



ABSTRACT

Fisheries - Creation of Marine Enforcement Wing for the enforcement of Tamil Nadu Marine Fishing Regulation Act, 1983 in coastal districts - Administrative and Financial Sanction - Orders - Issued.

Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (FS-3) Department
திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு-2050, விகாரி வருடம், ஐப்பசி மாதம் 26-ம் நாள்

G.O(Ms)No.165

Dated.12.11.2019

Read:-

From the Director of Fisheries, letter Rc.No.23217/ J5/ 2018, dated 6.5.2019.

ORDER:

In the letter read above, the Director of Fisheries has stated that the maritime State of Tamil Nadu has the second longest coastline in the country with a coastal length of 1076 Km spread across 13 coastal districts. The Tamil Nadu State has 41,412 Sq.km continental shelf area with an Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of 1.9 lakh Sq.km contributing 4.97 lakh tons of marine fish production. As on date, 5912 mechanized fishing boats, 34,653 motorized country crafts and 6162 non-motorized crafts were registered with Fisheries Department. He has also stated that 6 major fishing harbours and 36 Fish Landing Centres (FLCs) / Jetties are functioning in the state of Tamil Nadu to cater safe berthing of fishing vessels. There are also 254 major Fish Landing Points (FLPs) identified along the coast of Tamil Nadu. He has also stated that increasing size and capacity of fishing fleets resulted in over exploitation of fish stock and also these are conflicts between the fishermen of mechanized, motorized and traditional sectors.

2. The Director of Fisheries has also stated that though Tamil Nadu Marine Fishing Regulation Act (TMFRA), 1983 is in force, which is not enforced effectively as there are no adequate facilities, lack of patrolling vessels and lack of manpower for enforcement of Act / Rules along the coast line and within the territorial waters. He has stated that lack of manpower has become a major hurdle in maintaining law and order situation at sea besides preventing illegal fishing, conserving fishery resources, regulate the fishing activities as per the procedure and to

prevent the problems encountered during enforcement of the Tamil Nadu Marine Fishing Regulation Act, 1983 by the Authorized officers / Assistant Director of Fisheries. The Officers are facing threats from the miscreants involved in illegal fishing at sea at times.

3. The Director of Fisheries has reported that at present Tamil Nadu Marine Fishing Regulation Act is being enforced in 13 coastal districts by Authorized officers such as Assistant Director of Fisheries and monitored by adjudicating officers / Regional Joint Director of Fisheries / Deputy Director of Fisheries under the overall supervision of the Appellate authority viz., the Director of Fisheries. The amended Tamil Nadu Marine Fishing Regulation (Amendment) Act, 2016 covers a larger spectrum of activities and enforcement which warrants the creation of an exclusive Marine Enforcement Wing with officials / staff in uniform created exclusively to regulate the Act, deputed from Police Department under the overall administrative control of Commissioner of Fisheries / Director of Fisheries to enforce the Tamil Nadu Marine Fishing Regulation Act with the support of this uniformed force and to implement other related notifications to conserve and manage the marine fishing resources and also undertaking search and relief operations at the time of natural calamities.

4. The Director of Fisheries has further stated that during the meeting convened by the Additional Chief Secretary (Home) with Principal Secretary, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Department on 17.10.2018, the Additional Director General of Police, Coastal Security Group (CSG) stated that Coastal Security Group's mandate is marine defense, control of extremism, trafficking etc., in the territorial waters and suggested that Department of Fisheries may have independent uniformed enforcement wing to enforce the Act and Rules of the Department to handle inter sector conflicts and law and order issues arising due to fishing and related activities and also endorsed that an Enforcement Wing can be created similar to the exclusive wings functioning in certain organizations.

5. The Director of Fisheries has also stated that for the enforcement of Tamil Nadu Marine Fishing Regulation Act along the coastline of 13 districts, it is proposed to establish a permanent Marine Enforcement Wing with One Superintendent of Police, One Deputy Superintendent of Police / Assistant Commissioner of Police, 10 Inspectors of Police, 8 Sub-Inspectors of Police, 53 Police Constables and 19 Police Drivers.

6. The proposed independent Marine Enforcement Wing will have the following staff structure:-

Sl. No	Cadre	Total No. of Posts Required for the Enforcement wing		Existing posts	No. of new posts to be created
		At Office	Head In the Field		
I. POLICE DEPARTMENT					
1.	Superintendent of Police	1	-	--	1
2.	Deputy Superintendent of Police	1	-	--	1
3.	Inspector of Police	1	9	--	10
4.	Sub-Inspector of Police	--	8	--	8
5.	Police Constable	2	51	--	53
6.	Police Driver (Light Vehicle)	2	17	--	19
7.	Superintendent	1	--	--	1
8.	Assistant	2	--	--	2
9.	Camp Clerk(Assistant Cadre)	--	17	--	17
TOTAL :		10	102		112

7. The Additional Financial commitment to the Government for the creation of dedicated Marine Enforcement wing with above posts for a year is as follows:-

Sl No	Cadre	Average pay per post	Total No. of Posts	Expenditure per year (Average pay x No. of Post x 12 months)
1.	Superintendent of Police	1,08,848	1	Rs.13,06,176/-
2.	Deputy Superintendent of Police / Asst Commissioner of Police	1,02,614	1	Rs.12,31,368/-
3.	Inspector of Police	80,443	10	Rs.96,53,160/-
4.	Sub-Inspector of Police	79,593	8	Rs.76,40,928/-
5.	Police constable	43,976	53	Rs.2,79,68,736/-
6.	Police Driver (Light Vehicle)	45,393	19	Rs.1,03,49,604/-
7.	Superintendent	85,893	1	Rs.10,30,716/-
8.	Assistant	48,593	2	Rs.11,66,232/-
9.	Camp Clerk (Assistant Cadre)	45,393	17	Rs.92,60,172/-
TOTAL :			112	Rs.6,96,07,092/-

8. The Director of Fisheries has stated that the annual expenditure due to salary components for the proposed staff for the Marine Enforcement Wing shall be around Rs.6.96 crore per annum. The above 112 posts shall be created as permanent post for the independent Marine Enforcement Wing to enforce the Tamil Nadu Marine Fishing Regulation Act 1983.

Recurring Expenditure :

1.	Salary component to the staff of the Marine Enforcement Wing per year	:	Rs. 6,96,07,092/-
2.	Travelling Allowances to the staff of the Marine Enforcement Wing per year	:	Rs.50,88,000/-
3.	Other Contingencies per year	:	Rs.1,00,000/-
4.	Fuel expenditure for Vehicle	:	Rs.25,65,000/-
5.	Hire charges for the patrolling boats	:	Rs.53,40,000/-
6.	Fuel expenditure for hired patrolling boats	:	Rs.26,55,000/-
7.	Maintenance expenditure for the vehicle and patrolling boats	:	Rs.11,40,000/-
Sub Total (A) :			Rs.8,64,95,092/-

Non Recurring Expenditure :

S. No	Vehicle Type	Requirement	Unit cost	Total Cost
1.	Four Wheeler	19 Nos.	Rs.10,00,000	Rs.1,90,00,000/-
Sub Total (B):				Rs.1,90,00,000/-

TOTAL EXPENDITURE (A + B) : Rs. 10,54,95,092/-
Rounded of Rs.10,55,00,000/-

9. The Director of Fisheries has, therefore, requested the Government to consider the proposal for the establishment of Marine Enforcement Wing for the enforcement of Tamil Nadu Marine Fishing Regulation Act,1983 and issue orders on the following:-

- (i) To accord administrative sanction for creation of Marine Enforcement Wing in the Coastal Districts of Tamil Nadu for the enforcement of Tamil Nadu Marine Fisheries Regulation Act 1983 which will incur an approximate expenditure of Rs.6.96 crore per year towards salary components for the staff attached with Marine Enforcement Wing, Rs.1.69 crore for recurring expenditure towards Travelling Allowance Other Contingencies. Fuel Maintenance expenditure for 4 wheeler hire charges and fuel charges for patrolling boats and Rs.1.90 crore for the purchase of four wheelers.

- (ii) The Commissioner/ Director of Fisheries may be permitted to codify the service conditions, service rules in consultation with the Director General of Police for the Marine Enforcement Wing so created.
- (iii) The Police personnel required above may be sanctioned additionally to State Police Department. The Director General of Police may be permitted to recruit the sanctioned Police Personnel for the Marine Enforcement Wing and subsequently depute them to Fisheries Department under the control of Commissioner of Fisheries/ Director of Fisheries.
- (iv) The Director General of Police may be vested with the powers relating to the service matters such as recruitment, Transfer and Postings of the Police personnel so recruited for Marine Enforcement Wing.
- (v) The Police personnel of the Marine Enforcement Wing may have dual reporting to their police superiors in the Department of Fisheries and to the Assistant Director of Fisheries / Deputy Director of Fisheries / Joint Director of Fisheries and finally operate under the administrative control of the Commissioner of Fisheries / Director of Fisheries.
- (vi) The Department of Fisheries may be permitted to purchase / hire the required patrolling boats for which necessary budget provision shall be made.
- (vii) Required arms may be issued from the Police Department on loan basis.

10. The Government have examined the proposal of the Director of Fisheries carefully and decided to accept it. Accordingly the Government accord Administrative / Financial approval for creation of the Marine Enforcement Wing as follows:-

- (i) Administrative sanction is accorded for creation of Marine Enforcement Wing in the coastal districts of Tamil Nadu for the enforcement of Tamil Nadu Marine Fisheries Regulation Act 1983.
- (ii) Administrative sanction is accorded for a sum of Rs.6.96 crore (Rupees Six crore and ninety six lakh only) per annum towards the salary components for the staff attached with Marine Enforcement Wing.

- (iii) Administrative sanction is accorded for a sum of Rs.1.69 crore (Rupees One crore and sixty nine lakh only) towards recurring expenditure for Travelling Allowance, Other Contingencies. Fuel, Maintenance expenditure for four wheeler, hire charges and fuel charges for patrolling boats and Rs.1.90 crore (Rupees One crore and ninety lakh only) for the purchase of four wheelers.
- (iv) Financial sanction for a sum of Rs.4,78,31,664/- (Rupees Four crore seventy eight lakh thirty one thousand six hundred and sixty four only) is sanctioned for the year 2019-20.
- (v) To permit the Commissioner/ Director of Fisheries to codify the service conditions, service rules in consultation with the Director General of Police for the Marine Enforcement Wing so created.
- (vi) To sanction the Police personnel required as per Annexure-I of this order additionally to State Police Department and to permit the Director General of Police to recruit the sanctioned Police Personnel for the Marine Enforcement Wing and subsequently depute them to Fisheries Department under the control of Commissioner of Fisheries/ Director of Fisheries.
- (vii) The Director General of Police be vested with the powers relating to the service matters such as Recruitment, Transfer and Postings of the Police personnel for Marine Enforcement Wing.
- (viii) The Police Personnel of the Marine Enforcement Wing shall have dual reporting to their Police superiors in the Department of Fisheries and to the Assistant Director of Fisheries / Deputy Director of Fisheries / Joint Director of Fisheries and operate under the overall administrative control of the Commissioner of Fisheries / Director of Fisheries.
- (ix) To permit the Department of Fisheries to purchase four wheelers / hire the required patrolling boats for which necessary budget provision shall be made.
- (x) To obtain the required arms from the Police Department on loan basis.

11. The expenditure sanctioned in para-10 above shall be debited to the following head of account:

Head of Account	Amount in Rs.
2405 00 - FISHERIES 001 - Direction and Administration - State's Expenditure AB- District Establishment	-
301- Salaries (IFHRMS DPC - 2405 00 001 AB 30100 Old DPC-2405 00 001 AB 0101)	2,32,02,364
304 - Travel Expenses 01 - Tour Travelling Allowances (IFHRMS DPC - 2405 00 001 AB 30401 Old DPC-2405 00 001 AB 0414)	16,96,000
305 - Office Expenses 02 - Other Contingencies (IFHRMS DPC - 2405 00 001 AB 30502 Old DPC - 2405 00 001 AB 0521)	33,300
321 - Motor Vehicles 01 - Purchase (IFHRMS DPC - 2405 00 001 AB 32101 Old DPC - 2405 00 001 AB 2118)	1,90,00,000
02- Maintenance (IFHRMS DPC - 2405 00 001 AB 32102 Old DPC - 2405 00 001 AB 2127)	3,80,000
03- Hire Charges (IFHRMS DPC - 2405 00 001 AB 32103 Old DPC - 2405 00 001 AB 2136)	17,80,000
345 - Petroleum, Oil and Lubricant 01 - Petroleum, Oil and Lubricant (IFHRMS DPC - 2405 00 001 AB 34501 Old DPC - 2405 00 001 AB 4509)	17,40,000
Total	4,78,31,664

12. Necessary funds will be provided in Revised Estimate / Final Modified Appropriation 2019-2020. Pending provision of funds in Revised Estimate / Final Modified Appropriation - 2019-2020, the Director of Fisheries is authorized to draw and utilize the amount sanctioned in para-10 above. However, this expenditure shall be brought to the notice of the Legislature by Specific Inclusion in the Supplementary Estimate 2019-2020. The Director of Fisheries is directed to include this item of

expenditure while sending the proposal for Revised Estimate / Final Modified Appropriation 2019-2020 and also send draft explanatory note for inclusion of the expenditure in the Supplementary Estimate to Government in Finance (AHD&F / BG-I) Department without fail.

13. The Director of Fisheries is authorized to draw and incur the expenditure sanctioned in para-10 above as per the Rules in force.

14. The Details of Staff Structure / Hierarchy of Officers – Flow Chart / Authorized Officers / Duties and Responsibilities of the Officers of Marine Enforcement Wing are annexed with this order for effective enforcement of Tamil Nadu Marine Fishing Regulation Act, 1983.

15. This order issue with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its C.No.56271/Finance(AHD&F)/2019, dated.11.11.2019 and U.O.No.57303/Finance (CMPC)/2019, dated.11.11.2019 and Additional Sanction Ledger Number 2093 (Two thousand ninety three).

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

K. GOPAL

Principal Secretary to Government

To

The Director of Fisheries, Chennai-35

The Director General of Police, Mylapore, Chennai-4.

The Additional Director General of Police, Coastal Security Group,
Chennai-4

✓ The Accountant General, Chennai-18/18 (By Name)

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

The Resident Audit Officer,

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ANNEXURE-I

G.O(Ms)No.165, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries
(FS-3) Department, dated.12.11.2019

Staff Structure of Marine Enforcement Wing for enforcing the Tamil Nadu
 Marine Fishing Regulation Act, 1983 and Rules .

S. No	Name of office	Coastal length Km	Total Number of Boats	SP	DSP	Inspector of Police	Sub Inspector of Police	Police constable	Light Vehicle Driver	Camp Clerk	Superintendent	Assistant	Total
1	Director of Fisheries	--		1	1	1	--	2	2	1	1	2	10
2	Assistant Director of Fisheries, Tiruvallur	28	3383	--	--	--	1	3	1	1	--	--	6
3	Assistant Director of Fisheries, Chennai (FHMW)	19	2276	--	--	1	--	3	1	1	--	--	6
4	Assistant Director of Fisheries, Kanchipuram	87	3079	--	--	--	1	2	1	1	--	--	5
5	Assistant Director of Fisheries, Villupuram	41	2220	--	--	--	1	2	1	1	--	--	5
6	Assistant Director of Fisheries, Cuddalore	58	5297	--	--	1	--	4	1	1	--	--	7
7	Assistant Director of Fisheries, Nagai (North)	187	2845	--	--	1	--	4	1	1	--	--	7
8	Assistant Director of Fisheries, Nagai (South)		3124	--	--	1	--	4	1	1	--	--	7
9	Assistant Director of Fisheries, Thanjavur	47	1393	--	--	--	1	2	1	1	--	--	5
10	Assistant Director of Fisheries, Tiruvarur	45	176	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	1
11	Assistant Director of Fisheries, Pudukottai	42	1867	--	--	1	--	2	1	1	--	--	5

12	Assistant Director of Fisheries, Ramnad (North)	239	1729	--	--	--	1	2	1	1	--	--	5
13	Assistant Director of Fisheries, Ramnad (South)		1607	--	--	--	1	2	1	1	--	--	5
14	Assistant Director of Fisheries, Mandapam		926	--	--	--	1	2	1	1	--	--	5
15	Assistant Director of Fisheries, Rameswaram		2163	--	--	1	--	4	1	1	--	--	7
16	Assistant Director of Fisheries, Thoothukudi (FHMW)	164	4740	--	--	1	--	4	1	1	--	--	7
17	Assistant Director of Fisheries, Radhapuram	48	1189	--	--	--	1	2	1	1	--	--	5
18	Assistant Director of Fisheries, Chinnamuttom	11	1745	--	--	1	--	3	1	1	--	--	6
19	Assistant Director of Fisheries, Colachel	60	6347	--	--	1	--	5	1	1	--	--	8
	Total	1076	46106	1	1	10	8	53	19	17	1	2	112

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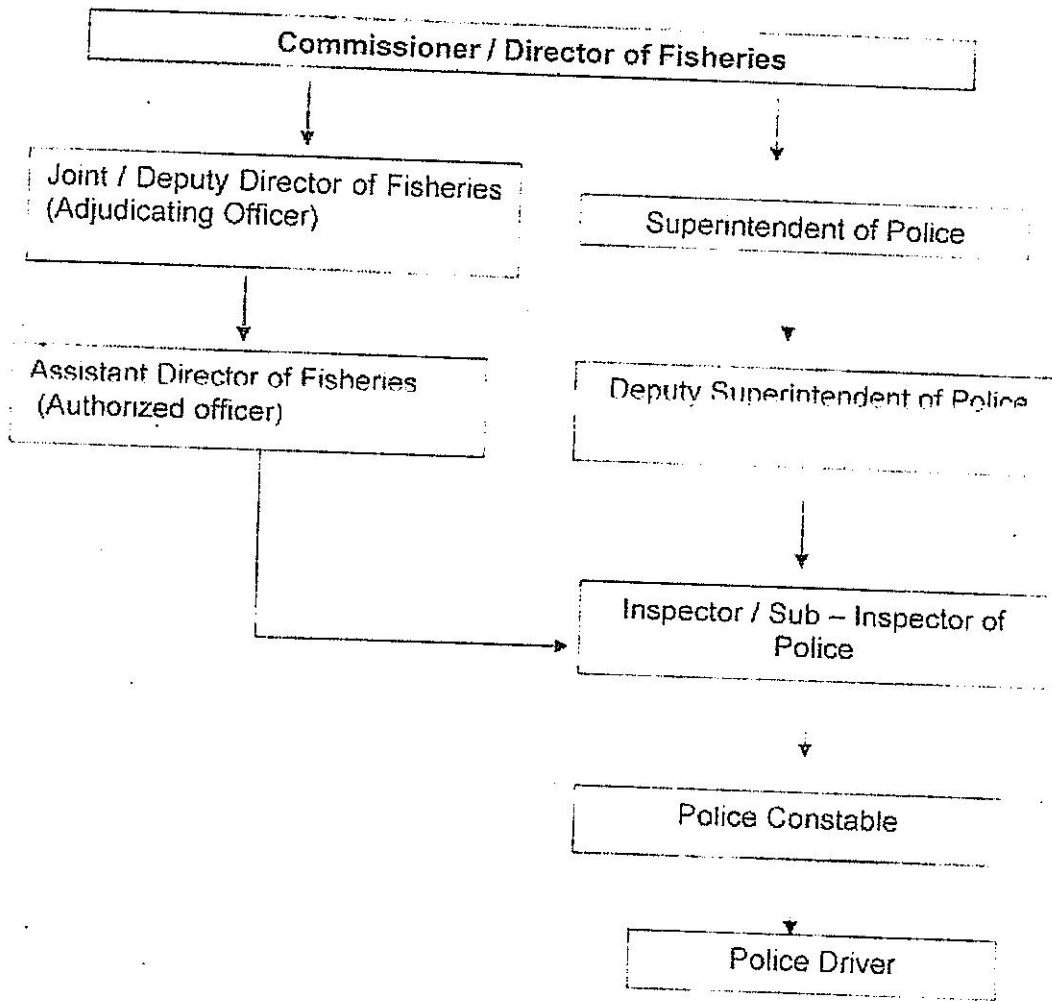
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ANNEXURE-II

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Hierarchy of Officers – Flow Chart of Marine Enforcement wing for enforcing the Tamil Nadu Marine Fishing Regulation Act, 1983 and Rules . .



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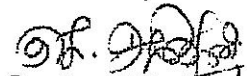

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Sl.No	Name of the post	No.of post	Scale of Pay
1	Superintendent of Police	1	Level-26 (Rs.61,900 – 1,96,700)
2	Deputy Superintendent of Police / Assistant Commissioner of Police	1	Level-22 (Rs.56,100 – 1,77,500)
3	Inspector of Police	10	Level-20 (Rs.37,700 – 1,19,500)
4	Sub-Inspector of Police	8	Level-18 (Rs.36,900 – 1,16,600)
5	Police Constable	53	Level-5 (Rs.18,200 – 57,900)
6	Police Driver	19	Level-8 (Rs.19,500 -62,000)
7	Superintendent	1	Level-18 (Rs.36,900 – 1,16,600)
8	Assistant	2	Level-10 (Rs.20,600 – 65,500)
9	Camp Clerk (Assistant cadre)	17	Level-10 (Rs.20,600 – 65,500)
	Total	112	

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ANNEXURE-III

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Authorized Officers in all the 13 coastal districts of Marine Enforcement Wing for enforcing the Tamil Nadu Marine Fishing Regulation Act,1983 and Rules .

	Name of the Authorized Officer	Jurisdiction (along the coast of)
1.	Assistant Director of Fisheries, Tiruvallur @ Ponneri	Tiruvallur District
2.	Assistant Director of Fisheries, Fishing Harbour Management Wing, Chennai.	Chennai District
3.	Assistant Director of Fisheries, Kancheepuram @ Neelankarai	Kancheepuram District
4.	Assistant Director of Fisheries, Cuddalore	Cuddalore District
5.	Assistant Director of Fisheries, Villupuram	Villupuram District
6.	Assistant Director of Fisheries, Nagapattinam (North) @ Sirkazhi	Nagapattinam North (from Kodyampalayam to Chandrapadi)
7.	Assistant Director of Fisheries, Nagapattinam (South)	Nagapattinam South (from Nagore to Annapettai)
8.	Assistant Director of Fisheries, Thanjavur	Thanjavur District
9.	Assistant Director of Fisheries, Tiruvarur	Tiruvarur District
10.	Assistant Director of Fisheries, Pudukottai	Pudukottai District
11.	Assistant Director of Fisheries, Ramanathapuram (North)	Ramanathapuram North (from Sundarapandian Pattinam to Athankarai)
12.	Assistant Director of Fisheries, Ramanathapuram (South)	Ramanathapuram South (from Pudumadam to Rochmanagar)
13.	Assistant Director of Fisheries, Mandapam	Mandapam (Kalkinatravalasai to Soorankattuvalasi)
14.	Assistant Director of Fisheries, Rameswaram	Rameswaram Island
15.	Assistant Director of Fisheries (Fishing Harbour Management Wing), Thoothukudi.	Thoothukudi District

16.	Assistant Director of Fisheries (Extension & Training Wing), Radhapuram	Tirunelveli District
17.	Assistant Director of Fisheries, Kanniyakumari	Kanyakumari East (from Arockiapuram to Periyakadu)
18.	Assistant Director of Fisheries, Colachel	Kanyakumari West (from Rajakkamangalamthurai to Neerodi)

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ANNEXURE-IV

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Duties and Responsibilities of Marine Enforcement Wing for enforcing the Tamil Nadu Marine Fishing Regulation Act, 1983 and Rules

Headquarters / Office/ Uniform :

The unit at Head Office will be functioning in the space available in the premises of Office of the Director of Fisheries, Chennai. The Units at District / field will be functioning in the infrastructure available in the premises of Assistant Director of Fisheries / Authorised Officer concerned or in the space available in the Fishing Harbours. The officers under this wing shall be on the uniform codified for the respective ranks in the Police Department with an additional badge containing the logo and description of "Marine Enforcement Wing" on the right fore-arm.

Responsibilities of the officers:**a) Superintendent of Police**

- The Superintendent of Police (Marine Enforcement Wing) heads the Marine Enforcement Wing at State Level
- Supervise the overall functions of Marine Enforcement Wing with the cooperation from the Authorized Officers / Assistant Director of Fisheries and submit critical assessment and recommendations to the Director of Fisheries, regarding the implementation of the Tamil Nadu Marine Fishing Regulation Act, fishing ban, rescue operation etc., organize good intelligence arrangements from fishing villages / communities.

- Acquiring full and detailed knowledge of the implementation of the Act and Rules and its current problems from the enforcement point of view.
- Pay surprise visits to the offices at regular intervals and checkup whether the officers and men are alert.

b) Deputy Superintendent of Police

- To assist the Superintendent of Police
- Monitor the implementation of the various provisions of the Tamil Nadu Marine Fishing Regulation Act and supervise the working of other station heads.
- Conduct periodical inspections regarding the field work and forward monthly reports and responsible for the proper training.

c) Inspector of Police / Sub-Inspector of Police :

In the amended Act, a provision for Inspection Officer has been made to discharge the various enforcement functions. The authorized officer shall by an order, authorize an inspection officer to exercise the powers and discharge the duties, for the purpose of registration of fishing vessel, licensing of fishing vessel, and to enter, search, seize, any fishing vessel, as may be specified in the order. Accordingly, the Police Officers in the cadre of Inspector / Sub-Inspector of Police will be authorised the powers of Inspection Officer partly or holly by the Authorised Officers as Inspection Officer. Hence, these Police Officers are in charge of the Marine Enforcement Units attached to the Authorized officers. They will also plan and coordinate the Patrolling and Sea Rescue operations and

implement the Tamil Nadu Marine Fishing Regulation Act. If a serious breach of the peace is anticipated the Inspector / Sub-Inspector of Police shall promptly proceed to the locality and take measures to prevent it. The places / districts having major jurisdiction, sensitive harbours such as Chennai, Cuddalore, Nagapattinam, Pudukottai, Rameswaram, Thoothukudi, Chinnamuttom and Colachel shall be looked after by the Inspector of Police in case of other places shall be looked after by Sub-Inspector of Police.

d) Constable of Police

- Head Constable of Police will conduct patrolling in the sea along with the Inspection officers for the implementation of the Act.
- Co-ordinate and conduct Search and Rescue Operations as and when required.
- Collection of information and intelligence relating to violation of Tamil Nadu Marine Fishing Regulation Act and Rules.
- Developing cordial relations with local fishing community.
- Keep in touch with fishing community related to conflicts, disputes with in various sectors of the community.
- Keep a watch on the movement of unidentified boats / movement of strangers in their jurisdiction.


The main functions of the proposed Marine Enforcement Wing as follows:-

- i. To render the support to the officers of the Fisheries Department for effectively enforcing the Tamil Nadu Marine Regulation Act along the coast of Tamil Nadu.

- ii. Conduct patrolling in the sea to enforce the regulations of fishing and to prevent illegal fishing, destructive fishing and the use of banned fishing nets.
- iii. To impound the unregistered and unlicensed fishing boats used for fishing to undertake rescue operations for saving the life of fishermen and their boats in distress.
- iv. Implementation of the provisions of Tamil Nadu Marine Fishing Regulation Act during the fishing ban period.
- v. To communicate the weather warning alerts and security related alerts to fishermen received from the respective agencies.
- vi. To convey the information about the anti-social activities and intelligence gathered during the patrolling to Coast Guard and Local Police authorities and other Law enforcing agencies for further necessary action.
- vii. To prevent unlawful activities other than fishing.
- viii. Necessary support to the Authorized officers for the registration process of the fishing vessels.

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