

**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**  
**ABSTRACT**

Forests – Distribution of firewood in District Centers Opening of firewood depots – orders issued.

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Agriculture (Forest) Department

G.O.MS.No.245/77/AD.

Dated, Trivandrum, 19-8-1977

Read:- Letter No.GL/II/28 dated 19-7-1977 from the Managing Director, Kerala Forest Development Corporation.

**ORDER**

A scheme for the supply of forest produce like Firewood, Bamboos, Reeds and Rattans to the general public at fair price has been under consideration of the Government. As a first step towards this objective it has been decided to open firewood depots at Trivandrum, Ernakulam, Kozhikode and Trichur as part of a larger scheme for opening such depots in different centres in the state. The intention is to entrust the implementation of this scheme to the Kerala Forest Development Corporation. The Managing Director, Kerala Forest Development Corporation has drawn up a comprehensive scheme for this purpose. Government have considered this scheme limiting its implementation for the present to the four places in the state mentioned above. The following orders are issued with regard to the implementation of the scheme.

(i) As a part of the scheme for the distribution of firewood to the public, a firewood depot will be opened in each of the three centres viz. Trivandrum, Ernakulam and kozhikode before 30<sup>th</sup> September 1977 by the Kerala Forest Development Corporation. Another depot will start functioning at Trichur early in October 1977.

(ii) The sale price of the firewood from these depots will Rs.105/- per M. tonne. This price will be subject to review in March 1978.

(iii) 10,000 tonnes of firewood will be distributed from each centre annually. The Distribution will be made on the basis of the ration card to the lowest income groups at the rate of ¼ tonne of firewood once in three months.

(iv) In order to collect the required firewood for this purpose the Forest Department will entrust the sale coupes nearer to the places of the sale depots to the Kerala Forest Development Corporation. The Chief Conservator of Forests will take immediate steps in this regard. In the case of sale coupes already earmarked for the Kerala Forest Development Corporation the existing G.O.No.MS.43/76 dated 9-2-1976 will be applicable with regard to the apportionment of sale values between Forest Department and the Kerala Forest Development Corporation. Regarding the other coupes, the Kerala Forest Development Corporation will be given the working charges in respect of small timber and firewood and towards overhead charges Rs.6/- per M. tonne on the sale price of small timber and firewood. The balance amount of the sale price will be remitted to the Forest Department by the Kerala Forest Development Corporation

(v) Loss of weight of firewood due to dryness will be allowed up to 10%

(vi) Financial assistance for the implementation of this scheme will be given to the Kerala Forest Development Corporation from the Government. The Chief Conservator of Forests in consultation with the Managing Director, Kerala Forest Development Corporation will forward proposals to the Government regarding the terms and conditions under which the financial assistance can be given.

(vii) With a view to ensure that the scheme does not result in loss to Government the working of the scheme will be reviewed at the end of six months and suitable changes introduced if necessary. The Chief Conservator of Forests will send a detailed report to Government on the working of the scheme by the end of March 1978.

(By order of the Governor)

Sd/-

Joint Secretary.

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Endt. on C2-41590/77 dated 30-8-1977

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for Chief Conservator of Forests.

Endt. on TR.13639/77 dated 20-9-1977

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for Conservator of Forests,  
Trichur.

And/23-9-77