

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Establishment of Telangana Haritha Nidhi (Telangana Green Fund),
modalities of operation –Orders –Issued.

ENVIRONMENT,FORESTS,SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 139

Dated: 16-12-2021

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ORDER:

Telangana Ku Haritha Haram Programme has been launched by Government of Telangana in the year 2015 with a goal of raising a plantation of 230 Crores. As on November, 2021 the plantation achievement has been 239.441 Crores. During the (7) years of implementation, the programme became a people's movement with widespread participation from all State Government departments, Local Bodies, private sectors entities, general public, NGO's and Central Government Institutions, Public Associations, Educational Institutions, Farming Community, Public Representatives and various other sections of the society and received national and international recognition.

2. With the objective to enhance, deepen the fruits of the massive plantation activity and to provide sustainability in the long run, on 01.10.2021 in the floor of the Assembly the Hon'ble Chief Minister announced "Telangana Haritha Nidhi" a dedicated Green Fund for Telangana State.

3. "Telangana Haritha Nidhi" would receive contributions from various sources namely; public representatives, Government employees and other sections of the society, a Predefined portion of taxes, fees and other levies that the State Government imposes.

4. Forest Department would be the nodal department to operate the fund.

5. In order to effectively manage the fund and implement the activities Government, after careful consideration, issues following orders:

i.) Establishment of State Level Committee on Telangana Haritha Nidhi :

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| a. Hon'ble Minister for Forest, Environment,
Science &Technology | -Chairperson, |
| b. Special Chief Secretary to Government
Forest Department | - Vice Chairperson, |
| c. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (HoFF) | - Convener |
| d. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest(SF) | -Member |
| e. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest(CAMPA) | -Member |
| f. Managing Director, TS Forest Development Corporation | - Member |
| g. Secretary to Government Finance Department | - Member |

The committee may co-opt a few additional members from Government department involved in the implementation of Green Fund project based on need.

ii.) Activities for which the fund shall be utilized:

- Establishment of Nurseries
- Raising of plantations.
- Watering, watch and ward (need based) & Protection of plantation.
- Capacity building.
- Evaluation.
- Communication, Education, awareness activities & Exposure visits.
- Any other activity towards strengthening of planning, implementation, monitoring etc. of Telanganaku Harithaharam programme.

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iii.) Functions of State Level Committee on Haritha Nidhi:

- a. The PCCF shall obtain **project proposals** from Government departments, scrutinize and place them for approval of the state level Committee by August of every year, well before nursery and plantation activity for the next year.
- b. The committee shall conduct **meetings** every quarter to consider and accord sanctions.
- c. In case of emergency, the PCCF shall obtain sanction from the Vice Chairperson, and seek ratification of the committee as and when the committee sits.

iv.) Financial arrangements :

- a. PCCF shall open a dedicated bank account into which, funds as mentioned at para.3 above would be released. Finance department will be issuing separate orders on accrual of funds into this account.
- b. Release of Funds for the approved project shall be made with the Joint Signatures of the Vice Chairperson and the Convener.
- c. Funds shall be strictly managed as per the orders of the Government on such matters as issued from time to time
- d. Statutory audit of the Telangana Haritha Nidhi shall be conducted annually as per the instructions given by Government from time to time and a report shall be placed before the State Level Committee.

v.) Administrative arrangements :

- a. The PCCF (HoFF) is permitted to utilize 2% of the fund towards administrative charges to provide effective administration, technical oversight and monitoring of implantation of projects sanctioned.
- b. Physical and financial progress reports shall be submitted project wise every Quarter.
- c. Annual report shall be published every year.

6. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance (DCM) Dept., vide their U.O. No.2412/252/A2/DCM/2021, dt.24.10.2021.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
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