



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Forest & Wildlife Department - Revision of Entry fees and Security Deposits in National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries, Tiger Reserves and other protected areas and delegation of Powers to Wildlife Wardens and Divisional Forest Officers for giving permission for film shooting in their areas of Jurisdiction - Orders issued.

FOREST AND WILDLIFE (D) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.398/2023/F&WLD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 20-10-2023

Read 1 G.O. (Rt) No. 609/2005/F&WLD dated 11.11.2005.

2 G.O. (Rt) No. 519/2009/F&WLD dated 10.11.2009.

3 G.O.(Ms) No. 37/2013/F&WLD dated 30.03.2013.

Letter No. Pro (10)-103216/19 dated 16.07.2021 received from 4 the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Management), Thiruvananthapuram.

ORDER

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Management), Thiruvananthapuram as per letter read as 4th paper above has informed that, the committee on public sector undertakings in its 41st report on ecotourism project implemented by Kerala Forest Development Corporation, recommended to charge higher rates for film/serial shootings in Eco-tourism centers. It was reported that, there are 56 ecotourism centers run by Kerala Forest Department in forest areas. Since the rates were revised 7 years ago, it is essential to revise the rates now. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Management) has informed that, considering the increase in salary and wages of the staff and officials accompanying the shooting/photography personnel to

ensure compliance of the conditions and to prevent violation of forest and wildlife laws and rules, the existing rates need to be enhanced. The existing rates and the rates proposed are as follows;

Sl. No	Items	Existing rate (Rs)	Revised rate (Rs)	Remarks
I. Fee				
1	Commercial film/serial	15000/ day	30000/ day	
2	Documentary	5000/day	10000/day	
3	Commercial Photography	5000/day	10000/day	
4	Educational film/Photography not for commercial purpose	Free	Free	To be certified by a district level officer of the department concerned justifying the requirement.
II. Security Deposit				
5	Commercial film/serial	15000	30000	
6	Documentary	10000	15000	
7	Commercial Photography	10000	10000	
8	Educational Films/Photography taken by private parties not for	Nil	10000	Certificate

	commercial purpose			mandatory
9	Educational Films/Photography taken by Government agency not for commercial purpose.	Nil	5000	Certificate mandatory
These rates will apply to Eco-tourism centers in forest areas also.				

2. Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to revise the rates fixed for film shooting etc vide Government Order read as 3rd paper above as detailed below;

Sl. No.	Item	Existing Rate	Revised rate
I. Fee			
1	Commercial film/serial	15000/ day	25000/-
2	Documentary	5000/day	7500/-
3	Commercial Photography	5000/day	7500/-
4	Educational film/Photography (to be certified by a district level officer of the department concerned justifying the requirement)	Free	Free
II. Security Deposit			
5	Commercial film	15000	25000/-
6	Documentary	10000	15000/-

7	Commercial Photography	10000	10000/-
8	Educational Films/ Photography taken by private parties not for commercial purpose (Certified by a District level Officer)	Nil	10000/-
9	Educational Films/Photography taken by Government agency not for commercial purpose. (Certified by a District level Officer)	Nil	Nil
These rates will apply to Eco-tourism centers in forest areas also.			

Government are pleased to accord sanction to the accredited press media photographers to shoot free of charge subject to the condition that a copy of the non-commercial photo/ video taken with the permission of the Forest Department should be provided to the Forest Information Bureau. No security deposit is required for non commercial photographs/videos taken by accredited press media photographers with the permission of Forest Department. Further Government are also pleased to grant permission to Chief Wildlife Warden to delegate powers to permit film shooting to the respective Wildlife Wardens of the Sanctuaries/National parks by invoking powers under Section 5 (2) of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972. Government are also pleased to delegate its powers to the Divisional Forest Officers to grant permission for film shooting under their jurisdiction.

(By order of the Governor)

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ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
Thiruvananthapuram.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife

Warden, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Protection),
Thiruvananthapuram.

All Divisional Forest Officers (through PCCF)

✓ The Director, Information & Public Relation Department.

The Principal Accountant General (Audit)/A&E, Kerala,
Thiruvananthapuram.

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