

Sub:- Water Tax – Allocation of Water Tax to Water Users Associations –
Classification of expenditure for apportionment of Water Tax among
farmers organization further orders – Issued.

Ref:- 1. G.O.Ms.No.115, Revenue (LR-3) Department, dt.13-2-2001.
2. G.O.Ms.No.85, I&CAD Department, dt.14-5-2001.
3. Memo No.29217/940/A1/BG/2001, dt.6-11-2001.
4. G.O.Ms.No.894, Revenue (LR-3)Department, dt.12-11-2002.

-000-

In the reference cited orders were issued on allocation of Water Tax to Water Users Associations/Distributory Committees/Project Committees /Gram Panchayats and also procedure for classification of expenditure and receipts on water tax collected. Government after careful consideration hereby prescribe the following revised procedure for allocating water tax among the Farmers Organisations and also incurring expenditure from out of water tax collections.

2. The MROs shall collect the water tax and credit to the Consolidated Fund of the State under "0029 Land Revenue".

3. As per the orders issued in the reference 1st cited, the MROs concerned shall apportion the water tax collected at the rate prescribed to the WUA/DC/PC/GPs concerned, based on the actual collection made in that particular area for each quarter. The MROs shall issue proceedings to the concerned WUA/DC/PC/GPs under intimation to the concerned E.Es/PAOs(Irrigation)/DTOs in the Districts.

4. The regular Irrigation/Project Division under whose jurisdiction the Farmers Organisations are functioning shall prefer a bill to the concerned PAO/APAO (Irrigation) based on the proceedings issued by the MRO concerned. The PAO (Irrigation) shall admit payment to the WUA/DC/PCs concerned, based on the bill presented by the Divisions concerned from out of the maintenance grant of the respective project for which LOC will be issued by the CEs concerned.

5. The apportionment of the water tax where Farmers Organisations are not functioning or not in existence for any reason shall be made directly by M.R.O. to the Irrigation Department, which will take-up necessary O&M work as per the departmental rules and procedures in vogue against the LOC released under Maintenance grant of the Project.

6. (i) The PAO (Irrigation) shall admit for payment from out of maintenance grant of any Project/Scheme only against specific allocation by the MRO concerned.

(ii) In respect of maintenance works relating to camp colonies and other contingent maintenance works on projects which do not relate to maintenance of irrigation sources with reference to water tax collected and also in emergent situations like flood damages, breaches and flood protection works expenditure shall

be met against the specific sanction of HOD from out of the grant available with him under common establishment under Non-Plan.

In respect of Major Irrigation -2701-80 General -MH.001-SH(01) or as applicable to each HOD,

In respect of Medium Irrigation-2701-03-800-OE-SH(04) Project Establishment under CE, Medium Irrigation.

In respect of Minor Irrigation -2702-80-General-800 OE -SH(07)-General Establishment of CE, Minor Irrigation.

7. In case sufficient budget provision is not available under the maintenance grant to release funds as per the proceeding of MRO, the E.E. concerned shall intimate the fact to respective HOD and also to the Government in I&CAD Department for making additional allocations in consultation with Finance Department.

8. In so far as Gram Panchayats are concerned, the Commissioner, PR&RE shall take action for making specific provision in Budget under "2515. Other Rural development Programmes - MH.198 - Assistance to Gram panchayats -SH(47) - Assistance to Gram Panchayats for maintenance of Irrigation sources (to be opened) - 310/312 - Other Grants-in-Aid" based on the previous year's collection of Water Tax in the gram panchayat arrears as reported by the CCLA. The Treasuries concerned are authorized to adjust the amounts to Gram Panchayat accounts based on the proceedings issued by the MROs by debiting the expenditure to the above head of account.

9. The CCLA is requested to furnish the details of Irrigation potential created/Ayacut developed in Project/Scheme area-wise on the basis of which Water Tax collected in the previous year to the Government by 31st August of every year so as to enable to make sufficient provisions in the next year Budget under respective heads of accounts of the HODs concerned.

P.RAMAKANTH REDDY,
Principal Secretary to Government.

To

The I&CAD Department.

All HODs under the Control of I&CAD Department

The Revenue Department

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Hyderabad.

The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment, A.P., Hyd.

All District Collectors

The Finance (W&P) Department.

The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Hyderabad.

The Director of Works and Accounts, Hyderabad.

All Joint Directors of Works Accounts.

All Pay and Accounts Office (Irrigation) in the State.

All District Treasury Offices in the State.

Copy to the Accountant General, A.P., Hyderabad.

SF/SCs.

// FORWARDED BY ORDER//