

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
ABSTRACT

Forests – Grant of concession to Harijans for Collection of bamboos from Forests – Issue of free passes – sanction accorded –

AGRICULTURE (FOREST) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.241/68/Agri.

Dated, 3-5-1968.

Read:- 1. G.O. Dis.1355/55/RD dated 2-7-55.
2. G.O.D. Dis.6486/55/RD dated 5-9-55.
3. G.O.MS.553 dated 25-8-64.
4. Petition dated 12-4-1967 from the 'Kavaras' of the Kottala in Peechi Range.
5. Report No.G5-8522/67 dated 29-3-1967 from the Chief Conservator of Forests.

ORDER

Article 230 of Cochin Forest Code provided for the issue free passes for collection and removal of split bamboos by the resident riots and this concession was in force from the year 1083 M.E. Members of scheduled castes and scheduled Tribes continued to enjoy this concession. This concession had been stopped before 1956 except in Trichur Forest Division. In Trichur Division also it was stopped after March, 1956, from 1-4-56 onwards, a fee of 25 np. per head load was being realized as per rules.

Government feel that the Harijans (People belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) who are mainly depending up on the sale proceeds of articles made of bamboos for their livelihood should be allowed free passes to collect and convey head loads of split bamboos from Government Forests as in the past. They order that the concessions that were in existence before 1956 will be restored in those areas in which they were in existence.

The Chief Conservator of Forests may include necessary provision in this regard in the Forest Code now under preparation.

(By order of the Governor)
K.K. Gopalan,
Assistant Secretary.

To

The Chief Conservator of Forests.

Endt. on G5.18843/68 dated 9-5-1968.

Copy forwarded to all Conservator of Forests and Divisional Forest Officer, Trichur for information and attention.

Copy to the Officer on special duty for the preparation of Forest Code. You may include necessary provision in this regard in the Forest Code as directed by Government.

Sd/- For Chief Conservator of Forests.

Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests,
Trivandrum.

Endt. on A2-9432/68 dated 20-5-1968.

Copy forwarded to all Divl. Forest Officers, Divl. Forest Officer, Hydel Division, Kottayam, Asst. Conservator of Forests, Grassland Afforestation Division, Pamba for information and attention.

Copy to sections: TR, ML, CH, KT, Stock file, Circular file, Senior Superintendent.

Conservator's Office,
Central Circle,
Trichur – 1.

For Conservator of Forests.

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