

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

Abstract

FORESTS – Wildlife – State Plan Scheme 2007-2008 – Payment of compensation for the damages caused by Wildlife – Sanction of Rs.50.00 lakhs – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (FR.V) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms) No.85

Dated: 14.08.2007

Read:

- 1) G.O.Ms.No.124, Environment and Forests (FR.V) Department, dated 9.11.2006
- 2) Government Letter No.32149/FR.V/06-2, dated 6.2.2007
- 3) From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden Letter No.WL3/30465/2007, dated 11.5.2007

ORDER:

In the Government Order first read above and subsequently amended in Government letter second read above the Government sanctioned a sum of Rs.50.00 lakhs under State Plan Scheme for 2006-2007 for payment of compensation for damages caused by Wildlife.

2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden in his letter third read above has stated that the protected area in Tamil Nadu measuring 3305.44 sq.km., enclosed with rich bio diversity is put to heavy loss due to heavy biotic pressure which resulted in the man – animal conflict. The large size herbivores like Elephant, Bison, Gaur, Wild Boar, Deer enter into farm lands nearby Forest areas for fodder and water and the carnivores animals come into conflict with human due to the lack of prey animals in their domains. Fragmentation of Forest areas have also affected the migratory paths/corridors which also resulted in the increase in the rate of human – animal conflicts. If the damages caused by the wild animal to human beings and their properties are not suitable compensated, it will be impossible to get the support of the common people in conservation programmes. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has also informed that the Forest Department face difficulty to disburse the claims due to paucity of funds, though a quantum of amount is sanctioned under the Central Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger and Project Elephant Schemes and also under the Nature Conservation under State Plan. He has further stated that in order to avoid the animosity and conflict between the Man and Wild animals, the compensation is to be made for the damages caused by other wild animals also and this would result in moral support for wildlife conservation by all people. The compensation for the damages caused by wild animals such as Bison, Deer, Wild Boar etc. are paid from state fund and this is an essential one. He has also stated that in the year 2006-2007 Rs.50.00 lakhs was sanctioned for this purpose. During current year, the overall damages will definitely run to Rs.50.00 lakhs.

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has therefore requested that an amount of Rs.50.00 lakhs may be sanctioned under State Plan Scheme for 2007-2008 for sanction of compensation for the damages caused by wildlife.

4. The Government after careful consideration accept the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden and sanction an amount of Rs.50.00 lakhs (Rupees fifty lakhs only) for the year 2007-2008 for payment of compensation for the damages caused by wildlife.

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests shall ensure that every case/proposal of compensation for loss of crops/damage to property by wild animals has to be inspected and certified by an officer of the Forest Department not below the rank of Conservator of Forests. The scheme of compensation is covered loss of life, severe injury, etc.

6. The expenditure sanctioned in para 4 above shall be debited to the following head of account:-

“2406 Forestry and Wildlife – 01- Forestry – 001 Direction and Administration - I Non-Plan – AB District Establishment - 51 - Compensation – 02 Other Compensation (Voted) (D.P.Code 2406 - 01 - 001 - AB – 5122)”.

7. The expenditure sanctioned in para 3 is an item of “New Instrument Service” and the approval of the Legislature will be obtained in due course. Pending approval of Legislature, the expenditure will be initially met from the Contingency Fund. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests shall apply for the sanction of advance to Finance (BG.I) Department in the prescribed format enclosing the copy of this order.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.51975/AH&F/07, dated 10.8.07 and Additional Sanction Ledger No.678 (Six Hundred and Seventy Eight).

(By Order of the Governor)

R. RAJAGOPAL
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai-15.

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The Accountant General, Chennai-18 (BN).

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The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Chennai-35.

The Collector, Coimbatore/Nilgris/Erode District.

The Conservator of Forests, Coimbatore.

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Ministry of Environment and Forests,

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The Finance (AHF/BG.I/BGII Department, Chennai-9.

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