

Copy of letter No.C1-18991/73 dt.9-1-1974 from the Chief Conservator of Forests, Trivandrum to the Secretary to Government, Agriculture (Forest) Department, Trivandrum.

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Sub:- Allegations of mal practices and corruption against Forest Officials – petition regarding.

Ref:- Government letter No.16679/F2/73/AD dt. 3-4-1973.

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There is circular orders fixing time schedule for the different process connected with the fixing of auction of tender contracts. A copy of the circular No.19/59 in the matter is herein enclosed for reference. The Divisional Forest Officers are again being directed to strictly adhere to the above circular orders and also to sell the residual growth without delay except in cases where there are specific instructions issued other wise in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

for Chief Conservator of Forests,

Trivandrum.

Copy with copy of the above circular communicated to all Conservator of Forests and Divisional Forest Officers for strict adherence.

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CIRCULAR 19/59

In this office circular 1/59 endorsed to the Conservator's and Divl. Forest Officer's in this office No.C1-3/59 date 1-1-59 it was ordered that unless otherwise specifically explained, orders on tenders should be passed as expeditiously as possible preferably within 3 days of opening of tenders. But the above order is not seen adhered to in most of the cases reported from Quilon circle.

In these circumstances the Chief Conservator of Forests desires to make it clear that report on tender or auction conducted by the Divisional Forest Officer should be despatched within 5 days from the Divl. Forest Officers office and the Conservator of Forests should pass orders if required as per rules on auction or tender as the case may be within 5 days of receipt of the Divl. Forest officer's report i.e. within 14 days of a tender or auction final orders accepting or rejecting in the case of tenders and confirming or cancelling in the case of auction sales should be despatched from the Conservator's office. Any order issued after 14 days should be accompanied by explanation of the officer concerned for the delay caused. The receipt of this order should be acknowledged.

Sd/-

M.P.George,

Chief Conservator of Forests.

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for Conservator of Forests.