## Letter (Ms.) No.70, Dated: 10.03.2017.

From

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

## To

The Director of Agriculture, Chennai-5.

The Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering), Chennai-35.

The Accountant General (A&E), Chennai-18.

The Accountant General (Audit), Chennai-18.

The Pay and Accounts Officer, Chennai-35.

Sir,

Sub: Agriculture – Administration Financial sanction accorded for the construction of Integrated Agricultural Extension Centres in 100 blocks of Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs.150.00 crores with NABARD assistance under RIDF – XX during the year 2014-2015 – Expenditure incurred for Rs.80.00 crores – Revalidation to utilize the unspent amount of Rs.70.00 crores – Orders – Issued.

Ref:

- 1. G.O.(MS) No.73, Agriculture (WD1) Department, dated 23.03..2015.
- 2. G.O.(MS) No.241, Agriculture (WD1) Department, dated 04.11.2015.
- 3. G.O.(MS) No.45, Agriculture (WD1) Department, dated 04.2.2016.
- 4. From the Commissioner of Agriculture, letter No. Seeds.3/8566/2014, dated 13.06.2016, 27.7.2016 and 21.02.2017.

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In the G.O 1<sup>st</sup> cited, the orders were issued for the construction of Integrated Agricultural Extension Centres by Public Works Department/ Director of Agricultural Marketing and Agriculture Business in 100 Blocks of Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs.150 Crores under National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development - Rural Infrastructure Development Fund as per the announcements made during 2013-2014 and 2014-2015.

2) In the G.O second cited, orders were issued according sanction to incur an expenditure of Rs. 150 Crores towards the construction of Integrated Agricultural Extension Centres in 100 blocks of Tamil Nadu. Further, in the G.O. third cited, an amendment was issued that the work

shall be executed by the Public Works Department/ Chief Engineer, (AED)(50 each).

- 3) The Commissioner of Agriculture in his letter 4<sup>th</sup> cited has also stated that the Government have issued sanction order for incurring an expenditure of Rs.150 Crore towards the construction of Integrated Agricultural Extension Centres in 100 Blocks of Tamil Nadu. Based on the above, the Fund Availability Certificate for Rs.30 Crores was issued to Chief Engineer (Agriculture Engineering), Public Works Department for the year 2015-2016 towards the construction of 50 Integrated Agricultural Extension Centres and similarly an amount of Rs.50 Crores was released to Chief Engineer (Agriculture Engineering Department) for the year 2015-2016 for the above purpose. The remaining amount has been surrendered to the Government. Hence, out of Rs.150 crores only Rs.80 crores was sanctioned during 2015-2016.
- 4) The Commissioner of Agriculture has therefore requested to issue revalidation order for the G.O second cited so as to utilize the remaining amount of Rs.70 Crores to complete the civil works by providing suitable fund.
- 5) After careful examination, the Government authorize the Director of Agriculture to utilize the amount of Rs.52.50 Crores (Rupees Fifty two crore and Fifty lakh only) to complete the civil works from the amount sanctioned in the G.O first cited during 2015-2016 for construction of Integrated Agricultural Extension Centres in 100 Blocks of Tamil Nadu.
- 6) The expenditure sanctioned in para 5 above shall be debited to the following head of account:-
- 4401-00-Capital Outlay on Crop Husbandry- 800 Other Expenditure Scheme in the Twelfth Five Year Plan –II State Plan JF Agricultural Extension Centres with NABARD Assistance 16 Major Works (DPC -4401 -00 -800 JF -1609).
- 7) The Director of Agriculture is requested to send the proposal for revalidation/ release balance amount along with the details of pending bills and completion reports to the Government.
- 8) This letter issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O No.9572/ Agriculture/2017, dated 07.03.2017.

Yours faithfully,

for Agricultural Production Commissioner and Principal Secretary to Government

## Copy to

The District Collector of concerned Districts.

The General Manager, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, 48, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai-34. The Finance (Agri/Resources-II/BG-II) Department, Chennai-9. The Agriculture (B&P/OP-3) Department, Chennai-9. The Agriculture (AM-3/AP-1/H-1) Department, Chennai-9. The Private Secretary to Agricultural Production Commissioner and Principal Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department, Secretariat, Chennai-9. Stock file/Spare copy.