



ABSTRACT

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare - Agricultural Engineering Department (AED) – Tractor Hiring Scheme – AED owned Agricultural machinery - Hiring out to Private Hirers / Contractors – Fixation of hire charges for Agricultural Engineering Machinery hiring out to Private Hirers / Contractors - Sanction accorded - Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (AE1) DEPARTMENT

G.O. (Ms). No. 61

Dated: 15.03.2022

திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2053,
பிலை, பங்குனி 1-ஆம் நாள்.

Read:

1. G.O.(Ms) No.149, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (AE1) Department, Dated: 21.10.2021.
2. From the Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering), Chennai-35, Letter No. T1 / 23782 / 2020, Dated: 22.11.2021.

ORDER:

In the G.O. first read above, among others, orders have been issued fixing the hire charges of Agricultural Engineering Department owned machinery as follows:-

- i) Crawler Excavator - Rs.1660/hour,
- ii) Backhoe with Front end Loader - Rs.760/hour and
- iii) Bull Dozer - Rs.970/hour

2. In the letter second read above, the Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) has stated that Agricultural Engineering Department (AED) is pioneer in hiring out the agricultural machinery with suitable agricultural implements at the Government fixed subsidized hire charges in order to assist small and marginal farmers, who have less investing capacity to purchase machinery with high cost for different farming operations.

3. Due to the versatility of the abovesaid machinery, there is a demand for the above said machinery among Private Hirers / Contractors. To utilise these versatile machinery effectively, the abovesaid machinery could be hired out to the Private Hirers / Contractors besides hiring out to the farming community.

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4. Calculation of hire charges per hour based on machinery output and Public Works Department Standard Schedule of Rates 2021-22 is arrived as follows:-

- i) Crawler Excavator - Rs.1895/-
- ii) Backhoe with Front end Loader - Rs.943/-
- iii) Bull Dozer - Rs.1431/-

5. The Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) has stated that the prevailing market hire charge rate of Crawler Excavator, Backhoe with Front end Loader and Bull Dozer were received from M/s.Then Maavatta Earthmovers Urimaiyalargal Munnetra Nala Sangam, Madurai and are as follows:-

1. Crawler Excavator – Rs.2300/hour
2. Backhoe with Front end Loader – Rs.1200/hour
3. Bull Dozer – Rs.1500/hour

6. The comparison of hire charges based on revised hire charges, Public Works Department Standard Schedule of Rates and prevailing market rate is given below:

Sl. No.	Name of AED owned Machinery	Hire charges based on			Proposed rate to Private Hirers / Contractors (per hour)
		Revised Hire Charges (per hour)	PWD Standard Schedule of Rates (per hour)	Prevailing Market Rate (per hour)	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1	Crawler Excavator	Rs.1660/-	Rs.1895/-	Rs.2300/-	Rs.2400/-
2	Backhoe with Front end Loader	Rs.760/-	Rs.943/-	Rs.1200/-	Rs.1250/-
3	Bull Dozer	Rs.970/-	Rs.1431/-	Rs.1500/-	Rs.1550/-

7. The Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) has informed that, the High Level Committee headed by Dr.C.Rangarajan, former Governor of RBI has recommended to hike the service charges and rate of saleable items by 25% with respect to Non – Tax Revenue receipts. Based on the fluctuations in the market rates due to variation in fuel cost and demand, the proposed hire charges for the Crawler Excavator, Backhoe with Front end Loader and Bull Dozer incase of hiring out to the Private Hirers / Contractors except for Farmers and Government Entities like Corporation, Board etc., has been arrived as follows:-

- (i) Crawler Excavator – Rs.2400/- per hour
- (ii) Backhoe with Front end Loader – Rs.1250/- per hour
- (iii) Bull Dozer – Rs.1550/- per hour

8. The hire charges to be adopted for the abovesaid machinery to the Farmers / Government Entities like Corporation, Board etc., and to the Private Hirers / Contractors are given below:-

Sl. No.	Name of AED owned Machinery	Existing approved nominal hire charge rate to Farmers / Government Entities like Corporation, Board etc., (per hour)	Proposed rate to Private hirers / Contractors (per hour)
1	Crawler Excavator	Rs.1660/-	Rs.2400/-
2	Backhoe with Front end Loader	Rs.760/-	Rs.1250/-
3	Bull Dozer	Rs.970/-	Rs.1550/-

9. The Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) has therefore requested the Government to issue orders for the fixation of hire charges for the machineries as indicated below, in case of hiring out to the Private Hirers / Contractors except Farmers and Government Entities like Corporation, Board etc.,.

- (i) Crawler Excavator – Rs.2400/- per hour
- (ii) Backhoe with Front end Loader – Rs.1250/- per hour
- (iii) Bull Dozer – Rs.1550/- per hour

10. Further the Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) has requested to permit him to revise the hire charges in accordance with the fluctuations of fuel and lubricants cost and cost of operating staff in future.

11. The Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) and issue the following orders:-

I) The hire charges for the following Agricultural Engineering Department owned machineries, in case of hiring out to the Private Hirers / Contractors except Farmers and Government Entities like Corporation, Board etc., be fixed as follows:-

- i) Crawler Excavator – Rs.2,400/- per hour,
- ii) Backhoe with Front end Loader – Rs.1,250/- per hour
- iii) Bull Dozer – Rs.1,550/- per hour,

II) The Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) is instructed to raise the Hire Charges, automatically by 20%, 25% and 5% for the 3 machineries (ie) Crawler Excavator, Backhoe with Front end Loader and Bull Dozer respectively (not lower than now fixed), whenever the Public Works Department Standard Schedule of Rates (SOR) is revised in this regard.

12. The hire charges collected from the Farmers / Government Entities like Corporation, Board etc., and the Private Hirers / Contractors shall be deposited as revenue receipt of the Government under the following receipt head of account:

"0401 – 00 –Crop Husbandry – 120 – Sale, Hire and Services of Agricultural Implements and Machinery including Tractors – AB Tractor Hiring Scheme – 231 Receipt of Rent / Hire Charges / Lease – 21 Hire charges of Machinery & Equipments". (IFHRMS D.P.Code.0401-00-120-AB-23121):

13. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. No. 12096/Fin(Agri&FW)/2022, Dated: 14.03.2022

/BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR/

**C. SAMAYAMOORTHY
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION COMMISSIONER
AND SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering), Chennai - 35.
The Director of Agriculture, Chennai-5
The Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, Chennai - 5.
The Director of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business, Chennai - 35.
The Registrar, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore - 3.
The Director of Seed Certification & Organic Certification, Coimbatore – 13.
The Pay and Accounts Officer (South), Chennai - 35.
The Pay and Accounts Officer (East), Chennai - 35.
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