

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF
FORESTS & HEAD OF FOREST FORCE, KERALA**

PRESENT: P. K. KESAVAN IFS

Sub: Reallocation of Duties and Functions among PCCF (P&D) and APCCF (FB&A) – regarding

- Ref: 1. G.O. (MS) No.43/2006/F&WLD, dated 28.12.2006
2. Letter No.IFS-II-410/2012, dated 04.11.2019 of PCCF & HoFF
3. Government Letter No.155/F1/2019/F&WLD, dated 23.12.2019


Order No.IFS II-410/2012 Dated 01.01.2020

Vide G.O. (Rt) No.4671/2019/GAD, dated 06.08.2019, an ex-cadre post of PCCF (Planning & Development) was created and Shri.D.K.Verma IFS (KL: 1986) posted against that post. He was also assigned the responsibilities of overseeing the working of Social Forestry, Finance, Budget & Audit, Working Plan & Research and the FIB wings. On more than one occasions, this office had to intervene in the proper flow of work and movement of files between APCCF (FB&A) and PCCF (P&D). A proposal was also submitted to Government vide reference (2) above for the redistribution of duties and functions among the above two posts. Government, vide letter cited in the reference, has advised that in view of the G.O. cited in the reference, this office is competent to revise the duties and functions of the post of APCCF (FB&A).

The Kerala Forest Code currently in use in the Department is more than half a century old. While the basic principles in the Code may remain largely unchanged, operational aspects have drastically changed. In view of this, the Department has been making efforts over the last two decades for a comprehensive revision of the Kerala Forest Code. It requires the undivided and full time attention of a senior officer with adequate field and office experience on the various aspects covered in the Code. Vide D.O. Letter No.350/D3/2016/F&WLD, dated 24.12.2019 Government has directed to take urgent action in this regard, without any further delay.

In view of what is stated above, I P.K.Kesavan IFS, PCCF & HoFF hereby order that Shri.S.Gopalakrishnan IFS (KL: 1992), APCCF (FB&A) will look after the exclusive responsibility of revising the Kerala Forest Code. This work should be completed over the next 3 months. With the approval of this office, he may

co-opt two or three officers with required background to support in this activity. The APCCF (FB&A) will directly report to this office. All the other duties and functions currently discharged by the APCCF (FB&A) will be looked after by Shri.D.K.Verma IFS (KL:1986), PCCF (P&D) until further orders.



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