

**ABSTRACT**

Forests – Wildlife – Constitution of State Level Captive Elephant Welfare Committee - orders – issued

ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (FR.5) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms) No.81

Dated: 20.07.2016

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Read:

- 1) G.O. (Ms) No. 107, Environment and Forests (FR.5) Department, dated 16.09.2011.
- 2) From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden letter No.WL1/6349/2015, dated 22.06.2015 and 15.07.2015.
- 3) Orders of Hon'ble High Court of Madras in W.P.28793/2013, dated 04.03.2016.

ORDER:

In the Government order read above, Government have framed the Tamil Nadu Captive Elephant (Management and Maintenance) Rules, 2011 under clause (f) of sub-section (2) of section 64 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972).

2. In the letter second read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden has sent a proposal for constitution of State Level Captive Elephant Welfare Committee as per rule 15 (2) of Tamil Nadu Captive Elephant (Management and Maintenance) Rules, 2011 consisting of the following members:-

Sl. No.	Member	Designation of the member as per the Captive Elephant (Management and Maintenance) Rules, 2011	Welfare Committee Members (as recommended)
1	A member from Forest Department	Not below the rank of Chief Conservator of Forests to be nominated by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden.	Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Director, Arignar Anna Zoological Park Vandalur, Chennai -48

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2	A member from Animal Husbandry, Dairy and Fisheries Department	Not below the rank of Joint Director, to be nominated by the Commissioner, Animal Husbandry, Dairy and Fisheries Department	Joint Director, (Extension) O/o, the Director of AH&VS, Chennai -06
3	A member from Tourism, Culture and Religious Endowment Department	Not below the rank of Joint Commissioner, to be nominated by the Commissioner, HR&CE Dept.	Joint Commissioner (Head Quarters) Office of the Commissioner of HR & CE Department, Chennai - 34.
4	A Member from State Board for Wildlife	To be nominated by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden after obtaining the consent from the person.	Thiru.R. Sundaraju IFS, (Retd.), Member of State Board for Wildlife.

The term of the non official Member from the State Board for Wildlife shall be for 2 years period.

3. The duties and responsibilities of the above said Committee are as follows:-

- i. Monitoring the functioning of District Level Captive Elephant Welfare Committee and issuing instructions to the District Level Captive Elephant Welfare Committee from time to time.
- ii. Examining the functioning of rescue centers / elephant camps with Tamil Nadu Forest Department and exploring the possibility of additional rehabilitation centers.

4. In the reference third read above, the Hon'ble High Court of Madras among others has directed the Government to constitute a State Level and District Level Committee as per Rule 15 of the Tamil Nadu Captive Elephant (Management and Maintenance) Rules, 2011 within six weeks from today. (i.e.04.03.2016).

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden has therefore requested orders for constitution of State Level Captive Elephant Welfare Committee without the fourth member (a member from State Board for Wildlife) who may be considered after the reconstitution of the State Board for Wildlife and to reconstitute District Level Captive Elephant Committee to 32 Districts.

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6. The Government after careful examination accepts the proposal of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden and to constitute the State Level Captive Elephant Welfare Committee (SLCEWC) with the following members :-

State Level Captive Elephant Welfare Committee (SLCEWC)

1.	State Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden	Chairman
2.	Director, AH&VS, Chennai – 6	Member
3.	Commissioner, HR and CE Department, Chennai.	Member
4.	Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Director, Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur	Member Secretary

In respect of the formation of the District Level Captive Elephant Welfare Committee (DLCEWC) orders will be issued separately.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

ATULYA MISRA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

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

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

The Animal Husbandry, Dairy and Fisheries Department, Chennai – 9.

The Tourism, Culture and Religious Endowment Department, Chennai – 9.

The Director, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Chennai – 6.

The Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Department, Chennai.

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Director,
Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur.

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The Special Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister Forests, Chennai – 9.

The Special Government Pleader (Forests), Chennai.

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