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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Forest & Wildlife Department - The Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act 2016 - Constitution of State Authority to be called Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority - Governing Body, Steering Committee, Executive Committee and Selection Committee constituted - Orders issued.

FOREST & WILDLIFE (E) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.149/2019/F&WLD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 16/04/2019

Read 1 G.O (P)No.4/2019/FWLD dated 7.3.2019
2 Letter No. FC5-12255/2018 dtd 16.11.2018 from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,(Forest, Land & Resources), Nodal Officer,F(C) Act & CAMPA, Forest Headquarters ,Thiruvananthapuram.

ORDER

Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change informed that the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Rules 2018 has been notified on 10th August 2018, which will come in to force from the appointed day ie. 30th September 2018 on which the provisions of Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act 2016 (Act 38 of 2016) come in to force. In compliance with the CAF Act 2016 and CAF Rules 2018, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,(Forest, Land & Resources), Nodal Officer,F(C)Act & CAMPA,Forest Headquarters ,Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram as per his letter read 2nd above has requested Government to constitute the following:-

- 1)State Compensatory Afforestation Fund
- 2)State Authority to be called "State Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority" consisting of a Governing Body assisted by a Steering Committee and an Executive Committee.

The State Authority shall be responsible for the management of the State Fund and its utilization for the purposes of the Act.

Government have examined the matter in detail and as per the G.O read 1st above, State Compensatory Afforestation Fund Kerala has been constituted under section 4 (1) of the CAF Act 2016.

Government are also pleased to constitute State Authority with effect from 30/09/2018, to be called "State Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority" consisting of a Governing Body assisted by a Steering Committee and an Executive Committee as follows:-

A. GOVERNING BODY

- (i)Chief Minister of the State - Chairperson, ex-officio;

- (ii) Minister of Forests - Member, ex-officio;
- (iii) Chief Secretary - Member, ex-officio;
- (iv) Principal Secretaries of the Departments dealing with Environment, Finance, Planning, Rural Development, Revenue, Agriculture, Tribal Development, Panchayati Raj, Science and Technology - Members, ex-officio;
- (v) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) - Member, ex-officio;
- (vi) Chief Wildlife Warden - Member, ex-officio;

The Principal Secretary in charge of Forest Department in the State shall be the Member- Secretary of the State Authority.

An officer not below the rank of a Chief Conservator of Forests is appointed as Chief Executive Officer of the State Authority who shall be the Member-Secretary of the Steering Committee and the Executive Committee of the State Authority. The appointment shall be on deputation basis for a period not exceeding five years.

B. STEERING COMMITTEE

- (i) Chief Secretary - Chairperson, ex officio;
- (ii) Principal Secretaries of the Departments dealing with Forests, Environment, Finance, Planning, Rural Development, Revenue, Agriculture, Tribal Development, Panchayati Raj, Science and Technology - Members, ex-officio;
- (iii) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) - Member, ex-officio;
- (iv) Chief Wildlife Warden - Member, ex-officio;
- (v) Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Member, ex-officio;
- (vi) Head of the concerned regional office of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change - Member, ex-officio;
- (vii) Nodal Officer, State Forest Development Agency - Member, ex-officio;
- (viii) An expert on tribal matters or a representative of tribal communities - Member;
- (ix) Chief Executive Officer, State Authority - Member- Secretary.

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (i) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) - Chairperson, ex-officio;
- (ii) Chief Wildlife Warden - Member, ex-officio;
- (iii) An officer not below the rank of a Chief Conservator of Forest dealing with forest and wildlife related schemes - Member, ex-officio;
- (iv) An officer not below the rank of a Chief Conservator of Forest dealing with forestry research - Member, ex-officio;
- (v) Nodal Officer, State Forest Development Agency - Member, ex-officio;
- (vi) A representative each of the Departments dealing with Environment, Finance, Planning, Rural Development, Revenue, Agriculture, Tribal Development, Panchayati Raj, Science and Technology - Members, ex-officio;
- (vii) Financial Controller or Financial Advisor, to be nominated by the Finance Department - Member, ex-officio;
- (viii) Two eminent Non-Government Organizations - Members;
- (ix) Two representatives of district level Panchayati Raj Institutions - Members;

- (x)An expert on tribal matters or a representative of tribal community - Member;
(xi)Chief Executive Officer, State Authority - Member -Secretary;

In addition to the above,as per the proposal read 2nd above, a Selection Committee comprising of the following members is also constituted as per section 17(2) of the CAF Rules 2018, to prepare the panel of eligible candidates for appointment of non-official members of the State Authority.

D. SELECTION COMMITTEE

- (i)Chief Secretary of the State - Chairman;
(ii)Additional Chief Secretary or Principal Secretary in-charge of the Forest Department in the State - Member;
(iii)One Additional Chief Secretary or Principal Secretary or Secretary in the State Government nominated by the State Government - Member;
(iv)Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) - Member;
(v)Chief Wildlife Warden of the State - Member;
(vi)Head of the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change - Member;
(vii)Chief Executive Officer of the State Authority - Member Secretary;

(By order of the Governor)
DR. A JAYATHILAK IAS
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

To:

All Officers/Members concerned.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
Thiruvananthapuram
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FL &R),Thiruvananthapuram
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