Government Memorandum, No. 37029/F2/63 Dt. 12-9-1963, Agriculture Department. (Forest).

Sub:- Forests- Extraction of timber from forests- operation of certain conditions- Petition from John Varghese-

Ref:- From the Chief Conservator of forests, Letter No. C1-24243/62 dated 7-6-1963.

The attention of the chief conservator of forests is invited to the letter cited and he is informed that the orders in G.O Rt. 122/Agri. Dt. 15-1-1963 making clause 17(a) of the agreement in- operative can be applied only with regard to the settlement of the claims and liabilities of the contractors in future. If the orders are to be given retrospective effect as proposed in the present case the liabilities already settled in respect of several past cases will have to be reopened and the excess recoveries made refunded. The order making clauses 17 (a) inoperative is a concession and it is not in the interests of Government, to give it retrospective effect necessitating refunds. The request of the contractor is therefore declined.

K.C. Sankaranarayanan, *Secretary to government.*

Endt. on C1-24243/62 dated 17/18-9-1963.

Copy with copy of the agreement forwarded to the Conservator of Forests, Quilon for information and further necessary action. The receipt of the agreement should be acknowledged. (C4-3148/59).

Copy to all conservators and Divl. Forest Officers for information and guidance.

Forwarded / by order, SD/- Superintendent.

Endt. on CH-2206/63 dated 3-10-1963.

Copy to HA. KT., TR., A1, A2 and stock file (CH) in continuation of Endt. on even No dated 1/12-2-1963.

For Conservator of forest