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Abstract

Report of High Level Working Group on Western Ghats (Kasthurirangan Committee)-Demarcation of exact boundaries of ESAs as re-fixed-Orders issued.

ENVIRONMENT (A) DEPARTMENT

G.O. (Rt) No.57/2014/Envt.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 27.03.2014

Read: (1) G.O.(Rt) No.188/2013/Envt dated 21.12.2013

(2) Recommendation of the Expert Committee on the report of the High Level Working Group

(3) Notification No.S.O.733 (F) dated 10.03.2014 of the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India

ORDER

The reports received from the Grama Panchayat level verification committees on identification of Ecologically Sensitive Areas (ESA) in the 123 ESA villages of the states as proposed by the High Level Working Group on Western Ghats (Kasthurirangan Committee) require to be examined in the light of the recommendations of the expert committee engaged by the State Government for consideration of the High Level Working Group recommendations on ESAs of the state, and to fix the boundaries accurately for final notification in pursuance of para 2 (2) of the draft published by the Ministry of Environment & Forests vide the notification read as third paper above.

2. Government order that cadastral maps clearly depicting the physical boundaries of the ESAs as identified based on the recommendations of the expert committee engaged by the State Government and based also on the reports of the local verification committees as per the Government Order read as first paper above, and now uploaded in the website of the Kerala Remote Sensing and Environment Centre www.ksrec.kerala.gov.in shall be prepared urgently to be uploaded for the stake holders to comment thereon and to fine tune the exact boundaries of areas fit to be made ESAs, without any room for complaint.

3. The District Collectors will make all necessary arrangements to facilitate the boundary fixing works and demarcating it in the cadastral maps being made available by Government to the villages. All revenue authorities concerned shall render the required help to complete the works within five days from the date of receipt of the cadastral maps.

4. The local level verification committee as per the Government Order read above will be the forum to fix the boundaries as per the guidelines therefor.

5. Services of Surveyor of the Department of Survey and Land records shall be made available as may be required by the local verification committee.

6. Guidelines for the mapping works will be issued by the expert committee at the state level along with the cadastral maps.

(By Order of the Governor)

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To

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All the FSA villages (through District Collector)

All ESA Panchayats

(through Member Secretary, Kerala State Biodiversity Board)

All FSA Municipalities

(through Member Secretary, Kerala State Biodiversity Board)

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