

Assistant Director(Panchayats) Office

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3 Department Profile

The Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department is responsible for the implementation of various Centrally-sponsored, State-funded, and Externally-aided schemes for poverty alleviation, employment generation, sanitation, capacity building, women's social and economic empowerment, apart from provision of basic amenities and services. The Department is also entrusted with the responsibility of enabling the various Panchayat Raj Institutions (PRIs) to function as effective units of Local Self-Government. There are 12,620 Village Panchayats, 385 Panchayat Unions (co-terminus with Blocks) and 31 District Panchayats under the purview of the Department.

In Tiruvarur District, there are 430 Village Panchayats, 10 Panchayat Unions and 1 District Panchayat under the District unit of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj. Assistant Director(Panchayats) Office was established on 01.01.1997. In present, Thiru S.G. Rammanoharlohia is the Assistant Director(Panchayats) of Thiruvarur District.

4 Schemes Details

1. State Finance Commission Grant: This Grant is released from Directorate of Rural Development. The amount is divided in each Village Panchayats based on the Population. This fund used to the provision and maintenance of basic amenities such as drinking water supply, sanitation, roads and street lights.

2. Assigned Revenues:

The following Pooled Assigned Revenues are adjusted to Account No. 1st of each Village Panchayats.

a. Local Cess and Local Cess Surcharge:

Section 167 of the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1994 provides for the levy of local cess at the rate of Re.1 on every rupee of land revenue realized in the State. The total amount realized from this source was distributed entirely to Village Panchayats. Similarly, Section 168 of the Act provides for the levy of local cess surcharge at such rate which may be considered suitable but not less than Rs.5 on every rupee of land revenue. The levy, collection and adjustment to Village Panchayats and Panchayat Unions is done by Revenue Department in the districts.

b. Surcharge on Stamp duty on transfer of property

Under Section 175 of the Act, provision is made for crediting the proceeds under surcharge on Stamp duty to Village Panchayats. This is adjusted in quarterly installments by the Registration Department in the districts.

c. Entertainment Tax

90% of the Entertainment Tax collected in rural areas is assigned to rural local bodies. This is distributed between the Panchayat Unions and Village Panchayats in the ratio of 30:70 respectively by the Commercial Tax department in the districts.

d. Mines and Minerals

The quarry lease income from minor mineral is shared with local bodies. From 2.10.2003, P.W.D. is operating the sand quarries and the income has gone to Government Account. However the Seignorage fees have been apportioned to local bodies.

2.1 Pooled Assigned Revenue from 2007-08

The Assigned Revenues of rural local bodies include the class of taxes and levies like Entertainment Tax, surcharge on Stamp duty and Local Cess / Local Cess Surcharge on land revenue are traditionally collected by the concerned Government departments and adjusted directly to local bodies by the District Collectors.

3. Central Finance Commissions:

Thirteenth Central Finance Commission Grant

This grant is adjusted to Account No. 2nd of each Village Panchayats and the grant to be utilized entirely for the Operating and Maintenance costs of water supply, street lighting and sanitation.

4. Infra Structure Gap Filling Fund(Collector's Discretion Fund)

This fund to be utilized for endorsement of weaker Panchayats to overcome the financial difficulties in meet their basic amenities such as water supply, street lighting and provision of BT roads.