

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA 5634 Abstract

Forest & Wildlife Department – Restructuring and strengthening of VSSs/EDCs- unification of the functioning of VSSs and EDCs - Orders issued.

FOREST & WILDLIFE (E) DEPARTMENT

G.O(MS)No. 33/2009/F&WLD. Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 07/07/2009

Read :- 1.• G.O.(Ms)26/06/F&WLD dtd.20.7.06

2. Lr.No.WL-2/4005/09 dtd.11.6.09 from the Chief Conservator of Forests(Wildlife), Thiruvananthapuram

ORDER

As per G.O. read as 1st paper above Government issued revised guidelines for the implementation of Participatory Forest Management(PFM).

Chief Conservator of Forests(Wildlife) in his letter read as 2nd paper above reported that while the objectives of formation of VSSs and EDCs in Territorial and Wildlife Divisions respectively are more or less same, significant differences now exist between the VSSs and EDCs in their formation and administration. In view of the enlargement of scope of the PFM system and the gradual disappearance of the barriers between the protected areas and other forest areas, which are likely to be more pronounced with the implementation of Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Tribes) Act 2006, there arises the acute need for unification of the functioning of grass root level VSSs and EDCs. Therefore Chief Conservator of Forest(Wildlife) has requested Government to issue necessary orders for making applicable the guidelines for VSS mentioned in the G.O.read as 1st paper above to EDCs also.

Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to order that the guidelines issued in G.O.(Ms)26/06/F&WLD dtd.20.7.06 in respect of VSS will be applicable to EDCs also.

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