



ABSTRACT

Non-Resident Tamils - Welfare Scheme for the migrants returned due to Covid-19 - Creation of a new scheme called Migrants Employment Generation Programme (MEGP) - Orders issued.

PUBLIC (REHABILITATION.II(2)) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms).No.569

Dated:23.08.2022
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Read:

The Commissioner of Rehabilitation and Welfare of Non-Resident Tamils, Chennai - 5, Letter No.E1/13614/2021, dated.10.06.2022.

ORDER:

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has announced various schemes for the welfare of Non-Resident Tamils in Tamil Nadu Government Press Release Number.842, dated 06.10.2021 which includes the following announcement:-

"கோவிட் 19 பெருந்தொற்று காரணமாக சுமார் ஏழு இலட்சம் தமிழர்கள் தாயகம் திரும்பியுள்ளனர். இவர்களில் பலர் வேலையிழந்தும் திரும்பியுள்ளனர். இவர்களுக்கு உதவி செய்யும் நோக்கத்தில், தமிழ்நாடு திரும்பியவர்களுக்கு குறு தொழில்கள் செய்திட, அதிகபட்சமாக இரண்டரை இலட்சம் ரூபாய் மானியத்துடன் கூடிய கடன் வசதி செய்து தரப்படும், இதற்கென ஆறு கோடி ரூபாய் ஒதுக்கீடு செய்யப்படும்."

2. Based on the above announcement, the Commissioner of Rehabilitation and Welfare of Non-Resident Tamils in her letter read above has sent a proposal to create a new scheme called 'Migrants Employment Generation Programme (MEGP)' on the same lines as Unemployment Youth Generation Programme with certain relaxations to suit the needs of the Covid returnees as follows:

MIGRANTS EMPLOYMENT GENERATION PROGRAMME (MEGP)

1.Introduction:

i) The Covid-19 pandemic has wreaked havoc across the global economy. This in turn has rendered many migrants jobless and forced them to return to their own native places. As on 31-08-2021, 7,46,349

migrants have returned to Tamil Nadu through 'Vandhe Bharat Mission' chartered flights and ships. As 7 lakh emigrants have returned to Tamil Nadu, the rehabilitation and re-integration of the returned emigrants is the need of the hour.

ii) The emigrants who are already skilled in their respective fields as they have been working on that for many years abroad, this scheme will help in tapping the potential of such returnees who want to turn into small scale Entrepreneurs.

iii) The scheme will help to mitigate the unemployment problem of huge number of COVID returnees and will also generate employment for others by converting the eligible one into Small Scale Entrepreneurs. This will be executed after continuous deliberation with Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Department which have a scheme similar for the unemployed youth of Tamil Nadu.

2. Objectives:

1) To generate employment opportunities for the migrant returnees who have come back to their home land due to Covid by setting up of self-employment ventures in Micro enterprises in Manufacturing service and Business Sectors.

2) To provide livelihood opportunities to the migrant returnees who have lost their jobs and livelihood due to Covid.

3) To facilitate provision of collateral free advances under Credit Guarantee Trust for Micro, Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) dovetailing under Unemployed Youth Employment Generation Programme.

3. Parameters of the scheme:

Nodal Agency: The Commissionerate of Non-Resident Tamils is the Nodal Agency at State level and the scheme will be implemented it through the Commissionerate of Industries and Commerce.

Areas of operation: The scheme is applicable to all areas in the State including rural and urban areas.

Implementing Agencies: District Industries Centre (DICs) of the concerned Districts and the office of the Regional Joint Director of Industries and Commerce in respect of Chennai District will be the implementing agencies in co-ordination with the Commissionerate of Non-Resident Tamils.

4. Eligibility criteria:

i) Any individual above 18 years of age with upper age limit of 45 years for general and 55 years for special category.

ii) They should have returned to Tamil Nadu as on & after 01-01-2020 due to Covid-19 outbreak.

iii) A minimum educational qualification of a pass of VIII standard is fixed.

Tamil emigrants who worked in the foreign countries with valid work permit and visa for a period of 2 years in all and due entries made in the passport.

5. Maximum Project cost:

Rs. 15 lakh for manufacturing sector, Rs.5 lakh for service sector and business sector.

6. Promotor's contribution (owner's contribution)

10% for General category and 5% for special category (viz Scheduled Caste / Scheduled Tribes / Backward Classes / Most Backward Classes / Minorities / Women / Physically Challenged / Transgender)

7. Subsidy:

Subsidy @ 25% of the project cost will be sanctioned to the beneficiaries subject to the maximum of Rs.2.5 lakh.

8. Activities covered:

All economically viable manufacturing service and business activities excluding direct agricultural operations like raising corporation etc.

9. Training:

A training for two days in 'Entrepreneur Development Programme' to be conducted by Entrepreneur Development Institute (EDI) of Government of Tamil Nadu is mandatory. However, the training shall be completed within 12 months from the date of selection by the District Task Force Committees (DTFCs).

10. How to apply:

The scheme will be advertised through electronic and/or print media. The beneficiary can submit application along with project profile, at the respective District Industries Centre with copies of certificates in proof of educational qualification, nativity, community and proof for physically challenged. The beneficiaries can also file their applications through the existing online portal of the Industries Commissioner and Director of Industries and Commerce by modifying suitably.

11. Selection of Beneficiaries:

Beneficiaries will be selected through interview process by the District Task Force Committee

12. Task Force Committee :

The Task Force Committee will comprise of General Manager, District Industries Centre as Chairman and Personal Assistant (General) to Collector as representative of Commissionerate of Rehabilitation.

Members: Lead Bank
District Manager, Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Housing and
Collector as Development Corporation Limited (TAHDCO)

District Coordinators from Leading Banks in the Districts

Representative from District Micro, Small and Medium
Enterprises Associations

Representative from National Small Industries Corporation
Limited / Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises -
Development Institute

District Employment Officer.

13. Project sanction:

Project will be sanctioned by financing branches of the Banks as per
techno - economic viability.

14. Financial Institutions:

All Nationalized Banks, Private Sector Banks and Tamil Nadu Industrial
Co-operative Bank.

15. Collateral:

No collateral is required.

16. Amount of the Bank Loan:

Banks sanction and release 90-95% loan of the project cost. (Including
Government subsidy of 25%)

17. Rate of interest:

Normal Bank rate of interest.

18. Repayment period:

Repayment Schedule shall be for 5 years after an initial moratorium
period of 6 months or date of commencement of project whichever is
earlier.

19. Defaulter :

The applicant should not be a defaulter to any nationalized bank /
financial institution / Co-operative bank. Further, a person who has
already been assisted under other subsidy linked Government schemes
would not be eligible under this scheme.

20. Operation of the Scheme:

(i) Project proposals in the prescribed application format with relevant
details will be invited from the potential beneficiaries at District level
through pre - selection motivation campaigns, walk in Interviews by the
District Industries Centres.

(ii) The applications received by District Industries Centres will be scrutinized and shall be placed before the Task Force Committee at least once in a month.

(iii) The Selection will be based on the experience, qualification, skill, viability of the project, marketability etc.

(iv) The bank branches shall call for personal interview with the applications to provide subsequent provisional sanction by them. The provisional sanctions shall be intimated to the District Industries Centres concerned.

(v) The District Industries Centres shall arrange for compulsory Entrepreneur Development Program training for a period of two days by the Entrepreneur Development Institute and on completion, Entrepreneur Development Institute will issue certificates.

(vi) After successful completion of Entrepreneur Development Program training, the beneficiary will deposit the Promoter's Contribution with the bank. Thereafter, the bank will disburse the 1st installment of the finance to the beneficiary on production of the training completion certificates.

(vii) The respective disbursement advices should be forwarded to District Industries Centres along with the subsidy claims.

(viii) The Tamil Nadu Government subsidy amount will be drawn by the Commissioner of Rehabilitation and Welfare of Non-Resident Tamils and disbursed to the Industries Commissioner and Director of Industries and Commerce, where it will be transferred through Direct Benefit Transfer (D.B.T.) Mode with the lead district Bank and they will act as District Level Nodal Bank. Interest accrual, if any, shall be adjusted against sanction of the contingency fund.

(ix) On receipt of Subsidy claim raised by the financing branch duly countersigned by the General Manager, District Industries Centre, District Nodal Bank will release the subsidy to financing bank branches.

(x) The subsidy will be deposited in a Term Deposit Receipt (TDR) for 3 years at the financing bank branch level in the name of the beneficiary. No interest will be paid on the Term Deposit Receipt and no interest will be charged on loan amount equal to the amount of Term Deposit Receipt.

(xi) The subsidy will be credited to the borrowers' loan account after 3 years from the date of first disbursement to the borrower by the bank.

(xii) In case the banks advance goes bad before the three years period, due to reasons, beyond the control of the beneficiary, the subsidy will be adjusted by the Bank to liquidate the loan liability of the borrower either in part or full.

(xiii) The total subsidy amount shall be obtained through Government sanction in the formal Government Order by Commissionerate of Rehabilitation and Welfare of Non-Resident Tamils with relevance to their

targets to be allotted by the office of Industries Commissioner and Director of Industries Commerce during the beginning of the Financial Year.

21. Marketing Support:

As a marketing support for the products produced by Migrants Unemployed Youth Employment Generation Program units, Exhibitions, Buyer - Seller meet etc., will be arranged by the General Manager, District Industries Centres to promote their products and will be done in co-ordination with Unemployed Youth Employment Generation Programme (UYEGP).

22. Physical Verification:

With respect to follow up and to know the impact of the scheme and to ensure proper utilization of Government subsidy, 100% physical verification will be conducted by the respective General Manager, District Industries Centres / Regional Joint Director, Chennai.

23. Review & Monitoring:

The progress of the Scheme will be reviewed by the District Collector at the Bankers Standing Committee, District Level Co-ordination Committee (DLCC) / District Level Review Committee (DLRC) meetings conducted periodically with the Bankers. At the State level, the progress of the Scheme will be monitored by the State Level Bankers Committee (SLBC). The Secretary to Government and Rehabilitation Department will review the progress on quarterly basis.

24. Backward & Forward Linkages:

As a support service, funds will be provided by the Commissioner of Rehabilitation and Welfare of Non-Resident Tamils in Government of Tamil Nadu for Backward & Forward Linkages under the scheme.

25. Funds:

- (i) The initial target for the year 2022-23 may be 300 beneficiaries.
- (ii) The estimated cost may be Rs.5,79,40,000/-with a maximum of Rs.2.5 lakhs per beneficiary (as subsidy) for the year 2022 - 2023 as follows:

1.	Beneficiary subsidy up to maximum of Rs.2.5 lakhs	Rs.5,79,40,000/-
2.	Contingency and Monitoring fund	Rs.10,00,000/-
3.	<u>Training (DIC)</u> Stipend - Rs.750/- + Fee for Training institution Rs.1400/- + Contingency fund 500 = Rs.2650/- X 300 beneficiaries	Rs.7,95,000/-
Total		Rs.5,97,35,000/-

(iii) Training / Contingency expenses per beneficiary may be sanctioned as indicated below:-

1.	Stipend for trainees	Rs. 750/-
2.	Fee for training institutions	Rs. 1400/-
3.	Contingency Fund	Rs. 500/-

The contingency fund may be utilised by District Industries Centre for stationery, inspection etc.

(iv) Rs.10 lakh may be sanctioned as Contingency and Project Monitoring fund for the year 2022-2023 to incur expenditure on hiring of Data Entry Operators both in Commissionerate of Rehabilitation and in districts which have maximum beneficiaries and towards the purchase of computer and accessories and to meet the expenditure for publicity and review meeting.

(v) The Commissioner of Rehabilitation and Welfare of Non-Resident Tamils has also requested to release a sum of Rs.6 Crores only (Rupees Six crores only).

3. The Government, after careful examination, have decided to accept the proposal of the Commissioner of Rehabilitation and Welfare of Non-Resident Tamils and accordingly, order for the creation of an entrepreneurship scheme called 'Migrants Employment Generation Programme (MEGP)' for the Tamilians who returned to Tamil Nadu due to COVID Pandemic and accord financial sanction for Rs.5,97,35,000/- (Rupees Five crores ninety seven lakh and thirty five thousand only).

4. The expenditure sanctioned at para.3 above shall be debited to the following new head of account:

2235 - Social Security and Welfare 01 - Rehabilitation - 140 Rehabilitation of repatriates from other countries - State's Expenditure BB Scheme for implementation of Migrants Employment Generation Programme (MEGP) for the Tamilians who returned to Tamil Nadu due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

305 Office Expenses 02 Other Contingencies - Rs.1,70,000/-
(IFHRMS DPC 2235 01 140 BB 305 02)

311- Subsidies - 02 General Subsidy - Rs.5,79,40,000/-
(IFHRMS DPC 2235 01 140 BB 311 02)

333 Payments for Professional and Special Services - 04 Contract Payment - Rs.4,80,000/-
(IFHRMS DPC 2235 01 140 BB 333 04)

372 Training 01 Training - Rs.7,95,000/-
(IFHRMS DPC 2235 01 140 BB 372 01)

376 Computer and Accessories - 01 Purchase - Rs.3,50,000/-
(IFHRMS DPC 2235 01 140 BB 376 01)

5. The expenditure sanctioned in para 3 above shall constitute an item of "New Service" and the approval of the Legislature shall be obtained in due course of time by an inclusion in the Supplementary Estimates for the year 2022-2023. Pending approval of the Legislature, the expenditure may be initially met by drawl of an advance from the Contingency Fund. The Commissioner, Commissionerate of Rehabilitation and Welfare of Non Resident Tamils, Chennai-5 is directed to calculate the actual amount required for the period upto next Supplementary Estimates and apply for sanction of the same as advance from the Contingency Fund to Finance (BG-I) Department directly in Form "A" appended to the Contingency Fund Rules, 1963 along with a copy of this order. Orders for sanction of an advance from the Contingency Fund will be issued from Finance (BG-I) Department. The Commissioner, Commissionerate of Rehabilitation and Welfare of Non Resident Tamils, Chennai-5 shall also send necessary draft explanatory notes for inclusion of this expenditure in the Supplementary Estimates for the year 2022-2023 to Finance (BG-I/Public) Department at an appropriate time without fail.

6. The Commissioner, Commissionerate of Rehabilitation and Welfare of Non - Resident Tamil is the Estimating, Reconciling and Controlling authority for the above said new Head of Account.

7. The Pay and Accounts Officer / Treasury Officer concerned are directed to open the above new Head of Account in their books.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.40700/Finance (Public) Department, dated.23.08.2022, with ASL NO.1022 (One thousand and twenty two).(IFHRMS ASL No.2022081022).

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

D.JAGANNATHAN
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Commissioner, Commissionerate of Rehabilitation
And Welfare of Non Resident Tamils, Chepauk, Chennai-5

All District Collectors.

All District Treasury Officers/ Pay and Accounts Officers.

The Special Deputy Collector (Rehabilitation),
Transit camp, Mandapam, Ramanathapuram District.

The Principal Accountant General, Chennai-18.

Finance (BG-I/Public) Department, Chennai-9.

The Secretary to Government of India,

Ministry of Home Affairs, FFR Division, Rehabilitation wing, New Delhi.

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Secretariat, Chennai-9.

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