

Copy of G.O.Rt. 1041/71/AD. dated 26-5-1971 Agriculture (Forest) Department, Trivandrum.

Forest – Hydel Division – Removal of tree growth from Kakki R.A. – Exemption from penalty for uncleared area –General order – Issued.

Read:- 1. Again G.O.Rt.2634/63/AD dated 19-10-1968.

2. Letter No.C6-15921/70 dated 16-5-70 from the Chief Conservator of Forests.

As per the agreements executed by the contractors in the Kakki R.A. for removal of trace growth, clearfelling, slash felling and burning, the work had to be completed before 30-6-1969 inclusive of the extension period granted in G.O.Rt.2634/68/AD. dated 19-10-1968. There are some areas in the coupe where contractors have left the areas uncleared. The trees available in the submerged area cannot be cleared either by the Contractor or by the Department. The agreement condition provides that the balance work has to be done by the Department and the cost thereof recovered from the contractor. Condition No.5(a) also provides penalty at Rs.25/- per acre left uncleared remaining at the close of each month. The Chief Conservator of Forests has reported that Government have sustained no loss on account of the contracts, as the full value of the trees have been remitted by the contractors. The area is also not required by the Department for any planting purpose. The Chief Conservator of Forests has therefore recommended that exemption from penalty for the uncleared areas may be granted in respect of those areas where submergence has taken place and where there is no possibility to take up further clearance and slash felling.

2. In the circumstances, sanction is accorded for exempting the contractors from payment of penalty for the uncleared area in respect of those areas in Kakki R.A. where submergence has taken place and where there is no possibility to take up further clearance and slashfelling.

Sd/- Under Secretary to Govt.

Endt. on ML/20232/69 K.D is. dated 7-6-71.

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Fore Conservator of Forests.

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