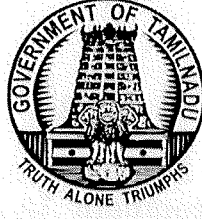


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## **ABSTRACT**

State Planning Commission – Focus Blocks Development Programme (Priority Blocks including Hill area Regions scheme) – Sanction of funds for 2023-24 - Orders – Issued.

### **Planning, Development and Special Initiatives (SPC) Department**

**G.O.(Ms).No.28**

**Dated: 16.02.2024**

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**திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு - 2055.**

**Read:**

1. Budget Announcement 2023-2024.
2. From the Member Secretary (FAC), State Planning Commission, Chennai-5, Letter No.1265/RD&DP/ SPC/ 2023, dated: 13.07.2023, 20.10.2023, 07.11.2023 and 07.02.2024 (through email)
3. G.O.(Ms).No.27, Planning, Development and Special Initiatives (SPC) Department, Dated: 16.02.2024. [No.& date of Guidelines G.O.]

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### **ORDER:**

In the Budget Speech 2023-24, the Hon'ble Minister for Finance and HRM announced on the floor of Legislative Assembly that the Government will launch a new **"Focus Blocks Programme (Priority Blocks including Hill area regions scheme)"** for blocks backward in the socio-economic parameters to ensure growth and development in a time bound and targeted manner through convergence of schemes.

2. In pursuance of the above announcement in the letter read above, the Member Secretary (FAC), State Planning Commission based on the deliberations and further discussion with stakeholder departments has sent the draft guidelines for implementing **Focus Blocks Development Programme.**

3. The Member Secretary (FAC), State Planning Commission has requested the Government to approve the draft guidelines for implementing the scheme in identified 50 blocks which are in need of development and the Key Development Indicators for the Focus Blocks Development Programme.

**(p.t.o.)**

4. In Government Order 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, orders on Guidelines for implementation and Key Development Indicators for the Focus Blocks Development Programme have been issued.

5. A sum of Rs.100 crore was provided in BE 2023-24 under the Head of account:

3475 - 00 - Other General Economic Services - 800 - Other Expenditure State's Expenditure - AK Priority blocks including Hill area regions - 309 - Grants in Aid -03 - Grants for Specific Schemes **(DPC 3475-00-800-AK-30903)**

6. Fund allotment for Focus Blocks Development Programme has been restricted to Rs.2.50 crore in RE/FMA 2023-24. A sum of Rs.2.50 crore is sanctioned and released for implementation of first year of the programme.

7. The Member Secretary, State Planning Commission is authorized to draw the funds sanctioned at para 6 above and authorized to release the funds for the preparation of development framework and block development strategy paper as per the guidelines approved in the Government Order third read above by directly presenting bills to Treasury. The funds released to the districts shall be kept in a separate Savings Bank Account opened with any of the nationalized banks at district headquarters to be operated jointly by the District Collector and Project Director, District Rural Development Agency.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department, vide U.O.No.456/FS/P/24, dated: 08.02.2024.

**(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)**

**RAMESH CHAND MEENA**  
**ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.**

**To**

✓ The Member Secretary (FAC),  
State Planning Commission, Chennai-5.  
The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,  
Animal Husbandry, Dairying, Fisheries and Fishermen  
Welfare Department, Secretariat, Chennai-9.  
The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,  
Labour Welfare and Skill Development Department,  
Secretariat, Chennai-9.

**(p.t.o.)**

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School Education Department,  
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- The Secretary to Government,  
Adi-Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department,  
Secretariat, Chennai-9.
- The Secretary to Government,  
Special Programme Implementation Department,  
Secretariat, Chennai-9.
- All Secretaries to Government, Secretariat, Chennai-9.
- All Head of Departments. (through the Member Secretary (FAC),  
State Planning Commission, Chennai-5)
- All District Collectors. (through the Member Secretary (FAC),  
State Planning Commission, Chennai-5)
- The Accountant General (A&E), Chennai-18.
- All Treasury Officers. (through the Member Secretary (FAC),  
State Planning Commission, Chennai-5)
- The Pay and Accounts Officer (East/Secretariat), Chennai-8/9.

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- The Additional Chief Secretary/Development Commissioner (FAC),  
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*V. Gurus*  
**SECTION OFFICER.**

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*16/12/2024*