



ABSTRACT

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme – Construction of 10,000 infrastructure units for Azolla cultivation for the farmers in rural areas under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme for the year 2019-20 – Sanction accorded – Orders – Issued.

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.1) Department

G.O.(Ms) No.103

Dated:31.07.2019

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திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2050

Read:

From the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj
Letter Roc.No.17877/2019/ MGNREGS-I-1, dated 16.04.2019.

ORDER:

In the letter read above, the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has stated that, Government of India, Ministry of Rural Development has approved Labour Budget of 22 crore persondays under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme to Tamil Nadu for the financial year 2019-20. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has further stated that the Azolla is a floating fern which resembles algae. It can serve as organic cattle feed and can be used as a nutritional supplement for cattle. It is rich in proteins, essential amino acids, vitamins (vitamin A, vitamin B12 and Beta-Carotene), growth promoter intermediaries and minerals. Livestock can easily digest it, owing to its high protein and low lignin content. It also enhances quality and quantity (up to 15-20%) of milk. Azolla can be grown easily in a farmer's land / backyard without much infrastructure requirements. Cow dung and water alone are the growth promoters for Azolla. It can be mixed with concentrates or can be given directly to livestock. Further, the cost for the cultivation of Azolla is also cheaper. During the year 2018-19 construction of 10,000 infrastructure units for azolla cultivation were sanctioned under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme for the Self Help Group women in rural areas. Accordingly, during the financial year 2019-20, the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has now proposed to take up the construction of 10,000 infrastructure units for azolla cultivation under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme for all farmers in rural areas. The work has been proposed in the Labour Budget for the financial year 2019-20 and the same was approved by the Empowered Committee, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India during the Empowered committee Meeting held on 18.02.2019. The cultivation of Azolla is one among the permitted activities under

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17/8/19
to communicate
the Ministry

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. " As per the restructured list of permissible works communicated by Government of India, "**Construction of Infrastructure for Azolla cultivation for Individual**" is one of the permissible works and is listed under Sl.No.243 under the Category of **B Assets** for individual.

2. Further, the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has stated that the Government of India have notified the wage rate for the financial year 2019-20 as Rs.229/- per day in respect of Tamil Nadu. Accordingly, the Rural Schedule of Rate was approved for the financial year 2019-20 in G.O.(Ms).No.52, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.1) Department, dated:09.04.2019 and G.O.(Ms).No.53, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.1) Department, dated:15.04.2019 and the Rural Schedule of Rate for the year 2019-20 is adopted for this work. The detailed guidelines issued vide G.O.(Ms).No.5, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS-1) Department, dated:11.01.2019 with respect to infrastructure for Azolla shall be adopted for the year 2019-20 also and referred for Planning, selection of work, execution of construction of Infrastructure for Azolla cultivation and Non-negotiable items without any deviation. The beneficiaries for Azolla cultivation shall be Small Farmer / Marginal Farmer or any other vulnerable category as mentioned in Para 5 of Schedule – I.

3. Further, the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has stated that the unit cost of Azolla cultivation will be Rs.15,500. The Labour and Material Component ratio is 19.21 : 80.79 and totally 1,30,000 mandays will be generated by infrastructure for Azolla. The Labour cost is 100% borne by the Government of India and the material cost is shared at the ratio of 75:25 by the Government of India and the State Government. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has worked out the funding pattern for Construction of 10000 infrastructure unit for Azolla cultivation at a total cost of Rs.15.50 crore under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme for the year 2019-20 as detailed below:

(Rupees in Crore)

Description of Work	Material Component (80.79%)			Labour Component (19.21%) (Central Share 100%)	Grand Total
	Central Share (75%)	State Share (25%)	Total		
Construction of 10000 Nos. of Infrastructure Unit for Azolla cultivation = Rs.15,500 x 10,000 = Rs.1550 Lakh i.e Rs.15.50 crore	9.39	3.13	12.52	2.98	15.50

4. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has therefore requested permission from the Government for the construction of 10,000 infrastructure units for azolla cultivation for the farmers in rural areas at an estimated cost of Rs.15.50 Crore based on the detailed guidelines already issued for 2018-19 vide G.O.(Ms).No.5, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department (CGS-1), dated:11.01.2019 with respect to infrastructure for Azolla shall be adopted for the

year 2019-20 under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.

5. The Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj have decided to accept the proposal and accord sanction for the construction of 10,000 Infrastructure units for Azolla Cultivation for the farmers in rural areas at an estimated cost of Rs.15.50 crore for the year 2019-20 under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme by adopting the detailed guidelines issued in G.O.(Ms).No.5, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.1) Department, dated:11.01.2019, subject to the condition that the financial sanction may be approved after getting the release of Central share.

6. This order is issued with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.35377/RD/2019, dated:29.07.2019

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

**HANS RAJ VERMA
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY
TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Chennai-15.

All District Collectors (except Chennai District).

(Through the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Chennai-15)

All Project Directors, District Rural Development Agencies

(through the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Chennai-15).

The Accountant General, Chennai-18.

Copy to:

The Pay and Accounts Officer (South), Chennai-35.

The Finance (RD) Department, Chennai-9.

Chief Minister's Office, Secretariat, Chennai-9.

The Senior Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Municipal Administration and Rural Development, Implementation of Special Programme), Chennai-9.

The Principal Private Secretary to Additional Chief Secretary to

Government, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Chennai-9.

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31.7.2019
SECTION OFFICER