







ABSTRACT

Environment, Climate Change – A Green Rating framework for Industries - Announcement for the year 2022-2023 – Orders - Issued.

Environment, Climate Change and Forests (EC-1) Department

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Read:

1. Announcement made on the floor of the Assembly on 25.04.2022.

2. The Chairperson, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Letter No. TNPCB /P&D /039560 /2022, dated: 04.05.2022, 25.05.2022, 25.06.2022, 4.08.2022 and 24.08.2022.

ORDER:

Green rating of industries is an initiative that can be hugely beneficial for the environment as it assesses industries on their environmental performance and encourages them to align to best practices such as energy efficiency, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, water conservation, renewable energy generation and circular economy-oriented waste management etc.,

2. The Government has made the following Announcement on the floor of the Assembly on 25th April 2022:-

"Tamil Nadu has emerged as the second largest economy in India, the State has planned to assess the industrial sector's environment sustainability features through a green rating mechanism. An index-based assessment shall be brought in place for achieving desired green goals. The index mechanism shall be developed in consultation with the Department of Industries, Government of Tamil Nadu and other stakeholders. National and International practices shall be studied and a mechanism shall be brought in place after wide ranging consultation with industries. The aim of the green benchmarking is to incentivise willing industries to move towards green and clean technologies, creating an ethos of green development. The initiative shall be implemented at a cost of Rs.2.5 crores from Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board's fund".

3. Accordingly, Government has decided to bring in place a comprehensive Green Rating mechanism for Industries in Tamil Nadu. The rating will be designed to assess the green footprints of various industries in Tamil Nadu. The Green Rating mechanism will be helpful in not only assessing the environmental initiatives of an Industry, it will create a momentum to improve green

environmental initiatives and will prepare the sector to meet the Green standards that are now being put in place across the world as a commitment to stop the damaging effect of Climate Change.

- 4. Industries who are willing will be assessed on parameters of Energy Efficiency (EE), Renewable Energy, Water Conservation and Recycling of effluents, reduction in CO₂ emissions, Biodiversity Conservation, Adaption to Disasters and Climate Change, Waste Management, Material Conservation, Recycling and Recyclability, Green Supply Chain, Production Stewardship & Life Cycle, Innovation for Environment aspects, Green Infrastructure.
- 5. The Chairperson, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board has requested the Government to issue necessary order/administrative approval for the implementation of Green rating of Industries in Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs.2.5 Crores.
- 6. The Government, after careful examination, accord administrative approval to the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board for the implementation of Green rating of Industries in Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs.2.5 Crores.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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