



ABSTRACT

Forests – Announcement for the year 2025-2026 – Organising 1000 nature camps for school students to create awareness about wildlife and nature conservation – Sanction accorded - Orders issued.

Environment, Climate Change and Forests (FR.7) Department

G.O. (2D) No.134

Dated: 08.07.2025

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Read:

From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden Letter No. WL6/7685/2025, Dated: 23.05.2025

ORDER:

The Hon'ble Minister for Forests among others, has made the following announcement while moving the demand for Forests department on 28.03.2025 on the floor of the Legislative Assembly:-

“வனம் மற்றும் இயற்கை பாதுகாப்பில் மாணவர்கள் விழிப்புணர்வு பெறும் வகையில் வனத்துறையின் மூலம் 1000 இயற்கை முகாம்கள் 2.00 கோடி ரூபாய் செலவில் பள்ளி மாணவர்களுக்காக நடத்தப்படும்.”

2. Based on the above announcement, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden has sent a proposal with following details:

Awareness Creation: Educate children about the ecological significance of forests / protected area.

Hands - On Learning: Provide experiential learning opportunities through nature walks, field visits and interactive workshops.

Behavioral Change: Foster a sense of responsibility and stewardship toward nature and wildlife conservation.

Community Engagement: Build awareness among children to act as ambassadors for conservation in their families and communities.

3. The project will envisage exclusive camps for Government school students on nature awareness and immersion. A designed curriculum will be prepared and implemented involving outdoor class room sessions, orientation sessions, introduction to flora, birds, butterflies and other life forms, quiz competitions etc. including visit to forest areas. 1000 such camps shall be organized in all districts in Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs. 20,000/- per camp. A detailed Itinerary will be developed for each camp based on the

area where the camp is being organized and DFOs/DDs will be the implementing officers for this programme. Component wise details per camp shall be as mentioned below :-

Sl.No.	Name of the component	No.of unit/ students	Rate per unit in Rs.	Total Rs.
1.	Transport charges		Lumpsum	10000
2.	Honorarium guest faculty	1	1000	1000
3.	Lunch and Refreshments for 30 students	30	250	7500
4.	Booklets / pamphlet and other stationary items	30	50	1500
Total				20000

Total cost of 1000 camps X Rs.20,000/- = Rs.2.00 crore

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden has requested to accord financial sanction for Rs.2.00 crore to implement this project.

5. After careful examination, the Government accord sanction to organise 1000 nature camps for school students to create awareness about wildlife and nature conservation at a cost of Rs.2.00 crore (Rupees Two crore only) by utilizing the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board Fund.

6. This orders issues with concurrence of Finance Dept vide its U.O. No. eOffice.1350/ Note # 61/2025, dated. 07.07.2025.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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To:-

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forests Force), Chennai -32.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden, Chennai-32.
The Chairperson, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Chennai-32.
The Principal Accountant General, Chennai-18.

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