. 7th read above. The number of affected families eligible for this relief package should be worked out fairprice-shopwise after due verification by the District Collectors of the tsunami affected districts and furnished to the Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation Limited. These items will be procured and distributed direct to the fair price shops by the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation Limited. In view of urgency, all procurement for this scheme will be treated as emergency procurement under section 16 (a) of the Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998. Hence the provisions of section 9 and 10 shall not apply to procurement.

7. The Collectors should ensure the proper distribution of assistance through the Fair price shops. The State Relief Commissioner (The Special Commissioner and the Commissioner of Revenue Administration) is requested to work out the modalities for ensuring that the distribution is done properly and on time.

8. Government sanction an amount of Rs. 122 crores (Rupees one hundred and twenty two crores only) towards the purchase of commodities (excluding rice) cash assistance and transport cost for the relief package for three months.

9. The amount sanctioned in paras 8 above shall be debited under ”2245, Relief on account of Natural Calamities – 80 General 800, Other Expenditure – I Non-Plan-AB. Assistance for undertaking immediate relief works in connection with tsunami 67. Feeding/Dietary charges –9 others - Rs.32.00 crores (DPC 2245 80
800 AB 6798) 09 - Grants in aid –01 Grants for current expenditure Rs.90.00 crores (DPC 2245-80 800 AB 0918).

10. Necessary additional funds will be provided in FMA 2004-2005. Pending provision of additional funds, the Pay and Accounts Officer (East) is directed to admit and honour the bill, if otherwise found to be in order.

11. The Special Commissioner and Commissioner of Revenue Administration is authorised to draw and disburse the amount sanctioned in para 8 above as per the existing procedure to the Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation towards the items to be procured and transported and to the respective District Collectors towards cash assistance. The District Collectors are requested to supervise closely the distribution of the relief package as indicated above. The Special Commissioner and Commissioner of Revenue Administration is requested to send the utilisation certificate to the Accountant General/Government.

12. The Chairman cum Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation is requested to send the proposal for reimbursement of the actual expenditure incurred by the Corporation in implementing the scheme.

13. The Special Commissioner and Commissioner of Revenue Administration is requested to send necessary proposals for inclusion of the expenditure sanctioned in para 8 in FMA of the 2004-2005.

14. The expenditure sanctioned in para 8 above shall be brought to the notice of legislature by specific inclusion in Final Supplementary Estimates 2004-2005. The Special Commissioner and Commissioner of Revenue Administration is requested to send necessary proposals in this regard to Finance Revenue Department, without fail.

15. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O.No.8831/Rev/2005 dated 4.2.2005 and additional sanction ledger No. 1478.

(By Order of the Governor)

N. SUNDARADEVAN.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

The State Relief Commissioner and Special Commissioner and Commissioner of Revenue Administration, Chennai-5.

The Secretary to Government, Food and Co-operation and Consumer Production Department, Chennai 600 009.
The Chairman and Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation, 
Chennai 600 005.

All District Collectors.

The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Chennai-15.

The Director of Fisheries, Chennai-600 006.

The Pay and Accounts Officer (East), Chennai-5.

The Accountant General, Chennai18/35

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The Finance (BG.I,BG.II, Revenue, Ways and Means/B.Co-ordination) 
Department, Chennai-9.

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