



ABSTRACT

Chennai Metro Rail Project – Constitution of a High Power Committee – Orders – Issued.

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL INITIATIVES (S.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.148

Dated 20.11.2009.

Karthigai- 4,
Thiruvalluvar Aandu-2040.

Read:

1. G.O.Ms.No.10, Planning, Development and Special Initiatives (CSS) Department, dated 18.1.2007.
2. G.O.Ms.No.156, Planning, Development and Special Initiatives (S.I) Department, dated 11.10.2007.
3. From the Government of India, Ministry of Urban Development Letter No.K-14011/42/2005-Metro (Vol.II), dated 18.2.2009.

ORDER:

In the Government Order first read above, orders have been issued, among others, on the formation of a Metro Rail Project Committee under the Chairmanship of the Secretary to Government, Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Department along with the terms of reference. In the Government Order second read above the composition of the above Committee has been revised by including the Secretaries to Government concerned as Members and the Chief Secretary as Chairman.

2. In the letter third read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Urban Development have accorded approval for implementation of the Chennai Metro Rail Project, wherein Committee at three levels have been proposed for managing the issues relating to the Project. One of the Committees is a High Power Committee be constituted at State level under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu with other concerned Secretaries etc, as members.

3. The Government after careful consideration of the letter third cited, as well as the need to ensure the successful and timely completion of this mega project, have decided to constitute a High Power Committee, in lieu of the existing Metro Rail Project Committee to take an expeditious decision on the issues that may arise during the implementation of the project.

4. Accordingly, the Government direct that a High Power Committee (HPC) for the Chennai Metro Rail Project be constituted, with terms of reference, powers and procedures as given hereunder:-

I. Composition of the Committee:

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| 1. | Chief Secretary | : Chairman |
| 2. | Secretary dealing with the subject of Metro Rail Project | : Member Convener. |
| 3. | Secretary, Finance | : Member. |
| 4. | Secretary, Housing & Urban Development | : Member. |
| 5. | Secretary, Transport | : Member. |
| 6. | Secretary, Municipal Administration & Water Supply | : Member. |
| 7. | Secretary, Highways and Minor Ports | : Member. |
| 8. | Secretary, Revenue | : Member. |
| 9. | Secretaries concerned* | : Member. |

* When the subject matter relating to any Secretariat department is placed before the committee, the Secretary concerned shall be a Member in respect of that subject.

The Directors representing the State Government on the Board of Chennai Metro Rail Limited shall participate as Special Invitees. The Heads of Departments / Heads of State Public Sector Undertakings and Statutory Boards shall attend as invitees, as necessary for the effective disposal of work.

II. Terms of Reference

The High Power Committee shall consider and take decisions and / or make recommendations to the State and Central Governments and their connected organisations on the following issues in so far as they concern the Chennai Metro Rail Project and matters incidental thereto:-

- i. Land Acquisition.
- ii. Alienation of Government land (including Central Government land where applicable).
- iii. Diversion of utilities.
- iv. Shifting of structures in the project alignment.
- v. Rehabilitation of project affected persons.
- vi. Inter-departmental and inter-agency co-ordination.
- vii. Clearances from regulatory agencies.
- viii. Any other matters requiring orders of Government or warranting the intervention of the Committee.

III. Powers of the High Power Committee

- i. The Committee shall be empowered to take decisions on any matter which does not require circulation under the Tamil Nadu Government Business Rules. The decisions of the Committee shall be the final in such matters.
- ii. In all other cases, the deliberations and decisions of the Committee shall replace the procedure of consultation of the Secretariat departments required under the Business Rules, and shall form the basis of circulation.

IV. Procedure in Government for implementation of the decisions of the Committee:

- i) In cases which do not require circulation under the Business Rules, orders may be issued based on the decisions of the Committee.
- ii) In cases requiring circulation relating to the two initial corridors of the Project which are covered by the delegation granted by the Cabinet vide G.O.Ms.No.1, Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Department, dated 7.1.2008 the following procedures shall be followed:
 - a. If the matter falls within the powers of the Minister concerned under the Business Rules, the case shall be circulated to the Minister concerned (Deputy Chief Minister).
 - b. If the matter concerned goes beyond powers of the Minister concerned under the Business Rules, then the case shall be circulated to the Chief Minister through Minister concerned (Deputy Chief Minister). The file shall also be routed through the Finance Minister in cases involving sanction of Government funds. When seeking orders in circulation, the views of any Department which recorded its disagreement with the proposals either in the HPC or separately shall be specifically and clearly pointed out.
- iii) In cases requiring circulation concerning matters going beyond the first two corridors of the Metro Rail Project, the procedure in the Business Rules shall be followed.
- iv) The HPC shall be an Empowered Committee within the meaning of Item (xii) of the "General" notes under the Ready Reckoner for Financial Procedure. The Committee shall have full powers to approve any proposals of expenditure required to be met by the State Government within the overall scope of the project approved by the Government, provided the decision has the presence and concurrence of the Secretary to Government, Finance Department.
- v) Cases involving financial implications cleared by the HPC in which the Secretary to Government, Finance Department was present and did not dissent, need not be referred to Finance Department again for concurrence, unless they involve expenditure on a New Service.

V. Meeting of the Committee:

The Committee shall meet as often as may be required for the effective disposal of business.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

**K.S. SRIPATHI,
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.**

To

The Principal Secretary to Government, Finance Department, Chennai-9.

The Principal Secretary to Government, Housing and Urban Development Department, Chennai-9.

The Secretary to Government, Transport Department, Chennai-9.

The Secretary to Government, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, Chennai-9.

The Secretary to Government, Highways and Minor Ports Department, Chennai-9.

The Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Chennai-9.

The Directors in the Board of Chennai Metro Rail Limited representing the State Government.

The Managing Director, Chennai Metro Rail Limited, 11/6, Seethammal Road, Alwarpet, Chennai-18.

All other Secretaries to Government, Chennai-9.

The Heads of Departments.

The Chief Executive Officers of State Public Sector Undertakings and Statutory Boards.

Copy to:

The Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Urban Development, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.

The Secretary to Chief Minister, Chennai-9.

The Deputy Secretary to Minister for Finance, Chennai-9.

The Principal Secretary to Deputy Chief Minister, Chennai-9.

The Private Secretary to Chief Secretary, Chennai-9.

The Private Secretary to Secretary to Government, Special Initiatives, Chennai-9.

Finance (BG.I) Department, Chennai-9.

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