



ABSTRACT

Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited – Renaming of Slum Level Federation (SLF) as Urban Neighbourhood Federations (UNFs) – Proposal approved – Orders Issued.

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS-3) Department

G.O.(Ms) No.68

Dated: 03.08.2012

Read:-

1. G.O (Ms) No.61, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS-3) Department, dated 26.05.2010.
2. From the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited, D.O. Letter No. 2128/D1/2012, dated 30.04.2012.

ORDER:-

In the Government Order first read above, the Government had issued orders for the formation of Slum Level Federations (SLFs) in urban areas like Panchayat Level Federations (PLFs) in rural areas.

2. In the letter second read above, the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited has stated that Self Help Group movement has spread to the entire length and breadth of the State over the past 20 years. Now, 85.70 lakh women have been mobilized into 5.56 lakh Self Help Groups under Mahalir Thittam. The Self Help Groups have so far availed a credit of Rs.15,633.83 crores from various banks and have a total savings of more than Rs.3,374.60 crores. Out of this 3.72,092 Self Help Groups have been formed in Rural areas and 1,84,219 Self Help Groups have been formed in Urban areas.

3. She has further stated that the success achieved in the project has prompted the State Government to further strengthen the movement and make it sustainable by forming federations of Self Help Groups (SHGs). The primary objective of the Federation is to provide financial and non financial support and services to member Self Help Groups thereby ensuring sustainability of the Self Help Group movement. The Federation provides a common platform for the Self Help Groups to share their experiences and to voice their problems and find solutions. The Federation can help to achieve what individual Self Help Groups cannot, by pooling in their talents and resources and exploiting economies of scale both in production and marketing. They

form and train new Self Help Groups and also guide and monitor the functioning of Self Help Groups in an area. Strengthening Federation is the key to achieving sustainability of the Self Help Group movement in the long run.

4. The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited has also stated that the following institutional structure for the Slum Level Federation (SLF) had been issued vide G.O.Ms.No:61, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS-3) Department dated 26.05.2010.

- Two levels of federations are proposed in the institutional structure of Slum Level Federation namely Cluster Level Forum (CLF) and Slum Level Federation (SLF)

1. Corporation area

- In Corporation area each Street or Lane or Area or Cluster of houses with a minimum of 10 SHGs will have a Cluster Level Forum with representation from every credit rated SHG.
- In Corporation area an average of 1000 urban slum households will have one Slum Level Federation. In case the number of SHGs in the demarcated Slum area is less than 20 there will be no SLF and the SHGs may join the nearest SLF of their choice.

2. Municipalities and Town Panchayats area

- In Municipalities and Town Panchayat areas each Street or Lane or Area or Cluster of houses with a minimum of 5 SHGs will have a Cluster Level Forum with representation from every credit rated SHG
- In Municipal and Town Panchayat areas an average of 500 urban slum houses will have a Slum Level Federation. In case the number of SHGs in the demarcated Slum area is less than 10 there will be no SLF and the SHGs may join the nearest SLF of their choice.

5. The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited has further stated that the Self Help Groups are formed in urban areas focusing on poor women living in urban slums to benefit from the Self Help Group movement. Federations are being formed in urban areas to provide an institutional framework for social and economic empowerment of poor urban women. These federations are registered under Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975 to provide them legal status.

6. She has also stated that the formation of Slum Level Federation started in the year 2010-11 on pilot basis and so far 408 Slum Level Federations have been formed. Self Help Groups are formed in urban slums to cover the poor women in urban areas

from 2008-09 onwards. To have more focus on the coverage of urban poor, slums are targeted for formation of Slum Level Federations. The name Slum Level Federation is differentiating the urban poor from the other parts of urban areas. She has therefore requested the Government to issue orders for renaming Slum Level Federations as Urban Neighbourhood Federations (UNFs) with the same guidelines.

7. The Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited decided to accept the proposal and direct that the Slum Level Federations (SLFs) shall be renamed as Urban Neighbourhood Federations (UNFs) with the same guidelines issued in the Government Order first read above.

(By Order of the Governor)

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