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**Abstract**

Forest & Wild Life Department – Research in Forest areas -Permission to conduct research on the “distribution and nesting ecology of King Cobras in Kerala” - Specimen collection of one adult King Cobra, hatchling King Cobras and any unfertilized or rotten eggs - Permission granted - Orders issued.

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

GO (Rt) No.480/2015/F&WLD

Thiruvananthapuram, Dated: 04.11.2015

Read : Letter No. WL 10-17593/2015 dated 22.09.2015 from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Thiruvananthapuram.

**ORDER**

As per the letter read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) has forwarded an application received from Mr. Jignasu Dolia, Senior Research Officer, Centre for Wildlife Studies (CWS), Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Pookode, Wayanad for getting permission for collection of specimen of King Cobras and its unfertilized or rotten eggs to conduct research on the subject “distribution and nesting ecology of King Cobras in Kerala”.

The applicant has sought permission for specimen collection of one adult King Cobra, hatchling king cobras as found in nests for morphometric analysis (measurement of length and weight) and any unfertilized or rotten eggs found in nests for preservation in ethanol . It is also informed that the Research is funded by the Centre for Wildlife Studies, Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Pookode, Wayanad. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(Wildlife) informed that no animal will be harmed for the study. The study areas are reported as Kozhikkode and Wayanad Districts for a period from May 2015 to October 2016. Since King Cobras are listed in schedule II( Part 2) of the Wildlife Protection Act,1972, prior approval from the State Government for the grant of permission as per Section 12 of the Wildlife Protection Act is required. Hence the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(Wildlife) has forwarded the application for getting permission under Section 12 of the Wildlife Protection Act,1972 .

Government have examined the matter in detail and permission is granted to Chief Wildlife Warden to issue permission under Section 12 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972 for the collection of one adult King Cobra, hatchling King Cobras as found in nests for morphometric analysis (measurement of length and weight) and any unfertilized or rotten eggs for the proposed research project by Mr. Jigansu Dolia, Senior Research Officer, Centre for Wildlife Studies (CWS), Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Pookode, Wayanad from Kozhikkode and Wayanad Districts for the period from May 2015 to October 2016.

(By order of the Governor)

**T.V.KRISHNAKUMAR**

Deputy Secretary

For Principal Secretary to Government

To

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

The Principal, College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Pookode, Wayanad

Mr. Jigansu Dolia, Senior Research Officer, Centre for Wildlife Studies (CWS),  
Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Pookode, Wayanad.

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