

ABSTRACT

Courts - XIIIth Finance Commission - Recommendations of the XIIIth Finance Commission on Grant-in-aid - Improvement in Justice Delivery - Lok Adalat and Legal Aid - Schemes approved by High Level Monitoring Committee - Administrative and Financial sanction - Orders - Issued.

Home (Courts-IV) Department

G.O. (Ms.) No.11

Dated:06.01.2011
Read:

From the Principal Secretary (Finance F.C.) Department,
D.O. letter No.37479/F.C.I/2010, Dated:01.12.2010

ORDER:

The 13th Finance Commission, among other schemes under Grants-in-aid has recommended a sum of Rs.252.44 crores (for 5 years ie. 2010-2015) to Tamil Nadu for Improvement in Justice Delivery and a sum of Rs.14.83 crores has been recommended towards Lok Adalat and Legal Aid for the period 2010-2015.

2. In accordance with the guidelines issued by the Government of India for utilization of the Grants-in-aid, the High Court of Madras has constituted a Monitoring Committee with a view to ensure that the projects are successfully implemented and based on the decision taken by the Monitoring Committee on the above said schemes, the Registrar General, High Court, Chennai has sent following proposals in respect Lok Adalat and Legal Aid to the Government.

- i. To conduct 10 Mega Lok Adalats per year in the High Court, including its Madurai Bench and 5 Lok Adalats in each District.
- ii. To formulate continuous programme of lok Adalat and Legal Aid Campus in the name of "Justice at Door Steps", the Mega Lok Adalats in the High Court and Lok Adalats in the districts to be presided over by Judicial Officers and High Court Judges in respect of cases pending in the Districts including the cases in the High Court pertaining to those Districts, viz., "Motor Accident Claims Tribunal Petition and Land Acquisition Original Petition cases".
- iii. It is also proposed to organize Mobile Lok Adalats, to establish counseling centres, to conduct pre-litigation lok adalats preferably covering marginalized people in villages and tribal areas.

3. The High Level Monitoring Committee, has approved the proposal, towards the schemes viz., Lok Adalat and Legal Aid under improvement in "Justice Delivery" recommended by 13th Finance Commission for a sum of Rs.296.60 lakhs for the year 2010-11, release of first instalment of Rs.148.30 lakhs and placing the grant of Rs.296.60 lakhs towards Lok Adalat and Legal Aid of the disposal of the Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Legal Services Authority.

(PTO)

4. Accordingly, the Government after careful examination of the above proposal decided to accept it and accord administrative sanction of Rs.296.60 lakhs (Rupees Two crores ninty six lakhs and sixty thousand only) towards the schemes viz., Lok Adalat and legal Aid under improvement in Justice Delivery recommended by the 13th Finance Commission and Financial sanction of Rs.148.30 lakhs (Rupees one crore forty eight lakhs and thirty thousand only) as first installment for the year 2010-11, towards the scheme Lok Adalat and Legal Aid and place the same at the disposal of Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Legal Services Authority. The Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Legal Services Authority, is requested to take immediate action for the implementation of the proposal referred to in para 2 above. The Registrar General, High Court of Madras, is requested to monitor the Scheme.

5. The expenditure sanctioned in para 4 above shall be debited to the following new head of account opened under Demand No.3.02:-

"2014.00 Administration of Justice - 800 other expenditure - I Non Plan - AO Improvement of Lok Adalat and Legal Aid using 13th Finance Commission Grant - 09 Grants in aid - 01 Grand for current expenditure. (DPC 2014.00. 800. AO - 0917)".

6. The Registrar, High Court / Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Legal Services Chennai Authority, is the Estimating, Reconciling and Controlling Authority for the above new head of Account.

7. The Pay and Account's / Treasury Officer's concerned are requested to open this new head of Account in this Accounts.

8. Necessary funds will be provided in RE/FMA 2010-2011. Pending provision of such funds in RE/FMA 2010-2011, the Registrar General, High Court /Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Legal Services Authority, Chennai is authorized to draw and disburse the amount sanctioned in para 4 above. The Registrar General, High Court / Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Legal Services Authority, Chennai is also requested to include the above expenditure while sending the proposal for RE/FMA 2010-11 to Government at the appropriate time without fail.

9. The expenditure sanctioned in para 4 above shall be brought to the notice of Legislature by a Specific Inclusion in Supplementary Estimate for this year 2010-2011. The Registrar General, High Court, Chennai / Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Legal Services Authority, is requested to send necessary draft explanatory note to include this expenditure in Supplementary Estimate 2010-2011.

10. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department, vide its U.O. No.74913/Home-II/10, Dated:05.01.2011 and with Additional Sanction Ledger No.1723 [One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Three]

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

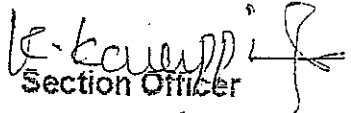
S. KARUTHIAH PANDIAN
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(i/c)

To
The Registrar General, High Court, Chennai-104,
The Chief Engineer (Buildings), Public Works Department, Chennai-9.

(PTO)

The Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Legal Services Authority,
High Court, Chennai-104
The Accountant General, Chennai-18
The Accountant General, (CAG) Chennai-9
The Pay and Accounts Officer, Chennai-104
Copy to
Finance (Home FC/BGII) Department, Chennai-9
All Sections in Court Wing.

//Forwarded/By Order//


Section Officer
JP 6.01.2011
6/1/2011