

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

No.20585/F4/68/AD

Agriculture (Forest) Dept
Trivandrum, dated 1-4-68

From

The Secretary to Government.

To

The Conservator of Forests.

Sir,

Sub:- Clearance of forest growth contracts – sufficient time –

Ref:- Letter No.C3-35749/67 dated 19-3-68 from the Chief Conservator of Forests.

I am directed to invite your attention to the Circular No.4 of 1962 issued by the Chief Conservator of Forests on 2-3-62. A copy of the same is attached for ready reference. Those instructions, if properly and scrupulously followed by the officers will go a long way to improve the situation brought about by the unsystematic procedure adopted now. Government would like to impress upon all officers concerned the importance of these instructions and to see that these instructions are scrupulously followed.

The Circle Conservators will report the names of officers who do not scrupulously follow these instructions by the end of every year.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-
K.K. Gopalan,
Assistant Secretary,
For Secretary.

Approved for issue
Superintendent.

Copy to: All the Divisional Forest Officers/Assistant Conservator of Forests etc.

“ The Chief Conservator of Forests.

“ F1, F3, S.F.s.

Copy of Circular No.4 of 1962 issued by the Chief Conservator of Forests on 2-3-62.

Sub: Regeneration areas – Chronology of operations reg.

The chronology of operations with regards to artificial regeneration of teak, softwood etc. has been fixed in the Working Plans and instructions have also been given on that subject from time to time. The success or otherwise of a plantation scheme entirely depends on the strict adherence of the time (or period) given for the operations. There is therefore no necessity to emphasise that the time schedule should be kept up by all means.

2. Probably there is an impression that the time schedule need be observed only in case of planting and tending operations and it has been noticed that preliminary operation like survey and demarcation, fixing of supply contract, clear-felling etc are done in a rather haphazard and burried manner and is mostly rushed through.

3. By delaying the survey of the area and thus reducing the span of time for supply and sale the department would lose a considerable amount of revenue. There will also not be enouth time to get the clash properly period and the consequence of it will be a poor burning. This will cause an initial set back due to heavy wood growth etc. Therefore the Conservators and Divisional Forest Officers should see that the schedule is observed strictly and necessary action for the commencement of the works should be taken sufficiently in advance.

4. Survey and enumeration can be started two years ahead of the planting your, after the monsoon senses is over. Thus for 1964 planting the area should be surveyed, enumerated etc. between September to December and work of Departmental supply can be syarted by January-February. The area should be ready for sale by July August and on no account the sale coupe contractor should be allowed to linger on after December (1963). It could give about 2 months' time for the slash to get dried. "The Third Five Year Plan detailed schemes" given the chromology of operation and those are the latest dates and gives only the minimum span of time required for satisfactory completion of operation. But considering the very large area that is being opened up it would be advisable to give more time for supply and sale without upsetting the programme of burning reburning, planting etc. The Conservators and Divisional Forest Officers are requested to bestow personal interest and to see that planting works are carried out in time.

5. It is noticed that in Quilon Circle Supply and sale are as a rule delayed and this is strongly depreciated. It is instructed that timely action should be taken at all levels to see that such unnecessary delay in plantation scheme is avoided.

(True copy)

K.P. George,
Chief Conservator of Forests.

Superintendent.