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Land Reforms - Cardam lands within the Forest Preservation Area - Devicolam and Udumbanchola Taluqs - Survey and settlement - Administrative Control vested with the Forest Department orders issued

LAND REFORMS 'E' DEPARTMENT

G.O.(MS) 141/70/LRD.

Dated, Trivandrum 12th May, 1970.

- Read : 1. G.O.(MS)837/RD dated 6-11-1965
2. Letter No. IRB3-16322/67 dated 19-7-67 from the Secretary, Board of Revenue.
3. Letter No. C12-19985/67 dated 30-1-1968 from the Dist. Collector, Kottayam to the Secretary, Board of Revenue.
4. Letter No. G5-27798/68 dated 11-9-1969 from the Chief Conservator of Forests.

ORDER

In the Government order read as first paper above, Government have ~~already~~ ordered that a decision on the policy to be adopted in respect of survey and settlement of Cardamom lands within the Forest Preservation Area in the Devicolam and Udumbanchola Taluqs will be taken separately.

2. The Board of Revenue has in their letter cited, suggested that the lease of lands for Cardamom ~~lands within the~~ cultivation even within the Forest Preservation Areas may be allowed, as of tree growth. The Chief Conservator of Forests is of the opinion that the administrative control over the Cardamom lands within the Forest Preservation area in the Cardamom Hill Reserve may be vested with the Forest Department and that such areas may be leased out for successive periods of 20 years by putting up the right to auction subject to such limitations in area as is prescribed in the Rules for the lease of Government lands for Cardamom Cultivation, or by regularising the encroachments according to rules.

3. Government accept the suggestions made by the Board of Revenue and the Chief Conservator of Forests. The Forest Department will have administrative control over cardamom lands in the Forest Preservation area and the Divisional Forest Officers having jurisdiction over the area will take action to lease out lands in the area for cardamom cultivation in accordance with the Rules for lease of Government lands for Cardamom cultivation 1964.

4. The Chief Conservator of Forests will take immediate steps to implement the above decisions. He may seek the assistance if any required from the Special Officer, Cardmonksettlement, Deviccolam.

5. Board of Revenue(Survey) will make immediate arrangements for carrying out the survey work in the Forest Preservation Areas in consultation with the Chief Conservator of Forests.

By Order of the Governor.