

Cardamom lease

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Rules - Rules for the lease of Government lands for cardamom cultivation - clarification - issued.

Revenue "E" department.

G.O.(MS)No.14/64/R_ov. dated 6--1--1964.

- Read: 1. G.O.(Press)549/Rev. dated 5--6--1961.
2. Letter No.B5.7534/62 dated 7-2-1963 from the Chief Conservator of Forests.
3. Letter no.B1.4209/63 dated 31-3-1963 from the District Collector, Kottayam.
4. Letter no.B.2363/61 dated 8-3-1963 from the Special Settlement Officer, Devicoolam.

ORDER

In the letter read as second paper above the Chief Conservator of Forests was desired to have clarification on certain points relating to the Rules for the assignment of Government lands for cardamom cultivation. Government have considered the points and they issue the following orders.

The Chief Conservator of Forests has suggested that the scope of the rules may be restricted to Cardamom Hill Reserve alone. Since there have been instances of L.C.cases being taken by the Special Settlement Officer, Devicoolam in Pampapar reserve which is solely under the control of the Forest department. The Special Settlement Officer in his letter read as fourth paper above has reported that such instances have not occurred so far. Since the question of extending the cardamom rules to the whole State is separately under consideration Government feel that it is not necessary to issue a clarification restricting the scope of those rules as suggested by the Chief Conservator of Forests. But in order to avoid confusion about the jurisdiction of the Special Settlement Officer, Devicoolam, Government wish to clarify that the Special Settlement Officer (the present Sub Collector Devicoolam) will have control over the cardamom Hill reserve alone.

The Chief Conservator of Forests has suggested that the maximum girth limit of trees allowed to be removed by the lessees may be reduced from 48" to 30" at a height of 3' from the ground. Government accept the suggestion and they order accordingly. The Board of Revenue is requested to propose the necessary amendments to the rules.

The Chief Conservator of Forests suggested that whenever wholesale disposal of the tree growth over the Cardamom Hill Reserve is ordered, the concurrence of the forest department may be obtained. Since orders have already issued that whenever there is a request for conversion of cardamom lands into other plantations, the remarks of the Botanist, Cardamom Research Station, Pampaduapara should be obtained, and that the tree growth should be sold in public auction by the Forest Department, no clarification is necessary.

With regard to the proposal of the Chief Conservator of Forests relating to the control over the tree growth over the Cardamom Hill Reserve, made in para 6 of this letter read above, the Chief Conservator of Forests is informed that the question of abolition of the dual control will be considered only when the Chief Conservator of Forests demarcates the areas which are to be preserved as forest (as per G.O.(P)90 63/Agri. dated 30-1-1963) including such portion of the Cardamom Hill

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Endt. on B5.7534/62 dated 10--2--64.

Copy forwarded to the Conservator of Forests, Chalakudy for information and attention (ML.13876/62).

K.K.Nair,
For Chief Conservator of Forests.

Forwarded/ By order,
Office of the Chief Conservator
of Forests, Trivandrum.

Sd./
Superintendent

ML. 3604/64.

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