

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Forest & Wildlife Department - - Functioning of sandalwood oil factories in an illegal manner in the State - Close down - Orders issued.

FOREST & WILDLIFE (B) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(MS) No.17/2005/F&WLD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 9.2.2005

- Read: 1. G.O.(P) No.53/98/Forest dated 16.7.1998  
2. G.O.(P) No.93/99/Forest dated 15.11.1999.  
3. Order dated 19.11.2004 of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in IA. No.13761/2004 in W.P.(C) No.16409/2003.  
4. Letter No.C6-28209/2002 dated 27.1.2005 from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests.

**ORDER**

The Hon'ble High Court in the order cited above have directed Government to take action in accordance with law to close down sandalwood oil factories functioning in an illegal manner in the State and without the required license issued by competent authorities as per rules and No Objection Certificate from Forest Department. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, in the letter read as 4<sup>th</sup> paper above has reported that there are 23 sandalwood oil factories functioning in an illegal manner in the state.

Government have examined the matter in detail and hereby order to close down all the sandalwood oil factories functioning in an illegal manner in the State with immediate effect. The Divisional Forest Officers shall take immediate action to close down such factories. The competent authorities shall ensure that no licenses are granted/renewed hereafter without NOC from Forest Department.

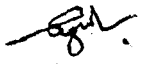
The Heads of Department concerned shall ensure that the above instructions are strictly complied with immediately.

By order of the Governor,

Dr. C.V.Ananda Bose,  
Principal Secretary to Government.

- The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Thiruvananthapuram  
The Secretary, Local Self Government Department.  
The Secretary, Labour & Rehabilitation Department.  
All Divisional Forest Officers (through PCCF).  
The Grama Panchayats (through the LSGD)  
The Director of Factories & Boilers, Thiruvananthapuram.  
The Advocate General, Ernakulam (with CL)  
The General Administration (SC) Department.  
The Director of Public Relations.  
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Forwarded/By order,

  
Section Officer