

#### ABSTRACT

Forests – Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiatives (TANII) - Removal of Invasive Alien Species and Restoration of Native Grass Land in Kodaikanal Division – Administrative sanction of Rs.84.70 lakh accorded for three years from 2018-2019 to 2020-2021 - Release of a sum of Rs.14.08 lakh for the year 2019-2020 and unspent amount of Rs.12.70 lakh pertaining to 2018-2019 – Sanctioned – Orders - Issued.

## **Environment and Forests (FR.6) Department**

G.O.(D)No: 189

Dated : 24.07.2019 விகாரி, ஆடி**–8** 

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Read:

1. G.O.(D)No.42, Environment and Forests (FR.6) Department, Dated: 13.02.2018.

2. G.O.(D)No.354, Environment and Forests (FR.6) Department,

Dated: 18.12.2018.

3. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Department), Chennai-15, Letter Ref.No.J1/22051/2017, Dated: 03.06.2019.

#### ORDER:

In the Government Order first read above, the Government have accorded administrative sanction for a sum of Rs.84.70 lakh for a period of three years from 2017-2018 to 2019-2020 for the implementation of the scheme of "Removal of Invasive Alien Species and Restoration of Native Grass Land in Kodaikanal Division" under Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiatives (TANII) fund and also released a sum of Rs.42.91 lakh, during 2017-2018, under the scheme.

2. In the Government Order second read above, the Government have released a sum of Rs.50.29 lakh for "Removal of Invasive Alien species and Restoration of Native Grass land in Kodaikanal Division during the year 2018-2019 and to continue the works during the years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021, as detailed below:-

Year	Rs. in lakh
2018-2019	50.29
2019-2020	22.83
2020-2021	11.58
Total	84.70

- 3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests in his letter third read above, has stated that the Chief Conservator of Forests, Dindugul have informed that out of Rs.50.29 lakh released during 2018-2019, only a sum of Rs.35.79 lakh has been utilized leaving an unspent balance amount of Rs.14.50 lakh, as the physical and financial target could not be achieved in the following components:-
- i. Staff cost Engaging technical staff Rs.2.16 lakh allotted for 12 months @ Rs.0.18 lakh per month. Only a sum of Rs. 0.36 lakh has been spent as the fund was received during December 2018. This leaves an unspent balance of Rs.1.80 lakh which has been surrendered eternally.
- ii. Planting of Native Grass Slips for Planting Native Grass Slips a sum of Rs.12.70 lakh has been allotted. As the soil was very hard due to deficient rainfall in Gundar valley Reserved Forests and Amphthill down Reserved Forests and Poombarai range, the planting works could not be carried out in 2018-2019. This leave an unspent balance of Rs.12.70 lakh and this has to be revalidated to carry out planting works during 2019-2020.
- 4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has further stated that as per Government Order second read above, administrative sanction have been accorded for the following works during the year 2019-2020:-

S1. No.	Name of the work	Amount (Rs in lakh)	
A	Recurring	0.16	
i.	Staff cost – Engaging technical staff @ Rs.18,000/- per month	2.16	
В	Non Recurring - Restoration of Native Grass land		
1	Maintenance of alien species removed area by removing and uprooting and weeding out the alien species which are grown in the removed area = 50 Ha @ Rs.2385/Ha.	11.92	
2	Maintenance of planted grass area and replacement of casualities where empty patches seen in the planted area =- 50 @ Rs.17515/ ha.	8.75	
	Total (A+B)	22.83	

However, the component "Maintenance of planted grass area and replacement of causalities" cannot be carried out during 2019-2020 as per sanction, since the planting of grass slips will only be taken up during 2019-2020. (for which revalidation of Rs.12.70 lakh requested). Hence, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Dindigul has requested to sanction an amount of Rs.14.08 lakh against the sanctioned amount of Rs.22.83 lakh for the year 2019-2020.

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has therefore requested the Government to release a sum of Rs.26.78 lakh for the implementation of the following works, during 2019-2020:-

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Amount (Rs. in lakh)	Justification			
I	Revalidation of 2018-2019 works					
i.	Planting of native grass slips which are grown in the advance nursery	12.70	Grass slips raised in the nursery during 2018-2019 will be planted during monsoon period of 2019-2020 as revalidation works			
	Sub Total (I)	12.70				
II	2019-2020 works					
	A. Recurring					
1.	Staff cost – Engaging technical staff @ Rs.18,000/- per month		essentially required to look out the progress of works			
	B. Non Recurring - Restora	tion of Native	Grass Land			
1	Maintenance of alien species removed area by removing and uprooting and weeding out the alien species which are grown in the removed area = 50 Ha @ Rs.2385/Ha.	11.92	The cleared area of wattle during 2018-2019 has to be maintained by uprooting the small wattle recruits. Hence this item of work may be allowed			
	Sub Total (II)	14.08				
	Grand Total (I+II)	26.78				

6. The Government after careful consideration of the request of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, have decided to sanction and release a sum of Rs.26.78 lakh (Rupees Twenty Six Lakh and Seventy Eight Thousand only) i.e. release of funds Rs.14.08 lakh for the year 2019-2020 and by revalidating the unspent amount of Rs.12.70 lakh pertaining to the year 2018-2019 for implementing the scheme of "Removal of Invasive Alien Species and Restoration of Native Grass Land in Kodaikanal Division", during 2019-2020.

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

"2406 Forestry and Wild Life - 02 Environmental Forestry and Wild life - 110 Wild Life Preservation - STATE'S EXPENDITURE - JO Restoration of Native grass Land in Kodaikanal under State Innovation Fund - 309 Grants - in - Aid - 03 Grants for Specific Schemes. (DPC - 2406 02 110 JO 0933)" (IFHRMS DPC: 2406 - 02 - 110 - JO - 30903)"

(ii) The expenditure shall be met from the State Innovation Fund by deducting under the following head of account:-

"2406 Forestry and Wild Life – 02 Environmental Forestry and Wild life. 902 Deduct – Amount met from State Innovation Fund. State's Expenditure. JA Deduct – Amount met from State Innovation Fund. 330 Inter- Account Transfers 01 – Inter – Account Transfers (DPC – 2406 02 902 JA 3000)" (IFHRMS DPC: 2406 – 02 – 902 – JA – 33001)"

And Contra-debiting the following fund account :-

- "J Reserve Fund (b) Reserve funds not bearing interest 8229-00- Development Welfare Funds 200 Other Development and Welfare Funds BE State Innovation Fund (DPC 8229 00 200 BE 0006) (Outgo) (IFHRMS DPC: 8229 00 200 BE 80202)"
- 8. Necessary funds Rs.26.78 lakh will be provided in Revised Estimates/Final Modified Appropriation 2019-2020 to meet the expenditure sanctioned/released in para 6 above. Pending provision of such funds, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests is authorized to incur the expenditure. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests is also directed to include the expenditure sanctioned above while sending the budget proposals for RE/FMA 2019-2020 to Finance (AHD&F/BG.II) Department at an appropriate time without fail.
- 9. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O.No.31242/AHD&F/2019, Dated:20.07.2019 and Additional Sanction Ledger No.708 (Seven Hundred and Eight).

### (BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

# SHAMBU KALLOLIKAR PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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