

**Copy of Govt. Order No. G.O No. 977 dated 16.11.1963 from the Joint Secretary to Government, Agriculture (Forest) Department Trivandrum to the Chief Conservator of Forests.**

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***Sub: Forest Department advance to Ranger, Dy. Rangers, Foresters and Depot Officers enhancement of delegation of powers to the Conservators and Divisional Forest Officers orders issued.***

***Read : G.O. MS. 141/Agri. Dated 29.1.1962***

Also from the C.C.F letters A2-5192/50 dated 7.5.62 and 4.3.1963 from the Accountant General Letters FAD II/1-1/63-64/176 dated 28.6.63 and 17.8.1963

As per articles 263 of the Travancore-Cochin Forest Code Cochin Forest Code the extent of money that can be advanced to Rangers in Travancore cochin area is Rs. 1,000/- at a time. But when any special work has to be carried out for which funds are absolutely necessary, the Chief Conservator of Forests is empowered to sanction advance up to Rs. 2000/-

In G.O Hs. 141 Agri. Dated 29.1.62 it was ordered that the general limit of advance of Rs. 1000 Range Officers can keep with them at a time will be raised form Rs. 1000/- to Rs 2000/- and that the discretionary powers of the Chief Conservator of Forests to grant advances to Range Officers will be enhanced from Rs. 2000/- to Rs. 5000/- subject to the condition that so advances should be made for a work for which no estimate has been sanctioned and that there should be no under delay in the clearance of the advances.

The Chief Conservator for Forest has now suggested the delegation of the above powers to the Conservators of Forests viz. to sanction advances up to Rs. 5000/- to Rangers in exceptional cases subject ot certain conditions. Similarly he has proposed that he amount of advance payable to be Dy. Rangers, Foresters and depot officers by the Divl. Forest Officers in special cases be raised and fixed at Rs. 5000/- (to Deputy Rangers and Foresters) and Rs. 250/- to officers in charge of depots.

Government after a careful consideration of the proposal accept the recommendations of the Chief Conservator of Forests, to delegate the Conservator of Forests to sanction advances up to Rs 5000/ to Rangers in excepting cases, and they order accordingly. Similarly government also empower to Divil. Forest Officer to sanction Rs. 500/ 2, that no advance will be made for a work for which no estimate has been sanctioned and 3 that there should be no undue delay in adjustment of the advances. The Chief Conservator of Forests will instruct the Conservator of Forests to ensure that the advance is limited to the barest minimum required.

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For Conservator of Forest.