



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Forest and Wildlife Department – Establishment – Creation of 700 posts of Tribal Watchers and recruitment of 700 tribals through special recruitment in the Forest Department - Sanctioned- Orders issued.

**FOREST AND WILDLIFE (F) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.(Ms) No. 53 /2013/F&WLD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 15 .05.2013

- Read:
- 1) G.O.(Rt)No.516/2011/SC/ST dated.28.05.2011
  - 2) Lr. no. E2-1523/12 dated 02.02.2012 and 23.06.2012 of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden, Thiruvananthapuram
  - 3) G.O.(Ms)216/2012/LSGD dated.08.08.2012

ORDER

There are about 700 tribal settlements in the Forests of the State. The total number of families is about 17,000 and the population is about 75,000. The livelihood of the population is predominantly dependent on Forests. The forest dwelling scheduled tribes are well versed with the forest terrain which is normally inhospitable for the people from the plain. Their source of income is highly limited, mostly depend on forest produce and agricultural land possessed by them. A number of Writ Petitions have been filed by the daily waged employees who were working for more than 15 years in the Department as Mazdoor Watchers, Protection Watchers and Night Watchers etc. for regularising their seniority in the Forest Department.

2) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden in his letter read above has stated that the daily waged Tribal Watchers, if appointed as Watchers can be utilised along with the Foresters and Forest Guards to man the protection camp in interior of forests for tackling the problems of ganja cultivation, wildlife poaching, sandal wood smuggling and collection of intelligence regarding terrorist and anti-national activities in interior forest. Hence he has requested to create 700 posts of Tribal Watchers and to fill up the posts so created through special recruitment from among Forest dwelling Scheduled tribes inhabiting

in the Forest for improving their standard of life.

3) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife ) and Chief Wildlife Warden has stated that the post of Reserve Watcher in the Forest Department is a post borne in the Last Grade Category. The Educational qualification for the said post is VII th Standard and

Physical Standards : Height - 163 cm, Chest - 75 cm,

Chest Expansion - 5cm

The scale of pay of the said post is 8500-13210 and other admissible allowances.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden has also reiterated that the post of Tribal Watchers are to be equated with that of Reserve Watchers of the Forest Department.

4) Government have examined the above proposal in detail and are pleased to create 700 posts of Tribal Watchers in the Forest Department and 700 tribals will be recruited through Special Recruitment as per the following conditions :

(a) The district wise vacancies earmarked are as given below:

1. Trivandrum	-	20
2. Kollam	-	40
3. Pathanamthitta	-	50
4. Kottayam	-	20
5. Idukki	-	220
6. Ernakulam	-	10
7. Thrissur	-	50
8. Palakkad	-	120
9. Malappuram	-	20
10. Kozhikode	-	10
11. Wayanad	-	120
12. Kannur/Kasargode	-	20

TOTAL

700

**(b) Qualification and Age**

Qualification : Able bodied literate tribal youths living in the settlements within the forests and along the forest fringes of Kerala.

Age : Not to exceed 50 years as on 01.01.2012.

Preference shall be given to the children of unwed mothers from tribal communities. The posts suitable for appointing women shall be identified specifically and for those posts, women candidates alone will be appointed. For this purpose, a fixed number of posts shall be earmarked for women candidates.

91 Scheduled Tribe employees who became unemployed due to the winding up of AHADS shall be given employment under the Scheme, as per the stipulations contained in the G.O. read as 3<sup>rd</sup> paper above.

**(c) The selected candidates shall be imparted Training for three months in Forest Schools/Training centres**

**(d) Retirement**

The retirement age for the employees recruited in the above posts shall be 56 as in the case of Govt. employees. Those who are not eligible for pension shall be given compensation allowances taking into account their service as Mazdoor Watchers also.

**(e) Method of Recruitment**

Kerala Public Service Commission will notify the posts in all major Malayalam dailies in the State. The Chief Conservator of Forests (E&TW) will supplement this by local publicity through Vana Samrakshana Samithies (VSS) and Eco Development Committees (EDC). A list of all eligible persons based on the proof of age and community status certified by competent authorities will be prepared by a Committee at district level consisting of the following officers.

1. Divisional Forest Officer nominated by the PCCF - Convener
2. Divisional Forest Officer/Wildlife Wardens in the District - Member
3. District Officer, Public Service Commission - Member
4. District Tribal Development Officer - Member
5. A nominee of Government (Under Secretary(US-I)/  
Section Officer-F Section) in Forest & Wildlife Department - Member

From the list thus prepared, final selection will be made by the following Committee:

1. Chairman, Kerala Public Service Commission or a  
Member nominated by him - Chairperson
2. Government representative not below the rank of  
Joint Secretary, Forest & Wildlife Department - Member

3. Principal Chief conservator of Forests(Wildlife) &  
Chief Wildlife Warden - Member
4. Chief Conservator of Forests (E&TW) - Convener
5. Director, Scheduled Tribes Development Department - Member

The expenditure towards this item will be met from the allotment under the salary budget head 2406-01-800-95 Forest Protection (Non Plan).

By Order of the Governor  
PRADEEP KUMAR  
Principal Secretary to Government

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Thiruvananthapuram

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest(Administration), Thiruvananthapuram.

The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram

The Accountant General (A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram

General Administration(SC) Department (vide U.O.No. 3461)

Finance Dept.(vide U.O.No. 43802/Agriculture/A/13/Fin/13.5.13)

Kerala Public Service Commission (with C/L)

Local Self Governemnt (IB) Department(Vide

U.O.No.27546/IB1/13/LSGD)

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