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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract:

Food for Work (Special) Programme Utilising foodgrains supplied by the - Government of India - Taking up the programme in various Departments - Orders issued.

DEVELOPMENT (H) DEPARTMENT.

G.O. (MS) No. 115/79/DD.

Dated, Trivandrum 21.8. 1979.

ORDER

The Government of India have been giving assistance to the State - Government in the form of foodgrains for the last two years for taking up programme for generating additional employment in rural areas and to create durable community assets to strengthen rural infrastructure for agricultural production. The community Development Department alone could utilise the foodgrains for the works programmes during 1977-78 and 1978-79. The Government of India has now given indication that they would supply 45,000 tonnes of foodgrains during 1979-80 and wanted the State Government to take up the programme on this basis. There is also indication from the Government of India of increasing the allocation of food grains for the purpose. If the above quantities of foodgrains can be utilised this would be a substantial net addition to the State resources this year.

2. Government have examined the question of utilisation of food grains through the programmes of certain other Departments of Government in addition to that of Community Development Department, to achieve maximum results. After having examined the matter in detail Government are therefore pleased to order that the programme will be implemented during 1979-80 in the following Departments utilising the quantity of foodgrains as indicated against each:

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| 1. Director of Panchayats (Panchayat Works) | 20,000 |
| 2. Development Commissioner (for regular works executed by the community Development Department including works under the proposed employment generation programme and Rural Manpower Programme) | 27,500 |
| 3. Chief Conservator of Forests (Afforestation, Replanting etc.) | 5,000 |
| 4. Chief Engineer (General B & R) (Village Roads) | 2,000 |
| 5. Chief Engineer P.H.E.D. (Water Supply) | 500 |
| 6. Chief Engineer (Irrigation/Irrigation Works) | 2,000 |
| 7. Chief Engineer (Kallada Irrigation Works) | 1,000 |
| 8. Chief Engineer (Projects-I) Works | 1,000 |
| 9. Chief Engineer (projects II) works | 1,000 |
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3. It should be possible for the Panchayats Department to give 50% of the wages to the labourers in respect of the Panchayat works like the maintenance of and improvement to Village Roads etc. in the form of foodgrains. The Chief Conservator of Forests should integrate schemes like formation of forest roads, maintenance of forest roads, afforestation restoration of degraded forests and such other programmes for which budgetary provision exists, with the Food for work programme. Part of the wages to the labourers could be paid in kind in the form of foodgrains and thus the budgetary provision could be augmented and the physical targets also increased. The Public Works and Public Health Engineering Departments undertaking major works involving employment of huge labour force should also try to integrate their works with the Food for work programme in order to gain an additionality to Government of India assistance in the form of foodgrains.

The Public Works Department and Public Health Engineering Department could explore the possibility of taking up labour intensive works departmentally in addition to the works given on contract so as to make maximum use of the additionality of central assistance now available in the form of foodgrains. The foodgrains should be utilised only for building up durable community assets, and in accordance with the general guidelines issued by the Government of India.

/ By Order of the Governor /

J.S. Bhatnagar,
Secretary to Government.

The Chief Conservator of Forests.

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Endorsement on D. 22712/79. D

Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests,
Trivandrum, dated.

Copy to all Conservator of Forests and Divisional Forest Officers. In continuation of this office letter of even no. dated. 20.8.79. The progress statement already requested may be submitted urgently.

Sd/-

for Chief Conservator of Forests.

Endorsement on D. 68504/79/Idis. Dated. 22.1.80.

Copy to all Assistant Executive Engineers and Assistant -
Engineers for information and necessary action.

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Executive Engineer.

'Approved for issue'

Divisional Accountant.