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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, CENTRAL CIRCLE, TRICHUR.

Sub:- Disposal of trees in the road margin from Puliyanmala to Parathodu – Kumily Munnar Road –
re-auction dt.17-4-74 confirmed.

Read:- 1. Proceedings of the D.F.O. Kottayam on CB-3414/70 dt. 14-3-74.
2. Letter No.CB-3414/70 dt.19-4-74 of the D.F.O. Kottayam.
3. Letter No.CB-3414/70 dt.30-4-74 of the D.F.O. Kottayam.

ORDER ON KT-23388/69 dt.4-5-1974

In pursuance to the notification published in Gazatte dated 2-4-1974, page 498 of Forest sheet and in Malayalam dailies Malayala Manorama and Deepika dated 8-4-1974, the re-auction of the right of collection and removal of tree growth except Teak and Rosewood available in the above area with a stipulation to work down the Teak and Rosewood trees standing marked in the area to Kumily Depot, was conducted by the Divl. Forest Officer, Kottayam on 17-4-1974 at the risk and loss of the original bidder Sri.C.A. Paul, Chakalamatiathil Malayattur, who bid the right in the auction held on 8-11-1973, and failed to remit the balance 1/3 bid amount and security and to execute the agreement.

It is reported by the Divl.Forest Officer, Kottayam in his letter 1st cited that 21 persons deposited earnest money and participated in the auction. The sale was knocked down in the name of the highest bidder Sri. P. Parameswaran for a lumpsum of Rs.62,000/- (sixty-two thousand) only against the departmental valuation of Rs.58085/- and the original bid amount of Rs.1,84,000/- fetched at the auction sale held on 8-11-73. It can be seen that the amount offered in the present auction is higher than the departmental valuation, though it is below the highest bid amount offered at the original auction dt. 8-11-1973.

The trees are those standing and lying uprooted on both the sides of the road. These are valuable crops cultivated in the lands adjoining the road margin. Many of the occupate in the area have already put in petition objecting to the proposed cutting and removal of trees, fearing damage to their crops and claiming compensation. They will naturally raise all sorts of objections against felling and removal of the trees and demand compensation for the likely damages that may be caused to their cultivation. It is evident that it was mainly on account of this situation that the original bidder backed out from his office. The Divl. Forest Officer in his letter 1st cited has stated that it is not possible to predict whether to anybody will come forward to bid the tree growth for any amount higher than the price offered at the present sale.

The Divl. Forest officer has further reported in his letter 2nd cited that the Executive Engineer, Muvattupuzha has intimated him that the removal of the trees from the road alignment is extremely urgent. The Divl. Forest officer has also pointed out that there has been constant criticism in the Dist.Development Council Idukki regarding the delay in cutting and removing the tree growth. He has therefore recommended to confirm the sale.

There has been adequate publicity for the sale and the price fetched is above the departmental valuation.

In the above circumstances and especially in view of the fact that the removal of the tree growth is extremely urgent for widening the road in the interest for refer vehicular traffic and also of the fact that the Dist. Development Council Idukki has been constantly criticising the delay in cutting and removing the trees from the road way, I Sri.K.G.Vasudevan, Conservator of Forests, Central circle, Trichur confirm the sale in the name of the highest bidder Sri.P.Parameswaran for Rs.62,000/- (Sixty two thousand) subject to the following conditions:-

1. The Contractor will work down all the available quantity of timber and firewood from the Teak and Rosewood trees marked in the areas to Kumily Depot for which he will be paid working charges at the rate of Rs.26/71 per cum. of timber and Rs.34.91 per tonne of Fire wood. He will not be allowed to remove any timber or Firewood from the contract areas, before as delivers all the timber and firewood from the Teak and Rosewood trees at the Kumily Depot.
2. The Contractor should while falling the trees converting them and removing the timber and firewood, take such adequate precautions as the cause no damage in the Buildings, walls, fences and other structures and to the cultivation in the areas that lie adjacent to the contract area if any damage is caused to the structures, cultivations above mentioned the contractor alone will be responsible to compensate the loss, claimed by the owners and as assessed by the Divl.Forest Offices, Kottayam and
3. The Contractor shall not cause any obstruction to the traffic along the road by the trees felled by him, allowing them to lie on the road.

The Divl. Forest Officer will pursue further action to get necessary agreement executed by the bidder. He will also into urgent action to recover the difference between the sale proceeds of the original auction and that of the present auction as well as the advertisement charges from the defaulter as envisaged in clause 5 of the sale notice. Section 79 of the Kewrala Forest Act may be involved in this behalf. The auction list in original is returned herewith.

Sd/-
K.G. Vasudevan
CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS

To

The Divl. Forest officer, Kottayam.

2 spare copies of the notification should be submitted urgently.

Copy submitted to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Trivandrum for favour of information. It is reported by the D.F.O. Kottayam that spare copies of the Gazette notification have not been received from the Superintendent of Government Presses. The copy of the notification shall be submitted to that office room, on receipt.

(That office BNo.C2-15888/73)

for Conservator of Forests

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