



**Agriculture (AE.1) Department,  
Secretariat, Chennai-9.**

**Letter (D) No.142, Dated: 15.7.2016**

From  
Thiru. Gagandeep Singh Bedi, I.A.S.,  
Agricultural Production Commissioner  
and Secretary to Government.

To  
The Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering), Chennai-35.  
The Commissioner of Agriculture, Chennai-5.  
The Principal Secretary/ Commissioner of Horticulture and  
Plantation Crops, Chennai-5.  
The Pay and Accounts Officer (South), Chennai-35.  
The Treasury Officers / Sub Treasury Officers concerned.  
The Commissioner of Treasury and Accounts, Chennai-15.  
The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Chennai-18.  
The Residential Audit Officer, Office of the Principal  
Accountant General (G&SSA), Secretariat, Chennai-9.

Sir,

Sub: Agriculture Department - Agricultural Engineering - Provision of 500 Nos. of Solar pumps (fixed type) to the farmers with preference to delta Districts - Sanction accorded during 2014-15 for Rs.570.90 lakhs as advance - Authorization to utilize the amount of Rs.144.275 lakhs during 2016-2017 - Sanctioned - Orders - Issued.

- Ref: 1. G.O. (Ms). No. 293, Agriculture (AP.1) Department, dated 26.12.2012.  
2. G.O. (Ms). No. 214, Agriculture (AE.1) Department, dated 31.12.2014.  
3. Govt. Letter (Ms) No. 125, Agriculture (AE.1) Department, dated 10.06.2015.  
4. From the Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) Letter No.SC2/015437/ 2015, dated 26.5.2016.

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In the Government Order first cited, sanction was accorded for Rs.37.50 crores for the scheme of "Provision of 500 Nos. of 5 HP AC Solar Powered Pumping Systems (fixed type) to the farmers with preference to

delta Districts with 80% subsidy assistance" during the year 2012-13. The sharing pattern is as follows:

NADP/State fund	50%	Rs.18.75 crores
MNRE Component	30%	Rs.11.25 crores
Farmers' contribution	20%	Rs. 7.50 crores
Total		Rs.37.50 crore

2. In the reference second cited, sanction was accorded for Rs.5.709 crores out of Rs.11.25 Crores as advance in anticipation of release of 30% Ministry of New and Renewable Energy component from Government of India.

3. The Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) has stated that out of the sanctioned amount of Rs.5.709 crores, an amount of Rs.2,85,45,000/- was provided in Revised Estimate-2014-15 and balance amount of Rs.2,85,45,000/- in Budget Estimate 2015-16.

4. The Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) has also stated that out of 500 Nos. of solar pumps, only 378 Nos. were completed and 15% of basic unit cost under 30% Ministry of New and Renewable Energy component was paid for 366 Nos. only to the tune of Rs.208.95 lakhs during the year 2014-15 and the balance amount of Rs.76.50 lakhs was surrendered.

5. In the Government Order third cited, the Government have authorized the Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) for utilizing an amount of Rs.361.95 lakhs during the year 2015-2016 for completion of the spillover works of 134 nos.

6. The Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) has now stated that up to 31.3.2016, 133 nos. were completed i.e, a total of 499 nos. out of 500 nos. were completed and 1 no. was under progress. Payment was made only for 129 nos. out of the completed 133 nos. Besides, 15% withheld amount payment which was due for the installations completed before one year period was made for a total amount of Rs.143.46 lakhs to the two companies out of the three approved companies for 248 nos. as only two companies furnished the Bank guarantee as per the tender conditions for the release of withheld amount. Hence total expenditure made under the

scheme during 2015-16 was Rs.217.68 Lakhs and the balance amount of Rs.144.27 lakhs was surrendered in FMA II of 2015-16.

7. The Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) has informed that total amount required for 2016-17 is Rs.144.275 lakh, payment for installation is Rs.2.86 lakhs, release of 15% withheld amount for the installations completed before one year is Rs.141.42 lakh and amount required during 2017-18 for release of with held amount for the installations completed during 2016-17 is Rs.0.571 lakh.

8. The Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) has, therefore, requested to issue authorization orders for utilizing an amount of Rs.144.275 lakh for the scheme of provision of 500 nos. of solar pumps (fixed type) during the year 2016-2017 and he may be authorized to draw and incur the expenditure for the scheme.

9. The Government after careful examination accept the proposal of the Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) and authorize him to utilize an amount of Rs.1,44,27,500/- (Rupees One Crore Forty Four Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand and Five Hundred only) already sanctioned for the scheme of provision of 500 nos. of solar pumps (fixed type) during the year 2016-2017.

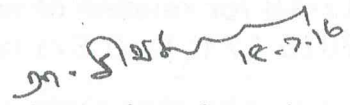
10. The expenditure sanctioned in para 9 above shall be debited under the following head of account:-

"2810-New and Renewable Energy - 02 Solar - 800 Other Expenditure - Schemes in the Twelfth Five Year Plan- III Centrally Sponsored - SA-New and Renewable Energy Scheme -11 Subsidies -01- individual based subsidy"  
(DPC 2810-02-800-SA-1116).

11. Necessary additional funds of Rs.67.775 lakhs will be provided in Revised Estimate/Final Modified Appropriation 2016-17 under the relevant head of accounts. Pending provision of such funds, the Chief Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department is permitted to draw and disburse the amount sanctioned in para 9 above. However, this expenditure, shall be brought to the notice of the Legislature by specific inclusion in the Supplementary Estimate 2016-2017. The Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering Department) is requested to included this expenditure while sending the proposal for Revised Estimate/Final Modified Appropriation 2016-17 and also to send necessary explanatory notes for including the above expenditure in the Supplementary Estimates 2016-17 to Government in Finance (Agri/BG-I) Department at the appropriate time without fail.

12. This letter issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. No.35278/Agriculture/2016, dated 14.07.2016 with ASL No:457 (Four hundred and fifty Seven).

Yours faithfully

  
for Agricultural Production Commissioner  
and Secretary to Government

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Copy to:

- The Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi- 110 001.
- The Director, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India, New Delhi.
- The Chairman and Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Energy Development Agency, Chennai-6.
- The Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore-3.
- The Secretary to Government, Energy Department, Chennai-9.
- The Secretary to Government, Cooperation, Food and Consumer Protection Department, Chennai-9.
- The Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Chennai-10.
- The Private Secretary to Agricultural Production Commissioner and Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department, Chennai-9.
- The Finance (Agri/BG.II) Department, Chennai-9.
- The Agriculture (OP3 / B&P) Department, Chennai-9.
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