

# GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

## Abstract

Forest & Wildlife Department – Periyar Tiger Reserve – Re-organization – Government Order modified – Orders issued.

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**FOREST & WILDLIFE (F) DEPARTMENT**  
**G.O. (Rt) No. 465/2001/F&WLD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 03-11-2001**

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Read: - (1). G.O. (Rt) No. 105/2001/F&WLD dated 24-03-2001.  
(2). Letter No.WL5-3209/93 dated 29-10-2001 from the Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Thiruvananthapuram.

### ORDER

As recommended by Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) vide letter cited above, Government are pleased to incorporate the following modification to the Government Order referred above and order accordingly.

#### Divisions and Ranges

Currently, there are two divisions – one under the Deputy Director, Periyar Tiger Reserve looking after the entire area and the other under the Divisional Forest Officer, Grassland Afforestation Division (GLAD) which is a functional division for the Eucalyptus plantations (48.77 sq.km. inside the Periyar Tiger Reserve and 11.20 sq.km. outside Periyar Tiger Reserve falling within Ranni and Kottayam Divisions). Presently these two Divisional Forest Officers have the following Range Officers under them.

Deputy Director, Periyar Tiger Reserve	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Assistant Wildlife Preservation Officer, Thekkady.</li><li>2. Assistant Wildlife Preservation Officer, Vallakkadavu.</li><li>3. Range Officer, Project Tiger, Thekkady.</li><li>4. Range Officer, Flying Squad, Thekkady.</li><li>5. Range Officer, Research, Thekkady.</li></ol>
Divisional Forest Officer, Grassland Afforestation Division (GLAD).	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Peerumedu</li><li>2. Pachakkanam</li><li>3. Vallakkadvau</li></ol>

The Periyar Tiger Reserve will be divided into two administrative units – Periyar East Division (Area 620 sq.km) and Periyar West Division (Area 157 sq.km) with headquarters at Thekkady and Peerumedu respectively. The existing post of Deputy Director, Periyar Tiger Reserve will be redesignated as the Deputy Director, Periyar East Division and the post of the Divisional Forest Officer, Grassland Afforestation Division will be redesignated as the Deputy Director, Periyar West Division.

The Periyar East Division will be divided into three ranges as under:

1. Thekkady (Headquarters – Thekkady )  
Area – 110.35 sq.km.
2. Periyar (Headquarters – Mullakkudy)  
Area – 393.34 sq.km.
3. Vallakkadavu (Headquarters – Vallakkadavu)  
Area – 116.31 sq.km.

The Periyar West Division will be divided into the following two Ranges:

1. Azhutha (Headquarters – Peerumedu)  
Area – 66.93 sq.km
2. Pampa (Headquarters – Ezhukumon)  
Area – 90.07 sq.km.

The boundary description of the newly formed divisions and ranges are given in Annexure – I.

### **Sections and Beats**

Further division of the ranges into sections and beats shall be ordered by the Field Director (Project Tiger) as per the provisions of the Para 3.2.4 of the Forest Code Volume I.

### **Ecodevelopment Officer**

The Eco-development Officer will be incharge of the India Eco-Development Project and will function independently under the Field Director with Headquarters at Thekkady.

Eucalyptus plantations raised outside the Periyar Tiger Reserve and currently managed by the Grassland Afforestation Division (GLAD) shall be handed over to the respective territorial ranges for future management.

The post of the Deputy Director, Wildlife Education will be redesignated as the Nature Education Officer and will be manned by the Deputy Director (Wildlife Education).

The Assistant Field Director will be working under the Deputy Director, Periyar East Division and will supervise the working of the Range Officer, Research, Thekkady and Flying Squad, Thekkady which will be redesignated as the Range Officer, Flying Squad, Periyar East. He will also attend to the other specific works assigned to him from time to time by the Field Director.

The third Range Officer presently under the Grassland Afforestation Division (GLAD) will be redesignated as the Range Officer, Flying Squad, Periyar West and will function under the Deputy Director, Periyar West.

(By Order of the Governor)

Sd/-  
E.K.BHARAT BHUSHAN  
Secretary to Government.

To

The Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Thiruvananthapuram.

The Field Director (Project Tiger), Kottayam.

The Finance Department (vide No.105431/AW.B1/2001/Fin. Dated 24-02-2001).

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