



### ABSTRACT

Non Resident Tamils – Assistance to Tamil migrants who returned back to Tamil Nadu Due to Covid-19 Pandemic - “**New Entrepreneur cum-Enterprise Development Scheme**” – **Special Initiative for Migrants (NEEDS-SIM)** – Scheme approved – Orders – Issued.

### PUBLIC (RH-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms).No.84

Dated:05.02.2021

திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு-2052  
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Read:

1. G.O. (Ms) No. 49, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (D2) Department, dated:29.10.2012.
2. G.O. (Ms) No. 13, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (D2) Department, dated:24.04.2018.
3. G.O. (Ms) No. 30, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (D2) Department, dated:01.10.2018.
4. G.O. (Ms) No. 70, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (D2) Department, dated:03.11.2020.
5. From the Director, Commissionerate of Rehabilitation and Welfare of Non-Resident Tamils, Chennai, Letter.No.E1/16070/2020, dated:21.12.2020.

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### ORDER:

In the letter fifth read above, the Director of Rehabilitation and Welfare of Non-Resident Tamils, Chennai has stated that the Covid-19 Pandemic and subsequent lockdown had wreaked havoc on the global economy. This in turn had rendered many Non-Resident Tamil (NRT) migrants jobless and forced them to return to their native places through Vande Bharat Mission / through chartered flights / ships. As many as, 2,88,412 Non-Resident Tamil (NRT) migrants had returned to Tamil Nadu as on 31.12.2020 through 2197 flights/ships. Rehabilitation and reintegration of the returned migrants is the need of the hour.

2. As the Non-Resident Tamil (NRT) migrants have specific skill sets there is scope for development of entrepreneurs from among the returned migrants. The Directorate of Industries and Commerce, Government of Tamil Nadu is implementing a scheme viz., "NEEDS" (New Entrepreneur cum-Enterprise Development Scheme). The objective of the 'NEEDS' scheme is to provide

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educated youth with opportunities for entrepreneurship by providing capital and interest subsidy. It is proposed that, the 'NEEDS' Scheme can be extended to Non-Resident Tamil (NRT) - migrants with certain relaxation.

3. She has further stated that, in order to provide assistance under loan scheme to Non-Resident Tamil (NRT) migrants who have returned back due to COVID Pandemic and lost their livelihood, a subset of the scheme "The New Entrepreneur Cum Enterprise Development Scheme" (NEEDS) may be provided as NEEDS-SIM (Special Initiative for Migrants). This may be part of the NEEDS Scheme operated by Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises Department with certain relaxations for Non-Resident Tamil (NRT) migrants.

4. The Government after careful consideration decided to accept the above proposal and to enable certain relaxation in NEEDS Scheme for Non-Resident Tamil (NRT) migrants viz., "New Entrepreneur cum-Enterprise Development Scheme" – Special Initiative for Migrants (NEEDS-SIM), as a subset of existing "NEEDS" Scheme for the returned Non-Resident Tamil (NRT) migrants by the Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises Department subject to the following conditions:-

(a) A person who is a domicile of Tamil Nadu and who has worked abroad for a minimum period of two years with valid employment visa. The said person should have returned to India / Native on or after 01.01.2020. This relaxation will be operational for three years from 01.01.2021 till the end of financial year closing 31.03.2024.

**(b) Age Criteria:**

i) All entrepreneurs within the age of 21 to 45 are eligible under the General Category.

ii) In respect of Women, SC, ST, BC, MBC, Minorities, Ex-Servicemen, Transgender or Differently abled persons, the eligible age is between 21 to 55 years.

**(c) Place of Residence:**

(i) The entrepreneur should have been normally a resident of Tamil Nadu for not less than three years (prior to his stint abroad).

(ii) The Non-Resident Tamil (NRT) - migrants must have worked abroad with valid work permit and visa for a minimum period of two years in all, with due entries for the same in the Passport.

Except the exemptions specified above, all other conditions of "NEEDS" Scheme will be applicable to this Subset – Scheme (NEEDS – SIM) as well.

5. The "New Entrepreneur cum-Enterprise Development Scheme" – **Special Initiative for Migrants (NEEDS-SIM)**, Scheme will be implemented by Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Department as in the case of "NEEDS" Scheme.

6. This order issues with the concurrence of Industries, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Finance Departments vide its U.O.No.6306/2021, Finance (Public) Department, dated:05.02.2021.

**(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)**

**P.SENTHILKUMAR**  
**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)**

**To**

The Principal Secretary to Government, Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises Department, Chennai-9.

The Principal Secretary to Government, Industries Department, Chennai-9.

The Industries Commissioner and Director of Industries and Commerce, Chennai-32.

The Director, Commissionerate of Rehabilitation and Welfare of Non-Resident Tamils, Chepauk, Chennai-5.

The Pay and Accounts Officer, Chennai-8

The Accountant General (A&E), Chennai-18.

All District Collectors.

The Convenor, State Level Bankers Committee, Chennai-6.

**Copy to:**

The Principal Private Secretary to Chief Secretary, Chennai-9.

The Public (Miscellaneous/ OP.I/RH.I/RH.III) Department, Chennai-9.

The Office of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Chennai-9.

The Senior Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Rural Industries), Chennai-9.

The Senior Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Backward Class and Minorities Welfare), Chennai-9.

The Senior Private Secretary to Principal Secretary (FAC), Public Department, Chennai-9.

The Finance (Public) Department, Chennai-9.

The Pay and Accounts Officer, Secretariat, Chennai-9.

**//FORWARDED / BY ORDER//**

*S. Anbumani* 5/2/21  
**SECTION OFFICER**

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