

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

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Sub: Reserve Forest-Disreservation- Projects/Plantations - Prior consultation with Agriculture (Forest) Department declared mandatory.

In has been brought to the notice of Government, that there has been an increasing tendency on the part of various Department, to sponsor schemes unilaterally, for Plantations/ Projects etc... involving extensive conversion of reserve forests, without the express concurrence of Government in this Department, or even a nominal consultation with the Chief conservator of Forests. This has created an embarrassing situation for this Department; which is very often, faced with a fait-accompli, in cases, where such utilization would be objectionable form the point of view of siviculture, or for other technical reasons.

With a view to obviating situations of the above kind in future, all departments of the Secretariat/Heads of Departments, are advised to ensure that, hereafter, no schemes involving conversion of reserve forests are considered by them, much less approved, without the express clearance of this Department in writing, irrespective of the extent of forests so involved. Even in case where clearance of this Department is obtained, the Chief Conservator of Forests should invariably be associated with the scheme, even from the very commencement or formulation stage.

Sd/-
K.V. Vidyadharan,
Addl.Secretary.

To
All Conservator of Forest.

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For Chief Conservator of Forests
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