



ABSTRACT

Announcement of Hon'ble Minister for Finance and HRM while moving Grant no.36 on the Floor of the Assembly for the year 2023-24 - Inclusion of Eastern Ghats in the Special Area Development Programme- Coverage of 33 Blocks of 11 Districts in Eastern Ghats- Orders Issued.

Planning, Development & Special Initiatives (TC-II) Department

G.O.(Ms).No.116

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Read:

1. G.O.Ms.No. 40 P&D(TC-I) Department Dated: 04.03.2016.
2. G.O.Ms.No.39 P&D(TC-I) Department Dated: 02.05.2018.
3. G.O.Ms.No.313 P&D(TC-II)Department Dated: 03.12.2021.
4. G.O.Ms.No.19 P&D (TC-II) Department Dated:18.03.2022.
5. Announcement of Hon'ble Minister for Finance and HRM while moving Grant no.36 on the Floor of the Assembly for the year 2023-24.
6. From the Project Director, SADP, Udhagamandalam Rc.HA.No.2206/2022, dated: 13.07.2023, 02.07.2024 and 13.08.2024.

ORDER:

In the Government order first read above, the Special Area Development Programme (SADP) was launched during the year 2015-2016 on account of discontinuance of the Hill Area Development Programme (HADP) and Western Ghats Development Programme (WGDP) from the Central assistance schemes by the GoI from the year 2015-16, with a view to provide special attention to hill areas, including areas prone to left wing extremism with an annual outlay of Rs.75.00 crores for covering 10 hilly areas of the 10 Districts viz., The Nilgiris, Coimbatore, Erode, Tiruppur, Madurai, Dindigul, Theni, Virudhunagar, Tirunelveli and Kanniyakumari. Subsequent on the bifurcation of the Tirunelveli District and Tenkasi Districts. The SADP schemes have been extended to Tenkasi district also thereby the SADP extended to 11 districts of the State, vide G.O.No.426, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, dated: 12.11.2019.

2. The prime criterion for coverage of area under Western Ghats Districts is areas at or above the altitude of 600 MSL vide orders issued in G.O. second read above, while the criterion for coverage of area under Eastern Ghats Districts is proposed to be fixed at 400 MSL or above..

3. The Special Area Development Programme is being continued with the focus on fostering Sustainable development, bio-diversity and preserving its natural heritage including eco-development, eco-restoration and eco-preservation with 100% State funds. The present area of operation of SADP covers 11 Western Ghats Districts of Tamil Nadu.

4. While moving Grant No. 36 on the floor of the Assembly for the year 2023-24, the Hon'ble Minister for Finance and HRM made the following announcement: **"Inclusion of Eastern Ghats in the Special Area Development Programme"**

Like the Western Ghats, areas where the same focus are found to be essential in some of the hilly areas of the Eastern Ghats, were proposed to be taken up under SADP to ensure holistic development through the conservation of bio-diversity of the region.

The object of the announcement is to expand the scope of special assistance under the SADP to eco-sensitive hilly regions which consist of significant tribal population and the areas not being covered under normal budget allocation.

5. In the reference sixth read above, the Project Director, Special Area Development Programme, Udhagamandalam submitted requisite proposal for inclusion of 82 Blocks in 14 Eastern Ghats Districts. The proposal was scrutinised with technical and scientific inputs from Anna University and TNeGA to consider feasibility based on the prime criterion of selection of area with an altitude of 400 MSL or above.

6. After careful scrutiny, out of the proposed 82 Blocks in 14 Eastern Ghats Districts with the criterion of altitude of 400 MSL with more than 33% area coverage, only 50 Blocks were found to be satisfying the criterion. Out of 50 Blocks, 36 Blocks are having 50% or above area coverage, while 14 Blocks are having 33-50% of the area coverage above 400 MSL altitude. Accordingly, these 50 Blocks have been selected for inclusion of activities under SADP.

7. Out of the 50 Blocks prioritised, 36 Blocks having 50% or above area lying above the altitude of 400 MSL have been proposed for the coverage in Phase I (2024-2025), of which 3 Blocks viz., Anthiyur and Thalavadi of Erode District and Dindigul Block of Dindigul District are already covered under Special Area Development Programme for Western Ghats.

8. The Government after careful examination, approve the coverage of the following 33 Blocks of 11 Eastern Ghats Districts under the Special Area Development Programme from the year 2024-2025 onwards. The other 14 identified Blocks as mentioned in para-6 above will be considered for inclusion under Special Area Development Programme (SADP) during the subsequent years based on the needs and further assessment.

Name of the District	Name of the Block to be covered under the activities of SADP during 2024-2025
1.Dharmapuri	1. Dharmapuri 2. Kadathur 3. Karimangalam 4. Palacode 5. Pappireddipatti
2.Krishnagiri	1. Bargur 2. Kaveripattinam 3. Kelamangalam 4. Krishnagiri 5. Shoolagiri 6. Thally 7. Veppanapalli
3. Kallakurichi	1. Kalrayanhills
4. Namakkal	1. Kollihills 2. Sendamangalam 3. Vennandur
5. Dindigul	1. Athoor 2. Shanarpatti
6. Erode	1. Sathyamangalam
7. Salem	1. Ayothiyapattinam 2. P.N.Palayam 3. Valapaadi 4. Yercaud
8. Tirupathur	1. Alangayam 2. Jolarpet 3. Madhanur 4. Natrampalli 5. Tirupathur

9. Tiruvannamalai	1. Jawadhumalai
10. Tiruchirappalli	1. Thuraiyur 2. Uppiliyapuram
11. Vellore	1. Anaicut 2. Pernambut

9. The guidelines for administration and field implementation of the SADP prescribed in the Government order first read above, subsequent orders and amendments issued from time to time shall be made applicable to the Blocks covered under the Eastern Ghats Districts also.

10. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.954/TC-II/2023 dated: 09.09.2024.

//BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR//

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The Collector, Kallakurichi District.
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The Collector, Erode District.
The Collector, Salem District.
The Collector, Thirupattur District.
The Collector, Thiruvannamalai District.
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