

Copy of proceedings of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Trivandrum, dated 30-3-1961
To The Conservators and D.F.Os.

Sub: Sale of Rubber Coupes – Procedures for extension of time – prescribed.

ORDER NO G3.7162/61

The Rubber Coupes sold out from the various Divisions of the Forest Department have been under working for the last two months. The time prescribed in the agreement is due to expire on 31-3-1961. Representations have been received from practically almost all the coupe holders that due to several causes beyond their control, i.e., credit difficulties, non-availability of lorries and labor, they have not been able to remove large quantities of timber and firewood collected, and in some cases, felling of a small percentage of the area is also pending completion.

A recommendation has been made to the Government for granting extensions. Orders on this are pending scrutiny in the Finance Department. As this is likely to take some more time, and it is felt that it will be practically impossible to stop the work and for the Forest Department or any other Department to assume charge of the area wherein large quantities of timber and firewood are still pending removal, it was decided in consultation with the Agriculture Secretary, that pending final orders of Government the Collection and transport from Rubber coupes may be permitted to be continued till 30th April 1961 subject to the coupe contractors filing a statement to the effect that they are agreeable to pay the penalties prescribed in the agreement executed by them.

Sd. M.F.George,
Chief Conservator of Forests.

Endt. on ML. 12863/60 dated 6-4-61.

Copy forwarded to all contract sections for attention.

V. Govinda Menon,
Conservator of Forests.