



ABSTRACT

Forests - Wildlife – Restructuring and Strengthening Tamil Nadu Forests and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau – Orders - Issued.

Environment, Climate Change and Forests (FR.5) Department

G.O.(Ms.)No.223

Dated: 25.11.2025

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திருவள்ளூர்ஆண்டு – 2056**

Read:

1. G.O.(Ms.)No.97, Environment, Climate Change and Forests (FR.5) Department, dated 02.11.2021.
2. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) letter No.PV1/14048/2025, dated 30.07.2025 and 07.08.2025.

ORDER:-

In the G.O. first read above, orders were issued to set up the Tamil Nadu Forest and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau with four Zonal offices at Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai and Ramanathapuram.

2. In the letter second read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) has requested to reconstitute the Tamil Nadu Forest and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (TNFWCCB) by redeploying one Deputy Conservator of Forests and Assistant Conservator of Forests, to issue necessary orders to sanction one Green Fellow into the Tamil Nadu Forest and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau and also sanction an amount of Rs.123.38 lakhs for strengthening the Board.

3. The Government after careful examination, accept the proposal of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) and to reconstitute the Tamil Nadu Forest and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (TNFWCCB) and ordered as below: -

- (i). to re-deploy one Deputy Conservator of Forest for overall supervisory purpose.
- (ii). to create an investigation and prosecution wing which will be entrusted with legal activities viz., registration of cases, filing charge sheets, appearance before courts etc. This involvement in prosecution will be selective and strategic and routine court follow-ups will remain with territorial divisions to avoid overburdening the Bureau. This will enable the Bureau to operate as both an intelligence-led and prosecution-focused entity. The Director, Tamil Nadu Forest and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, will oversee the internal assignment of officers to each wing.
- (iii). to create one new Krishnagiri zone headed by one Assistant Conservator of Forest (through re-deployment), two Forest rangers and 2 Foresters per Range Officer, with following three forest stations with each one Forest Ranger, Forester and 6 Forest Guards.
 - (a) Hosur
 - (b) Dharmapuri (already functioning under Chennai zone)
 - (c) Harur

(iv). to create additional Forest stations as given below:

(a) Salem and Ooty Forest Station at Coimbatore Zone:

Presently Coimbatore Zone functions with one Forest Station (Coimbatore Forest Station). Considering the vast sensitive area under the jurisdiction of Coimbatore Zone two additional Forest Stations may be formed.

Salem Forest Station: Covering Salem, Namakkal and Attur Divisions.

Ooty Forest Station: Covering The Nilgiris, Gudalur divisions and Mudumalai Tiger Reserve.

(b) Nagapattinam Forest Station at Ramanathapuram Zone:

Presently Ramnad Zone functions with one Forest Station (Ramnad Forest Station). Considering the vast Coastal sensitive area under the Jurisdiction of Ramanathapuram Zone, an additional Forest Station at Nagapattinam may be formed to improve surveillance across the coastal belt.

Nagapattinam Forest Station:

Covering Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Mayiladuthurai, Nagapatinam and Pudukottai Divisions.

Each Forest station shall be equipped with:

- 1 Forest Range Officer
- 1 Forester
- 6 Forest Guards

(v). To sanction additional permanent staff as indicated below through re-deployment, without any financial commitment to Government.

Sl. No.	Cadre/Post	Additional proposed	Remarks
1.	Additional Director (DCF rank)	1	One each for certain delegation of powers
2.	Deputy Director (Assistant Conservator of Forests)	1	Krishnagiri Zone
3.	Forest Range Officers	7	1 New zone and 6 new stations
4.	Foresters	7	1 New zone and 6 new stations
5.	Forest Guards	36	1 New zone and 6 new stations
6.	Forest Guards with Driving License	1	1 New zone and 6 new stations
7.	Assistant	1	1 new zone
8.	Office Assistant	1	1 new zone
9.	Typist	1	1 new zone
10.	Drivers (Regular)	3	One for each officer (Director, DCFs, ACFs and new zone)
Total Staff		59	

- (vi). To sanction following contractual posts for Tamil Nadu Forest and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (TNFWCCB) and to accord sanction for Rs.46,68,000/- (Rupees Forty six lakhs sixty eight thousand only) for the year 2025-2026 (7 months).

Sl. No.	Components	Nos.	Cost per Unit per month (Rs.)	2025-2026 (7M) (in lakhs)	2026-2027 (in lakhs)	Total Amount (in lakh Rupees)	Remarks
1.	Cyber Forensics Analyst	2	60000	8.40	15.84	24.24	Consolidated pay with 10% escalation in 26-27
2.	Data Analysts	2	50000	7.00	13.20	20.20	
3.	Legal Officer (Young Professional-II)	1	45000	3.15	5.94	9.09	As per the sanctioned Letter No.104/FR.9/2022, Dated.20.06.2022 for Tamil Nadu wetland Mission
4.	GIS Expert	1	75000	5.25	9.90	15.15	As per the sanctioned Letter No.113, Dated.27.05.2022 for GTM.
5.	Training Coordinator	1	60000	4.2	7.92	12.12	Consolidated pay with 10% escalation in 26-27.
6.	Community Outreach Officer	1	50000	3.50	6.60	10.10	Consolidated pay with 10% escalation in 26-27.
7.	Toll Free operator (Computer Operator)	1	22020	1.54	2.91	4.45	Will be posted on a Contractual basis as per collector wage rate Roc.C2/16317/2021 dated.03.07.2025 with 10% escalation in 26-27.
8.	Data Entry operator	2	22020	3.08	5.81	8.90	
9.	Green Fellow	1	65000	4.55	8,58	13.13	As per the Chief Minister's Green Fellowship Programme, Notification No.:01/TNCCM/CMGFP/2025, Dated:24.05.2025.
10.	Preparation of an Outreach Video Documentary.	1	Lumpsum	6.00	-	-	LS
Total				46.68/-	76.70/-	123.38/-	

- (vii). To sanction one Green Fellow to the Tamil Nadu Forest and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (TNFWCCB).

4. The expenditure sanctioned in para 3 (vi) above shall be debited to the following head of account:-

2406 FORESTRY AND WILD LIFE – 01 Forestry – 101 Forest Conservation, Development and Regeneration – State's Expenditure – BC Forest Protection – 333 Payments for Professional and Special Services – 04 Contract Payments.
(DPC 2406 01 101 BC 33304)

5. Necessary additional funds of Rs.46,68,00,000/- will be provided in RE/FMA 2025-2026. Pending provision of such funds, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) is authorized to draw and disburse the amount sanctioned in para 3 above. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) is directed to include this item of expenditure while sending the budget proposal for RE/FMA 2025-2026 to the Government in Finance (AHDF&FW/BG-I) Department at an appropriate time without fail.

6. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.1366/Fin(AHDF&FW)/2025, dated.24.11.2025 and ASL No.2025111817.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

**SUPRIYA SAHU
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(Head of Forest Force), Chennai-32.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden, Chennai-32.
The Director, Tamil Nadu Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, Chennai-15.
The Pay and Accounts Officer (South), Chennai-35.
The Accountant General, Chennai-18.
The Field Director, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve.
The Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri, Salem, Trichy and Madurai.

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