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No. C-44/1/2021

Dated: 18/01/2021

To,  
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
& Head of Forest Force,  
West Bengal.

Sub : Declaring the post of Divisional Forest Officer, Kalimpong Division as Ex-officio Wildlife Warden, W.B. in the respective jurisdiction – regarding.

Ref. : Dept. of Forests Memo no. 2379/For/FR/0/11M-98/13, dtd. 25.11.2014

Please refer to the above mentioned subject and reference regarding declaring the post of Divisional Forest Officer, Kalimpong Division as Ex-officio Wildlife Warden, W.B. in the respective jurisdiction in Notification regarding delegation of power conferred by Sub-Section (1) of the Section 4 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

This is for kind your information and taking necessary action.

( V.K. Yadav, IFS)

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife  
& Chief Wildlife Warden, West Bengal

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Government of West Bengal  
Department of Forests  
For Branch  
Aranya Bhawan, Kolkata 700 098

No. <sup>2377</sup> For/FF/O/11M-98/13

Kolkata, the <sup>25th</sup> Nov., 2014.

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the power conferred by Sub-Section (1) of the Section 4 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 'as amended upto date and in supersession of this Department's Notification issued previously in this respect, the Governor is pleased to appoint and delegate the power, with effect from the date of issues of this notification and until further orders, the officers holding the rank of Deputy Conservator of Forests mentioned in column (2) of the "the schedule" hereunder as Ex-officio Wildlife Wardens, West Bengal for their respective jurisdiction, comprising both forests and non-forests areas for the purpose of the above said Act.

"THE SCHEDULE"

Sl.No. (1)	Name of the posts (2)
1	Divisional Forest Officer. Darjeeling Division
2	Divisional Forest Officer. Kurseong Division
3	Divisional Forest Officer. Wildlife Division - I
4	Divisional Forest Officer. Balkunthapur Division
5	Divisional Forest Officer. Jalpaiguri Division
6	Divisional Forest Officer. Wildlife Division - II
7	Divisional Forest Officer. Coochbehar Division
8	Divisional Forest Officer. Malda Division
9	Divisional Forest Officer. Nadia-Murshidabad Division
10	Divisional Forest Officer. 24-Parganas (North) Division
11	Divisional Forest Officer. 24-Parganas (South) Division
12	Divisional Forest Officer. Howrah Social Forestry Division
13	Divisional Forest Officer. • Purulia Division
14	Divisional Forest Officer. Bankura (South) Division
15	Divisional Forest Officer. Bankura (North) Division
16	Divisional Forest Officer. Burdwan Division
17	Divisional Forest Officer. Birbhum Division
18	Deputy Field Director. Sundarban Tiger Reserve
19	Deputy Field Director. Buxa Tiger Reserve (East)
20	Deputy Field Director. Buxa Tiger Reserve (West)
21	Divisional Forest Officer. Urban Recreational Forestry Division
22	Divisional Forest Officer. Durgapur Division
23	Divisional Forest Officer. Panchet Division
24	Divisional Forest Officer. Kangsabati (North) Division
25	Divisional Forest Officer. Kangsabati (South) Division
26	Divisional Forest Officer. Medinipur Division
27	Divisional Forest Officer. Jhargram Division

SL.No. (1)	Name of the posts (2)
28	Divisional Forest Officer, Kharagpur Division
29	Divisional Forest Officer, Rupnarayan Division
30	Divisional Forest Officer, Wildlife -III Division
31	Divisional Forest Officer, Wildlife (Headquarters) Division
32	Divisional Forest Officer, Purba-Medimpur Division
33	Divisional Forest Officer, Raiganj Division
34	All the Divisional Forest Officers within their territorial jurisdictions in the State of West Bengal

2. All the officers so appointed as Ex-officio-Wildlife Wardens, West Bengal shall be subordinate to the Chief Wildlife Warden, West Bengal In terms of Sub-section (3) of Section-4 of the said Act.
3. In accordance with the provisions under Section - 5 (2) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, as amended upto date, the Ex-officio-Wildlife Wardens, West Bengal are hereby delegated with the following powers and duties:-

All the powers delegated to Sub ordinate Ranks and Officers and the following Sections of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 as amended upto date:-

27(1)(b), 34 (1), 34(2),  
41(1), 44(2), 50(3),  
50(3A), 50(4), 54,

By Order of the Governor,  
Sd/-

Principal Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal  
Kolkata,

No. 2379 For 1(3)

Kolkata, the 25th, 2014

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2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), West Bengal.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife & Chief Wildlife Warden, West Bengal

Joint Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal  
Kolkata

THE WILD LIFE (PROTECTION) ACT, 1972

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(38) “Wild Life Warden” means the person appointed as such under clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 4;

<sup>1</sup>[(39) “zoo” means an establishment, whether stationary or mobile, where captive animals are kept for exhibition to the public <sup>2</sup>[and includes a circus and rescue centres but does not include an establishment] of a licensed dealer in captive animals.]

## CHAPTER II

### AUTHORITIES TO BE APPOINTED OR CONSTITUTED UNDER THE ACT

**3. Appointment of Director and other officers.**—(1) The Central Government may, for the purposes of this Act, appoint,—

(a) A Director of Wild Life Preservation;

<sup>3</sup>\* \* \* \* \*

(c) such other officers and employees as may be necessary.

(2) In the performance of his duties and exercise of his powers by or under this Act, the Director shall be subject to such general or special directions, as the Central Government may, from time to time, give.

<sup>4</sup>[(3) The officers and other employees appointed under this section shall be required to assist the Director.]

**4. Appointment of Life Warden and other officers.**—(1) The State Government May, for the purpose of this Act, appoint,—

(a) a Chief Wild Life Warden;

(b) Wild Life Wardens; <sup>5</sup>\*\*\*

<sup>6</sup>[(bb) Honorary Wild Life Wardens;]

(c) such other officers and employees as may be necessary.

(2) In the performance of his duties and exercise of his powers by or under this Act, the Chief Wild Life Warden shall be subject to such general or special directions, as the State Government may from time to time, give.

(3) <sup>7</sup>[The Wild Life Warden, the Honorary Wild Life Warden] and other officers and employees appointed under this section shall be subordinate to the Chief Wild Life Warden.

**5. Power to delegate.**—(1) The Director may, with the previous approval of the Central Government, by order in writing, delegate all or any of his powers and duties under this Act to any officer subordinate to him subject to such conditions, if any, as may be specified in the order.

(2) The Chief Wild Life Warden may, with the previous approval of the State Government, by order in writing, delegate all or any of his powers and duties under this Act, except those under clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 11, to any officer subordinate to him subject to such conditions, if any, as may be specified in the order.

(3) Subject to any general or special direction given or condition imposed by the Director or the Chief Wild Life Warden, any person, authorised by the Director or the Chief Wild Life Warden to exercise any powers, may exercise those powers in the same manner and to the same effect as if they had been conferred on that person directly by this Act and not by way of delegation.

1. Ins. by Act 44 of 1991, s. 5 (w.e.f. 2-10-1991).

2. Subs. by Act 16 of 2003, s. 3, for “but does not include a circus and an establishment” (w.e.f. 1-4-2003).

3. Clause (b) omitted by s. 4, *ibid.* (w.e.f. 1-4-2003).

4. Subs. by s. 4, *ibid.*, for sub-section (3) (w.e.f. 1-4-2003).

5. The word “and” omitted by 44 of 1991, s. 6 (w.e.f. 2-10-1991).

6. Subs. by Act 16 of 2003, s. 5, for clause (bb) (w.e.f. 1-4-2003).

7. Subs. by Act 44 of 1991, s. 6, for “The Wild Life Warden” (w.e.f. 2-10-1991).

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Government of West Bengal  
Department of Forests  
Aranya Bhavan (1<sup>st</sup> Floor), Block-LA-10A, Sector-III, Salt Lake City  
Kolkata-700 098

No.1682/FR/O/6M-2/2018

Kolkata, the 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2018**NOTIFICATION**

An area of 43,832.518 ha forest land was leased out to the West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Ltd (WBFDC). Out of the said area, an area of 7396.726 ha was transferred to Neora Valley National Park w.e.f. 11.01.2013 vide the Forest Department's Order No. 103-FR/O/11M-91/12 dated 11.01.2013. The said area was later physically handed over to Gorumara Wildlife Division w.e.f. 10.01.2014. Balance area of 36,435.729ha continued under the possession of W.B.F.D.C.L.

2. The Government policies and programmes in all Districts of the State are implemented through Territorial Forest Divisions. In order to bring uniformity in forest management, the matter of transfer the territories under the Kalimpong Division, West Bengal Forest Corporation Ltd. to the State Government was under consideration of the Government for some time past.

3. Now, the Government has been pleased to accord approval to transfer of balance of leased area of 36,435.792 ha with West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Ltd to the State Government w.c.f. 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2018. All the movable and immovable assets of the Forest Corporation within the leased area would be transferred from West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Ltd. to the State Government in the Forest Directorate.

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The assets, movable or immovable, outside the jurisdiction of Kalimpong District which are held by Kalimpong Division, WBFDC Ltd. would be transferred to the respective Territorial Division of the concerned district.

Ongoing works undertaken by the West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Ltd. will be continued and to be completed by the WBFDC Ltd. and would be subsequently handed over to territorial Division.

4. It has further been decided that Kalimpong Soil Conservation Division, would be renamed as Kalimpong Forest Division with effect from 01.11.2018 and it would function as territorial division for areas under Kalimpong district. This Division would take over all the assets of WBFDC Ltd. in the Kalimpong District other than the assets already handed over to Garumara Wild Life Division.

5. Regarding transfer of assets, both movable and immovable, and staff/employees and for determining the assets and liabilities a committee is being constituted headed by Addl. PCCF Level Officer for finalization of the matter within 08<sup>th</sup> October, 2018.

6. Necessary orders regarding transfer of staff and other assets will be issued in due course after obtaining recommendation of the committee constituted for the purpose and approval of the Government.

7. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Department, Group 'N' vide their U.O. No. 1083, dated 31.08.2018 and Finance Department, Group 'I' U.O. No. 0026, dated 05.09.2018.

By Order of the Governor

Sd./-

(Indecvar Pandey, IAS)  
Addl. Chief Secretary to the Govt. of W.B.



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Kolkata, the 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2018

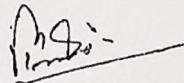
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- Managing Director, WBFDC
- Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife
- Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, RMD
- Member Secretary, WBZA.
- , WBPDC
- , WBWDCL
- District Magistrates,

Department.

District.

  
 Joint Secretary to the Government of West Bengal.



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**Government of West Bengal  
Department of Forests  
Aranya Bhavan  
Block-LA-10A, Sector-III  
Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700106**

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Kolkata, the April, 2021

**NOTIFICATION**

Whereas, by a Notification of Department of Forests, Government of West Bengal, No. 2379-For/FR/O/11M-98/13 dated 25.11.2014 issued under Sub-Section (1) of the Section 4 of the Wildlife (Protection Act)-1972, the Government of West Bengal appointed and delegated the power of Ex-officio Wildlife Warden, West Bengal to the officers holding the rank of Deputy Conservator of Forests in respective Forest Divisions of West Bengal. The said Notification contained the details of 33 (thirty three) Divisional Forest Officers/Deputy Field Directors within their territorial jurisdictions.

And whereas, the Kalimpong Division has been transferred to the State Government in the Forest Directorate from the West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Limited vide this Department Notification No. 1682/FR/O/6M-2/2018 dated 19.09.2018.

And whereas, a proposal has been received from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, West Bengal to confer the power of Ex-officio Wildlife Warden, West Bengal on the Divisional Forest Officer, Kalimpong.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the power conferred by the Sub-Section (1) of the Section 4 of the Wildlife (Protection Act)-1972 and in continuation of the Notification no. 2379-For/FR/O/11M-98/13 dated 25.11.2014, the Governor is pleased to appoint and delegate the power, with effect from the date of issue of this Notification and until further orders, to the officer holding the rank of Deputy Conservator of Forests mentioned in the Column (2) of the "The Schedule" hereunder as Ex-officio Wildlife Warden, West Bengal for respective jurisdiction, comprising both forests and non-forests areas for the purpose of the aforesaid Act.

**"The Schedule"**

Sl. No.	Name of the Posts
1.	Divisional Forest Officer, Kalimpong Division

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The officer so appointed as Ex-officio Wildlife Warden, West Bengal shall be subordinate to the Chief Wildlife Warden, West Bengal in terms of Sub-Section (3) of Section 4 of the said Act.

And further, in accordance with the provisions under Section 5(2) of the Wildlife (Protection Act) 1972, as amended up to date, the Ex-officio Wildlife Warden, West Bengal is hereby delegated with the following powers and duties :-

1. All the powers delegated to Sub-ordinate Ranks and Officers.
2. The following Sections of the Wildlife (Protection Act) 1972, as amended up to date:
  - a. Section 27(1) (b)
  - b. Section 34(1)
  - c. Section 34(2)
  - d. Section 41(1)
  - e. Section 44(2)
  - f. Section 50(3)
  - g. Section 50(3A)
  - h. Section 50(4)
  - i. Section 54

the Governor,

By Order of

KUMAR)  
Chief Secretary  
West Bengal

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Additional  
to the Government of

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2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden, West Bengal

Special Duty  
West Bengal

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**Government of West Bengal  
Department of Forests  
Aranya Bhavan  
Block-LA-10A, Sector-III  
Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700106**

No. I/132260/2021

Kolkata, the 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2021**NOTIFICATION**

Whereas, by a Notification of Department of Forests, Government of West Bengal, No. 2379-For/FR/O/11M-98/13 dated 25.11.2014 issued under Sub-Section (1) of the Section 4 of the Wildlife (Protection Act)-1972, the Government of West Bengal appointed and delegated the power of Ex-officio Wildlife Warden, West Bengal to the officers holding the rank of Deputy Conservator of Forests in respective Forest Divisions of West Bengal. The said Notification contained the details of 33 (thirty three) Divisional Forest Officers/Deputy Field Directors within their territorial jurisdictions.

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**"The Schedule"**

Sl. No.	Name of the Posts
1.	Divisional Forest Officer, Kalimpong Division

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The officer so appointed as Ex-officio Wildlife Warden, West Bengal shall be subordinate to the Chief Wildlife Warden, West Bengal in terms of Sub-Section (3) of Section 4 of the said Act.

And further, in accordance with the provisions under Section 5(2) of the Wildlife (Protection Act) 1972, as amended up to date, the Ex-officio Wildlife Warden, West Bengal is hereby delegated with the following powers and duties :-

1. All the powers delegated to Sub-ordinate Ranks and Officers.
2. The following Sections of the Wildlife (Protection Act) 1972, as amended up to date:
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  - b. Section 34(1)
  - c. Section 34(2)
  - d. Section 41(1)
  - e. Section 44(2)
  - f. Section 50(3)
  - g. Section 50(3A)
  - h. Section 50(4)
  - i. Section 54

By Order of the Governor,



(VIVEK KUMAR)  
Additional Chief Secretary  
to the Government of West Bengal

No. I/132260/2021/1(2)

Kolkata, the 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2021

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