

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

ABSTRACT

Forests – Urban afforestation Scheme - Implementation in six corporations and sub-urban areas in Tamil Nadu during the year 2007-2008 at a cost of Rs.4.00 crores – Details of scheme approved – Orders – Issued.

Environment and Forests (FR6) Department

G.O. (D).No.309

Dated.31.10.2007

Read:

1. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Letter No. JP/26098/07, dated.21.6.2007, 11.7.2007 and 8.9.2007.
2. From the Member Secretary Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board letterNo.TNPCB/P&D/13881/2007,dated. 18.9.2007 and Board's order in BP. MS.No.21, dated.18.9.2007

ORDER:

While moving the Forest Department Demand, the Hon'ble Minister for Forests has announced that a scheme viz Urban Tree planting in six corporations and their sub-urban areas, to control air pollution, at a cost of Rs.4.00 crores will be implemented in Tamil Nadu during 2007-2008. Based on the above announcement, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has sent a proposal for the implementation of the said Scheme with the following salient features:-

1. To increase tree cover outside the Reserve Forest in the State by planting saplings of suitable species on both sides of roads with suitable escapement.
2. To control the adverse effects of air, water and noise pollution.
3. To improve aesthetic beauty of the cities.

4. To ameliorate the environment, mitigate increasing climatic change and to create recreational outlets to citizens living in cities.
5. To create awareness among the public about the aesthetic and environmental value of trees.
6. Raising cost per seedlings of nurseries for taller seedlings would be Rs.27/-
7. Planting cost per seedlings would be Rs.63/-
8. Average cost per iron tree guard would be Rs.250/-
9. For protection of the plants as well as tree guard one Mazdoor for 500 plants will be engaged.
10. Awareness programmes will be done with the help of the Department of Environment with a minimum cost and the support of the Industries, Educational Institutions and other sponsors will also sought for.

2. It is proposed to plant *fast growing trees, preferably with linear architecture*, at a close density to act as a filter. Concepts of wind tunneling and air odourization will also be taken into consideration.

3. The species will be selected based on site suitability at the time of planting. Pro rata for raising and planting one seedling is Rs.340/- including tree guard. The total seedlings to be raised and planted in the six corporations and sub urban areas are as follows:

Name of the Corporation	No. of seedlings		Total Cost (Rs. in lakhs)
	Urban	Sub Urban	
1. Chennai	40446	3676	150.00
2. Thiruchy	12029	3676	53.40
3. Madurai	12029	3676	53.40
4. Thirunelveli	9529	3676	44.90
5. Salem	9529	3676	44.90
6. Coimbatore	12029	3676	53.40
Total	95591	22056	400.00

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has stated that :-

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- a) The total cost of the implementation of urban planting scheme viz and planting of 1,17,647 taller seedlings in six corporations and their sub urban areas during 2007-2008 will be Rs.4.00 crores.
 - b) The contribution of state will be Rs. 1.00 crore.
 - c) The contribution of Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board will be Rs, 3.00 crores.

He has requested the sanction for implementation of the scheme for the year 2007-08.

5. The Government have examined the aforesaid proposals of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and ordered as follows:-

- (1) Accord Administrative sanction to incur an expenditure of Rs.4.00 cores (Rupees four crores only) for implementation of urban tree planting scheme during 2007-08 in six corporations and their sub urban areas.
- (2) Sanction is accorded to release a sum of Rs.1.00 crore,(Rupees one crore only) being the State Government share for implementation of the scheme during 2007-08.
and
- (3) Maintenance of these plantations will be done by the Forest Department for three years from 2008-09 within the Budget provision available for raising Social Forestry tank foreshore plantations with separate sanctions every year.

6. The Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board has already given its consent to release Rs.3.00 crores (Rupees three crores only) as its share to implement this scheme during 2007-08 . The Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board is requested to release the amount to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, based on request received.

7. The expenditure sanctioned in para 5(2) above, shall be debited to the following New Sub-Head of Account under Demand No.15 ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS:-

“ 4406 CAPITAL OUTLAY ON FORESTRY AND WILD LIFE. 01. Forestry – 102 Social and farm forestry – II State Plan – Schemes in the Eleventh Five Year Plan – JP Avenue Planting in Urban and Sub- Urban Areas – 16. Major Works. (DPC 4406-01-102 JP 1603)”

8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests is the Estimating, Reconciling and Controlling authority of the above new Sub Head of Account. The Pay &

Accounts Officers/ Treasury Officers concerned is requested to open the above Sub- Head of Account in their accounts.

9. The expenditure sanctioned in para 5(2) above is an item of "New Service" and the approval of the Legislature will be obtained in due course. Pending approval of the Legislature the expenditure will be met from the Contingency Fund. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests shall apply for the sanction of advance to Finance (BG.I) Department in the prescribed format enclosing the copy of this order.

10. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. No.524/ADS (JR)/2007, dated.30.10.2007. ASL No. 1162 (One Thousand, One Hundred and Sixty Two)

(By order of the Governor)

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai-15.

The Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Chennai-32

The Director of Municipal Administration, Chepauk , Chennai-5

The Commissioner Corporation of Chennai,

Tiruchirapalli, Madurai, Tirunelveli, Salem and Coimbatore.

The Accountant General I & II, Chennai-18.

The Accountant General , Chennai-18

The Accountant General (Audit), Chennai-18

The Pay and Accounts Office, Chennai-35.

Treasury Officers in Chennai,

Tiruchirapalli, Madurai, Tirunelveli, Salem and Coimbatore.

(Through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests)

The Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister,

The Special Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Forest),

The Special Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Finance),

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Municipalities Concerned through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,

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