

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY  
ABSTRACT

Forest and Wild Life – the Forest and Conservation Act, 1980 or Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Abhiniyam, 1980 – Availability of Degraded Forest Land and / Non-Forest Land – in the Union Territory of Puducherry – Notification – Order – Issued.

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CHIEF SECRETARIAT (FOREST)

G.O. Ms.NO.2

Puducherry, Dated 25.05.2026

READ: File No.e-68928 approved by the Hon'ble Lt.Governor  
on 19.05.2026.

ORDER:

The following Notification shall be published in the issue of the Official Gazette of the Government of Puducherry:-

**NOTIFICATION**

WHEREAS, the Government of Puducherry is committed to fostering the ecological balance and environmental stability, and preservation of natural resources, including Forest & Wildlife preservation while fostering inclusive economic growth, sustainable development, and entrepreneurial dynamism through rationalized and improved regulatory practices aimed at facilitating creation of economic and employment opportunities in the Union Territory of Puducherry;

AND WHEREAS, there are no notified reserved or protected Forest areas in the Union Territory of Puducherry. As such, there have been or could be no instances of Forest land having been diverted under the 'Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980' or the 'Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980' in the Union Territory of Puducherry;

AND WHEREAS, the geographical land areas in all four regions of the Union Territory of Puducherry fall under notified Development Plans, as notified from time to time, Compensatory afforestation or allied aspects may not be required to be undertaken since no Forest related clearances are required;

NOW, THEREFORE, with a view to provide abundant clarity regarding compensatory afforestation and related land use requirement(s) for the stakeholders and investors, the Government of Puducherry is pleased to hereby notify the following status with respect to the "Availability of Degraded Forest Land and / or Non-Forest Land":-

- i. There are no "Degraded Forest Land Area(s)" available in the Union Territory of Puducherry in terms of the 'Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980', whereby "Degraded Forest Land" typically refers to Forest Area(s) where the crown density is less than 10% (canopy cover of 0.1);
- ii. The suitable non-forest land parcels for tree plantation and afforestation have been identified, and the details of these land parcels are provided in Annexure; and
- iii. The evaluation of any specific environmental Scheme(s) or compensatory tree plantation measure(s), in case required, will be done keeping in view the Comprehensive Development Plans of respective regions and the attendant non-availability of notified Reserved Forest / Protected Forest / Degraded Forest requiring diversion and / or compensatory afforestation.

// BY ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR //

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Joint Secretary to Govt.(Forests)

**ANNEXURE TO G.O.MS.NO.2 DATED 25.05.2026**

The statement of non-forest land parcel identified for afforestation is shown in below table:-

S No.	District	Revenue Village	Resurvey No.	Taluk	Extent (H.A.ca)
1.	Puducherry	44 - Murungapakkam	1/3, 1/4, 2/2, 2/3	Puducherry	00-31-60
2.	Puducherry	56 – Eripakkam	11/1, 51/1	Bahour	00-52-50
3.	Puducherry	64 – Korkadu	110/4/B	Bahour	00-37-00
4.	Puducherry	63 – Embalam	109/4, 107/3, 105/3	Bahour	02-23-50
5.	Puducherry	13 – Kodathur	115	Villianur	02-09-00
6.	Puducherry	05 – Vadhanur	296	Villianur	01-00-00
7.	Yanam	02 – Yanam	5/2, 4pt (Town survey No. G/4/2)	Yanam	01-00-00
Sub Total – Puducherry District					07-53-60
1.	Karaikal	27 – Keezhavely	G/9/9 pt	Karaikal	05-60-00
2.	Karaikal	06 – Kurumbagaram	1	Thirunallar	02-30-00
Sub Total – Karaikal District					07-90-00
Grand Total – Union Territory of Puducherry					15-43-60

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