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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS DEPARTMENT

ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION FUND TAMIL NADU UNDER
INTEREST BEARING SECTION OF PUBLIC ACCOUNT OF THE STATE OF TAMIL NADU
UNDER THE COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION FUND ACT.

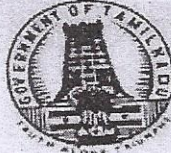
[G.O. Ms. No. 31, Environment and Forests (FR.10), 6th March 2019,
மாசி 22, விளம்பி, திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு-2050.]

No. II(2)/EF/212(b)/2019.

In exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) under Section 4 of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016 (38 of 2018), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby with effect from 7-03-2019 establishes for the purposes of this Act, a special fund referred as "State Compensatory Afforestation Fund-Tamil Nadu (SCAF)" under interest bearing section of Public Account of State of Tamil Nadu under distinct Minor head "129-State Compensatory Afforestation Fund (SCAF)" below the Major Head "8121-General and other Reserve Funds".

SHAMBHU KALLOLIKAR,
Principal Secretary to Government.

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SPECIAL

ABSTRACT

Forests - Indian Forest Service - Re-designation of the existing Cadre post of Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority and Forest Settlement) as Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority in consonance with Section 10 of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority Act 2016 and Compensatory Afforestation Fund Rules, 2018 - Orders issued.

ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (FR.SPL.A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms) No.142

Dated :17.12.2019
Vigari, Margazhi -1,
Thiruvalluvar Aandu - 2050
Read :

1. The Government of India, Ministry of Law and Justice, New Delhi Gazette Notification No.45, dated.03.08.2016.
2. The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi Gazette Notification No.GSR 766 (E), dated.10.08.2018.
3. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Department), Letter Ref.No.TS5/20242/2017, dated. 08.01.2019 and 29.05.2019.
4. From the Environment and Forests (FR.10) Department's U.O.Note No.20335/FR.10/2018-14, dated.16.09.2019.

ORDER:

In the Gazette Notification first read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Law and Justice, New Delhi have notified the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority Act, 2016.

2. In the Gazette Notification second read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change have notified that 30.09.2018 is the date of constitution of State Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority. As per the said notification, this State Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority will be called as "Tamil Nadu Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority.

3. As per sub-section (7) of section 10 of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016, (Central Act 38 of 2016), the State Government shall appoint an Officer of the rank not below the rank of a Chief Conservator of Forests as the Chief Executive Officer of the State Authority who shall be the Member-Secretary of the Steering Committee and the Executive Committee of

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the State Authority. Further, as per rule 9 of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Rules, 2018, the Chief Executive Officer of the State Authority referred to in sub-section (7) of section 10 of the above said Act shall be appointed on deputation basis for a period not exceeding five years by the State Government.

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Department) in the reference third read above, has requested that the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority and Forest Settlement) who is holding the above said post at present, may be appointed as Chief Executive Officer of the State Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority and the said post may be re-designated as Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority and Forest Settlement) and Chief Executive Officer of the State Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority.

5. The Government, after careful examination, have decided to accept the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Department) and order as follows :-

- (i) Existing Cadre post of Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority and Forest Settlement) be redesignated as Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority.
- (ii) The present incumbent of the post of Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority and Forest Settlement) will act as Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority on deputation basis in consonance with section 10 of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act 2016 and Compensatory Afforestation Fund Rules, 2018 (or) until further orders.

6. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. No.4319/FS/2019, Dated.02.12.2019.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

**SHAMBHU KALLOLIKAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Department), Chennai-15.
The Pay and Accounts Officer, Chennai-9.
The Principal Accountant General, Chennai-18.
The Secretary to Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,
6th Floor, Prithvi Wing, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jor Bagh Road, Ali Ganj, New Delhi- 110 003.

Copy to:

The Hon'ble Chief Minister's office, Chennai-9.
The Special Personal Assistant to the Hon'ble Minister (Forests), Chennai - 9.
The Private Secretary to the Principal Secretary to Government.
Environment and Forests Department, Chennai-9
The Finance Department, Secretariat, Chennai-9
The Law Department, Secretariat, Chennai-9
The Special Secretary (Forests),
Environment and Forests Department, Chennai-9
Environment and Forests (FR.10/ FR.Spl.B) Department, Chennai-9.
SF/SC.

//FORWARDED / BY ORDER//

V. Arumugam
SECTION OFFICER

17/12/2019



ABSTRACT

Forest Department – Constitution of TAMIL NADU COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION FUND MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING AUTHORITY and formation of Governing Body, Steering Committee and Executive Committee – Orders – Issued.

Environment and Forests (FR.10) Department

G.O.(Ms)No.41

Dated : 30.06.2020

சார்வரி, ஆனி-16 ,

திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு -2051

Read :

1. G.O.(Ms) No.127, Environment and Forests (FR.10) Department, dated 24.09.2009.
2. Government of India, Ministry of Law and Justice, New Delhi, Gazette of India Notification No.45, dated 03.08.2016.
3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi, Gazette of India Notification No.G.S.R.766 (E), dated 10.08.2018.
4. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi, Gazette of India Notification No.S.O.4856(C), dated 14.09.2018.
5. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Letter No.TS4/20242/2017, dated 26.10.2018 and 15.05.2020.
6. G.O.(Ms) No.31, Environment and Forests (FR.10) Department, dated 06.03.2019 and Tamil Nadu Government Gazette Extraordinary Notification No.104, dated 07.03.2019.
7. G.O.(Ms) No.142, Environment and Forests (FR.Spl.A) Department, dated 17.12.2019.

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ORDER:

The forest lands are being diverted for non-forestry purposes after getting prior approval of Central Government under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Compensatory Afforestation is one of the important conditions stipulated by the Central Government while approving proposals for diversion of forest lands. In the Gazette notification second read above, the Government of India have notified the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016, which is an Act to provide for the establishment of funds under the public accounts of India and the public accounts of each State and crediting thereto the monies received from the user agencies towards compensatory afforestation, additional compensatory afforestation, penal compensatory afforestation, net present value and all other amounts recovered from such agencies under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980; constitution of an authority

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at national level and at each of the State and Union territory Administration for administration of the funds and to utilize the monies so collected for undertaking artificial regeneration (plantations), assisted natural regeneration, protection of forests, forest related infrastructure development, Green India Programme, wildlife protection and other related activities and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

2. Subsequently, in the Gazette notification third read above, the Government of India have published the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Rules, 2018.

3. In the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette Extraordinary Notification sixth read above, the Government have established a special fund called the "State Compensatory Afforestation Fund-Tamil Nadu" under interest bearing section of Public Account of the State of Tamil Nadu.

4. The disbursement and utilization of the State Fund shall be as per Section 6 of Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016. The accounting procedure to regulate the manner of crediting the monies to the State Fund in a year shall be as per Section 7 of Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016.

5. In the Gazette of India Notification fourth read above, the Government of India have constituted State Authority namely "The Tamil Nadu Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority" with effect from 30th September, 2018.

6. As per the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016 notified by the Government of India vide Gazette of India Notification second read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests in his letters 5th read above has sent a proposal for constitution of Tamil Nadu Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority with the Governing Body, Steering Committee and Executive Committee and requested to issue necessary orders.

7. The Government have carefully examined the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests as per the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016 and Compensatory Afforestation Fund Rules, 2018 and hereby constitute the Tamil Nadu Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority with the Governing Body, Steering Committee and Executive Committee consisting of the following, with the powers and functions indicated below:-

(A) THE GOVERNING BODY:

i.	Chief Minister	Chairperson, ex officio;
ii.	Minister of Forests	Member, ex officio;
iii.	Chief Secretary	Member, ex officio;
iv.	Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary, Environment and Forests Department	Member Secretary, ex officio;
v.	Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary, Finance Department	Member, ex officio;

vi.	Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary, Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Department	Member, ex officio;
vii.	Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department	Member, ex officio;
viii.	Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary, Revenue and Disaster Management Department	Member, ex officio;
ix.	Agricultural Production Commissioner & Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary, Agriculture Department	Member, ex officio;
x.	Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department	Member, ex officio;
xi.	Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary, Information Technology Department	Member, ex officio;
xii.	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force)	Member, ex officio;
xiii.	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden	Member, ex officio;

The Governing body shall -

- i. ^{is} performance of its functions and power under the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016, be assisted by the Steering committee and the Executive committee.
- ii. lay down the broad policy framework for the functioning of such State Authority within the overall framework notified by the Central Government on the recommendations of the National Authority;
- iii. review the working of the State Authority from time to time;
- iv. meet at least once in six months at such places and shall observe the rules and procedures in regards to transaction of business at its meeting, including the quorum thereat, as prescribed in the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Rules, 2018.

(B) THE STEERING COMMITTEE:

i.	Chief Secretary	Chairperson, ex officio;
ii.	Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary, Environment and Forests Department	Member, ex officio;
iii.	Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary, Finance Department	Member, ex officio;
iv.	Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary, Planning,	Member, ex officio;

	Development and Special Initiatives Department	
v.	Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department	Member, ex officio;
vi.	Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary, Revenue and Disaster Management Department	Member, ex officio;
vii.	Agricultural Production Commissioner & Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary, Agriculture Department	Member, ex officio;
viii.	Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department	Member, ex officio;
ix.	Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary, Information Technology Department	Member, ex officio;
x.	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force)	Member, ex officio;
xi.	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden	Member, ex officio;
xii.	Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA) (Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980)	Member, ex officio;
xiii.	Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Regional Office (South Eastern Zone), Chennai (Head of concerned regional office of Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change)	Member, ex officio;
xiv.	Chief Conservator of Forests (P&D) (Nodal Officer, State Forest Development Agency)	Member, ex officio;
xv.	Mr. B.Pushpakumar, Trichugadi Village, Iduhatty Post, Nilgiris District, Ooty-643002. (expert on tribal matters / representative of tribal communities)	Member
xvi.	Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority and Forest Settlement) (Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority)	Member Secretary, ex officio;

The Steering Committee shall -

- i. scrutinise and approve with such amendments as it may deem fit and proper the annual plan of operations prepared by the executive committee of such State Authority and send the same to the executive committee of the National Authority for final approval;
- ii. monitor the progress of the utilisation of funds released from the State Fund;
- iii. review reports on decision taken by executive committee including investment decisions;
- iv. approve, subject to prior concurrence of the State Government, proposals formulated by the executive committee for creation of posts in the State Authority;
- v. approve annual report of the State Authority and send the same to the State Government to lay it, each year, in each House of the State Legislature;
- vi. ensure inter-departmental coordination
- vii. meet at least once in every three months, at such places and shall observe the rules and procedures in regards to transaction of business at its meeting, including the quorum thereat, as prescribed in the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Rules, 2018.

(C) THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

i.	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force)	Chairperson, ex officio;
ii.	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden	Member, ex officio;
iii.	Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (P&B) (Officer dealing with forest and wildlife related schemes)	Member, ex officio;
iv.	Chief Conservator of Forests (Research) (Officer dealing with forestry research)	Member, ex officio;
v.	Chief Conservator of Forests (P&D) (Nodal Officer, State Forest Development Agency)	Member, ex officio;
vi.	Deputy Secretary / Joint Secretary / Additional Secretary, Environment and Forests Department	Member, ex officio;
vii.	Deputy Secretary / Joint Secretary / Additional Secretary, Finance Department	Member, ex officio;
viii.	Deputy Secretary / Joint Secretary / Additional Secretary, Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Department	Member, ex officio;
ix.	Deputy Secretary / Joint Secretary / Additional Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department	Member, ex officio;
x.	Deputy Secretary / Joint Secretary / Additional Secretary, Revenue and Disaster Management Department	Member, ex officio;

xi.	Deputy Secretary / Joint Secretary / Additional Secretary, Agriculture Department	Member, ex officio;
xii.	Deputy Secretary / Joint Secretary / Additional Secretary, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department	Member, ex officio;
xiii.	Deputy Secretary / Joint Secretary / Additional Secretary, Information Technology Department	Member, ex officio;
xiv.	Deputy Secretary, Finance Department (Financial Controller or Financial Adviser)	Member, ex officio;
xv.	1) Care Earth Trust represented by Dr.D.Narasimhan, Shrinivas, No.5, 21 st Street, Thillai Ganga Nagar, Chennai-61. 2) M.S.Swaminathan Research Foundation represented by Dr.R.Gopinath, 3 rd cross Road, Taramani Institutional Area, Chennai-113. (two members from eminent non-government organizations)	Members;
xvi.	1) Tmt. A.Santhimathi, District Panchayat Chairman, Coimbatore District. 2) Tmt. T.Jayalakshmi District Panchayat Chairman, Pudukottai District. (two representatives of district level Panchayati Raj Institutions)	Members;
xvii.	Mr. B.Pushpakumar, Trichugadi Village, Iduhatty Post, Nilgiris District, Ooty-643 002. (expert on tribal matters / representative of tribal communities)	Member
xviii.	Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority and Forest Settlement) (Chief Executive Office, Tamil Nadu Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority)	Member Secretary, ex officio;

The Executive Committee shall -

- i. formulate and submit annual plan of operations to the Steering committee of the State Authority for its concurrence;
- ii. undertake qualitative and quantitative supervision, monitoring and evaluation of the works being implemented from amounts available in the State Fund;
- iii. invest surplus amounts available in the State Fund of such State;
- iv. maintain books of account and other records;
- v. submit reports to the Steering committee of the State Authority;
- vi. prepare annual report of the State Authority;
- vii. deploy staff on contractual basis or on deputation to the posts in the State Authority;

- viii. formulate proposals for creation of posts in the State Authority;
- ix. be responsible for delegation of financial or administrative powers;
- x. be responsible for other day-to-day working in respect of the State Authority;
- xi. maintain and update public information system on the State Authority and present all information on its transaction in the public domain;
- xii. undertake any other work as may be assigned by the Governing body or Steering committee of the State Authority or the State Government, from time to time.
- xiii. meet at least once in every three months, at such places and shall observe the rules and procedures in regards to transaction of business at its meeting, including the quorum thereat, as prescribed in the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Rules, 2018.

8. The sitting fee and allowances for the non-official members of the State Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority will be issued separately.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

SANDEEP SAXENA
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
 The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Chennai-15.
 The Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,
 Indira Paryavaran Bhavan,
 Jorbagh Road, New Delhi – 110 003.
 The Joint Chief Executive Officer,
 National Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority,
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 The Inspector General of Forests,
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 The Chief Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu, Secretariat, Chennai-9.
 The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
 Environment and Forests Department, Chennai-9.
 The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
 Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Department, Chennai-9.

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Chennai-9.
The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Chennai-9.
The Agricultural Production Commissioner and Principal Secretary to Government,
Agriculture Department, Chennai-9.
The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, Chennai-9.
The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Information Technology Department, Chennai-9.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden,
Chennai-15.
The Chief Executive Officer,
Tamil Nadu Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority,
O/o. the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Chennai-15.
All Members of the Steering Committee
Thro: The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Chennai -15.
All Members of the Executive Committee
Thro: The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Chennai -15.
The Principal Secretary-II to Hon'ble Chief Minister,
O/o. the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Chennai-9.
The Senior Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Chennai-9.
The Senior Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Forests), Chennai-9.
The Private Secretary to Chief Secretary to Government., Chennai-9.
The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Finance Department, Chennai-9.
The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA),
O/o. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai-15.
The Financial Controller / The Financial Advisor,
O/o. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai-15.
The Private Secretary to Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Environment and Forests Department, Chennai -9.
The Private Secretary to Special Secretary (Forests),
Environment and Forests Department, Chennai -9.
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G. R. Sundaraj
30/6/2020
SECTION OFFICER
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