



ABSTRACT

Massive Tree Plantation - Plantation of 69 lakh seedlings on Panchayat lands, Government lands, Government and Private institutions, schools, colleges and other suitable areas at an estimated cost of Rs.157.17 Crore under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme – Sanction accorded – Orders issued.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYAT RAJ (CGS.1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms).No.26

Dated: 21.02.2018

Read:

From the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, letter Roc No.19624/2017/ MGNREGS-I-1, Dated 29.03.2017 and 24.10.2017.

ORDER:

In the letters read above, the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has stated that in the G.O.(2D).No.10, Environment and Forests (FR.6) Department, dated 22.02.2017 orders have been issued for implementing the Massive Tree Plantation Programme for Planting 69 lakh seedlings during the year 2017-18. Out of these, 64 lakh seedlings are to be raised and planted by the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department and 5 lakh seedlings are to be raised and planted by the Environment and Forest Department in commemoration of the Hon'ble late Chief Minister's 69th Birth Day at a cost of Rs.65.85 Crores from the MGNREGS funds, for increasing the Green Cover in Tamil Nadu.

2. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has stated that during the years 2015-16 and 2016-17, Block nurseries at the rate of one Village Panchayat per block have been established and seedlings of minimum of 20,000 to 1,00,000 have been raised on pilot basis and maintained in all 385 Blocks of 31 rural districts utilizing the MGNREGS funds. It has been done to increase the green cover in rural areas and to protect the environment. Presently 1.78 Crore saplings of various species like tamarind, neem, pungan etc., are readily available in all Block nurseries. Now, the seedlings are grown up and ready for plantation during 2017-18 and in view of the availability of quality seedlings in the Blocks itself the District Collectors may be permitted to use these seedlings for the Massive Tree Plantation / Avenue Plantation activities during the financial year 2017-18 as per Government Order issued by Forest Department vide G.O.(2D) No.10, Environment and Forests (FR.6) Department, dated 22.02.2017.

3. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has also stated that plantation of 64 lakh timber value tree and fruit bearing seedlings will be planted by the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department and 5 lakh seedlings will be planted in convergence with Forest Department. Under this Massive Tree Plantation Programme, one year pitting, planting will be carried out. The District Collector concerned will be instructed to identify suitable places such as Panchayat vested

porambokes, Government lands, Government and Private institutions, Schools, Colleges etc., through the Block Development Officers and Revenue Officials during the month of April and May, so as to accord administrative sanction early and enable the commencement of the works during Monsoon period. The cost of various activities has been worked out as follows based on the revision of wage rate from Rs.203/- to Rs.205/- for the year 2017-18 by Government of India, Ministry of Rural Development.

Massive Tree Plantation 2017-18 (R.D&P.R Department - 64 Lakh Plants)

(1)	Pitting – 1 x 0.6m x 0.6m x 0.6m @ Rs.308.28/Cum	Rs.66.59
(2)	Planting – 1 x Rs.10.13/No. as per RSoR	Rs.10.13
(3)	Watering cost (Rs.2.20 x 68 days)(twice per week in the month of February to July – 52 days, once in a week in the month of January, August, September – 13 days, 2 weeks in October one week in December	Rs.149.60
(4)	Weeding & Mulching cost (Twice in a year) (Rs.4.428 x 2)	Rs.8.86
(5)	Manuring cost (Twice in a year) (Rs.4.70 x 2)	Rs.9.40
(6)	Transportation Cost per Plant	Rs.1.00
(7)	Cost per plant for all plantation activities inclusive of all maintenance for one year	Rs.245.58 / plant
(8)	Total cost for Plantation & Maintenance of 64 lakh seedlings for one year	Rs.157.17 crore

Funding Pattern for 64 lakh seedlings

Sl. No.	Details	Amount (Rs.in Crore)
1.	Labour Component (100% Central Share)	156.53
2.	Material Component <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75% Central Share: 0.48 • 25% State Share : 0.16 	0.64
Total		157.17

The Rate proposed for every activity under Massive Tree Plantation has been worked out based on Rural Schedule of Rates issued in G.O.(Ms).No.48, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.1) Department, dated 4.04.2016 and G.O.(Ms).No.30, RD&PR(CG S1) Department, dated 15.03.2017, exclusively for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act works and based on the new wage rate of

Rs.205/- per day per person for the year 2017-18. Moreover, the proposed jungle clearance will be taken up only wherever jungles are actually available in the proposed Massive Tree Plantation site following the Rural Schedule of Rates for 2017-18.

4. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has informed that the District Collectors may be permitted to utilize the seedlings available in their Block Nurseries respectively for Massive Tree Plantation during 2017-18 as per the target to be indicated by Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj. As per G.O.(2D).No.10, Environment and Forests (FR.6) Department, dated 22.02.2017, 5 lakh seedlings to be raised and planted by the Forest Department and the cost of the plantation will be met out from MGNREGS funds for the year 2017-18. The cost for 5.5 lakh seedlings (including 10% wastage / damage) worked out as follows :

Sl. No.	Activities	Quantity in numbers	Rate per seedlings in Rs.	Amount (Rs. in lakh)
1	Preparatory works for raising 16 x 30 CM containing seedlings of 5 lakh with 10% damage in forest nurseries – 5.50 lakh Seedlings	5.5 lakh	7.93	43.61
2	Preparation of Project Report, monitoring & documentation @ 0.5 % of the total project cost			0.22
Grand Total				43.83

5. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has therefore requested orders of the Government on the following:-

- (i) to accord sanction for plantation of 64 lakh seedlings on Panchayat lands, Government lands, Government and private institutions, schools, colleges and other suitable areas at an estimate cost of Rs.157.17 Crore under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme for the year 2017-18.
- (ii) to permit the DRD&PR to utilize the seedlings readily available in Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department raised out of the Block nurseries for Massive Tree Plantation in commemoration of the Hon'ble former Chief Minister's 69th Birth Day.
- (iii) To permit the DRD&PR to release a sum of Rs.43.83 lakh to the Forest Department for 5 lakh seedlings under MGNREGS for the year 2017-18.

6. The Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj hereby accord sanction for Plantation of 64 lakh seedlings on Panchayat lands, Government lands, Government and Private institutions, schools, colleges and other suitable areas at an estimated cost of Rs.157.17 crore (Rupees one fifty seven crore and seventeen lakh only) under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme during the year 2017-18 and also accord sanction for utilizing the readily available seedlings raised out of the Block nurseries for Massive Tree Plantation in commemoration of late Hon'ble former Chief Minister's 69th Birth Day. Subject to the condition that a systematic inspection to be done by higher level officials on random sampling basis, and suitable action to be taken for missing plants and against the Officials responsible.

7. The Government directs the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj to release a sum of Rs.5.25 crore to the Forest Department for 5 lakh seedlings (including 10% Wastage / Damage) under MGNREGS for the year 2017-18.

8. This order is issued with the concurrence of Finance Department vide it's U.O. No.56472/RD/2017, dated 06.02.2018.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO
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