



ABSTRACT

Forests - Wildlife – Arignar Anna Zoological Park – Expenditure under special scheme to meet out the feeding and others – Rs.6.00 Crores (Rupees Six Crores) Sanctioned - Orders issued.

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND FORESTS (FR.5) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(D).No.42

Dated: 02.03.2022

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Read:

From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden, letter No.WL6/17278/2021 dated: 02.12.2021.

ORDER:-

In the letter read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden has stated that, Arignar Anna Zoological Park was closed for public from 20.04.2021 onwards until further notice because of COVID 19 lockdown. As all the zoological parks remain closed during this financial year 2021-2022 from April upto further notice, the revenue of the zoos considerably reduced. The majority of the revenue realized was utilised for the annual expenditure of that year from the current account.

2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden has also stated that the total amount available in Zoo Authority of Tamil Nadu as on 31.03.2021 was Rs. 6,02,58,474/-. The minimum monthly expenditure required for regular and essential activities of Arignar Anna Zoological Park is Rs 128 lakhs. In the event of non-receipt of necessary funds, the Zoo may face a serious problem in managing the wild in the Zoo and functioning the establishment.

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden has therefore requested to release an amount of Rs. 7.00 crores urgently for meeting expenses of the essential items for proper functioning of the Zoo so as to deposit this special fund in the Zoo Authority of Tamil Nadu account of Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur.

4. The Government, after careful consideration, sanction a sum of Rs.6,00,00,000/- (Rupees Six Crore only) towards the expenditure for feeding charges and other essential expenditure, etc to the Arignar Anna Zoological Park during the year 2021-22 along with permission to deposit the said 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 expenditure sanctioned in para 4 above in respect of Arignar Anna Zoological Park 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

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6. Necessary additional funds of Rs.6,00,00,000/- will be provided in Final Modified Appropriation 2021-2022. Pending provision of such funds, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests is authorized to draw and utilize the amount sanctioned in para-4 above. However, this expenditure shall be brought to the notice of the Legislature by Specific Inclusion in the Supplementary Estimate 2021-2022. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests is directed to include this item of expenditure while sending the Budget proposal for Final Modified Appropriation 2021-2022 and also send draft explanatory note for inclusion of the expenditure in the Supplementary Estimate 2021-2022 to Government in Finance (Environment, Climate Change and Forests) Department at an appropriate time without fail.

7. This orders issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O.Note.8597/Finance (E,CC&F) Department/2022, dated.28.02.2022 and Additional Sanction Ledger Number 1713 (One thousand seven hundred and thirteen).

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

SUPRIYA SAHU
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and
Chief Wildlife Warden, Chennai -15.
The Director, 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 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &
Chief Wildlife Warden)

Copy to:

The Finance (E,CC&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. Subchana
SECTION OFFICER
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