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Copy of letter No. A5-51363/73 dated 10-1-1974 (Circular No. 3/73)

Sub: - Forest Department - loss due to reaction - draft para - instructions issued.

The Accountant General in the above draft para has pointed out an instance in Chalakudy Division where notification regarding auction sale of timber (rosewood logs) at Chalakudy Depot scheduled for 20th April 1971 and that at Chettikulam Depot scheduled for 21st April 1971 was published in the Gazette dated 9th March 1971. The Divisional Forest Officer, Chalakudy addressed the Director of Public Relations on 5th April 1971 to arrange the publication of notification in two dailies. The notification appeared in one of the dailies on 15th April 1971 and in the other on 18th April 1971. The auction sales were conducted on the stipulated dates viz. on 20th and 21st April 1971. Subsequently these auction sales were cancelled on the ground that the interval prescribed in Government letter No. 2470/F1/70/AD dated 22-1-70 between the date of publication of notification in one of the dailies and the date of auction fell short of the minimum period. In the reaction held in May 1971, which was confirmed, the amount fetched was less by Rs. 19,191 than that fetched on the earlier occasion. After examining the reply to the above draft para Government have observed that in this case there has been lapse on the part of the departmental officers in that they failed to verify

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before actual conduct of the auction, whether there has been due publication of the auction notice and that the officers concerned ought to have checked whether the condition of 5 days interval between the date of publication in the paper and date of auction as required in Government letter No.2470/F1/70/AD dated 22-1-1970 was satisfied before they proceeded to conduct the auction. In view of the above all the Divl. Forest Officers are requested to guard against such lapses in future and to follow strictly the directions contained in Govt. letter No.2470/F1/70/AD dated 22-1-70.

P.T.Devassy,
 Chief Conservator of Forests.

All the Divl. Forest Officers, etc. etc.

Encl. on HA. 21830/73 dated 29-1-74

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 For Conservator of Forests,
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