

From

The Conservator of Forests,  
Trichur.

To

The Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Trivandrum.

Sir,

Sub:- Confirmation of sales – delegation of powers to Conservators regarding.

Ref:- Nil

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Government have issued a “Book of Financial Powers” relating to the Heads of Departments and other officers of the various Departments as on 31-12-65. It is stated that the powers delegated in this book is in supersession of all previous Government orders concerning delegation of powers. On verification it is found that there is a mistake in the “Book of Financial Powers” in respect of confirmation of auction sales.

As per G.O.Ms.698/Agri. dated 4-7-68 para 12 Conservator of Forests is invested with full powers to confirm auction sales of timber and other forest produces. But in page 121 para 3 of “Book of Financial Powers” Conservator of Forests has been delegated with the following powers only in respect of confirmation of sales. Para 3 of “Book of Financial Powers” at page 121 reads as follows. “To confirm auction sale of timber and other Forest produce provided that the rates fetched should not be less than the average of three previous sales conducted in the depot or 75% of the scheduled rates whichever is higher. If in the case of any species there have been no sales during the year atleast 75% of the scheduled rates should be obtained”. Against the remarks column the G.O. noted in support of the authority is G.O.Ms.698/Agri. dated 4-7-58, which contemplated full powers of confirmation to Conservators. The Divisional Forest Officers have also been delegated powers for confirmation upto Rs.10,000/-provided that the rate is not less than 75% of schedule rate etc., as explained above. It is therefore presumed that the delegation of powers to Conservator of Forests noted in the “Book of Financial Powers”, is an error as no other Government orders offer than G.O.MS.698/4-7-68 has been noted reducing the powers of confirmation of sales by the Conservator of Forests. I therefore request that this portion of the item may be got deleted from the book and full powers as per the G.O. cited above may be incorporated.

In this connection I may report that I am exercising the full powers delegated by G.O.MS.698/Agri./4-7-68 for confirmation of auction sales of timber and other Forest produce as was done hitherto. I request very early orders.

Yours faithfully.

For Conservator of Forests.

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