

ANNEXURE – 1
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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Abstract

Forest & Wildlife Department – Constitution of an Expert Committee for the
Modernization of the Forest Department of Kerala – Sanctioned – Orders issued

FOREST & WILDLIFE (E) DEPARTMENT

G.O. (MS) No. 22/2010/F & WLD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 21/05/2010

ORDER

In view of increasing pressure on land, including the forest lands, the incidences of encroachments into the forests are on the rise that has created continuous conflict between the forests resources and the people. The growing demand for forest produce especially for the timber and other commodities,, attempts for illegal felling of forests may also rise over the years. There is also tendency of organized attempts to exploit the forest resources by illegal means with modern machines. On the other hand the forest department is operating with less sophisticated equipment and weapons who may not be match in facing the threat of the organized illegal activities. In order to equip the forest force with utmost modern technology and equipment a need assessment is required to be done. It is also essential to review and arrive at the direction/approaches to be adopted to reorient the department to face the emerging problems and challenges of global warming and climate change.

2. Therefore, offer considering the above circumstances, Government have decided to constitute an Expert Committee on modernising the Forest Department to study the existing situation, assess the global changes and recommend measures to be taken to position the department to meet the expectations and growing demand for performance. Accordingly Govt. are pleased to constitute an Expert Committee comprising of the following members.

1. Sri. T.M.Manoharan, PCCF (Chairman)
2. Sri. Sreedharan, Retired PCCF, Government of Tamil Nadu
3. Prof. Kunhikrishnan, Department of Zoology, Kerala University, Thiruvananthapuram

4. Sri.N.Gopinathan, CCF (Vig.), Member Convenor

3. The Committee will function at the Forest Headquarters and will examine the existing status, discuss with various interest group, rely on the best practices of Forest Management both within the country and outside and give recommendations on the following within a period of three months.

1. Areas of modernization of forest protection staff in terms of mobility, communication and equipment.
2. Application of modern technology for efficient forest protection and management.
3. Infrastructure needs for a modern forest force for their effective functioning.
4. Human resource requirement/management and reorienting their skills to the changing imperatives of environment issues.
5. Redefining/Reorientation of the mandate of KFD to meet the changing role in view of climate change issues.
6. Any other issue that the Committee may think deemed essential to achieve the above objective.

4. Sanction is also accorded for payment of Rs.1 lakh as honorarium to the non-official members for completing the report, and sanction to incur expenditure on T.A. and accommodation for non-official members as admissible to class I officers in service. The expenditure will be debited to the head of account "2406-01-800-95-Forest Protection".

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests will take immediate necessary action in the above matter.

(By Order of the Governor)

Dr.W.R.REDDY

Secretary to Government

To

- ▶ The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Thiruvananthapuram
- ▶ The Accountant General (A&E)/Audit, Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
- ▶ The Finance Dept. (Vide U.O.No.33924/AW.B1/10/Fin.)
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