



PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

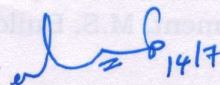
Sub: Suspension of Sri Chakrapani Y, IFS (KN:2012), Deputy Conservator of Forests, M.M Hills Wildlife Division, Kollegal-reg.

Read: FEE U.O No: ಅಪಜೀ 159 ಅಇವಿ 2025, dated: 04.07.2025.

PREAMBLE:

WHEREAS, the Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment vide U.O Note dated: 04.07.2025 read at above, the High-Level-Inquiry Committee has reported the following regarding the death of a Tigress and Four Cubs on 26.06.2025 in Hoogyam Range, M M Hills Wildlife Division.

1. Based on preliminary veterinary findings and the admissions of the accused, the cause of death has been attributed to ingestion of a toxic chemical compound, which needs to be confirmed by Forensic Science Lab.
2. There have been allegations that salaries for outsourced employees at APCs were not disbursed, leading to a protest by watchers in front of the DCF office on 23.06.2025. This issue was verified by the committee and it was found that the salaries to the outsourced employees were not paid in M.M Hills Division for the months of March, April and May 2025.
3. It is understood from the inquiry that the protest was held on 23.06.2025, in front of the Division office by the APC watchers of MM hills, Palar and Ramapura ranges primarily regarding pending salaries from previous years as well as the salaries of the months of March, April and May 2025. During the protest, ACF Kollegal, RFO Hanur, RFO Ramapura and RFO Hoogyam were present at the division office and a representation was received from the APC watchers addressing their grievance.
4. On verification with the anti-poaching watchers, it was found that the Labour contractor has not made the wage payment to the APC watchers for the months of March, April and May 2025. Some of the bank statements of few APC watchers were also checked and it was confirmed that the salary for last three months have not been paid by the contractor.
5. On verification of the office records regarding submission of the bills and as seen from the above statements, it is evident that the bills for the months of April and May have been processed by the RFOs after the sanction of the APO for the current financial year with respect to OM and fund release by the State Govt. and submitted to the DCF office on 24th June 2025 and subsequently payment to the contractor was made on 1st of July 2025.
6. The Committee also met the APC watchers from Ulkinabetta and Maralli camps of Hoogyam range and heard their grievances. They submitted before the Committee that they did not receive their salaries for the months of March, April, May and June 2025 and they all have been taking loans from local sources at high interest rates for the survival of their families. But they also told that they have been doing their duty sincerely and patrolling the areas assigned to them as per the instructions of their seniors.

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7. Hence, it is found that the officers have failed in their basic duty of ensuring timely payment of wages to watchers, even though the funds were made available at the end of April 2025. It is also not clear why the pending payment of wages for the month of March 2025 has not been considered, while it should have been taken on high priority. Similarly, for the wage payments of April and May 2025, there is unjustifiable delay in submission of bills to the Treasury.

WHEREAS, the State Government has examined the High-Level-Inquiry Committee report sent by the Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment regarding the death of a Tigress and Four Cubs on 26.06.2025 in Hoogyam Range, M M Hills Wildlife Division and also the recommendation of the Forest Department regarding the negligence & dereliction of duties on the part of concerned staff and officers.

WHEREAS, based on the above the State Government is prima facie satisfied that it is necessary to place Sri Chakrapani Y, IFS (KN:2012), Deputy Conservator of Forests, M.M Hills Wildlife Division, Kollegal, under Suspension with immediate effect, pending inquiry.

Hence this order.

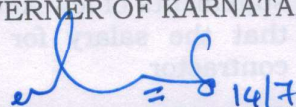
GOVERNMENT ORDER NO: e-DPAR 124 SFP 2025,
BENGALURU, DATED: 14th JULY 2025.

In the circumstances explained in the preamble, now therefore, in exercise of the powers under Rule 3(1) (a) of the All India Service (Discipline & Appeal) Rules, 1969, Sri Chakrapani Y, IFS (KN:2012), Deputy Conservator of Forests, M.M Hills Wildlife Division, Kollegal, is placed under suspension with immediate effect, pending inquiry.

During the period of suspension, the officer shall be paid subsistence allowance in accordance with Rule 4 of All India Service (Discipline & Appeal) Rules, 1969.

During the period of suspension, the officer shall not leave the Headquarters, under any circumstances without the written permission of the State Government.

BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE
GOVERNOR OF KARNATAKA


(PRASANNA KUMAR V)

Under Secretary to Government,
DP & AR (Services-5).

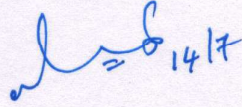
To:

Sri Chakrapani Y, IFS (KN:2012), Deputy Conservator of Forests, M.M Hills Wildlife Division, Kollegal.

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1. The Principal Accountant General (Accounts & Entt.) Karnataka, Bengaluru.
2. The Secretary to Government of India, Department of Personnel & Training, New Delhi-110 001.
3. The Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, 6th Floor, Prithvi Block, Jor Bagh Road, Ali Ganj, New Delhi-110 003.
4. The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Ecology and Environment Department, M.S. Building, Bengaluru.

5. The Additional Chief Secretary/Secretary to Chief Minister, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru.
6. The P.S. to Minister for Forests, Bengaluru.
7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, Malleswaram, Bengaluru-560 003.
8. The P.S. to Chief Secretary to Government, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru.
9. The P.S. to Secretary, DPAR, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru.
10. The Under Secretary to Government, FEE (Forest Services), Bengaluru.
11. The Administrative Officer, General Record Section, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru.
12. The Weekly/Monthly Gazette/Press Table.
13. PFs/SGF/Spare Copies.

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