



**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

**Abstract**

Forest & Wild Life Department – visit to Agasthyarkoodam - entry fee to be collected from visitors -revised -orders issued.

**FOREST & WILD LIFE (D) DEPARTMENT**

GO(Rt) No. 08 /2012/F&WLD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 04-01-2013.

Read: 1. G.O (Rt) No 537/2011/F&WLD dated 19.12.2011  
2. Letter No. Abp 4-47/2012 dated 12.12.2012 from the Chief Conservator of Forests, Agasthyavanam Biological Park, Thiruvananthapuram

**ORDER**

As per G.O read as 1 st paper above Government have fixed entry for Agasthyarkoodam visit for 2012 at Rs 350 / per visitor and ordered to remit Rs 235/- to Government and Rs 115/- to Eco - Development Committee.

Now the Chief Conservator of Forests (ABP) reported that the season for visiting Agasthyarkoodam this year starts from 10.01.2013 and reported that there is considerable increase in the wages of EDC members and cost of providing basic amenities for the visitors. Hence the CCF (ABP) has requested the Government to increase the entry fee from Rs 350/- to Rs 500/- from 2012-2013 season onwards which includes fee for entry in to sanctuary, charges for accommodation in temporary sheds, enhanced service charges to guides at the rate fixed by EDC/FDA and cost of annual maintenance of trek path from Bonacaud to Agasthyarkoodam.

Government have examined the proposal in detail and are pleased to accord sanction for enhancing the entry fee for visitors to Agasthyarkoodam from Rs. 350/- (Rupees three hundred and fifty) to Rs.500/- (Rupees five hundred only) from the 2013 season onwards subject to the condition that an amount of Rs.334/- (Rupees three hundred and thirty four only) [2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the enhanced amount] shall be remitted to Government and Rs 166/- (Rupees one hundred and sixty six only) [1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the enhanced amount] to the Eco Development Committee. The fee is inclusive of the following components

- I) Fee for entry into Sanctuary.
- II) Charges for accommodation to dormitory

- III) Service charge to guides at rate fixed by the Forest Development Agency (FDA)
- IV) Cost of annual maintenance of trek path from Bonacaud to Agasthyarkoodam.

By Order of the Governor  
K.R.SASI KUMAR  
Deputy Secretary to Government

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of forest Force,  
Thiruvananthapuram  
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wild Life), Thiruvananthapuram  
The Chief Conservator of Forests, (Agasthyavanam Biological Park),  
Thiruvananthapuram.  
The Accountant General (Audit/A&E) Thiruvananthapuram  
The Director, Information & Public Relations Department  
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