

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract.

Forest Department – Flying Squad – Formation of – Orders issued.

Agriculture (Forest A) Department.

G.O. MS. 808/60/Agri.

Dated Trivandrum 14-10-1960

Read: Correspondence resting with letter No. E1- 4936/57 dated 7-7-1960 from the Chief Conservator of Forests.

ORDER

The question of formation of additional flying squads in the Forest Department to effectively prevent and detect smuggling of timber from reserve forests and also to check encroachments has been engaging the attention of Government for some time past.

2. Sanction is accorded for the formation of four more flying squads in the forest department in addition to the three squads now existing each squad will consist of one Ranger, one Forester and six Forest Guards. The existing 3 squads will be re organized in the above pattern. Sanction is also accorded for the creation of the following additional posts temporarily till the end of February 1961.

Rangers	4	Guards	24
Foresters	1	Drivers	4

The jurisdiction of the seven flying squads will be redistributed as follows:-

1. Trivandrum, Quilon and Thenmala Division.
2. Konni and Ranni Division.
3. Kottayam Division.
4. Malayattor Division.
5. Trichur and Chalakudy Division.
6. Palghat and Nemmara Division.
7. Nilambur Kozhikode and Wynad Division.

3. Each part will be provided with a pick up van one dozen hand cuffs, one revolver and seven rifles, Each party will be provided with a building for office-cum-residence. This staff will be paid regular T.A. and other allowance admissible as per rules. Rewards will also be given to informants, the amount being met from contingency. The Chief Conservator of Forests is requested to forward necessary draft rules governing the grant of rewards to informants. The financial commitment will be as follows for the seven squads together.

	Ultimate cost non-recurring.
Cost of 7 wagons at Rs. 18,000/- each	1,25,000
7 dozen hand-cuffs	70

7 Revolvers at Rs. 250/-	1,750
49 Rifles at Rs. 500/- each	<u>24,500</u>
	1,52,320
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Recurring:-

Rangers 7- Establishment charges	16,464
Foresters 7 do	6,636
Forest Guards 42 do	37,296
Drivers 7 do	6,636
Remuneration o informants	700
Traveling allowance	67,200
Rent for office-cum-residence	4,200
Petrol charges	29,400
Maintenance of station wagons	1,400
Purchase of cartridges	<u>700</u>
	Total 1,70,632
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This expenditure will be met from provision under '10 Forest (C) (i) District Offices' of the current year's budget.

4. Government consider that with the provision of these facilities it will be possible for the Department to control the encroachments and smuggling in forest areas effectively. The Chief Conservator of Forests is requested to see that encroachments are strictly dealt with in future. He is also requested to arrange for the vehicles being provided to the flying squads immediately. Any difficulty in the matter should be brought before Government, to consider the question of diversion of vehicles from other Departments, if necessary.

By order of the Governor,

C. THOMAS,

Secretary to Government.

Endt. on E1-936/57 date 25-10-1960

Copy to all Sub- Officers, P.A. F.A., A1, A3, All supdts. E2, E3, E4, E5 and stock file.

Sd/- For Chief Conservator of Forests.

Copy of letter No. E1-36835/60 dated 24-10/4-11-60 from the Chief Conservator of Forests to the Secretary to Government.

Sub:- Formation of Flying Squads – Instructions – issued - copy enclosed

I am enclosing a copy of the instructions issued to make the Flying squads function more efficiently.

It is pointed out that unless we get the required station wagon and arms equipments, it will be difficult to start functioning . Pending purchase of new pick up vans. 7 vans may be ordered to be diverted from other department.

Pointed attention is invited to para 5 of the notes on Forests officers in relation to Police Officials” Necessary instructions may be issued to the police officials in this respect.

Sd/- For Chief Conservator of Forests.

Endt. on E. 15347/60 dated 17-11-1960

Copy with the copies of enclosures to H.A., G1. Section and R. Section for further section.

Conservator’s Office,
Chalakydy.

Sd/-Conservator of Forests.

Forwarded/By order
Sd/-
Manager.

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