



## **ABSTRACT**

Science City, Chennai – Announcement 2018-19 – “Rural Innovation Award through Science City for Rural Inventors” – Orders – Issued.

### **Higher Education (B2) Department**

G.O.(Ms) No.163

Dated : 19.07.2018.

விளம்பி வருடம், ஆடி 03,  
திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2049.

**Read :-**

1. Announcement of Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, dated 30.05.2018.
2. From the Vice-Chairman, Science City, Letter No.985/SCICITY/New Scheme/2018, dated 06.06.2018.

### **ORDER:-**

In the Legislative Assembly on 30.05.2018, the Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education had made the following announcement:-

“கிராமப்புற மக்களின் அறிவுத்திறனை ஊக்குவித்து, பல பயனுள்ள புதிய கண்டுபிடிப்புகளை வெளிக்கொணரும் விதத்தில் இரு சிறந்த கிராமப்புற கண்டுபிடிப்பாளர்களுக்கு 2018-19-ஆம் ஆண்டு முதல், ஒவ்வொரு ஆண்டும் தலா ரூ.1.00 இலட்சம் வீதம், ரூ.2.00 இலட்சம் பரிசுத் தொகையாகவும் மற்றும் ரூ.1.30 இலட்சம் இதர செலவினங்களுக்காகவும் வழங்கப்படும். இதற்கான மொத்த செலவினம் ரூ.3.60 இலட்சம் ஆகும்”.

2. In the letter second read above, the Vice-Chairman, Science City, Chennai has sent the following proposal to the Government for approval:-

#### **I. RURAL INNOVATOR**

A Rural Innovator is a person hailing from any rural area with an understanding of traditional knowledge and having the capability to innovate.

#### **II. NEED FOR SUCH AWARD**

The future challenges for the global agri-food system are vast – responding to climate change, dealing with dramatic shortages of water, tackling soil degradation, and managing pests and diseases. Responding to such challenges our people hailing from rural areas have come up with several innovations based on traditional knowledge and creativity that has benefitted the society in one way or the other but such innovations have gone unnoticed and needs to be duly

recognized. Such recognition will encourage the rural folks to come with more such innovations that would be beneficial to the society. Rural innovations that have benefitted several section of the rural environment have been made and a few such innovations which are happened in Rural India like,

- (i) The Solar Mosquito Destroyer
- (ii) The Water Walking Shoes.
- (iii) The Washing –cum exercise Machine.
- (iv) The Cotton Harvester and
- (v) The Cotton De-Seeder.

Several such innovations have also been made in Tamil Nadu but have been seldom noticed and appropriately recognized. Innovations such as the above that are found to be unique, beneficial to the society and cost effective, native to Tamil Nadu are to be identified and duly honoured.

**III OBJECTIVES**

- 1. To identify rural innovations and honour the innovators suitably based on the societal benefits of such innovations.
- 2. To encourage the people hailing from rural areas to come out with more such innovations using their traditional wisdom / traditional science/folk knowledge/local knowledge.
- 3. To Bridge the rural – urban scientific divide.

The Methodology, criteria of selection and other conditions of the Award are enclosed in the Annexure.

3. The Vice-Chairman have sent the budget for this scheme as follows:-

S. No.	Item of expenditure	Amount in INR
1.	Cash award of Rs. 1,00,000/- per innovator for 2 innovations (2 x 1,00,000)	2,00,000/-
2.	Citation and Certificate @ Rs.5000/- (Rs.5000 x 2)	10,000/-
3.	Honorarium for Expert Committee Members. 5 members x Rs.3000/-	15,000/-
4.	TA / DA for the innovators to present their innovation before the Expert Committee. (5000 x 2)	10,000/-
5.	Contingency and other costs related to the Award.	1,25,000/-
6.	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,60,000/-</b>
<b>(Rupees Three Lakhs and Sixty Thousand Only)</b>		

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4. In the letter second read above, the Vice-Chairman, Science City has requested the Government to consider the above proposal and issue necessary orders in the regard.

5. The Government after careful examination, has decided to accept the proposal of Vice Chairman, Science City and accord Administrative and Financial sanction for a sum of Rs.3,60,000/- (Rupees Three lakhs and sixty thousand only) as Recurring Expenditure for Rural Innovation Award through Science City for Rural Inventors.

6. The expenditure sanctioned in para 5 above shall be debited under the following head of account:-

"3425 Other Scientific Research – 60 Others – 200 Assistance to Other Scientific Bodies – State's Expenditure – JQ Science City in Chennai – 09 Grants-in-aid – 03 Grants for Specific Schemes" (DPC 3425 60 200 JQ 0933).

7. The Director of Technical Education is directed to draw and disburse the amount sanctioned in para 5 above to the Vice-Chairman, Science City, Chennai-25.

8. Necessary funds will be provided in RE/FMA/2018-19. Pending provision of such funds, the Director of Technical Education is authorized to draw and disburse the amount sanctioned in para 5 above. The Director of Technical Education is also directed to include the expenditure sanctioned above, while sending the Budget proposal for RE/FMA/2018-2019 to Finance (Edn-I) Department without fail.

9. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide it's U.O.No.35143/Edn-I/2018, dated 13.07.2018 and Additional Sanction Ledger No.714 [Seven hundred and fourteen].

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

**PRADEEP YADAV**  
**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (i/c)**

To:-

The Vice-Chairman, Science City, Chennai – 25.

The Director of Technical Education, Chennai-25.

The Chief Internal Auditor and Chief Auditor of Statutory Bodies, Chennai-2.

The Director of Local Fund Audit, Chennai-108.

The Accountant General, Chennai-18.

The Pay and Accounts Officer (South), Chennai-35.

Copy to:-

The Special PA to Hon'ble Minister (Higher Education), Chennai-9.

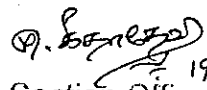
The P.S to Principal Secretary to Government,

Higher Education Department, Chennai-9.

The Finance (Education-I/BG-II) Department, Chennai-9.

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ANNEXURE

[ GO (Ms) No.163, Higher Education (B2) Department, dated 19.07.2018 ]

**I METHODOLOGY**

- Science City will embark on a massive hunt to identify rural innovations / Traditional Technologies that would be beneficial to mankind. Innovations thus identified will be duly honored with the "Rural Innovator Award".
- Science City will obtain details of such innovations from each District through the respective District Collectors and also by publicizing about the award through print and visual media.
- Science City will constitute a panel of experts to assess the innovation for its ingenuity and the benefits of the same to the society.
- The innovations thus chosen will be exhibited at the Science City for Public View and the innovator will be bestowed with the "Rural Innovator Award".
- Science City will choose two Innovation every year.
- Science City will take efforts to make the product marketable through industry partnerships and will pass on the benefit to the innovator.

**II WHO CAN APPLY**

- Innovators hailing from Rural Tamil Nadu only can apply for the award:
- Individuals or a team can apply for the Award
- Innovators of any age can apply for the award
- Education is not a prerequisite to be eligible to apply for the award.
- Employees, relatives of Science City staff, Prize Award Committee members and their families are not eligible.

Number of Awards – Two (Maximum)

Award Money – Rupees One Lakh each.

Award Category – Innovation by Rural people based on Traditional Technologies Beneficial to the Society.

**III SELECTION CRITERIA**

The criteria for selection of Best Rural Innovation will be as follows:-

- The innovation should be novel or new application of an existing process or technology that should be beneficial to the Society.
- Mere theoretical hypotheses, concepts still in the idea stage, or perceptions are not eligible for consideration.

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- The innovation shall be patented or patent applied for at the time of submitting the application.
  - In terms of the intellectual property (IP), the innovation should be substantially developed and owned by the applicant and it should not be older than five years at the time of submitting the application.

#### IV GENERAL CONDITIONS

- The Applicant(s) should submit particulars along with the documents, certificates, photographs, line diagrams, test reports etc, if available to the Science City.
- The applicant(s) should send a hardcopy of the filled application duly signed by all the Applicant(s) and forwarded to the Science City.
- The applicant(s) if self-employed should clearly indicate the same in the application form.
- The applicant(s) employed in any organization should forward their application through the head of the organization along with No Objection Certificate.
- In case the innovation involves a team, a No Objection Certificate from each applicant should be submitted along with the hard copy of the application.
- Application will be rejected if any information therein is found to be incorrect.
- Application not revealing adequate details required for evaluation of the proposal will be rejected.
- The Applicant(s) should inform if the innovation has been recognized/awarded by any other Institution.
- The applicant(s) will be required to send the prototypes/working models to Science City, if necessary.
- The Applicant(s) may submit published scientific papers /Newspaper clippings /patents (if any) and any other relevant information in support of the innovation.
- If the evaluation committee does not find any of the entries suitable for the awards, the award will not be given that year.
- Science City will inform the successful applicants by post.
- In the case of a team, the prize award amount will be distributed equally among the applicants. However, if unequal sharing of the award amount is desired by the applicants, its percentage should be clearly indicated in the application form.

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- Application(s) and documents submitted to the Science City for the award will not be returned to the applicant(s).
  - Science City has the right to disqualify any applicant who does not comply with any of the terms and conditions under award guidelines.
  - Applicants will be disqualified if they contact Science City officials or Prize Award Committee members and try to influence them in any manner.

**V RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS**

- Science City retains the right to promote and seek publicity for all Award Winners.
- Applicants should obtain permission of the Science City to use images, photographs, media articles, DVDs and publicity material featuring their innovations, which were produced by Science City.

**PRADEEP YADAV**  
**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (i/c)**

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