



### ABSTRACT

Forests Department - Massive Tree Planting Programme - Planting of 68 lakhs seedlings for three years from 2015-2016 to 2017-2018 - For increasing the Green cover of the State Tamil Nadu in commemoration with the Hon'ble Chief Minister's 68<sup>th</sup> Birth Day - Sanctioned - Orders - Issued.

### Environment and Forests (FR.6) Department

G.O. (Ms) No.14

Dated: 04.02.2016

மன்மத, தை-21,

திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு -2047

### Read:

1. G.O.(Ms) No.144, Environment and Forests (FR.6) Department, dated:01.11.2011.
2. G.O.(Ms) No.18, Environment and Forests (FR.6) Department, dated 22.02.2013.
3. G.O.(Ms) No.18, Environment and Forests (FR.6) Department, dated:11.02.2014.
4. G.O.(Ms) No.24, Environment and Forests (FR.6) Department, dated:23.02.2015
5. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Letter No.J2/33764/2015, dated 14.12.2015 and 21.01.2016

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### ORDER :

In the Government Order fourth read above, Orders were issued for the implementation of the Massive Tree Planting Programme for planting 67 lakh seedlings in 32 districts of Tamil Nadu for three years from 2014-2015 to 2016-2017 (2 years planting + one year maintenance) at a cost of Rs.53.72 Crores (Rupees Fifty Three crores and Seventy Two lakhs only) by availing a sum of Rs.30.00 crores (Rupees Thirty crores only) from the funds of Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board; Rs.6.88 crores (Rupees Six crores and Eighty Eight lakhs only) from the State fund as accessed from the provision of Tamil Nadu Environment Protection Fund, to be allocated during the year 2015 - 2016 onwards and Rs. 16.84 crores ( as per Forest Schedule of Rate ) to meet out the labour activities through the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.

2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests in his letter fifth read above has stated that during the year 2015-2016, it is proposed to continue the scheme so as to increase the green cover of Tamilnadu through the massive planting activities. He has sent the proposals for planting 68 lakh seedlings under the Massive Tree Planting Programme for three years from 2015-2016 to 2017-2018 concurrent with the celebration of 68<sup>th</sup> Birth Day of Honourable Chief Minister.

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has furnished the Objectives of the above said Scheme as follows:-

- i. To increase the green cover of Tamil Nadu through mass planting.
- ii. To mitigate the adverse effects of various environmental pollutants like suspended particulate matter, gaseous pollutants, noise, radiation etc.
- iii. To moderate the micro climatic factors like surface temperature, wind speed, soil moisture regime, ground water recharge etc.
- iv. To improve the biodiversity and increase the population of birds and micro organisms.
- v. To enhance the aesthetic appearance of the rural environment and thereby improve the quality of human and animal life.

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has further proposed that the Raising and planting of 68 lakhs seedlings under the Massive Tree Planting Programme during the year 2015-2016 may be sanctioned under the Mahatma Gandhi National Employment Guarantee Scheme including the cost of materials. This project has been proposed based on the Forest Schedule Rates for the year 2015-2016 and the total cost of the project work has been estimated at Rs.6167.54 Lakhs (ie., Rs.665.29 Lakhs for the year 2015-2016 (Preparatory works), Rs.3302.39 Lakhs for the year 2016-2017 (Major works) and Rs.2199.86 Lakh for the year 2017-2018(Maintenance works).

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has therefore requested to issue necessary sanction a sum of Rs.61.68 Crores from the Mahatma Gandhi National Employment Guarantee Scheme funds, for planting of 68 lakh seedlings [60 lakhs seedlings to be planted by the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department and 8 lakhs seedlings to be planted by Forest Department], for increasing the Green cover in all the 31 Districts of Tamil Nadu (except Chennai District, where Mahatma Gandhi National Employment Guarantee Scheme works are not implemented and there Celebration planting alone will be done by Forest Department).

6. The Government have carefully examined the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests in detail and accordingly issue orders for implementing the Massive Tree Planting Programme of planting 68 lakh seedlings [60 lakhs seedlings to be planted by the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department and 8 lakhs seedlings to be planted by Forest Department], in commemoration with the Hon'ble Chief Minister's 68<sup>th</sup> Birth Day, at a cost of Rs.61.68 Crores (Rupees Sixty One Crores and Sixty Eight lakhs only) [as per Forest Schedule Rate] from the Mahatma Gandhi National Employment Guarantee Scheme funds, for increasing the Green cover in Tamil Nadu, for three years from 2015-2016 to 2017-2018, as detailed in the annexure to this order.

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7. The Director of the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department is requested to take necessary action for implementing the Massive Tree Planting Programme of planting 68 lakh seedlings at a cost of Rs.61.68 Crores ( Rupees Sixty One Crores and Sixty Eight lakhs only) [as per Forest Schedule Rate] from the Mahatma Gandhi National Employment Guarantee Scheme funds.

8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests is also directed to issue necessary instructions to the all District Forest Officers for Co-coordinating with the District Rural Development Agencies (DRDA) for implementing the Massive Tree Planting Programme of planting 68 lakh seedlings in 31 District of Tamil Nadu (except Chennai District) and to take necessary action for the Celebration planting works by the Forest Department in all districts including Chennai District.

9. This order issues with the concurrence of RD&PR/Fin Department vide their U.O. No. 1 / Secretary / RD&PR /2016, dated.04.02.2016 and U.O. No. Finance / 19/DS(PW)P/2016, dated.04.02.2016.

**(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)**

**HANS RAJ VERMA  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Director of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj Department, Chennai-15.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai-15.

All District Collectors.

The Accountant General, Chennai-18/35.

The Pay and Accounts Officer, Chennai

All Project Director of the DRDA

All Chief Conservator of Forests / Conservator of Forests /

District Forest Officer through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai-15.

Copy to:

The Principal Secretary II to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Chennai-9.

The Special Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Public Work and Finance), Chennai-9.

The Special Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister MAWS, Rural Development, Chennai-9.

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

The Principal Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary to Government, Finance Department, Chennai-9.

The Senior Private Secretary to the Principal Secretary to Government, Environment and Forests Department, Chennai-9.

The Principal Private Secretary to the Secretary to Government, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Chennai-9.

The Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Chennai-9.

The Finance (AHD&F/RD&PR) Department, Chennai-9.

The Resident Audit Officer, Secretariat, Chennai-9.

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**ANNEXURE to the G.O.(Ms) No.14, Environment and Forests (FR.6)**

**Department, dated.04.02.2016**

**Details for the Physical & Financial Target for the year 2015-2016:-**

Sl. No.	Activity	Qty. (in Nos.)	Rate / seedling (in Rs.)	Amount ( in lakh)
I	The Hon'ble Chief Minister's 68 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Planting ( 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 2016)	The Hon'ble Chief Minister's 68 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Planting will be done by the Tamil Nadu Forest Department from its own funds		
II	<b>For Planting during Monsoon period</b>			
1	Preparatory works for raising of 16x30 cm container seedlings 68,00,000 and 10% 6,80,000 casualty replacement - 74,80,000 no. of seedlings	<b>7480000</b> ( Seedlings to be raised by the Forest Department)	<b>8.85</b>	<b>661.98</b>
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>661.98</b>
III	Preparation of project report, monitoring & documentation @ 0.5% of the total project cost			<b>3.31</b>
<b>Total(A)</b>				<b>665.29</b>

**Details for the Physical & Financial Target for the year 2016-2017:-**

Sl. No.	Activity	Qty. (in Nos.)	Rate / seedling (in Rs.)	Amount ( in lakh)
2	<b>Maintenance</b> of 16x30cm seedlings raised for monsoon planting including replacement of casualty	<b>7480000</b>	<b>7.43</b>	<b>555.76</b>
3	Planting 16x30cm seedlings during monsoon including watering during summer under MGNREGS outside Reserved forest areas.	<b>6800000</b> (60 lakhs by R.D.&P.R. Department & 8 lakhs by the Forest Department)	<b>40.15</b>	<b>2730.20</b>
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>3285.96</b>
III	Preparation of project report, monitoring & documentation @ 0.5% of the total project cost			<b>16.43</b>
<b>Total (B)</b>				<b>3302.39</b>

Details for the Physical & Financial Target for the year 2017-2018:-

	Activity	Qty. (in Nos.)	Rate / seedling (in Rs.)	Amount ( in lakh)
64	Ist Year Maintenance of 16x30 cm seedlings 6800000 Nos.	6800000 (60 lakhs by R.D.&P.R. Department & 8 lakhs by Forest Department)	32.19	2188.92
Sub-Total				2188.92
III	Preparation of project report, monitoring & documentation @ 0.5% of the total project cost			10.94
Total (C)				2199.86

Grand Total = (A+B+C) = 665.29+3302.39+2199.86

= Rs. 6167.54Lakhs  
(or)

Rs.61.68Crores

(Rupees Sixty One Crores and Sixty Eight lakhs only)

**HANS RAJ VERMA**  
**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

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