

**CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL
ERNAKULAM BENCH**

Original Application No.180/00365/2020

Thursday this the 8th day of October, 2020

C O R A M :

HON'BLE Mr.P.MADHAVAN, JUDICIAL MEMBER

HON'BLE Mr.K.V.EAPEN, ADMINISTRATIVE MEMBER

1. Vinod.S., S/o.P.Sivadasan, aged 49 years
Working as Deputy Conservator of Forests (FMIS)
O/o.the Chief Conservator of Forests (IT)
Forest Head Quarters, Vazhuthacaud
Thiruvananthapuram, Pin – 695 014
Residing at Aravindam, SNRA-414, Sreenagar, Kariyam
Powdikonam P.O, Thiruvananthapuram-695 888
2. A.Shanavas, S/o.A.Abdul Azeez, aged 49 years
Working as Divisional Forest Officer, Punalur Division
Punalur, Pin – 691 305
Residing at: T.C 49/681- Manacaud, Thiruvananthapuram
3. Anil Antony, S/o.R.Antony, aged 46 years
Working as Divisional Forest Officer
Timber Sales Division, Punalur – 691 305
Residing at Nishanthi, Kanjiramcode, Kundara, Kollam
4. Jayasankar.S, S/o.T.R.Sankunny, aged 53 years
Working as Deputy Director
Walayar Forest Academy, Walayar
Palakkad – 678 624
Residing at 486/3, Revathy, Ponnu Veetil Lane
Patturaikkal, Thrissur
5. Raju K.francis, S/o.K.S.Francis, aged 48 years
Working as Divisional Forest Officer
Flying Squad Division, Palarivattom, Ernakulam – 682 025
Residing at Koomthanisseril
Kadakarappally P.O, Cherthala

6. N.Rajesh, S/o.K.S.Nalinakshan, aged 49 years
Working as Wildlife Warden, Peechi Wild Life Division
Peechi – 680 653
Residing at Devaprayag, East Kadathy
Muvattupuzha ...Applicants

(By Advocate Mr.P.K.Madhusoodhanan, Adv.Mr.Binoy Krishna P.M)

v e r s u s

1. Union of India, represented by the Secretary
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, 6th Floor, Prithvi Block
Jorbag Road, Aligarg
New Delhi – 110 001
2. State of Kerala
Represented by Chief Secretary
Government of Kerala
Thiruvananthapuram – 695 001
3. Union Public Service Commission
represented by its Secretary, Shajahan Road
New Delhi – 110 001
4. Selection Committee
For Selection to Indian Forest Service
Constituted under Regulation 3 of IFS (Appointment by promotion)
Regulation, 1966, represented by its Chairman
Union Public Service Commission
Shajahan Road, New Delhi – 110 001
5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &
Head of Forest Forces, Kerala,
Thiruvananthapuram-695 014Respondents

(By Advocate : Mr.T.C.Krishna,Sr.PCGC for R1, Mr.Thomas Mathew
Nellimoottil,Sr.PCGC for R 3 &4, Mr.M.Rajeev, G.P for R 2 & 5))

This application having been heard through video conference on 8th October,

2020, this Tribunal on the same day delivered the following :

ORDER (O R A L)

HON'BLE Mr.P.MADHAVAN, JUDICIAL MEMBER

Applicants are in the zone of consideration for promotion to the IFS (Kerala) Cadre from the State Forest Service for the years 2018 & 2019. they are the seniormost eligible staff officers included in the zone of consideration and any delay in holding Select Committee meeting and consequential delay in granting promotion to IFS (Kerala) cadre will adversely affect the applicants. Hence, they approached this Tribunal praying for the following reliefs:

"(a) Issue necessary directions to the respondents to convene the Selection Committee Meeting for the years 2018 and 2019 jointly as previously done in Annexures A4 and A5 and issue notifications appointing the selectees by promotion in accordance with law, including the applicants in the event of their selection to the IFS (Kerala) cadre as expeditiously as possible, at any rate within a time frame to be fixed by thsi Tribunal.

(b) Issue necessary directions to the respondents to take prompt steps to convene the Selection Committee Meeting for the years 2019 as well forthwith and grant appointment by promotion to the applicants in the vacancies of IFS (Kerala) Cadre in accordance with the relevant provisions contained in Indian Forest Service (Appointment by Promotion) Regulation, 1966 at the earliest, at any rate within a time limit to be fixed by this Tribunal . "

2. When the matter came up for consideration, learned counsel for the State

Government Adv.Mr.M.Rajeev, G.P submits that the Government is proposing to send list for 2018 and 2019 for consideration of UPSC and they require two months time for completing the procedures. He further submits that the O.A can be disposed of with such direction.

3. Adv.Mr.P.K.Madhusoodhanan, learned counsel for the applicant has no objection for the same.

4. In view of the limited submission made by the State Government counsel, we direct the State Government to complete the exercise of forwarding proposal to the UPSC within a period of two months. Counsel for the UPSC submits that they have not received any proposal till date and on receipt of the said proposal, UPSC will conduct Screening Committee Meeting and will dispose of the matter.

5. The Original Application is disposed of as above. No costs.

(K.V.EAPEN)
ADMINISTRATIVE MEMBER

(P.MADHAVAN)
JUDICIAL MEMBER

List of Annexures

- Annexure A1 - True copy of the letter No.2380563/AIS-CI/2018/GAD dated 29.9.2019 forwarded to the 3rd respondent by the 2nd respondent
- Annexure A2 - True copy of the letter dated 18.3.2020 of the first respondent
- Annexure A3 - True copy of the relevant extract of the Final Seniority List of State Service Forest Officers (Assistant Conservator of Forests) as on 1.1.2016
- Annexure A4 - True copy of the notification of 1st respondent dated 14.2.2017 for the years 2013 and 2014
- Annexure A5 - True copy of the notification of 1st respondent dated 30.8.2017.

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