



ABSTRACT

Environment, Climate Change and Forest Department – Constitution of Green Committee to regulate the cutting and to take up the tree planting activities in public lands and public offices – Orders issued.

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOREST (FR.13) DEPARTMENT

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Orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Madras in W.P No.11094 of 2021 and WMP.No.11742 of 2021, dated 30.04.2021.

ORDER:-

The Hon'ble High Court of Madras in its Judgment in W.P No.11094 of 2021 and WMP.No.11742 of 2021 dated 30.04.2021 has ordered to constitute a Green Committee in each Department to consider proposals for cutting and removing of trees in public lands and in the public offices.

2. The Government after careful examination have decided to constitute a State Green Committee with the following composition:-

1.	Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary to Government, Environment, Climate Change & Forests Department	Chairperson
2.	Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary, Industries Department	Member
3.	Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary, Rural Development & Panchayat Raj Department	Member
4.	Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department	Member
5.	Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary, Revenue and Disaster Management Department	Member
6.	Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary, Tourism, Culture and Religious Endowments Department.	Member
7.	Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary , Public Works Department	Member
8.	Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary, Highways and Minor Ports Department.	Member
9.	Director General of Police,	Member
10.	The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of the Department)	Member Secretary

Composition of the District Green Committee in all Districts

1.	District Collector	Chairperson
2.	District Revenue Officer	Member
3.	Superintendent of Police	Member
4.	Senior Level Officers / Representatives, Rural Development Department, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, Agriculture Department, Revenue Department, Highways Department, Public Works Department, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department, Industries Department	Members
5.	Two expert members from the Civil Society Groups	Members
6.	District Forest Officer.	Member Secretary

The State Green Committees shall be responsible for the following:-

- (1) Provide policy support to District Green Committees for preservation of trees in public lands and in the public places / offices.
- (2) Provide policy support to District Green Committees for felling / removal / disposal of standing / fallen trees on public lands and in public places.
- (3) Provide a well thought out policy to District Committees on various schemes and measures for improving the forest cover / tree cover in the State of Tamil Nadu.
- (4) Prepare an Annual Plan for tree planting in the State of Tamil Nadu in coordination with various departments for implementation in all districts.
- (5) The State Green Committee will provide policy support for plantation of native species specific to the concerned bio-geographical zone.
- (6) The Committee shall also provide policy support for removal of exotic trees from various Government lands / public places in a phased manner to be replaced by the native tree species.
- (7) To encourage tree planting the committee shall work out incentives for organisations and individuals.
The State level Committee shall meet atleast once in three months.

District Committee shall be responsible for the following:-

- (1) The District Green Committee shall map all standing trees in public lands and public places and prepare a comprehensive list of all standing / fallen trees in public lands and update the list periodically.
- (2) The District Green Committee shall be responsible for granting permission for felling of trees in public lands and in public places only after due verification and critical valuation.

- (3) The District Green Committee shall be responsible for undertaking annual planning of trees in all public lands in coordination with all state holders and representatives of various departments under the guidance of State Green Committee.
- (4) The District Green Committee shall be responsible for mobilization of self help groups (SHG), farmers organizations, youth organizations, civil society groups, etc., for setting up of nurseries of native trees to ensure that enough seedlings / plants are available for achieving annual plans for tree planting.
- (5) The Committee will ensure that only native species which are beneficial to the ecosystems alone are planted.
- (6) The District Green Committee shall mobilize Corporate Social Responsibility funds, repurpose existing funds, etc., to fund the planting and maintenance of native trees.
- (7) The District Green Committee shall undertake any other related activity as entrusted by the State Green Committee.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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All District Collectors.

District Forest Officers,

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District Revenue Officers

All District (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests)
Superintendent of Police.

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