



### **ABSTRACT**

Environment, Climate Change – Creation of 14 Assistant posts with one Assistant post in each of the 14 coastal districts of Tamil Nadu for the Department of Environment and Climate Change – Orders - Issued.

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### **Environment, Climate Change and Forest (EC-1) Department**

**G.O.(Ms) No. 203**

**Dated: 29.11.2024**

**குரோதி, கார்த்திகை – 14**

**திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு-2055**

**Read:**

1. G.O.(Ms).No.335, Environment and Forests Department, dated 13.10.1995
2. From the Director, Department of Environment and Climate Change, Chennai letter No. P2/1436/2024, dated: 24.08.2024

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### **ORDER:**

In the Government Order first read above, recognizing the importance of the agenda 21 of Earth Summit of United Nations Conference on Environment & Development held on June 1992 at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, the Department of Environment was formed.

2. The Department of Environment and Climate Change, in his letter second read above, has informed that the Department was sanctioned with 34 temporary posts. The main job of the department is to formulate policies related to Environmental, creating framework to bring synergy among the line Departments of the State and thus evolving policy initiatives for the State and developing capacity building of various stakeholders (Line Departments, institutions/Universities, Researchers, Experts, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)) on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation. The major functions of the department are implementing the Statutory provisions of Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification and Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, Environmental Education Awareness. As scope of the department is increasing with emerging challenges, the department is widening its perspective to focus on Climate Change and other environmental related activities. The Performance Audit on "Conservation of Coastal Marine Eco - system" was conducted by Accountant General in the Department and they have made the following observations, among others:-

- (i) Lack of dedicate manpower for Tamil Nadu State Coastal Zone Management Authority.



- (ii) The Tamil Nadu State Coastal Zone Management Authority may assess the manpower requirement for the effective functioning of the authority.

3. The Director of Environment and Climate Change has also stated that the following challenges are being faced by Department of Environment and Climate Change:-

- (i) The department does not have a regional/ district office even after 25 years of its formation.
- (ii) The 34 sanctioned posts are still temporary.
- (iii) The Department at present depends on district or District Coastal Zone Management Authority comprising of line departments such as Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Directorate of Town and Country Planning, Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority, Greater Chennai Corporation etc., for implementing/ enforcing the provisions of Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) regulations.
- (iv) There is no representative of Department of Environment and Climate Change present at the district/ regional level for effective communication and coordination with the districts.
- (v) The District Coastal Zone Management Authority comprises of ex - officio members, who deals with Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) subject in addition to their regular duties and responsibilities. Hence, it is difficult for District Coastal Zone Management Authority to endow their complete attention on Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) related matters.

4. The Director of Environment and Climate Change has, therefore, insisted the need for the creation of post of Assistants in 14 coastal districts as follows:-

- (i) Considering all facts and scenarios, it is felt that there is a need to have at least one representative at district for better coordination. Accordingly, one Assistant post may be created in all 14 coastal districts each in addition to the existing 34 sanctioned posts under Department of Environment and Climate Change to deal with Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) related matters.
- (ii) The District Collectors shall be the appointing authority for the post of Assistant to be created at the districts. Such person shall be appointed either by recruitment by transfer or promotion from any



other departments (on deputation), in the Level-10 Rs.20,600 - Rs.75,900

SI.No	Districts	Post to be created under Department of Environment and Climate Change
1.	Tiruvallur, Chennai, Chengalpattu, Villupuram, Cuddalore, Nagapattinam, Mayiladuthurai, Thiruvavur, Thanjavur, Pudukottai, Ramnathapuram, Thoothukudi, Tirunelveli, Kanniyakumari	One Assistant post each District for 14 coastal Districts of Tamil Nadu

Such person appointed to the post of Assistant shall be accommodated in the office space available at the respective District Collectorate and shall report to the District Collector or his/her representative.

Duties and responsibilities of the above staff :-

- Assisting and coordinating with the district administration in implementing the CRZ regulations and other related activities of Department of Environment and Climate Change.
- Assisting the Tamil Nadu State Coastal Zone Management Authority (TNSCZMA) and District Coastal Zone Management Authority (DCZMA) in preparation of periodical reports.
- Submitting periodical report on the CRZ violation cases through District Coastal Zone Management Authority (DCZMA).
- To Assist the Tamil Nadu State Coastal Zone Management Authority (TNSCZMA) and District Coastal Zone Management Authority (DCZMA) in post clearances monitoring.

5. The Director of Environment and Climate Change has, therefore, requested to sanction 14 Assistant posts to be created at the 14 coastal districts of Tamil Nadu under Department of Environment and Climate Change.

6. The Government after careful examination, accept the proposal of the Director of Environment and Climate Change and create 14 Assistant posts, in the 14 coastal Districts of Tamil Nadu viz., Tiruvallur, Chennai, Chengalpattu, Villupuram, Cuddalore, Nagapattinam, Mayiladuthurai, Thiruvavur, Thanjavur, Pudukottai, Ramnathapuram, Thoothukudi, Tirunelveli and Kanniyakumari for the Department of Environment and Climate Change in the Level-10, Rs.20,600 - Rs.75,900 for the purpose mentioned at para-4 above. These posts shall be filled up by the District Collectors from the Revenue Department of concerned coastal Districts.



7. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its  
efile No.8327460/Fin(Exp)/2024, Dated.14.10.2024 and PSL No.  
202411PSL0182

**(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)**

**P.SENTHILKUMAR**  
**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To:

The Director, Department of Environment and Climate Change,  
Chennai-15.

The District Collector, Tiruvallur.

The District Collector, Chennai.

The District Collector, Chengalpattu.

The District Collector, Villupuram.

The District Collector, Cuddalore.

The District Collector, Nagapattinam.

The District Collector, Mayiladuthurai.

The District Collector, Thiruvarur.

The District Collector, Thanjavur.

The District Collector, Pudukottai.

The District Collector, Ramnathapuram.

The District Collector, Thoothukudi.

The District Collector, Tirunelveli.

The District Collector, Kanniyakumari.

The Accountant General (A&E), Chennai - 18/35.

The Pay and Accounts Officer (South), Chennai - 35.

The Concerned Treasury Officers,

(Through: The Director, Director of Environment and Climate Change,  
Chennai-15)

Copy to:

The Chief Minister Office, Chennai-9.

The Senior Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Finance, Environment  
Climate Change), Chennai-9.

The Senior Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Human Resources  
Management), Chennai-9.

The Private Secretary to Principal Secretary to Government, Environment,  
Climate Change & Forest Department, Chennai-9.

The Private Secretary to Special Secretary (Environment, Climate Change),  
Chennai-9.

Finance (Revenue/CMPC) Department, Chennai - 09.

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**SECTION OFFICER**  
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