



ABSTRACT

Forests – Wildlife – Announcement - “Establishment of Sea Turtle Conservation Centre in Nagapattinam District” – Rs.2.00 Crore sanctioned – Orders issued.

ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (FR.5) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(D) No.287

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Read:

From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoD) letter
No.J3/32776/2019, dated: 09.07.2019.

ORDER:-

The Hon'ble Minister (Forests) has made the following announcement on the floor of the Assembly on 01.07.2019:-

“கடல் வாழ் உயிரினங்களான ஆலிவரிடில் மற்றும் கடல் பசு ஆகியவை எண்ணிக்கையில் குறைந்து வருவதால் பொது மக்களிடையே கடல் ஆமை மற்றும் கடல் பசுக்களைப் பாதுகாப்பது குறித்து எடுத்துரைப்பதையும் மற்றும் உள்ளூர் மக்களுக்கு சூழல் சுற்றுலா வாய்ப்புகளை மேம்படுத்துவதையும் முக்கிய குறிக்கோளாகக் கொண்டு நாகப்பட்டினம் மாவட்டத்தில், கோடியக்கரை வனச் சரணாலயத்தின் அருகில் பொருத்தமான இடத்தில் கடல் ஆமைப் பாதுகாப்பு குறித்து விழிப்புணர்வு ஏற்படுத்தும் வகையில் தரம் வாய்ந்த முப்பரிமாண அருங்காட்சியகத்துடன் சூரியசக்தி மூலம் கிடைக்கப்பெறும் மின்சாரத்தைப் பயன்படுத்தி நவீன வசதிகளுடன் கூடிய கடல் ஆமை பாதுகாப்பு மையம் 2019-2020 ஆம் ஆண்டு, 2 கோடி ரூபாய் செலவில் அமைக்கப்படும். வனத்துறையின் பங்களிப்புடன் சூழல் சுற்றுலா மேலாண்மைக் குழுவால், இம்மையம் நிர்வகிக்கப்படும்.”

2. In the letter read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoD) has stated that there are three species of sea turtle i.e., Olive Ridley, Green turtle and Hawksbill Sea Turtle, seen in Nagapattinam's water. Nagapattinam has a coastline of about 149 km long. Approximately 1.1 lakh people live in the villages along the coast, and among them, 70% people directly depend upon the seas for their livelihood. The treasures of the oceans especially the rich biodiversity have been severely damaged due to anthropogenic and natural disturbances. Approximately 1,200 trawlers and 11,000 country boats are fishing in this area daily and there is no restriction to contain

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this number. Hence, it is highly necessary to build a state of the art permanent Conservation breeding Centre for Olive ridleys on the lines of countries like Indonesia, Vietnam, Australia, etc., which would help in spreading the awareness about conservation efforts as well as serve as focus for eco-tourism.

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoD) has therefore requested a sum of Rs.2.00 Crore for "Establishment of Sea Turtle Conservation Centre in Nagapattinam District" at a Cost of Rs.2.00 Crore for the following objectives:-

- 1) To establish a modern Marine Interpretation Centre cum Turtle Conservation Centre.
- 2) To boost the Eco-tourism of Point Calimere Wildlife Sanctuary which has very unique landscape.
- 3) To enhance the income of the local communities by making the centre runs under the Eco-tourism Management committee of Sanctuary.
- 4) To spread the awareness among the general public, visiting the sanctuary about the importance of Marine Ecosystems and the efforts taken by the department in protecting the natural resources.
- 5) To act as a centre for excellence for study on Turtle Behavior and other Marine animals.

4. The Government after careful examination of the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoD) accord administrative and financial sanction for a sum of Rs.2.00 Crore for "Establishment of Sea Turtle Conservation Centre in Nagapattinam District" and no additional sanction will be entertained.

5. The expenditure sanctioned in para 4 above shall be debited to the following new head of account:

4406- Capital Outlay on Forestry and Wildlife – 01 – Forestry –
101 – Forest Conservation, Development and Regeneration –
State's Expenditure. JM – Establishment of Sea Turtle
Conservation centre in Nagapattinam

416 – Major Works – 01 – Major Works – Rs.1.03 Crore

(Old DPC : 4406-01-101-JM-1601)
(IFHRMS DPC: 4406-01-101-JM-41601)

419 – Machinery and Equipments - 01 – Purchase Rs.0.97 Crore

(Old DPC: 4406-01-101-JM-1914)
(IFHRMS DPC: 4406-01-101-JM-41901)

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoD) is the estimating, reconciling and controlling authority for the new heads of account opened at para 5 above.

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7. The Pay and Accounts Officer / Treasury Officer concerned is directed to open the new heads of account in their accounts.

8. The expenditure sanctioned in para 4 above shall constitute an item of "New Service" for which the approval of the Legislature will be obtained in due course. Pending approval of Legislature, the expenditure may be initially met by drawl of an advance from the contingency fund, through Letter of Credit / Treasury. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoD) is directed to calculate the actual amount required for the period up to next supplementary estimates and a apply for sanction of the same as advance from Contingency Fund to Finance (BG.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.

He is also directed to send necessary explanatory notes to the Government in Finance (B.G.-I) 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 the Finance Department vide its U.O. No.50204/AHD&F/2019, dated: 21.10.2019 and Additional Sanction Ledger No.1814 (One thousand eight hundred and fourteen).

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoD), Chennai-15.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden, Chennai-15.

Pay and Accounts Officer, Chennai-35.

The Resident Audit Officer, Chennai-9.

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