

Copy of letter No. C4-3534/58 dated 28--6--1960 From The Chief Conservator of Forests, Trivandrum, To The Secretary to Government, Agriculture (Forest B) Department.

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Sub:- Extraction of sleepers from Supply coupes-discontinuance of  
Ref:- No.38512/59-1/Agri.FB3 dated 5-9-1959.

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I have clearly explained in my report on even No. dated 22-7-1959 the circumstances under which provision was made in the supply contract agreements for extraction of sleepers from top-ends, rejected trees s &c and why such extraction was ordered to be discontinued. It was found that the number of collection from top-ends and rejected trees was very limited and the continuance of the process was uneconomical. So orders stop collection of sleepers from rejected trees and top-ends in the supply coupes and to continue the sleeper collection only to the coupes set apart for the purpose as a Controlling Officer of the department, subject, to Government ratification, which was sought for subsequently.

2. Answers to the 4 points raised by Government also are given below:

All the Conservators were consulted in the matter. There was no sleeper collection from supply coupes as far as Kozhikode Circle is concerned. Sleeper collection from supply coupes was undertaken from Quilon and Chalakudy Circles have reported that there was no financial commitment in the proposal. The details of defective sleepers collected from top-ends are as follows:

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| Chalakudy Circle. | B.G.Sleepers.877 |      |       |
|                   | M.G. "           | 1427 |       |
|                   | N.G. "           | 406  | 2,710 |
|                   | Sleepers         |      | 1,630 |
| Quilon Circle     |                  |      | ----- |
|                   | Grand Total      |      | 4,313 |
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There will be no loss to Government on account of the collection of sleepers rejected, as only sale proceeds minus seigniorage value will be paid to the contractor towards collection charges as per the Agreement provision in the case of Quilon Circle. A condition had been incorporated in the agreements with supply contractors in Chalakudy Circle, by virtue of collection charges of rejected sleepers. In both the above cases Government need not suffer any loss in this direction. The contractors cannot claim any compensation if agreement conditions are varied. There is a general condition in all contracts agreements making the contractor liable to act according to the orders issued by the department from time to time.

3. In the above circumstances, the ratification sought for in my original report on even No. dated 22-7-1959 may be issued at an early date.

Sd.  
For Chief Conservator of Forests.

Endt. TR.253/59 dated 15-7-60.  
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