

# Government of Kerala

## Abstract

### Forest – Revision of schedule of Rates – Elephant dragging – Orders issued.

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#### AGRICULTURE (FOREST) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.2409/72/AD

Trivandrum/Dt/18/10/1972.

Read:- G.O.Rt.2663/AD dt. 31/8/70 letter No. G4-8565/71 dated 18/8/71 from the  
Chief Conservator of forests.

### Order

In the Government order read above, the labour rates have been enhanced in the forest Department on a par with those in the public works Department. The Chief Conservator of forests has reported that this revision in effect applies only to those items for which the quantity of labour is assessed. Where the rates are calculated taking the unit basis other than labour, no enhancement could be applied and they remain constant as per the old rates sanctioned prior to 1961.

In view of the above position, the chief conservator of forests has requested that the rate for elephant dragging may be revised. At present the rate for elephant dragging is Rs.80/-. The chief conservator of forests has pointed out that this is inadequate and impracticable and has requested that this may be revised.

The present rate for elephant hire is Rs.50/-. Deducting the elephant hire of Rs.50/- the balance available is Rs.30/- which is quite insufficient to meet all the other expenses such as fodder, food grains, Jagory etc. batta of mahouts, collection charges of vakka and labour charges for making vakka ropes etc. The chief conservator of forest has, therefore, suggested that as the labour rates have now been revised to double the rates prior to 1961, the amount that is intended for meeting the other expenses of elephant dragging may be doubled and fixed as Rs.50/- plus 60/- ie. Rs.110/-. The question has been examined and Government order that the schedule rate for dragging of logs by elephants hired fixed in item 139(a) will be revised and fixed as Rs.50/-plus 50=Rs.100/-.

By order etc.  
Sd/- Joint Secretary.

To

The Chief Conservator of forests.

Endt. on G4-8565/71 dt. 2/10/6-11-72.

Copy to the conservators of forests, Trichur etc. for information.

Endt. on ML-27317/70 dt.15.11.72.

Sd/- for Chief conservator of forests.  
Central circle conservator's  
Office, T r i c h u r – 1

Copy to all Divisional forest officers, wild life preservation officer, Thekkady and Depot officers under this circle for information and strict attention.

e. c. sections in office KT/CH/TR/MR & stock file.

c. c. Sr.Superintendent & Administrative Assistant for information.

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for CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS.