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The Department of Environment was created by Government of Tamil Nadu vide G.O.Ms.No.335 Environment and Forests Department dated 13.10.95 to deal with the environmental management issues of the State. This Department is functioning with a Directorate based at Chennai since March 1996.

OBJECTIVES

- 1 To function as a nodal department in the monitoring of National River Conservation Plan for the abatement of pollution in the river systems of the state and the National Lake Conservation Plan.
- 2 To implement the provisions of the Coastal Regulation Zone Notifications 1991/2011 in the State through the State Coastal Zone Management Authority.
- 3 To plan and implement various environmental awareness programmes in the State.
- 4 To deal with all aspects of environment other than those dealt with by Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board from time to time.

To achieve the above objectives, the Department is undertaking the following activities:-

Monitoring the progress of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of pollution abatement in five towns along the Cauvery river (NRCP) and the project to clean Chennai City Waterways Viz. Cooum, Adayar, Buckingham Canal, Otteri Nullah, Captain Cotton canal and Mambalam Channel under Chennai City River Conservation Project (CCRCP) and similarly monitoring pollution abatement in seven additional towns along Cauvery, Vaigai and Tamirabarani that are under execution. For Eco restoration of Kodaikanal Lake, detailed Project Report has been sanctioned and works are under progress.

Department of Environment is also looking after the functions of Tamil Nadu State Coastal Zone Management Authority. Various proposals for environmental clearance under the Coastal Regulation Zone Notifications 1991/2011 are scrutinized and approved or recommended by this authority. Director of Environment is also looking after the functions of the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority.

This Department is promoting various environmental education and awareness programmes through Non Governmental Organizations, Educational and Research Institutions. Environment Information System (ENVIS) Centre provides Web based information system, Newsletter, Online Chat, Online Quiz, and Training.

ADMINISTRATIVE SET-UP

Department of Environment is performing several key functions relating to environmental issues in the State which includes project implementation, programme co-ordination, appraisal, monitoring and policy formulation. It has been formed into seven divisions namely:

- 1 Land Use Division
- 2 Solid Waste Management Division
- 3 Water Resources Division
- 4 Coastal Zone Environment Management Division
- 5 Impact Assessment Division
- 6 Environmental Audit
- 7 Environmental Education/Awareness

The following categories of posts have been sanctioned for the Department:

1) Director	1
2) Additional Director	1
3) Deputy Director	3
4) Assistant Conservator of Forests	1
5) Assistant Environmental Engineer	1
6) Accounts Officer	1
7) Sociologist	1
8) Forest Ranger	1
9) Superintendent	1
10) Assistant	4
11) Assistant Engineer	2
12) Junior Draughting Officer	1
13) Steno-Typist	1
14) Typist	1
15) Junior Assistant	1
16) Console Operator	1
17) Record Clerk	1
18) Driver	3
19) Office Assistant	8

TOTAL	34

The Directorate is being headed by a senior I.F.S. officer as the Director, assisted by an Additional Director of IFS Cadre, Deputy Director, Assistant Environmental Engineer and Accounts Officer.

A Green Squad has been established under the control of Assistant Conservator of Forests to monitor violations of Coastal Regulation Zone notifications 1991/2011.

To monitor the Emergency Tsunami Reconstruction Project (ETRP) funded by the World Bank, the following establishment has been sanctioned and set up.

Tsunami Section

Technical cell at Head office, Chennai

1) Programme Officer	1
2) Technical Officer	1
3) Assistant	1
4) Office Assistant	1

TOTAL	4

PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES for 2012-2013

- a) Environment Management Agency of Tamil Nadu (EMAT) an autonomous agency was constituted for co-ordination and liaising between National River Conservation Directorate, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India and implementing agencies in getting sanction of proposals and Central funds for implementation of works under National River Conservation Plan and National Lakes Conservation Plan.
- (b) The main activities of this Department includes carrying out awareness activities in 8000 National Green Corps Eco-clubs funded by Government of India in which 3.20 lakh students are enrolled. Distribution of Environmental awards, encouraging specific environmental research projects and conducting workshop /seminars to create awareness are also undertaken.
- (c) A Green Squad has been established to monitor violations of Coastal Regulation Zone notifications 1991/2011. Under the World Bank funded Emergency Tsunami Reconstruction Project (ETRP), High Tide Line (HTL) demarcation, preparation of Integrated Coastal Management Plan and vulnerability mapping, preparation of training modules and fixing of stone pillars on HTL reference points are under various stages of progress.
- (d) During the 2011-2012 the following schemes were implemented by the Department of Environment:-

(Rs. In lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	R.E. for 2011-2012	Expenditure upto 31.3.2012	B.E. for 2012-2013
1.	Environment Management Plan for Thirukazhukundram and Sathanur	6.00	6.00	0.01
2.	Training on Solid Waste Management and Waste Water Management to Municipal Staff	6.00	6.00	0.01
3.	Training on innovative Techniques on Greening Urban areas	2.00	2.00	0.01
4.	Publication of "A guide on Trees of Tamil Nadu"	5.00	5.00	0.01
5.	Construction of Rain Water Harvesting Structure in one Government School at Mayiladuthurai.	2.00	2.00	0.01
6.	Printing of Publicity materials on environment	5.00	5.00	0.01
7.	Formation of Environmental Information Dissemination centres and making of Thematic films on Environment	10.00	10.00	0.01
8.	Relaying of roads using plastic waste	5000	5000	10000
9.	A mass drive on clearing accumulated plastics	500	500	0.01
10.	Awareness activities for sensitizing the public on the use of plastics	0.50	0.31	0.01

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