

# District Forest Fire Control Centre getting ready for Coimbatore division

**S. Ramasubramanian, Conservator of Forests, says the centre will have dedicated trained staff and equipment; Forest Minister M. Mathiventhan is closely monitoring the establishment of the centre**

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The fire control centre will have a dedicated telephone line which can be contacted to inform about forest fire. Forest Department staff attached to the seven forest ranges in the Coimbatore Forest Division will also have to contact the centre in case of forest fire for assistance and coordination. Already, the Department has procured some firefighting equipment including six sets of blowers, grass cutters, sprayers, and chain saws.

Mr. Mathiventhan is expected to inaugurate the centre, after the appointment of a dedicated team and the procurement of all the required equipment.

A total of about 200 hectare of forest was affected by the fire that broke out in Madukkarai forest range last year. As the fire was reported in a rocky terrain, only dry grass and bamboo clumps below a cliff were gutted.



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