

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

Present: P.K.Kesavan IFS

Subject: Rationalization of Resources – Establishing a single Estate Officer for Forest Headquarters and Forestry Training Complex, Rajiv Gandhi Nagar – Streamlining of – Regarding

Reference: 1) Letter No. TRG2-794/2018, dated: 07-04-2018 of Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (IHRD)

2) Proceedings order No. T3-2737/2018, dated: 13-03-2018 of Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Administration)

3) Note dated: 15-03-2018 of APCCF(IHRD) submitted to PCCF& HoFF
 4) Letter No. T3-2737/2018, dated: 05-04-2018 addressed to APCCF(IHRD)

5) GO(MS) No. 53/2008/F&WLD, dated: 07-08-2008

T3-2737/2018

Dated: 27-04-2018

Government, vide GO(MS) No. 53/2008/F&WLD, dated: 07-08-2008, has issued duties and functions among Chief Conservator of Forests and Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests. The Forestry Training Complex at Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, in addition to the training facilities, also comprises of office buildings of various wings, residential quarters of different types, other buildings for various purposes, and their appurtenant structures etc. The CCFs' Council meeting on 22-02-2018 deliberated to streamline and rationalize the resources of both Rajiv Gandhi Nagar and Forest Headquarters, and decided that both the estates shall be under a single Estate Officer for the purpose of efficiency and administrative convenience. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Administration) was directed to take further action in this regard. Thus, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Administration) issued necessary orders that entire estate of Forestry Training Complex at Rajiv Gandhi Nagar shall be under a single Estate Officer, vide proceedings dated: 13-03-2018, referred 2nd above.

- 2. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (IHRD), vide note dated: 15-03-2018 addressed to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, requested to retain the three buildings viz., (i) office of the APCCF(IHRD), (ii) Trainees Hostel, Executive Hostel and conference hall of Forestry Training Complex and (iii) Nature History Museum with him for smooth functioning of IHRD wing. This was found to be a reasonable request and it was agreed to and Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Administration) vide letter dated: 05-04-2018 has informed APCCF (IHRD) to maintain the above three buildings with a request to hand over the rest of the buildings and estates at Forestry Training Complex, Rajiv Gandhi Nagar along with registers and connected files to the Assistant Conservator of Forests & Estate Officer, Forest Headquarters, Thiruvananthapuram, vide reference 4th cited.
- 3. Now Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (IHRD) pointed out that as per the Government Order cited in reference (5), the Chief Conservator of Forests (IHRD) is in charge of

protection, maintenance and development of forest museum and of the Campus at PTP Nagar, Thiruvananthapuram and stated that he can hand over the estate only after amending the above Government Order.

- 4. In this regard, having examined the whole issue in the light of the above Government Order, it is noted that, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (IHRD) is responsible for training related matters in Kerala Forest Department and the infrastructure related to that. But the infrastructure/estate at Rajiv Gandhi Nagar complex go far beyond that related to training and many of the activities come under the purview of Finance, Budget and Audit wings or Forest Management wing of Kerala Forest Department and has no relation to the working of the training or IHRD wing.
- 5. Thus, invoking the authority given to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Kerala in the Government Order GO(MS) No. 53/2008 /F&WLD, dated: 07-08-2008, it is hereby clarified as follows:
 - a) It is clarified that all the estate buildings, including premises and equipment, etc. at Rajiv Gandhi Nagar complex except three buildings, mentioned in para 2 above, shall be under the administrative control of Assistant Conservator of Forests & Estate Officer, Forest headquarters, Thiruvananthapuram as detailed vide references 2nd and 4th above.
 - b) The Range Forest Officer (EO-II) shall report to the Assistant Conservator of Forests & Estate Officer, Forest headquarters, Thiruvananthapuram who shall be the Controlling Officer for all purposes pertaining to the estate premises in Rajiv Gandhi Nagar.
 - c) The IHRD wing shall utilize the service of an Instructor at State Forestry Training Institute, Arippa (in the rank of Range Forest Officer) who comes under the jurisdiction of IHRD wing for upkeep related works and for assisting in training related duties, etc..

The above orders shall be in force forthwith.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Kerala.

Copy to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forests and Wildlife Department for information and record. (With separate cover letter)

Copy to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Management)/Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Finance, Budget and Audit) for information.

Copy to the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (IHRD) for information

Copy to the Assistant Conservator of Forests & Estate Officer, Forest headquarters, Thiruvananthapuram for information and further necessary action.

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