## ABSTRACT

Urban Development - Constitution of Urban Development Authority for Madurai as an Adhoc body - Orders Issued.

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## HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT [UD4(1)] DEPARTMENT

**G.O.(Ms).No.145** **Dated: 16.12.2021**

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திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு 2052

Read:

From the Director of Town and Country Planning Roc.No.18237/2021(2)-T, dated.17.11.2021.

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**ORDER**:-

The following Announcement was made on 13.08.2021 in the **Revised Budget Speech 2021 - 2022**:-

"New Urban Development Authorities will be formed for Madurai, the Coimbatore – Tiruppur Area, and for the fast growing Hosur area".

2. In the letter read above, the Director of Town and Country Planning has furnished a proposal for constitution of Urban Development Authority for Madurai citing the following:-

i. Madurai city is the third largest city in Tamil Nadu. It spreads over an extent of 147.97 sq.km. It has a long tradition of culture and education. It has facilities such as international airport, railways, network of national highways with large trade and commercial activities. It is blessed with water reservoirs and the celebrated Vaigai river passes through the city as source of water supply and stabilised underground water table. In the last three decades, the city has been witnessing enormous growth in population thereby stressing the existing infrastructure amenities.

ii. The city of Madurai has been witnessing enormous growth in population for the past three decades. This growth in population has caused an uneven development in the city and its contiguous areas and has resulted in straining the existing infrastructure such as roads, health and educational facilities, water supply and sanitation.

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iii. The Master Plan for Madurai which is under preparation will spell out a strategy for future development. In essence it will be a perspective plan which has anticipated the requirements of the Madurai planning area in all sectors of development.

iv. The magnitude of the tasks required and the action contemplated in this area unlikely that the current administrative set up in the area can co-ordinate the work of implementing agencies to plan and share the future development of the Madurai Urban Area in an orderly manner. Moreover, today, developmental activities in Urban Areas are being implemented by a number of agencies without adequate co-ordination, divorced from the perspective of an overarching plan. It has, therefore become imperative to set up a separate Development Authority to ensure an orderly development in this area.

v. The Tamil Nadu Town and Country Planning Act, 1971, currently does not provide for the constitution and functioning of such authorities. Therefore, action has been initiated for making necessary amendments in the above said Act and it may take some time for notification of the said, which is expected to take some time.

vi. Meanwhile, during the initial stage of formation of the Authority, several preparatory activities need to be undertaken. To take up these activities, it has been proposed to initially constitute the Urban Development Authority for Madurai as an adhoc body as was done in the case of Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority earlier in 1972, pending amendment to Tamil Nadu Town and Country Planning Act, 1971. Besides, an Advisory Council and a Planning Cell were also constituted to advise and assist the Adhoc body in discharging its functions. The exact composition of the Urban Development Authority shall be finalized at the time of enacting amendments to the Tamil Nadu Town and Country Planning Act, 1971.

The Composition and functions of the Madurai Urban Development Authority, Advisory Council and the Planning Cell are detailed below:-

**A. <u>Madurai Urban Development Authority</u>**

**<u>Composition</u>**

i. Principal Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department - as Chairman.

ii. District Collector - as Vice Chairman.

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iii. Head of Departments of Finance, Transport, Industries, Public Works, Municipal Administration and Water Supply, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj.
iv. Director of Town and Country Planning - Ex-Officio.
v. Commissioner, Madurai Corporation - Ex-Officio.
vi. Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Housing Board - Ex-Officio.
vii. Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board - Ex-Officio.
viii. Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board - Ex-Officio.
ix. Two persons to be appointed by the Government of Tamilnadu in fields of Housing, Trade and Industry.
x. One person from Academic Institution of repute involved in planning.
xi. A fulltime Member Secretary appointed by Government of Tamilnadu.

**Functions**

a) To prepare development plans for the area or for part of the area under its jurisdiction and to enforce and implement these plans. Such plans may provide for all or any of the matters that may be provided in the Regional Plan or Master Plan or Detailed Development Plan contemplated under the New Town and Country Planning Legislation.

b) The formulation, subject to approval of Government, of any other plan or project for the development of the Madurai Urban Area or such part thereof, as may deemed necessary.

c) To co-ordinate the execution of plans approved by the State Government for the development of any area within the Madurai Urban Area.

d) To supervise the execution of any project for/within Madurai Urban Area, as may be entrusted to it by Government.

e) To finance and execute any project in any plan for the development of Madurai Urban Area or any part thereof.

f) To perform such other functions as may be prescribed or assigned by the Government.

**B. Advisory Council**

**Composition**

i. Secretary, Department of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises – Ex-Officio.

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ii. Director of Industries and Commerce - Ex-Officio.
iii. Commissioner of Police, Madurai City – Ex - Officio.
iv. Chief Engineer, Public Works Department - Ex-Officio.
v. Chief Engineer, Highways and Rural Works - Ex-Officio.
vi. Director of Health Services and Family Planning - Ex-Officio.
vii. Director of Collegiate Education-Ex-Officio.
viii. Additional Director/Joint Director of Town and Country Planning, at Head Quarters - Ex-Officio.
ix. Three representatives of the Union Government of whom one shall be from the Railways.
x. Two elected representatives of the Corporation of Madurai.
xi. Three elected representatives of the local bodies in the area other than the Corporation of Madurai.
xii. Four non officials to be nominated by the State Government of whom one shall be Engineer and one an Economist of repute.
xiii. One person with knowledge of Architecture and Town Planning to be nominated by State Government preferably from among those who are members of the Institute of Town Planners, India.
xiv. Two representatives representing the interest of Commerce and Industry.

**Functions**

To advise the Madurai Urban Development Authority in preparation and implementation of development plans.

**C. Planning Cell**

**Composition**

(i) Senior Town Planner and supporting staff.
(ii) The Engineer and adequate supporting staff.

**Functions**

To assist the Member Secretary of the Madurai Urban Development Authority in his office to discharge his duties.

3. The Director of Town and Country Planning has therefore requested to consider the above proposal for constitution of Urban Development Authority for Madurai.

4. After careful examination, the Government have decided to accept the proposal of the Director of Town and Country Planning and accordingly constitute, hereby the Madurai Urban Development Authority as an Adhoc body, an Advisory Council for the purpose of advising the Madurai Urban Development Authority on the formulation and co-ordination of plans for the development of Madurai Planning Area,

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and a Planning Cell for initiating specific plans and projects for Urban Development as detailed in para 2 above.

5. The Director of Town and Country Planning is directed to pursue further follow up action.

**(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)**

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**CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

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16/12/2021
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