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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Forest and Wildlife (F) Department

NOTIFICATION

G.O.(P)No.5/2025/F&WLD.

21-03-2025

Thiruvananthapuram

S. R. O. No. 336/2025

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (c) of section 2 of the Kerala Forest Act, 1961 (4 of 1962), and in supersession of the notification issued under G.O.(P) No. 383/75/AD dated 16th December, 1975 and published as S.R.O. No. 1239/75 in the Kerala Gazette No. 51 dated 30th December, 1975, the Government of Kerala hereby appoint each of the officers of the Kerala Forest



Development Corporation Limited mentioned in column (1) of the Table below, to be a Forest Officer of the rank mentioned against each in column (2) thereof, in respect of the areas under the control of the said Corporation:

TABLE	
(1)	(2)
1. Managing Director (IFS)	Not below the rank of Deputy Conservator of Forests, IFS.
2. Assistant General Manager	Deputy Conservator of Forests(Non cadre)
3. Divisional Manager	Assistant Conservator of Forests
4. Manager	Range Forest Officer
5. Assistant Manager	Deputy Range Forest Officer
6. Field Officer	Section Forest Officer

By order of the Governor,
K R JYOTHILAL
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The Kerala Forest Development Corporation is carrying out various operations connected with the protection of natural forest as well as plantation transferred to the Corporation. For protection of forest areas, transport and disposal of the tree growth and other forest produces, the Corporation is functioning in the same way as that of the Forest Department. The status of the land leased to the



Corporation continues to be that of the reserved forest and hence the Kerala Forest Development Corporation officials have to carry out all duties of the Forest Officers.

As per G.O.(Ms) No.34/2005/F&WLD dated 19th April, 2005, Government had revised the Service Rules of the Kerala Forest Development Corporation. As per the revised Service Rules, the post of Manager(operations), Regional Manager and Assistant Manager were re-designated as General Manager, Divisional Manager and Manager respectively, post of Assistant General Manager was created and the category of Field Assistant was bifurcated and re-designated as Assistant Manager and Field Officer. This has created a situation where the whole posts in the Corporation are now at variance with the posts mentioned in the existing notification. In the absence of enabling notification declaring officers of the Corporation with changed designations as Forest Officers, much difficulty is being experienced by the officers of the Corporation in implementing the forest laws, especially booking offences and adducing evidence before courts as prosecution, witnesses etc. Hence the Government have decided to issue notification by superseding the Notification issued under G.O.(P) No.383/1975/AD dated 16th December, 1975 and published as S.R.O. No.1239/75 in the Kerala Gazette No.51 dated 30th December, 1975, which is necessary for the smooth and regular functioning of the Kerala Forest Development Corporation.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.

