



## **ABSTRACT**

Forests - Elephant Proof Trenches – Formation of Elephant Proof Trenches around vulnerable areas prone to Man Animal Conflict — Formation of Elephant Proof Trenches during 2013-14 for 440 Km. at a cost of Rs. 20.00 cores – Sanctioned – Orders - Issued.

### **ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (FR.5) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.(D) No.324**

**Dated: 26.09.2013**

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**திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2044**

**Read:**

From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) letter No.WL6/19700/2013,dated 11.6.2013.

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### **ORDER:-**

During the Budget Session, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has made the following announcement under Rule 110 on the floor of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly:-

“2013–2014ம் ஆண்டில் மனித – காட்டு யானை மோதல்களினால் எளிதில் பாதிப்பிற்குள்ளாகக் கூடிய பகுதிகள் கண்டறியப்பட்டு 440 கிலோ மீட்டர் நீளத்திற்கு ரூ. 20.00 கோடி மதிப்பீட்டில் யானை புகா அகழிகள் அமைக்கப்படும்”.

2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) has stated that the Asian Elephant (*Elephas maximus*) is a highly endangered keystone species categorized under part I of Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. The Asian Elephant once found throughout the Asia is now restricted to a few localities in the Indian Subcontinent. The elephants are coming out of the forests regularly, some times daily and are causing enormous damage to life and property of the people. The Forest Department has identified the reasons for human elephant conflict on such a large scale and those are mainly the developmental activities, human interference, fire, grazing and cultivation of agricultural crops attracting the elephants on the forest fringes. Therefore, a systematic and scientific approach is required in undertaking mitigation measures. The rate of digging Elephant Proof Trench may vary from plain to the hill areas and according to the classification of soils and quantum involved as per

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the field conditions. Hence, an average unit cost of Rs. 4.54 lakhs per Km has been adopted for the proposal. The distribution has been made tentatively based upon field officers forecast as follows:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Circle/Unit	2013-2014	
		Physical (Kms.)	Financial (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Vellore	50	227.00
2.	Dharmapuri	100	454.00
3.	Erode	80	363.20
4.	Coimbatore	45	204.30
5.	Dindigul	40	181.60
6.	Madurai	30	136.20
7.	Virudhunagar	15	68.10
8.	Tirunelveli	40	181.60
9.	Anamalai Tiger Reserve	7	31.78
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	Total	440	1997.60 (or) 2000.00

There is a possibility of variation of actual requirement with in circles. However, overall expenditure will be incurred within the proposed amount of Rs. 20.00 cores.

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) has therefore requested the Government to sanction a sum of Rs. 20.00 Crores for formation of Elephant Proof Trenches for a distance of 440 KM during the year 2013-2014.

4. The Government after careful consideration accept the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) and accord sanction for a sum of Rs. 20.00 cores (Rupees Twenty cores only) for the formation of Elephant Proof Trenches as detailed in the annexure to this order for a distance of 440 K.M. during the year 2013-2014.

5. The expenditure sanctioned in para 4 above shall be debited to the following head of account:

4406 – Capital Outlay on Forestry and Wildlife – 02. Environmental Forestry and Wildlife – 110.Wildlife – Schemes in the Twelfth Five Year Plan – II. State Plan – JM. Asian Elephant Depredation and mitigation measures – 16. Major Works  
(DPC 4406 02 110 JM 1601).

6. The expenditure sanctioned in para-4 above is an item of "New Service" and the approval of the Legislature will be obtained in due course. Pending approval of Legislature, the expenditure will be initially met from the Contingency Fund. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden shall apply for the sanction of Contingency Fund advance to Finance [BG-I] Department, in the prescribed format along with the copy of this order. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden is also requested to send necessary draft explanatory notes for including the above expenditure in the Supplementary Estimates 2013-14 at the appropriate time.

7. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. No. 50183/Fin(AH &F)/2013, dated 26.09.2013 and with Additional Sanction Ledger No. 1384 (One thousand three hundred and eighty four)

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

MOHAN VERGHESE CHUNKATH  
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, Chennai-15.  
The Pay and Account Officer (South) Chennai - 35  
The Principal Accountant General (A&E), Chennai -18  
The Accountant General, 361 Anna Salai, Chennai – 18.  
The Resident Audit Officer,  
O/o/ Principal Accountant General, General and Social Sector Audit)  
Tamil Nadu Secretariat, Chennai – 9.  
The Commissioner of Treasury and Accounts, Chennai – 15.

**Copy to:-**

The Principal Secretary.II to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Chennai-9  
The Senior Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Forests) Chennai -09  
The Finance (AH&F/BG I/BG.II) Department, Chennai – 9.  
The Senior Private Secretary to Additional Chief Secretary to Government,  
Environment and Forests Department , Chennai-9  
SF/SCs.

/FORWARDED BY ORDER/

(K. RENGARAJAN)  
UNDER SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

**Annexure**

**to G.O.(D) No.324, Environment and Forests (FR.5) Department,  
dated 26.09.2013.**

**Physical and Financial Details for formation of Elephant Proof  
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