

Copy of Circular No.12/71 on C3-33682/69 dt.16-8-71 from the Chief Conservator of Forests,
Trivandrum to all subordinate officers for attention.

Sub:- Supply and sale coupe contracts fixing of period – reg.

It has been brought to the notice of the undersigned that extensions of period of contracts have become the order of the day. Extensions cannot be granted as a matter of course and should be given only when a contractor fails to do a work within the contract period due to circumstances beyond human control. If contracts are given with too short periods it is sure to affect the revenue and of extensions are allowed in such cases that will be only in the interest of the contractor who takes up the work. It is evident that adequate attention is not paid in fixing the periods in almost all cases. All the officers are directed to examine each case in a realistic manner and fix periods of contracts. In the case of contracts from areas other than conversion area a specific period such as 6 months, 9 months one year etc. from date of agreement, according to necessity may be fixed while in the case of conversion coupes intended for planting etc., the period has to be decided by the local authority so as to suit the purposes but the minimum time necessary should be there. Extensions should be given only judiciously as pointed out above and should never affect the planting programmes.

Sd/- P.T. Devassy,

Chief Conservator of Forests.

Endt. on ML-1362/67 dt. 24-8-71

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For Conservator of Forests,

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