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ABSTRACT

Environment – Announcement – Eco-Restoration of "Odathurai Eri" in Erode District at a cost of Rs. 320.00 Lakhs from the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board for the year 2019-2020 through the Environment Management Agency of Tamil Nadu (EMAT) – Orders – Issued.

Environment and Forests (EC-1) Department

G.O.(D).No. 294

Date : 04.11.2019. திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு-2050 விகாரி, ஐப்பசி - 18 Read:

- 1. From the Director of Environment Letter No. R.C.No. P4/2301/2019, Dated: 26.08.2019.
- 2. From the Principal Secretary to Government/ Chairman (FAC), Tamil Nacu Pollution Control Board, Chennai, Letter No: TNPCB/P&D/F 022535/2019, Dated: 10.09.2019.

ORDER:

The Hon'ble Minister of Environment has made the announcement on the floor of Assembly for "Eco-restoration of "Odathurai Eri" in Erode District" for the year 2019-20 at a total cost of Rs.320.00 Lakhs. The Director of Environment has stated that, the restoration and conservation of the lakes aims at achieving the desired water quality besides improving the biodiversity conservation and preserving the ecosystem through activities like deweeding, de-silting, strengthening bund with fencing, afforestation, forming islands with trees and shrubs for birds resting, diversion of sewage entering into lakes, deepening Lake, construction of retaining walls, removal of prosopis

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juliflora etc. During the year 2019-20, it is proposed to take-up the eco-restoration of "Odathurai Tank" at Odathurai Village of Bhavani Taluk in Erode district.

- 2. The Odathurai Lake is used for irrigation source for Odathurai Village with an ayacut area of 172.64 acres and has tank storage capacity of 45.84 cft with three surplus weirs. This Tank plays a major role in environmental aspects, since it never dries throughout the year, which receives yield through southwest monsoon and Northeast monsoon. Under this project, it is proposed to restore the lake to its original condition by carrying out the works such as, improvements to bund, improvements to the weir, foreshore bund rehabilitation of filed channels, Eco Park and Amenities, demarcation of boundaries and fixing the boundary stone etc.,
- 3. The Director of Environment has also sent the Detailed Project Report (DPR) prepared by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department/Water Resource Department, Coimbatore Region and proposed to execute the above project with the financial support of the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board.
- 4. The Director of Environment has therefore requested to issue necessary Administrative order at a total cost of Rs.320.00 lakhs during the year 2019-20 through the Environment Management Agency of Tamil Nadu (EMAT) and also issue necessary directions to the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board to release the financial assistance of Rs.320.00 lakhs to the Member Secretary, Environment Management Agency of Tamil Nadu so as to execute the above project.
- 5. In this connection, the Chairman (FAC), Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board in his letter second read above has requested the Government to issue necessary direction for releasing the financial assistance of Rs.320 Lakhs for Eco-restoration of "Odathurai Eri" in Erode District.
- 6. The Government after careful consideration, accept the proposal of Director of Environment and permit to execute the project at a total cost of Rs.320.00 Lakhs during the year 2019-20 through the Environment Management Agency of Tamil Nadu (EMAT) and the Chairman, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board is directed to release the financial

assistance of Rs.320.00 Lakhs to the Member Secretary, Environment Management Agency of Tamil Nadu, subject to the condition that the board's approval will be obtained after the issue of Government order.

7. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its No. 3672/FS/P/2019, Dated: 24.10.2019.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

SHAMBHU KALLOLIKAR PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

The Director of Environment, Chennai-15. The Chairman, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Chennai-32. The Public Works Department, Secretariat, Chennai-9. The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department/Water Resources Department, Coimbatore region, Coimbatore. The Principal Accountant General, Chennai-18. The Pay and Accounts Officer, Chennai-35. The Principal Secretary/Secretary II to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Chennai-9. The Senior Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Environment), Chennai-9, The Senior Personal Secretary to Principal Secretary to Government, Environment and Forests Department, Chennai - 9. Copy to

The Finance (AHD&F) Department,

Secretariat, Chennai-9. The District Collector,

Erode District.

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