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PART I

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Agriculture (Forest-Miscellaneous) Department

NOTIFICATION

G. O. Ms. No. 142/78/AD.   Dated, *Trivandrum*, 19th May 1978.

S. R. O. No. 533/78.—Whereas the Government of Kerala have, as per notification No. 92368/FM3/76/AD dated the 31st January, 1978 issued under subsection (1) of section 35 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972, and published as S. R. O. No. 166/78 in Kerala Gazette No. 9 dated the 28th February, 1978; declared its intention to constitute the area, the situation and limits of which are specified in the Schedule below, as a National Park, to be known as the Eravikulam National Park;

And whereas the said area being a sanctuary declared under subsection 1) of section 18 of the said Act and no claim in relation to any land in the area arises for settlement and the area vests in the State Government;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub section (4) of the said section 35 the Government of Kerala hereby specify that the area, the limits of which are specified in the Schedule below shall comprise within the National Park and declare that the said area shall be a National Park known as the Eravikulam National Park on and from the date of this notification.

SCHEDULE

Situation and Limits of the said Area

North:—The boundary commences from the point where the Kannan Devan Hills Produce Village boundary meets the interstate boundary between Kerala and Tamil Nadu at point 5540' (1689 m). From that point, the boundary runs along the interstate boundary passing through peaks with altitude of 3984 (1214 m) 5011' (1527 m) 5885' (1794 m) and 7388' (2252 m) to Parattumala 7033' (2144 m). Thence turning south-east the boundary reaches Kumarikkal Malai 8273 (2522 m).

East:—Thence the boundary follows the Kannan Devan Hills Produce Village boundary along the ridge through Kattumalai 8373' (2552 m) and then to Perumalmalai 7726' (2355 m) till it reaches Tirumudi 5676' (1830 m).

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South:—Thence the boundary follows the western boundary of Chattamanar Estate (Thaliar group), Northern boundaries of Vagavurral and Nyamakad estates to meet the Kannan Devan Hills Produce Village boundary about 3 km. south west of Rajamala peak 7209 (2197 m).

West:—Thence the boundary follows the Kannan Devan Hills Produce boundary to Rajamalai 7209' (2197 m) and thence turning north-east, the boundary reaches Sambamalai 7581' (2311 m) and thence to Bhima Malai 4719' (1438 m) and from there turns in a north-east direction to Kolukkumalai 7137' (2175 m) and thence proceeds in a Northernly direction to the starting point at 5540' (1689 m) passing through Erumalai 7495' (2284 m) and Erumalpetimalai 6999' (2133 m).

By order of the Governor,

K. V. VIDYADHARAN,
Additional Secretary.

Explanatory Note

In notification No. 92368/FM3/76/AD dated 31-1-1978 issued under subsection (1) of section 35 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972) and published as S. R. O. No. 165/78 in Kerala Gazette No. 9 dated 28-2-1978, Government have declared their intention to constitute the area, situation and the limits of which are specified in the schedule to that notification as a National Park to be known as the Eravikulam National Park. The necessity of declaring the Eravikulam Rajamally area as a National Park was pointed out by the Government of India based on the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Indian Board for Wild Life. The area mentioned in the schedule to the notification dated 31-1-1978 is of adequate ecological, faunal, floral, geomorphological and zoological significance. In consideration of the above aspects, and as Government have already made clear their intention to declare the said area as a National Park they deem it necessary to issue the notification under subsection 4 (b) of section 35 of the Wild Life Protection Act, 1972 and this notification is intended to achieve the above object.