

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

ABSTRACT

Forests – Wildlife – Centrally Sponsored Scheme – Implementation of Action Plan for Conservation and Management of Kazhuveli Wetland in Tamil Nadu during 2007-2008 – Release of Central Assistance – Orders – Issued.

Environment and Forests (FR.5) Department

G.O.(D) No.273

Dated: 17.09.2007

Read:

1. Government Letter No.12438/FR.5/07-1, dated 31.5.2007.
2. From the Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, New Delhi letter No.J.22012/36/2004-C.S(W.S), dated 2.7.2007.
3. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden letter No.WL3/1161/2007, dated 18.7.2007.

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ORDER:

In the reference first read above, the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden for seeking Central assistance of Rs.233.25 lakhs for taking up certain works for implementation of MAP for Conservation and Management of Kazhuveli Wetland in Tamil Nadu during 2007-2008 was forwarded to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, for approval and release of funds as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

2. The Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, in their letter second read above have conveyed the administrative approval for a sum of Rs.77.50 (Rupees Seventy seven lakhs and fifty thousand only) and released Rs.42.00 (Rupees Forty two lakhs only) for the implementation of Action Plan for Conservation and Management of Kazhuveli Wetland in Tamil Nadu during 2007-2008.

3. The Government, therefore, accord administrative sanction for a sum of Rs.77.50 lakhs (Rupees Seventy seven lakhs and fifty thousand only) and release a sum of Rs.42.00 lakhs (Rupees forty two lakhs only) as first installment towards the expenditure on the items of works as detailed in the Annexure-I to this order for the implementation of action plan for Conservation and Management of Kazhuveli Wetland in Tamil Nadu during 2007-2008. The terms and conditions for the funds released by the Government of India are as per Annexure II to this order.

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests is requested to ensure that the expenditure in this regard does not exceed the sanctioned amount and to send

utilization Certificate along with Physical Progress achieved to Government of India in time in Annexure-IV and Appendix-I to this order respectively.

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests is requested to send suitable proposals for taking further action with reference to the items referred to in the Annexure-III to this order.

6. The expenditure sanctioned in para-3 above shall be debited to the following new head of account:-

“4406 – Capital outlay on Forestry and wildlife – 02
Environmental Forestry and Wildlife – 110 Wildlife –
Schemes in the Eleventh Five year plan III Centrally
Sponsored TA Conservation and Management of Kazhuveli
Wetland in Tamil Nadu – 16 – Major works (DPC 4406-02-
110-TA 1609)”.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests is the estimating, reconciling and controlling authority for the above new Sub-Head of Account. The Pay and Accounts Officers / Treasury Officers concerned are requested to open the above new sub-head of account in their accounts.

8. The expenditure sanctioned in para-3 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 (BGI) Department in the prescribed format enclosing the copy of this order.

9. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.59946/AH&F/07, 12.9.07 and Additional Sanction Ledger No.927 (Nine Hundred and Twenty Seven).

(By Order of the Governor)

R.Rajagopal
Secretary to Government

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai-15.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &
Chief Wildlife Warden, Chennai -15.
The Secretary to Government of India,
Ministry of Environment and Forests, New Delhi-110 003.
Concerned Treasury Officer.
The Pay and Accounts Officer (South), Chennai-600 035.
The Accountant General-I/II, 361, Anna Salai, Chennai-18.
The Accountant General-I/II, 361, Anna Salai, Chennai-18(BN).

Copy to:

Planning Development and Special Initiative Department, Chennai-9.

The Finance(AH&F/ BG II) Department, Chennai-9.
The Finance Adviser,
Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai-9.
The Senior Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Forests), Chennai-15.
The Senior Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Finance), Chennai-9.

// Forwarded: By Order //

Section Officer

ANNEXURE – I

to G.O. (D) No.273, Environment and Forests (FR.5) Department, Dated: 17.9.07

S.No	Activity	Target rate per unit	Amount in Rs.lakhs
1	Survey and Assessment	24 villages @ Rs 0.10 lakhs	2.40
2	Bio-up gradation		
(i)	Habitat improvement	25 ha @ 1.00 lakh/ha	25.00
(ii)	Cattle proof Trenching and bund planting	25 kms @ Rs 1.00/km	25.00
3	Entry point activities		
a	Awareness generation		
(i)	Awareness creation (For conducting awareness programme)	15 Villages @ Rs.0.50 lakhs	7.50
(ii)	Printing of publicity material and fixing of signboard & hoardings	15 Villages @ Rs.0.30 lakhs	4.50
(iii)	Ecotourism Activities For conducting 30 Ecotourism programme for school children and other stakeholders	30 Nos @ 0.25 lakhs	7.50
4	Protection Measures	2 Nos @ Rs 2500/m/p	0.60
5	Seminar and Workshops		
(i)	Development of infrastructure in existing interpretation centre	1 No	4.00
(ii)	Seminar and workshop	2 Nos @ Rs 0.50/no	1.00
	Total		77.50

First Installment released for Rs.42.00 lakhs.

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Secretary to Government

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ANNEXURE - II

to G.O. (D) No.273, Environment and Forests (FR.5) Department, Dated: 17.9.07

Terms and conditions for the funds to the State Governments/Union Territories under the programme of Conservation and Management of Wetlands

This approval is subject to the compliance of terms and conditions indicated below:-

(a) The grant being released is for the specific scheme sanctioned and the grant should be exclusively spent on the scheme for which it has been sanctioned within the stipulated time. Any unspent amount out of the assistance given by the Ministry would be required to be surrendered to the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment and Forest. Carry forward of unutilized amount from one financial year to the next financial year for utilization for the same scheme would require the specific approval of the Ministry.

(b) The fund should be not utilized for construction of any office building; facilities by way of accommodation and infrastructural facilities, as required for the project will be provided by the State/Union Territory.

(c) The State Government/Union Territory will furnish quarterly physical financial progress reports of the work done on the scheme in such proforma as may be prescribed from time to time within 3 weeks of completion of quarter. The Ministry of Environment and Forests can depute its representative to visit State/Union Territory periodically for reviewing the progress of work and for suggesting such measures as to ensure early realization of the objectives of the scheme. Full facilities are to be provided by the State Government/Union Territory to the Ministry of Environment and Forest representative.

(d) The State Government/Union Territory would furnish to the Ministry of Environment and Forest, a statement of accounts duly reconciled with Accountant General within sixty days from the close of each financial year i.e. by 31st May of each year for the grant released during the previous financial year.

(e) The State Government/Union Territory will be required to furnish six monthly expenditure statements in the proforma (Appendix-I).

(f) The Comptroller and Auditor General of India at his discretion shall have the right of access to the books and accounts of the State Government/Union Territory for the funds received from the Government of India.

(g) The State Government/Union Territory should maintain separate account for the scheme. If it is found expedient to keep a part or whole of the funds in a bank

account earning interest. The interest thus earned should be reported to the Ministry Environment and Forest interest thus earned will be treated as a credit to the State/Union Territory to be adjusted towards further installment of the grant.

(h) The man-power that may be employed for the scheme by the State Government Territory are not to be treated as employees of the Government of India and the development of such manpower at the time of completion or term of the scheme will not be the concern/responsibility the Government of India.

(i) The Government of India in the Ministry of Environment and Forests reserves the right to terminate the scheme at any stage, if convinced that funds have not been properly utilized or appropriate progress is not made.

(i) The release of funds will not be automatic and will be based on expenditure, physical progress of the project. Hence State Government/Union Territories are requested to send the Expenditure Statement and Physical Progress Report along with their require for release of next installment, apart from submission of quarterly report as stated at para (c) above.

(k) The recurring cost on the works after the initial fund will be met by the State Government.

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ANNEXURE - III

to G.O.(D) No.273, Environment and Forests (FR.5) Department, Dated:17.9.07

- 1) To select an impartial outside technical agency for evaluating the progress of the work to be carried out under each activity.

The Statement is requested to undertake survey for preparation of baseline data, i.e. pre-project status in terms of various relevant parameters, particularly, soil texture, extent of silt, quantum of biomass, soil moisture content, quality of water, extent of obnoxious weeds, groundwater level and variety & range of biodiversity in terms of flora, fauna including birds and fish. The executing Department, during and after conclusion of the project, will undertake assessment of impact of the scheme in terms of the above-stated parameters, namely, extent of improvement in soil texture, water quality, groundwater level, reduction in silt, including prevention of silt to be quantified by silt detention trap or other such instruments, use of weeds for composting for gas/paper, changes in bio-diversity, hydrological improvements through interventions, alternative/supplementary livelihoods and creation of social & infrastructural facilities. This can be done through concurrent and terminal evaluations by engaging independent professional agencies like eminent academic institutions, renowned consultancy organizations and research organizations within or outside the State. The State Govt. may seek appropriate assistance for this component separately along with complete rationale of the cost envisaged.

- 2) To constitute a Steering Committee headed by Secretary, Department of Environment and Forests, Government of Tamil Nadu for monitoring the works under Management Action Plan and
- 3) A certificate of civil works to be sent to Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests mentioning that the rates as per the schedule of State Public Works Department, Government of Tamil Nadu.

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ANNEXURE - IV

to G.O.(D) No.273, Environment and Forests (FR.5) Department, Dated:17.9.07

UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE

(TO BE SENT IN DUPLICATE TO MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS)
For the Financial Year (From 1st April to 31st March of the next calendar year)

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1. Title of the Project/Scheme :
 2. Name of the Organization :
 3. Principal Investigator :
 4. Ministry of Environment and Forest Letter No. and date :
of sanctioning the project :
 5. Amount brought forward from the previous financial year :
quoting Ministry of Environment and Forest letter No.
and date on which the authority to carry forward the said
amount was given :
 6. Amount received from Ministry No.&date of sanction of :1
Environment and Forest during amount (Please give No.
and dates of sanctions showing the amount paid) :2
:3
 - Total:
 7. Total amount that was available for expenditure :
(including commitments) incurred during the
Financial Year.(S.No.5+S.No.6)
 8. Actual expenditure (excluding commitments) incurred :
during the financial year.
 9. Unspent balance refunded if any (Please give details of :
cheque no.etc
 10. Balance amount available at the end of financial year :
 11. Amount allowed to be carried forward to be the next
financial year. Vide letter No. and date

Certified that the expenditure of Rs. (Rupees

.....)

Mentioned against column 8 was actually incurred on the project/scheme for the purpose for which it was sanctioned.

Date

Signature of Principal
Investigator/
Project Director

Signature of
Registrar/
Accounts Officer

Signature of Head of the
Organization

Our Ref: No.

Date:

Accepted and Countersigned

R.Rajagopal
Secretary to Government

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APPENDIX-1

(to G.O. (D) No.273, Environment and Forests (FR.5) Department, dated 17.9.2007)

Format for Physical Progress Report for Conservation and Management of Wetlands during the year 2007-2008

Name of the Scheme :
Implementing Agency :
Objectives of the Action Plan :
Total amount released :
Total amount utilized (as per U/C submitted) :

S.No.	Activity (Detailed break-up)	Physical Progress	Financial Progress	Remarks (Location of the works done)
		Target Achievement	Target Achievement	

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