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All District Secretaries,

Gamperaliya - Rapid Rural Development Programme (RRDP) - 2019

In terms of the Cabinet Decision dated 02.01.2019, Government has decided to recommence the Rapid Rural Development Programme (RRDP) to support livelihood development of the people and acceleration of economic growth, while improving the quality of infrastructure in the country.

02. Accordingly, the programme - *Gamperaliya*, Rapid Rural Development Programme that was launched 2018 will be implemented on an accelerated basis, comprising of twelve areas as appearing in the Table below;

Gamperaliya

Table: Scope of the Rapid Development Programme 2019

Areas of work	No. of Units	Cost Ceiling
1. Tanks and Anicuts	1,400	Rs. 4 mn per tank
2. Road Sector Infrastructure		
Rural Roads	10,850	Rs. 2 mn per unit
Urban Sector - Narrow Streets	1,500	Rs. 2 mn per unit
3. Construction of Small scale Bridges	150	Rs. 3 mn per unit
4. School Sanitary Facilities		
Renovations	4,000	Rs. 100,000 per school
New Constructions	500	Rs. 1 mn per school
5. Sports related infrastructure improvements		
Improvement of playground and related facilities	500	Rs. 2 mn per unit
6. Other socio-economic infrastructure development		
Improvement in urban sector drainage facilities	550	Rs. 1 mn per unit
Small scale water supply schemes for cultivation purposes	200	Rs. 1 mn per unit
Small scale community water supply schemes	100	Rs. 1 mn per unit
7. Development of 'sathi pola'	200	Rs. 2 mn per unit
8. Construction of Children's Parks	500	Rs. 3 mn per unit
9. Provision of electricity facilities for needy households	100,000	Rs. 30,000 per unit
10. Rehabilitation of temples/kovils/churches/mosques	1,300	Rs. 1 mn per unit
11. Setting up of Solar Power facilities for religious Places (see Annexure I)	1,600	Rs. 500,000 per unit
12. Housing development in rural and urban area- conversions to permanent roofs (conversion of a temporary house to a permanent house with the community participation within the cost ceiling can be under taken.)	25,000	Rs. 300,000 per unit

03. For 2019, Rs. 300 Mn will be allocated for each electorate. However, during the first four months of the year 2019, Rs. 200 Mn will be allocated to each electorate through the Vote on Account and the balance Rs. 100 Mn will be considered under the 2019 budget. Hence, you are kindly requested to select the projects accordingly.

04. Following guidelines are issued to be adopted by the District Secretaries and the Divisional Secretaries in implementing this programme;

- (a). The *Gamperaliya* programme should be implemented by the Divisional Secretaries in coordination with the District Secretaries.
- (b). A District Committee to be established under your purview to channel all the project proposals which will be received from the Divisional Secretaries. The District Secretaries should identify the projects based on priority needs of each Divisional Secretariat, while ensuring maximum benefit to the people.
- (c). District Secretaries should pay attention to the following factors when selecting the projects given the broader areas of work mentioned in the Table on page 1: community interest and acceptance; focus on poverty alleviation, production and income improvement; optimum use of available resources in the area; sustainability of the project; participation of local communities.
- (d). Once the project list is recommended by District Secretaries the same should be submitted to the *Gamperaliya* Secretariat which is located at the Ministry of Finance and Mass Media for approval.
- (e). The *Gamperaliya* Secretariat will ensure that the total list of projects under each development area should not exceed the numbers given in the Table on page 1.
- (f). District Secretaries and Divisional Secretaries should ensure the completion of projects prior to 31.08.2019.
- (g). The cost of all projects as identified in the Table on page 1 should be subject to the engineering estimates. However, the final estimated cost should not exceed the 'cost ceiling' as indicated in the said Table. Each District Secretary should coordinate with Divisional Secretaries and Technical level staff to prepare cost estimates for each project. The technical service should be obtained from District Secretariats, Divisional Secretariats, Provincial Department of Irrigation, Department of Irrigation, Department of Agrarian Development, and Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment etc. If required, the services of retired Technical officers/ Engineers should also be obtained.

- (h). All the contracts should be executed in terms of the Government's Procurement Guidelines. In this regard your attention is drawn to the Supplement 34 issued by the Director General Public Finance dated 09.07.2018 and Public Finance Circular No. 01/2012 dated 05.01.2012.
- (i). An amount not exceeding 3 percent of the total cost estimate should be provided to cover administrative cost of the projects for both District Secretariats and Divisional Secretariats. Such administrative expenses should include fuel, overtime payments, other allowances, stationary etc. However, the administrative cost should be incorporated into the final project cost, so that the cost ceiling given for each project should not be exceeded.
- (j). The monitoring and evaluation of the program should be carried out by the *Gamperaliya* Secretariat established under the Ministry of Finance and Mass Media. District Secretaries and Divisional Secretaries should establish a monitoring system in District and Divisional level to review and report the progress to the Project Director (PD) of the *Gamperaliya* Secretariat.
- (k). District Secretaries should conduct progress review meeting with Divisional Secretaries and report back to the PD before the 10th of the following month. District Secretaries should initiate appropriate corrective actions immediately in case of any deviations, as reported by Divisional Secretaries, in consultation with the PD.
- (l). Name board (size of 4' X 2.5') should be prepared according to the design provided and should be fixed with two steel bars (GI pipes) at the commencement of each project. A cost of a name board should not exceed Rs. 6,000 and it should be included in the cost estimate of the project.
- (m). The budgetary provision for the *Gamperaliya* programme should be channeled through the Ministry of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development, Vocational Training & Skills Development and Youth Affairs to the District Secretaries, by the Department of National Budget. District Secretaries should request funds from the Department of Treasury Operations based on the implementing progress of projects. The PD should facilitate release of funds.
- (n). District Secretaries and Divisional Secretaries should ensure that all the payments relating to the *Gampraliya* Programme be settled on or before 30.09.2019 in consultation with Director General, Department of Treasury Operations.

- (o). Each District Secretariat and Divisional Secretariat should ensure that the intended outcomes are achieved at every stage of project implementation. If deviations/ delays/ shortcomings etc., were to arise, Divisional Secretariats should immediately inform the District Secretariat, and onward communication be made the PD accordingly for appropriate guidance and directions.

Please bring the content of this circular to the notice of all Divisional Secretaries for immediate action.

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Secretary to the Treasury

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Solar Power Facilities for Religious Places

Following steps to be followed.

- (i) Suitable solar power suppliers be selected by the following the procurement process
- (ii) The suppliers should have the registration at the Sustainable Energy Authority
- (iii) Supplier should obtain approval from the Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB)/ Lanka Electricity Company (LECO) to provide excess energy to the National Grid.
- (iv) Supplier should provide following minimum warranty for their products.
 - (a) Solar Panel - 25 years
 - (b) Inverter - 10 years
- (v) The property owner should have signed an agreement with CEB and such agreement should be prepared by the Solar Power supplier.