



Government of Kerala

Abstract

Forests & Wildlife Department - Forest Schedule of Rates -
Revision of Minimum wages in Forest Department - Orders Issued

FORESTS AND WILDLIFE (B) DEPARTMENT

GO (MS) No.7/2007/F&WLD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, Dated 24th February 2007

- Read**
1. GO (MS) No.49/99/F&WLD dated 21..05..1999
 2. GO (MS) NO.83/99/F&WLD dated 27..09..1999
 3. Letter NO.No.P4-14868/2006 dated 08..02..2007 from the CCF (Dev)

ORDER

The wage rates for the labourers engaged in forestry operations were revised previously during 1999 as per the Government Order read as 1st and 2nd papers above. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Development) vide letter read above, informed the Government that the revision of wages is long overdue and the prevailing rates have become unworkable and hence proposed the revision of wage rates. Government have examined the proposal in detail and are pleased to accept that recommendations and to revise the wage rates for works in Forest Department as per details given below:-

A. Wages

The wage rates for all 4 categories of workers engaged in daily wages are revised as shown in Annexure I. A comparative statement of the existing wage rates and the revised wage rates are also given in Annexure I.

B. VDA

The VDA will be fixed at 6 (six) paise per point above 1200 points of Consumer Price Index Number published for each District Headquarters in Kerala.

C. Classification of Workers

The details of various workers proposed under each category above are given in Annexure II.

D. Dragging, stacking and transporting timber

The rates for dragging logs by hired elephants, stacking of timber using hired elephants and transport of timber and firewood in lorries had been approved through GO (MS) NO.76/93/F&WLD dated 18..11..1993. The rates fixed in this Government Order were enhanced by 50% as per the Government Order read as 1st paper above and not increased since then. The Chief Conservator of Forests had suggested an increase of 50% of the existing rates in view of the increase in the cost of fuel and hire charges of private elephants. Government have examined the proposal and are pleased to accept the recommendations to enhance the existing rates by 50%. However, the enhancement in case of rates for transportation of timber and firewood by fair weather roads and coupes compared to the normal

roads will be limited to 33.3% instead of the prevailing enhancement of 50%. The existing and revised rates for dragging, stacking and transporting of timber is given under Annexure III.

E. Classification of Forest Ranges

The ranges are classified into Ordinary, Difficult and Very Difficult areas. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Development) has also suggested certain changes and additions in the classification of ranges into Ordinary, Difficult and Very Difficult areas with a view to rationalize and update the existing Classification. Several new ranges have been created by bifurcating the existing ranges and hence revised classification has become necessary. Government have examined the proposal in detail and order that the classification of the areas/ ranges into Ordinary, Difficult and Very Difficult will be as per Annexure IV.

F. Common Categories

Categories such as Computer Operator, Junior Programmer, Accountant, Clerk, Typist, Data Entry Operator, Draftsman, Peon and Watchman which are common categories and for which separate daily wages have been fixed by the Government through separate Government Orders will continue to get daily wages as specified in those orders as amended from time to time and wages fixed as per these orders shall not apply to them.

The Orders will come into force with immediate effect.

By Order of the Governor,

L. Radhakrishnan,
Secretary to Government

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Thiruvananthapuram

The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
(This issues with the concurrence of Finance Department)

The Accountant General (A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
(This issue with the concurrence of Finance Department)

The Finance Department
(vide UO NO.83748/AW.A 1/07/Fin dated 19..02..2007)

All Sections of Forest Department Stock

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Annexure I

Wage Rate Comparison for Forestry Works

Sl No	Classification	Existing			Revised		
		Wage as per 1999 Govt: Order*	VDA (1350 point) @ 0.06 paise / point above 900 point	Total	Revised wages	VDA (1350 point) @ 0.06 paise / point above 1200 point	Total
1	Unskilled mazdoor						
	Ordinary area	92.80	27.00	119.80	146.00	9.00	155.00
	Difficult area	104.40	27.00	131.40	154.00	9.00	163.00
	Very difficult area	115.00	27.00	142.00	162.00	9.00	171.00
2	Semi Skilled mazdoor						
	Ordinary area	102.00	27.00	129.00	151.00	9.00	160.00
	Difficult area	114.75	27.00	141.75	162.00	9.00	171.00
	Very difficult area	127.50	27.00	154.50	174.00	9.00	183.00
3	Skilled mazdoor						
	Ordinary area	115.20	27.00	142.20	167.00	9.00	176.00
	Difficult area	129.60	27.00	156.60	181.00	9.00	190.00
	Very difficult area	144.00	27.00	171.00	193.00	9.00	202.00
4	Highly Skilled mazdoor						
	Ordinary area	115.20	27.00	142.20	181.00	9.00	190.00
	Difficult area	129.60	27.00	156.60	197.00	9.00	206.00
	Very difficult area	144.00	27.00	171.00	214.00	9.00	223.00

* GO (MS) No. 49/99/F&WLD dated 21-05-1999

Annexure II

Wage Rate Comparison for Forestry Works

Unskilled - Forest nursery and plantation workers including mazdoors, watchers, workers engaged in carrying head loads of firewood, workers engaged in earth work (pit making etc.), workers engaged in rock making (except rock breaking), workers engaged in marking of trees, workers engaged in collection of non-wood products except honey, workers engaged in tongia cultivation.

Semi skilled - Workers engaged in collection of bamboos, reeds and rattan, workers engaged in charcoal burning, tying of dragroupe, loading and unloading firewood, chisel numbering, raft making.

Skilled - Sawyers, Carpenters, Masons, workers engaged in river transport of timber, workers engaged in rock breaking, agents / supervisions / maistries / assistance to mahouts, timber staking, honey collection, workers engaged in vacca making, wood cutter.

Highly skilled - Mahouts, workers engaged in timber loading and unloading, axe-man.

Annexure III

Sl No	Item	Existing rate (Rs.)	Revised rate (50% increase) (Rs.)		
1	Dragging logs, 1" and 2" class teak poles by hired elephant for an initial lead of 200 m	Rs. 90/m ³	Rs. 135/m ³		
2	Dragging logs, 1" and 2" class teak poles by hired elephant for every additional 100 m	Rs. 30/m ³	Rs. 45/m ³		
3	Dragging logs, 1" and 2" class teak poles by hired elephant in difficult and rugged areas for an initial lead of 200 m	Rs. 135/m ³	Rs. 197.50/m ³		
4	Dragging logs, 1" and 2" class teak poles by hired elephant in difficult and rugged areas for every additional 100 m	Rs. 45/m ³	Rs. 67.50/m ³		
5	Stacking of timber using hired elephants	Rs. 19.80/m ³	Rs. 29.70/m ³		
6	Transport of Timber and firewood in lorries				
		<i>Timber (existing)</i>	<i>Firewood (existing)</i>	<i>Timber (revised)</i>	<i>Firewood (revised)</i>
a	First 10 Kms *	88.60/m ³ /Km	66.38MT/Km	132.90/m ³	99.57/MT/Km
b	For the next 15 Kms *	5.85/m ³ /Km	4.35/MT/Km	8.78/m ³ /Km	6.53/MT/Km
c	Beyond 25 Kms *	4.73/m ³ /Km	3.53/MT/Km	7.10/m ³ /Km	5.30/MT/Km

* Only 33.33% enhancement over the above rates will be allowed for transportation of timber and firewood in coupes and fair weather roads.

Annexure IV

Name of Circle	Name of Ranges		
	Ordinary Area	Difficult Area	Very Difficult Area
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Southern Circle, Kollam	1) Konni 2) Palode 3) Paruthippally 4) Kulathupuzha 5) Anchal 6) Pathanapuram	1) Naduvathumoozhy 2) Ranni 3) Vadasserikkara 4) Thenmala 5) Arienkavu	1) Mannarappara 2) Goodrickal 3) Achencoil 4) Kanayar 5) Kallar
High Range Circle, Kottayam	Nil	1) Kothamangalam 2) Mullaringad 3) Kaliyar 4) Neriamangalm 5) Adimali 6) Kumili 7) Marayoor 8) Kanthalloor	1) Thodupuzha 2) Munnar 3) Devikulam 4) Nagarampara 5) Mankulam 6) Anakkulam 7) Erumeli 8) Ayyappankovil
Central Circle, Thrissur	1) Wadakkancherry 2) Machad 3) Pattikkad 4) Pariyaram	1) Palappilly 2) Vellikulangara 3) Kodanad 4) Thundathil	1) Kalady 2) Kuttampuzha 3) Idamalayar 4) Charpa 5) Vazhachal 6) Kollathirumedu 7) Sholayar 8) Athirappalli
Eastern Circle, Palakkad	1) Nilambur 2) Ottappalam 3) Walayar 4) Kollengode except Thekkady Section 5) Alathur	1) Karulai 2) Kalikavu	1) Nelliampathy 2) Mannarkkad 3) Olavakkode 4) Agali 5) Edavanna 6) Allappady 7) Vazhikkadavu 8) Thekkady Section of Kollangode Range
Northern Circle, Kannur		1) Kasargode 2) Begur 3) Chedalath 4) Peruvannamoozhy 5) Kuttiady 6) Kalpetta 7) Thamarassery 8) Mananthavady 9) Kottiyoor 10) Peria 11) Kanhagad	1) Thaliparamba 2) Meppady 3) Kannavam
Agasthyavanam, Thiruvananthapuram	1) Neyyar 2) Peppara 3) Agasthyavanam Biological Park	1) Shendurney	

Name of Circle	Name of Ranges		
	Ordinary Area	Difficult Area	Very Difficult Area
Field Director, Kottayam		1) Ranges under Project Tiger, Thekkady and Peerumedu 2) Area coming under Mathikettan Shola NP, Pambadum Shola NP and Anamudi Shola NP 3) Chinnar	1) Idukki 2) Thattekkadu 3) Eravikulam
Wildlife Circle, Palakkad	1) Peechi	1) Aralam 2) Sulthan Bathery 3) Muthanga 4) Kurichiat 5) Tholpetty 6) Chimmony	1) Sungam 2) Parambikulam 3) Karimala 4) Orukomban 5) Silent Valley