

Attention

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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Forest and Wildlife Department - Felling of trees from the plantations under Forest Department - Constitution of Tender Committee - Orders issued.

FOREST AND WILDLIFE (B) DEPARTMENT

G.O. (MS) No. 15/2000/F&WLD. Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 13.2.2000.

ORDER

Forest Department has raised teak and soft wood plantations in various divisions of the Department. Matured trees are felled and the timber extracted are transported to various Government Depots. Sale of these timber through the depots is the main source of revenue to the exchequer.

Hon. Supreme Court of India, by an interim judgment dated 12.12.1996 in WR(c) No. 202/95 has restricted the felling operations in the entire forest area of the country. As per the judgment, felling operations in the forests require prior approval of the Government of India. State Government is strictly following the guidelines prescribed in the Working Plan/Management Scheme which are approved by Government of India. The procedure being followed is that the concerned forest officials invite tenders for felling of the trees from the plantations included in the schedule approved by Government of India. The Chief Conservator of Forests and Conservator of Forests are competent to confirm tenders for felling of the trees included in the approved plan, within certain prescribed limits beyond which Government approval is required. The proposals for the approval of tenders involving Government sanction are being delayed due to procedural formalities. As a result, the Department will not be in a position to take up the works within the period prescribed by the Government of India, and this in turn will affect the revenue of the department.

Timely approval of tenders is essential for the achievement of revenue targets in the Forest Department. In order to streamline the processing of such proposals Government are pleased to constitute a Tender Committee in the Forest Department with the Principal Secretary (Forest) as Chairman and Secretary (Finance - Expenditure) or his representative, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (General) and Chief Conservator of Forests (Protection) as Members.

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The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests will forward all cases where the tender amount is in excess of his powers, for referring the matter to the Committee for consideration. The participation of the representative from the Finance Department will be essential for the finalisation of the proceedings of the Committee. The Committee will meet once in two months or more often depending on the number of cases for consideration.

By Order of the Governor,

LIZZIE JACOB,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVT.

To

The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (General), Tvpn.
The Chief Conservator of Forests (Protection), Tvpn.
The Finance Department.
The Accountant General (Audit)/AGE, Kerala, Tvpn.
Stock File/OC/Spare.

Copy to: C.A. to Secretary (Finance (Expenditure)).
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Forwarded/By Order

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