

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, TRIVANDRUM

Sub: Information regarding coupes - request for.

READ QC4-3386/59 dated 11-1-60 from the Conservator of Forests, Quilon.

Orders on No, 1358/60/C1 dated 21/26-9-60.

The Conservator of Forests is informed that in the Eranakulam Conference the Divisional Forest Officer Malayattur explained the difficulty that will be experienced if no basis rates are quoted for delivery of logs of different categories to various depots, from a single coupe. In this issue the Divl. Forest Officer's contention is that if a basic rate is given for each item and uniform reduction is called for it will not only minimize clerical work but also prove to be advantageous to Government. This is a good suggestion and hence it is accepted.

2. As regards the contention that if the standard rate is let known previously there will be combination among tenderness and consequent loss to Government, it is to be pointed out that combination of any kind will reflect on the rates offered and can easily be detected, Further if the renderers are asked to quote the actual working rate for each items and total amount of each tender worked up it is easy to find out the lowest tender.

3. Wherever there is more than one item basic rate will have to be notified.

4. When the work is confined to only one item, basic rate need not be divulged.

5. As contracts involving two items of work are few this will meet the requirements.

6. It is quote likely that variations in the estimation may occur above 10%. It all cases the ruling already in vogue viz. no excess not even 1% may be allowed in the number of trees should be strictly enforced.

Sd/- Chief Conservator of Forests.

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