

# **GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

## **Abstract**

Forest Department – Compensatory Afforestation – Creation of a separate Cell for dealing with cases relating to Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 and for monitoring Compensatory Afforestation – Sanctioned – Orders Issued.

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## **Forest & Wildlife (E) Department**

G.O. (MS). No. 28/91/F&WLD

Dated, Trivandrum 3-4-1991

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Read:- Lr. No. D1.4440/90 dated 25.1.1990 from the Chief Conservator of Forests, Thiruvananthapuram.

## **O R D E R**

With the coming into force of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980, the utilization of Forest land for non-forestry purposes needs the approval of the Government of India. Strict procedural formalities have to be observed for submitting necessary proposals under section -2 of the Forest Conservation Act to the Government of India. The Forest Department is responsible for receiving, scrutinizing and processing of the proposals received in the Department before it is submitted to the Central Government. Later on receipt of approval from the GOI, necessary follow up action to ensure implementation of the conditions stipulated by the Government of India is also the responsibility of the Forest Department. This includes following up the tree-clearance work in forest area, co-ordinating and managing the fund received from the user agency for Compensatory Afforestation and above all carrying out the Compensatory Afforestation work itself.

2. As per the guidelines issued by the Government of India for implementing the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 there should be a separate cell for dealing with such cases relating to the implementation of the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. In order to monitor the implementation of such Compensatory Afforestation Schemes in this State and to function as a Nodal Officer to send periodical review reports to the Government of India, the creation of a separate cell in the Forest Department of the State has now become imperative. The Chief Conservator of Forests in his letter read above has, therefore, forwarded proposals for the creation of such a Cell under a whole-time senior officer not below the rank of a Conservator of Forests.

3. Government having examined the proposal in all details, are pleased to accord sanction for the constitution of a separate cell headed by a Conservator of Forests to be called the 'Special Afforestation Officer'.

The Constitution of the cell will be as follows:

Special Afforestation Officer	: 1
Confidential Assistant	: 1
Lower Division Clerk	: 2
Peon	: 1

The following additional posts will be created for the purpose.

1. Special Afforestation Officer (in the rank of Conservator of Forests )	Rs. 4500-5700	One post
2. Confidential Assistant Grade II	Rs. 865-1450	One post
3. Lower Division Clerk	Rs. 825-1290	One post
4. Peon	Rs. 750 -1095	One post

One more post of Lower Division Clerk will be made available by redeployment. The expenditure on this account will be met under the Budget Head '2406-01-001'

(By Order of the Governor)

R. Ramachandran Nair,  
Commissioner & Secretary, to  
Government

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests ,  
Thiruvananthapuram.

**Endorsement on D1.63821/91. Dt. 30.5.91.**

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For Chief Conservator of Forests.

Chief Forests Conservator's Office,  
Thiruvananthapuram.