

Letter No. 2656/FS.1/73/AD dt. 27-2-1974 from the Special Secretary to Government, Agriculture (Forest Spl) Department, Trivandrum Addressed to the Chief Conservator of Forests

Sub: Vested forward – Cardamom Estates in T-C area – Legal position – reg.

Ref: Your letter No. VF (2) 50459/73 dt. 10-1-74.

I am to invite a ref: to your letter cited and to inform you that lands principally cultivated with cardamom may be treated as land falling outside the scope of section 2(f) of the Kerala private Forests (Vesting & Assignment) Act 1971. Cardamom Estates in the Travancore – Cochin area which are very much depleted and on the verge of being clear felled and converted in to cultivated area also cannot be treated as vested Forests. This is because, in so far as the Travancore Cochin area is concerned, under section 2(f) of the K.P.F. (Vesting & Assignment) Act, 1971, defines a “private forest” as any “forest” which is not a Government Forests. Section 2 (47) of the Kerala Land Reforms Act also defines “private” Forest”. Lands cultivated with Cardamom, pepper etc . even that not predominantly cultivated with such crops, will not fall within that definition, but will come under Section 2(11) of the K.L.R. Act.

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Endt. On VF (2) 50459/73 dt. 3..3..74.

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Endt. On GI-9833/71 dt. 14-3-74.

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For Conservator of Forests,  
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