



ABSTRACT

Forests – Announcement by Hon'ble Minister – Establishment of Biodiversity Park at Sirumalai, Dindigul District -Administrative approval accorded for Rs.5.00 Crore for a period of three years from 2019-2020 to 2021-2022 - Orders – Issued.

Environment and Forests (FR.6) Department

G.O.(3D)No: 29

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Read:

From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Department), Chennai-15, Letter Ref.No.J3/ 32398/2019, Dated: 08.07.2019 and 27.08.2019.

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ORDER :

While moving the Demand for Forest Department on 01.07.2019, the Hon'ble Minister for Forests has made the following announcement :-

“வளர்ந்து வரும் நகரங்கள் மற்றும் நகர்ப்புறங்களில் இழந்த பன்முகத்தன்மையை மீட்டெடுக்கும் விதமாக அரிதான மற்றும் அழியும் தருவாயில் உள்ள உயிரினங்கள், தாவரங்களை பாதுகாக்கும் வகையில் திண்டுக்கல் மாவட்டம் சிறுமலையில் 5 கோடி ரூபாய் திட்ட மதிப்பீட்டில் மூன்றாண்டுகளில் பல்லுயிர் பூங்கா அமைக்கப்படும். 2019-20 ஆம் ஆண்டில் இத்திட்டம் ரூ.2.43 கோடி செலவில் மேற்கொள்ளப்படும்.”

2. Based on the above announcement, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests in his letter read above has sent a proposal for “Establishment of Biodiversity Park at Sirumalai, Dindigul District” at a total cost of Rs.5.00 crore over a period of three years from 2019-2020 to 2021-2022. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests in his proposal has stated that the Sirumalai Hills are considered to be the spur of Eastern Ghats, in Dindigul district of Tamil Nadu with an extent of over 60,000 acres. The hills are located about 25 km from Dindigul town harboring about 895 species belonging to 536 genera of higher plants with repository of several rare and endemic plants. The lower hill range consists of highly disturbed scrub forest while tropical dry deciduous forests occupy the major portion of middle hill ranges. The Sirumalai is recently gaining huge tourism potential owing to its salubrious climate, several places of interest and scenic view of surrounding forest.

Hence, it is imperative that continuous sensitization of the people visiting this place is important for the sustainable management of available natural resources in this ecological sensitive area. Hence, a biodiversity park is proposed in Sirumalai hills with a view to conserve natural resources of the area in addition to inculcating cultural, educational and biodiversity values among the public. This park is nothing but a nature reserve that harbours natural heritage of the area and have conservation, education, cultural values, and to enhance the quality of environment. The underlying principle of Biodiversity Park is to recreate self-sustaining ecosystems with native flora and fauna characteristics of the area for enhancing the quality of environment while enhancing the social economic conditions of the local people.

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has stated the Objectives of the Scheme, are as detailed below:-

- a. Create awareness among the community about the biological diversity and its significance,
- b. Create plant diversity that are endangered, threatened, highly valuable for human existence
- c. To create a Gene bank of important plant species including rare and endemics.
- d. Create a carbon sink for future generation with indigenous species to mitigate problems of global warming & Climate change.
- e. Promote the culture of conservation and appreciation towards natural resources and its management.
- f. Create livelihood opportunities for local communities.

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has further stated that the proposed biodiversity park will be developed in 3 years period with a financial outlay of Rs. 5.00 crores. The entire park will be divided in to two zones viz.

- i. Visitors zone
- ii Nature zone.

The visitors zone will have Medicinal Plant Garden, Butterfly garden, sacred groves, Nature trails, Recreational garden, Arboretum, Bambusetum, Orchidarium, Nature interpretation centre and other visitor facilities. Further the Nature reserve zone offers multiple micro-niches and habitats for a diversity of animal species to live and breed in. The nature reserve zone with different forest communities interspersed with sprawling grasslands and water harvesting structures forms a fully functional ecosystem.

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has therefore proposed to implement the scheme of Establishment of Biodiversity Park at Sirumalai, Dindigul District and the year-wise financial requirements, are as detailed below :-

Sl.No	Year	Amount (in Rs)
1	2019-2020	2,43,00000
2	2020-2021	1,90,00000
3	2021-2022	6,70,00000
Total		5,00,00000

He has requested the Government to accord administrative sanction for a sum of Rs.5.00 Crore towards the implementation of the scheme over a period of three years from 2019-2020 to 2021-2022 and to release a sum of Rs.2.43 crore during the year 2019-2020 under the scheme.

6. The Government after careful examination of the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests have decided to accord administrative approval for a sum of Rs.5.00 Crore (Rupees Five Crore only) for implementing the scheme of "Establishment of Biodiversity Park at Sirumalai, Dindigul District" for a period of three years from 2019-2020 to 2021-2022.

7. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O.No.47923/AHD&F/2019, Dated: 27.09.2019.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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The Finance (AHD&F) Department,
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