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**Proceedings of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) &
Chief Wildlife Warden, Kerala**

Present: G.HARIKUMAR

Sub: Authorizing Asst. Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry) for the
management of Captive Elephants

- Ref: 1. CCF's Council decision on 13.05.2015.
2. G.O (MS)No.30/2004/F&WLD dated 12-07-2004.

Order No.BDC2-295/2015 Dated 14-05-2015

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The territorial Divisional Forest Officers are at present managing issues
pertaining to captive elephants within their respective jurisdictions. In the
present circumstances of increasing complaints and conflicts reported
regarding captive elephant management it is noticed that the Divisional
Forest Officers mostly having headquarters in the remote forest areas find
it difficult to operate in the areas of occurrence of captive elephant issues
along with their usual forest management works. This matter was
discussed in the Council of CCF's on 13.05.2015 and it was decided that
the responsibility of Management & Maintenance of Captive Elephant in
Kerala may be entrusted to the Assistant Conservator of Forests (Social
Forestry) within their jurisdiction.

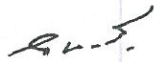
Vide the Government Order cited as reference, the Assistant
Conservators of Forests (Social Forestry) are appointed as Wildlife Wardens
for the purpose of implementation of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972
within their respective jurisdiction.

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Considering the above, the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry of all 14 Districts of Kerala, who are already designated as Wildlife Wardens, are hereby directed to henceforth manage issues related to captive elephants in their area of jurisdiction as per the existing Act and Rules with the involvement of Forest Range Officers and other staff working with them. They shall submit report of issues/incidents to the undersigned as and when necessary. They shall also maintain data related to captive elephants within their jurisdiction. The Territorial Divisional Forest Officers will hand over all related files to Assistant Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry) other than the case files which may be handed over after disposal of cases.


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The PCCF & Head of Forest Force for favour of information
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All DFOs/WLWs/ACFs(Social Forestry) for information & necessary
action

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