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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Forest and Wildlife Department – Establishment- Introduction of a scheme of grade designation for the Forest Protective Staff- Anomaly rectified - Orders issued.

FOREST AND WILDLIFE (F) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms) No. 15/2015/F&WLD

Thiruvananthapuram Dated, 19/03/2015

Read: 1. GO(Ms)No.12/13/F&WLD dated 30/01/2013  
2. Letters No.E4-4405/2010 dated 29/05/2013, 06/09/2013, 07/02/2014, 24/10/2014 and 24/10/2014 from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Thiruvananthapuram

ORDER

As per Government Order read as first paper above Government had accorded sanction to grant grade designation to the protective staff of the Forest Department. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife)& Chief Wildlife Warden in his letters read as second paper above reported that in the above Government Order, criteria for granting grade designation to the Section Forest Officers appointed as Section Forest Officers by direct recruitment/by transfer from Ministerial service / from Beat Forest Officer having 1<sup>st</sup> Rank in the Forest Guard Training are not seen mentioned. For including them also in the purview of the said Government Order, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden has furnished revised proposal vide letters read above for approval.

2. Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to issue the following orders in rectification of the anomalies crept into the Government Order read as the first paper above.

**1. Deputy Range Forest Officer (Grade)**

1. A Section Forest Officer appointed by direct recruitment/by transfer from Ministerial Service/from Beat Forest Officer who has secured first rank in the respective Forest Guard training will be designated as “Deputy Range Forest Officer (Grade)” subject to the following conditions.

a) The Section Forest Officer so appointed will be considered as Deputy Range Forest Officer (Grade) with effect from the date on

which the Grade Designation is granted to the immediate Junior Section Forest Officer who has been appointed as Section Forest Officer by promotion from the category of Beat Forest Officer and given the benefit of Grade Designation as per G.O(Ms)No.12/13/F&WLD dated 30/01/2013.

b) A Section Forest Officer designated as "Deputy Range Forest Officer (Grade)" will be promoted to the cadre of regular Deputy Range Forest Officer as and when his turn comes in the regular line of promotion on the basis of seniority in the cadre of Section Forest Officer unless he is found ineligible as per the prevailing Rules.

2. "Deputy Range Forest Officer (Grade)" will only be personnel rank of the persons so designated.

c) The person so designated will be eligible to wear the uniform of regular Deputy Range Forest Officer.

d) He will not be eligible for any higher pay and allowances other than what he would have been receiving in the rank of regular Section Forest Officer.

e) He will be accommodated among the available sanctioned post in the rank of Section Forest Officer.

f) He will be entrusted with the duties and responsibilities of a regular Deputy Range Forest Officer in the absence of a regular Deputy Range Forest Officer under the overall control and command of his controlling officer.

g) He will not have any claim of seniority in the cadre of regular Deputy Range Forest Officer on the basis of such designation as "Deputy Range Forest Officer (Grade)"

h) The "Deputy Range Forest Officer (Grade)" will be eligible to be promoted to the category of regular "Deputy Range Forest Officer" as and when his turn comes in the regular turn of promotion strictly based on his rank in the seniority list of the Section Forest Officer, if found eligible for promotion as per the prevailing Rules.

## **2. Range Forest Officer (Grade)**

A Deputy Range Forest Officer promoted from the post of Section Forest Officers appointed by direct recruitment/ by transfer from Ministerial Service/from Beat Forest Officer who has secured first rank in the respective Forest Guard training will be eligible for the grade designation as "Range Forest Officer (Grade)" subject to the following conditions.

- a. The Deputy Range Forest Officer so promoted will be considered as Range Forest Officer (Grade) with effect from the date on which Grade Designation is given to the immediate Junior Deputy Range Forest Officer who has been promoted from Section Forest Officers on promotion from the entry cadre of Beat Forest Officers and given the benefit of Grade Designation as per GO(Ms) No.12/13/F&WLD dated 30/01/2013.
- b. "Range Forest Officer (Grade)" will only be the personnel rank of the persons so designated and he will occupy the lien of the post of Deputy Range Forest Officer till he gets regular promotion as Range Forest Officer.
- c. A Deputy Range Forest Officer designated as "Range Forest Officer (Grade)" will be promoted to the cadre of regular Range Forest Officer as and when his turn comes in the regular turn of promotion on the basis of seniority in the cadre of Deputy Range Forest Officer unless he is found ineligible as per the rules.
- d. The persons designated as "Range Forest Officer (Grade)" will be eligible to wear the uniform of regular Range Forest Officer.
- e. These persons will not be eligible for any higher pay and allowances other than those they would have been receiving, in the rank of regular Deputy Range Forest Officer.
- f. The Deputy Range Forest Officer designated as "Range Forest Officer (Grade)" will continue to be accommodated among the available sanctioned post of Deputy Range Forest Officer.

- g. The Deputy Range Forest Officer designated as "Range Forest Officer (Grade)" will be assigned with the duties and responsibilities of a regular Range Forest Officer, in the absence of a regular Range Forest Officer under the overall control and command of his controlling officer.
- h. The Deputy Range Forest Officer who is designated as "Range Forest Officer (Grade)" will not have any claim for seniority in the category of Range Forest Officer, on the basis of such designation.

3. The Government Order read above stands modified to that extent.

By Order of the Governor

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To

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