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Revised wages Rate

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is directed vide phone message dt 11/3/08



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Forest & Wildlife Department - Forest Schedule of Rates - Revision of Minimum wages in Forest Department - Orders Issued.

FOREST & WILDLIFE (B) DEPARTMENT

GO (MS) No. 7/07/F&WLD Thiruvananthapuram, Dated 24.02.2007.

- Read: 1. GO (MS) 49/99/ F&WLD dated, 21.5.1999
- 2. GO (MS) 83/99/ F&WLD dated, 27.9.1999
- 3. Letter No. P4 - 14868/06 dated, 8.2.07 from the Chief Conservator of Forests (Development).

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The wage rates for the labourers engaged in forestry operations were revised previously during 1999 as per the Government Orders read as 1st and 2nd papers above. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Development) vide letter read above, informed the Government that the revision of wages is long overdue and the prevailing rates have become unworkable, and hence proposed the revision of wage rates. Government have examined the proposal in detail and are pleased to accept that recommendations and to revise the wage rates for works in Forest Department as per details given below:-

A - Wages

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The wage rates for all 4 categories of workers engaged in daily wages are revised as shown in Annexure I. A comparative statement of the existing wage rates and the revised wage rates are also given in Annexure I.

B - VDA

The VDA will be fixed at 6 (Six) paise per point above 1200 points of consumer price index number published for each District Head Quarters in Kerala.

C- Classification of Workers

The details of various workers proposed under each category above are given in Annexure-II

D- Dragging, stacking and transporting timber

The rates for dragging logs by hired elephants, stacking of timber using hired elephants and transport of timber and firewood in lorries had been approved through GO (MS) No. 76/93/F&W.L.D dated 18.11.93. The rates fixed in this Government Order were enhanced by 50% as per the Government Order read as 1st paper above and not increased since then. The Chief Conservator of Forests had suggested an increase of 50% of the existing rates in view of the increase in the cost of fuel and hire charges of private elephants. Government have examined the proposal and are pleased to accept the recommendations to enhance the existing rates by 50%. However the enhancement in case of rates for transportation of timber and firewood by fair weather roads and coupes compared to the normal roads will be limited to 33.3% instead of the prevailing enhancement of 50%. The existing and revised rates for dragging, stacking and transporting of timber is given under Annexure -III

E- Classification of Forest Ranges

The ranges are classified into Ordinary, Difficult and Very difficult areas. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Development) has also suggested certain changes and additions in the classification of ranges into Ordinary, Difficult and Very Difficult areas with a view to rationalize and update the existing classification. Several new ranges have been created by bifurcating the existing ranges and hence revised classification has become necessary. Government have examined the proposal in detail and order that the classification of the areas/ ranges into Ordinary, Difficult and Very Difficult will be as per Annexure -IV.

F-Common Categories

Categories such as Computer Operator, Junior programmer, Accountant, Clerk, Typist, Data Entry Operator, Draftsman, Peon and Watchman which are common categories and for which separate daily wages have been fixed by the Government through separate Government Orders will continue to get daily

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wages as specified in those orders as amended from time to time and wages fixed as per these orders shall not apply to them.

The orders will come into force with immediate effect.


(By Order of the Governor)

L. RADHAKRISHNAN
Secretary to Government

To

- ✓ The Principal Chief Conservator Forests, Thiruvananthapuram.
- ✓ The Accountant General (A&E) Audit, Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram (This issues with the concurrence of Finance Department)
- ✓ The Finance Department (vide U.O. No. 83748/AW.A1/07/11 in dated 19.2.2007.
- ✓ All sections of Forest Department.
- ✓ Stock file/ Office copy.

Forwarded / By Order


Section Officer

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