

No.CH-1723/61

Office of the Conservator of Forests,
Chalakudy, Dated : 21-1-1962.

Memorandum

Sub:- Forests clearance of tree growth from submergible forests areas – Rate of timber filled –
Orders passed.

A copy of Government Order G.O.(Rt) No.1849/60/Agri. Dated 26.12.63 forwarded in Chief Conservator of Forests endorsement on C2-6094/58 dated 28.12.60/16.1.61 is enclosed for information.

Sd/-
Conservator of Forests

All Divisional Forest Officers and Wild Life Preservation Officer. Copy to Kt. ML, TR, A1, A2, HA and stock file. Stock file of Manager.

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Abstract

Forests – Clearance of tree growth from submergible forests areas – Rate of timber filled –
Orders passed.

AGRICULTURE (FOREST B) DEPARTMENT

G.O(Rt.)No.1849/60-Agri.

Dated, Trivandrum, 26-12-1960.

Read:- Correspondence ending with letter No.C2.6094/58 dated 24-10-60 from the Chief Conservator of Forests.

ORDER

In the conference held on 4-11-59 which was convened to discuss the question regarding the disposal of tree growth from submergible areas, it was decided, among other things, that the cost of timber felled by the projects should be realized seigniorage rate would also be credited to the Forest Department. A doubt has been raised as to how the tree growth is to be disposed of, the agency to which it is sold, the basis on which the sale is to be conducted and whether the procedure is a general one common to all projects. The Chief Conservator of Forests was also asked to clarify the statement regarding crediting of the net receipts over seigniorage fee to the Forest Department. The matter was further examined in the light of the report from the Chief Conservator of Forests and the procedure is elucidated as follows:-

1. In the preliminary stages the projects might fell certain trees for construction of huts, temporary or semi-permanent sheds or for the construction of jeep roads or bridges to reach

investigation sites etc. irrespective of the fact whether the area is in any project or not. The timber out of these trees used for construction purposes will alone be charged at seigniorage rate. Supply of timber, if any, after the projects start in full swing will be made by the Forest Department and this will be charges at current scheduled rates.

2. When the alignment for the construction of roads as well as transmission lines is completed the Forest Department will enumerate and evaluate the tree growth above 36" girth on the alignment at seigniorage rate in the first instance. The Electricity Board will then cause the tree growth to be felled and see that a complete account of the trees that are collected and handed over to the Electricity Department are maintained. Value at seigniorage rate will have to be credited to the Forest Department and the excess value realized over and above the seigniorage value already recovered from the Electricity Department will be credited towards forest revenue and the seigniorage credited to the Electricity Department as the value at seigniorage rate had once been realized from the Electricity Department. In case the price fall and is only below the seigniorage value the question of refund to the Electricity Department will not arise.

The above procedure will also be adopted in the case of other projects.

Separate orders will issue regarding valuation of tree growth below 36 inches girth.

By order of the Government,

Endt on C2-6094/58 dated 28-12-60/16-1-61.

Copy to all Conservators and Hydel Divisional Forest Officer.

Endt. On CH-1722/S1. Copy to D.F.O. Chalakudy

Sd/- Superintendent.