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Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Paryavaran Bhavan
addressed to the Chief Secretary, Government of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.**

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Project Tiger Reserves are the protected areas which should receive the highest priority both from the Central Government and the State Government. The status of protection in any Tiger Reserve mainly depends on the Field Director. It was in view of this fact that the Steering Committee of Project Tiger in its meeting held on 31st march 1973 had decided that the State Government should send a panel of name suitable for posting as Field Directors of Tiger Reserves along with commitment that the officer will have to stay in the park premises or at least at a place from where the park can be v sited every day. Any posting as Field Director should be made from amongst the panel approved by the Steering Committee of Project Tiger. However, over the years the process has been diluted and today we have at many places Field Directors who are not proving upto task assigned to them.

I shall be grateful if in future all posting against the post of Field Director of Project Tiger Reserves is made after getting the names approved from the Steering Committee of the Project Tiger. The State Government should be in a position to anticipate the transfers that are proposed to be made from amongst the Field Directors during a calendar year in January itself and the panel of names considered suitable for the post should be sent to Director Project Tiger latest by 31st January positively so that the approval of the Steering Committee can be communicated well in time.

With regards.

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