



Abstract

Agriculture Department – Agricultural Engineering – Solar Powered Pumping System Programme – Implementation during 2016-17 – Empanelment procedure – Permitted – Orders – Issued.

Agriculture (AE.1) Department

G.O.(Ms).No.239

Dated: 22.08.2016

திருவள்ளூர்வராண்டு 2047

ஆவணி திங்கள் 6-ம் நாள்

Read:

1. G.O.(Ms).No.293, Agriculture (AE1) Department, dated 26.12.2012.
 2. G.O.(Ms).No.136, Agriculture (AE1) Department, dated 28.06.2013.
 3. G.O.(Ms).No.154, Agriculture (AE1) Department, dated 25.07.2013.
 4. From Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering), Letter No.SC4/1855/2016, Dated 20.06.2016.
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ORDER:

In the Government Order first read above, sanction was accorded for Rs.37.50 crores for the scheme of Provision of 500 Nos. 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.

2. In the Government Order second read above, sanction was accorded for "Provision of 2000 Nos. of Solar powered pumping systems (tracking type) linked with appropriate micro irrigation system to the farmers with 80% subsidy assistance" during 2013-14.

3. In order to finalise the tender process for selection of companies for implementation of the above programme, in the Government Order third

read above, a tender acceptance committee and a technical committee were formed with the following members:

Tender Acceptance Committee

1. Director of Agriculture.
2. Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.
3. Chairman and Managing Director - Tamil Nadu Energy Development Agency or Representative from the Tamil Nadu Energy Development Agency.
4. Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering), Agricultural Engineering Department.
5. Financial Adviser and Chief Accounts Officer - Agricultural Engineering Department (on deputation from Finance Department).
6. Representative from Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited (TANGEDCO).
7. Executive Director, Centre for Wind Energy Technology.

Technical Committee

1. Superintending Engineer (Agricultural Engineering), Schemes - Agricultural Engineering Department.
2. Deputy General Manager - Tamil Nadu Energy Development Agency.
3. Executive Engineer, Non Conventional Energy Sources (NCES), Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited.
4. Representative from the Centre for Wind Energy Technology (C-WET).
5. Representative from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras.
6. Representative from Agriculture Department (not below the rank of Deputy Director of Agriculture (DDA)).
7. Representative from Horticulture Department (not below the rank of Deputy Director of Horticulture (DDH)).

4. In the letter fourth read above, the Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) has stated that during the year 2016-17, it is also proposed to continue the scheme of Solar Pumping Systems to the farmers with 80% subsidy assistance. He has stated that the scheme of provision of Solar Powered Pumping System has been implemented from 2013 by calling open Tender as per Tender Rules. He has also put forth the difficulties faced in the implementation of Solar Pumping System during previous years through Tender system and sought for clarification for adopting empanelment procedure during 2016-17 as is being done in the case of implementing the scheme of Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM), Micro Irrigation Scheme, etc.

5. The Government have examined the request made by the Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) in the reference letter 4th read above in detail and after careful consideration, decided to accept the same and permit the Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) to follow the empanelment procedure for implementation of Solar Pumping System in the year 2016-17, as is being done for other Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS). Accordingly, the Government permit the Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) to implement the scheme of providing Solar Pumping System from 2016-17 through empanelment procedure by following Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tender Rules, 2000 through the Technical Committee and Tender Acceptance Committee already constituted for the purpose as per Government Order third read above, subject to the following conditions:-

a) Procedure as per Rule 31(A) of Tamil Nadu Transparency In Tender Rules, 2000 shall be followed.

b) After fixing basic specifications and qualifications for bidders, Tender Procedure shall be used only for Price discovery and empanelment need not be restricted to only those who participate in the tender. Subsequently, those who qualify and agree to the supply condition and rates shall also be empanelled.

c) Farmers shall be issued coupons for value equal to subsidy amount of the fixed rate arrived at by the tender process.

d) Farmers shall be free to choose any of the empanelled vendor on payment of the subsidy coupon and remaining cost.

e) The Companies shall send reimbursement claims periodically (say monthly /Quarterly) for all the accumulated coupons in the period and shall get reimbursed from Government.

f) In case, the farmer concerned prefers a model of equipment that is better in specification from that recommended by the Department, he may be free to opt for that equipment subject to the condition that he buys the same from the empanelled vendor and is willing to pay the additional amount on his own behalf. A team consisting of Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering), Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops and Executive Director, Tamil Nadu Watershed Development Agency will put in place a detailed procedure to ensure the quality of models purchased under this method.

6. The Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) is directed to follow the above procedure scrupulously from this year without violating any Rules and Regulations framed there under.

(By Order of the Governor)

GAGANDEEP SINGH BEDI
Agricultural Production Commissioner
and Secretary to Government

To

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The Commissioner of Agriculture, Chennai- 5.

The Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, Chennai- 5.

The Executive Director, Tamil Nadu Watershed Development Agency,
Chennai -32.

The Chairman and Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Energy
Development Agency, Chennai- 6.

The Chairman and Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Generation
and Distribution Corporation Limited, Chennai- 2.

The Executive Director, Centre for Wind Energy Technology (C-WET),
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The Director, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Guindy, Chennai- 36.

The Director, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy,
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The Pay and Accounts Officer (South), Chennai- 35.

The Treasury Officers / Sub Treasury Officers concerned.

The Principal Accountant General, Chennai- 18.

The Commissioner of Treasury and Accounts, Chennai- 15.

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The Co-operation, Food and Consumer Protection Department,
Chennai- 9.

The Finance (Agri) Department, Chennai - 9.

The Senior Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture,
Chennai- 9.

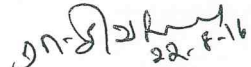
The Agriculture (AP1) Department, Chennai- 9.

The Private Secretary to Agricultural Production Commissioner
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Section Officer