



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Forest & Wildlife Department – Constitution of the State Forest Development Agency (SFDA) Kerala – Sanctioned – Orders issued

FOREST & WILDLIFE (E) DEPARTMENT

G.O (MS) No. 23/2010/F&WLD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 21/05/2010

Read:- 1. Letter F.No.25.1.1/99-BII dated 10/12/2009 from Government of India.
2. Letter No. E&TW1-69/2010 dated 18.03.2010 and 12/5/10 from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Thiruvananthapuram.

ORDER

Government of India in their new guidelines of National Afforestation Programme (NAP) as first cited above have proposed to decentralize the project cycle management of the scheme with a view to expediting fund transfer to the village level implementing organizations, Vana Samrakshana Samithies (VSS) and Eco-development Committees (EDC). The guidelines, provide for the constitution of State Level, registered Society under the Societies Registration Act, known as State Forest Development Agency (SFDA) to function as on apex body of Forest Development Agency (FDAs) in the state. It is envisaged to vest SFDA with financial powers and to approve it as an agency for circulation and recommendation of projects finalized by FDAs, for sustainable forest management which aims in achieving the objectives of biodiversity conservation and improvement of livelihood of forest dependent communities.

2. In the light of the instructions as referred above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has submitted proposal vide reference 2nd cited above, for registering SFDA with draft Memorandum of Association and Bye-laws of the State Forest Development Agency for Government Approval.

3. Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to accord sanction for the following:

1. Registering State Forest Development Agency, Kerala as a Charitable Society under the Travancore-Cochin Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies Registration Act, 1955.
2. Adopting the Memorandum of Association Rules and Regulations of the society, and Bye-laws of the SFDA, Kerala as appended.
3. Constitution of the General Body and executive Committee with the members as proposed in the Rules and Regulations of the society, and
4. Constitution of the ad hoc Executive Committee with seven members as proposed in the Memorandum of Association for carrying out the preliminary works in connection with the registration of the society.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests will take immediate necessary action in the matter.

(By Order of the Governor)

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To

- The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Thiruvananthapuram.
- The Accountant General (A&E)/Audit, Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
- The Finance Dept. (Vide U.O No. 27528/AW.B1/10/Fin).
- The Taxes Dept. (Vide U.O No. 6847/E2/10/TD).
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