



ABSTRACT

Forests – Announcement – Establishing Transit Camps for Anti-poaching Watchers in all Tiger Reserves in Tamil Nadu – Administrative Sanction accorded for a sum of Rs.6.00 Crore during the year 2020-2021 – Orders Issued.

Environment and Forests (FR.11) Department

G.O.(Ms.)No.66

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Read:

From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden Reference No.WL6/11406/2020, dated 31.3.2020 and 08.04.2020.

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ORDER :

The Hon'ble Minister for Forests during the Budget Session 2020-2021, among other things has made the following announcement on the floor of the Assembly:-

“தமிழகத்தில் உள்ள புலிகள் காப்பகங்களில் தலா ஒன்று வீதம் 4 போக்குவரத்து முகாம்கள் ரூ.6.00 கோடி செலவில் அமைக்கப்படும்”

2. Based on the above announcement, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden in the letter read above, has sent a detailed proposal stating that monitoring the movement of the people in and around the Tiger Reserve is the top most priority of the Tiger Reserve administration to detect and prevent entry of anti-social elements inside the Tiger Reserve. The task of protecting a vast tiger habitat is difficult and challenging and will need dedicated and well planned action backed by timely intelligence, prompt follow-up as well as measures on preventive actions. To prevent poaching incidents in the Tiger Reserve, Anti-poaching squads assist the regular field staff in perambulation of vulnerable areas to monitor the movement of anti-social elements and also to monitor the status and abundance of wild animals. Floating camps have been introduced to supplement the activities of anti-poaching squads, based on information and surveillance. Joint patrolling by both the Deputy Directors with

adequate number of field staff is being undertaken at periodical intervals to create psychological pressure on the anti-social elements and this strategy will be strengthened through the creation of Transit Camp. Round the clock protection to the tigers, other animals and forests is being carried out by the Forest Staff and Anti-poaching Watchers who conduct regular foot patrolling to ensure safety of the animals from threats like poaching, accidents etc. They are engaged in continuous duty for many days at one go. They do not have adequate facilities to stay inside the forest during the transit patrolling. In order to provide basic facilities for these foot soldiers, it is proposed to establish one Transit Camp in each Tiger Reserve and thus a total of four camps.

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden has further stated that the proposed Transit camps will have basic facilities like Dormitory, Toilets, Dining area, Kitchen, Watch Tower, Solar Power system, equipments like GPS instruments, Night Vision Binocular, Pedometer, Deep Search Metal Detector, equipments related to rescue operations and other allied accessories will be used by patrol parties. Creation of these facilities will meet the basic needs of all the front line staff who are engaged in forest protection. This step will motivate the staff to carry out their duty more efficiently. The Transit Camps can act as bird eye view of the reserve covering the inter-state boundaries.

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden has therefore requested to sanction a sum of Rs.6.00 Crore (Rs. 150.00 Lakh x 4) for establishing Transit Camps for Anti Poaching Watchers in all four Tiger Reserves in Tamil Nadu viz. Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Anamalai Tiger Reserve, Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve and Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve during the year 2020-2021.

5. The Government after careful examination, accept the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden and accord administrative sanction for a sum of Rs.6.00 Crore (Rupees Six Crore only) (Rs.150.00 Lakh x 4) for establishing Transit Camps for Anti-poaching Watchers in all four Tiger Reserves in Tamil Nadu viz. Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Anamalai Tiger Reserve, Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve and Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve during the year 2020-2021.

6. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.16974/Fin(AHD&F)/2020, dated:03.09.2020.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

SANDEEP SAXENA
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

✓ The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of the Department),
Chennai-15.

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Chennai-15

The Principal Accountant General, Chennai-18.
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The Pay and Accounts Officer (South), Chennai-35.

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The Private Secretary to Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
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