



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF
KARNATAKA**

- Sub:** Suspension of Sri R.Gokul, IFS (KN:1997), Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Director General, EMPRI, Bengaluru-reg.
- Read:** 1. FEE file No: FEE/107/FLL/2025 (Comp No: 1772747).
2. Letter of Sri R.Gokul, IFS, to CBI No: FEE 31 CTC 2024, dated: 26.12.2024.
3. Intervention Application No: 113311 of 2025 filed by Sri R.Gokul, IFS in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

PREAMBLE:

WHEREAS, the Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment vide file read at (1) above, has reported the following regarding denotification of lands granted to HMT measuring 443 Acres 6 guntas situated at Peenya Jalahalli Plantation.

1. Without obtaining the approval of the then Minister-in-charge or sanction from the State Cabinet, an IA No.60477/2020 has been filed before the Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP(C) 337/1995 seeking permission for denotification of lands granted to HMT measuring 443 acres 6 guntas situated at Peenya Jalahalli Plantation.
2. Accordingly, preliminary notices were issued by Forest, Ecology and Environment Department seeking explanation of All India Service Officers namely, 1) Sri Sandeep Dave, IAS (Rtd), the then Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Ecology and Environment Department, 2) Sri Vijay Kumar Gogi, IFS (Rtd), the then Principal Secretary to Government, Forest, Ecology and Environment Department 3) Smt. Smitha Bijjur, IFS, the then Principal Secretary to Government, Forest, Ecology and Environment Department and 4) Sri R.Gokul, IFS, the then Chief Conservator of Forests & Litigation Conducting officer in the said I.A.
3. The replies received by the said officers except Sri Sandeep Dave have been examined by Forest, Ecology and Environment Department and referred along with the opinion of the Department to Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms to examine and initiate necessary action.
4. After the issue of preliminary notice by Forest, Ecology and Environment Department Sri R.Gokul, IFS, presently working as Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Director General, EMPRI, Bengaluru, has written a letter to the CBI read at (2) above, without prior intimation or obtaining permission of the State Government for seeking protection with reference to Belekeri Port Iron Ore theft cases and has also requested to investigate the reasons for issuing a notice and defaming through news articles and to provide him adequate protection.


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5. Further, Sri R.Gokul, IFS, without prior intimation or obtaining permission of the State Government has filed a Intervention Application (113311/2025) in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India against IA (190307/2024 WP (C) 337/1995) filed by the State Government in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India for withdrawal of the IA (60477/2020 in WP (C) 337/1995) related to the de- notification of lands belonging to HMT ltd.

WHEREAS, the State Government has examined the necessary files and records in the said matter referred to in paras 1 to 3 above, and seeking a report of denotification of lands granted to HMT under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 from Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Ecology and Environment Department, and to investigate and intimate if there are any lapses and any irregularities committed by the officers in the said matter.

WHEREAS, the conduct of Sri R. Gokul, IFS referred to in paras 4 and 5 above is in violation of Rule 17 of All India Services (Conduct) Rules, 1968 and the State Government is prima facie satisfied that it is necessary to place Sri R.Gokul, IFS (KN:1997), Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Director General, EMPRI, Bengaluru, under suspension with immediate effect, pending inquiry.

Hence this order.

GOVERNMENT ORDER NO:e-DPAR 99 SFP 2025,
BENGALURU, DATED: 4th JUNE 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 R. Gokul, IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Director General, EMPRI, Bengaluru, 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,
DPAR (Services-5).

To: Sri R Gokul, IFS (KN:1997), Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Director General, EMPRI, Bengaluru

Copy To:

1. The Principal Accountant General (Accounts), Karnataka, Bengaluru.
2. The Secretary to the Government of India, Department of

Personnel & Training, New Delhi-110 001.

3. The Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, 6th Floor Prithvi Block, Jor Bagh Road, Ali Ganj, New Delhi-110003.
4. The Additional Chief Secretary, Forest, Ecology and Environment, M.S Building, Bengaluru.
5. The Additional Chief Secretary/Secretary to Chief Minister, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru.
6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(Head of Forest Force), Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru.
7. P.S to Minister for Forests, Bengaluru.
8. P.S to Chief Secretary to Government, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru.
9. P.S to Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru.
10. P.S to Secretary to Government, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru.
11. The Under Secretary to Government, FEE (Forest Services), Bengaluru.
12. The Administrative Officer, General Record Section, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru.
13. PF/Weekly/Monthly Gazette/SGF/Spare Copies.

