Copy of the letter No.G2-16956/68 dt. 26/29-9-69 from the Chief Conservator of Forests to the Secretary to Govt. Water and Power Dept.

Sub:- Pamba irrigation project -head works -constructing Range silting up- reg.

Ref:- G.O.letter No. 6897/60/IRI/Word t. 11-4-60 from Sri.C.V. Francis, Dy. Secretary to Government.

The catchment area at Kakkad river includes reserve forest and registered holdings. The northern side and portions of eastern side of the catchment area are registered holdings including rubber estates. There is reserved forest only in the south and south eastern sides. Now clearing of forest land is going on in this area for transfer to Revenue Department for allotment for cultivation and an extent of 73.69 acres (24.17 hectares) is being cleared here for the above purpose. There is no marginal land left in this area. Since agreement has been executed for the clearing and falling of trees is almost completed, settling area be done here now.

An extent of 143.82 hectares more has to be cleared in the catchment area (varupini 50.84 hectares and Padayanipara 62.68 hectares) belt is to be contained as forest as the periphery this can be done in the east of area.

In view of the specific directions contained in G.O.(P) 284/68/Agri. Dt.7-4-68, the Conservator of Forests, Quilon has issued stringent instructions to the Divl. Forest Officers that, in future when coupes were to be altered, the directions regarding the marginal belt to be retained as protection belt, will be strictly adhered to and if on account of any valid reasons, a deviation is found necessary immediate steps will be taken to bring that to the notice of the project Authorities and Government in time and orders obtained.

Sd/- for Chief Conservator of Forests

Endt. KL-31319/69 dt. 12-10-69

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For Conservator of Forests, Trichur