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**ABSTRACT**

Environment Control -- Two Cargo ships collided at Ennore Kamarajar Port area on 28.01.2017 -- Environment impact due to oil spillage -- Formation of Committee to assess environmental impact and suggest remedial measure - Report submitted by the Expert Committee -- Follow up action on the report - Orders -- Issued.

**ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (EC.3) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.(3D)No.39

Dated: 09.08.2017

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Read:

1. G.O.(D) No.65, Environment and Forests (EC.3) Department, dated 14.03.2017
2. From the Director of Environment, Chennai Letter No. P1/154/2017, dated 19.06.2017.

**ORDER:-**

In the Government order first read above, orders were issued for formation of a committee consisting of experts from various fields to assess the Environmental impact and to suggest remedial measure on the impact of the spillage of oil in the sea on 28.01.2017 at Kamarajar Port Area, due to the collision of two cargo ships.

2. In the letter second read above, the Director of Environment, has stated that the Committee meetings were held on 4.4.2017, 21.4.2017 and 6.6.2017 at Chennai with various stakeholders and discussed the following factors. The Committee has obtained the following details from various Departments/Institutions:-

- (i) Quantity of leaked oil and its composition, properties etc.,
- (ii) The extent of damage caused to the Marine and coastal environment including flora and fauna, at present, in short term and long run.
- (iii) The adverse impact on air, water and sand at present and likely impact in future.
- (iv) The extent of health hazards to the public at present and likely to affect in future.

3. The Director of Environment has further stated that the Chairman and Members of the Committee have visited the Kamarajar Port Limited on 27.4.2017 to inspect the damaged ship MT DAWN Kanchipuram which caused oil spill on 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 at the sea off Ennore coast, the site at Port where bioremediation of oil sludge collected from the sea and coast in and around Ennavoor coast, is carried out. Accordingly, the committee Members have studied and discussed the above factors and prepared the report on assessment of environmental impact based on the details obtained from the various agencies/institutions like National Centre for Sustainable Coastal management, Integrated Coastal and Marine Area Management, Project Directorate, IIT Madras, Tamil Nadu Maritime Board, Institute of Ocean Management, Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Kamarajar Port Limited, Chennai Port Trust, Indian Coast Guard, Mercantile Marine Department, Indian Oil Corporation Limited etc., and departments like Forests, Fisheries, Environment, Central Pollution Control Board, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Public Health and Preventive Medicine etc.,

4. The Director of Environment has also stated that after detailed deliberations, the Committee has furnished the report on assessment of impact of Oil spill occurred due to collision of two ships in the sea off Ennore.

5. The Director of Environment has suggested certain action points and the remedial measures for recovery of marine eco-system based on the report of the Expert Committee constituted in the G.O. first read above.

6. The Government after careful examination accept the action points and the remedial measures for recovery of marine eco system based on the report of the Expert Committee constituted to assess the environmental impact due to the spillage of oil in the sea near Ennore Kamarajar port on 28.1.2017 and issued the following orders:-

- i) The Government accept the Expert Committee Report as the Committee consisting of experts in the field has assessed the immediate impact due to oil spill and suggested various short and longterm remedial measures.
- ii) The Government direct the Director of Environment to request the concerned Departments indicated in the report to take appropriate action on the consolidated recommendations for prevention, mitigation and assessment of impact of oil spills as suggested by the Expert Committee.
- iii) The Government direct the Director of Environment to request the concerned Departments/ agencies to furnish proposals within the cost indicated by the Expert Committee to carry out their responsibilities/ monitoring activities.

- iv) The Government permit the Director of Environment to approach the Port Authorities for funding to the tune of Rs.5.68 Crores to carryout various activities as indicated in the Committee Report.
- v) The Government permit the Director of Environment to take action to formulate project proposals, if any, based on the suggestions/findings of above study reports/monitoring reports under Phase-II.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To,

✓ The Director of Environment, Chennai – 15.  
The Principal Secretary,  
Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Department,  
Chennai-9.

**Copy to:-**

The Hon'ble Chief Minister Office, Chennai-9.  
The P.S. to Principal Secretary,  
Environment and Forests Department, Chennai-9.  
The Special Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Environment),  
Chennai-9.  
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//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

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