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Forest and Wildlife (C) Department

NOTIFICATION

G. O.(P) No. 41/2006/F&WLD. Dated, Thurwananthapuram, 25th November, 2006.

S. R. O. No. 816/2906.—In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 4 of the Kerala Forest Act, 1961 (Act 4 of 1962), read with section 3 thereof, the Government of Kerala hereby declare that it is proposed to constitute the lands at the disposal of the Government comprised of eleven bits numbered 1 to 11, the situation and limits of which are specified in the schedule below a Reserved Forest and appoint the Revenue Divisional Officer, Idukki, as the Forest Settlement Officer, to inquire into and determine the existence, nature and extent of any rights claimed by or alleged to exist in favour of any person in or over any land comprised within those limits or to any forest produce of such land and to deal with the same as provided in the said Act. The Government also appoint the Divisional Forest Officer, Kottayam to attend, on behalf of the Government at the inquiry prescribed by Chapter II of the said Act.

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