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AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

TAMIL NADU PROTECTED AGRICULTURAL ZONE DEVELOPMENT RULES, 2020

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In exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (1) of Section 23 of the Tamil Nadu Protected Agricultural Zone Development Act, 2020 (Tamil Nadu Act 11 of 2020), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby makes the following rules: —

1. **Short title.**— These rules may be called the Tamil Nadu Protected Agricultural Zone Development Rules, 2020.

2. **Definitions.** — (1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires, —

- (a) “Act” means the Tamil Nadu Protected Agricultural Zone Development Act, 2020 (Tamil Nadu Act 11 of 2020);
- (b) “Department” means the Department of Agriculture and Department of Horticulture and Plantation Crops of the State;
- (c) “District Level Committee” means a Committee constituted under sub-section (1) of Section 9 of the Act;
- (d) “Form” means a Form annexed to these rules.

(2) The words and expressions used but not defined in these rules, shall have the same meaning respectively assigned to them in the Act.

3. **Development of Agriculture.**— (1) For the purpose of development of agriculture, the Department shall prepare a detailed plan in consultation with the Departments of Agricultural Engineering and Agricultural Marketing in the protected agricultural zone and submit to the Authority before the 31st March of every year.

(2) The Department may also submit plans on need based research and development in the field of Agriculture, Horticulture and allied sectors in consultation with the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University.

(3) The Department shall submit half yearly Progress Reports on the development of agriculture in the protected agricultural zone for the periods ending 30th June and 31st December, to the Authority.

4. Functions of the Authority.— The Authority shall perform the following functions in addition to the functions prescribed under Section 8 of the Act, namely :-

- (a) suggest measures to safeguard the natural surface, soil and water;
- (b) suggest preventive measures to safeguard the livelihood of the agriculturalists in the protected agricultural zone;
- (c) recommend area for inclusion in the protected agricultural zone; and
- (d) suggest and recommend the agro based and allied industries that may be established in the protected agricultural zone.

5. Sitting Fee and Travelling allowance for nominated members.— The nominated members of the Authority and the District Level Committee shall be entitled to draw sitting fee and travelling allowances for any journey performed by them in connection with their duties as such member at the rates and subject to the conditions applicable to non-official members of the First Class Committees and the Second Class Committees, respectively, of the Government, as laid down by the Government from time to time.

6. Constitution of Technical Committee.— The Technical Committee to assist the Authority to make recommendation to the Government to omit or add any project in the Second Schedule to the Act, shall consist of the following members, namely:-

- (a) The Agricultural Production Commissioner and Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department - Chairperson, Ex-officio;
- (b) The Director of Agriculture - Member-Secretary, Ex-officio;
- (c) The Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops - Member, Ex-officio;
- (d) The Chairman, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board - Member, Ex-officio;
- (e) The Director of Industries and Commerce – Member, Ex officio;
- (f) The Director of Animal Husbandry – Member, Ex-officio;
- (g) The Director (Research), Tamil Nadu Agricultural University – Member, Ex-officio.

7. Fund operation of the Authority.— The fund of the Authority shall be operated by the Member-Secretary of the Authority.

8. Accounts and Maintenance of Registers.— (1) The Authority shall follow the procedures prescribed in the Tamil Nadu Treasury Code and the Tamil Nadu Financial Code and the Orders issued by the Government from time to time and also the forms prescribed therein for preparation, drawal, etc., of monthly pay bill and other establishment bills;

(2) The monthly account of receipts and expenditure and Annual Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Authority shall be maintained in Form I and Form II respectively;

(3) The Authority shall provide a copy of the monthly accounts before the end of the succeeding month and a copy of the annual accounts before the 31st May of every year to the auditor;

(4) The auditor shall audit and certify the accounts of the Authority on or before 31st August of every year;

(5) The accounts of the Authority as certified by the auditor together with audit report along with the remarks of the Authority thereon shall be forwarded to the Government by the Member-Secretary of the Authority within two months, from the date of receipt of the audit report.

9. Annual Report.— The Member-Secretary of the Authority shall prepare and submit an Annual Report to the Government on the activities of the Authority during the previous years and which are likely to be undertaken by it in the current financial year on or before the 31st May of every year.

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(See rule 8(2))

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