

1.7 PUBLIC SERVICES - Re designation of Director of Town Panchayats as Director of Special Village Panchayats and declaring as Head of Department tunder the purview of Rural Development Department - Orders – Issued.

Rural Development (CI) Department

G.O. (Ms.) No.150

Dated: 1.10.2004

Read:

1. G.O.Ms.No.270, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, dated 11.6,2004.
2. G.O.Ms.No.277, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, dated 2.7.2004.
3. G.O.Ms.No.138 Rual Development Department, dated 10.9.2004.
4. G.O.Ms.No.324, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, dated 30.9.2004.
Read again:
5. From the Director of Town Panchayats Chennai, D.C. Letter No.141 58120041A6, dated 6.8,2004.

ORDER:

In the Government Order first read above 566 Town Panchayats were reclassified as Village Panchayats with effect from 14.6.2004, subsequently in the Government Order second read above out of 566 reclassified Village Panchayats 4 Village Panchayats were upgraded as Third Grade Municipalities. In the Government Order fourth read above Kollangode Third Grade Municipality has been reclassified as Village Panchayat.

2. As an interim relief in the Government Order third read above orders have been issued to the effect that all the staff including Executive Officers of the erstwhile Town Panchayats shall continue to serve as it is untill further orders.

3. The Government have .carefully examined all the issues relating to give a status of the erstwhile Town Panchayats while they were reclassified as Village Panchayats In order to protect the in interest of provincialised and non-provincialised staff and the financial powers of he above Village Panchayats, the Governor of Tamil Nadu has promulgated an Ordinance further to amend the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1994 (Third Amendment) (Ordinance 9 of 2004) for including a separate Chapter called as Special Village Panchayat” in the said Act. The Government issues the following orders:

(a) The existing Director of Town Panchayats shall be redesignated as Director of Special Village Panchayats and as Head of Department to the Special village Panchayats by bringing under the purview of the Rural Development Department of the Secretariat. Necessary amendments to Business Rules and Secretariat instructions will be issued separately by the Personnel and, Administrative Reforms Department in this regard.

(b) The existing post of Additional Director of Town Panchayats in the office of the Director of Town Panchayats shall be downgraded to the cadre of Joint Director and attached to the office of the Director of Special Panchayats.

c) All the posts now in existence with the Directorate of Town Panchayats except those recommended for transfer to Office of the Commissioner of Municipal Administration shall be transferred to the Director of Special Village Panchayats.

d) The records, documents and files relating to 48 Third Grade Municipalities and the staff transferred thereon now maintained at the Directorate of Town Panchayats and in the Zonal Offices shall be transferred to the office of the Commissioner of Municipal Administration.

e). All the records, documents, furniture's, vehicles[computers etc. in the Directorate of Town Panchayats except those proposed to be transferred to the office of the Commissioner of Municipal Administration shall be. retained with the Directorate of Special Village Panchayats.

f) The designation of the present Zonal Assistant Director of Town Panchayats shall be redesignated as the Zonal Assistant Director of Special Village Panchayats and they shall be appointed as the supervisory officers as Special Village Panchayats under Section 199 of the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1994, Their jurisdiction will remain the same as at present. The job chart for the Assistant Directors proposed by the erstwhile Director of Town Panchayats is approved as in Annexure-I to this order.

g) The present staff strength of the Zonal Assistant Directors of Town Panchayats shall be retained to the office of the Zonal Assistant Director of Special Village Panchayats. The records, files, furniture's, vehicles, computers etc. now being maintained in the offices of the Zonal Assistant Directors of Town Panchayats shall be retained with the Zonal Assistant Directors of Special Village Panchayats. The offices of the Zonal Assistant Director of Special Village Panchayats shall be continued at the Collectorate concerned as it is.

h) The post of 16 Assistant Executive Engineers shall be attached to the Zonal Assistant Director of Special Village Panchayats at the rate of each one as of now. There will be 81 posts of Junior Engineer at the Directorate after the reallocation of 9 Junior Engineers to the Commissioner for Municipal Administration. The Special Village Panchayats shall be grouped into 81 and the allocation of Special Village Panchayats to each group is indicated in Annexure-II to this order. The Director of Special Village Panchayats, shall continue to be the appointing as well as transferring authority of the posts of Engineering Wing in the Special Village Panchayats.

i) The following posts now in existence with the erstwhile Directorate of Town Panchayats for which salary is being drawn from Devolution funds shall be retained in the Directorate of Special Village Panchayats. .

1. Cell Officer	-	1
2. Assistant	-	2
3. Steno-Typist	-	1
4. System Analyst	-	1

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The post of System Analyst, now in existence with the Directorate of Town Panchayats for which salary is being met from Devolution funds, shall be brought to the Directorate of Special Village Panchayats, since computers are being maintained in all the Special Village Panchayat Offices, Zonal Assistant Director's Office and in the Directorate.

j) The Service conditions of the staff shall continue as existing. The change of nomenclature and others will be Incorporated in the existing service rules.

4. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.240/JS(Per)/RD/2004-1 dated 1.10,2004.

(By Order of the Governor)

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.