

Copy of Government Memorandum No. 41514/60/Agri.F (B) 4/16-8-60 from Agriculture (Forest B) Department to the Chief Conservator of Forests re: Forests - Auction sale of bamboo coupes in Palghat Division Forest Officer - ratified.

In the circumstances reported by the Chief Conservator of Forests the action of the Divisional Forest Officer, Palghat in conducting the auction sale of the bamboo coupes in Palghat Division on 13-6-60 is ratified.

The practice of publishing Gazette notifications regarding the sales cannot be given up.

Endt. on D.Dis 21574/60/03/25-8-60.

Communicated to the Conservator of Forests, Kozhikode and Divl. Forest Officer, Palghat.

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Forwarded/By Order,

Sd. Superintendent.

Copy of this office letter No, 21574/60/03/9-7-60 to the Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department re: sale notice -sale of bamboo coupes- Palghat division publishing in the Gazette regarding.

A copy of the sale notice pertaining to the sale of bamboo coupes in Palghat Division fixed for 13-6-60 was sent to the Superintendent of Government Presses, Trivandrum on 16-5-60 (despatched on 17-5-60) by the Divl. Forests Officer, Palghat for publication in the Gazette in advance. The Superintendent Government Presses, returned the sale notice stating that it could not be published due to heavy pressure of work. He however suggested that the date of sale may be changed and the sale notice sent back to him for publication. This communication from the Superintendent Government Presses was received by the Divisional Forest Officer only on 18-6-60.

As usual the Divl. Forest Officer had sent copies of the sale notice to the usual participants. Also he had published the sale notice locally and in two dailies. On the strength of this publicity, he conducted the sale on 13-6-60 itself as already fixed. I request that the Divisional Forest Officer's action may be ratified.

In this connection I have to point out that even through a copy of the sale notice had been sent to the Press about a month in advance for publication, it was not get published in the Gazette. It will be a surprise if unscrupulous contractors who failed to participate in the sale for other reasons, complain of inadequate publicity and clamour for resale or come up with post auction offers for the more reason that the sale notice was not published in the Gazette, To void such a contingency it is important that the Government Presses should co-operative with the Forest Department and see that such notifications are published promptly and if for any reason it is not possible to publish a notification in time they should intimate the fact to the Divl. Forest Officer concerned immediately so that the Divl. Forest Officer can take necessary further action.

Endt. on ML.11087/60 dated 17-9-60.

Conservator's Office, Chalakudy.

Copy with copy of Chief Conservator of Forests No. 21574/60 9-7-60 is forwarded to all Divl. Forest Officers and other contract sections for information and guidance.

SD. V. Govinda Menon,
Conservator of Forests.

Forwarded/By Order,

Manager