



PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ADDITIONAL PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS (FMIS)

Present: Ganga Singh IFS

Sub: Recognition of the exemplary contributions by **Shri. Vishnu S. Kumar, Section Forest Officer –Award of “Good Service Entry”** – orders issued – regarding

ORDER No. PCA2-21471/2012 DATED 22/07/2015

The Forest Management Information System (FMIS) was established in the Kerala Forest Department (KFD) as part of the World Bank assisted Kerala Forestry Project (KFP), which was implemented from the year 1998 to 2003. The major functions of the wing includes *Implementation of various e-Governance initiatives, Centralized Procurement of electronic equipment, Overseeing maintenance of electronic equipment., Preparation and implementation of various FMIS modules, Overseeing functioning of network connectivity, Managing and maintaining website of the KFD and 11 Circle Websites, Providing inputs of trainings courses related to the GIS / FMIS, Liaison with IT and related Departments etc.*

Shri. Vishnu S. Kumar has been working in this wing for the past 2 years. The details of exemplary activities carried out by Shri. Vishnu S. Kumar for the department are listed below:

1. He was involved in the **centralized procurement** activities of the wing, managed proper register for distribution and disposing of huge numbers of various equipment such as computers, laptops, multi-function photocopiers, digital cameras, camera traps, GPS, Scanners, Fax machines, Printers, UPSs, and other electronic devices procured in the wing for the use of the officers and field.
2. He was also involved in ensuring the proper maintenance and execution of **Annual Maintenance contract** of the distributed machines in the field. All the field officers were given the contact number of the Section forest officer of the wing for contacting in case there is any complaint or grievances regarding the distributed equipment. He himself took pain in maintaining the updated record of the grievances and imparted personal interest in rectifying the

complaints through proper follow up action. He was prompt in informing and registering the complaints at the proper time so that the same was rectified timely.

3. The Department implemented **e-tendering** during 2013 {as per the Government order G.O. (MS) No. 08/2013/ITD dated 26.03.2013}. Since this was an online initiative, same was taken up by this wing. Shri. Vishnu S. Kumar attended the training and was involved in all the activities related to the e-tendering including training officers and serving as a helpdesk on behalf of the department.
4. He had undergone the training in **Online Submission of application for diversion of land under Forest Conservation Act, 1980**, at Bangalore conducted by Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India and has been assigned as the resource person for the application since then by the Additional PCCF(SA&NO).
5. The entire network revamping at Forest Headquarters was carried out by M/s BSNL during 2013-14 as part of modernization of the Forest Headquarters. A new **Unified threat Management System (UTM)** was deployed to monitor the network usage, new domain servers were installed. Since the FMIS is the IT wing of the department, Mr. Vishnu S.Kumar was actively involved with the team of M/s BSNL for revamping activities day and night up till the completion of the entire work. He is well aware of the points of deployment and is currently involved in the management of the networking activity of Forest Headquarters. The network at Forest Headquarters is one of its kind and has invited the appreciation of Kerala state IT Mission (KSITM). KSITM sent their team to study the network deployed in Forest Headquarters, so as to advice the other government offices to implement the same.
6. Forest Head Quarters with 300 network users was suffering from an insufficient BSNL Broadband plan with 200GB download limit /month. There was also a wireless KSWAN connection which was dismantled during the modernization works of Forest Headquarters, after continuous discussion with KSITM, they agreed to revoke the tower and due to the effort and discussions in which Mr. Vishnu S. Kumar was also an integral part, **KSITM provided a free connection to FHQ with full internet privilege**, presently available to Forest Department only.
7. The Departmental website (www.forest.kerala.gov.in) is being managed by FMIS. Mr. Vishnu S. Kumar was one of the member of the team of FMIS which won the Chief Ministers e-Governance **Best Website Award** for the departmental website during 2011-2013.

8. As part of the e-governance initiatives of the State Government the **Citizen centric services** of the department was started during 2013. Vishnu S. Kumar was the integral part of the first service i.e. Agastyarkoodam Trekking service which went live during 2014. He is currently involved in the background works for the rest of the services.
9. For the first time in any of the State Forest Departments, individual **Websites for the Circles** were created and initialized by the Kerala Forest Department with the help of CDIT. Mr. Vishnu S. Kumar was involved in preparation and the implementation of the websites.
10. Mr. Vishnu S. Kumar was deputed by the department for attending the **Network and hardware training course** conducted by the Knowledge center, Keltron keeping in view of his interest in the said field. He has utilized his knowledge fruitfully to manage the networking and hardware aspects in the department.
11. He acquired ample experience in the file tracking software **IDEAS** which was implemented in the forest Headquarters since 2012.
12. Shri. Vishnu S. Kumar is a very dedicated, obedient, polite and hardworking official.

In the above circumstances, I, **Ganga Singh IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FMIS)** hereby award "**Good Service Entry**" to **Shri. Vishnu S. Kumar, Section Forest Officer** of the Kerala Forest Department as recognition of exemplary contribution to the Kerala Forest Department.

Ganga Singh IFS

To

- a. Shri. Vishnu S. Kumar, Section Forest Officer, O/o the APCCF(FMIS)
- b. Additional PCCF(Administration) for information
- c. PCA2 section for making necessary entries in the service book of the incumbent
- d. Head Accountant, O/o APCCF(FMIS)

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