



ABSTRACT

Forests – Establishment of Six Forest Sniffer Dog Squad Units in Tamil Nadu Forest Department - For Prevention and Detection of Forest and Wildlife Offences – Sanction for a sum of Rs.74,60,000/- for the year 2021-2022 - Orders – Issued.

Environment, Climate Change - Forest (FR.14) Department

G.O.(D) No.178

Dated: 09.12.2021

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Read:

1. Announcement made by the Hon'ble Minister (Forests) on the floor of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 03.09.2021.
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Department), Chennai. C.No.WL6/17338/2021, Dated: 09.10.2021.
3. G.O.(Ms)No.97, Environment, Climate Change and Forests (FR.V) Department, Dated: 02.11.2021

ORDER:-

Wildlife crime has serious implications on sustainable development, economic growth, social wellbeing and sustainable livelihood. Trafficking in wildlife can lead to extinction of threatened or endangered species causing permanent damage to our eco-system and biodiversity. If not controlled effectively, the wildlife crime can lead to long term ecological imbalance threatening the survival of species.

2. Illegal wildlife trade continues to prevail and has evolved into an organized activity, threatening the survival of many species in India. Current efforts for combating illegal wildlife need to be strengthened. In order to curb this growing menace, it is necessary that the best enforcement practices are deployed. Involving sniffer dogs for crime detection and prevention is one of the long-proven practices. Sniffer dog Squads have proved to be extremely effective for patrolling as strong deterrent to poaching and very helpful in crime detection.

3. In Government Order third read above, the Government have issued orders to set up a Tamil Nadu Forest and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau with Four Zonal Offices at Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai and Ramanathapuram with the following objectives:-

- i. Combat forest and wildlife crime through a well-designed institutional network of trained forest personnel.
- ii. Gather information related to wildlife crime and illegal trade including trans boundary trade.
- iii. Coordinate with various National and International organisations to access information and intelligence with the view to reduce and control forest and wildlife crime.

- iv. Create a State Level Forest and Wildlife Crime Data Bank to assist investigating agencies.
- v. Develop and implement various standard operating protocols relating to forest and wildlife crime.
- vi. Create a cadre of well-trained officials from among the Government departments over the years for effective monitoring of illegal trade.
- vii. Improve investigation quality for better appreciation of evidence contributing to better investigation and control of illegal wildlife trade.
- viii. Build informant networks among local communities that live in close proximity to forest and wildlife habitats.
- ix. Map poaching and illegal trade hotspots in the State for better action.

4. In order to further strengthen the efforts of the Government to effectively control wildlife crime in Tamil Nadu, the Government has decided to set up Six Forest Sniffer Dog Squad Units in Tamil Nadu Forest Department with the following objectives:-

- a. To deter illegal wildlife trade, poaching and trafficking through effective patrolling and combing operations in crime prone areas.
- b. Strengthen the efforts of the Wildlife Control Bureau in field operations to detect wildlife crime cases and aid in investigations and gathering of evidence for prosecution.
- c. Detection of wildlife crime articles such as bones, skins, parts and derivatives from wildlife and building up a repository of knowledge and data.

5. The Government made the following announcement on the floor of the Assembly on 03.09.2021 that "Forest Sniffer Dog Squad Units will be set up for each Forest Circle for detection of forest wildlife offences".

6. Accordingly, in consonance with the above announcement, the Government accord sanction for Establishment of Six Forest Sniffer Dog Squad Units in Phase-I for Prevention and Detection of Forest and Wildlife Offences at a cost of Rs.74,60,000/- (Rupees Seventy four lakh and sixty thousand only) for the current financial year 2021-2022 towards the items of work is mentioned below :-

(in Rupees)

Sl. No.	Item of work	Rate	Amount Sanctioned for the year 2021-2022)
1.	Purchase Cost of Pups	Rs. 60,000 per puppy x 6	3,60,000
2.	Kennel Construction	Rs.1,800 per sq.ft x 610 x 6	65,88,000
3.	Feeding Charges	Rs. 200 x 365 x 6	4,38,000
4.	Grooming Charges	Rs. 300 x 12 x 6	21,600
5.	Vaccination Charges per year	Rs. 400 x 6	2400
6.	Customization of vehicle	Rs. 25,000 x 2	50,000
		Total Cost	74,60,000

During the inception year, feeding charges and grooming Charges shall be restricted to the actual number of months/days. Out of six sanctioned Sniffer Dog Squad Units in Phase-I, two Squad Units shall be set up only with native breeds of Tamil Nadu.

7. The expenditure sanctioned in para 6 above shall be debited to the following heads of account;

“2406 Forestry and Wildlife – 01 Forestry – 800 Other Expenditure – State’s Expenditure – AB Forest Protection”

Sl. No.	Item of work	Detailed Heads of Account	Amount (in lakhs)
1	Purchase of puppies	374 Purchase and Upkeep of Animals – 01 Purchase and Upkeep of Animals (IFHRMS DP Code 2406 01 800 AB 37401)	3.60
2	Kennel Construction	317 Minor Works – 01 Minor Works (IFHRMS DP Code 2406 01 800 AB 31701)	65.88
3	Customization of vehicle	321 Motor Vehicles – 03 Hire Charges (IFHRMS DP Code 2406 01 800 AB 32103)	0.50
4	Grooming Charges	334 Other Charges – 01 Other Items (IFHRMS DP Code 2406 01 800 AB 33401)	0.216
5	Vaccination Charges	366 Medicine – 01 Medicine (FHRMS DP Code 2406 01 800 AB 36601)	0.024
6	Feeding Charges	367 Feeding/Dietary Charges 09 Others (IFHRMS DP Code 2406 01 800 AB 36709)	4.38
		Total	74.60

8. The expenditure sanctioned in para 6 above shall constitute an item of New Service” and the approval of the Legislature shall be obtained in due course of time by an inclusion in the Supplementary Estimates for the year 2021-2022. Pending approval of the Legislature, the expenditure shall initially be met by drawl of an advance from the Contingency Fund. Orders regarding this will be issued by the Finance (BG.I) Department separately. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests shall apply to the Government in Finance (BG.I) Department in prescribed format along with a copy of this order for sanction of an advance from the Contingency Fund. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests shall also send necessary draft explanatory notes for inclusion of the expenditure in the Supplementary Estimates for the year 2021-2022, without fail.

9. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests is authorized to draw and disburse the amount sanctioned in para 6 above.

10. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests shall send detailed proposal for ensuing years in the Budget Estimates of the Department, for sanction of funds.

11. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.111/DS(B)/AH,DF&FW Department, dated:08.12.2021 with Additional Sanction Ledger Number 1112 (One thousand one hundred and twelve).

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

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

The Principal Accountant General, Chennai-18

The Pay Accounts Officer, Chennai-35.

The Accountant General, Chennai-18.

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The Hon'ble Chief Minister's Office, Chennai-9.

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

The Private Secretary to Principal Secretary, Environment, Climate Change and Forest Department, Chennai-9.

The Finance (AH,DF&FW /BG.I/BG.II) Department, Chennai-9.

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SECTION OFFICER

09/12/2021