

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

Present. V. Gopinathan

**Sub: Kerala Forest Department- Temporary appointment of Deputy
Range Forest Officers as Range Forest Officer- orders issued- reg**

Read: 1.Letter No.D1-27438/2010 Dtd.30.11.2012, 08.01.13 & 30.05.2013
Of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(Wildlife)&Chief Wildlife
Warden

2. GO (Rt) No.273/2013/F&WLD dated 15.07.2013

Order No. D1-27438/2010 dated 22 .07.2013

The authorized sanctioned strength of Range Forest Officers in the Kerala Forest Department is 204. Prior to 21.10.2010, the method of recruitment was as follows:- "25% of the total cadre strength (ie, sanctioned posts) of Range Forest Officers shall be filled by Direct Recruits having the qualifications of (B.Sc. Forestry) who have satisfactorily completed the practical training in the Forest Department, 25% by appointment of Forest Apprentices (FA) who have satisfactorily completed training in the Forest Colleges and the practical training in Forest Department; 25% by appointment of Deputy Range Forest Officers / Foresters who have undergone Ranger's Training (FTR) and 25% by promotion of Deputy Range Forest Officers/Foresters who have undergone Forester's training (FNTR)".

The Range Forest Officers in the Kerala Forest Department were under the purview of the Kerala Forest Subordinate Service Rules. Lately, the post of Range Forest Officers has been included in the category of gazetted post as per G O (MS) 48/2009/F&WLD dated 27.10.2009 and the post has been included in the State Forest Service as per the Kerala Forest Service Special Rules, 2010 notified vide the GO (P) No. 73/2010/F&WLD dated 21.10.2010. As per the said Rules, the quota of recruitment has been recasted as follows

Sl. No.	Category	Quota	No.of posts
1	Direct Recruitment from candidates who possess a Degree in Forestry	25%	51
2	Direct Recruitment from candidates who possess a Degree in Science or Engineering	25%	51
3	Appointment by transfer from among the Deputy Range Forest Officers in the Kerala Forest Subordinate Service Rules	25%	51
4	Recruitment by transfer from forest officers namely Wildlife Assistant, Deputy Ranger, Forester and Forest Guard	20%	41
5	Recruitment by transfer from approved probationers in the Kerala Forest Ministerial Subordinate and the Kerala Ministerial Services in Forest Department	5%	10

During 2013, 21 vacancies of Range Forest Officers would arise consequent to the retirement of 11 Range Forest Officers and promotion of 10 Range Forest Officers as Assistant Conservator of Forests. As such the vacancies of Range Forest Officers are to be filled immediately so that the functioning of the Ranges is not badly affected on account of posts not being properly filled. Hence Government sanction has been sought vide letter read as 1st above to promote 21 Deputy Ranger Forest officers to the cadre of Range Forest Officers as per as per Rule 31(a) (i) of Kerala State and Subordinate Service Rules. Government vide GO read as 2nd above granted permission to appoint 21 Deputy Range Forest Officers as Range Forest Officers as per the list temporarily, based on the actual number of vacancies existing and eligibility at the time of occurrence of vacancy under Rule 9(a) (i) Part II KS&SSR in relaxation of the ban on temporary appointment on the condition that no major disciplinary action is pending against them and all the existing vacancies earmarked for Direct Recruitment of Range Forest Officers are reported to the Kerala Public Service Commission.

Presently there are 13 vacancies of Range Forest Officers in the Department. Under the above circumstances the following 13 Deputy Range Forest Officers temporarily appointed as Range Forest Officers in the scale of Rs20740-36140as

per Rule 9(a) (i) of Kerala State and Subordinate Service Rules Part-II as Range Forest Officers

Sl.No.	Name	Seniority no. in the provisional seniority list of Deputy Range Forest Officers as on 01.03.2011
1	M.Yusiff	6
2	J.Suresh	43A
3	K.Santhosh	46
4	P.A.Hilal Babu	48
5	T.S.Sukesan	49
6	V.Raj Kumar	52
7	T.S.Saju	53
8	B.R.Jayan	54
9	K.T.Udayan	55
10	B.Gopakumar	57
11	T. Sunilkumar	58
12	M.Anilkumar	60
13	T.S.Xavier	62

The temporary appointment as Range Forest Officers is subject to the following conditions

1. The appointment as Range Forest Officers is over and above the quota fixed for promotion of Deputy Range Forest Officers and therefore this appointment is purely on temporary basis
2. These Deputy Range Forest Officers will be reverted without any notice when eligible hands join duty, if they cannot be accommodated in their respective eligible quota

3. The reversion will take place starting from the junior most of the officers herein appointed as Range Forest Officers.
4. In respect of the Range Forest Officers appointed temporarily as per this order, the appointment will be regularized as and when vacancies earmarked for them will occur in their respective quota after following the procedures prescribed in the Rules.

Posting orders will be issued separately.



**Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) &
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1. Individuals through the concerned Divisional Forest Officers.
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force.
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden.
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry).
5. All Additional Principal Chief / Chief Conservator of Forests / Conservator of Forests.
6. File / Stock File / E4 section / D3 section.