



ABSTRACT

Forests – Wildlife – Constitution of Tamil Nadu State Level Committee for Vulture Conservation – Tamil Nadu Action Plan for Vulture Conservation (TNAPVC) – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND FORESTS (FR.5) DEPARTMENT

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Read:

1. From the Joint Director (Wildlife) Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi, letter F.No.15-5/2020-WL, dated.17.11.2020.
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden letter No.WL3/42893/20, dated. 24.04.2022.

ORDER:

In Government of India letter first cited above have enclosed an Action Plan for Vulture Conservation (APVC) in India. The Action Plan for Vulture Conservation (APVC) 2020-2025 has identified priority areas and strategies for conservation of vultures.

2. One of the important action points in the plan is to constitute a State Level Committee for Vulture Conservation to implement the Action Plan for Vulture Conservation (APVC) 2020-2025. In order to bring coordination between various wings of the Government for effective vulture conservation, it has been decided to constitute a State Level Committee to set up an institutional framework for conservation of vultures.

3. Vultures play an extremely important role as nature's scavengers thereby keeping our environment clean. Their social and ecological significance cannot be underestimated. Over a period of time, the population of vultures has come down so drastically that they are now identified as critically endangered. In order to conserve vultures a comprehensive action is needed encompassing the need for periodic monitoring of the vulture population, controlling use of several veterinary drugs which are toxic to vultures and promoting vulture conservation breeding programmes, etc.

4. Nine species of vultures are recorded from India. 1. Oriental White-backed Vulture 2. Long-billed Vulture 3. Slender-billed Vulture 4. Himalayan Vulture 5. Eurasian Griffon Vulture 6. Red-headed Vulture 7. Egyptian Vulture 8. Bearded Vulture and 9. Cinereous Vulture. Four species of vultures viz., oriental white-

backed vulture, long-billed vulture, red-headed vulture and Egyptian Vulture are found in Tamil Nadu.

5. Accordingly, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden has sent a proposal for constitution of a State Level Committee as per the Chapter V(II) of Action Plan for Vulture Conservation in India 2020-2025.

6. After carefully considering the proposal, the Government hereby constitutes a State level Committee for Vulture Conservation in Tamil Nadu (TNAPVC). The committee will have following members:-

S. No.	Composition of the Committee	Designation
1.	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden	Chairman
2.	Director of Animal Husbandry Department	Member
3.	Director of Drug Controller, Food Safety and Drug Administration Department, Chennai-6.	Member
4.	Dr.B. Ramakrishnan, Ph.D, Assistant Professor, Government Arts College, Ooty - 643002.	Member
5.	Dr.K.Ramesh, Ph.D, Scientist E, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.	Member
6.	Dr.S.Muralidharan, Director in Charge, Division of Eco-toxicology, Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History, Coimbatore – 641108.	Member
7.	Dr.Vibhu Prakash, Deputy Director, Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS), F-25, HMT Colony, Pinjore-134101. Hariyana.	Member
8.	Thiru.Bharathidasan, Secretary, Arulagam, G.V.Residency, Sowripalayam, Coimbatore-641028. E-mail: arulagamindia@gamil.com	Member
9.	The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Project Tiger)	Member
10.	The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife)	Member Secretary

7. The Committee will ensure the implementation of Action Plan for Vulture Conservation in Tamil Nadu. The Role and responsibility of the State Level Committee is detailed as below: -

- i. Scientific management of carcass dumps and carrying out sample analysis of cattle carcass.
- ii. Management of wild animal carcasses in protected and non-protected areas.
- iii. Establishment of co-ordinated, well-established and efficient regulatory mechanism for ban on drugs found toxic to vultures.
- iv. Set up vulture conservation breeding centres.

- v. Setting up Vulture Rescue Centres to cater to injured and sick vultures.
- vi. Participating in the nation-wide vulture census. Identifying locations of vultures, developing teams for carrying out census and developing capacity to work on Vulture census periodically.
- vii. Regular monitoring of vulture population across the State of Tamil Nadu.
- viii. Enhancing vulture safe zone network by creating vulture safe zones in Tamil Nadu
- ix. Enhance public awareness about the need to conserve vulture species through educational initiatives in schools and colleges, field visits, workshops, seminars and media including social media etc.
- x. The Committee shall prepare an Annual Report of Action Plan for Vulture Conservation in Tamil Nadu.

8. The term of the Committee shall be for a period of two years from the date of issue of Government Order. The Committee shall be treated as a First Class Committee for the purpose of T.A. and D.A. for outstation Members.

9. The Secretariat of the Committee shall be at the office of Chief Wildlife Warden which will undertake the entire logistics coordination and preparation of several periodical and Annual Reports.

10. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O.No.514/ADS(GKT)/2022, dated: 19.10.2022.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and
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The Government of India,
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All the Members: [**Through**: Principal
Chief Conservator of Forests
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