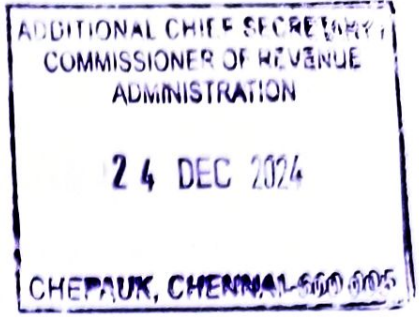




**ABSTRACT**



Environment, Climate Change - Chemical Accidents (Emergency Planning, Preparedness and Response) Rules, 1996 - **Reconstituting the State Crisis Group for effective management of Chemical Accidents** occurring in Tamil Nadu - Orders - Issued.

**ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOREST (EC.2) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.(Ms). No.217

Dated 23.12.2024

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**Read:**

1. G.O.(Ms)No.109, Environment and Forest Department, dated 23.04.1998.
2. G.O.(Ms)No.135, Environment and Forest (EC.2) Department, dated 07.12.2007.
3. From the Chairperson, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, letter No.T2/TNPCB/P&D/F.No.32062/23, dated 18.04.2024.

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**ORDER:**

The Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forest have framed the Chemical Accidents (Emergency Planning, Preparedness and Response) Rules, 1996 in exercise of powers conferred under sections 6, 8 and 25 of Environment (Protection) Act 1986. Under Rule 6 & 8 of the said rules, in the Government order first read above, the State, District and Local Crisis Groups were constituted. Subsequently, in partial modification of the G.O first read above, the State Crisis Group was reconstituted in the Government Order second read above with Chief Secretary as Chairperson, Secretary, Labour and Employment Department as Member Secretary, Secretary, Environment and Forest Department as Member along with 14 other members inclusive of 4 Experts and a special invitee.

2. In the letter third read above, the Chairperson, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board in consultation with Director of Industrial Safety and Health (DISH) has sent proposal for reconstitution of State Crisis Group and also recommended the names of the four Experts and one Special Invitee to be included as members in the Reconstitution of State Crisis Group.

3. After careful examination, the Government of Tamil Nadu hereby reconstitute the State Crisis Group for effective management of Chemical Accidents occurring in Tamil Nadu, with the following Composition: -

(i)	Chief Secretary	-	Chairperson
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(ii)	The Secretary, Labour Welfare and Skill Development Department	-	Member Secretary
(iii)	The Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department	-	Member
✓(iv)	The Additional Chief Secretary/ Commissioner of Revenue Administration	-	Member
(v)	The Additional Chief Secretary, Revenue and Disaster Management Department	-	Member
(vi)	The Principal Secretary, Environment, Climate Change and Forest Department	-	Member
(vii)	The Principal Secretary, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department	-	Member
(viii)	The Secretary, Industries, Investment Promotion & Commerce Department	-	Member
(ix)	The Chairman/Chairperson, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board	-	Member
	<b>(Four Experts)</b>		
(x)	Mr. Premapriyan. P, Vice President Operations, Kotahri Petro Chemicals Ltd., General Secretary – Manali Industries Association	-	Member
(xi)	Dr. N. Balasubramanian, Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, AC Tech, Anna University, Chennai – 600 025.	-	Member
(xii)	Dr. M. Sivarajan, Principal Scientist, Associate Professor, AcSIR, CISRA Central Leather Research Institute, Adayar, Chennai – 600 020.	-	Member
(xiii)	Dr. N. Saravanan, Scientist 'E' Biochemistry, ICMR – National Institute for Research in Tuberculosis, Chetpet, Chennai – 600 031.	-	Member
(xiv)	Transport Commissioner	-	Member
(xv)	Director of Industrial Safety and Health	-	Member
(xvi)	Director of Fire Service	-	Member
(xvii)	Director General of Police	-	Member
(xviii)	Rajendra. J. Parshuramkar, DGM (Fire and Safety), Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited.		Special Invitee from industry side



The State Crisis Group shall be the apex body in the State to deal with major chemical accidents and to provide expert guidance for handling major chemical accidents.

**Functions of the State Crisis Group**

- a. Review all District off-site Emergency plans and on-site emergency plan and DISH to come up with a State Level Disaster Management Plan with a view to examine its adequacy in accordance with the manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemicals, Rules and forward a report to the Central Crisis Group once in three months.
- b. Assist the State Government in managing chemical accidents at a site;
- c. Assist the State Government in the Planning Preparedness and mitigation of major chemical accidents at a site in the State;
- d. Continuously monitor the post-accident situation arising out of a major chemical accident in the State and forward a report to the Central Crisis Group;
- e. Review the progress report submitted by the District Crisis Groups;
- f. Respond to queries addressed to it by the District Crisis Groups;
- g. Publish a list of experts and officials in the State who are concerned with the management of chemical accidents.
- h. Convening meeting of the State Crisis Group by Labour Welfare and Skill Development Department at regular intervals.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

**P. SENTHILKUMAR**  
**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Secretary to Government of India,  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change,  
Government of India, New Delhi-110 003.

The Chairperson,  
Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Chennai-32.

The Director,  
Department of Environment, Climate Change, Chennai - 15.

✓ All members of the State Crises Group.

**Copy to:-**

All District Collectors.

The Private Secretary to Principal Secretary-I to Hon'ble Chief Minister,  
Chennai-9.

The Special/Senior Personal Assistant to the  
Hon'ble Minister (Finance and Environment & Climate Change), Chennai -9.

The Principal Private Secretary to Chief Secretary to Government,  
Chennai-9.


The Private Secretary to Principal Secretary to Government,  
Environment, Climate Change and Forest Department, Chennai-9.

The Private Secretary to Special Secretary (E,CC),  
Environment, Climate Change and Forest Department, Chennai-9.

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23/12/2024