



Agriculture (AE2) Department,
Secretariat, Chennai-9.

Letter (D) No. 173, dated 21.06.2017

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

To
The Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering), Nandanam, Chennai-35.
The Director of Agriculture, Chepauk, Chennai - 5.
The Principal Accountant General (Audit-I / G & SSA / E & RSA),
Chennai-18. (By name).
The Deputy Accountant General/ES-I, Office of the
Accountant General (E&RSA), Chennai - 18.
The Pay and Accounts officer (South), Chennai- 35.
The Resident Audit Officer, Office of the Principal Accountant
General (G & SSA), Secretariat, Chennai-9.
The District Treasury Officer, Cuddalore.

Sir/Madam,

Sub: Agriculture – Implementation of Reclamation of Problem Soil (RPS) as a sub scheme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) during 2016-17 – Ratification for changing the component and implementation of the project in Cuddalore District and authorization to utilize the unspent balance amount of Rs.323.71 lakhs during 2017-18 – Regarding.

Ref: 1. G.O(Ms) No.59, Agriculture (AE2) Department, dated 01.03.2017.
2. From Government of India letter No.11-16/2017-1, NRM, Ministry of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers' Welfare, New Delhi dated 10.04.2017 and 02.05.2017.
3. From the Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) letter No.CADP2/ 30.12.2016, dated 24.04.2017 and 9.5.2017.

In the Government order first cited, orders have been issued for implementation of Reclamation of Problem Soil in Cuddalore and Nagapattinam Districts during 2016-17, at the total outlay of Rs.667.00 lakhs and the financial sanction for Rs.333.50 lakhs (Central share of Rs.200.00 lakhs + State share of Rs.133.50 lakhs) has been accorded to implement the scheme. Now, out of the total amount of first instalment of Rs.333.50 lakhs (Central share of Rs.200.00 lakhs + State share of Rs.133.50 lakhs) sanctioned during 2016-17, an amount of Rs.9.79 lakhs has been incurred and the balance amount of Rs.323.71 lakhs was surrendered under the head of account as detailed below:-

"2402 00	102	J2	1111 -Rs.241.21 lakhs
2401 00	800	J2	1111 -Rs. 87.50 lakhs"

2. The Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) has stated that since the most of the areas selected for pilot project are saline affected lands, the components proposed for alkali soil treatment needs to be revised. Hence, as per the instructions, the Additional Commissioner (NRM), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Department of Agricultural Co operation and Farmers' Welfare, New Delhi has been requested to give permission for change of components of reclamation and the revision of proposal depending upon the field problem with the condition that the overall unit cost of Rs.60,000/- would not be exceeded. The saline affected lands in Cuddalore district is more than 1000 Ha. In Nagapattinam District, there is no area severely affected by alkalinity or salinity. Hence, he has proposed to treat the saline soil at an area of 1085 ha in Cuddalore district with an outlay of Rs.657.21 lakhs, during the year 2017-18. (Rs.667.00 lakhs – Rs.9.79 Lakhs) (1085 ha x 0.60= Rs. 651.00 lakhs + Rs.6.00 lakhs for capacity building).

The villages proposed for the year 2017-18

S.No	District	Block	Village	Area in Hect
1	Cuddalore	Parangipettai	Pichavaram	193.00
2			Keelaperambai	114.00
3			Keelathirukalipalai	279.00
4			Manambadi	111.00
5			Killai	104.00
6			Nanjaimaghattuvazhkai	85.00
7			Thillaividangan	190.00
8			Pinnathur	9.00
			Grand Total	1085.00

The Government of India have informed that they have no objection for undertaking permissible components by strictly adhering the upper overall cost norms of Rs.60,000/- per Hec as per the guidelines of Reclamation of Problem Soils for development of saline soils. Besides, it has been permitted that additional interventions can be taken up as Special Components recommended for treating saline soils.

3. The Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) has now proposed interventions to reclaim the saline soils as follows:-

- a) Construction of Farm ponds, Field bunding, Construction of peripheral bunds, Water harvesting structure.
- b) Construction of surface/Sub-surface drainage
- c) Green manuring & its mulching into soil for increasing organic carbon in the soil with thrust on use of Farm Yard Manure.
- d) Organization skill development and awareness programme for adoption of recommended package of practices on continuous basis to prevent reoccurrence of problem soils. The special components for saline soils are Sub surface drainage, Bio drainage, maintenance of drainage system.

4. The Government after careful consideration proposed to accept the proposal of Chief Engineer (AE) and permit the Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) to implement the project of "Reclamation of Problem soils" (approved for 2016-17) in Cuddalore district in an area of about 1085 ha at a total cost of Rs 657.00 lakhs during the year 2017-18.

5. The Government also direct the Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) to adhere the guidelines of Government of India for implementation of Reclamation of Problem Soil for development of Saline Soils in the selected District.

6. The Government permit and authorise the Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) to utilise the unspent balance amount of Rs.323.71 lakhs (Rupees Three crore twenty three lakhs and seventy one thousand only) already sanctioned in the G.O first cited for implementation of Centrally Sponsored scheme viz., Reclamation of Problem Soils under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) during the year 2017-18 at Cuddalore District.

7. The above authorised amount of Rs.323.71 lakhs shall be debited to the following head of account:-

2402-00-Soil and Water Conservation-102-Soil Conservation- State expenditure's -UU National Agriculture Development Programme (NADP-RKVY) – Agricultural Engineering Department 11 subsidies/01 Individual Based Subsidy"
(DPC 2402-00-102-UU -1110)

9. This letter issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. No.31404/Agriculture/2017, dated 21.06.2017.

Yours faithfully,

Shanmugam
22/6/17

for Agricultural Production Commissioner
and Principal Secretary to Government.

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22/6/17

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The Private Secretary to Agricultural Production Commissioner and

Principal Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department, Chennai-9

The Finance (Agri/BG I/ BG II) Department, Chennai –9.

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