



ABSTRACT

Home Department - Prisons - Implementation of a new scheme "Seerthirutha Siragugal" for the reformation and rehabilitation of all types of prisoners -Financial sanction - Accorded - Orders - Issued.

Home (Prisons-III) Department

G.O.(Ms)No.232

Dated: 12.05.2023

**திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2054
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Read:

1. G.O.(Ms)No.419,Home(Pri.3)Department, dated 08.08.2022.
2. From the Director General of Police/ Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services, Chennai, letter No.16358/PW3/2022, dated 02.03.2023.

ORDER:-

In the Government Order first read above, Government have accorded administrative sanction for recurring expenditure of a sum of Rs.100.00 lakh only towards implementation of a new scheme "Seerthirutha Siragugal" for the reformation and rehabilitation of all types of prisoners. In the said Government Order the Director General of Police/Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services was requested to send a separate proposal for financial sanction for the above amount along with break up details for the same to Government at appropriate time.

2. In the letter second read above, the Director General of Police/Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services has sent the revised proposal to Government to implement the scheme "Seerthirutha Siragugal" for the financial year 2023-2024 wherein, he has stated that Prison and Correctional Services departments implemented a lot of reformation programmes in prisons all

over Tamil Nadu. Education, skill training, industrial training, yoga, meditation etc are a few mention. However, most of these programmes mainly concentrate on convict prisoners whose population is very less i.e., 30% of the total prison population when compared with remand/undertrial prisoners and recidivism rate is also very high among the under trials rather than convict. Hence, there is an absolute necessity to implement correctional programmes among those groups and the correctional programmes which are run by this department does not cater to the need of all kinds of prisoners. Hence, the Government of Tamil Nadu has announced a scheme called "Seerthirutha Siragugal" in order to convert the prisons as reform centres with a holistic approach.

3. The Director General of Police/Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services has further stated that while talking about the correctional programmes to all kinds of prisoners, first and foremost thing is reforming the attitude of the inmates without which no rehabilitation could be done. At this juncture, it is pertinent to note that the substance abuse and drug addiction is the driving force of crime indulgence. So, it becomes vital to overcome this obstacle in the reformation process. Creation of De-addiction Centres in prisons thus emerges as a necessity.

4. This innovative measure by the Department of Prisons & Correctional Services takes up each prisoner individually – studies him in entirety, identifies his needs, problems and potentials and accordingly the inmate will be allotted a task to suit his skill. It is inevitable to have De-addiction center that will provide rehabilitative services to the prisoners, facilitate research and extend training to the prison staff in the area of drug de-addiction. Hence, it is proposed to establish a dedicated de-addiction centre in all the 9 Central Prisons and 5 Special Prisons for Women for the treatment of the prisoners affected by drugs and alcohol addiction. The norms prescribed by the Scheme of National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR) formulated by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India for setting up of 30 Bedded integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts will be followed in respect of all the 9 Central Prisons and 5 bedded de-addiction centre will be set-up in 5 Special Prisons for Women. The proposed de-addiction centre will be set up in the available prison building and hence no additional expenditure will be involved for this purpose. The existing prison staff (medical and para-medical, executive and ministerial, Psychologists, Counsellors) will be utilized for the functioning of this de-addiction centre, except the services of the project Co-ordinator -cum-

Vocational Counsellor, Psychiatrist, Therapists etc., who will be outsourced from the reputed institutions for every Central Prison for Women for three day per week or 12 day per month who will be paid honorarium of Rs.1500/- per each visit.

5. The Director General of Police/Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services, Chennai has therefore requested the Government to accord administrative and financial sanction of Rs.93,72,000/- (Recurring Expenditure) towards purchase of medicines and payment of honorarium to the Project Coordinator-cum-vocational counsellor and Psychiatrist/ Therapist for de-addiction centres for the financial year 2023-2024 to implement scheme "Seerthirutha Siragugal". He has also requested the Government to create a separate head of account for this purpose and to authorise himself to incur the above expenditure pending provision of funds in Budget Estimate for the year 2023-2024. The Break up details for Recurring expenditure involved in this regard is as detailed below:-

Sl. No.	Description (for 9 Central Prisons & 5 Special Prisons for Women)	Recurring Expenditure
1.	Medicines For 9 Central Prisons Rs.28000/-x12x9 = Rs.30,24,000/- For 5 Special Prisons for Women Rs.5000/-x12x5 = Rs. 3,00,000/-	33,24,000.00
2.	Project Coordinator-cum-Vocational Counsellor, Psychiatrist/Therapists consulting charges for 9 central prisons and 5 Special Prisons for Women Rs.1500x2 = Rs.3,000 x 12 days x 12 months x 14 prisons = 60,48,000/- per annum	60,48,000.00
	Total	93,72,000.00

6. The Government have examined the proposal of the Director General of Police/Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services, Chennai in detail and decided to accept it. Accordingly, Government

accord financial sanction for a sum of Rs.93,72,000/- (Ninty three lakh and seventy two thousand only) (Recurring expenditure) towards purchase of Medicines and payment of Honorarium to the project Co-ordinator- cum - Vocational Counsellor and Psychiatrist / Therapist for de-addition Centre for the financial year 2023-2024 to implement the scheme "Seerthirutha Siragugal".

7. The expenditure sanctioned in paragraph 6 above shall be debited to the following head of account:-

2056-00-Jails-101 Jails - State's Expenditure - AA - Jails (other than Sub Jails) - 333- Payments for Professional and Special Services 04 Contract payment (DPC 2056-00-101-AA-33304) Rs.60.48 lakhs

2056-00-Jails-101 Jails - State's Expenditure - AA - Jails (other than Sub Jails) - 366 - Medicine 01 Medicine (DPC 2056-00-101-AA-36601) Rs.33.24 lakhs

8. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O. No.efile/4393/2022/Home-II/2023, dated: 12.05.2023.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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To

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All Deputy Inspector General of Prisons.

All Superintendent of Prisons.

The Accountant General (Audit), Chennai-18.

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The Pay and Accounts Officer (East), Chennai -8.

The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Chennai-15.

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12.05.2023
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