

**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

**Abstract**

Forest and Wildlife Department- Guidelines for implementation of Participatory Forest Management (PFM)- Modified –Orders issued.

**FOREST & WILDLIFE (E) DEPARTMENT**

G.O (Ms). NO. 12/2001/F&WLD. Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, dated 2-2-2001

- Read: 1) G.O. (Ms). No.8/98/F&WLD dated 16/1/1998  
2) Lr.No.PCM3-689/2000 dated 14.03.2000 from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (General) Thiruvananthapuram.

**ORDER**

In the Government Order read as 1<sup>st</sup> paper above Government had issued the guidelines for the implementation of Participatory Forest Management (PFM) activities: The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (General) in his letter read as 2<sup>nd</sup> paper above has reported that while implementing Participatory Forest Management activities, it was found that charging seigniorage rate for bamboo and reeds which significantly contribute to the livelihood of the Forest dependent poorest of the poor, had become a serious disincentive for such communities to join VSS. Several representations have been received from the VSS to waive the seigniorage rate prescribed for the bamboo and reeds. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervision mission of the World Bank had also recommended for the modification of the Participatory Forest Management guidelines deleting the provision that VSS members pay for reed and bamboo in forest area at “Seigniorage rates”. Hence he has requested to modify the Participatory Forest Management guidelines deleting the provision that makes it mandatory for VSS members to pay seigniorage rates for bamboo and reeds collected from Participatory Forest Management area.

Government have examined the matter in details and are pleased to amend Para 12.3 of the PFM guidelines issued as per the G.O. read above to the effect that “traditional workers who are entitled to get bamboo and reeds free of cost will be exempted from payment of Seigniorage charges even it they become members of the VSS, and they will be supplied with reeds and bamboo free of cost according to the existing procedure for supply at free of cost.

The guidelines issued as per the G.O read above will stand modified to the above extent.

(By Order of the Governor)

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To

The Ministry of Environment and Forest GOI, NewDelhi  
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The Chief Conservator of Forest (WBP), TVpm  
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