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Abstract

Forest and Wild Life Department - Kerala Forestry Project - The Kerala Forest Revolving Fund for Teak and Tully wood Rules 1999 - Approved - Orders issued.

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FOREST AND WILD LIFE (S) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.65/99/F&WLD. Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 2/7/1999.

Read:- Lr.No.FCS.1035/97 dated 27.7.1998 from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (General), Thiruvananthapuram.

O R D E R

Government are pleased to approve the appended 'Kerala Forest Revolving Fund for Teak and Tullywood Rules 1999', and order accordingly.

(By Order of the Governor),  
LILLIE JACOB,  
Principal Secretary to Government.

- The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (General), Thiruvananthapuram.
- The Chief Conservator of Forests (World Bank Project), Thiruvananthapuram.
- The Chief Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry), Thiruvananthapuram.
- The Accountant General (Audit/ABS), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram. Vide Lr.No.Co.ora.III/7-152/150/1072 dated 25.12.1998. This issue with the concurrence of Finance Department.
- The Finance Department, Thiruvananthapuram. Vide Lr.No.10130/AM.B1/99/Tin. dated 25.3.1999.
- The General Administration (GC) Department. Vide item no.3215 dated 24.6.1999 of the proceedings of the Council of Ministers.
- The District Treasury Officer, Thiruvananthapuram.
- The Forest and Wild Life (S) Department.
- Stock File.
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- ordered by order,

Section Officer.

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THE KERALA FOREST REVOLVING FUND FOR  
TEAK AND PULP WOOD RULES 1999.

Short title and commencement:-

These rules may be called the Kerala Forest Revolving Fund for Teak and Pulp Wood Rules 1999. It shall come into force at once.

Definitions:

In these rules - unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context:-

- (1) Conservator of Forests' means the Chief ~~XXXXXX~~ Forest Officer in charge of a territorial, wildlife, social forestry or any functional circles or a portion or portions of one or more circles if in independent charge of such portion or portions of when they are constituted into a forest circle.
- (2) 'Department' means the Kerala Forest Department.
- (3) 'Divisional Forest Officer' means the Chief Forest Officer of a territorial, Wildlife, Social Forestry or any functional forest Division or a portion or portions of one or more divisions if in independent charge of such portion or portions of when they are constituted into a forest division.
- (4) 'Fund' means the fund-constituted under the Kerala Forest Revolving Fund for Teak and Pulp wood Rules 1999.
- (5) 'Government' means the Government of Kerala.
- (6) 'Personal Deposit Account' means the personal deposit account opened in Government treasuries for operating the fund in accordance with these rules.

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Plantation' means plantations of teak and pulp wood raised or maintained by the Kerala Forest Department.

'Principal Chief Conservator of Forests' means the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests of Kerala.

'Pulp wood' means wood used as raw material in pulp, paper or related industries.

'Value' means the sale value fetched in the auction sale or other forms of sale excluding taxes, surcharges, duties etc.

'Year' means the financial year of the Government from 1st April to 31st March.

Constitution of the fund:-

(1) A fund namely the Kerala Forest revolving fund for teak and pulp wood is hereby constituted, which shall comprise of 5% of the value of teak and 50% of the value of pulp wood obtained by Government from the sales of teak and pulp-wood.

(2) The Government shall make sufficient provision in the annual budget for every year for transferring from the consolidated Fund of the State, an amount equivalent to 5% of the value of Teak and 50% of the value of pulp wood to the Personal Deposit Accounts, to be maintained in accordance with these rules.

(3) The Government shall make an initial deposit into the fund for the commencement of the fund soon after these rules come into force.

Source of fund:-

(1) The main source of the fund will be the portion of revenue received by the Department from the sales of teak and pulp wood from the plantations.

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- (1) The budget head for the revenue receipt from the sale of timber and other forest produce of the Department shall be divided suitably to account the revenue from the sale of Teak and Pulpwood separately.
- (3) The revenue obtained from the sales of forest produce in the Department shall be credited to the respective heads separately depending on the source of revenue.
- (4) 5% of the total amount credited to the detailed head for sale of teak and 50% of the total amount credited to the detailed head for sale of pulp wood shall be the source of the fund.
- (5) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests shall allot the budgetary provision made under the 'Revolving Fund' to the Divisional Forest Officers who will draw the amount and credit the same into the Personal Deposit/Accounts in their name.

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Operation of the fund:-

- (1) The fund shall be administered and operated by the Chief Conservator of Forests (Development), and the Divisional Forest Officers as provided for under these rules under the general supervision and control of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests.
- (2) The fund shall be operated through Personal Deposit Accounts in the name of Divisional Forest Officers or any other officer specifically authorised by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests for this purpose.
- (3) There shall be two Personal Deposit Accounts in the name of Divisional Forest Officer, one for teak and the other for pulp wood.

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- (iv) Soil and moisture conservation works.
- (v) Fire protection, Protection from grazing, biotic factors, pests and diseases
- (vi) Other silvicultural operations
- (vii) Protection and maintenance of plantations
- (viii) Construction and maintenance of inspection paths and plantation roads.

(c) Research and Development Activities:-

- (i) Research on nursery management, planting stock improvements, seed handling, improved technology etc.
- (ii) Research on plantation management, productivity increases, planting technology and other areas related to plantations development
- (iii) Training and HRD activities connected with nursery development and plantation management.

(d) Other Activities:

- (i) Purchase of books, periodicals
- (ii) Travelling allowance
- (iii) Purchase and maintenance of vehicles
- (iv) Office expenses
- (v) Civil works and other works incidental to the items mentioned above.

Provided that the expenditure under item (d) should not exceed 10 percent of the total allotment in the respective Personal Deposit Accounts.

3. The amount shall not be utilised for any purpose other than the stipulated works, for which the fund has been created and the Conservator of Forests having administrative control over the Divisional Forest Officers shall supervise and ensure effective utilisation of the funds.

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7. Maintenance of Accounts:-

- (i) Separate accounts and cash books and vouchers in identifiable form, shall be maintained for each account and furnished to the Accountant General. A register indicating receipts and expenditure shall be maintained at the Division level.
- (ii) The Divisional Forest Officer who maintains accounts shall render monthly accounts of receipts and payments to the Accountant General not later than 10th of the succeeding month with copy to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests with a progress report on utilisation of the fund for activities in the form prescribed.
- (iii) The Chief Conservator of Forests (Development) who maintain the main accounts shall consolidated the accounts after the close of the financial year and render the compiled accounts classified under the appropriate Head of Account and furnish to Accountant General.
- (iv) The Chief Conservator of Forests (Development) prescribe the necessary forms for request for funds, utilisation certificate, progress reports and other form necessary for the administration of the fund.

8. Power to relax rules or impose further restrictions:

Government shall have power to relax any rules or impose further restrictions or issue any further orders for the effective management of the funds and the achievement of its objectives.

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