

Copy of Letter No.G1-13691/73 from the Chief Conservator of Forests, to the Conservator of Forests, Trichur.

Sub:- Disposal of thondy with sanction of court procedure to be followed for confirmation.

Ref:- Not known.

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The attention of the Conservator of Forests is invited to existing circular order. Wherein specific Instructions were issued stating that the auction lists pertaining to disposal of thondy with the sanction of the court should be routed through the concerned Divisional Forest Officers only. Of late it has come to the notice of the undersigned that these instructions are not followed by all the subordinate officers. The circular orders may be traced out and a copy submitted to this office also. The Conservator of Forests are requested to issue strict instructions on this regard to the Divl. Forest Officers and Range Officers.

It has also been observed that the mahazars on offences are not properly scrutinised by the Divl. Forest Officers with particular reference to the loss assessed and nature of thondy seized. The Conservator of Forests are requested to issue strict instructions to the Divl. Forest Officers on this issue also.

It has been further observed desirable to use books having machine numbered (Quadruplicate) sheets for preparing mahazars. The original mahazar with two copies should first be presented to the Range Officer with the necessary verification certificate in the original and the quadruplicate may be maintained as office copy by the Guards, or Forester or any officer preparing the mahazar. The issue of such books and its usage of sheets should be clearly watched by the Range Officers and Rangers just like issuance of muster rolls and other valuables. The record section of the Chief Conservator's office will take immediate steps to supply sufficient number of books having 24 quadruplicate machine numbered sheets to all the Divisions.

Now, it has been the practice to dispose of only perishable thondy articles in auction, before disposal of the case, after obtaining sanction from the court. In cases where the continued retention of thondy in custody is likely to cause damage and natural decay, it is desirable to dispose of such thondy also in public auction with courts sanction. Action on this regard should be initiated by the Divl. Forest Officer/Asst. Conservator of Forests according to circumstances of the case.

Sd/- for Chief Conservator of Forests.

Endt. on G1-5998/73 dated 11-4-73

Copy forwarded to Divl. Forest Officer, Chalakudy etc. for information and attention. The Instructions issued by the Chief Conservator of Forests should be strictly adhered to.

A copy of the Circular orders referred to may be submitted to this office urgently.

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