PROCEEDINGS OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT)

PRESENT: D.K. VERMA IFS

Sub: Enhanced rates of rent for Inspection Bungalows, Dormitories, Community Halls, Watch Towers etc. under the Control of the Kerala Forest Department – clarification proceedings – issued.

Ref: 1. GO (Rt) No.56/2011/F&WLD dated 11..02..2011

- 2. GO (P) 409/2014/Fin dated 23..09..2014
- 3. GO (P) 44/2018/Fin dated 17..03..2018
- 4. Proceedings No.A4-15788/2018 dated 18..04..2018 of APCCF (F, B & A)
- 5. GO (P) 28/2019/Fin dated 08..03..2019
- 6. Proceedings No.A4-1664/2019 dated 30..03..2019 of APCCF (F, B & A)

Order No.A4-1664/2019 dated 29.10.2019

The rates of rent for Inspection Bungalows, Dormitories, Community Halls, Watch Towers etc of Kerala Forest Department was first enhanced as per Government Order first cited, showing the various categories of occupants and the corresponding rent to be realised.

As per Government Order second cited, Government had revised the prevailing user charges/ fees in all Departments with effect from 01..04..2014 at the rates fixed & specified therein.

As per reference third cited, Government had further enhanced the existing fees/ charges for all the services provided, at the rate of 5% with effect from 01..04..2018 and it was also directed that the all Government Departments shall issue Proceedings specifying the revised rates to be collected. Accordingly as per reference fourth cited, formal Proceedings was issued showing the new rates (5% enhancement) with effect from 01..04..2018. This Proceedings also contained, amongst other categories of services, the rate to be collected as rent from Inspection Bungalows, Dormitories, Community Halls, Watch Towers etc. under the control of the Department.

As per reference fifth cited, Government had ordered a further enhancement of the fees/charges for the services rendered, by 5% with effect from 01..04..2019. It was also directed that the all Government Departments shall issue Proceedings specifying the revised rates to be collected. Accordingly as per reference sixth cited, formal Proceedings was issued showing the new rates (5% enhancement) with effect from 01..04..2019. This Proceedings so issued also contained, amongst other categories of services, the

rates to be collected as rent from Inspection Bungalows, Dormitories, Community Halls, Watch Towers etc. under the control of the Department.

On a re-examination of the reference sixth cited, it is felt that for obviating any ambiguity in rent collection, a clarification proceedings on the same lines as that of the Government Order first cited and pinpointing the rates of rent to be collected for the various categories of occupants is necessary. Therefore, the information contained in the Proceedings sixth cited and relating specifically to rent collection from Inspection Bungalows, Dormitories, Community Halls, Watch Towers etc. under the Control of the Kerala Forest Department is hereby specified as follows:

		Rent which effect from 01042019	
I	INSPECTION BUNGALOWS/ FOREST COTTAGES		
1	Officers on duty	1/3 DA/ day	
2	MP/MLAs	Rs.170/day/person	
3	Officers of Central / State, Public Sector Undertakings		
	a. Official purpose	1/3 DA/person	
	b. On private visit	Rs.335/day/person	
4	General Public (Single occupancy)	Rs.665/day/person	
5	General Public (Double occupancy)	Rs.995/day/person	
6	Foreign Nationals	Rs.55 US Dollar/ Day/person	
7	Former MLAs, MPs & Ministers and retired Forest Officers (single occupancy)	Rs.170/day/person	
8	Former MLAs, MPs & Ministers and retired Forest Officers (double occupancy)	Rs.255/day/person	
Office	rs on duty will be entitled to use the cottage at par with Inspection Bung	galows	
II	DORMITORIES		
1.	Students	Rs.55/day/person	
2	Others	Rs.170/day/person	
3	Employees of Kerala Forest Department for meetings, visits etc at 50% of the rate of rent applicable to general public.	Rs.85/day/person	
III	COMMUNITY HALLS		
1	Public functions like Marriages, Social/ Cultural functions of the Tribals/ SC in and around forest areas	Rs.585/-	
2	Public functions like Marriages, Social / Cultural functions of Local Community Groups other than SC & ST Groups	Rs.2760/day	

3	Public functions like Marriages, Social/ Cultural function, Groups other than local community.	Rs.4140/day	
4	Employees of Kerala Forest Department for meetings, visits etc. at 50% of the rate of rent applicable to general public	Rs.2070/-	
IV	ROOMS ATTACHED TO COMMUNITY HALLS, DORMITORIES & INFORMATION CENTRES		
1	Rooms (Single occupancy)	Rs.335/day/person	
2	Rooms (Double occupancy)	Rs.665/day/person	
3	SC/ST and Local Communities for their Social/ Cultural needs	Rs.85/day/person	
4	Additional Occupancy	Rs.85/day/person	
No en	try fee will be charged for visiting information centres		
V	WATCH TOWERS		
1	Entrance fee	Rs.40/person	
2	Overnight stay in the Tower	Rs.335/person	

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Planning & Development)

To

- 1. All Principal Chief Conservators of Forests for kind information
- 2. All Additional Principal Chief Conservators of Forests for information
- 3. All Chief Conservators of Forests for information
- 4. All Conservators of Forests for information & necessary action
- 5. All Divisional Forest Officers/ Wildlife Wardens/ Deputy Conservators of Forests/ Assistant Conservators of Forests/Deputy Directors, PTR East/West and Parambikulam Tiger Reserve

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- 1. Deputy Conservator of Forests (FMIS). The Proceedings may be uploaded in the website of Kerala Forest Department.
- 2. Junior Superintendents (Audit) for necessary cross checks during the course of audit inspections.
- 3. Stock File/ Spare