



ABSTRACT

Massive tree Planting Programme – Planting 64 lakh seedlings in 32 Districts in Tamil Nadu – Fund Release of Rs.29.44 Crores by Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board for the Programme – Orders – Issued.

Environment and Forests (FR.6) Department

G.O.(Ms)No.144

Dated: 1.11.2011

Read:

- 1) Announcement made by Hon'ble Minister (Forests) (Announcement No.16)
- 2) Government D.O.Letter No. 18361/FR.6/11-8, dated 2.9.2011 and, 21.9.2011.
- 3) From the PCCF Lr.Ref.No.J2/40729/2011, dated 12.9.2011, and 12.10.2011.
- 4) Government D.O.Lr.No.18361/FR.6/2011-8, dated 10.10.2011.
- 5) From the Chairman, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board , Letter .Ref.No. TNPCB /P&D /F.26428 /2011, dated 13.10.2011.

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ORDER :

While moving the Demand for Grant for the Forest Department Budget for 2011-2012 on 29.8.2011, the Hon'ble Minister (Forests) made an announcement in the floor of the Legislative Assembly that 64 lakh seedlings will be planted at 2 lakh seedlings per district in all 32 districts of the State at a cost of Rs.30 crore within a week's time commencing from 24.2.2012, the 64th Birthday of Hon'ble Chief Minister. The sites for planting, choice of species, etc, were also indicated in the announcement. The Hon'ble Minister has announced that the cost of implementing the programme will be met from Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board funds and from other schemes.

2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has furnished his report as below:-

The suggestions of the Chief Conservator of Forests / Conservator of Forests who have been identified for implementing the programme were sought for regarding the sites to be chosen for implementing the programme, selection of site specific species of trees etc., and they have expressed that planting in the Reserved Forest areas may also be permitted to achieve the targeted seedlings. It was also felt necessary to provide protective watering for the planted seedlings, as the seedlings will be planted during non-rainy season. As watering for all the plants will require substantial amount, the responsibility for watering the seedlings planted in industrial premises, private institutions, colleges and schools may be entrusted to the concerned institutions themselves. It is proposed to adopt the existing FSR rate of Rs.119.50 per manday, on the basis of the wage rate approved by the Commissioner of Labour for

2011-2012. Accordingly, the total rate for nursery and planting per seedling will be Rs.32/- as per the model estimate. As watering of seedlings is found necessary, the rate for watering for three months (March to May) comes to Rs.26/- per seedling. Thus, the total cost will work out to Rs.58/- per seedling. However, with a view to restrict the cost of the project within the amount of Rs.30 crores, as announced by the Hon'ble Minister, average cost of watering for three months by the department has to be restricted to Rs.14 per seedling. It is proposed to restrict the cost of watering to Rs.14 per seedling by taking up departmental watering to approximately 50% of the total planted seedlings, which are in public places and outside the premises of private schools, colleges and other institutions and industrial complexes. In respect of the seedlings planted in private places like schools, colleges, institutions and industries, watering will have to be provided by the concerned agencies. Further it may not be possible to fix a uniform target of 2 lakh seedlings per district. Therefore, the allocation of physical target of 64 lakh seedlings may be made to the Chief Conservator of Forests/Conservator of Forests concerned at the rate of 2 lakh seedlings per district based on the districts under their jurisdiction. The Chief Conservator of Forests /Conservator of Forests will rework the district wise target as per availability of suitable sites which will include Reserved Forests close to urban areas, Government premises, schools, colleges, private institutions, industrial complexes, road sides etc. The target proposed for the circles is in Annexure (copy enclosed) The total project cost works out as follows:

Districts	No.of seedlings proposed to be planted	Rate per seedling	Total cost (Rs. in lakhs)
32 Districts	64,00,000	Rs.46.00 per seedling (at Rs.32/- for raising and planting + Rs.14/- for watering)	2944.00

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has sent a statement showing the number of seedlings proposed to be planted in each District and the sum to be allotted to the circle, from the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board. He has requested that the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board may be requested to issue the first installment through Demand Draft or Cheque in favour of the Chief Conservator of Forests and Directors / Conservator of Forests and permit to utilize the amount for timely implementation of the programme.

4. The Chairman, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board has reported that the Board of Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board has approved the proposal for release of fund of Rs.29.44 Crores (Rupees Twenty nine crores and forty four lakhs only) for implementation of the massive tree planting programme to increase the tree cover and to request the Forests Department to implement the programme, as per the guideline and send periodical report to Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board on the status of the progress. He has also stated that, after issue of orders by the Government, for release of funds from Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, the Board will immediately release the first installment of Rs.10.00 Crores to the Forests Department. Forests Department must furnish further detailed proposals for

the execution of the above scheme. It has been further informed that the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, while issuing orders consent to industries, imposes a condition to the industries to provide 25% green belt. Therefore while preparing the detailed proposals, the local District Environmental Engineers of Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board may be consulted for inclusion of industries in the programme. The Chairman, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board has therefore requested for necessary orders for release of funds to the Forests Department subject to the following guidelines.

- a) The funding by Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board shall be done in a phased manner based on the progress of the scheme.
- b) The funds shall not be utilized for any other activities except for this scheme.
- c) The sites for planting and the choice of species shall be done as indicated in the announcement made by the Hon'ble Minister for Forest on the floor of Assembly.
- d) Atleast 6 months old saplings shall be planted.
- e) Proper tree guard shall be provided for the saplings planted where necessary.
- f) Proper maintenance and watering of saplings shall be carried out so as to ensure the survival of all the seedlings planted.
- g) The details of tree plantations in each District such as tree varieties and its planting locations with GPS coordinates shall be furnished.
- h) Quarterly Progress Report with necessary digital photographs shall be furnished to Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board and the Government.
- i) Utilization Certificate shall be furnished to Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board at every stage of funding / progress.
- j) In case of any unutilized fund, it shall be returned to Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board with interest.
- k) No more funding will be provided by Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board for this scheme.

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has also requested for sanction of an amount of Rs.29.44 crores (Rupees twenty nine crores and forty four lakhs only) for the implementation of the scheme "Massive Tree Planting Programme" in Tamil Nadu during 2011-2012.

6. The Government after careful examination accept the proposal of the Chairman, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board and permit him to release the amount, in a phased manner to the Forests Department for planting 64 lakh seedlings, in Tamil Nadu at a total cost of Rs.29.44 crores (Rupees Twenty nine crores and forty four lakhs only) in commemoration with the 64th Birthday Celebration of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, as detailed in the Annexure to this order.

7. The Chairman, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board is requested to release the first installment of Rs.10 crores (Rupees ten crores only) to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, towards undertaking the preparatory works connected with the programme. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests is requested to implement the scheme as per the guidelines laid down by the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board as detailed at para 4 above.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.12/SS (PSK)/2011, dated: 1.11.2011.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

C.V. Sankar
Principal Secretary to Government

To
The Chairman, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board,
Chennai-32.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Chennai-15.
The Accountant General, Chennai-18/35.
The Pay and Accounts Officer, Chennai.
The Treasury Officers(Concerned District)
(through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai-15)
The Chief Conservator of Forests/Conservator of Forests concerned
(through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai-15)
All District Collectors.

Copy to:

The Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Chennai-9.
The Senior Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Forests), Chennai-9
The Senior Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Environment), Chennai-9
The Private Secretary to Principal Secretary to Government,
Environment and Forests Department, Chennai-9.
The Environment and Forests(EC-2) Department, Chennai-9.
The Finance (AH&F/BPE) Department, Chennai-9.
SF/SC.

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Section Officer.

ANNEXURE

G.O.(Ms)No.144, Environment and Forests (FR.6) Department, dated 1.11.2011

Sl. No	Circle	District		Unit Cost (Rs.)	No.of seedlings (in lakhs)	Total (Rs. in lakhs)
1	Conservator of Forests, Chennai	1 2 3	Chennai Kancheepuram Tiruvallur	46.00	5.50	253.00
2	Chief Conservator of Forests & Director, Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur		Kancheepuram	46.00	0.25	11.50
3	Chief Conservator of Forests & Director State Forests Research Institute, Chennai		Kancheepuram	46.00	0.25	11.50
4	Conservator of Forests, Coimbatore	4 5	Coimbatore Nilgiris	46.00	4.00	184.00
5	Chief Conservator of Forests & Field Director, Anamalai Tiger Reserve	6	Tiruppur	46.00	2.00	92.00
6	Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri	7 8	Dharmapuri Krishnagiri	46.00	4.00	184.00
7	Conservator of Forests, Dindigul	9 10	Dindigul Karur	46.00	4.00	184.00
8	Conservator of Forests, Erode	11 12	Erode Namakkal	46.00	4.00	184.00
9	Conservator of Forests, Madurai	13 14	Madurai Theni	46.00	4.00	184.00
10	Conservator of Forests, Salem	15	Salem	46.00	2.00	92.00
11	Conservator of Forests, Trichirapalli	16 17 18 19 20 21 22	Ariyalur Nagappattinam Permbalur Pudukottai Thanjavur Tiruchirapalli Thiruvarur	46.00	14.00	644.00
12	Conservator of Forests Tirunelveli	23 24 25	Kanyakumari Tirunelveli Thoothukudi	46.00	6.00	276.00
13	Conservator of Forests, Vellore	26 27	Tiruvannamalai Vellore	46.00	4.00	184.00
14	Conservator of Forests, Villupuram	28 29	Cuddalore Villupuram	46.00	4.00	184.00
15	Conservator of Forests, Virudhunagar	30 31 32	Ramnad Sivagangai Virudhunagar	46.00	6.00	276.00
Total					64.00	2944.00

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