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ABSTRACT

Forests—Wildlife – Setting up of Tamil Nadu Forest and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau with four zonal offices at Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai and Ramanathapuram – Orders Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND FORESTS (FR.5) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms).No.158

Dated: 14.09.2022

சுபகிருது, ஆவணி-29

திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு- 2053

Read:

1. G.O.(Ms).No.97, Environment, Climate Change and Forest Department, Dated: 02.11.2021.
2. From Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Chennai Letter No.WL6/39747/2021, Dated: 27.06.2022.
3. From Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Chennai Letter No. AA1/16409/2022, Dated: 10.08.2022 and 12.08.2022.

ORDER:

During Budget session on 03.09.2021, the Hon'ble Minister (Forests) has made the following announcement:-

"மாநில அளவில் திட்டமிடப்பட்ட வனையிரினக் குற்றங்களை கண்டறிந்து தடுக்க வணம் மற்றும் வனையிரினக் குற்றங்கள் கட்டுப்பாட்டு பிரிவு ஒன்று ஏற்படுத்தப்படும்".

2. In the Government Order first read above, the Government accorded administrative approval for setting up of the "Tamil Nadu Forest and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau" with four zonal offices at Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai, and Ramanathapuram.

3. In view of this, the Tamil Nadu Forest and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (TNFWCB), needs adequate staff for its functioning. Accordingly, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has identified certain posts for re-deployment towards the formation of four zonal offices at Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai and Ramanathapuram and sent proposal in his letter third read above. Headquarters of this Board will be stationed at Chennai.

4. After careful examination, the Government accepts the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) to ratify his action in having issued orders in the second and third read above for creation of four zonal offices at Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai and Ramanathapuram. Accordingly, four Zonal offices of Tamil Nadu Forest and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau with the following posts be created as follows:-

I. Tamil Nadu Forest and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau Zonal office at Chennai

Chennai Zonal Office will function under Assistant Conservator of Forests, Tamil Nadu Forest and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, Zonal Office Chennai from the office of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Panagal Maaligai, No. 1 Jeenis Road, Saidapet, Chennai 600015.

Details of re-deployed and re-designated staff

Existing staff	Re deployed and Redesignated as
1) Assistant Conservator of Forests (Intelligence and Investigation – Protection, Vigilance & Forest Wildlife Crime Bureau)	Assistant Conservator of Forests, Tamil Nadu Forest and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (TNFWCCB), Chennai Zone.
2) Forest Range Officers -2 posts (PV&FWLCB)	Two posts; Forest Range Officers, Tamil Nadu Forest and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (TNFWCCB), Chennai Zone.
3) Foresters -2 posts (PV&FWLCB)	Two posts; Foresters, Tamil Nadu Forest and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (TNFWCCB), Chennai Zone.
4) Driver - one post (PV&FWLCB)	Driver-One post (TNFWCCB)

II. Tamil Nadu Forest and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau Zonal office at Coimbatore

Coimbatore Zonal Office will function under Assistant Conservator of Forests, Tamil Nadu Forest and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, Zonal Office, Coimbatore from the Office of the Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Anamalai Tiger Reserve, Coimbatore.

Details of re-deployed and re-designated staff

Existing staff and G.O in which post sanctioned	Redeployment and Redesignated as
Forestry Extension Officer, Tiruppur G.O(Ms).No 7, Environment and Forest Department, Dated 4.02.2008	Assistant Conservator of Forests, Tamil Nadu Forest and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (TNFWCCB), Coimbatore Zone.

Forest Range Officers -2 posts from FEMAS, o/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai G.O(Ms).No 984, Forest and Fisheries Department, Dated 16.09.1986	Two posts; Forest Range Officers, Tamil Nadu Forest and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (TNFWCCB), Coimbatore Zone.
Foresters -2 posts from Protection and Vigilance G.O(Ms).No 1307, Forest and Fisheries Department, Dated 09.11.1981	Two posts; Foresters, Tamil Nadu Forest and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (TNFWCCB), Coimbatore Zone.

III. Tamil Nadu Forest and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau Zonal office at Madurai

Madurai Zonal Office will function under Assistant Conservator of Forests, Tamil Nadu Forest and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, Zonal Office, Madurai from the Office of the Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Madurai.

Details of re-deployed and re-designated staff

Existing staff and G.O in which post sanctioned	Redeployment and Redesignated as
Assistant Conservator of Forests Tiruvannamalai (North) G.O(Ms).No 182, Environment and Forest Department, Dated 18.07.2012	Assistant Conservator of Forests, Tamil Nadu Forest and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (TNFWCCB), Madurai Zone.
Forest Range Officers -2 posts(one post from FEMAS, o/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai and one post from Agro Forestry Research Division, Madurai research circle 1. G.O(Ms).No 984, Forest and Fisheries Department, Dated 16.09.1986 2. G.O(Ms).No 953, Forest and Fisheries Department, Dated 30.09.1985	Two posts; Forest Range Officers, Tamil Nadu Forest and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (TNFWCCB), Madurai Zone.
Foresters -2 posts from FEMAS, o/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai 1. G.O(Ms).No 952, Forest and Fisheries Department, Dated 30.09.1985. 2. G.O(Ms).No 192, Environment and Forest Department, Dated 20.12.2011	Two posts; Foresters, Tamil Nadu Forest and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (TNFWCCB), Madurai Zone.

IV. Tamil Nadu Forest and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau Zonal office at Ramanathapuram

Ramanathapuram Zonal Office will function under Assistant Conservator of Forests, Tamil Nadu Forest and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, Zonal Office, Ramanathapuram from the Office of the District Forest Officer, Ramanathapuram Division Campus.

Details of re-deployed and re-designated staff

Existing staff and G.O in which post sanctioned	Redeployment and Redesignated as
Assistant Conservator of Forests and Eco- Development Officer GOMNP, Thoothukudi G.O(Ms).No .169, Environment and Forest Department, Dated 08.09.2005	Assistant Conservator of Forests, Tamil Nadu Forest and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (TNFWCCB), Ramanathapuram Zone.
Forest Range Officers -2 posts(one post from FEMAS, o/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai and one post from TNFUSRC. 1. G.O(Ms).No 571, Forest and Fisheries Department, Dated 24.05.1988 2. G.O(Ms).No 192, Environment and Forest Department, Dated 20.12.2011.	Two posts; Forest Range Officers, Tamil Nadu Forest and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (TNFWCCB), Ramanathapuram Zone.
Foresters -2 posts from FEMAS, o/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai G.O(Ms).No 192, Environment and Forest Department, Dated 20.12.2011.	Two posts; Foresters, Tamil Nadu Forest and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (TNFWCCB), Ramanathapuram Zone.

Duties and responsibilities of the Zonal Office Chennai, TNFWCCB.

- i. To combat forest and wildlife crime through a well-designed institutional network of trained forest personnel.
- ii. To gather information and intelligence related to Forest and wildlife crime and illegal trade including Trans boundary trade.
- iii. To coordinate with various organizations to access information and intelligence with the view to reduce and control forest and wildlife crime.
- iv. To contribute to creation of a state level forest and wildlife Crime Data Bank to assist investigating agencies.
- v. To assist in developing and implementing various standard operating protocols relating to forest and wildlife crime control and monitoring.

- vi. To facilitate the creation of a cadre of well-trained officials from among the Government departments over the years for effective monitoring of illegal trade through an Integrated inter departmental team to address such illegal activities effectively.
- vii. To improve investigation quality for better appreciation of evidence contributing to better investigation and control of illegal wildlife trade.
- viii. To build informant networks among local communities that live in close proximity to forest and wildlife habitats.
- ix. Map, poaching and illegal trade hotspots in the State for better monitoring and control of illegal activities in future.

5. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O.No.3460/FS/P, dated 02.09.2002. PSL / ASL will be issued separately.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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