

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Forests – Wild Life Department – Merger with Forest Department and integration of staff with that of the Forest Department - Regarding – Orders issued

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Agriculture and Rural Development Department (Agriculture – Forest Establishment)

G.O.(MS)11/66/Agri.

Dated 7<sup>th</sup> January, 1965.

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Read:- 1. G.O.Ms.No.1400/58/Agri. dated 26-12-1958  
2. Correspondence resting with letter E1-25115/62 dated 31-10-1965 from the Chief Conservator of Forests  
3. Letter No.A4-33921/65 from the Public Service Commission.

**ORDER**

According to orders contained in the Government Order read as first paper above, the Wild Life Department the personal being not interchangeable.

2. The present Wild Life Department, the activities of which are confined to Wild Life Sanctuary areas, is only a small Department with a Limited number of posts. There is only one Gazetted posts in the rank of Assistant Conservator of Forests on Rs.350-700 in the Department. The next lower post in the grade of Ranger Officers on Rs.150-300 and all the other posts numbering about 83, are in lower grades. A separate Wild Life Department with its very limited scope for expansion can only be a blined alley for the staff of the Department especially as normal course in extremely limited. Government have, therefore, been considering in the interest of both the Department and the staff working there, the question of treating the Wild Life Department as an integral part of the Forest Department and in integrating the staff of these two Departments, thereby affording ampte opportunities to the staff of the Wild Life Department also for normal promotions to higher grades just as their compeers in the Forest Department.

3. In this connection, Government have also ascertained the set up of Wild Life Departments in order States like Madras, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Assam etc. in all these states, the Wild Life Department is an integral part of the Forest Department and not a

separate Department as in this State. The Staff of the Wild Life Department does not require any specialized knowledge which the officers of the Forest Department do not already have Wild Life Conservation outside the sanctuary areas is even now done by regular Forest officers. The Indian Board for Wild Life is also not in favour of the creation of a special Department for Wild Life and the Board has recommended that the Forest Departments which are in charge of the natural habitat of the Wild Life are the best agencies for being entrusted with wild life conservation.

4. Under these circumstances, Government are pleased to order in modification of the orders issued in the Government Order read above, that the Wild Life Department be merged with the Forest Department and treated as an integral part of the Forest Department with interchangeability of staff by integrating the staff of the Department.

By Order of the Governor,

To

The Chief Conservator of Forests

Endt. On E1-25115/65 dated 23.01.1966

Copy to Wild Life Preservation Officer, Thekkady for information and attention.

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