



ABSTRACT

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department – Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihood Mission(TNSRLM) – Budget Announcement for the year 2021-22 - Replacing the term “Organic Village Clusters” as “Natural Farming Clusters” – Orders – Issued.

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.3) Department

G.O.(Ms) No.21

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திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2053

Read:

From the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited Letter No.4761/2021/TNSRLM-LP, dated 03.02.2022.

ORDER:

In the reference read above the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited has stated that Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihood Mission(TNSRLM) is implementing various activities to facilitate the rural Self Help Group women to take up farm and non-farm based economic activities and one such component is organic farming, which is promoted with a view to restore the ecological balance, avoid pollution to atmosphere, soil and water, increasing the organic content in soil and elimination of residual toxicity in the produce. This process of organic conversion has to pass through a series of steps which is complex and has many mandatory compliances under National Programme of Organic Production and also support from an external agency is required.

2. Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihood Mission(TNSRLM) is also dealing with Self Help Group women farmers who are involved in crop production and livestock rearing. Their way of farming practices cannot go through strict compliances of procedures envisaged under ‘Organic’ farming as their farming practices are directly linked to day-to-day sustenance livelihood. To increase their income in farm sector shifting to practicing natural farming is appropriate and practicable.

3. Hence, it is imperative to address this activity as “Natural Farming” instead of ‘Organic farming’. Since the first and foremost objective of natural farming is to regain the traditional methods of cultivation, use of non-polluting inputs of biological origin that need no enforcement or additional efforts that rural farm women need to.

4. In the Annual Action Plan 2021-22 Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihood Mission (TNSRLM), a target of 50 Nos. of organic farming clusters were taken up and in the announcement made by Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development on the floor of the Assembly during Budget session 2021 on 24.08.2021, it was stated that "5000 மகளிர் விவசாயிகளை உள்ளடக்கிய 50 இயற்கை பண்ணைத் தொகுப்புகள் உருவாக்கப்படும்".

5. The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited has therefore requested the Government to issue orders to replace the term "Organic Village Clusters" as "Natural Farming Clusters" in the announcement No.19 made by the Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development, Government of Tamil Nadu in the floor of the Assembly on 24.08.2021.

6. Considering the difficulties in the Organic Farming, the Government after careful examination have decided to accept the request of the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited and accord permission to replace the term "Organic Village Clusters" made in the Announcement (No.19) by Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development and to use the term as "Natural Farming Village Clusters" by adopting natural farming using organic inputs, non use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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