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Abstract

Forest & Wildlife Department – Projects under “Mission 676” – Prakrithimithra Award –
Sanction accorded – Orders issued.

Forest & Wildlife (D) Department
G.O.(Rt) No.454/2014/F&WLD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 01.10.2014.

Read : 1. Letter No.P6-20937/2014 dated 21.07.2014 from the Principal Chief
Conservator of Forests (D&PFM).
2. Minutes of the Special meeting held on 20.09.2014.

ORDER

As per the letter read as 1st paper above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (D&PFM) has furnished a proposal **Prakrithi Mithra Award** for Government sanction under Mission 676. It is a proposal from Social Forestry Wing of Forest Department to recognize exemplary work of individual/firms in the field of nature conservation and to provide support to their efforts in each Panchayath, selected by a Committee constituted in Panchayath level, including Range Officers of Social Forestry, representatives of Principals/Teachers of the District/Panchayath. A selection Panel will be constituted at each district for selection of the eligible individuals for the award of Rs.2000/-. The estimated cost of the project is Rs.20 lakhs and the expenditure is to be incurred from the Head of account '2406-02-110-68-Conservation of Bio diversity -34-OC(Plan)'.
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2) Based on the decision taken in the Special meeting held on 20.09.2014 Government are pleased to accord sanction for implementation of the project Prakrithi Mithra Award at an estimated cost of Rs. 20 lakhs under the Budget Head '2406-02-110-68-Conservation of Bio Diversity-34-OC(Plan)' under Mission 676. Component wise and other details of the scheme is enclosed as annexure.

By Order of the Governor,
P.K.Mohanty,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

To

The Head of Forest Forces, Thiruvananthapuram.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (D&PFM), Thiruvananthapuram.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (SF), Thiruvananthapuram.
The Finance Department.

State Planning Board, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram.
The Accountant General (Audit/A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
Information & Public Relations Department (for publishing in Government Website).
Stock file/Office Copy.

Forwarded/By Order,


Section Officer.

PRAKRITHI MITHRA AWARD

In Kerala much of the biodiversity can be found in areas outside forests and some of the biological resources are exposed to various threats. There are many environmental conscious and responsible citizens and citizens groups who through personal efforts take proactive action in conservation of the biodiversity and biological resources outside forests. To encourage such citizens and citizen groups, it is proposed to give an award namely, "Prakrithi Mithra Award" in each Panchayaths of the state. The award will be given to individuals/organizations in recognition of their activities in the conservation of local biodiversity encompassing birds, butterflies, sea-turtles, other fauna and flora, crop diversity etc. selected from each Panchayath of Kerala.

Objectives

1. To recognize exemplary work of individuals in the field of nature conservation and provide support to their efforts.
2. To motivate people to the cause of nature conservation and adapt to a simple and self reliant life style, through recognizing role models.
3. Publicize the successful local acts and methods of nature conservation and habitat management for others to emulate.

Procedure of Selection:

1. ACF (SF) of each District will call for applications for nomination of individual who have done exemplorary works in the field of nature conservation. The Award is for each Grama Panchayath. The nomination will be reached by the ACF (SF). A last date for receiving applications will be intimated. Nominations will be invited by advertising in all leading Malayalam dailies, along with the format for application and will be given for the whole State by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry) through Forestry Information

Bureau, Thiruvananthapuram, with the directions to submit applications to ACF (SF).

2. A selection panel of the following members will be constituted at each District for selection of the eligible individual for the award:

i.	Assistant Conservator of Forest (Social Forestry) All RO's (SF) of the District	:	Convenor
ii.	Representative of the Panchayat President	:	Chairman
iii.	Representative from an environmental NGO, active in the Panchayat	:	Member
iv.	Subject expert (can be a Professor/Teacher of the locality with knowledge and experience in the subject)	:	Member

3. The ACF (SF) after scrutiny of the applications will place the appropriate applications before the selection panel.
4. The Selection panel will select the eligible individual for each Grama Panchayath from the applications received and intimate the selection to the Chief Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry) of the region concerned.
5. The following activities of the individuals/organizations in the following fronts may be considered while considering the applications for awards (This list is only indicative)
- Planting trees/medicinal plants
 - Protection of trees/mangroves/sacred groves/paddy fields

- iii. Activities related to protection and conservation of local biodiversity, birds, butterflies, sea-turtle, other fauna and flora, crop diversity etc.
- iv. Activities against pollution/sand mining/quarrying
- v. Activities related to organic farming, soil-water conservation etc.
- vi. Nature education and awareness creation activities

6. **Award** will comprise of a Cash Award Rs. 2000 and a Certificate of Appreciation. One selected individual from each Panchayat will be given the award in a public function.

7. Cost Table

Sl.No	Item	Rate/Quantity	Cost (Rs.)
1.	Cash Awards	2000X978	1956000
2.	Miscellaneous(Publicity, Printing of Certificates etc)		44000
3.	Total		2000000

8. The Prakritimitra awards will be awarded annually to the individuals selected every year.