



ABSTRACT

COVID 19 - Outbreak of Epidemic COVID-19 -Preventive measures - Special Callout Allowance for Home Guards engaged in COVID – 19 - Prevention work for the period from 01.07.2020 to 31.07.2020– Funds requested by DGP/ Head of Police Force, Tamil Nadu under State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) - Sanction a sum of Rs.11,21,41,120/- Orders - Issued.

Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Disaster Management Wing, D.M.II section

G.O.(Ms) No.538

Dated 29.09.2020

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திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு 2051

Read:

1. G.O.(Ms) No.237, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Dated: 13.05.2020.
2. G.O.(Ms) No.284 Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Dated: 09.06.2020.
3. G.O.(Ms) No.322, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Dated: 27.06.2020.
4. G.O.(Ms) No.463 Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Dated:04.09.2020.
5. G.O.(Ms) No. 468, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Dated:07.09.2020.
6. ADGP/ Director of Civil Defence & Addl. Cmt. General, Home Guard, Tamil Nadu, Chennai R.C. No. B1/0677/ DCD&HG/ 2020-6, Dated:20.08.2020
7. Director General of Police Head of the Police Force, Tamil Nadu RC.No. 000917 / General 1 (2) / 2020 dated: 20.08.2020.
8. From the Principal Secretary/ Commissioner of Revenue Administration letter No.OC-I/563/2020, dated 16.09.2020.
9. G.O.(Ms) No.357, Finance (BG.I) Department, dated 29.09.2020.

Order:

In the letter 8th read above, the Principal Secretary/ Commissioner of Revenue Administration has stated that in the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs (Disaster Management Division) Lr.No.33-4/2020/NDM-1, dated 14.3.2020, it has been informed that the Central Government keeping in view of the spread of COVID-19 Virus in India and the declaration of COVID-19 a pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO), by way of a special onetime dispensation, has decided to treat it as a notified disaster for the purpose of providing assistance under SDRF. The list of norms of assistance for containment of COVID-19 in India, eligible from SDRF has also been communicated by Government of India vide it's Letter Nos. 33-4/ 2020 – NDM-I Dated: 14.03.2020 and 28.03.2020. The Government of Tamil Nadu vide

its Notification No.118 dated 14.03.2020, (G.O.Ms.No.95, Health and Family Welfare (P1) Department, dated 13.3.2020) have declared that Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) as a notified disease in the State of Tamil Nadu.

2. The Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration has further stated that the Director General of Police, Tamil Nadu in his letter 7th read above has recommended the proposal received from the Addl. Director General of Police/Director of Civil Defence & Addl. CMT. General, Home Guards, Tamil Nadu, Chennai (reference 6th above) and requested an amount of Rs.11,21,41,120/- (Rupees Eleven crores Twenty One lakhs Forty One Thousand One Hundred and twenty only) from SDRF being the Daily Duty Allowance / Special Call Out allowance to respective COPs in Cities and SPs in the Districts for deployment of Home Guard personnel for the period from 01.07.2020 to 31.07.2020.

3. In the reference 6th read above, the ADGP/Director of Civil Defence & Addl. Cmt. General, Home Guard, Tamil Nadu has informed that the Government have imposed certain restrictions under sec. 2 of the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897, in all the Districts and Cities of Tamil Nadu to contain the spread of COVID - 19 from 24.03.2020. These restrictions so imposed, continue till date, in the state. In order to implement those restrictions effectively, the DGP, Tamil Nadu has directed all the Commissioner of Police (COP) in Cities and Superintendent of Police (SP) in Districts in the state to mobilize the available Home Guard strength of respective Unit (City/ District) by issuing 'Callout Orders' under sec. 6 of Tamil Nadu Home Guard Act, 1963 and deploy them on concerned Law and Order Bandobust Duty at once, till further instructions.

4. The excerpts of Section 3 & Section 6 of Tamil Nadu Home Guard Act, 1963 is as follows:

- Sec. 3(1): The Government may constitute a volunteer body called the Home Guard, every member of which shall exercise such powers, discharge such duties and perform such functions, in relation to the maintenance of services essential to the life of the community, as may be assigned to him by the provisions of this Act and the rules made thereunder.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of sub-section (1), the Government may make rules requiring every member of the Home Guard to –

- Serve in aid of the police force and generally to help in the maintenance of the security of the State;
- Help the public during any emergency including flood, fire or epidemic.

(ii) Sec. 6: The Commissioner of Police in the City and the Superintendent of Police in a district may by order at any time call out in the prescribed manner any member of the Home Guard for exercising the powers, discharging the duties and performing the functions assigned to the Home Guard by the provisions of this Act and the rules made thereunder.

(Note: As per the instructions issued in the Government Order the 'Normal Callouts' applicable for mobilization of Home Guards during normal circumstances (like Regulation of traffic, temple crowd control duties etc.), have been restricted to 5 per Home Guard per month for minimum of 8 hours of duty per day. However, during the special circumstances like, COVID -19 spread prevention work, there is no limit of number of 'Special Callouts' per Home Guard per month).

5. Further, he has also stated that as per G.O. (Ms) No.115, Home (Pol.14) Department., dated 19.02.2019, "the duty allowance for the Home Guards is re-fixed as Rs.280/- for duties not more than 4 hours (i.e. One Callout) and Rs.560/- for duties from four to eight hours (i.e. two Callouts) per day". Accordingly, the Home Guard personnel have been deployed in various Law & Order bandobust duties connected with COVID-19 spread prevention work from 24.03.2020 in the State. Also, varying number of Home Guard personnel has been Called out (depending on the day to day varying requirement of the Concerned District/ City) or reported (depending on other disposition/availability of Home Guards on a particular day) in those Districts/Cities in the State.

However, the total number of admissible Callouts to the Home Guard personnel for payment of Daily Duty Allowance has been calculated as per the guidelines of the Government order G.O.(Ms) No.115, Home (Pol.14) Department, dated 19.02.2019.

The abstract of amount of Daily Duty Allowance payable to the Home Guard personnel for the period from 01.07.2020 to 31.07.2020 is as follows:

Total No./ Actual strength of Home Guards deployed for duty during the Period (01.07.2020 to 31.07.2020)	Total No. of Callouts eligible for payment	Daily Duty Allowance per Callout per Head (in Rs.)	Total Amount (2*3) (in Rs.)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
12,809	4,00,504	280	11,21,41,120/-

The Unit Officers i.e., the CoPs in the Cities and SPs in the Districts have furnished the 'Certificate', that "the abovesaid amount hasn't been claimed / proposed to be claimed under some other head of Account/Budgetary provision. Also all previous savings under SDRF for deployment of Home Guards in COVID -19 spread prevention work has been duly accounted for in this proposal".

6. The details of Special Callout Allowance for the period from 23.04.2020 to 30.06.2020 and the funds sanctioned from SDRF is given below:

Period	Amount Requested by DGP (in Rs.)	Amount Sanctioned (in Rs.)	
		G.O. No.	Sanctioned
23.04.2020 to 15.04.2020	11,56,03,040	G.O.(Ms) No.237, dated:13.05.2020	11,56,03,040

Period	Amount Requested by DGP (in Rs.)	Amount Sanctioned (in Rs.)	
		G.O. No.	Sanctioned
16.04.2020 to 30.04.2020	8,90,88,720	G.O.(Ms) No.284, dated:09.06.2020	8,90,88,720
01.05.2020 to 31.05.2020	16,47,67,680	G.O.(Ms) No.322, dated:27.06.2020	8,24,00,000
		G.O.(Ms) No.463, dated:04.09.2020	8,24,00,000
01.06.2020 to 30.06.2020	9,94,23,520	G.O.(Ms) No.468, dated:07.09.2020	9,94,23,520

7. The Principal Secretary/ Commissioner of Revenue Administration has therefore sent the proposal of the Director General of Police / Head of Police Force requesting an amount of Rs.11,21,41,120/- (Rupees Eleven crores Twenty One lakhs Forty One Thousand One Hundred and twenty only) being the Daily Duty Allowance / Special Call Out allowance to respective COPs in Cities and SPs in the Districts for deployment of Home Guard personnel for the period from 01.07.2020 to 31.07.2020 from State Disaster Response Fund.

8. The Government after careful consideration, accept the Proposal of the Principal Secretary/ Commissioner of Revenue Administration and based on the approval of the State Executive Committee accord sanction for a sum of Rs.11,21,41,120/- (Rupees Eleven crores Twenty One lakhs Forty One Thousand One Hundred and twenty only) being the Daily Duty Allowance / Special Call Out allowance to respective COPs in Cities and SPs in the Districts for deployment of Home Guard personnel for the period from 01.07.2020 to 31.07.2020 from State Disaster Response Fund.

9. The amount sanctioned in paragraph 8 above shall be debited to the following head of account:-

**2245 – Relief on Account of Natural Calamities – 80 – General – 800 Other expenditure State's Expenditure – AH – Disaster preparedness / Preventive measures to contain the outbreak of Corona Virus (Covid 19) – 309 Grants-in-Aid-09 Other.
(Old DPC 2245-80-800-AH-0998)
(IFHRMS DPC 2245-80-800-AH-30909)**

9. The Additional Chief Secretary/ Commissioner of Revenue Administration is authorised to draw and disburse the amount.

10. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. No.32973/Finance (Revenue)/2020, dated 23.09.2020.

(By Order of the Governor)

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