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SUBJECT COMMITTEE X  
(FOREST, ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM)

(2023-2026)

**Composition**

*Chairperson :*

Shri A. K. Saseendran,  
Minister for Forest and Wild life.

*Ex-officio Member :*

Shri P. A. Mohamed Riyas,  
Minister for Public Works and Tourism.

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Shri Jomy K. Joseph, Deputy Secretary  
Smt. Sunitha C., Under Secretary.

# THE WILD LIFE PROTECTION (KERALA AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025

## *Report of the Subject Committee*

Subject Committee X (Forest, Environment and Tourism) to which The Wild Life Protection (Kerala Amendment) Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 270) was referred, considered the Bill clause by clause and now submits this report with the Bill as reported by the Subject Committee annexed thereto.

2. The Wild Life Protection (Kerala Amendment) Bill, 2025 was published as a Gazette Extraordinary dated 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2025. The Bill was introduced in the Assembly on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 and was referred to Subject Committee X on the same day.

3. The Committee considered the Bill clause by clause at the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 and recommends to adopt the Bill with the following modifications:

### *Clause 2*

In the proviso proposed to be inserted after the second proviso to clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 11 of the principal Act as per item (i) of sub-clause (1) of Clause 2 of the Bill, for the word “therefore” the word “therefor” shall be substituted.

### *Clause 3*

In sub-section (2) proposed to be inserted in section 62 of the principal Act as per Clause 3 of the Bill,—

(i) for the words “the number of” the words “the population of” shall be substituted;

(ii) for the brackets and words “(including standing crops on any land outside the boundaries of forests or protected areas)”, the brackets and words “(including standing crops on any land) outside the boundaries of forests or protected areas” shall be substituted.

4. All other changes are either verbal or consequential.

5. The minutes of Dissent and the Bill as reported by the Subject Committee are appended.

A. K. SASEENDRAN ,

*Chairperson,*

*Subject Committee X.*

Thiruvananthapuram,  
19<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

## അനുബന്ധം I

### വിയോജനക്കുറിപ്പ്

ബില്ലിലെ വ്യവസ്ഥകൾ വന്യമൃഗശല്യം തടയുന്നതിന് പര്യാപ്തമല്ല. വന്യമൃഗങ്ങൾ മനുഷ്യജീവനും സമ്പത്തിനും വളർത്തു മൃഗങ്ങൾക്കും നാശനഷ്ടങ്ങൾ വരുത്തുന്നതും ജനവാസ മേഖലകളിൽ പ്രവേശിക്കുന്നതും തടയുന്നതിനുള്ള വ്യവസ്ഥകൾ ബില്ലിൽ ചേർത്തിട്ടില്ല. ഇത്തരം സന്ദർഭങ്ങളിൽ ജില്ലാ കളക്ടറുടെയോ, ചീഫ് ഫോറസ്റ്റ് കൺസർവേറ്ററുടെയോ റിപ്പോർട്ട് ലഭിക്കുന്ന മുറയ്ക്ക് മാത്രം ചീഫ് വൈൽഡ് ലൈഫ് വാർഡൻ ഉത്തരവ് വഴി അത്തരം മൃഗങ്ങളെ കൊല്ലുന്നതിന് വ്യവസ്ഥ ചെയ്യുന്നത് മതിയാവുന്നതല്ല. മറിച്ച് ഡി.എഫ്.ഒ./റേഞ്ച് ഓഫീസർ തലത്തിലുള്ള ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥർക്ക് വിശ്വാസയോഗ്യമായ റിപ്പോർട്ട് ലഭിക്കുന്ന മുറയ്ക്ക് ആവശ്യമായ നടപടികൾ സ്വീകരിക്കുന്നതിന് വ്യവസ്ഥ ചെയ്യേണ്ടതുണ്ട്.

കൂടാതെ ഇത്തരത്തിൽ കൊല്ലപ്പെടുന്ന മൃഗങ്ങളുടെ മാംസം ഭക്ഷ്യയോഗ്യമാക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള വ്യവസ്ഥകളും നിയമത്തിൽ ആവശ്യമുണ്ട്. കാട്ടുപന്നികളെ ക്ഷുദ്രജീവിയായി പ്രഖ്യാപിക്കുന്നതിന് കൃത്യമായ വ്യവസ്ഥ ആവശ്യമുണ്ട്. വന്യമൃഗ ആക്രമണങ്ങളിൽ മരണപ്പെടുന്നവരുടെ ആശ്രിതർക്കും, നാശനഷ്ടങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടായവർക്കും മതിയായ നഷ്ടപരിഹാരം നൽകുന്നതിനുള്ള വ്യവസ്ഥകളും ആയതിനുള്ള മാനദണ്ഡങ്ങളും പ്രത്യേക ടൈബ്യൂണലും രൂപീകരിക്കുന്നതിനും വ്യവസ്ഥ ചെയ്യേണ്ടതുണ്ട്.

സണ്ണി ജോസഫ്

(ഒപ്പ്)

എൽദോസ് പി. കുന്നപ്പിള്ളിൽ

(ഒപ്പ്)

നജീബ് കാന്തപുരം

(ഒപ്പ്)

ആര്യാടൻ ഷൗക്കത്ത്

(ഒപ്പ്)

APPENDIX II

**THE WILD LIFE PROTECTION (KERALA AMENDMENT)  
BILL, 2025**

(As Reported by the Subject Committee)

[the words underlined/sidelined indicate the modification suggested by the  
committee. Omissions are indicated by asterisks]

A

***BILL***

*to amend the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 in its application to the State  
of Kerala.*

*Preamble.*—WHEREAS, it is expedient to amend the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 in its application to the State of Kerala, for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

BE it enacted in the Seventy-Sixth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*—(1) This Act may be called the Wild Life Protection (Kerala Amendment) Act, 2025.

(2) It extends to the whole of the State of Kerala.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of section 11.*—In section 11 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972) (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), in sub-section (1),—

(1) in clause (a),—

(i) after the second proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

“Provided also that where such a wild animal has attacked any person and caused or inflicted severe injuries to him, or such animal is found in a public place where people are usually gathered for various purposes or in a residential area, the Chief Wildlife Warden may, upon a report from the District

Collector or a Chief Conservator of Forests, without delay, by order in writing and stating the reasons therefor, permit any person to kill, tranquilise, capture or translocate such animal or cause such animal to be killed, tranquilised, captured or translocated.”;

(ii) the existing Explanation shall be re-numbered as Explanation 2 thereof and before Explanation 2 as so re-numbered, the following Explanation shall be inserted, namely:—

“*Explanation 1.*—For the purposes of clause (a),—

(a) a wild animal becomes “dangerous to human life” when any such wild animal has attacked any person outside a forest or protected area or it is found in a residential area outside the boundary of the forest or protected area;

(b) the expression “ residential area” means any geographical area where people reside.”;

(2) after clause (b), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(c) The Chief Wild life Warden may, if he is satisfied that the population of any wild animal specified in Schedule II has highly increased in any area and has become dangerous to human life or property (including standing crops on any land) take any suitable step for scientific management of such animals by way of population management without killing, by birth control or by translocation of such animal.”.

3. *Amendment of section 62.*—In section 62 of the principal Act, the existing provision shall be numbered as sub-section (1) thereof and after the sub-section (1) as so numbered, the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), where the State Government is of the opinion that as per any scientific study report submitted by an expert body appointed by the Government and the report of the Chief Wildlife Warden, the population of any wild animal specified in Schedule II has become dangerous to human life or property (including standing crops on any land) outside the boundaries of forests or protected areas, the State Government may, by notification in the Gazette, declare any such animal to be vermin for any

area in the State and for such period not exceeding six months at a time and such wild animal shall be deemed not to be included in Schedule II for such area and for such period as specified in the notification:

Provided that every such notification issued under sub-section (2) shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is issued, before the Legislative Assembly of the State, while it is in session, for a total period of fourteen days which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions.”.

4. *Amendment of SCHEDULE-I.*—In SCHEDULE-I of the principal Act, in PART A: MAMMALS, under the heading 'PRIMATES', the serial number and entries “ 125. Bonnet Macaque *Macaca radiata*” shall be omitted.

5. *Amendment of SCHEDULE-II.*—In SCHEDULE-II of the principal Act, in PART A: MAMMALS, under the heading 'PRIMATES', after serial number 24 and entries against it, the following serial number and entries shall respectively be inserted, namely: –

“24A. Bonnet Macaque *Macaca radiata*”.

Kerala Legislature Secretariat,  
Thiruvananthapuram,  
2025, September 18.

DR. N. KRISHNA KUMAR,  
*Secretary.*