



ABSTRACT

Forests – Wildlife – Budget Announcement 2022 - Setting up of Children's Nature Park at Guindy at a cost of Rs.20.00 Crore Sanctioned – Orders – Issued.

Environment, Climate Change and Forests (FR.5) Department

G.O. (D) No.169

Dated : 26.07.2022.

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Read:

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden Letter No.WL6/38269/2021, dated.04.05.2022.
2. The Central Zoo Authority letter F.No.19-22/93-CZA (243) (Vol ii) (PKR)/1437/2019 dated 13.09.2019.

ORDER:

The following announcement has been made by the Government on the floor of the Assembly on 18.3.2022: -

“To generate awareness about forests and wildlife among children from a young age, the Government has decided to set up a Children's Nature Park at an estimated cost of Rs.20 crore which will house birds, butterflies and animals by remodelling the Guindy Children's Park.”

2. Accordingly, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden has sent a proposal for sanction of Rs.20.00 Crores for remodelling the Guindy Children's Park. Guindy Children's Park is one of the major ecotourism spots in Chennai with a footfall of about 8- 9 lakhs visitors per year. The Park needs improvement with additional facilities to attract a greater number of people. More than 68,000 students from 1050 schools have taken part in the basic zoo exposure programme in the Guindy Children Park annually.

3. In the reference second read above, Guindy Children's Park was upgraded from a Mini category Zoo to a Medium Category Zoo. The park is spread over in about 22 acre and has an aviary, spotted deer, and some small mammals. The park is proposed to be remodelled with the following objectives:

- i) To emerge as a prime centre for nature conservation education awareness and orientation.
- ii) To serve as a centre of excellence for ex-situ conservation of rehabilitated wildlife, primates, birds and reptiles etc., with appropriate care.

4. The upgraded Guindy Children's Nature Park shall have facilities including improved animal enclosures, improved aviary, open play areas, cafeteria, Children's Wildlife library, landscaping and visitor amenities.

5. After careful examination, the Government accord to sanction a sum of Rs. 20 Crore (Rupees Twenty crore only) towards remodelling of the Guindy Children's Park as Children's Nature's Park, Chennai as detailed in the table below:-

<i>Rs. in lakhs</i>		
Sl. No.	Description of works	Amount
1	Administrative Block	56.00
2	Park Arrangements like animal's enclosures, footpath, library, landscape, upscaled parking facility, cafeteria etc.,	1,574.00
	Sub Total	1,630.00
3	GST @ 18%	293.40
4	Labour Welfare Fund @ 1%	16.30
5	Advertisement and document charges	10.00
6	Unforeseen Items	20.00
7	Contingencies	30.30
	Total	2,000.00

6. The amount sanctioned in para 5 above shall be debited in the following Head of Account: -

"2406 – Forestry and Wildlife – 02 Environmental Forestry and Wildlife – 110 Wildlife Preservation – State's Expenditure – AX Preparation of Detailed Project Report - Children's Wildlife Park, Guindy – 333 Payments for Professional and Special Services – 03 Special Service (DP Code - 2406-02-110-AX 33303)"

7. Necessary additional funds of Rs.19,00,00,000/- (Rupees Nineteen crores only) will be provided in RE/FMA 2022-2023. Pending provision of such funds, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden is authorized to draw and utilize the amount sanctioned in para-5 above. However, this expenditure shall be brought to the notice of the Legislature by Specific Inclusion in the

Supplementary Estimate 2022-2023. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests is directed to include this item of expenditure while sending the Budget proposal for RE/FMA 2022-2023 and also send draft explanatory note for inclusion of the expenditure in the Supplementary Estimate 2022-2023 to Government, in Finance (E,CC&F/BG-1) Department at an appropriate time without fail.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O.No. 362/Fin[ADS(GKT)]/2022, dated 26.07.2022 with ASL No.0814(Eight hundred andfourteen only) (IFHRMS ASL NO.2022070814)

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

SUPRIYA SAHU
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,(Head of Forest Force), Chennai-15.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden (FAC), Chennai-15.

The Accountant General,Chennai-18. (By Name)

The Accountant General (CA), Chennai-18 (By Name).

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

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/FORWARDED BY ORDER/

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