



ABSTRACT

Forests – Announcement by Hon'ble Chief Minister under Rule 110 – Modernization and Strengthening of 8 Forestry Extension Centres of Tamil Nadu – at a total cost of Rs.2.40 Crores during the year 2019-2020 – Sanctioned - Orders – Issued.

Environment and Forests (FR.6) Department

G.O.(D)No:284

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திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு-2050

Read:

From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Department), Chennai-15.
Letter Ref.No.32290/2019/SF2, Dated: 08.07.2019.

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ORDER :

During the Budget Session 2019-2020, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has made the following Announcement on 05.07.2019 under Rule 110 of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Rules :-

“வன விரிவாக்க மையங்களிலிருந்து மரக்கன்றுகள் உற்பத்தி செய்யப்பட்டு, உள்ளூர் மக்களுக்கு வழங்கப்பட்டு வருகின்றன. வன விரிவாக்க மையங்களை வலுப்படுத்தும் வகையில், தொழிலதிபர்கள், கல்வியாளர்கள், இயற்கை ஆர்வலர்கள் மற்றும் விவசாயிகள் ஆகியோர் ஒருங்கிணைந்த கருத்தரங்குகள் வாயிலாக நவீன தொழில்நுட்பத்தை கையாண்டு சந்தைப்படுத்துவதற்கான வழிமுறைகளை விவசாய பெருமக்களிடம் கொண்டு செல்லவும் தேவையின் அடிப்படையில் நாற்றங்கால் உற்பத்தி செய்யவும் கோயம்புத்தூர், நாமக்கல், கரூர், தஞ்சாவூர், காஞ்சிபுரம், தருமபுரி, விருதுநகர் மற்றும் சென்னை ஆகிய இடங்களில் செயல்பாட்டில் உள்ள 8 வன விரிவாக்க மையங்கள் 2.4 கோடி ரூபாய் மதிப்பீட்டில் நவீனப்படுத்தப்பட்டு வலுப்படுத்தப்படும்”.

2. Based on the above Announcement, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests in his letter read above has proposed for Modernization and Strengthening the 8 Forestry Extension Centres of Tamil Nadu and providing marketing facilities to the farmers with the Industrialists and raising seedlings on demand. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests in his proposal has stated that our National Forest Policy 1988 aims at bringing 33% of Geographical area under Forest / Tree cover through various afforestation programmes including tree planting outside the forests areas. Forestry Extension activities will play a major role when it is taken up on larger scale whereby farmers can be motivated to raise trees in their holdings and to support for the restoration of degraded areas, management of eco system, promotion of agro forestry and improvement of rural economy by promoting

tree cultivation. The main objectives of the Forestry Extension Centres are as follows:

- a. Transfer of technology from Tamil Nadu Agriculture University, Coimbatore and Forest College and Research Institute, Mettupalayam, Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore and Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, Dehradun.
- b. Create awareness among the farmers, Public, Students and all stake holders by conducting workshops comprising of Farmers, Research Institutes and Industrialists to assess the Industrial wood demand and adopt modern technology for its production.
- c. Motivating Tree Grower's Societies, SHGs and other interested farmers group for large scale planting.
- d. Providing marketing facilities to the farmers with the Industrialists.
- e. Impart training to improve capacity of front line staff.

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has proposed to implement the above scheme in 8 Forestry Extension Centres in the following Districts of Tamil Nadu viz. Coimbatore, Karur, Namakkal, Dharmapuri, Virudhunagar, Tanjavur, Kanchipuram and Chennai. He has further stated that the following components will be carried out in the Forestry Extension Centres so as to achieve the above objectives in the scheme :-

Sl.No.	Name of the Component
1	Establishment of Modern Nursery Technology
2	Raising of Medicinal Plants
3	Raising of most commonly demand / commercial species seedlings
4	Renovation and upkeep of Forestry Extension Centres
5	Publicity and Documentation
6	Awareness camps
7	Conducting workshops at State and Circle level with Farmers - Industrialist - Research Institutes
8	Conducting training programmes to Farmers, Frontline Staff, SHGs etc.

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has further stated that the works to be carried out in the above Centres and the cost involved are as detailed below :-

Sl. No.	Name of the Component	Amount proposed per FEC (Rs.in lakh)	Total Amount for 8 FECs (Rs.in lakh)
1.	Establishment/Maintenance/Improvement of nursery infrastructure such as mother beds, hedge stools, share nets, hardening beds, hycopots, trays, micro-irrigation equipment etc.	8.00	64.00
	Sub total	8.00	64.00

Sl. No.	Name of the Component	Amount proposed per FEC (Rs.in lakh)	Total Amount for 8 FECs (Rs.in lakh)
2.	a. Raising of medicinal plants @ Rs.9.00 -10000 Nos. (10 x 20cm bag size)	0.90	7.20
	b. Production of quality demand species @ Rs.11.00 - 90000 Nos. (13 x 25 cm bag size)	9.90	79.20
	Sub Total	10.80	86.40
3.	Renovation and Upkeep of Forestry Extension Centres @ Rs.5.50 lakh/Centre	5.50	44.00
	Sub Total	5.50	44.00
4.	Awareness creation, Conducting workshops at State and Circle level with Farmers, Industrialists, Research Institutes, Conducting training programme to Farmers, Frontline staff, Tree Grower Society, SHGs etc. Publicity materials such as brochures, pamphlets, booklets caps documentation etc. and awareness camps/field visits	5.00	40.00
	Sub total	5.00	40.00
5.	Overhead charges @ 2.5% of the project cost	0.70	5.60
	Sub Total	0.70	5.60
	Grand Total	30.00	240.00

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has further added that the seedlings raised under the scheme will be distributed especially to the various categories of farmers and also to the public, private and Government schools / colleges, Government organizations, Private institutions at a nominal cost of Rs.2/- per seedlings to infuse a sense of ownership in the beneficiary. The proceeds of the sale shall be kept in a P.D. account with respective Forestry Extension officers as capital towards raising seedlings for subsequent years.

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has therefore requested to sanction an amount of Rs.2.40 Crores for Modernization and Strengthening of 8 Forestry Extension Centres of Tamil Nadu during the year 2019-2020.

7. The Government after careful examination, have decided to accept the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and sanction a sum of Rs.2.40 Crores (Rupees Two Crores and Forty lakhs only) for Modernization and Strengthening of Forestry Extension Services in 8 Forestry Extension Centres at Coimbatore, Karur, Namakkal, Dharmapuri, Virudhunagar, Tanjavur, Kanchipuram and Chennai during the year 2019-2020, subject to the condition that seedlings raised under the scheme will be distributed at a nominal cost of Rs.5/- per seedling and the revenue generated should be deposited into the Government account every year.

8. The expenditure sanctioned in para 7 above shall be debited to the following head of account :-

“4406 CAPITAL OUTLAY ON FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE -
01 - Forestry - 101 - Forest Conservation, Development and
Regeneration - State's Expenditure - AA - Revitalization of
Forestry Extension Centres- 416 - Major Works 01 -
Major Works. (DPC: 4406 - 01 - 101 - AA - 1604)
(IFHRMS DPC : 4406 - 01 -101 - AA - 41601)”

9. Necessary funds will be provided in RE/FMA 2019-2020. Pending provision of funds in RE/FMA 2019-2020, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests is authorized to draw and utilize the amount sanctioned in para 7 above. However, this expenditure shall be brought to the notice of the Legislature by Specific Inclusion in the Supplementary Estimate 2019-2020. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests is directed to include this item of expenditure while sending the proposal for RE/FMA 2019-2020 and also send draft explanatory note for inclusion of the expenditure in the Supplementary Estimate to Government in Finance (AHD&F / BG-I) Department without fail.

10. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O.No.49953/(Fin) AHD&F/2019, Dated: 22.10.2019 and Additional Sanction Ledger No.1784 (One thousand seven hundred eighty four)

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

**SHAMBU KALLOLIKAR
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To

- ✓ The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Department),
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Chennai-18.
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25/10/19
SECTION OFFICER

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