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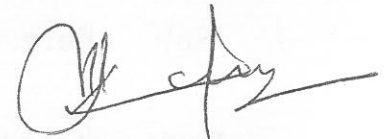
Sub : Forest Fire - safety of visitors and staff - instructions - reg.

In view of the tragic death of several members of the public in the forest fire in Theni Division of Tamil Nadu Forest Department on 11th March, 2018, Chief Secretary, Government of Kerala and the Chairman, State Disaster Management Executive Committee has issued directions to stop trekking to hills and also to ensure that all fire lines are cleared. In view of the above, following instructions are issued with immediate effect, :

1. No movement of members of public inside forest areas, without permission, will be allowed.
2. All programmes in which members of public are taken inside forest areas, like trekking, will be suspended forthwith.
3. DFOs / WLWs will critically review the fire sensitivity of the areas where visitors are to be taken, assess the safety of visitors and only after convincing that the visit is safe, the areas will be re-opened. Such re-opening will be based on written report of the DFOs / WLWs and with the approval of the respective Chief Conservator of Forests.
4. If any such site is re-opened for visit for the public, a 15 minute briefing will be given to the visitors before the visit starts. The briefing will include fire sensitivity of the area, need for not causing fire, precautions to be taken for personal safety, what to do in case of accidental fire, etc.

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5. Visitors will not be allowed to take match boxes, lighters or any inflammable materials into the forests. This should be checked and ensured before they enter into the forests.
6. The staff / watchers accompanying the visitors will also take sufficient precautions for personal safety including wearing of cotton cloths, carrying sufficient quantity of water, wireless / mobile communications etc.



Head of Forest Force

To

All PCCFs / APCCFs / CCFs /
All DFOs / WLWs

Copy to :

The Managing Director, KFDC - for guidance.