



BDC2-295/2015

Dated 21.08.2015.

Circular No.3/2015

Sub: Cruelties meted to the elephants in the State of Kerala –
Directions issued - reg

Ref: Orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP(C)No.743/14 &
connected IAs dated 18.08.2015

The Hon'ble Supreme Court in the reference 1st cited above, has ordered in IA's related to the cruelties meted to the elephants in the State of Kerala and how they are required to be curbed. In order to comply with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court the following directions are issued:-

1. All Assistant Conservators of Forests (Social Forestry) may verify and count all the captive elephants in their respective district of jurisdictions. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Biodiversity Cell) will forward the master copy of details of Captive Elephants to facilitate the counting. The counting of the all the elephants shall be completed within 15 days and reported to the undersigned.
2. The elephant owners who has not obtained data book shall apply and obtain the data book within one week. The copies of the data book if needed by any owner/ACF's Social Forestry may be collected from the Office of the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Biodiversity Cell).
3. All the District Collectors and Conveners (Assistant Conservators of Forests, Social Forestry) may convene the meeting of the District Committee and discuss the ways and means to implement the provisions of Rule 10 of the Kerala Captive Elephant (Management & Maintenance) Rules 2012

and submit the ATR to the Chief Wildlife Warden, Kerala. The nominee of Animal Welfare Board of India may also be invited in the meetings of the District Committee.

4. The Temples and Devaswom Board shall registered their elephants with the District Committee as ordered by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the prescribed format Annexed to the Circular.
5. The Kerala Captive Elephant (Management & Maintenance) Rules 2012 may be implemented religiously. The owner of the elephant, Devaswom Board, District Committee and Assistant Conservators of Forests Social Forestry shall see that no elephant is meted with any kind of cruelty and, if it is found, apart from being lodging of criminal prosecution by the Assistant Conservators of Forests Social Forestry they shall face severe consequences which may include confiscation of the elephants to the state. The maintenance of confiscated elephants will be at the cost of the owner of the elephant.

The above instructions shall be brought to the notice of all owners of private elephants, Devaswom Board and Elephant Owners Association and District Collector by the Assistant Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry) in the respective district of their jurisdiction.



Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) &
Chief Wildlife Warden, Kerala.

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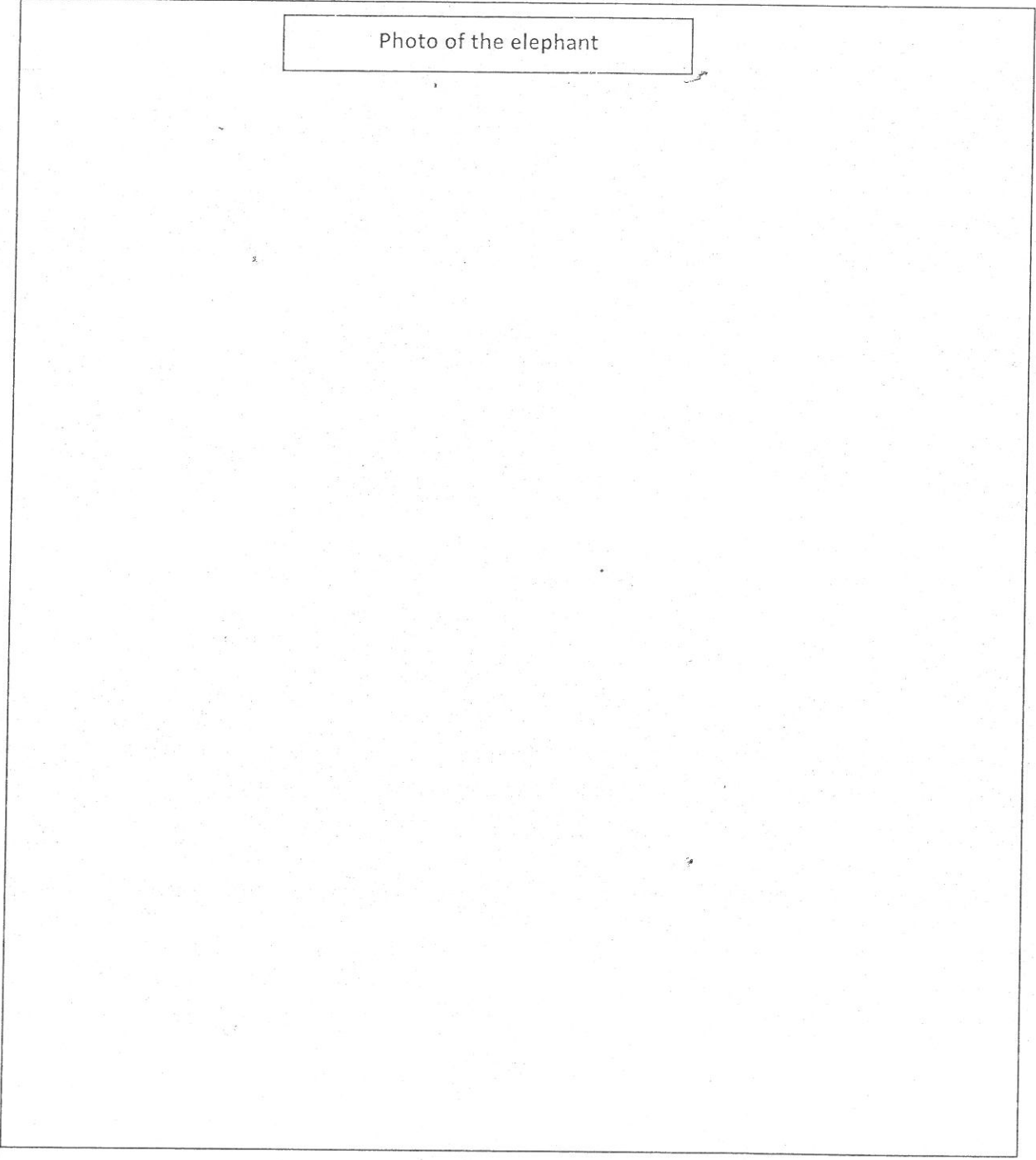
The PCCF & Head of Forest Force for favour of information
The PCCF (D&PFM) for favour of information
The PCCF (Social Forestry) for favour of information
All CCFs/CFs (Territorial & Wildlife Circles) for information
All DFOs/WLWs/ACFs (Social Forestry) for information and necessary action
All District Collectors (with the copy of Judgment dated 18.08.2015 for information and necessary action).

Copy to: The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FMIS) for uploading the circular on official Web site of the department.

Proforma for Registration of elephants before the District Committee

(Rule 10 of the Kerala Captive Elephants (Management & Maintenance) Rules, 2012)

Photo of the elephant

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Details of Elephants

1.	Name of the Elephant	
2.	Address and Location where the elephant is kept	
3.	Age	
4.	Sex	
5.	Ownership Certificate No. & Date, if issued & State of Issuance of Ownership Certificate <i>(Please indicate the name of elephant as per Ownership Certificate)</i>	
6.	Microchip No. & Date & State in which elephant is microchipped <i>(Please indicate the name of the elephant as per Microchip Certificate)</i>	
7.	Data Book Issued or not and name of elephant as per Data Book	
8.	No. of Nails	
9.	Identification Marks	

10.	Details of elephants gone amok, any human death or injury caused by elephant with date, year and location	

Details of Owners, Mahouts and Cavadies

1.	Name and Address of the Present Owner	
2.	E.mail & Phone No. (Landline & Mobile No.) of the Present Owner	
3.	Name & Address of the Owner as per Ownership Certificate, if issued	
4.	Name & Address of the Owner as per Microchip Certificate	
5.	Name & Address of the Owner as per Data Book	
6.	Name & Address of the Mahout	

7.	Phone no. of the Mahout	
8.	Experience of Mahout and Details of Training Attended by Mahout	
9.	Whether the elephant is provided housing as per Rule 3 Of the Kerala Captive Elephant (Management & Maintenance) Rules, 2012?	
10.	Whether the mandatory Registers for Veterinary Care (Rule 4), Feeding and Water(Rule 6) and Work Norms (Rule 7) are maintained?	
11.	Details of Insurance	
12.	Details of Offences/Cases, if any, Booked against the Owner	
13.	Details of Offences/Cases, if any, Booked against the Mahout	

Details of Use of Elephant in Festivals with Nos.

Month	No. of Elephants involved in Temple Festivals with Location (Provide Specific Dates)	No. of Elephants involved in Public Functions/Use, with Location (Provide Specific Dates)
January		
February		
March		
April		
May		

Month	No. of Elephants involved in Temple Festivals with Location (Provide Specific Dates)	No. of Elephants involved in Public Functions/Use, with Location (Provide Specific Dates)
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		

Month	No. of Elephants involved in Temple Festivals with Location (Provide Specific Dates)	No. of Elephants involved in Public Functions/Use, with Location (Provide Specific Dates)
December		