ABSTRACT

Water Resources Department – Conducting regular Surveying and Levelling Operations for the Plan Formulation Wing for every year - Administrative and Financial Sanction for a sum of Rs.1,30,00,000/- for the year 2023 – 2024 accorded - Orders issued.

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Water Resources (S2) Department

G.O (Ms) No.71 **Dated.03.10.2023**

சோபகிருது, புரட்டாசி 16,
திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு 2054

Read :

1. G.O.(4D) No.98, Water Resources (S1) Department, dated 21.11.2022.

2. From the Engineer-in-Chief and Chief Engineer (General), Water Resources Department, Chennai Letter No. S6(2) / 20328/2023, dated 11.01.2023.

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ORDER:

In the Government Order first read above, the Government have accorded administrative sanction for conducting Surveying and Levelling Operations for the Plan Formulation Wing for the year 2022 – 2023 at a cost of Rs.1.20 crore.

2.In the letter 2nd read above, the Engineer-in-Chief and Chief Engineer (General), Water Resources Department has stated that as follows:

i. Plan Formulation is the predominant wing of Water Resources Department and performs its function in formulating, developing, augmenting and conserving the Water Resources in the State and also works related to "Conducting investigation, surveying operation for formulating all type of irrigation projects" in the State performed by the Engineers of this Plan Formulation wing.

ii. This wing has two circles and eight divisions with Engineers strength of more than 225 Nos. and are in charge of formulation and development of irrigation projects in their jurisdiction (Districts).

iii. The regular duties performed by the Engineers of Plan Formulation are ;

a) Identifying the Water Resources through field visits, map study, etc. on their own and also based on the petitions received from UTM, Hon'ble Ministers, MLAs, Farmers Organisation and General Public

b) Finalising the location and type of structures.

c) Conducting detailed site investigation, surveying operation, sub soil exploration, data collection on hydrology, agriculture practice in the project area, assessment of land classification, fasali details, etc. from entities concerned.

d) Sending required data and field particulars to the Design Circle of Water Resources Department for formulating and evolving detailed designs for the structures.

e) Preparation of Detailed Project Report and discussion on the chapters such as general report, need and necessity of the project, cost estimates (based on the designs), economic analysis, direct and indirect benefits of the project.

f) Submitting replies on the petitions received from various forum after conducting necessary field inspections.

iv. The formulation of projects is being dealt in two ways i.e., Annual Routine Works and Special Kind of Works.

v. As far as Annual Routine Works are concerned, formulation of irrigation projects particularly structures in medium or small rivers / stream / odai which require all works mentioned in para 3, but do not require detailed sub soil exploration and other site-specific studies.

vi. However when Special Kind of Works is concerned, in addition to the works mentioned in para 3, detailed sub soil exploration as per codes, engaging experts / consultants, require site specific studies like EIA, Statutory Clearance, etc. will be carried out for the particular schemes whenever necessity arise.

vii. In order to perform the works under Plan Formulation wing, the personnel such as Mazdoors (Category-I), Drivers, Technical Assistants, Computer Operators, etc., where no sanctioned posts are available, have to be engaged for site clearance, assisting in surveying and observing levels, operating and maintaining vehicles as and when necessary,

collection of data, preparation of drawings and estimates and other miscellaneous works.

viii. For engaging the temporary labour personals, required at field in survey process purchase of maps, other tools needed for investigation, photocopying and other documentation, works, the payment must be made right away the work is finished.

ix. Since there are no funds / orders at the start of the fiscal year, this payment is typically made through third party individuals, who will be reimbursed after receiving Administrative Sanction and Budget Provision from the Government.

x. In this regard it is to inform that, in order to incur the above expenditure a proposal along with an estimate namely "Conducting Surveying and Levelling Operations for the Plan Formulation wing for the financial year is being submitted to the Government every year for obtaining Administrative Approval". Since, there is no budgetary provision provided for the routine Surveying & Levelling estimate.

xi. Receiving Government approval is getting delayed due to administrative reasons, which causes an accumulation of money that needs to be paid and making field Engineers feel worried that affects the work environment.

xii. In order to avoid the delay in getting Government approval and fund, the following are suggested for the kind consideration of Government.

xiii. If the funds are allotted by the Government to the Plan Formulation wing to incur the expenditure towards the "Annual Routine Works" each year under maintenance head or establishment head or any other appropriate head that does not require a specific Government order every year to spend the money.

xiv. The Chief Engineer, Plan Formulation, Water Resources Department has furnished justification for allotting funds under separate head of Annual routine Works.

3. With the above details, the Engineer-in-Chief and Chief Engineer (General), Water Resources Department has requested to take into account the afore mentioned suggestions and issue the required orders in order to make it easier to undertake Annual Routine Works and Special Kinds of Works separately and seek the budget demand as is normal in either instance and orders for an amount Rs.1.30 crore for Annual Routine Works for 2023-24 may be obtained as a budgetary provision in the Budget Estimate for 2023 - 2024.

4. The Government, after careful examination, have decided to accept the proposal of Engineer-in-Chief and Chief Engineer (General), Water Resources Department and accord sanction for a sum of Rs.1,30,00,000/- (Rupees one crore and thirty lakh only) as recurring expenditure for conducting Surveying and Levelling operations and all related activities including feasibility study for the petitions received from various forums and routine works under Plan Formulation wing of Water Resources Department subject to the following conditions:

i. The Chief Engineer, Plan Formulation, Water Resources Department shall incur the expenditure without specific Government Order every year commencing from the Financial year 2024 – 2025.

ii. The Chief Engineer, Plan Formulation, Water Resources Department shall send necessary proposal for budget allocation under the relevant head of account to Finance Department through Engineer-in-Chief and Chief Engineer (General), Water Resources Department, Chennai-5, every year.

iii. The Chief Engineer, Plan Formulation, Water Resources Department shall send separate proposal for special investigation works.

iv. The Chief Engineer, Plan Formulation, Water Resources Department is requested to follow the tender procedures while awarding the work to an Agency and executing the work.

5. The expenditure sanctioned in para 4 above shall be debited under the following Head of Account:- (40-01)

"2701 - Medium Irrigation – 80 - General – 001 – Direction and Administration – State's Expenditure -AM – Investigation Projects - 317 Minor works – 01 Minor works.

(IFHRMS DPC 2701 – 80 – 001 - AM - 31701)

6. The expenditure sanctioned in para 4 above shall constitute an item of "New Instruments of Services" and the approval of Legislature will be obtained in due course. Pending approval of the legislature, the expenditure may be initially met by drawal of an advance from the Contingency Fund. The Engineer-in-Chief and Chief Engineer (General), Water Resources Department, Chennai is directed to calculate the actual amount required for the period upto next Supplementary Estimates and apply for sanction of same as advance from Contingency Fund to Finance (BG-I) Department directly in Form "A" appended to Tamil Nadu Contingency Fund Rules, 1963, along with a copy of this order. Orders for sanction of an advance from the Contingency Fund will be issued from

Finance (BG-I) Department. Further, he is also directed to send necessary draft explanatory notes for the inclusion of the above expenditure in the Supplementary Estimates for the 2023 – 2024 to Finance (Infra-II / BG-I) Department at the appropriate time without fail.

7. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. No.433/Infra-2/2023, dated.29.09.2023, with Additional Ledger No.1008 (one thousand and eight) (IFHRMS No.2023091008).

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

K.MANIVASAN,
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To

The Engineer-in-Chief and Chief Engineer (General), Water Resources Department, Chennai-5.
The Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, Plan Formulation, Chennai-5.
The Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, Chennai Region, Chennai-5.
The Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, Madurai Region, Madurai.
The Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, Trichy Region, Trichy.
The Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, Coimbatore Region, Coimbatore.
The Principal Accountant General (A&E), Chennai-18.
The Principal Accountant General (Economic and Revenue Sector Audit), Chennai-18.
The Pay and Accounts Officer (East), Chennai-8.
The Resident Audit Officer, O/o. Principal Accountant General (General and Social Sector Audit), Secretariat, Chennai-9.

Copy to:-

The Special Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Finance & Human Resources Management), Secretariat Chennai-9.
The Special Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Water Resources), Secretariat Chennai-9.
The Finance (Infra-II / BG-I / BG-II / W&M-I), Department, Chennai-9.
The Water Resources (OP-II)/I-Spl) Department, Secretariat, Chennai-9.
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Section Officer.
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