



## **ABSTRACT**

Agriculture – Agricultural Engineering - Revision / enhancement of financial powers to the officers of Agricultural Engineering Department for technical sanction, tender approval and passing of bills etc., on par with Public Works Department – Orders - Issued.

### **Agriculture (AE.1) Department**

G.O. (Ms). No.119

Dated 16.03.2016

திருவள்ளூர்வராண்டு 2047

பங்குணி திங்கள் 3 – ஆம் நாள்

Read:

1. G.O.(Ms).No.307, Agriculture (AE.1) Department, dated 28.05.1992.
2. G.O.(Ms)No.206, Agriculture (AE.1) Department, dated 17.09.2010.
3. G.O.(Ms).No.103, Agriculture (AE.I) Department, dated 7.4.2000.
4. G.O.(Ms).No.505, Agriculture (WD.3) Department, dated 5.12.2007.
5. G.O.(Ms).No.28, Public Works (G2) Department, dated 01.02.2012.
6. The Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) Letter No.SC5/13952/2013, dated 13.9.2013, 31.1.2014, 24.3.2014 and 29.6.2015.
7. G.O.(Ms) No.186, Agriculture (WD.2) Department, dated 03.09.2015.

In the Government Order first read above, orders were issued for delegation of financial powers for various items, for officers at various cadre of Agricultural Engineering Department on par with their counter parts in Public Works Department.

2. In the Government Order 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, orders were issued for delegation of financial powers to execute the sister departments' civil works on par with other regular schemes of Agricultural Engineering Department. In the Government Order 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, orders were issued for revising the powers to accord technical sanction, to call for and acceptance of tenders were revised on par with Public Works Department during the year 2000.

3. In the Government Order 4<sup>th</sup> read above, orders were issued for enhancement of bill passing powers to the various level of officers of Agricultural Engineering Department for implementation of World Bank aided Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernization and Water Bodies Restoration and Management Project and the above enhancement of powers are

purported to be exercised only in respect of Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernization and Water Bodies Restoration and Management Project.

4. In the Government Order 5<sup>th</sup> read above, orders were issued for enhancement of powers for technical sanction approval / acceptance of tender of Executive Engineer/ Superintending Engineer / Chief Engineer of Water Resources Department / Buildings of Public Works Department. In the Government Order 7<sup>th</sup> read above, orders were issued for permitting the Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) to adopt financial powers and the bill passing powers of the officers at various levels in the Agricultural Engineering Department for implementation of World Bank assisted Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project on par with the powers accorded by Government for the implementation of World Bank assisted Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernization and Water Bodies Restoration and Management Project.

5. In the letters 6<sup>th</sup> read above, the Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) has stated that the cost of all the inputs have increased over the period of time since last revision made during 1992. The timely and smooth implementation of the scheme is affected due to inadequate powers to Sub Divisional officers leading to rushing of expenditure at the end of the year and undue splitting of works. In Agricultural Engineering Department, at Sub Division level, Assistant Executive Engineers (Agricultural Engineering) are implementing the schemes, passing the bills and sending the bills to Sub Treasury for payment. Therefore, the proposed revision is an essential one, taking into account of the revision of powers now proposed for acceptance of tenders by Assistant Executive Engineers (Agricultural Engineering). He has also stated that the cost of spare parts, and repair works to maintain the Agricultural machinery in usable condition have also increased appreciably. So providing powers to the limit proposed for the field level Engineers are an essential one to continue the maintenance within the time limit prescribed for the same. Moreover by providing the proposed limit of powers, the field Engineers will be in a position to procure the materials/make repairs within the rates.

6. Hence, the Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) has sought for revision in financial powers, powers to pass bills for Agricultural Engineering Department officials on par with Public Works Department / Water Resources Department for the enhancement of powers to officers of Agricultural Engineering Department for various items in the letters sixth read above.

7. The Government, after careful examination, have decided to accept the proposal of Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) at para 6 above and accordingly issue orders for revision / enhancement of financial powers to the officers of Agricultural Engineering Department for technical sanction, tender approval, passing of bills etc., on par with Public Works Department in the Government Order 5<sup>th</sup> read above as follows:

I. SOIL CONSERVATION AND CIVIL WORKS

Sl. No.	Item	Designation	Existing powers	Enhanced Powers
1	2	3	4	5
1	a. Powers to accord technical sanction for Agricultural Engineering Department works & Civil works of sister Departments for which financial sanction already exists	Chief Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	Full powers	Status quo to be maintained
		Superintending Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	Rs.100,00,000/-	Status quo to be maintained
		Executive Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	Rs.30,00,000/-	Status quo to be maintained
		Assistant Executive Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	Rs.20,000/-	Rs.2,00,000/-
	b. To call for tenders, acceptance of tenders, execution of agreements - for Agricultural Engineering Department works & Civil works of sister Department work for which financial sanction already exists	Chief Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	Rs.100,00,000/-	Upto Rs.1,00,00,000/- (as existing) with limits for tender excess as given below Tender excess upto Rs.30.00 lakhs with 10% excess and Rs.30.00 lakhs to Rs.100.00 lakhs with 5% excess
		Superintending Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	Rs.50,00,000/-	Upto Rs.50,00,000/- (as existing) with limits for tender excess as given below Tender excess upto Rs.10.00 lakhs with 10% excess, Rs.10.00 lakhs to Rs.30.00 lakhs with 5% excess and Rs.30.00 lakhs to Rs.50.00 lakhs without tender excess
		Executive Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	Rs.10,00,000/-	Upto Rs.30,00,000/- with limits for tender excess as given below Tender excess Rs.10.00 lakhs (upto 5% excess) and Rs.10.00 lakhs to Rs.30.00 lakhs without tender excess
		Assistant Executive Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	Rs.20,000/-	Rs.1.00 lakh (without tender excess)

2	Powers to accord financial sanction pertaining to original works including petty constructions.(Small construction works / Renovation works of portion of Agricultural Engineering Department Buildings)	Chief Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	Rs.2,00,000/-	Rs.10,00,000/-
		Superintending Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	Rs.50,000/-	Rs.5,00,000/-
		Executive Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	Rs.20,000/-	Rs.1,00,000/-
		Assistant Executive Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department		Rs.50,000/-
3	Powers to pass bills and make payments to contractors in the case of final bills and every alternate bills, whether first (or) intermediate in the running account bills.	Chief Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	Above Rs.1,00,000/-	Upto Rs.1,00,00,000 (On par with proposed powers for tender acceptance as in 1 (b) above).
		Superintending Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	from Rs.50001/- to Rs.1,00,000/-	Upto Rs.50.00 lakhs (On par with proposed powers for tender acceptance as in 1 (b) above).
		Executive Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	From Rs.20,001/- to Rs.50,000/-	Upto Rs.30.00 lakhs (On par with proposed powers for tender acceptance as in 1 (b) above).
		Assistant Executive Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	Upto Rs.20,000/-	Upto Rs.1.00 lakh (On par with proposed powers for tender acceptance as in 1 (b) above).

4	Electrical Works for new constructions petty in Agricultural Engineering Department and Sister departments	Chief Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	Rs. 10,000/-	Upto Rs. 50,00,000/- (with 5 % excess)
		Superintending Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	Rs. 5,000/-	Rs. 50,000/- (with 5 % excess)
		Executive Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	Rs. 2,000/-	Rs. 20,000/- (with 5% excess)
		Assistant Executive Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department		Rs. 5,000/- (without tender excess)
5	Sanction of additions, improvements, alterations to the existing electrical installations.	Chief Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	Rs. 20,000/-	Rs. 2,00,000/- (with 5 % excess)
		Superintending Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	Rs. 10,000/-	Rs. 50,000/- (with 5 % excess)
		Executive Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	Rs. 5,000/-	Rs. 20,000/- (with 5 % excess)
		Assistant Executive Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	Rs. 1,000/-	Rs. 5,000/- (without tender excess)
6	Execution of SCS works departmentally without resorting to tender system. Powers to entrust work on nomination basis to piecework contractors for soil conservation, water harvesting, land treatment and land use work in watersheds and reclamation works.	Assistant Executive Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	Upto Rs. 5,000/- value (Note: 5, Art. 192 Tamil Nadu Financial Code, Volume- I)	Upto Rs. 75,000/- value

II. MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT, EXPLOSIVES AND OILS ETC.				
Sl. No	Item	Designation	Existing powers	Enhanced powers
1	2	3	4	5
1	Purchase of spare parts, component parts, accessories, tools, (or) renewal of spare parts (or) to carryout repairs for Tractors, Bulldozers, Drills, Rock blasting units, Combine Harvesters, Hydraulic excavators and other Minor Irrigation machineries, sprayers and dusters, levelling instruments and machinery including pipes and fittings, Pumpsets and purchase of oils and lubricants and other stores etc.	Chief Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	Full powers (subject to Budget Provision) (Item 4 of Appendix 5 of Tamil Nadu Financial Code, Volume II)	Status quo to be maintained
		Superintending Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	Rs.25,000/-	Rs.1,00,000/-
		Executive Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	Rs.15,000/-	Rs.50,000/-
		Assistant Executive Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	Rs.5,000/-	Rs.20,000/-
2	Purchase of HSD oils and lubricants and grease at a time under rate contract.			
	a) Purchase of lubricants and grease at a time under rate contract.(subject to budget provision)	Chief Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	Full Powers	Status quo to be maintained
		Superintending Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	Rs.2,00,000/-	Status quo to be maintained
		Executive Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	Rs.1,00,000/-	Status quo to be maintained

b) Purchase of HSD oils at a time under rate contract (powers to draw diesel advance for effecting payments of Public Sector Undertakings such as IOC, BPCL and HPCL).(subject to budget provision)	Chief Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	Full Powers	Status quo to be maintained
	Superintending Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	Rs.2,00,000/-	Upto Rs.15.00 lakh at a time
	Executive Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	Rs.1,00,000/-	To be with drawn
3 Purchase of apparatus instruments etc. (including spare parts and accessories) and repairs thereto subject to Budget provision.	Chief Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	Full Powers	Status quo to be maintained
	Superintending Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	Rs.5,000/-	Rs. 25,000/-
	Executive Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	Rs.2,500/-	Rs. 10,000/-
	Assistant Executive Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department	Rs.1,000/-	Rs 5,000/-

8. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. No.18257/Agri/2016, Dated 11.03.2016.

//By Order of the Governor//

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