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Office of the
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Trivandrum,
Dated 27-10-1974.

ORDER NO.44/74

Sub:- Auction sale of timber at Depots – Loss recovery of rates below
Seigniorage plus working charges –

In G.O.MS.No.815/61/AD dated 19-5-1961 it was ordered that only logs which will fetch approximately seignior age plus working charges and above would be arranged to be worked down to depots. Based on the above, Circular No.30/67 dated 11-3-67 was issued from this office with instructions to the effect that the difference between the sale proceeds of the logs and the seig. Plus working charges would be recovered from the registering officers, whom logs are sold for prices less than the seign. Plus working charges. Subsequently Govt. have in G.O.(Rt)20/73/AD dated 4-1-1973 issued revised orders to the effect that the registering officers need not be held liable for the difference between the sale proceeds and seig. Plus working charges in respect of the saplings obtained from silvicultural operations and delivered at the Depots and sold in auction. In the case of timber other than saplings, it was ordered therein to deal with it individually on its merits by the department and to take disciplinary action against the officers responsible for registering poor quality logs.

Govt. have in G.O.(Rt) No.1038/74/AD dated 25-4-1974 revised the seignior age rate for timber and firewood based on average market rate. Consequents on this enhancement it has become difficult to obtain seignior age plus working charges for all categories of logs sold in auction. There are contracts for delivery of timber at Depots which were fixed before the seignior age rate was revised. In view of this position and the directions contained in G.O.20/73 dated 4-1-1973 explained in Para above this office circular order No.30/67 dated 11-8-1967 is being withdrawn subject to the following conditions.

- (i) Only sound logs of marketable species need be worked down to Depots.
- (ii) Demand for a particular species during particular period should not be the criterion for bringing it under depot supply category. On the other hand the species should have a more or less steady market. The responsibility in the collection of species will vest the DFO.