

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA

ABSTRACT

MA&UD - COVID-19 - Property Tax - 5% rebate in Property Tax under Early Bird Scheme for the Financial Year 2020-21 to all Urban Local Bodies in Telangana including GHMC- Orders - Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (MA.2) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Rt. No. 192

Dated: 09-05-2020

Read the following:-

1. G.O. Rt. No.190 MA&UD (MA.2) Deptt., Dated 02.05.2020.
2. From the DMA, Telangana, Hyderabad Lr. Roc. No.187491/2020/MA, dated 06-05-2020.

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ORDER: -

In the G.O. 1st read above, the Government have issued orders granting 5% rebate in property tax payment to the tax payers in residential category subject to certain restrictions which is applicable to both GHMC and all other municipalities. Further, the time for availing early bird incentive was also extended until May 31st, 2020 (instead of the regular one month period in April) due to the ongoing lockdown. However, in the reference second read above, the DMA reported that there is little response in availing the facility from the tax payers on account of the restrictions and secondly on account of the special circumstances arising due to economic hardships as a result of lockdown and has requested for removal of these restrictions.

2. The matter was also raised by several Municipal Commissioners in the Video Conference held by the Hon'ble Minister for Municipal Administration on 09-05-2020 during which it was represented that due to lockdown, it will only be appropriate that the scheme of early bird incentive of 5% is accorded not only to all residential properties i.e., without the ceiling clause of Rs. 30,000/-, but also is extended to all non-residential properties also as apart from providing the incentive to all at this point, this will also enable Urban Local Bodies to generate much required resources. It is also observed during the review today that the Early Bird Scheme, which was introduced to give a fillip to the tax collection efforts of the ULBs in the form of enhanced compliance from the tax payers by incentivizing them has served its purpose all these years, but has become a non-starter this year on account of the prevailing circumstances posed by the COVID-19. Further, any sort of incentive to the tax payers would help the ULBs in their internal resource mobilization efforts.

3. The Government after careful examination of the proposal and keeping in view the very extraordinary constraints of the considered opinion that there is a need to extend the financial relief to all the citizens under the "Early Bird Scheme".

4. In view of the above and keeping in view the prevailing special circumstances and in partial modification of the orders issued in the G.O. 1st read above, the Government hereby order 5% rebate on payment of Property Tax for the financial year 2020-21 in all Urban Local Bodies of the State, including GHMC and all Municipal Corporations, as per Section 100 (1) of Telangana Municipalities Act, 2019 & Section 264 (3) GHMC Act, 1955, without any restriction of classification and financial ceilings, provided the Property Tax is paid for the entire financial year, together with the arrear dues, if any, on or before 31-05-2020. This means that early bird incentive scheme is applicable to all residential properties (without any ceiling) and all non-residential properties also for the year 2020-21.

5. The Director of Municipal Administration, Telangana, Hyderabad and the Commissioner, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly, including grant of this facility to all those tax payers who have already paid their Property Tax dues for the year 2020-21, if any they found eligible as per these revised orders.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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To
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