



ABSTRACT

Forests - Tamil Nadu Digital Forest - Digitization of various activities of the Tamil Nadu Forest Department under the component of End to End Computerization - Sanction for unspent amount of Rs. 3,70,81,000/- for the year 2025-2026 – Orders issued.

Environment, Climate Change and Forests (FR.13) Department

G.O.(Ms.) No. 105

Dated: 23.06.2025

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திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு -2056

Read:

1. G.O.(Ms)No.7, Environment, Climate Change and Forest (FR.14) Department, Dated: 06.01.2022.
2. G.O.(Ms) No.105, Environment, Climate Change and Forest (FR.14) Department, Dated: 23.06.2022.
3. G.O.(Ms)No.279, Environment, Climate Change and Forest (FR.14) Department, Dated: 12.12.2022.
4. G.O.(Ms)No.46, Environment, Climate Change and Forest (FR.14) Department, Dated: 04.03.2025.
5. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Department), Ref.No.MIS/799/2022, dated 28.04.2025.

ORDER :

In Government Order 1st read above, the Government have accorded administrative approval for the implementation of "Tamil Nadu Digital Forest - Digitization of various activities of the Tamil Nadu Forest Department" with a financial outlay of Rs.33.10 crore for the years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023, as well as financial sanction for a sum of Rs.6.10 crore for the year 2021-2022. The following are the project's components:-

Sl. No.	Items of Work	Sanctioned for the year (Rs. in Lakh)	
		2021-2022	2022-2023
1.	DGPS Survey of Forest blocks to prepare necessary geo database with boundary details	10	1500

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2.	End - to - End Computerization of Tamil Nadu Forest Department	100	500
3.	Strengthening IT infrastructure	500	700
	TOTAL	610	2700

2. In Government Order second read above, the Government have authorized the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests to utilize a sum of Rs.12,17,662/- (out of the sanctioned amount of Rs.1,00,00,000/- under the component of "End-to-End Computerization" for the year 2021-2022) towards the development and integration of "Online Employee Transfer Portal for Tamil Nadu Forest Department" during the year 2022-2023.

3. In Government Order third read above, the Government have released a sum of Rs.5,87,82,338/- (i.e. Rs. 1,00,00,000/- - Rs.12,17,662/-) = Rs.87,82,338/- (being the unspent balance of the year 2021-2022) + Rs.5,00,00,000/- (pertaining to the year 2022-2023) under the component of "End-to-End Computerization" during the year 2022-2023.

4. In the Government Order 4th read above, the Government have revalidated and released a sum of Rs.32.62 lakh under the component of "End-to-End Computerization" during the year 2024-2025.

5. In the letter 5th read above, The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has stated that the RFP for Software Development for 22 modules were called for and bids received. Due to paucity of time and ending the financial year the sanctioned amount for 2024-2025 could not be spent in full. The expenditure details as follows:

(Rs. In Lakh)

Sl. No.	Work Particular	As per actual Sanction in (G.O(Ms) No.279, Dated 12.12.2022)	Expenditure in 2022-2023 and 2023-2024	Amount Sanctioned and revalidated for the year 2024-2025 (G.O(Ms) No.46, Dated 04.03.2025)	Expenditure 2024-2025	Total (Expenditure till date) (d+f)	Balance amount to be revalidated for the year 2025-2026 (c-g)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
1	Setting up of PMU	82.35	0.67	3.00	19.455 (1.145+ 18.31*)	20.125	62.225

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2.	Software Development Cost for 22 modules (including 1 year of free warranty post Go-lives)	273.84	0	25.00	0	0	273.84
6.	Tender Changes @ 1.5 lakh for Software Development	1.50	0	1.50	0.36	0.36	1.14
14.	Miscellaneous expenditures related to digitalization and contingences	33.60	0	3.12	0	0	33.60
	Total	391.29	0.67	32.62	19.815	20.485	370.81

Under setting up of PMU, the expenditure towards payment to PMU from April 2024 to Feb 2025 of an amount of Rs.18.31 lakh was made under Head of Account "2406-Forestry & Wildlife-01 Forestry 101 Forest Conservation Department & Regeneration - State's Expenditure JF-DGPS Survey of notified forest areas of TN-333 Payments for Professional and Special Service - 03 Special Service." (D.P. Code: 2406-01-101-JF-33303") based on the necessity. He has requested the Government to ratify the same. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has also requested the Government to revalidate the unspent amount of Rs.370.81 lakh to implement the scheme of Digitalization of Forests under End to End Computerization for the financial year 2025-2026.

6. After careful examination, the Government hereby revalidate and sanction for the amount of Rs.3,70,81,000/- (Rupees three crore seventy lakh and eighty one thousand only) to implement the scheme of Digitalization of Forests under End to End Computerization for the financial year 2025-2026 and to ratify the action of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests for having made the expenditure for the amount of Rs.18.31 lakh due to necessity for setting up of PMU.

7. The expenditure sanctioned in para 6 above shall be debited to the following head of account:-

“2406 Forestry and Wildlife - 01 Forestry - 101 Forest Conservation Development and Regeneration – State 's Expenditure – JF DGPS Survey of notified Forest Areas of Tamil Nadu – 309 Grants – in – Aid – 03 Grants for Specific Schemes.”

(IFHRMS DPC: 2406 01 101 JF 30903)

8. Necessary additional funds of Rs.1,02,81,000/- will be provided in Revised Estimate / Final Modified Appropriation 2025-2026. Pending provision of such funds, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Chennai-32 is authorized to draw and disburse the amount sanctioned in para 6 above. However, this expenditure shall be brought to the notice of the Legislature by Specific Inclusion in the Supplementary Estimate 2025-2026. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Chennai-32 is also directed to include this item of expenditure while sending the Budget proposal for Revised Estimate / Final Modified Appropriation 2025-2026 and also send draft explanatory note for inclusion of the expenditure in the Supplementary Estimate 2025-2026 to Government in Finance (ECC&F/BG-I) Department at an appropriate time without fail.

9. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O.No.10359231/Finance(ECC&F)/2025, Dated: 20.06.2025 and Additional Sanction Ledger No. 2025060494.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

SUPRIYA SAHU
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Department),
Chennai-32.
The Principal Accountant General, Chennai-18.
The Pay Accounts Officer, Chennai-9.

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//FORWARDED BY ORDER //

S. Mohamed Yusef
Section Officer
23/06/2025