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Agriculture – Tamil Nadu Protected Agricultural Zone Development Act, 2020 - Framing of Rules – Tamil Nadu Protected Agricultural Zone Development Rules, 2020 - Notification – Issued.

Agriculture (AP.5) Department

G.O.(Ms).No.195

Dated:26.08.2020

திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2051,  
சார்வரி வருடம், ஆவணி 10.

Read:

From the Director of Agriculture D.O. Letter No.P&M1/  
28245/2020, dated 11.6.2020).

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ORDER:

On 21.02.2020, the Government of Tamil Nadu have enacted the Tamil Nadu Protected Agricultural Zone Development Act, 2020 (Tamil Nadu Act 11 of 2020) with the following objectives:-

- (a) to use the available agricultural lands for sustainable development of agriculture and ensure that the agricultural activities are not unduly constrained by non-agricultural use or other development;
- (b) to develop the protected agricultural zone through integrated farming and enhanced cultivation practices by promotion of technologies to increase production and productivity of crops and farms;
- (c) to promote optimum usage of water including flood management and other inputs in the field of agriculture;
- (d) to promote agro-based and allied industries for sustainable agricultural development; and
- (e) to promote research and development including skill building in the field of agriculture and allied sectors.

2. Now, the Director of Agriculture has sent the draft Rules for the above said Act.

3. The Government after careful consideration, have decided to issue orders notifying Rules to the Tamil Nadu Protected Agricultural Zone Development Act, 2020, viz., Tamil Nadu Protected Agricultural Zone Development Rules, 2020.

4. The Notification appended to this order will be published in the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette* and in the District Gazettes in Tamil.

5. Six copies of the Notification are sent to the Tamil Development and Information (Translation) Department, Chennai-9. That Department may be requested to forward the Tamil translation immediately to the Director of Stationery and Printing, Chennai, the Works Manager, Government Central Press, Chennai and to this Department.

6. The Director of Stationery and Printing and the Works Manager, Government Central Press, Chennai are requested to publish the translation in the District Gazette forthwith.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

GAGANDEEP SINGH BEDI  
Agricultural Production Commissioner and  
Principal Secretary to Government

To:

The Director of Stationery and Printing, Chennai-2.

The Works Manager, Government Central Press, Chennai-79.

The Director of Agriculture, Chennai -5.

The Registrar, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore.

The Tamil Development and Information (Translation) Department, Chennai-9.(6 copies).

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All District Collectors.

The Secretary to Government of India, MOA&FW, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers' Welfare, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.

The Finance (Agri) Department, Chennai-9.

The Law Department, Chennai-9.

The Principal Private Secretary to Agricultural Production

Commissioner and Principal Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department, Chennai-9.

The Agriculture (OP3) Department, Chennai-9. (2 Copies).

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Section Officer 26/08/20

[G.O.(Ms).No.195, Agriculture (AP5) Department, dated 26.08.2020]

## APPENDIX.

### NOTIFICATION.

In exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (1) of section 23 of the Tamil Nadu Protected Agricultural Zone Development Act, 2020 (Tamil Nadu Act 11 of 2020), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby makes the following rules: —

**1. Short title.**— These rules may be called the Tamil Nadu Protected Agricultural Zone Development Rules, 2020.

**2. Definitions.** — (1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires, —

- (a) "Act" means the Tamil Nadu Protected Agricultural Zone Development Act, 2020 (Tamil Nadu Act 11 of 2020);
- (b) "Department" means the Department of Agriculture and Department of Horticulture and Plantation Crops of the State;
- (c) "District Level Committee" means a Committee constituted under sub-section (1) of section 9 of the Act;
- (d) "Form" means a Form annexed to these rules.

(2) The words and expressions used but not defined in these rules, shall have the same meaning respectively assigned to them in the Act.

**3. Development of Agriculture.**— (1) For the purpose of development of agriculture, the Department shall prepare a detailed plan in consultation with the Departments of Agricultural Engineering and Agricultural Marketing in the protected agricultural zone and submit to the Authority before the 31<sup>st</sup> March of every year.

(2) The Department may also submit plans on need based research and development in the field of Agriculture, Horticulture and allied sectors in consultation with the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University.

(3) The Department shall submit half yearly Progress Reports on the development of agriculture in the protected agricultural zone for the periods ending 30<sup>th</sup> June and 31<sup>st</sup> December, to the Authority.

**4. Functions of the Authority.**— The Authority shall perform the following functions in addition to the functions prescribed under section 8 of the Act, namely :-

- (a) suggest measures to safeguard the natural surface, soil and water;
- (b) suggest preventive measures to safeguard the livelihood of the agriculturalists in the protected agricultural zone;
- (c) recommend area for inclusion in the protected agricultural zone; and
- (d) suggest and recommend the agro based and allied industries that may be established in the protected agricultural zone.

**5. Sitting Fee and Travelling allowance for nominated members.**— The nominated members of the Authority and the District Level Committee shall be entitled to draw sitting fee and travelling allowances for any journey performed by them in connection with their duties as such member at the rates and subject to the conditions applicable to non-official members of the First Class Committees and the

Second Class Committees, respectively, of the Government, as laid down by the Government from time to time.

**6. Constitution of Technical Committee.**— The Technical Committee to assist the Authority to make recommendation to the Government to omit or add any project in the Second Schedule to the Act, shall consist of the following members, namely:-

- (a) The Agricultural Production Commissioner and Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department - Chairperson, Ex-officio;
- (b) The Director of Agriculture - Member Secretary, Ex-officio;
- (c) The Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops - Member, Ex-officio;
- (d) The Chairman, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board - Member, Ex-officio;
- (e) The Director of Industries and Commerce – Member, Ex-officio;
- (f) The Director of Animal Husbandry – Member, Ex-officio;
- (g) The Director (Research), Tamil Nadu Agricultural University – Member, Ex-officio.

**7. Fund operation of the Authority.**— The fund of the Authority shall be operated by the Member-Secretary of the Authority.

**8. Accounts and Maintenance of Registers.**— (1) The Authority shall follow the procedures prescribed in the Tamil Nadu Treasury Code and the Tamil Nadu Financial Code and the Orders issued by the Government from time to time and also the forms prescribed therein for preparation, drawal, etc., of monthly pay bill and other establishment bills;

- (2) The monthly account of receipts and expenditure and Annual Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Authority shall be maintained in Form I and Form II respectively;
- (3) The Authority shall provide a copy of the monthly accounts before the end of the succeeding month and a copy of the annual accounts before the 31<sup>st</sup> May of every year to the auditor;
- (4) The auditor shall audit and certify the accounts of the Authority on or before 31<sup>st</sup> August of every year;
- (5) The accounts of the Authority as certified by the auditor together with audit report along with the remarks of the Authority thereon shall be forwarded to the Government by the Member-Secretary of the Authority within two months, from the date of receipt of the audit report.

**9. Annual Report.**— The Member-Secretary of the Authority shall prepare and submit an Annual Report to the Government on the activities of the Authority during the previous years and which are likely to be undertaken by it in the current financial year. on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> May of every year.

GAGANDEEP SINGH BEDI  
Agricultural Production Commissioner and  
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Section Officer 28/05/20

[G.O.(Ms).No.195, Agriculture (AP5) Department, dated 26.08.2020]

**ANNEXURE.**

**FORM I**

**(See rule 8(2))**

**Monthly Account of Receipts and Expenditure for the month of .....**

S.No.	Details.	Receipt (in Rs.)	Sl.No.	Details.	Expenditure (in Rs.)

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FORM II

(See rule 8(2))

Annual Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year.....

S.No.	Head of account.	Details of Receipts (in Rs.)	Details of Expenditure (in Rs.)	Remarks.

GAGANDEEP SINGH BEDI  
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*[Signature]*  
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