



ABSTRACT

Forests – Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiatives (TANII) – Providing Solar Powered Boats for Eco Tourism at Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve and environmental awareness at a total cost of Rs.225.00 lakhs under the State Innovation Fund for the year 2018-2019 (1st round) – Sanction – Orders issued.

ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (FR.5) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(D) No.203

Dated:20.07.2018

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திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2049

Read

1) From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Letter No.J1/43976/271 dated 30.01.2018.

2) From the Member Secretary, State Planning Commission Letter No.4000/SPC(PC)/2017, dated 12.02.2018.

ORDER:-

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has stated that solar powered boats have to be used for Eco Tourism in Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve, Ambasamudram Division at Karaiyar Dam. The dam is situated in Mundanthurai range of Ambasamudram Division. The water submersion area is owned by the Forest Department and it was declared as Critical Tiger habitat areas vide G.O. No.145 Environment and Forests Department, dated 28.12.2007. The Dam is maintained by the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board. Private diesel boats were used for tourism purposes to go to Banatheertham falls from Karaiyar upto July 2012, which were stopped from July 2012 due to pollution in the dam water by way of using diesel for the boats. The Karaiyar Dam is used for Hydro electricity Power Project and to supply drinking water to the Tirunelveli District. Hence, solar powered boats may be used to go to Banatheertham falls from Karaiyar without creating pollution and noise. This project supports Eco tourism in the Tiger habitat area of Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve.

2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has, therefore, requested to sanction a sum of Rs.225.00 lakhs for providing these Solar Powered Boats for Eco Tourism at Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve along with creation of environmental awareness at a total cost of Rs.225.00 lakhs under the State Innovation Fund for the year 2018-2019 (1st round).

3. In the letter second read above the State Planning Commission has recommended the above scheme at a cost of Rs.225.00 lakhs for implementation of this project for the year 2018-2019.

4. The Hon'ble Minister for Forests has made the following announcement on the floor of Assembly on 29.05.2018:-

“களக்காடு முண்டந்துறை புலிகள் காப்பகம் அம்பாசமுத்திரம் கோட்டத்தில் அமைந்துள்ள, காரையாறு அணை தமிழ்நாடு மின்சார வாரியத்தின் மூலம் பராமரிக்கப்பட்டு வருகிறது. திருநெல்வேலி மாவட்டத்திற்கு குடிநீர் வழங்குதல் மற்றும் நீர் மின்சக்தி திட்டத்திற்கும் காரையாறு அணை பயன்படுகிறது. சுற்றுச்சூழல் மாசுபடுவதால், சுற்றுலாவிற்கு தனியார் மூலம் இயக்கப்பட்ட டீசல் படகுகள் ஜூலை 2012 முதல் நிறுத்தப்பட்டது. எனவே, காரையாறு முதல் பானதீர்த்தம் வரை செல்வதற்கு சுற்றுச்சூழலுக்கு மாசு ஏற்படுத்தாமலும், ஒலி எழுப்பாத வகையில், சூரிய மின்சக்தி மூலம் படகு இயங்கும் வகையில் இத்திட்டம் மாண்புமிகு முதலமைச்சர் அவர்களின் ஆணையின்படி 2018-2019 ஆம் ஆண்டில் ரூ.2.25 கோடி செலவில் மேற்கொள்ளப்படும்”.

5. The Government, after careful consideration, sanction a sum of Rs.225.00 lakhs (Rupees Two crore and twenty five lakhs only) for providing Solar Powered Boats for Eco Tourism at Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve and for environmental awareness under State Innovation Fund during the year 2018-2019, as per Annexure.

6. (i) The expenditure sanctioned in para 5 above shall be debited to the following head of account:-

“2406 FORESTRY AND WILD LIFE – 02 Environmental Forestry and Wild life – 110 Wild Life Preservation. State's Expenditure. JR Providing Solar Powered Boats for Eco-Tourism in Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve under State Innovation Fund – 09 Grants-in-Aid – 03 Grants for Specific Schemes

(DPC – 2406 02 110 JR 0937)”

(ii). the expenditure shall be met from the State Innovation Fund by deducting under the following head of account:-

“2406 FORESTRY AND WILD LIFE – 02 Environmental Forestry and Wild life – 902 Deduct – Amount met from State Innovation Fund. State's Expenditure – JA Deduct – Amount met from State Innovation Fund. 30 Inter-Account Transfers

(DCP – 2406 02 902 JA 3000)”

And Contra – debiting the following fund account:-

“J – Reserve Fund – (b) Reserve funds not bearing interest – 8229 – 00 – Development Welfare Funds – 200. Other Development and Welfare Funds – BE State Innovation Fund

(DPC – 8229 00 200 BE 0006) (Outgo)

7. Necessary funds are provided in the Budget Estimates 2018-2019.

8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests is authorized to draw and disburse the amount sanctioned in para 5 above. He is also requested to ensure that the amount sanctioned therein is utilized in full and to send the utilization certificate as soon as the work is completed.

9. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O. No.29328/AHD&F/2018, dated 17.07.2018.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

MD.NASIMUDDIN
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Chennai-15.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden, Chennai-15.

The Pay & Accountant Officer (South), Chennai-35

The Principal Accountant General, Chennai-18.

The Accountant General-I/ II,

361, Anna Salai, Chennai-18

The Resident Audit Officer, Chennai – 9.

Copy to:

The Member Secretary

State Planning Commission, Chennai-5.

The Finance (AHD&F/ BGII) Department, Chennai-9.

Copy to:-

The Special P.A. to Hon'ble Minister (Forests), Chennai-9.

The Environment and Forests (FR.VII) Department, Chennai-9.

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ANNEXURE

G.O.(D) No.203, Environment and Forests (FR.5) Department, dated 20.07.2018

Item		2018-19			Total		
		Budgetary support	Support from any other agency	Project based loans	Budgetary support	Support from any other agency	Project based loans
1	Solar Powered Boats including all Machineries (03 Nos (Rs.70.00 lakhs for each)	210.00	-	210.00	210.00	-	210.00
2	Computer and Accessories						
a	Cost of Computer and Accessories included in the project (GPS tracking of boat for safety and route tracking)	10.00	-	10.00	10.00		10.00
B. Recurring							
1	a Engaging Technical expert – consultant included in the project cost (Studying of routes and operational efficiency)	5.00	-	5.00	5.00		5.00
Grand Total (A+B)		225.00		225.00	225.00		225.00

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