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## GOVERNMENT OF KERALA **Agriculture (Forest Special-A) Department**NOTIFICATION

No.5462/FS-A3/82/AD.

Dated, Trivandrum, 30<sup>th</sup> March, 1984.

**S.R.O.** No.343/84 – WHEREAS the Government of Kerala have declared their intention to constitute the areas in the Silent Valley Reserve Forests excluding the submersible area falling on either side of the Kundipuzha River falling below the maximum water level contour of + 979 metre above M.S.L. and the proposed dam site, colony site and other ancillary sites required for the Silent Valley Hydro-electric Project as a National Park to be known as 'Silent Valley National Park' by Notification No.96731/FSB/80/AD dated the 26<sup>th</sup> December, 1980, published as S.R.O. No.1288/80 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary dated the 26<sup>th</sup> December, 1980, read with Erratum No.96731/FSB/80/AD dated the 30<sup>th</sup> January, 1981, published as S.R.O.No.148/81 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary dated the 4<sup>th</sup> February, 1981;

**AND WHEREAS** the above said Hydro-electric Project is not proposed to be executed now:

**AND WHEREAS** the area so excluded is also of great ecological, faunal, floral, geomorphologic and Zoological importance.

**AND WHEREAS** it appears to the Government of Kerala that the area so excluded shall also be included in the 'silent Valley National Park' proposed to be continued by the said notification for the purpose of protecting the Wild Life therein and its environment;

**NOW THEREFORE**, in exercise of the powers conferred by subsection (1) of section 35 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972), the Government of Kerala hereby declare their intention to constitute the area so excluded also as a National Park forming part of the proposed 'Silent Valley National Park' and following amendment accordingly make the to their Notification No.96731/FSB/80/AD dated the 26<sup>th</sup> December, 1980, published as S.R.O. No.1288/80 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary dated the 26<sup>th</sup> December, 1980, read with Erratum No.96731/FSB/80/AD dated the 30<sup>th</sup> January, 1981, published as S.R.O. No.148/81 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary dated the 4<sup>th</sup> February, 1981 namely:-

## **AMENDMENT**

In the said notification, in the Schedule, the words and figures, "excluding the submersible area falling on either side of the Kundipuzha River falling below the maximum water level contour of + 979 metre above M.S.L. and the proposed dam site, colony site and other ancillary sites required for the Silent Valley Hydroelectric Project" shall be omitted.

By order of the Governor,

**S. GOPALAN,**Agricultural Production Commissioner

## **Explanatory Note**

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

Government in Notification No.96731/FSB/80/AD dated 30-1-1980 excluded the submersible area falling on either side of the Kundipuzha River falling below the maximum water level contour of +979 metre above M.S.L., and proposed dam site, colony site and other ancillary sites required for the Silent Valley Hydro-electric Project from the area specified under S.R.O. No.1288/80 dated 26-12-1980 and published as Extraordinary Gazette No.1113 dated 26-12-1980. The proposal to construct a dam across the Kundipuzha River for the Silent Valley Hydro-electric Project has since been dropped. The area has a rich and unique heritage of rate and valuable flora and fauna requiring conservation and management for the benefit of the Nation as a whole and posterity in general. Inconsideration of all the above aspects Government consider it absolutely necessary to declare the said area as a National Park under Section 35 (1) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and this notification is intended to achieve the above object.

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