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Abstract

Forest and Wildlife Department- Puthur Zoological Park Project- Shifting of animals from Thrissur Zoo- In principle sanction- accorded- Orders issued.

FOREST & WIDLIFE (D)DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.21/2020/F&WLD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 10/12/2020

Read 1) G.O.(Ms.) No.16/2012/FWLD dated 24/02/2012

- 2 Letter No.Special Officer 1/18 dated 23/09/2020 from Sri. K.J. Varghese, IFS (Rtd.), Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Special Officer (Elephant Rehabilitation Centre, Kottoor & Puthur Zoological Park)

ORDER

As per the G.O. read as 1st paper above, in principle approval was accorded for establishing a Zoological Park, under the Forest Department, at Thrissur District, by winding up the existing Thrissur Zoo. Accordingly, steps were taken to establish 'Thrissur Zoological Park' with an extent of 136.28 hectare of forest land, situated at Puthur, comes under the Thrissur Forest Division. The Project was started by obtaining clearance from the MoEF&CC, in accordance with the Forest Conservation Act,1980, Wildlife (Protection) Act,1972 and Environment Protection Act,1986.

2) As decided in the meeting held on 19/08/2020, to finalize the modalities of shifting process of Zoo, the Special Officer (Elephant Rehabilitation Centre, Kottoor & Puthur Zoological Park), *vide* the letter read as 2nd paper above, furnished a proposal to the Government to issue formal orders for according sanction to shift the animals from the existing Thrissur Zoo to 'Thrissur Zoological Park', as and when the enclosures are ready for shifting the animals.

3) The Special Officer has reported that the construction of the 'Thrissur Zoological Park' is in the advanced stage, in which work of 4 No.

of animal Enclosures, in Phase I, has been completed and that of 8 No. of Enclosures, in Phase II, along with Compound Wall, Hospital Complex for Animals, Animal Kitchen, Isolation and Quarantine Centre, post-mortem Room and water supply arrangements and other essential amenities would be completed by the end of December, 2020. He has, therefore, requested to accord in principle sanction to relocate the animals in the Thrissur Zoo to the 'Thrissur Zoological Park'.

4) Government have examined the proposal, in detail, and are pleased to accord in principle sanction to relocate the animals from the Thrissur Zoo to the 'Thrissur Zoological Park', subject to the receipt of necessary approval from the Central Zoo Authority, for the functioning of the 'Thrissur Zoological Park'.

(By order of the Governor)
RAJESH KUMAR SINHA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Kerala.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), & Chief Wildlife Warden, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Special Officer (Elephant Rehabilitation Centre , Kottor & Puthur Zoological Park), Thiruvananthapuram.

The Principal Accountant General (A&E/Audit) Thiruvananthapuram.

The Cultural Affairs Department.

~~The~~ Information & Public Relations Department (Web & New Media).

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