Government of West Bengal
Department of Forests,
For Branch,
AranyaBhavan(1st Floor), Block-LA-10A, Sector-III, Saltlake City
Kolkata-700 098

No. -1793-For/O/L/6M-02/2018

Kolkata, the 12th October, 2018

NOTIFICATION

A proposal for transfer of Kalimpong Forest Division from West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Ltd. to the Directorate of Forests was under consideration of Government of West Bengal. Now, the Kalimpong Forest Division will be transferred from West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Ltd. to the Directorate of Forests with effect from 01.11.2018 in pursuance of Notification no. 1682/FR/O/6M-2/2018 dt. 19/09/2018 issued by the Forest Department.

- 2. Consequent upon issuance of the aforesaid Notification there is need for laying down detailed guidelines for smooth transfer of assets and deployment of staff for efficient functioning of the newly created Kalimpong Forest Division and West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Ltd. The Governor is, therefore, pleased to lay down the following procedure in this regard:
 - The sanctioned strength of newly formed Kalimpong Forest Division, created by renaming the existing Soil Conservation Division based on the financial requirement and keeping in mind the fact that this Division would undertake all the works of erstwhile Soil Conservation Division and Kalimpong Forest Corporation Division of WBFDCL(except the commercial operation), the revised staff strength of Kalimpong Forest Division and Kalimpong Forest Corporation Division of West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Ltd. based on the work load would be as provided in Annexure-1.

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- (ii) In view of acute shortage of Personnel in Kalimpong Forest Division, the existing surplus staff of WBFDCL would be deployed in Kalimpong Forest Division as per the existing Government Orders. Such deployment would be done in a manner to minimise the displacement of existing staff of West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Ltd.
- (iii) The present office complex of Kalimpong Forest Corporation Division shall be handed over to the Directorate of Forests and present Office cum Residence of Kalimpong Soil Conservation Division shall be handed over to West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Ltd. for its Office cum Residence complex.
- (iv) All the eco-tourism Centres shall continue to be operated by the West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Ltd. on a mutually agreed terms and conditions on behalf of the Forest Department.
- (v) The Forest Rest Houses of Lava, Mongpong and jaldhaka shall be handed over to the Directorate of Forests by the West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Ltd.
- (vi) West Bengal Forest Development Corporation has an existing agreement with Forest Directorate pertaining to financing, operating, disposal and revenue sharing for Forest Produce. The same policy shall be extended to the Kalimpong Forest Division.
- (vii) All the forest produce harvested by West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Ltd. till 1st November, 2018 shall remain with West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Ltd. As per the condition of the Lease Agreement, from the date of cessation of the Lease Agreement, ownership of the timber harvested shall be reverted back to the Directorate of Forests.
- (viii) WB Forest Development Corporation Ltd. shall manage Timber Depots at Tarkhola, Mongpong or any other Depot as per the requirement of the Department.

- (ix) The equipment and forest produce lying at Bhuttabari saw Mill shall remain the property of West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Ltd., which shall dispose of the same as it deem fit within one year from 1st November, 2018 and after that, the land shall be reverted back to the Directorate of Forests.
- (x) All machinery and equipments procured by West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Ltd. which are presently being used in Kalimpong Division would continue to remain with Corporation.
- (xi) All plantation activities, thereby, the nurseries shall be transferred to Kalimpong Forest Division. The number of nurseries shall be further optimised to a maximum of 3 as per the near future requirement.
- (xii) All Non-Forest land which are currently being managed by the West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Ltd. would be managed by the Kalimpong Forest Division and shall stand transferred to the Forest Department.
- (xiii) West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Ltd. shall hand over all plantation journals and other documentations to the Directorate of Forests.
- (xiv) Adequate fund would be placed at the disposal of Kalimpong Forest Division for the schemes of Kalimpong Soil Conservation Division to avoid dislocation of works.
- (xv) All schemes of NBDD, FVDS, NHPC being implemented by Kalimpong Forest

 Corporation Division of West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Ltd. shall

 continue to be implemented by them till the existing project is completed. West

 Bengal Forest Development Corporation Ltd. shall provide the Utilization

 Certificate and Performance Reports for these schemes to the concerned

 Department.
- (xvi) The schemes of plantation and CAMPA etc. shall get transferred to the Directorate of Forests.

(xvii) The Range Officers of the Kalimpong Forest Division would also be designated as Ex-Officio Range Manager of West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Ltd.

This is issued in accordance with the concurrence of Finance Department, Gr. 'N' vide their U.O. No. 1083 Dated 31.08.2018 and Finance Department, Gr. 'I' vide their U.O. No. 0026 Dated 05.09.2018.

By Order of the Governor

Sd./-

(Indevar Pandey, IAS)

Addl. Chief Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal

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- 3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF,WB
- 4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, General
- 5. Managing Director, West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Ltd
- 6. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife
- 7. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Research Monitoring & Development.
- 8. Member Secretary, West Bengal Zoo Authority.
- 9. MD, West Bengal Pulpwood Development Corporation Ltd.
- 10. MD, West Bengal Wasteland Development Corporation Ltd.
- 11. District Magistrate......District.

Joint Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal

ANNEXURE to the Notification No. 1793-FOR/O/L/6M-02/2018 dated: 12th October 2018 Restructuring of Divisions in Kalimpong and Revised Sanction Strength

Category (a)	Old Divisions				New Divisions		
	Kalimpong Forest Corporation Division Sanctioned Strength (b)	Kalimpong Soil Conservatio n Division Sanctioned Strength (c)	Total (d)	Kalimpong Forest Division Sanctioned Strength (Proposed) (e)	Kalimpong Forest Corporation Division Retained Posts*	Total (g)	Kalimpong Forest Division Additional Pos to be created (h)
DFO/DM	1	1	2				
ADFO/ADM	1	1	2	1	1	2	0
Head Clerk/Head Asstt	1	1	2	2	0	2	1
Accountant/Ac Officer	1	1	2	1	1	2	0
Sr. Assistant/UDC	8	3		1	1	2	0
Jr. Assistant/LDC	8	4	11	7	4	11	4
P.A. (Stenographer)	1	1	12	7	5	12	3
Draftsman	0	1	2	1	1	2	0
Driver	11	1	1	1	0	1	0
Dakwala	1		12	4	2	6	3
Office peon	0	4	5	4	1	5	0
Orderly	0	1	1	1	0	1	0
Commercial Acctt.	1	7	7	7	0	7	0
Computer Operator -cum-Office Assistant		0	1	0	1	1	0
	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
Durwan	1	0	1	0	1	1	
Sweeper	1	0	1	0	1		0
Forest Ranger/RM	12	7	19	15	4	1	0
DR/Fr. DRM	31	22	53	38	9	19	8
HFG	0	3	3	10		47	16
Forest Guard/Worker	86	25	111	110	0	10	7
B/S-N/S	62	5	67	5	10	120	85
Senior Technician	2	0	2	0	7	12	0
Technician	8	0	8		2	2	0
Skilled Mazdoor	8	0	8	0	2	2	0
Bunglow Chowkidar	6	0	6	0	0	0	0
Truck Cleaner	4	0	4	3	3	6	3
Mali	15	11		0	1	1	0
Cook	6	0	26	11	6	17	0
Watcher	80	0	6	0	3	3	0
Multi Task Assistants	15	0	80	0	7	7	0
Night Guards	7	0	15	0	3	3	0
Total:-	379	99	7	0	1	1	0
		33	478	229	78	307	130

^{*}The entire sanction of Kalimpong Soil Conservation Division has been subsumed in Kalimpong forest Division.

Joint Secretary, Forest department Government of West Bengal

^{**} The figures for the new Kalimpong Forest Corp. Division is indicative. West Bengal Forest Development Corporation may take the decision regarding the posts

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