

**MEMORANDUM**

Sub :- Forest protection – issue involving Forest and Revenue Departments –  
guide lines issued.

In the light of disputes that areas occasionally about the status of land as Revenue/Forest/Vested Forest and regarding action taken on them like lease/assignments/eviction and the light of a number of court judgments which have passed adverse comments on this, the following procedural guidelines are issued regarding such cases :-

1. Before taking decisions in cases involving Revenue and Forests Departments The district level /Taluk level officers to both the departments should arrive at an agreed opinion by joint inspection. If any such case is referred to Government for orders, The proposal should be accompanied by joint reports from Revenue and Forest Officials of the concerned Districts. In the Secretariat, orders will be issued by the revenue of Forest Departments, as the case may be only after mutual consultation.
2. In disputes on the application of section 72 of K.L.F Act, Government have no jurisdiction to interfere. It is for the aggrieved parties to approach the court of Law to get their grievances redressed.
3. If any land transferred to the Revenue Department for assignment is still remaining with them without being assigned so far, for one reason or other such lands will be retuened to the Forests Department for afforestation.
4. The resurvey and demarcation of Vested Forest have to be done urgently for the purpose of implementing court directions and to avoid confusion, hardship to the public and litigation. The board of Revenue will issue necessary directions to the Director of Survey and Land Records to deploy the required number of Survey staff for survey of Forest boundaries in consultation with the Custodian of vested Forests, Calicut. The Director of Survey and Land Records will also forward invoice to the Custodian and Conservator of Vested Forest, Calicut claiming charges for the Survey work as in the case of private citizens. The custodian and conservator of Vested Forests, Calicut will arrange payment of the invoice as soon as the Survey work is completed.

**V. Ramachandran**  
Chief Secretary,

To  
The Chief Conservator of Forests.

Forwarded/By order,

Sd/-  
Section Officer

Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Trivandrum, Dated : 19-1-1987

Endt. L7-12932/83/D.Dis

Copy forwarded to all Conservator of Forests and Divisional Forest Officers for information and necessary action. The guideline issued in the Government Memorandum may be brought to the notice of the Range Officers also, so that they may not plead ignorance when protection of particular area arise during disputes.

Sd/-  
For Chief Conservator of Forests,

Endt. On G2-1449/87 dated 16-2-1987

Copy to sections in this Office.

Copy to Head Accountant, Junior Supdt., Senior Supdt., Administrative Assistant, and Conservator of Forests table.

For Conservator of Forests,

Office of the Conservator of Forests,  
Central Circle, Thrichur-20