

Copy of letter No.77/741 dated 20-3-1974 of the Asst. Conservator of Forests, Idukki, to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Trivandrum

Sub;- Introduction of letter of Credit system

Ref;- 1) Chief Conservator's No a1.8660/74 dt8-3-74

2) C F'S No E11537/74 dated 5-2-74 addressed to the Chief Conservator of Forests

The progress of works in the various coupes of the Salvage felling areas are not satisfactory. Few contractors are not earnest in their works. Many logs worth lakhs are lying scattered all over the occupied areas. Some logs are seen collected and registered during 1972. The works in assignable acres of Idukki District can be carried out only in the fair weather season-ie from December to June. Few Contractors VIZ SRI. K T Chacko- Kattappana coupe IV sri. P M Mathew- Kattappana coupe in this season. It is learnt that they are not interested in resuming the works. It is not possible to observe all formalities and gazette notifications. If the work is to be arranged during this season to salvage the maximum available quantity. Hence sanction may be accorded to retender the above works after notifying in two Malayalam papers and sufficient fund may be provided for the same.

Further, I have to state that most coupes in assignable areas had been marked before 1970 and the depot supply species in failed cardamom areas had not been marked. As a result of the indiscriminate illicit felling in the past and the extraction of inferior species to the Hindustan Construction Company from the failed areas, many unmarked species are being lopped by the occupants. To salvage those trees, sanction may kindly be granted to mark and work down the same by calling tenders after publishing in two Malayalam papers or to do so during this season. Necessary funds may be provided for this item also.

Petrol for Govt. Jeep allotted to Asst. Conservator Idukki have to be purchased on cash payment., as the Dealers refuse to supply on credit. Necessary funds may be given.

As per the Minutes of the conference held by the Hon. Minister for Forests and Finance at Kottayam on 22.2.1974 the Hon. Minister directed to the Asst. Conservator Idukki to verify the trees requested for sale to the occupants and issue chalan for their value. It is difficult and inconvenient for the occupants residing in Erattayar, Kattappana, Ayyappan coil, Thopramkudy areas to collect the chalan from Idukki and to remit the amount in Thodupuzha or Kottayam Treasuries. To minimize this difficulty and to increase the revenue collection, the State Bank of Travancore Idukki Branch may be authorized to collect revenue and to honour the cheque issued by the Asst. Conservator of Forests, Idukki.

Work in Perinjankutty coupe II were suspended by the Dy. Conservator, Kottayam during the fag end of the last working season. About 700 cum. Of timber including export size Rose wood are lying scattered in the coupe and no orders from Govt have been received. Further delay will deteriorate the logs and adversely affect the quality of timber. Hence Necessary funds and orders may be issued to salvage the timber in this season itself.

Considering the volume of the timber involved in the operation of Salvage felling the revenue anticipated, formation of an independent division is most desirable and advantageous to Govt. Kind reference is invited to the letter addressed to the Chief Conservator of Forests by the Conservator of Forest Trichur in his reference 3 second cited above.

In the circumstances, the Asst , Conservator of Forests, may be delegated with all powers of Divisional Forest Office including cheque drawing powers and the following amount may provided for the first 3 months of the year 1974-75 (April to June)

i. The Name of treasury from which the amount has to be drawn	STATE BANK OF TRAVANCORE Branch
ii. Amount required for working down	Rs. 1,00,000/- (for net work)
iii. –do- for maintenance of Jeep.	Rs. 6,000/-
iv. –do- for Survey & demarcation	Rs. 4,000/-
v. –do- for fire protection works.	Rs. 6,000/-
vi. defer contingencies including Advertisement charges, S,T, P	Rs. 4,000/-
Total	----- Rs.1,20,000/- =====
Monthly limitations of Drawals	Rs, 40,000/-

Solicit further instructions

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-  
(M. Ibrahim Kutty )

Copy submitted to the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle , Trichur, for favour of information and further action.

Endt. on HA 386//74 dated 27.3.74

Copy to KT, E1 & R Section for information.

For Conservator of Forests  
Trichur