



ABSTRACT

Forests- Announcements - 2019-20 Made in the Legislative Assembly on 01.07.2019 by the Hon'ble Minister for Forests-Proposal for improvement of infrastructure in Thandarai and Pulleri Medicinal Plant Development area situated in Kancheepuram district at a cost of Rs. 3.34 crore for a period of three years from 2019-20 to 2021-22 -Administrative Approval- Orders - Issued.

Environment and Forests (FR.6) Department

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Read:

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Chennai,
Ref.No.J3/27146/2019, Dated: 08.07.2019.

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ORDER :

The Hon'ble Minister (Forests) on 01.07.2019, has made the following announcements on the floor of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly while moving the demand for the Forest Department:-

செங்கற்பட்டு வனக் கோட்டத்தில் புல்லேரி மற்றும் தண்டரை மூலிகை பண்ணை தோட்டங்களில் மூன்று ஆண்டுகளில் 3.34 கோடி ரூபாய் திட்ட மதிப்பீட்டில் உள் கட்டமைப்பு வசதிகள் மேம்படுத்தப்படும். 2019-2020 ஆம் ஆண்டில் இத்திட்டம் 2.47 கோடி ரூபாய் செலவில் மேற்கொள்ளப்படும்.

2. Based on the above announcement, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests in his letter read above has sent a proposal for "Improvement of infrastructure in Thandarai and Pulleri Medicinal Plant Development Area situated in Kancheepuram District at a total cost of Rs. 3.34 crores to be implemented in 3 years as detailed below:-

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Year		Total (Rs. in lakhs)
2019-20 (1 st year)	:	247.066
2020 -21(2 nd year)	:	41.365
2021-22 (3 rd year)	:	45.252
	:	333.683 or 3.34 crores

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests in his proposal has stated that Tamil Nadu has great potential for development of medicinal plants as a commercially viable venture. Its rich bio-diversity and varied agro-climate provide a conducive atmosphere for promotion of medicinal plants as a successful commercial venture.

4. He has further stated that Pulleri Medicinal Plot is situated in Chengalpattu Range near Nemmeli Reserved Forest over an area of 46.7 acres and Thandarai Medicinal Plot is adjoining to Pulleri plot over an area of 25 acres. Around 100 species of medicinal plants are conserved in this area. Tamil Nadu Forest Department started work in the combined Pulleri-Thandarai Medicinal Plant Development Area (MPDA) which was financed by Foundation for Revitalization of Local Health Traditions (FRLHT) from 2000 onwards for few years. There is Irula Tribal Women Welfare Society (ITWWS) near this medicinal plants development area. Members of the society use this area for sustainable collection of the medicinal plants. They prepare medicinal products and sell in the market. But there is lack of knowledge and skills for the packaging, standardization, certifications, marketing etc. among the members of the society most of whom are Irula tribal women. Because of this, they find it difficult to sell the products. It helps in generation of employment for the tribal women but it is not sufficient to make the society self-sustainable. This area is near Chennai city. Proximity of the location of Pulleri-Thandarai MPDA makes it suitable for development as a conservation area for the medicinal plants. Also it is on the Mahabalipuram road which makes it convenient for the tourists to visit. It is expected that many people from the Chennai city and tourists from all over India and world would like to visit this area if sufficient infrastructure is developed for knowledge, information and convenience. Development and conservation of this area will help in conservation of the medicinal plants used in the Indian traditional medicinal system.

5. He has listed the Objectives of the Project as detailed below:-

- To conserve the natural flora with medicinal plants and strengthen the medicinal plant resource base in the surrounding forests.
- To enlighten the general public about their rich heritage on traditional knowledge & the necessity to conserve it for better health for all and to seek active community involvement in this endeavour.
- Establishment of a centre for public for knowledge through joy
- Employment generation for the local people in cooperation with ITWWS and VFCs

6. He has further stated that it is proposed to develop this area as a model knowledge center on Medicinal Plants and traditional knowledge. It will disseminate knowledge through joy. To make it self-sustainable in the long run, it is proposed to create one society with involvement of the ITWWS and local Village Forest Committee. Involvement of local people will create a sense of responsibility towards development of the area with active participation.

Involvement of Irula Tribal Women Welfare Society in the conservation and development works of Pulleri-Thandarai Medicinal Plants Development Area will help in conservation and dissemination of the traditional knowledge of tribals in the medicine.

7. He has further stated that an area of 20 acres is proposed to be used for the visit by public. It will contain all the herbal demonstration plots, interpretation center, all public convenience facilities etc. Balance area of 51.7 acres will be kept as absolute conservation area where only authorized people will be allowed to visit. Common public will be restricted in this area to avoid disturbance and to maintain it as a conservation zone. Only students, researchers and other authorized persons will be allowed to visit this conservation zone.

8. He has also stated that the 100 numbers of Herbal plots of 100 sq.m. size are proposed to be formed to demonstrate various types of medicinal herbs and plants. Various species of medicinal plants will be planted in these plots for information to the public. All information about usage in medicine will be displayed with information boards. An herbal trail by gravel filling and top laid with pavement tiles will be formed for a length of 1500 m along the herbal plots. Public will be able to have a look on all the herbal plots with a walk through this trail. Further it is proposed to enrich the existing plantations by planting 100 medicinal plants/Acre. It will increase the yield which can be harvested.

9. He has further stated that the 50000 saplings of various medicinal plants will be raised for sale to public at subsidized rate. Further to disseminate the knowledge about medicinal plants to the researches, students, traditional and local practitioners, visitors and tourists, a Interpretation Centre will be created to accommodate all the related materials. Posters on uses of medicinal plants and importance of species will be displayed in the centre. Further, a Video conferencing system will be installed to help in communications with the various renowned institutions working in the field of medicinal plants and traditional knowledge, educational and research institutions at national and international level.

10. He has further stated that a separate area for children with provision of play things will be formed to attract the visitors. Innovative and educative things for children will be installed in this area which will lead to education through joy. Further an open amphitheatre will be constructed for arrangement of various awareness programs for the visiting public.

11. He has further stated that the expected outcomes of the Project both tangible and intangible are as follows:-

- Conservation of medicinal plants, traditional knowledge and indigenous medicinal systems.
- Enrichment of the medicinal plant resource base in the surrounding forests.
- Enrichment of knowledge of staff on medicinal plants.
- Awareness of the general public on traditional knowledge and indigenous medicinal systems.
- Establishment of a centre for public for knowledge through joy.
- Employment generation for the local people.
- Networking with the renowned educational and research institutions for conservation of traditional knowledge.

12. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has therefore requested to accord administrative sanction for a sum of Rs. 3.34 crores for 3 years from 2019-20 to 2021-22 and to release a sum of Rs. 247.066 lakhs during 2019-20 to implement the said project.

13. The Government after careful examination, accept the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and to accord administrative approval for improvement of infrastructure in Thandarai and Pulleri Medicinal Plant Development Area situated in Kancheepuram District at a total cost of Rs. 3.34 crores to be implemented in 3 years as detailed below:-

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14. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O.No.47549/AHD&F/2019, Dated: 25.09.2019.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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