

## **ABSTRACT**

Registration Department – Announcement - Digitization and Microfilming of the records maintained by the Registration Department – Administrative and financial Sanction - Orders – Issued.

# COMMERCIAL TAXES AND REGISTRATION (J2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms.) No.126

Dated: 24.09.2018 விளம்பி, புரட்டாசி–8, திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு, 2049

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From the Inspector General of Registration letter No.10965/CS1/2013, dated 14.3.2013 and 10.05.2018.

## ORDER:

It has been announced on the floor of the Legislative Assembly on 13.5.2013 under rule 110 that the records maintained by the Registration Department would be digitized and microfilmed at a cost of Rs.140 crore.

2. In the letter read above, the Inspector General of Registration has stated that from 6.7.2009, all the documents are scanned and the day-to-day documents are also being scanned and are digitally stored in the central server. At present copy of the documents are issued from the digitally available scanned documents. The Project STAR 2.0 inaugurated on 12.2.2018 is progressing well. In order to implement the announcement made in the Legislative Assembly, the Inspector General of Registration has proposed that the records relating to the registered documents from the year 1865 to 5.7.2009 may be scanned and stored so as to facilitate the safety of the records and their easy retrieval. The Inspector General of Registration has also stated that the scanning of documents for the above period will be completed in twelve months time including tender process and he has proposed that a sum of Rs.50/- per page may be collected from the public for furnishing copy of document from the scanned images.

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- 3. The Inspector General of Registration has therefore requested orders of the Government on the following:-
- (i) accord administrative and financial sanction for Rs.89.17 crore for scanning the registered documents from 1865 to 5.7.2009.
- (ii) ,To permit to collect Rs.50/- per page as copying fee for the issue of certified copy of the documents.
- (iii) To permit him to float the tender following, the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998 and Rules thereof for completing the scanning project.
- 4. The Government, after careful consideration, have decided to accept the proposal of the Inspector General of Registration and accord administrative sanction for a sum of Rs.89,17,00,000 (Rupees eighty nine crore and seventeen lakh only) and accord financial sanction for Rs.35.67 crore (Rupees thirty five crore and sixty seven lakh only) for the year 2018-2019 for scanning the registered documents from 1865 to 5.7.2009 and permit him to float the tender by following, the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998 and Rules thereof for completing the scanning project subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Payment should be made to the vendor only based on the progress of work, after ensuring the scanning work has been completed as per the agreement in all respects;
- (ii) The concerned Sub–Registrar shall be instructed to carry out 100% check on the scanned documents and to certify that the documents have been scanned as per the conditions and scanned images are in good quality;
- (iii) The concerned District Registrar/Deputy Inspector General of Registration shall be instructed to carry out 20% test/check of the scanned documents and to certify to this effect;
- (iv) Concerned Deputy Inspector General of Registration should carry out 5% super check and submit progress report to the Inspector General of Registration based on which the Inspector General of Registration shall release the amount to the vendor;
- (v) The Inspector General of Registration shall make payment by following the required procedure subject to availability of funds in Budget; and
- (vi) The work should be carried out with the existing staff only and no contract staff shall be sanctioned to execute the work.

The Government also accept the proposal of the Inspector General of Registration for the collection of Rs.50/-per page for the issue of copy of document from the scanned images.

5. The expenditure sanctioned in para 4 above shall be debited to the following head of account:-

"2030 Stamps and Registration – 03 Registration – 001 Direction and Administration – State's Expenditure – AD Computerisation of Registration Department under Simplified and Transparent Administration of Registration (STAR) Project – 33. Payments for Professional and Special Services – 04 Contract Payment.

(DPC 2030 03 001 AD 334)

- 6. The expenditure sanctioned in para-4 above constitutes an item of "New Service" for which the approval of the Legislature will be obtained in due course. Pending approval of the Legislature, the expenditure may be initially met by drawal of an advance from the Contingency Fund. The Inspector General of Registration is directed to calculate the actual amount required for the period upto next supplementary estimates and apply for sanction of the same as advance from the Contingency Fund to Finance(BG-I) Department directly in Form 'A' appended to the Tamil Nadu Contingency Fund Rules, 1963 along with a copy of this orders. Orders for sanction of an advance from the Contingency Fund will be issued form Finance (BG-I) Department. He is also requested to send necessary explanatory note to Finance (BG-I) Department for inclusion of the expenditure in the Supplementary estimates for the year 2018-2019 for getting the approval of the Legislature at an appropriate time without fail.
- 7. For collection of Rs.50/- per page as copying fee for the issue of certified copy of the documents by amending Article 14(1)(e) of Table of fees prepared under section 78-A of the Registration Act, 1908, the Inspector General of Registration is directed to send necessary proposal to the Government at the appropriate time.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.47690/Revenue/2018, dated 24.09.2018 with Additional Sanction Ledger No. 1385 (One thousand three hundred and eighty five).

#### (BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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The Principal Accountant General, Chennai-600 018.

The Pay and Account Officer (East), Egmore, Chennai-600 008. (Through the Inspector General of Registration, Chennai-28)

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