



## ABSTRACT

Forests – Announcement made by Hon'ble Minister(Forests) Strengthening Security by providing CCTV to Government sandalwood Depots, Timber storage Godowns, Forest check post and offices – Sanction of Rs.103.78 lakh – Orders – Issued.

### ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (FR.4) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms) No.91

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திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு – 2050  
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#### Read:

From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoD), Chennai  
Ref.No.PV1/19157/2019,dated 30.05.2019

#### ORDER:

In the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, under Demand No.54, Hon'ble Minister for Forests has made following announcement for the year 2019-2020:

வனத்துறையின் பராமரிப்பின் கீழ் வரும் மரக்கிடங்குகள், சோதனைச் சாவடிகள், அலுவலகங்களில் கண்காணிப்பு கேமராக்கள் மூலம் வனப்பாதுகாப்பினை பலப்படுத்துதல்.

குற்றங்களைத் தடுப்பதற்காக கடந்த சில ஆண்டுகளாக கண்காணிப்பு கேமராவை வைத்து கண்காணிக்கப்படுகிறது. குற்றங்களைத் தடுக்கவும் பாதுகாப்பை மேம்படுத்தவும் கண்காணிப்பு கேமரா பொருத்துவது தற்போதைய காலகட்டத்தில் இன்றியமையாததாக உள்ளது.

வனத்துறையில் பாதுகாப்பு பலப்படுத்தப்பட்ட போதிலும் மதிப்பு மிக்க தேக்கு, சிவப்பு சந்தன மரங்கள் மற்றும் சந்தன மரங்கள் ஆகியன திருடப்படுவது தொடர்ந்து நடந்து கொண்டிருக்கிறது. மேலும் வனச்சோதனை சாவடி பணியாளர்களைத் துன்புறுத்துதல் மற்றும் வன உயிரினங்களிடம் நடக்கும் குற்றங்கள், வன ஊழியர்களை தாக்குதல் போன்ற சம்பவங்கள் சமூக விரோதிகளால் அவ்வப்போது நடைபெறுகிறது. அரிதான மரங்கள் திருடப்படுவதை தடுக்கவும் வனக் குற்றச்செயலில் ஈடுபடுவோரை கண்காணிக்க முக்கியமான இடங்களில் கண்காணிப்பு கேமராவை பொருத்துவதன் மூலம் மேற்படி குற்றங்களை தடுத்து உண்மையான குற்றவாளிகளை கண்டுபிடிக்க இயலும்.

எனவே, மாண்புமிகு முதலமைச்சர் அவர்களின் ஆணையின்படி வனத்துறை அலுவலகங்கள், அரசு சந்தன மரக்கிடங்கு, மரக்கிடங்கு மற்றும் சோதனைச்சாவடிகளில் 2019-20 ஆம் ஆண்டு 1.03 கோடி ரூபாய் செலவில் கண்காணிப்பு கேமரா பொருத்தப்பட்டு பாதுகாப்பு பலப்படுத்தப்படும்.

2. Based on the announcement, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoD), Chennai has sent proposal to Government, wherein, he has stated that Tamil Nadu has been a pioneer State in protection, management and conservation of forest and wildlife resources. The total recorded forest area in Tamil Nadu is about 22,877 sq.km, which is about 17.59% of the geographical area of Tamil Nadu. Forest Department with the responsibility of protecting about 17.59% of the total area of the State, top priority is accorded to conservation of biotic and natural resources in the interest of the people of Tamil Nadu. Today the most challenging task in forest protection is prevention of encroachment, poaching, illicit trade in wildlife and its product, felling and smuggling of Scheduled Timber species, illicit arrack distillation, ganja cultivation, etc.

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoD), Chennai has also stated that the Government of Tamil Nadu have directed to provide CCTV facilities to Government office where-ever public movement is high. In the past, valuable timber like Teak, Red Sanders wood and also Sandalwood were stolen from storage areas, protest and damage to Government property by miscreants have occurred. Complaints of harassment of staff, Forest check post were damaged by run-away Forest and Wildlife criminals while transporting illegal forest produce, forest personnel were manhandled / assaulted by offenders / public etc. Therefore, installation of CCTV in prominent locations will create a deterrent factor ensuring self-discipline and help in detection of actual criminals. Forest Department desires to install CCTV in sensitive locations and high value storage areas like Government Sandalwood Depots, Timber Godown, Office complex and Forest Check post to enhance security and protection through effective utilization of technology.

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has sent requirement fund for strengthening security by providing CCTV to Government Sandal wood depots, Tirupattur storage godowns, Forest Check posts and offices during 2019-20 as detailed below:-

		Amount Rs. in lakh
a)	Government Sandalwood Depot	- 11.70
b)	Forest Circle Office	- 8.32
c)	Forest Check Posts	- 42.72
d)	District Forest Office and Wildlife Warden Offices	- 19.76
e)	Sensitive Forest Range Offices with Timber Storage Godowns	- 21.28
<b>Total</b>		<b>- 103.78</b>

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has requested to sanction an amount of Rs.103.78 lakh (One hundred and Three lakh and seventy eight thousand only) for Strengthening Security by providing Closed Circuit Television Cameras(CCTV) to Government sandalwood Depots, Timber storage Godowns, Forest check post and offices.

6. The Government, after careful examination of the above proposal decided to sanction a sum of Rs.103.78 lakh (One hundred and Three lakh and seventy eight thousand only) for Strengthening Security by providing Closed Circuit Television Cameras(CCTV) to Government sandalwood Depots, Timber storage Godowns, Forest check post and offices as detailed in para 4 above and issue orders accordingly.

7. The expenditure sanctioned in para 6 above shall be debited to the following head of account:

2406-Forestry and Wildlife -01-Forestry-800-  
State's Expenditure-AB-Forest Protection -319-Machinery and  
Equipments -01-Purchase.  
(Old DPC:2406-01-800-AB-1917)  
(IFHRMS DPC:2406-01-800-AB-31901)

8. The expenditure sanctioned in para-6 above shall constitute an item of "New Service" for which the approval of the Legislature will be obtained in due course. Pending approval of the Legislature, the expenditure may be initially met by drawal of an advance from the Contingency Fund. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests is directed to calculate the actual amount required for the period upto next supplementary estimates and apply for sanction of the same as advance from the Contingency Fund to Finance (B.G.I) Department directly in Form 'A' appended to the Tamil Nadu Contingency Fund Rules, 1963 along with a copy of this order. Orders for sanction of an advance from the Contingency Fund will be issued from Finance (B.G.I) Department and also directed to send necessary explanatory note to Finance (B.G.I) / Finance (AHD&F) Department for inclusion of the expenditure in the Supplementary estimates for the year 2019-2020 for getting the approval of the Legislature at an appropriate time without fail.

9. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U O. No.43334/Fin(AHD&F)Dept/19 dated:05.09.19 and ASL No.1320 (One thousand Three hundred and twenty)

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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