

## **ABSTRACT**

Rural Local Bodies - Maintenance of the buildings for Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) Centres, Public Distribution (PDS) shops and Noon Meal Kitchens - Utilising funds under General Fund, State Finance Commission / 15th Finance Commission Grants or Education Fund (for ICDS Centres) - Orders - Issued.

# Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (PR-1(2)) Department

G.O. (Ms) No.73

Dated: 15.03.2024 சோபகிருது, பங்குனி – 2 திருவள்ளுவர்ஆண்டு 2055

#### Read:

- 1. G.O. (Ms) No.60, Finance (SFC-MC) Department, dated 28.02.2023.
- 2. Note of the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 09.02.2024.

## ORDER:

In the Government Order first read above, the Government have ordered that the vertical sharing ratio for devolution of State Finance Commission Grant to Rural and Urban Local Bodies will be 51:49 for the Sixth State Finance Commission award period from 2022-23 to 2026-27. The Government have also ordered to apportion the Devolution Grant of Rural Local Bodies among the Village Panchayats, Panchayat Unions and District Panchayats in the ratio of 55:39:6 respectively. As per the Sixth SFC recommendations, the horizontal distribution of SFC devolution to Rural Local Bodies should be done on the basis of the following multiplier formula:-

a)	Population		65%
b)	Area	-	15%
c)	SC / ST Population		20%

2. In the recent Collectors review meetings held during January - February 2024, when the issue of maintenance of the buildings for Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) Centres, Public Distribution (PDS) shops and Noon Meal Kitchens were taken up for discussion, it was informed that these buildings are normally constructed using the funds available in various development schemes viz., Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme(MPLADS) / Urban Local Body (ULB) funds / State Government Schemes / Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) etc. However, after construction, these buildings are not being

maintained by the concerned department, since adequate fund allocation is not available for the same. It was decided in the said meetings that the maintenance of these buildings could be taken up by the concerned local bodies utilising the general fund, State Finance Commission / 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission grants or education fund (for ICDS Centres). This issue was also discussed and agreed in the meeting of the High Level Monitoring Committee constituted for monitoring the implementation of 6<sup>th</sup> State Finance Commission recommendations held on 05.02.2024.

3. In the above circumstances, the Government have decided that the rural local bodies shall utilize the general fund, State Finance Commission / 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission grants or education fund (for ICDS Centres) for the maintenance of buildings for Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) Centres, Public Distribution (PDS) Shops and Noon Meal Kitchens.

(By Order of the Governor)

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To

The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Chennai-15.

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,

Co-operation, Food and Consumer Protection Department, Secretariat, Chennai-9. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (Training), Chennai-15. All District Collectors. (except Chennai)

The Secretary to Government, Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Department, Secretariat, Chennai-9.

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The Private Secretary to Chief Secretary to Government, Chennai-9.

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