

Copy of the Govt. Memorandum No. 61811/A3/65/RD dt. 26-4-66 from Revenue (A) Department to the Secretary, Board of Revenue all District Collectors.

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Sub:- Land Assignment rules 1964- belt area of 2 to 3 chains of around reserve forests- Reservation- instructions issued .

Read:- 1. Govt. memorandum No. 52622/A3/64/RD dt 3-10-64.  
2. Do 66438/ A3/64 /RD dt. 20-8-65  
3. Note dt. 31-12-65 from the Special officer for survey and Categorization.

One of the points raised by the Special Officer for sort and categorization in his note dated 31-12-65 is in regard to excluding a belt area of 2 to 3 chains of land around the reserve forest as a buggiest zone from the assignable lands. In this connection the attention of the Special officer and the Board of Revenue is invited to the Govt. memorandum dt. 3-10-64 and 20-3-65 referred to above where in it has been made clear that there should be belt of unoccupied land in between the reserve forest and the margin of cultivation. This would serves as a buffer again encroachment into the reserve forests.

2. From bitter experience, it can very definitely be stated that the vandalism in the forest area and denudation of forests, which have become a common practice in the state are nothing but the rest of throwing open forest area for cultivation on the plan of increasing food production. From practical experience on the plan of increasing food production. From practical experience it has been found that no of precautionary measures will be of any avail to prevent the clandes time tactics adopted by the so called cultivators in stealthily appropriing valuable forests produce. It is because of these facts that the xx of leaving a clear cut bugger zone or forest belt between the land assign to cultivator s and the reserve forest boundary is keenly felt.

3. This butter belt should not be left fallow. Fast grown species of trees should be planted here. The forest department will take action to, plant up the belt area between the assigned lands and reserve forest boundaries with fast growing species of trees. The Secretary Board of Revenue and the District Collectors will take steps to give details of the belt areas to the forests Department.

Endt. 11188/66/B2 dt. 7-5-66

Copy Communicated to the Revenue Divl. Officers/ Tahasildars Spl. Tahsildar. The Tahsildars, Quilon Karunagapally and Kunnathur etc. will furnish to the forest department details of belt areas and forwarded copy of their report to this office.

Sd/- for Collector.