



GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

Abstract

Forests - Reorganization of Forest Division Co-terminals with the Revenue District Creation of a new territorial Division for Thiruvarur District with headquarters as Thiruvarur - Orders - Issued.

Environment and Forests (FR-Spl B) Department

G.O. (Ms) No.89

Dated:16.8.2007

Read:

1. G.O.Ms.No.649 E&F Dept, Dated 7.11.91
 2. G.O. Ms.No.108/E&F (FRI) Dept Dated 20.4.99
 3. From the PCCF letter No.TSI/25188/2007 Dated 30.5.2007.
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ORDER:

On 02.05.2007 The Hon'ble Minister (Forests) has announced in the Floor of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly that during the year 2007-2008 two District Forest Offices will be created in Thiruvarur and Perambalur Districts. Accordingly the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has sent the proposal to Government wherein he has stated that at present there is no District Forest Office for Thiruvarur District except two Range Offices which are under the control of District Forest Officer, Thanjavur Division with their headquarters at Thiruvarur and Mannargudy. Thiruvarur District is having Geographical area of 2,71,600 ha., in which forest area is 6883 ha. In addition valuable teak canal bank plantations over a length of 1552km also exist in this District. The value of this Teak plantation roughly works out to Rs.20 crores. In the present arrangement the District Forest Officer, Thanjavur is managing the forest areas spread over in Thanjavur and Thiruvarur Districts and canal bank plantations over a distance of 5892 km in these Revenue districts. Hence, it is absolutely necessary to have a new territorial division at Thiruvarur to relieve the District Forest Officer, Thanjavur from the present over load. In addition 650 km of length of canal bank plantations can also be raised in this District (Thiruvarur). Further the Muthupettai Mangrove forest also lies in this District, which is at present under the control of Wildlife Warden, Nagapattinam controlled by a Range Officer at Muthupettai. Even though the Reserved forest area in Thiruvarur District is very less, it needs a regular forest office headed by a Deputy Conservator of Forests rank officer to look after the forest areas and canal bank plantations in this Revenue District so that special attention can be attributed for the maintenance of canal bank plantations and raising plantations in the river bed areas.

2. The proposed arrangement by creation of new territorial division at Thiruvarur, it will have 4 Ranges as follows:-

(1)	Thiruvarur headquarters Thiruvarur	Range at	At present under the control of District Forest Officer, Thanjavur.
(2)	Mannargudi headquarters Mannargudi	Range at	At Present Under the Control of District Forest Officer, Thanjavur
(3)	Muthupet headquarters at Muthupet	Range	At present under the control of Wildlife Warden, Nagapatinam.
(4)	Enforcement headquarters at Thiruvarur	Range	By redeployment by Conservator of Forests, Tiruchi.

3. The Divisional Forest Officer, Industrial Wood Division, Kodaikanal is implementing Tamil Nadu Afforestation Project works and this division is not having much work and hence this division underutilized. Further this division may not have adequate work load to implement the scheme in future also. Hence it is proposed to redeploy the entire staff including the Divisional Forest Officer along with his office staff for this proposed Thiruvarur division. The staff pattern available in the Divisional Forest Officer, Industrial wood division, Kodaikanal is proposed to be utilised in the new Thiruvarur Forest division as detailed below :

Sl.No.	Category of the Post	Numbers
1.	Deputy Conservator of Forests	1
2.	Superintendent	1
3.	Assistant	2
4.	Junior Draughting Officer	1
5.	Junior Assistant	2
6.	Typist	1
7.	Steno-Typist	1
8.	Driver	1
9.	Office Assistant	2
10.	Office Watchman	1
	Total	13

Hence due to this redeployment arrangement, the financial burden to the Government will be very much reduced and the financial burden to the Government; will be only on the recurring expenditure side towards rents, rates and taxes for the new building to accommodate the new office. The Telephones and vehicles available in the Divisional Forest Officer, Industrial wood division, Kodaikanal will be ordered to be used by the District Forest Officer, Thiruvarur Division. Further as this proposed division is a Territorial division a new telephone line to the residence of the District Forest Officer is absolutely necessary to manage the day-to-day administration. In G.O.Ms.No.649. Environment and Forest Department dated 7.11.91 it has been stated that a territorial division will comprise not more than 5 territorial Ranges.

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has requested the Government that necessary orders may kindly be issued for the creation of the new division at Thiruvarur with redeployment of staff. An amount of Rs.10,000/- may kindly be sanctioned for transport of furniture etc. from Kodaikanal to Thiruvarur and the Telephones and vehicles available with District Forest Officer, Industrial wood division, Kodaikanal will be ordered to be used by the District Forest Officer, Thiruvarur Division and a residential telephone to the District Forest Officer, Thiruvarur may be sanctioned.

5. The Government after careful consideration direct that:-

- a) The proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests be accepted
- b) The existing Divisional Forest Officer, Industrial Wood Division, Kodaikanal be wound up;
- c) A new territorial forest division for Thiruvarur district with headquarters at Thiruvarur be created.
- d) The newly created post of District Forest Officer, Thiruvarur will function under the control of Conservator of Forest, Tiruchirapalli Circle, Tiruchirapalli.
- e) The existing posts along with the staff of Divisional Forest Officer, Industrial Wood Division, Kodaikanal be re-deployed to the newly formed territorial division at Thiruvarur.
- f) The works of Industrial Wood Division, Kodaikanal and the Range Offices be attached to the District Forest Officer, Dindigul along with the posts of Ranger and other staff.
- g) The existing operation of the following ranges along with field staff in the District Forest Officer, Thanjavur be attached to the newly formed District Forest Officer, Thiruvarur.

i) Thiruvarur Headquarters at Thiruvarur.	At present under the Control of District Forest Officer, Thanjavur,
ii) Manargudi Range Headquarters at Manargudi.	
3) Muthupet Range Headquarters at Muthuper	At present under the Control of Wildlife Warden, Nagapattinam.
4) Enforcement Range Headquaqrters at Thiruvarur	By redeployment of Conservator of Forests, Thiruchi.

- h) The expenditure (Pay and Allowances, contingencies and office expenditure) spent for the function of Divisional Forest Office, Industrial Wood Division, Kodaikanal per month be utilised for the function of the newly formed District Forest Officer, Thiruvarur Division, Thiruvarur.
- i) The telephones and vehicles available in the District Forest Officer, Industrial Wood Division, Kodaikanal, be utilised by the newly formed District Forest Office, Thiruvarur.
- J) Residential telephone at Industrial Wood Division be transferred to the newly formed District Forest Office at Thiruvarur.

6. Sanction is also accorded for a sum of Rs,10,000/-(Rupees ten thousands only) towards transport of furniture and other incidental expenditure. The above sanctioned amount shall be debited to the following head of account:-

"2406 Forestry and Wildlife -01
Forestry -001 Direction and Administration-1
Non Plan AB District Establishment -05
Office Expenses -02 Other Contingencies
(D.P Code 2406-01-001-AB-0529)

7. This Order issues with the Concurrence of Finance Department
Vide its U.O No.52972/AH&F/07 Dated: 13.08.2007.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Forest Plantation Corporation Limited,
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The District Collectors, Thanjavur/Tiruchi/Dindugul/Thiruvarur
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