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ABSTRACT

Forests - Wildlife – Arignar Anna Zoological Park and Guindy Children's Park - A sum of Rs.660.00 lakh under special scheme to meet out the feeding expenditure – Orders Issued.

ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (FR.5) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(D) No.112

Dated: 24.08.2020

சார்வரி, ஆவணி- 8

திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2051

Read:

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife
Warden letter No.WL6.12956/20 dated:22.04.2020.

ORDER:-

In the letter read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden has stated that, the zoological parks in Tamil Nadu were closed for public from 17.03.2020 onwards until further notice because of COVID 19 lockdown. As all the zoological parks remain closed during this financial year 2020-2021 in the months of April upto further notice, the revenue of the zoos will be largely reduced. The majority of the revenue realized was utilised for the annual expenditure of that year from the current account.

2. Summer holidays are peak season for turnout of visitors in all the zoos. Closure of zoo in such period will affect the revenue very adversely. Even when zoos are opened after this COVID 19 lockdown period, the mental fear of Corona virus at crowded places like zoo will keep the turn out of visitors at very low level. This, inturn, will affect the annual revenue very adversely. It is felt that annual revenue in 2020-2021 will not be more than 30% to 40% of revenue of 2019-2020.

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden has further stated that the expenditure like feed supply, wages for casual labour involved in the maintenance of the zoo, maintenance cost like electricity and water charges, consumable charge etc, are presently met out only from the existing funds available in account of Zoo Authority of Tamil Nadu of the respective zoos. But this fund is not sufficient to carry out all the essential expenditures involved in the management of the zoos. As the revenue collection has been stopped from 17.03.2020 onwards because of COVID 19 lock down, all the zoos face hardship to incur expenditure from the available fund under Zoo Authority of Tamil Nadu to carryout emergency works and the routine management activities like animal feed supply, labour wages and emergency work etc.

(P.T.O.)

4. Therefore, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden has requested to sanction a sum of Rs.1260.00 lakh under special schemes to meet out the expenditure towards maintenance and management of zoos in Tamil Nadu during 2020-2021, considering the well being of all the Captive animals in these zoos along with permission to deposit this special fund to the respective Zoo Authority of Tamil Nadu account so as to utilize the same considering the emergencies related to animal management.

5. The Government after careful consideration, sanction a sum of Rs.660.00 lakh (Rupees Six Crore and Sixty lakh only) towards the expenditure for feeding charges (for Arignar Anna Zoological Park Rs.600.00 lakh and Guindy Children's Park Rs.60.00 lakh) during the year 2020-2021 to meet out the expenditure towards feeding charges of above zoos in Tamil Nadu during 2020-2021, considering the well being of all the Captive animals in these zoos along with permission to deposit the special fund to the respective Zoo Authority of Tamil Nadu account so as to utilize the same considering the emergencies related to animal management.

6. The expenditure of Rs.60.00 lakh sanctioned at para 5 above for Guindy Children's Park shall be met from the funds provided in B.E. 2020-2021 under the head of account:-

2406 Forestry and Wildlife – 02 Environmental Forestry and Wildlife –
110 Wildlife Preservation State's Expenditure – AB Maintenance of
Guindy park – 318 Maintenance – 02 Special Maintenance
(Old DPC: 2406 02 110 AB 1820)
(IFHRMS DPC: 2406 02 110 AB 31802)

7. The expenditure sanctioned in para 5 above in respect of Arignar Anna Zoological Park for Rs.600.00 lakh shall be debited to the following head of account:-

2406 Forestry and Wildlife – 02 Environmental Forestry and Wildlife –
111 Zoological Park State's Expenditure – AA Arignar Anna Zoological
Park at Vandalur – 318 Maintenance – 02 Special Maintenance
(Old DPC: 2406-02-111-AA- 18 20)
(IFHRMS DPC: 2406-02-111-AA-31802)

8. The expenditure sanctioned in para 7 above shall constitute an item of "New Service" and the approval of the Legislature shall be obtained in due course of time by an inclusion in the Supplementary Estimates for the year 2020-2021. Pending approval of the Legislature, the expenditure shall initially be met by drawl of an advance from the Contingency Fund. Orders regarding this will be issued by the Finance (BG.I) Department separately. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests shall apply to the Government in Finance (BG.I) Department in prescribed format along with a copy of this order for sanction of an advance from the Contingency Fund. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests shall also send necessary draft explanatory notes for inclusion of the expenditure in the Supplementary Estimates for the year 2020-2021 to Government in Finance (BG.I / AHD & F) Department at the appropriate time without fail.

9. the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden is authorized to incur the expenditure sanctioned in para 5 above.

10. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. No.26014/Finance(AHD&F)/2020, dated 20.08.2020 and ASL number.379 (Three Hundred and Seventy Nine).

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

SANDEEP SAXENA
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To.

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

The Deputy, Arignar Anna Zoological Park

The Accountant General, Chennai-18.

The Resident Audit Officer,

Office of the Principal Accountant General, (General and Social Sector Audit)

Tamil Nadu Secretariat, Chennai – 9.

The Pay and Accounts Officer (S)

The Treasury Officer Concerned (Through the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden)

Copy to:

Office of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Chennai-9.

The Finance (AH&F) (BG-I / W & M-I / BG-II) Department, Chennai-9.

The Financial Advisor,

Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai-15.

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/FORWARDED BY ORDER/

B. Subochana
Section Officer

26/8/20