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Abstract

Forests - Supply of timber at concessional rate to Tribals for their genuine house construction purposes in Tribal Settlement areas under Government sponsored housing schemes - further -

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FOREST & WILD LIFE (D) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.61/89/F&WLD

Trivandrum, DT-22-4-1989.

Read:- 1. G.O.Ms.111/86/F&WLD dated 8-12-1986.

2. G.O.Ms.22/87/FWL dated 11-3-1987

3. Letters No. FU2-22801/87 dated 21-7-1987 and No, FU2-4490/88 dated 25-2-1988 from the Chief Conservator of Forests.

4. D.O. letter No. D-276/86 dated 25--1--1988 from the Project Officer, ITD Project, Attappady.

O R D E R

Sanction was accorded in the G.O. read first for the supply of 1 M3 Maruthy or similar wood and 0.5 M3 of Jackwood, Anjili or other similar wood at seignior age rate for each of the house (Maximum 500 houses a year) to be constructed for tribal in tribal settlement areas if they beneficiaries under any of the Government sponsored housing schemes. It was also ordered in the G.O. that the timber would be supplied from windfallen or dead trees near the settlements if available, or from the nearest timber depots. Apart from these orders, in the G.O. read second Government sanctioned supply of 1.5 M3 of timber from the felled or fallen trees near the house site of tribals residing in the State at seignior age rate for their genuine house construction purpose. The Chief Conservator of Forests has in his letter dated 21--7--1987 brought to notice of Government that the rates for windfallen trees and depot timber supplied to tribals as provided for in the G.Os read above cannot be the same and that the department is incurring expenditure towards procuring timber in depots. He has sought to modify the G.Os read above so as to realize working charges and other taxes, besides seignior age rate. Mean while the Accountant General has in a Local Audit Report of the office of Divisional Forest Officer, Timber Sales Division, Kozhikode-20 pointed out the loss caused to Government due to non realization of centage and Sales Tax on supplies made to tribals. The Accountant General has also stated that in the absence of any order exempting realization of cent age and Sales Tax, these charges have to be collected on the supply of timber to tribes. In the meantime, the Project Officer, I.T.D. Project, Attappady has also informed Government if cent age and Sales Tax are levied the tribals may not be able to complete the houses within the cost ceiling fixed by the Government. He has therefore requested to exempt the wood supplied to tribal from cent age and Sales Tax.

2. Government have examined the point raised by the Chief Conservator of Forests and the Project Officer I.T.D.P., Attappady As per the order in the matter (Vide G.O.Rt.79/81/AD dated 9-1-1981 read with G.O.Rt.164/86/FE&WLD dated 18-3-1986), Centage charge at 21% of the value has to be realized for the supply of timber to Sister Departments and Public Sector Undertakings. So the tribals are not liable to pay cent age. But working charges etc, have to be collected from them on the timber supplied to them. Government are therefore pleased to waive

cent age and sales tax and to order that working charges and to their taxes will be realized from tribals besides, seignior age rate, on the supply of timber to tribals resing in tribal settlements for their genuine house construction purposes, if they are beneficiaries under any of the Government sponsored housing schemes.

By order of the Governor

Mohammed Riazuddin,
Secretary (Forests)

To

The Chief conservator of Forests.

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Endt. on FU2-4490/88

Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests
Trivandrum, Dt-10-5-1989

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for Chief Conservator of Forests
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