



ABSTRACT

Forests - Massive Tree Planting Programme - Planting of 69 lakh seedlings for three years from 2016-2017 to 2018-2019 for increasing the Green cover in 31 Districts of Tamil Nadu (except Chennai) in commemoration of the Hon'ble late Chief Minister's 69th Birth Day - Sanctioned - Orders - Issued.

Environment and Forests (FR.6) Department

G.O. (2D) No.10

Dated: 22.02.2017

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Read:

1. G.O.(Ms) No.14, Environment and Forests (FR.6) Department, dated:04.02.2016.
2. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Letter No. J2/37886/2016, dated 21.02.2017.

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ORDER :

In the Government Order first read above, orders were issued for implementing the Massive Tree Planting Programme for planting 68 lakh seedlings (60 lakh seedlings to be planted by RD&PR department and 8 lakh seedlings to be planted by the Forest Department) in 31 districts (except Chennai) of Tamil Nadu for three years from 2015-2016 to 2017-2018 at a cost of Rs.61.68 crores from Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme funds in commemoration of the Hon'ble late Chief Minister's 68th Birth Day.

2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests in his letter second read above, has stated that, he has proposed to continue the scheme during the year 2016-2017 to 2018-2019 so as to increase the green cover of Tamil Nadu through Massive Tree Planting Programme at a cost of Rs.65.85 crores in commemoration of the 69th birthday of Hon'ble late Chief Minister. Out of the 69 lakh seedlings, 64 lakh seedlings will be planted by Rural Development & Panchayat Raj department and 5 lakh seedlings by Forest Department.

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has furnished the objectives of the Scheme as follows:-

- i. To increase the green cover of Tamil Nadu through mass planting.
- ii. To mitigate the adverse effects of various environmental pollutants like suspended particulate matter, gaseous pollutants, noise, radiation etc.
- iii. To moderate the micro climatic factors like surface temperature, wind speed, soil moisture regime, ground water recharge etc.
- iv. To improve the biodiversity and increase the population of birds and micro organisms.
- v. To enhance the aesthetic appearance of the urban environment and thereby improve the quality of human and animal life.

The following benefits are expected in the programme:-

- By the end of the project period, planted trees will improve the greenery to a considerable extent.
- It is expected to result in considerable increase in the bio-diversity of the urban areas especially the birds' population.
- The air pollutants in the air will be absorbed / adsorbed by the tree crowns, thereby improving the quality of life.
- A total number of about 15.37 lakhs man days will be generated during the project period.

5. Therefore, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has requested the Government to sanction a sum of Rs.65.85 crores for implementing the scheme of Massive Tree Planting Programme with MGNREGS fund for three years from 2016-2017 to 2018-2019 for increasing the Green Cover in 31 Districts of Tamil Nadu [except Chennai] to commemorate the 69th Birth Day of Hon'ble late Chief Minister.

6. The Government have carefully examined the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests in detail and accordingly issue orders for implementing the Massive Tree Planting Programme for planting 69 lakh seedlings [64 lakh seedlings to be raised and planted by the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department and 5 lakh seedlings to be raised and planted by Forest Department], in commemoration of the Hon'ble late Chief Minister's 69th Birth Day, at a cost of Rs.65.85 Crores (Rupees Sixty Five Crore and Eighty Five lakhs only) from the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme funds, for increasing the Green cover in 31 Districts of Tamil Nadu (except Chennai), for three years from 2016-2017 to 2018-2019, as detailed in the Annexure to this order.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests is directed to issue necessary instructions to all the District Forest Officers for coordinating with the District Rural Development Agencies (DRDA) for implementing the Massive Tree Planting Programme for planting 69 lakh seedlings in 31 Districts of Tamil Nadu (except Chennai) and to take necessary action for the Celebration planting works by the Forest Department in all the 31 districts.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj / Finance Departments vide their U.O.No.47/Prl.Secy./RD&PR/2017, dated: 22.02.2017 and U.O.No.Fin.9412/DS(LMP)/2017, dated:22.02.2017 respectively.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

ATULYA MISRA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Director of Rural Development and
Panchayat Raj Department, Chennai-15.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai-15.

✓ All District Collectors.

The Accountant General, Chennai-18/35.

The Pay and Accounts Officer(South), Chennai-35.

All Project Directors of the District Rural Development Agencies (DRDA).

All Chief Conservator of Forests / Conservator of Forests / District Forest
Officers through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai-15.

Copy to:

The Principal Secretary-III to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Chennai-9.

The Special Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (MAWS, Rural Development,
Implementation of Special Programme), Chennai-9.

The Special Personal Assistant to the Hon'ble Minister (Forests), Chennai-9.

The Principal Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary to Government,
Chennai-9.

The Private Secretary to the Principal Secretary to Government,
Environment and Forests Department, Chennai-9.

The Principal Private Secretary to the Secretary to
Government, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj
Department, Chennai-9.

The Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Chennai-9.

The Finance (AHD&F/RD&PR) Department, Chennai-9.

The Resident Audit Officer, Secretariat, Chennai-9

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B. Sulochana
SECTION OFFICER

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**ANNEXURE to the G.O.(2D) No. 10, E & F (FR.6) Department,
dated: 22.02.2017**

A. Details for the Physical & Financial Target for the year 2016-2017

Sl. No.	Activity	Quantity in Numbers	Rate per Seedlings (in Rs.)	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
I	For Planting during Monsoon period			
1.	Preparatory works for raising of 16x30 cm container seedlings 69,00,000 and 10% 6,90,000 damage in nursery - 75,90,000 no. of seedlings	7590000	9.21	699.04
Sub Total				699.04
II	Preparation of project report, monitoring & documentation @ 0.5% of the total project cost			3.50
Total (A)				702.54

B.Details for the Physical & Financial Target for the year 2017-2018

Sl. No.	Activity	Quantity in Numbers	Rate per Seedlings (in Rs.)	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
2.	Maintenance of 16x30 cm seedlings raised for monsoon planting including 10% damage in nursery	7590000	7.93	601.89
3.	Planting 16x30 cm seedlings during monsoon including watering during summer under MGNREGS outside Reserved forest areas	6900000	42.57	2937.33
Sub Total				3539.22
II	Preparation of project report, monitoring & documentation @ 0.5% of the total project cost			17.70
Total (B)				3556.92

C.Details for the Physical & Financial Target for the year 2018-2019

Sl. No.	Activity	Quantity in Numbers	Rate per Seedlings (in Rs.)	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
4.	1 Year Maintenance of 16x30 cm seedlings 6900000 Nos.	6900000	33.54	2314.26
Sub Total				2314.26
II	Preparation of project report, monitoring & documentation @ 0.5% of the total project cost			11.57
Total (C)				2325.83

Grand Total = 702.54 + 3556.92 + 2325.83 (in Lakhs)
= Rs. 6585.29 (in Lakhs)
(or)
Rs.65.85 Crores
(Rupees Sixty Five Crore and Eighty Five lakhs only)

ATULYA MISRA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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SECTION OFFICER
22/02/17