

Copy of the Proceedings of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Trivandrum to All Conservator of Forests and D.F.O.s etc.

Sub:- Disposal of Residual tree growth – incorporation of a new provision — orders regarding

Ref:- 1. Govt. letter No.268941/F3/68/AD dt. 18/20-5-68
2. CC2-15121/68 dt. 27-8-68 from the Conservator of Forests Quilon.

Order D. Dis.37595/68(C1) dt. 02-11-68

An instance has come to the notice of the department wherein a sale coupe contractor has up-rooted and collected the stumps of teak trees from the coupe bid by him and for which agreement was executed. There is no provision in the agreement prohibiting the contractor from collecting and removing the stumps. According to the preamble of the agreement the contractor has got the right of collection and removal of the entire tree growth standing of lying tin the coupe except those specifically forbidden for collection and removal,. It therefore follows that there is no limitation in collection and removal except those specifically stated.

Uprooting and removal of stumps of trees is detrimental to forests and against the principles of soil Conservation. Though there is provision in the agreement according to which the contractor is bound to abide by the forest act and rules and all orders issued by the Divl. Forest Officer or the Range Officer from time to time in respect of the execution of the agreement, unless there is specific provision to the effect there is the chance of putting the department into troubles. Hence it is hereby ordered to incorporate the following provision also as an addition to condition 15 of the agreement to be executed in respect of sale coupes.

All debris and wood below 30 centimeters girth and all stumps of trees felled and found in the coupe should be left in tact undisturbed and they shall not be collected and removed.

Sd/- For Chief Conservator of Forests

Endt. ML.24563/68 dt. 29-11-68

Copy to all contract section.

Stock file and Senior Superintendent.

For Conservator of Forests
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