



## ABSTRACT

Schemes – State Scheme – Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam (AGAMT) – Revival of Rural Libraries under Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam for the year 2021-2022 – Administrative Sanction and release of Fund - Guidelines for the year 2021-2022 prescribed – Orders – Issued.

### Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (SGS.1) Department

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Read:

From the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj,  
Letter No. 41812/2021/MGNREGS.III.2, dated 23.09.2021.

### ORDER:

The Hon'ble Minister (Rural Development) has made the following Announcement on the floor of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 24.8.2021 during the Budget presentation of the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department:-

"கிராமப்புற இளைஞர்களுக்கிடையே வாசிப்பு மற்றும் கூர்ந்தாய்வு திறனை ஏற்படுத்தி பொறுப்புள்ள குடிமக்களாக உருவாக்குவது அவர்களின் சுயமுன்னேற்றத்திற்கு இன்றியமையாதது. இதற்காக அனைத்து கிராம அண்ணா மறுமலர்ச்சித் திட்டம்-II-ன் கீழ் அனைத்து நூலகங்களும், படிப்படியாக முதியோர்கள் மற்றும் மாற்றுத் திறனாளிகளுக்கான கட்டமைப்புகளுடன் புனரமைக்கப்பட்டு கூடுதல் புத்தகங்களும், புதிய, தளவாடங்களும் வழங்கப்படும்".

2. In the letter read above, the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has sent necessary proposal for Revival of Rural Libraries under Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam for the year 2021-2022 stating that as per the Article 243G, along with the XI Schedule of Constitution of India and Section 111 of the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1994 empower the Village Panchayats to open and maintain Libraries / Reading rooms in the Villages. Accordingly, 12,618 Rural Libraries were established from 2006-07 to 2010-2011 under Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam (AGAMT). The establishment of Rural Libraries included construction of a New Library Building, provision of furniture and a comprehensive



In addition to the above, the Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj may co-opt any academicians/experts to the above Committee as an invitee.

- b. The District Collector should also encourage donation of such used/new Books by Individuals, Schools and Colleges to the Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam Libraries, which are in useful condition by sending circulars / requests. However, Textbooks and Guides should be avoided.
- c. Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam Rural Library Renovation funds are exclusively for the purchase of books and not for magazines and newspapers as such. However, the District Collectors should ensure that they get subscriptions of Standard Newspapers and magazines for 3 to 5 years from Corporate Houses, Service Organisations such as Rotary/Lions Club and Philanthropists for the Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam Libraries. Efforts can be taken by the Collectors to devise a mechanism by which Public / Private Institutions nearby Rural Libraries are able to supply a day old Newspaper.
- d. The World Map, Map of India, Map of Tamil Nadu and the District Map should be displayed prominently in a durable material properly latched and maintained within the Library Building.

## **5. Appointment of Honorary Librarians**

Detailed Guidelines regarding the mode of appointment of Honorary Librarians in Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam Libraries were issued in G.O(Ms) No.177, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (SGS-2) Department Dated:25.10.2007 and in G.O(2D) No.66, RD &PR (SGS-1) Dept., Dated:12.07.2013. If any vacancy arises in the post of Librarian then the Honorary Librarian may be engaged to the Village Panchayat Libraries as follows:-

### **A. Eligibility Criteria:**

Appointments of Librarians are ordinarily residents of that Village shall be considered for the post of Honorary Librarian of the AGAMT Libraries.

### **B. Order of Priority:**

The order of Priority shall be considered in the selection of Librarians: (1) The retired Government / Private Librarians / Retired technical staff below the cadre of Librarian, (2) Retired Government Teachers, (3) Retired Private Teachers, (4) Retired Government Servants (other than Teachers), (5) Persons retired from private sector (other than teachers). Wherever the retired Government servants are not willing to take up the Honorary Librarian job, the functioning shall be done through Village Poverty Reduction Committee (VPRC) or Panchayat Level Federations (PLF) of Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihoods Mission (TNSRLM).



### **C. Qualification:**

- (i) The Librarian should have qualification of VIII Standard passed or equivalent.
- (ii) The person applying for the post should not be Parent / Spouse / Son / Daughter of the Panchayat President. He should also not be a Ward Member of the Village Panchayat.

### **D. Age and Nativity:**

- (i) The person applying should be of the age of 58 years and above (unless he / she is an ex-serviceman; even in such cases, he/she should be at least 50 years old).
- (ii) He / she should ordinarily be a resident of that Village.

### **E. Appointment:**

The Village Panchayat President shall be permitted to engage Librarians from the retired persons on Honorary basis. And this post should be filled up only after the Library Building is fully renovated, furniture is replaced and books are provided for the Library.

### **F. Honorarium:**

Owing to increased cost of living the Honorarium of Rs.1500/- shall be increased to Rs.2000/- per month for the Honorary Librarians from the date of issue of this order.

## **6. Selection and Finalisation of Works**

With regard to the selection and finalization of works the following procedures have to be followed:

- A committee comprising of following Members should be constituted to list out the details of works to be done:-
  - (i) Block Development Officer (Village Panchayat)
  - (ii) Assistant Engineer/Union Engineer
  - (iii) Concerned Village Panchayat President
- The above committee should assess and list the repair works and requirement of Furnitures for each Library.
- A standard and Elaborate enabling capture of every minute details "Assessment sheet" will be communicated by the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj and the details of renovation of Library Buildings shall be filled up for finalising the works.

## **7. Test Verification of the Works Proposed**

It is imperative that ensure extensive field visits are undertaken for proper test checks at the stage of preparation of estimates itself which would facilitate in preparing exact estimates. During the test check, the following should be ensured:-



The tenders for the supply of new furniture will be invited at the District Level and Project Director, District Rural Development Agency shall be the Tender Inviting authority and tenders will be accepted as per the provisions Table II of Notification II in the Tamil Nadu Panchayats (Preparation of Plans and Estimate of works and mode and conditions of contracts) Rules, 2007.

### **11. Execution of Works**

The measurements will be recorded by the Overseer/Union Engineer/Assistant Engineer and the Check Measurement will be done by the concerned Assistant Engineer/Assistant Executive Engineer (RD) respectively as the case may be.

### **12. Flow of Funds:**

The District Collectors shall maintain a separate savings bank account and the Block Development Officer (Village Panchayats) shall maintain a separate savings bank account for Revival of Rural Libraries under Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam. There is no need to open accounts for Revival of Rural Libraries under Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam at the Village Panchayat level and it is enough if the District Collector and the Block Development Officer (Village Panchayats) maintain separate Bank Accounts for Revival of Rural Libraries under Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam at District level and Block level respectively. In order to prevent mixing up of funds meant for one Village Panchayat with that of another, the Block Development Officer (Village Panchayats) shall maintain a Ledger with separate page(s) for each Village Panchayat to indicate the receipts and expenditure including interest amount.

### **13. Documentation**

Proper documentation of the works should be done capturing various processes in the implementation of the scheme. Photographs of the site before undertaking the work, during execution of the work and after completion of the work should be taken and properly documented in Block level and District level.

The Principal Secretary to Government, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department is empowered to modify the guidelines for Revival of Rural Libraries under Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam whenever necessary, in consultation with the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj.

**(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)**

**P.AMUDHA**  
**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

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