## ABSTRACT

Environment, Climate Change – Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board – Establishment of Discarded Fishnet Collection Centers in 14 Coastal Districts of Tamil Nadu at a total cost of Rs.1.75 Crore - Approval accorded – Orders - Issued.

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## ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOREST (EC.2) DEPARTMENT

**G.O.(Ms)No.122** **Dated 07.07.2025**

விசுவாவசு, ஆனி–23

திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு– 2056

**Read:**

1. G.O.(Ms)No.11, Environment, Climate Change and Forest (EC.4) Department, dated 10.01.2024.
2. From the Chairperson, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board Letter No.T1/TNPCB/PWM/F.009421/TNFI-TNSHORE/ 2025, dated 12.06.2025.

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**ORDER:**

The Hon'ble Minister (Finance and Environment & Climate Change) has made the following announcement in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 26.04.2025 for the year 2025-2026: -

"தமிழ்நாட்டின் கடலோரங்களில், கடலில் கைவிடப்பட்ட மீன்வலைகள் மற்றும் நெகிழி கழிவுகளால், கடல் உயிர்வளங்கள் மிகுந்த பாதிப்பிற்கு உள்ளாகி வருகின்றன. இந்நிலையில், கடல்சார் நெகிழி மாசுபாட்டை எதிர்கொள்ளும் முன்முயற்சியாக, இந்தியாவிலேயே முதன்முறையாக. "தமிழ்நாடு மீன்வலை முயற்சிகள்" (Tamil Nadu Fishnet Initiatives) என்ற முன்னோடித் திட்டம் 2024 ஆகஸ்ட் 14–ஆம் தேதி காசிமேட்டில், மாண்புமிகு முதலமைச்சர் அவர்களால் தொடங்கி வைக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது. இம்முயற்சி, கடலில் கைவிடப்படும் மீன்வலைகளை மீனவர்களின் பங்கேற்புடன் சேகரித்து அவை மறுசுழற்சி செய்யப்படுகின்றன. இதுவரை, மீனவர்களிடமிருந்து 13,510 கிலோ மீன்வலை கழிவுகள் சேகரிக்கப்பட்டு, பயனுள்ள பொருட்களாக மாற்றப்பட்டுள்ளன.

இத்திட்டம் மாநிலத்தின் அனைத்து 14 கடலோர மாவட்டங்களிலும் ரூ.1.75 கோடி செலவில் உலக வங்கியின் "TN–SHORE" நிதியிலிருந்து செயல்படுத்தப்படும்."

2. The Chairperson, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board in her proposal has stated that, this proposal outlines a sustainable and community-driven approach to establishing Discarded Fishnet Collection Centers in 14 Coastal Districts conduct awareness programs, facilitate the recycling of discarded nets and provide incentives

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to fishermen based on the current market rates for the nets collected. The objectives of the project are baseline survey for site identification to establish discarded fishnet collection centers, identifying an agency, establishment a mechanism/centre to collect discarded and ghost nets and other plastic debris along the selected locations for collection centres in all 14 coastal Districts of Tamil Nadu, recycling of recovered discarded fishing nets and Community awareness programmes.

3. The Chairperson, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board has furnished the details of budget and as follows: -

| Sl. No | Activity | Locations | Timeline | Organizations | Budget (Rs. in Lakh) |
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| 1. | **Baseline study** *For site identification* | All 14 coastal District | 2 months | Agency / organization will be identified | 14.00 |
| 2. | **Discarded collection centres establishment and Tie up with Recyclers for recycling the collected discarded fishnets** | 14 collection centres in all 14 Districts | 9 months | Agency to be identified | 140.00 |
| 3. | **Awareness campaign - IEC** | In areas where 14 discarded fishnet collection centers are located. | After the Set-up of DFNCC | | 14.00 |
| 4. | **Miscellaneous expenses** | | | | 07.00 |
| | | | | **Grand Total** | **175.00** |

**(Rupees One Crore Seventy Five Lakhs only)**

4. The Chairperson, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board has further stated that, this initiative will be implemented under the TN-SHORE project funded by World Bank. As per G.O.Ms.No.11, Environment, Climate Change and Forest (EC.4) Department, dated 10.01.2024, 70% of the funding will be provided by the World Bank, with the remaining 30% contributed by the State Government. This funding will be availed on a retrospective basis, with Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board later seeking reimbursement from the World Bank under the TN-SHORE program.

5. The Chairperson, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board has therefore requested the Government to consider the project proposal of Board for Establishment of Discarded Fishnet Collection Centers in 14 Coastal Districts of

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Tamil Nadu at a total cost of Rs.1.75 Crore under TN-SHORE fund and to issue necessary Government order.

6. The Government after careful examination of the proposal of the Chairperson, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board in para 5 above, have decided to accept the proposal subject to the condition that Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board to bear the 30% share from its internal resources for this project and order accordingly.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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