

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

No.17892/C3/99/F&WLD,
Forest and Wildlife (C) Department,
Thiruvananthapuram: Dt : 31.3.2001

From

The Prl. Secretary to Government.

To

The Chief Conservator of Forests (P).

Sir,

Sub : Confiscation of vehicles involved in forest offence cases – disposed of regarding.

Ref : Your Lr. No. 04/1272/2000 dt.23.12.2000.

I am to invite your attention to the reference cited and to inform you that vehicles involved in forest offence cases are confiscated u/s (71(A) of the Kerala Forest Act. In most of the cases, the owners of the confiscated vehicle approach courts challenging the confiscation. The Courts rarely allow the request of the owner and the Department will be compelled to release the vehicle. In such cases, the owners of the vehicle may come forward with claims of compensation for the so called deterioration caused to the vehicle during the pendency of the case, as in this case, and Government is put in an embarrassing situation. In order to overcome such a situation, I am to request you to evolve a well thought out procedure for speedy disposal of cases where confiscation of vehicles are involved.

Yours faithfully.

Sd/-

P. CHERIYAN PHILIP,

Joint Secretary,

For Prl.Secretary to Government.

Approved for issue,

Section Officer.