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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Forest and Wildlife (F) Department

NOTIFICATION

G.O. (P) No. 41/08/F&WLD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram , 3rd July 2008

S.R.O. No. 767/2008- In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 48A of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972), the Government of Kerala hereby authorize the concerned Territorial Divisional Forest Officers of Kerala Forest Department to issue transport permit for the movement of captive elephants to neighboring States.

By order of the Governor,

P.K. Mohanty

Principal Secretary to Government

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport)

As per section 48 A of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972) the State Government may authorize any officer to grant permission for the transportation of any wild animal (other than vermin) or any animal article or any special plants or parts or derivative thereof.

Transportation of captive elephants outside the State without adequate safety measures has been a major cause of concern during exhibition of elephants in public places. Presently the Chief Wildlife Warden is the only authority to issue permits for transportation of elephants within the State and outside the State Government have decided to authorize all Territorial Divisional Forest Officers of Kerala Forest Department to issue permits for transportation of captive elephants to neighbouring States to simplify the procedure and to ensure adequate safety measures during transport.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.