

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Agriculture (Forest General) Department

NOTIFICATION

G.O.(P).63/76/AD.

Dated, Trivandrum, 25<sup>th</sup> February, 1976.

S.R.O.No.266/76 – In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (a) of section 47 of the Kerala Forest Act, 1961 (4 of 1962), the Government of Kerala hereby make the following amendment to the Kerala Forest (Collection of Draft and Standard Timber) Rules, 1965, issued under Notification No.(P) 34/66/AD, dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 1956 and published as S.R.O.No.43/66 in Kerala Gazette No.7 dated the 15<sup>th</sup> February, 1976, namely:-

AMENDMENT

In the said rules, after rule 3, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:-

“3A. Notice to claimants of drift timber – (1) On receipt of the report, the Divisional Forest Officer shall publish a notice in the Gazette requiring any person claiming the timber to present to him, within a period of not less than one month from the date of such notice, a written statement of such claim. Such notice shall contain a description of the timber and the place from which it was collected and the station where it is stored.

Provided that in the case of unmarked timber collected from any area referred to in section 42 of the Act, no notice need be published in the Gazette and the Divisional Forest Officer shall, publish a notice in a Malayalam Daily having the widest circulation in the locality from where the timber was collected, requiring any person claiming the timber to present to him within a period of not less than fourteen days from the date of publication of such notice shall contain a description of the timber and the place from which it was collected and the station where it is stored.

(2) Copies of the notice under sub-rule (1) shall be affixed in the concerned Divisional Forest Officer and the Forest Range Office.

By Order of the Governor,

A.NEELAKANTA PILLAI,  
Additional Secretary.

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport)

Section 43(2) of the Kerala Forest Act 1961 as amended by Act 28 of 1973 lays down that where unmarked timber is collected from any area referred to in section 42, the Divisional Forest Officers shall serve a notice on the owner or other person in control of the timber-yard or any other place from where timber has been collected or on any other person who, in the opinion of the Divisional Forest Officer, has claim over such timber. The notification is intended to outline the method of serving the notices.