



#### ABSTRACT

Environment, Climate Change – Development of 1000 Kurunkadugal Scheme - Announcement made by the Hon'ble Minister for Environment and Climate Change for the year 2023-2024 – Implementation – Orders – Issued.

## Environment, Climate Change and Forest (EC-1) Department

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From the Chairperson, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Letter No.TNPCB/ P&D/K.009162/2023, Dated:19.07.2023.

### ORDER:

As per the India's State of Forest Report by the Forest Survey of India, Dehradun, the forest and tree cover in the State of Tamil Nadu is 26,419 Sq.Km and 4424 Sq.Km respectively which is 23.8% of its geographical area of 1,30,060 Sq.Kms. To increase the green cover of Tamil Nadu from 23.8% to 33% by the year 2030-2031 as per the National Forest Policy, the Environment, Climate Change and Forest Department has initiated many initiatives. In continuation of this effort the Government has announced the development of 1000 Kurunkadugal Scheme by the industries during the Budget session 2023-2024, as follows:-

Tamil Nadu Kurunthoppu Thittam - Promoting 1000 native groves (Kurunthoppu) by industrial units to fight climate change.

Native groves naturally play an important role in mitigating climate change impacts and in climate change management initiatives. Under this scheme, 1000 micro plantations of indigenous trees will be created by the industries. This will be in tune with the Hon'ble Chief Minister's Green Tamil Nadu Mission and their objectives.

2. This announcement is aimed at increasing the green cover of Tamil Nadu under the Tamil Nadu Kurunkadugal Scheme by involving industries so as to achieve the goal of 33% land area under green cover. The Kurunkadugal Scheme will be implemented by industries by utilizing their own funds and responsibility of maintaining lies with them.

- 3. The Government, after careful consideration, accord sanction to implement development of 1000 Kurunkadugal Scheme by various industries by utilizing their own funds.
- 4. Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board is requested to submit a detailed proposal in this regard.

## (BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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