

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Rural Employment Programme Revised guidelines issued byGovernment of India _ Payment of cash to the value of food- grains – payment of wages to skilled workers and Material and wage component ratio- Instructions- Issued

DEVELOPMENT (H) DEPARTMENT

G.O. MS.No. 62/81/DD

Trivandrum, Dated 8-7-1981

- Read: 1. G.O. MS.7/ 81 DD dated 7-2-1981
2. Govt. of India letter No. 1/13014/9/8w NREP dt. 16-6-1981
3. Government letter No. 23092/H6/81 DD dt. 25.431981

ORDER

1. Government of India had released 18,000 K.T. of food grains for the NREP in 1980-81. However, due to circumstances beyond their control such as lorry strike etc., District Collectors could not lift the full quantity of food grains allotted to them before 31/3/1981. As a result the quota of food grains that remained unlifted have lapsed. Anticipating the availability of food grains corresponding funds has been allotted, and the works were/ are being executed under the IREP. In the absence of food grains, the equivalent payment will have to be made in cash at the stipulated rate.
2. The State Government have communicated in the letter 3rd cited, the guidelines on NREP, prescribed by the Government of India. As indicated there in food grains may not be forthcoming during 1981-82 but the whole expenditure on IREP will be shareable on 50:50 basis by the State Government and Government of India on the basis of these guidelines. Hence during the current year, the payment of wages will have to be made only in cash.
3. Another issue involved in the implementation of IREP works was with regard to the payment of wage to skilled workers. The District Collectors had recommended the payment of P.W.D schedule of rates to such workers. Government of India, in their letter read above has clarified that the PWD schedule of rate can be paid to skilled workers.
4. In the revised guidelines the Government of India have fixed material and wage component ratio as 40:60 for individual works subject to the restriction that the cost of materials all the works together in the District as a whole, should not exceed 33%. This stipulation has created some difficulty for the implementing officers in taking up many works according to this ratio. To complete those works and to make them durable community assets, additional funds may be required over and above 33% prescribed for the material portion under NREP. In the case of works taken upon behalf of the voluntary/ non- governmental bodies, the balance funds will have to be provided by the concerned voluntary/ non-Government agencies, so that the funds out of NREP are utilized only within the prescribed ratio of 40:60 for individual works restricting the materials= cost of 33% for then district as a whole. As regards the supplementation of NREP funds by other Government Departmental funds for the works pertaining to those Departments, the matter is under examination and further orders will issue.

5. Government have examined the above matters in detail and are pleased to issue the following orders:
 - i. Payment of wage may be made in cash towards..... Food grains due to be issued to the beneficiary committed.....of the works – completed and ongoing taken up under IREP1980-81. Cost of 2 Kg of food grains will be calculated at..... Prevailing at the time of execution for a particular work.
 - ii. During the current year for new works taken up under IREP, payment of wages will be made in cash and the expenditure scheme is to be borne on 50:50 basis between the Centre and the stay Government.
 - iii. Wages at PAWD schedule of rates will be paid to the skilled workers under IREP, but this should not affect the ceiling of expenditure on labour/materials component prescribed under the scheme
 - iv. The cost of materials should not exceed 40% in respect of individual works 33% for the works taken together for the District as a whole. In case the materials cost exceeds this ratio, the additional amount required for materials will be met by the beneficiary committees through public contribution or it will be paid by voluntary /non- Governmental organization on whose behalf a particular work is taken up
6. The Commitment of the State Government will be kept at the level of the approved plan outlay.
7. In the implementation of the programme, with the above modifications, the District Collectors will ensure that the expenditure does not exceed the allotments made to them.
8. The District Collectors will forward to Government the monthly, quarterly and annual statements including a separate statement in the form as supplied by Government of India (already forwarded to District Collectors with the Government letter No.24476/81DD dated 24.4.1981 on utilization of materials component, promptly for consolidation and transmission to Government of India

By Order of the Governor)
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The Chief Conservator of Forests
Endt. On 25-22718/79.

Chief Conservator's Office, Trivandrum
Dated ----8-----1981.

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