

Copy of Chief Conservator's Circular No. G4-33082/64 dt. 19-9-1964 to all Conservators, Divl. Forest Officers, Forest Veterinary Officer & C & G Sections.

Sub:- Full utilization of elephant power – Planning work in advance and distribution of elephants power according to necessity.

It has come to my notice that the elephant power available with the department is not being fully utilized. The invention is that more and more departmental working has to be carried out in years to come eliminating the middle men. At least, it is hoped that it will be possible to extract departmentally shortly teak and other valuable timber.

In the meanwhile, the elephant power available should be utilized fully for dragging thinned materials. There is already sanction from Government to carry out the thinning work departmentally. If the elephants are not being fully utilized, these should be utilized for dragging poles from the plantations to the roadside Depot. It is essential to plan the work one year in advance so that the Forest Veterinary Officer can distribute the elephants according to necessity and see that elephants are worked to the maximum capacity possible. There is no room for keeping elephants just only for capturing operations. Rest of the year, it is absolutely essential that they should work and justify their maintenance. The Forest Veterinary Officer is being directed to look into this aspect and suggest ways and means of utilizing the full elephant power in consultation with the Divl. Forest Officers. In Divisions where the elephants are not being utilized for dragging materials, elephants should be utilized for the same forthwith. In plantation thinning dragging and collection should be carried out fully using the elephants and the transport from roadside etc may be given on contract.

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Chief Conservator of Forests

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