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Copy of Government letter No. 49101/04/66/AD dated 12-12-1966, Agriculture (Co-operation) Department, Trivandrum, to the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Community Development & Co-operation, (Department of Co-operation) Krishna Shivan, New Delhi.

Subj:- Recommendation of the 5th meeting of the National Advisory Board on Labour Contract and construction Co-operatives held at Chandigarh on 1st September, 1965 -

Follow up action -

Ref:- Your letter No. 6-26/65/BC dated 21-9-1965.

In continuation of this Government letter No. 46617/65/02/AD dated 3-6-1966 I am directed to inform as follows:-

Issue

Agenda item II C. At present there are no well organized Forest Labour contract Societies functioning in this State. Hence unskilled work cannot be reserved exclusively for such Societies. Further silvicultural works have to be done departmentally.

It will not be possible without much inconvenience and delay to refer each work to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies so as to ascertain whether any Society is willing to take up a work. Notifications regarding works are published widely and the Societies can offer their willingness on seeing the notifications. Major works like sleeper operation, working down timber etc. need large investments. Further more the Forest Department will be having seasonal works which are to be commenced and completed at fixed dates. Such works could not be left to the Societies to commence and complete as they could.

It is not desirable to give the works to the Societies at rates up to 5% above the lowest acceptable tender rate. It is also not possible to assign the works to Societies without earnest money deposits and security deposits. Even with these safeguards, experience shows that considerable loss had accrued to the Government on account of the failure of the Societies in fulfilling the terms of the contract. The tender of the Co-operative Societies could be accepted if the rates tendered are the lowest and less than Departmental rates. However there is no harm in encouraging the Societies to take up Forest works on the usual terms and conditions in which works are awarded in the Forest Department.

In the case of timber contracts (supply) full security and solvency must be insisted upon as large volumes of valuable timber will have to be entrusted to the Societies for transport to Depots. However reduction in the amount of Earnest Money Deposit could be allowed on the specific recommendation and the Registrar of Co-operative Societies as it is experienced that the Societies have nothing at stake and also as adequate safeguards shall have to be made to see that loss to Government or violation of agreement conditions are not settled easily.

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In the circumstances stated above it is not possible to implement the recommendation in this State.

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests vide his letter No. Cf-27843/66 dated 5-12-1966.

Let. on K.D's. 27843/66/01 dated 21/26-12-1966.

Communicated to all Conservators of Forests for information and attention.

Copy to Contract Sections, All Superintendents, P.A., P.C., to P.A., A.O., Chief Conservator of Forests and State P.I.C.

Chalukudy Conservator's No. MK-14703/66).

Chief Conservator's Office, Erivandur.

For Chief Conservator of Forests.

Let. on K.D's. (MK) 21407/66 dated 2-1-1967.

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officers, Malayattoor, Chalukudy, Erichar, Munnar and Kottayam for information.

Copy to Sections XI, ER., and CH.

Conservator's Office, Chalukudy.

For Conservator of Forests.

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