

## KERALA LABOUR WELFARE FUND BOARD

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## Cause of delay in submitting proposal

As per the Government Order No. 3332/78/A2 dated 23.12.1978 an extent of 2.864 Hectare land at Kumily (Thekkady) was obtained on lease agreement to the Kerala Labour Welfare Fund Board from the Department of Forest and Wildlife; where Holiday Home for Workers as constructed for the recreation of workers. The lease agreement period expired on 23.12.2003. But, before the expiry of the period itself, an application had been submitted to the Deputy Director of Periyar Tiger Reserve on 18.11.2003. As per his advice, another application was submitted to the National Board for Wildlife on 18.10.2008 through the Deputy Director. Subsequently, the required information and details were furnished on 23.01.2009, 17.02.2009, 17.10.2009 and on 17.10.2011. But, instead of renewing the tenure of the lease agreement, the lease agreement was cancelled from the date of expiry of the lease agreement period, vide G.O 405/2012/F&W/L.D. dated 07.08.2012. Thereafter, the KLWFB approached the Government and by its intervention, the said order, order was kept in abeyance vide Order No. 10284/C3/2012/F&WLD dated 10.08.2012 of the Additional Chief Secretary of the Forest and Wildlife (c) Department. Later, in a hearing held by the Additional Chief Secretary on 24.09.2012 with the concerned officials of the Department of Forest & Wildlife, it was instructed to submit a fresh proposal. The Forest Research Institute, Peechi, Thrissur, was entrusted with the task of preparation of Digital Map in order to submit online proposal of MOEF and the same was obtained in 2015. We tried to submit the proposal/application online in Form-B

in the MOEF on line Portal. As we were not able to submit the proposal online due to technical problem, the Chief Conservator of Forest Thiruvananthapuram, was approached personally and as per his instruction, the application was submitted in the link Form-A under section (2).

The occurred inordinate delay in submitting the application due to the reasons explained above. Hence, it is requested that inadvertent and inordinate delay may kindly be condoned and necessary steps may kindly be initiated to get the lease agreement renewed at the earliest.

Yours faithfully

Labour welfare fund Commissioner