

Environment and Climate Change - Announcement for the year 2021-2022 -Construction of a Green Building with Eco Park for the Department of Environment- Administrative Sanction - Orders issued.

## Environment, Climate Change and Forests (EC-1) Department

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#### Read:

- 1. Announcement made by Hon'ble Minister (ECC&YW&SD) on the floor of the Assembly on 03.09.2021.
- 2. From the Director, Department of Environment, Chennai, Letter No.P1/1926/2011, Dated 14.09.2021 and 22.11.2021.

### ORDER:

Department of Environment was setup in the year 1995. The Department has been operating since then from a rental premises. The activities of the Department have increased manifold in the last few years. The Department has been made the nodal agency to implement the Climate Change Mission of the Government of Tamil Nadu. The Department also plays an important role in assessing and granting Environmental clearance for various developmental projects. The Department also houses many wings like Environment Management Agency of Tamil Nadu (EMAT), State Environment Impact Assessment Authority of Tamil Nadu (SEIAA), Tamil Nadu State Coastal Zone Management Authority (TNSCZMA), Environment Management Information System Centre (ENVIS), Geographical Information System Cell and Tamil Nadu State Climate Change Cell. In view of the increased / enhanced responsibilities of the department there is a felt need for a separate exclusive building catering to the requirements.

- 2. The Government had made an announcement on the floor of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 03.09.2021 that a Green building for the Department of Environment will be built at a cost of Rs.20 Crores with State of the Art Technology.
- 3. In accordance with the above announcement a Green building with an Eco Park shall be constructed for the Department of Environment at Chennai.
- 4. The Department of Environment shall be the Nodal Agency for the project. A qualified and experienced agency shall be engaged to prepare a detailed and comprehensive plan for the Green building. The Director of Environment

shall work closely with concerned authorities to locate a suitable place for construction of the building and undertake the project completion within a well defend time frame.

- 5. The Department of Environment has requested the Government to accord administrative approval for a sum of Rs.20 crores for construction of an office building with the State - of - Art technologies to house the Department of Environment with approximate plinth area of 1.5 to 2 acres with funding from State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) of Tamil Nadu.
- 6. The Government accord administrative sanction for a sum of Rs.20.00 crore (Rupees Twenty Crore only) to the Director of Environment to construct a Green Building with an Eco Park to accommodate all functional units of the Department of Environment with funding from State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) of Tamil Nadu.

# (BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

# SUPRIYA SAHU ADDITONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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