

Infrastructure Gap Filling Fund (IGFF)

Sanction and execution of work from the Infrastructure Gap Filling Fund (IGFF) vested with the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj :

The funds allocated to the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj shall be utilized in consultation with the Principal Secretary to Government , Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department as follows.

- ❖ The funds shall be utilized to undertake works towards creation of basic infrastructure only in rural areas.
- ❖ The works sanctioned under this fund will be entrusted to District Collectors for implementation who shall execute these works through the Block Development Officer (Village Panchayats), Block Development Officer (Block Panchayats) or the Village Panchayat concerned as deemed fit.
- ❖ No work shall be entrusted to line departments such as Public Works Department (PWD), Highways, Agriculture Engineering, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board (TWAD) etc.,
- ❖ However installation of street light works can be entrusted to Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited (TANGEDCO).

Sanction and execution of work from the Infrastructure Gap Filling Fund (IGFF) vested with the District Collectors:

- ❖ The amount released to the Districts under Infrastructure Gap Filling Fund shall be kept in a separate bank account in the Assistant Director (Panchayats) Office and shall be operated by the District Collector.
- ❖ This fund shall be used to take up infrastructure development works in rural areas.
- ❖ Works that are not permitted under the Stated schemes of Member of Legislative Assembly Constituency Development Scheme (MLACDS), Self Sufficiency

Scheme (SSS) and Tamil Nadu village Habitations Improvement Scheme (THAI) are banned under this component.

- ❖ Individual beneficiary oriented works are not permitted to be taken up.
- ❖ In order to give flexibility to the Collectors in the selection of works, no minimum value is fixed for each work.
- ❖ While sanctioning works they take up substantial works as far as possible and piece-meal works they take up substantial works as far as possible and piece-meal works should be avoided.
- ❖ Priority shall be given to the THAI habitations where there are gaps in provision of basic amenities such as water supply, street lights, roads, burial grounds , path way to burial grounds etc.,
- ❖ The SC/ST habitations should be given more priority while considering THAI Villages.
- ❖ Priority may be given to those Village Panchayats who are doing good work in making their panchayat open defecation free.
- ❖ Priority may be given for the upgradation of Earthen and Gravel roads to BT standard.
- ❖ Funds may also be utilized for payment of long pending electricity charges to TANGEDCO and for water charges to TWAD solar power systems may be installed.

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