



ABSTRACT

Sanitation – Maintenance of School Toilets, Cleaning of Class Rooms and School Premises in Panchayat Union / Government Schools located in Rural Areas – Fund Requirement for the year 2023-24 (from June 2023 to April 2024) – Orders issued – Regarding.

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.4) Department

G.O. (Ms) No.15

Dated 29.01.2024

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திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2054

Read

1. G.O.(Ms) No.77, School Education (SE.4-1) Department, dated 13.4.2015.
2. G.O.(Ms). No.151, Rural Development and PanchayatRaj (CGS-1) Department, dated. 30.11.2015.
3. G.O.Ms.No.79, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS-1) Department, dated 14.7.2017.
4. From the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Letter No.56580/2023/SBM(G)-3, Dated 03.10.2023.

ORDER:

In the Government Order 1st read above, the Government have entrusted the responsibilities of maintenance of toilets in all the Government Schools to the local bodies located in their respective jurisdiction and directed to utilize the Solid Waste Management (SWM) Funds for this purpose.

2. In the Government Order 2nd read above, the Government issued detailed guidelines regarding engagement of Sanitary Workers on outsourcing basis, i.e., through Village Poverty Reduction Committee (VPRC) / Panchayat Level Federation (PLF) / Any other outsourcing Agencies for cleaning of School Toilets in the Panchayat Union Primary/Middle Schools and Government Schools located in rural areas and cleaning should be done compulsorily twice in a day, preferably once in the morning and once in the afternoon.

3. In the Government Order 3rd read above the Government issued revised guidelines for the maintenance of school toilets, cleaning of class rooms and school premises and procurement of cleaning materials for the Panchayat Union Primary/Middle Schools and Government Schools located in rural areas.

4. In the letter 4th read above, the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has stated that the Government have regularly allocated the funds from the academic year 2015-16 onwards for the maintenance of School Toilets i.e. for the payment of wages to Sanitary Workers engaged in the Panchayat Union Primary /Middle Schools and Government Schools located in rural areas and also for the procurement of cleaning materials.

During the year 2020-21, in view of Covid-19 pandemic situation, Government High Schools and Government Higher Secondary Schools were opened only for the month of January to March, 2021, due to which the allocation was restricted to Rs.1.00 crore per month. During the year 2021-22, in view of Covid-19 pandemic situation, school for standards 9, 10, 11 & 12 reopened from 1st September 2021 and the school for 1st to 8th standards reopened from 1.11.2021 onwards. During the year, the Government sanctioned Rs.36.50 crore for the maintenance of school toilets, cleaning of class rooms and school premises and procurement of cleaning materials.

Year	Government orders	Amount (Rs.in Crore)	Allocation of funds from
2015-16	G.O. 151, dated 30.11.2015	57.63	SWM
2016-17	G.O. 127, dated 24.10.2016	26.83	SWM
2017-18	G.O. 79, dated 14.7.2017	54.50	SWM
2018-19	G.O.161, dated 12.11.2018	63.92	SFC & IGFF Saving funds.
2019-20	G.O.Ms.No.166, dated 11.11.2019	64.26	SFC
2020-21	G.O.Ms.No.51, dated 29.03.2021 (for the month of January, February and March 2021 at rate of Rs.1.00 crore month)	3.00	SFC
2021-22	G.O.Ms.No.37, dated 23.03.2022	36.50	SFC
2022-23	G.O.Ms.No.55, dt: 01.04.2023.	62.709	SFC

During the year 2022-23, there is no separate allocation made in the budget under SWM, for cleaning of school toilets, cleaning of class

rooms and school premises in Panchayat Union Primary / Middle Schools located in rural areas and town Panchayats and Government Schools located in rural areas. Further, it may be noted that the Panchayat Unions are responsible for maintaining sanitation and hygiene in the schools in rural areas and panchayat union schools in town panchayats.

Hence, the funds required for the maintenance / cleaning of school toilets, cleaning of class rooms and school premises in Panchayat Union Primary / Middle Schools located in rural areas and in town panchayats and Government Schools located in rural areas and also for procurement of cleaning materials has been met out from the State Finance Commission (SFC) Grant for the year 2022-23.

5. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has further stated that based on the reports received from the Districts the monthly requirement of funds for the academic year 2023-24 for payment to sanitary workers engaged in cleaning of school toilets, cleaning of class rooms / school premises and also for the procurement of cleaning materials by the schools are as follows:-

1. Panchayat Union Primary / Middle Schools:

(Rs.in crore)

Sl. No	Category of Schools	No.of Sanitary Workers engaged in Schools	Wages per Worker per month (Rs.)	Cost of Cleaning Material per month (Rs.)	Total Amount per month (Rs.)	Monthly Requirement for Wages and Cleaning Materials	Total Requirement for Academic year 2023-24 (June'23 to April 2024)
1	Panchayat Union Primary Schools	21,668	1,000	300	1,300	2.81684	30.98524
2.	Panchayat Union Middle Schools	6,106	1,500	500	2,000	1.22120	13.43320
	Total	27,774				4.03804	44.41844

2. Government Primary & Middle Schools located in Rural areas:

(Rs.in crore)

Sl. No.	Category of Schools	No. of Sanitary Workers engaged in Schools	Wages per Worker per month (Rs.)	Cost of Cleaning Material per month (Rs.)	Total Amount per month (Rs.)	Monthly Requirement for Wages and Cleaning Materials	Total Requirement for Academic year 2023-24 (June 23 to April 2024)
1	Government Primary Schools	418	1,000	300	1,300	0.05434	0.59774
2	Government Middle Schools	111	1,500	500	2,000	0.02220	0.24420
	Total	529				0.07654	0.84194

Government High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools located in Rural areas:

(Rs.in crore)

Sl. No.	Category of Schools	No. of Sanitary Workers engaged in Schools	Wages per Worker per month (Rs.)	Cost of Cleaning per month (Rs.)	Total amount per month (Rs.)	Monthly Requirement for Wages and Cleaning Materials	Total Requirement for Academic year 2023-24 (June '23 to April 2024)
1	Government High Schools	2,558	2,250	700	3,000	0.76740	8.44140
2	Government Higher Secondary Schools	2,047	3,000	1,000	4,000	0.81880	9.00680
	Total	4,605				1.58620	17.44820

Abstract**(Rs.in crore)**

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1	Panchayat Union primary & Middle Schools	27,774	4.03804	44.41844
2	Government primary & Middle Schools in rural areas	529	0.07654	0.84194
3	Government High Schools & Higher Sec. Schools in rural areas	4,605	1.58620	17.44820
Total		32,908	5.70078	62.70858

Totally, a sum of Rs.62.70858 crore is required for the academic year 2023-24 (June 23 to April 24) for the maintenance of school toilets in both Panchayat Union Primary /Middle Schools (Rs.44.41844 crore) and Government Primary / Middle / High / Government Higher Secondary Schools (Rs.18.29014crore) located in rural areas.

6. Therefore the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has requested the Government to permit the District Collectors to set apart the amount of **Rs.62.709 crore** from the SFC population grant due to the Panchayat Unions for the year 2023-24 as a separate component after arriving the block wise requirement for the maintenance of school toilets, cleaning of class rooms and school premises in the Panchayat Union Primary/Middle Schools and Government Schools located in rural areas and also for the procurement of cleaning materials for the schools for the **academic year 2023-24 (June 23 to April 24)**. The District Collectors shall be directed to release the funds to the BDOs (BP) on a monthly basis for making payment to the sanitary workers as well as for the procurement of cleaning materials.

Further, he has requested the Government to issue orders to adopt the guidelines already issued in G.O.Ms.No.79, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS-1) Department, dated 14.7.2017 for the academic year 2023-24 for the above purpose.

7. The Government after careful examination of the proposal of the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj to permit the District Collectors to set apart the amount of **Rs.62.709 crore** from the SFC population grant due to the Panchayat Unions for the year 2023-24 as a

separate component after arriving the block wise requirement for the maintenance of school toilets, cleaning of class rooms and school premises in the Panchayat Union Primary/Middle Schools and Government Schools located in rural areas and also for the procurement of cleaning materials for the schools for the **academic year 2023-24 (June 23 to April 24)**. The District Collectors are directed to release the funds to the BDOs (BP) on a monthly basis for making payment to the sanitary workers as well as for the procurement of cleaning materials by adopting the guidelines issued in Government Order 3rd read above.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

**P.SENTHILKUMAR,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.**

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