

**ABSTRACT**

Drought - Water scarcity - Financial Assistance to combat drinking water scarcity - Rs.189.16 crores - Sanctioned from State Disaster Response Fund - Orders - Issued.

**Revenue [D.M.III(1)] Department****G.O.(Ms) No.89****Dated:24.02.2014****Read:**

1. From the Additional Chief Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration, Letter No.NC.II(2)/1597/2014, dated 08.02.2014.
2. From the Additional Chief Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration, Letter No.NC.II(2)/1597/2014, dated 10.02.2014.

**ORDER:**

Tamil Nadu received an average rainfall of 739.8 mm in the year 2013 **which was a deficit of 20%**, against the normal rainfall of 920.9 mm. The State has faced deficit in rainfall in the second continuous year, as there was deficit of **23% during the year 2012.**

2. Due to the deficit in rainfall in the districts and the dwindling storage of reservoirs it is anticipated that the **Chennai Metropolitan region**, districts in the Vaigai River Basin and vicinity, including **Madurai, Sivagangai, Ramanathapuram, Dindigul and Virudhunagar** and the districts of **Tiruvannamalai, Vellore, Ariyalur, Perambalur, Pudukottai and Thoothukudi** districts (in all 12 districts including Chennai) will face acute shortage of water supply in the coming summer months. Other districts will also face water stress due to deficit in the rainfall and dwindling ground water levels.

3. In order to undertake water scarcity mitigation measures, the following proposals have been submitted by the departments concerned to the Additional Chief Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration and the

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Additional Chief Secretary/ Commissioner of Revenue Administration has sent to the proposal in the references first and second read above to the Government.

**A. For 12 Districts (including Chennai) that are likely to face Water - Scarcity.**

**I. Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department**

a. For the **11 acute water scarcity districts** namely **Vellore, Tiruvannamalai, Ariyalur, Perambalur, Madurai, Sivagangai, Ramanathapuram, Dindigul, Virudhunagar, Pudukottai and Thoothukudi**, funds will be allocated for the **Corporations, Municipalities and Town Panchayats** for works such as rejuvenation of sources, creation of new sources, augmentation of sources of water supply, extension of pipe lines and supply through lorries. **The Additional Chief Secretary/ Commissioner of Revenue Administration has sent a proposal for allocation of Rs.67.06 crores (Rs.50.87 crores for Municipal Corporation / Municipalities and Rs.16.19 for Town Panchayats) for the 11 severely affected districts at this point of time to tide over the Water Scarcity position.**

b. For ensuring the continuous supply of water at optimum levels through Schemes maintained by **Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board**, covering both Rural and Urban areas, works such as rejuvenation of sources, creation of new sources and extension of pipe lines would be undertaken especially for Ramanathapuram Combined Water Supply Schemes which caters to Ramanathapuram and Sivagangai districts and various combined water supply schemes for the other districts, **Rs.13.658 crores** is requested to be sanctioned to Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board. The Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board will, in addition, utilize Rs.54.25 crores for the entire State out of the Regular scheme funds to be allocated to them.

c. For Chennai Metropolitan region, the storage is much poorer as compared the level of the previous years of 2011 and 2012. Hence, Chennai Metropolitan Region, with a population of over 67.27 lakhs (2011 census), is likely to face huge water scarcity during the coming summer months. The Secretary, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department has forwarded a contingency plan of Rs.147 crores to provide water supply for works such as mobile water supply trips, construction of large diameter new bore wells in Neyveli Aquifer and Wellfields, Rehabilitation of poor yield wells, hiring of diesel generator sets for Neyveli Aquifer, hiring of agricultural wells, transporting of water from distance sources etc. **It has been proposed by Additional Chief**

**Secretary/ Commissioner of Revenue Administration to sanction a sum of Rs.50 crore** at this point of time for Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (CMWSSB) to tide over the water crises.

## **II. Rural Development Department:**

The Rural Development Department has proposed to take water supply works from Tamil Nadu Habitations Improvement Schemes (THAI), Infrastructure Gap Filling Fund (IGFF) and from General funds of rural local bodies for the 11 focused districts. An amount of Rs.184.13 crores is proposed to Water Supply Schemes from out of the Schemes, Funds/General Funds and a **further amount of Rs.42.45 crores is requested to be sanctioned from out of the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF), which has been recommended by the Additional Chief Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration.**

## **B. For remaining 20 districts of the State:**

For the balance 20 districts of the State namely **Kancheepuram, Tiruvallur, Cuddalore, Villupuram, Salem, Namakkal, Nilgiris, Erode, Tiruppur, Coimbatore, Krishnagiri, Dharmapuri, Nagapattinam, Tiruvarur, Thanjavur, Tiruchirappalli, Karur, Theni, Tirunelveli and Kanniyakumari,** it is estimated that the Rural Development Department will spend Rs.154.97 crores, the Commissioner of Municipal Administration spend Rs.68.61 crores and the Director of Town Panchayats spend Rs.14.34 crores from out of the own scheme funds and General Funds of Local Bodies to tide over to water crisis of these districts. In addition the Additional Chief Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration has proposed to allocate an overall amount of Rs.10.00 crores from out of the State Disaster Response Fund with an allocation of Rs.50 lakhs per district to tide over the Water crisis.

## **C. Fodder Supply:**

The Director of Animal Husbandry has proposed to establish additional 100 Depots in the State to cater the need of the Fodder for the Cattle. The above Fodder Depots are proposed to be set up within the campus of the Veterinary Dispensaries and the Fodder for such Depots will be procured from Fodder surplus areas within the district and if it is not available locally, from the nearby districts etc., and sold to the needy farmers at a subsidized selling price of Rs.2 per kg. with a limit of 3 kg. of Fodder per day per animal. Though the Director of Animal Husbandry has sought for Rs.10 crores for the establishment of 100 Fodder Depots, it is

proposed by Additional Chief Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration to ear-mark **an amount of Rs.6 crores from out of State Disaster Response Fund to the Director of Animal Husbandry for setting up of Fodder Depots across the State.**

4. The Government have examined the proposal of the Additional Chief Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration carefully and the Government decided to sanction an amount of Rs.189.16 crores through the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) in 2014-2015 for undertaking water scarcity mitigation measures and provision of Fodder Depots as detailed in the Annexure-I. In addition to this, an amount of Rs.492.37 crores will be taken out from the regular schemes of the departments for undertaking water supply works as detailed in the Annexure-II and the respective Heads of department should ensure the earmarking of funds and their expenditure as per the plan.

5. The expenditure sanctioned in paragraph 4 above shall be debited to following head of accounts:-

"2245 - Relief on account of Natural Calamities - 01 - Drought - 102 Drinking Water supply-I Non-Plan-AK-Grants to TWAD Board for mitigating drinking water scarcity-09-Grants-in-Aid - 01 Grants for Current Expenditure"  
(DPC:2245-01-102-AK-0915)

**For Fodder:**

"2245 - Relief on account of Natural Calamities - 01 - Drought - 104 Supply of Fodder -I Non-Plan-AA-Purchase of fodder for distribution in the drought affected areas-09-Grants-in-Aid - 01 Grants for Current Expenditure"  
(DPC:2245-01-104-AA-0911)

6. The Additional Chief Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration, has requested to take necessary steps to implement the above relief works as per the Government rules in force. The expenditure shall be restricted to the actual requirement and the balance amount, if any, should be surrendered. Funds shall not be diverted without prior orders of Government. Utilisation certificate in this regard shall be sent to the Government for the amount sanctioned.

7. The Additional Chief Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration is authorised to draw and disburse the amount sanctioned in para 4 above.

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8. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department, vide its U.O.No.9777/Fin(Rev)/DS(RV)/2014, dated 24.02.2014.

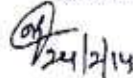
(By Order of the Governor)

**GAGANDEEP SINGH BEDI,**  
**Secretary to Government.**

To  
The Additional Chief Secretary/Commissioner of  
Revenue Administration, Chepauk, Chennai-5.  
The Principal Secretary, Highways and Minor Ports Department, Chennai-9.  
The Principal Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department,  
Chennai-9  
The Secretary, Municipal administration and Water Supply Department, Chennai-9.  
The Secretary, Public Works Department, Chennai-9.  
The Secretary, Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries Department, Chennai-9.  
The Commissioner, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department,  
Panagal Building, Chennai-15.  
The Director of Animal Husbandry, Teynampet, Chennai-18.  
The Commissioner, Municipal Administration Department, Chennai-5.  
The Director of Town Panchayat, Kuralagam, Chennai-108.  
The Managing Director, Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply  
and Sewerage Board, Chennai-2.  
The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Chennai-5.  
All District Collectors.  
All District Treasury Officers.  
The Pay and Accounts Officer (East), Chennai-8.  
The Accountant General, Chennai-18/35.  
The Accountant General, Chennai-18. (in name Cover)  
The Accountant General (Audit), Chennai-35.  
The Commissioner of Treasuries and Accounts, Chennai-15.  
The Pay and Accounts Officer (North), Chennai-1.  
The Pay and Accounts Officer (South), Chennai-35.  
The Pay and Accounts Officer, Madurai.  
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The Finance (Rev/BG-I/BG-II) Department, Chennai-9.  
The Resident Audit Officer, Chennai-9.  
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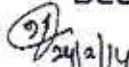
**Annexure-I to G.O (Ms) No.89, dated 24.02.2014****Allocation of funds from State Disaster Response Fund**

Sl. No.	Name of the Departments	Fund Sanctioned under SDRF (Rs. in crores)
<b>12 Districts (including Chennai)</b>		
1	Rural Development & Panchayat Raj Department	<b>42.45</b>
2	TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE Board	<b>13.65</b>
3.	Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (Chennai Only)	<b>50.00</b>
4	Commissionerate of Municipal Administration	<b>50.87</b>
5	Town Panchayats	<b>16.19</b>
<b>For remaining 20 districts</b>		
	For Remaining 20 District funds at Rs.50 Lakhs per District to be placed at the disposal of District Collector	<b>10.00</b>
<b>For Animal Husbandry</b>		
	Funds for Animal Husbandry Department for the entire State	<b>6.00</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>189.16</b>

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**Annexure-II to G.O (Ms) No.89, dated 24.02.2014**

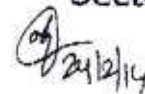
**Funds to be earmarked from Schemes / General Funds of Local Bodies:-**

Sl.No	Department		Scheme Funds / General Funds
<b>For the 12 Acute Water Scarcity Districts (including Chennai)</b>			
1	Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department	CMA & DTP TWAD Board CMWSSB	Rs.16.07 Cr
2	Rural Development Department		Rs.184.13 Cr
<b>Sub-Total</b>			<b>Rs.200.20 Cr</b>
<b>For Balance 20 Districts</b>			
3	Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department and Rural Development Departments	CMA DTP TWAD Board (for the State) RD Dept	Rs.68.61 Cr Rs.14.34 Cr Rs.54.25 Cr Rs.154.97 Cr
<b>Sub-Total</b>			<b>Rs.292.17 Cr</b>
4	<b>Total funds required for Drinking water</b>		<b>Rs.492.37 Cr</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>Rs.492.37 Cr</b>

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