



ABSTRACT

Forests – Awards-Rules for Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Award to Forest Officials – Amendment - Orders - Issued.

Environment and Forests (FR.14) Department

G.O.(Ms) No.103

Dated:20.07.2018

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Read:

1. G.O.(Ms)No.112, Environment and Forests (FR.14) Department, dated 24.04.1998.
2. Government Letter No.21688/FR.14/2001-4, dated 13.09.2001.
3. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests letter No.PV2/2233/2013, dated 27.06.2017 and 30.08.2017.

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ORDER :

In the G.O. first read above, the Rules for Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Award to Forest Officials were approved and further conditions were stipulated in the Government letter second read above.

2. In the letter third read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has proposed to amend the Rules framed /clarifications issued vide G.O. first read above and the Government letter second read above.

3. The Government after careful examination of the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, issue the following amendments to the said Rules for Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Award to Forest Officials issued with the G.O. first read above and the instructions issued in Government letter second read above:

AMENDMENTS

(1) In the said Rules,-

(i) for rule 1, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:-

" 1. These rules shall be known as "Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Award to Forest Officials Rules" and shall be applicable to all the categories of Forest Department personnel below the rank of Conservator of Forests" ;

(ii) for rule 9, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:-

" 9. The Medals shall be awarded for:-

1. Conspicuous gallantry in saving / protecting forests and Wildlife, preventing theft of forest produce or arresting notorious smugglers of forest produce and other forest offenders, fighting forest fires, the risks being estimated with due regard to the

obligations and the rank of the officials concerned and the outstanding work in the preceding three years.

- II. A specially distinguished record in Forest Service,
- III. Preferred service or ability and merit.
- IV. Outstanding work in
 - (a) Forest protection
 - (b) Wildlife conservation
 - (c) Forest research
 - (d) Joint forest management
 - (e) Forest development activities like raising excellent plantations in difficult soils etc.,
 - (f) Good plantations outside forests
 - (g) Good Agro Forestry Models / practices/extension effort
 - (h) Forestry Education and training
 - (i) Human-Wildlife conflict resolution
 - (j) Eco-tourism
 - (k) Settlement works;

(iii) for rule 10, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:-

" 10. To be eligible for the award, the members of the service should have completed service for a period not less than eight years".

(2) In the instructions issued in Government letter No.21688/FR.14/2001-4, dated 13.09.2001,-

(i) instructions(4)(i) (ii) and (iii) shall be omitted;

(ii) for instruction (4) (iv), the following instruction shall be substituted, namely:-

"(iv) Officials who are undergoing punishment and punished in the last eight years, including censure, need not be recommended."

4. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.26016/AHD&F/2018, dated 21.6.2018.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

MD.NASIMUDDIN
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Chennai-15
The Accountant General, Chennai-18
The Pay and Accounts Officer, Chennai-35

Copy to:-

Hon'ble Chief Minister Office, Chennai-9
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Office, Chennai-9.
The Senior P.A. to Hon'ble Minister (Forest), Chennai-9.
The Finance(AH&F) /Law Department, Chennai-9.
The PS to Principal Secretary, Environment and Forests Department, Chennai-9.
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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

Abstract

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ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (FR.14) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.112

Dated: 24.4.98

Read:

1. G.O.Ms.No.167, E&F, dated 27.5.93.
 2. G.O.Ms.No.132, E&F, dated 10.4.95.
 3. From the PCCF., Chennai, Lr.No.E1/67175/94, dated 27.6.97.
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ORDER:

In the Government Order second read above Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.1.25 lakhs (Rupees one lakh and twenty five thousand only) for the implementation of Hon'ble Chief Minister's Awards and Rewards scheme and the awards were distributed during the valedictory function of the Wild life week celebration held on 9.10.95. In this connection, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has suggested that the awards and rewards may be granted to the Forest Personnel annually and regularly as in Police Department. Therefore, it is considered necessary to frame separate rules as in Police Department. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has accordingly sent the 'Draft Rules for Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Award to Forest Officials', which have been prepared on the similar lines, prescribed for Police Department and requested approval of Government for the rules.

2. The Government after careful examination approve the 'Rules for Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Award to Forest Officials' as annexed to this Government Order..

3. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O. No. 269/JS(S)/97-1, dt. 15.12.97

for order
(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

K.S.SRIPATHI
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai-15
The Accountant General, Chennai-18 (By name cover)
The Pay and Accounts Officer, Chennai-35
The Finance / Law Departments.
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RULES FOR TAMIL NADU CHIEF MINISTER'S
AWARD TO FOREST OFFICIALS

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The Chief Minister's Award to be conferred on the members of State Forest Service and Sub-ordinate Services of the Tamil Nadu Forest Department.

1. These rules shall be known as "Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Award to Forest Officials rules" and shall be applicable to Officers of the rank of Deputy Conservators of Forest belonging to State Forest Service and Indian Forest Service and below.
2. The award shall be in the form of a medal and styled and designated as Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Award to Forest Officials for gallantry/outstanding devotion to duty (Therein after referred to as Medal)

3. The Medal will be circular in shape, made of bronze, one and three eighth inches in diameter and have embossed on the obverse the head of the great Tamil Sage Tiruvalluvar in the case of the Medal for Outstanding service. It will have the words inscribed

"தமிழக முதல்வர் விருது" - above and the description "ஆண்டா சிறப்பு பதக்கம்" (specify the year of the award) below in the Tamil script. On the reverse it will have inscribed the words

"தமிழ்நாடு அரசு வாழ்த்துரை" - above and the State Motto "சாம்பமேயே வெல்லும்" below with the Temple motif in the Centre.

For the gallantry medal, the obverse shall have the picture of "சென்னை அரசு கிளையம்" - in the centre and it will have the words "தமிழக அரசு" and the description "அரசாங்க சிறப்பதக்கம்" (specify the year of the award) below in the Tamil script. On the reverse it will have inscribed the words "தமிழ்நாடு அரசு வெண்கலம்" above and the motto "வாய்மையே வெல்லும்" below with the Temple motif in the centre.

4. The medal shall only be awarded to those members of the Indian Forest Service and State Forest Service and Sub-ordinate Service mentioned in Rule 1 who have exhibited conspicuous devotion to duty/gallantry.

5. The names of those to whom this medal may be awarded shall be published in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette and register of such names shall be kept by the Government of Tamil Nadu in the Environment & Forest Department by such person as the Governor of Tamil Nadu may direct.

6. Each Medal shall be suspended from the left breast and the riband of an inch and three eights in width shall in the case of outstanding service "அரசாங்க சிறப்பதக்கம்" be half yellow and half green and in case of awards for acts of exceptional courage and gallantry, the riband shall be half red and half green.

7. The Governor of Tamil Nadu shall be competent to cancel and annul the award to any person of the above medal and thereupon his name in the Register shall be erased. It shall however, be competent for the Governor to restore any Medal

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which may have been so forfeited. Every person to whom the said decoration is awarded shall before receiving the same, enter into an agreement to return the Medal if his name is erased as aforesaid. Notices of cancellation or restoration in every case shall be published in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette.

8. The number of medals awarded in a year shall not exceed fifteen including the medals for gallantry.

9. The Medals shall be awarded for:-

- i. Conspicuous gallantry in saving/protecting forests & Wildlife preventing theft of forest produce or arresting notorious smugglers of forest produce & other forest offenders, fighting forest fires, the risks being estimated with due regard to the obligations and the rank of the officials concerned and outstanding work in the preceding year.
- ii. A specially distinguished record in Forest Service.
- iii. Preferred service or ability and merit.
- iv. Outstanding work in
 - a. Forest Protection
 - b. Wildlife Conservation
 - c. Forest Research
 - d. Joint Forest Management
 - e. Forest development activities like raising excellent plantations, in difficult soils etc.

10. To be eligible for the award, members of the Service should have completed service for a period of not less than 10 years, consideration being given to those with a longer period of service.

11. The members of service will be eligible for the grant of medals only once in their services.

12. As the Medal will carry the Chief Minister's name the nominations for its award should be done in all seriousness and the standard of the cases reported shall be high.

13. The medal will carry a lumpsum grant at different rates for different ranks as given below:-

<u>RANK</u>	<u>Lumpsum grant</u>
<u>For outstanding service</u>	
Forest Watchers and Forest Guards	Rs.1,500/- each
Foresters and Rangers	Rs.2,500/- each
Assistant Conservator, of Forests	Rs.4,000/- each
<u>For Gallantry</u>	
Irrespective of Ranks	Monthly Allowance Rs.100 P.M.

14. The Medals when awarded to officers above the rank of Assistant Conservators of Forests either for outstanding service or for gallantry will not carry any monetary grant.

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15. The award may be awarded posthumously. In this case the lumpsum grant attached to the award will go to the family.

16. The Medal is liable to be forfeited when the holder is of guilty/disloyalty, cowardice in action or such conduct as in the opinion of the Governor brings the forest department in disrepute.

17. The recommendations of the Conservators of Forests etc, for the award of the outstanding devotion to duty/gallantry should be sent to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests by the 30th April of each year. Recommendations of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests should reach the Government not later than 30th June every year. A committee consisting of the following shall scrutinise the recommendations and finalise the cases to be recommended for the award before 15th August every year:-

- a. Secretary to Government, Environment & Forests Department
- b. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
- c. Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial)
- d. Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife)

18. The award will be announced by the Government of Tamil Nadu on the 15th day of September every year.

19. The allocation of award categorywise shall be as follows:

Forest Watchers, Forest Guards	:	6
Foresters and Rangers	:	6
Assistant Conservator of Forests		
Deputy Conservator of Forests (State)		3
Deputy Conservator of Forests (IFS)		

Total 15

20. While making recommendations for the Medal it should be specifically reported whether the person has at any time incurred any censure of a court or have been concerned in proceedings that have been censured by Courts of law. A certificate in the following form shall be furnished by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, in respect of each recommendation:-

CERTIFICATE

- i) Certified that the integrity of Thiru..... recommended for the award of the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Forest Medal for Gallantry/Outstanding service is above suspicion and that he/she has neither incurred censure nor was concerned in proceedings that was censured in a Court of Law.
- ii) Certified also that no judicial proceedings are pending in respect of the incident under in the recommendation

For Gallantry only.

21. The Medal will be distributed to the awardees during the Wildlife week celebrations of the year by the Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

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Environment & Forests Department
Secretariat, Chennai-5

Letter No. 2166E/FR.14/2001-~~25~~,
dated 13.9.2001

From

Mr. V. Palanichamy, I.A.S.,
Secretary to Government.

To

The Principal Chief Conservator
of Forests,
Panagal Building,
Saidapet,
Chennai-15.

Sir,

Sub: FORESTS-Chief Minister's Awards-awarding
medals to officials of the Forest depart-
ment-sending of proposal to the Government-
certain instructions-issued.

Ref: 1) G.O.Ms.No.112, Environment & Forests,
dated 24.4.98
ii) Your Letter No. E3/4001/2001, dated 16.7.01

During the selection committee meeting held
on 11.09.2001, the following points are noted in the
proposal which are to be rectified in future:-

(1) On the proposal sent with your letter second
cited, particulars in respect of 46 forest officials were
sent, out of which 14 officials have been awarded punish-
ments, which is contrary to the selection guidelines rules
which states,

"As the medal will carry the Chief Minister's
name the nominations for its award should be
done in all seriousness and the standard of
the cases reported shall be high"

(2) Regarding number of officials considered for
selection of 3 officials for awarding medals in the category

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of Assistant Conservator of Forests/Deputy Conservator of Forests(State)/Deputy Conservator of Forests(I.F.S.) you have furnished particulars for four personnel only. This limited option is set to select 3 officials from the four/officials in the category of Assistant Conservator of Forests/Deputy Conservator of Forests(STAT) Deputy Conservator of Forests(IFS).

(3) In the category of Forest Guards/Forest Watchers 6 officials have to be selected for awarding medals where you have furnished particulars for eight forest guards of which seven have been awarded punishments and out of four Forest Watchers, two have been awarded punishment and there is no other option except to select the three officials in the category Forest Guard/Forest Watchers for dearth of hands.

(4) In view of the above, I am directed to request you to ensure in future that,

- (i) for selection of 3 ACF/DCF(States)/DCF(IFS), not less than 9 names of officials should be sent,
- (ii) for selection of Rangers/Foresters and for forest guards/Forest Watchers, a minimum of 15 names and more in each category may be furnished.
- (iii) the officials being considered for selection should have completed 10 years of service.
- (iv) officials who are having any punishment should not be recommended.

5. Receipt of the letter may kindly be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully

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for Secretary to Governor