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PART 1

Section iv

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

**Agriculture and Rural Development Department
(Agriculture – Forest)**

RULE 1

UNDER SECTION 76 (b) AND (g) OF THE KERALA FOREST ACT, 1961.

G.O.(P)No.14/66/Agri.

Dated, Trivandrum , 10th January, 1966.

S.R.O.No.16/66 –In exercise of the powers conferred by clauses (b) and (g) of Section 76 of the Kerala Forest Act, 1961 (Act 4 of 1962), the Government of Kerala hereby make the following rule namely:-

RULE

The powers specified in clauses (a) to (c) below shall be exercised by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Circle Conservators of Forests, and all Officers holding charge of Forest Divisions, and all Deputy Conservators, Assistant Conservators of Forests though not in charge of Forest Divisions, within the areas of which they hold charge; the Chief Conservator of Forests for the whole State; the Circle Conservators of Forests in their own Circles; the Divisional Forest Officers in their own Divisions and the Deputy Conservators of Forests, the Assistant Conservator of Forests not holding charge of Forest Divisions within the Divisions to which their duty is performed:--

- (a) power to evict all encroachers squatters from any Reserved Forest or other lands under the control of the Forest Department;
- (b) to confiscate or demolish any shed or other structures put up in such lands;and
- (c) to authorize any Forest Officer by a written order to exercise the powers mentioned in clauses (a) or (b)

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NOTIFICATIONS

G.O.(P)No.14/66/Agri.

Dated , Trivandrum, 10th January 1966.

S.R.O.No.17/66.- In exercise of the powers conferred by section 86 of the Kerala Forest Act, 1961 (Act 4 of 1962), the Government of Kerala hereby delegate to the Chief Conservator of Forests all the powers which are conferred on the Government Under Section 23 of the said Act.

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(2)

S.R.O.No.18/66:- In exercise of the powers conferred by section 86 of the Kerala Forest Act, 1961 (Act 4 of 1962) , the Government of Kerala hereby delegate to the Divisional Forest Officers within their respective jurisdiction all the powers which are conferred on the on the Government under Sections 28 and 31 of the said Act, subject to the following conditions; namely:-

- (1) that the Reserved Forests or the portion of the Reserved Forest to which the right are suspended or the land at the disposal in which pasture is closed shall not exceed 1,000 acres at a time; and
- (2) that the Divisional Forest Officer shall submit a report to the Chief Conservator of Forests through the Conservation of Forests immediately after such suspension or closure as the case may be, and shall also notify the fact of suspension or closure in the Gazette.

(3)

S.R.O.No. 19/66 – In exercise of the powers conferred by section 72 of the Kerala Forest Act, 1961 (Act 4 of 1962), the Government of Kerala hereby invest the Assistant Conservator of Forests and Conservator of Forests within their respective jurisdiction, and the Chief Conservator of Forests for the whole State with the following powers, namely:-

- (a) Power to enter upon any land and to survey , demarcate and make a map of the same;
- (b) Powers of a Forest Settlement Officer;
- (c) Powers of a Civil Court to compel the attendance of witnesses and the Production of documents;
- (d) Power to hold enquiries into forest offences and in the course of such enquiries, to receive and record evidence and to issue search warrants which may be executed in the manner provided by the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898; and
- (e) Power to accept compensation under section 68 of the Forest Act for forest offences.

Note:- (i) The powers of Forest Settlement Officer under clause (b) shall not be exercised without a reference to Government as and when necessary arises.

- (ii) Any Forest Officer duly empowered to exercise the powers defined in section 68 of the Forest Act shall, in compounding an offence under that section, immediately record a statement setting forth the circumstances of the case and the sum for which the case is compounded.

(4)

S.R.O.No.20/66 :- In exercise of the powers conferred by section 71 of the Kerala Forest Act,1961 (Act 4 Of 1962), the Government of Kerala hereby direct that, in lieu of the fines fixed by section 11 of the Kerala Cattle Trespass Act, 1961, there shall be levied for each head of cattle impounded under section 70 of the Kerala Forest Act, fine at the following rates:-

For each Elephant	Rs.	50
For each Buffalo or Camel	Rs.	3
For each horse, mare, gelding, pony, colt, filly, mule, bull, bullock, cow, calf or heifer	Rs.	2
For each ass, pig, ram, ewe, sheep, lamb, goat, or kid	Re.	1

By order of the Governor,

T.R.SUKUMARAN NAIR,
Joint Secretary.