

Copy of Chief Conservator's report No.C1-37682/63 dated 3/6-12-1963 to the Secretary to Government, Agriculture (Forest) Department.

Sub:- Thenmala Division – Achancoil Range – collection and removal of tree growth from Block “C” – burning of charcoal – request for –

Ref:- No.64921/F3/63-2/AD dated 21-11-1963

Consequent on receipt of a petition from the contractors who purchased the right of collection and removal of timber and firewood from Kanjapettah coupe II in Erumeli Range in Kottayam Diision requesting to allow them to convert firewood into charcoal due to lack of facilities to transport and difficuoties in getting labour on account of the late receipt of confirmation order and limited period fixed for completing the work and the bad condition of the road, recommendation was made in this office letter No.C2-36612/62 dated 21-11-1962 to permit the contractors to burn charcoal under certain speciic condition. The above recommendation was made to Government as recommended nby the Conservator of Forests.

The petitioners bid in auction the coupe, knowing fully well that charcoal burning will not be permitted. The statement that there are no road facilities for removal of firewood is not correct. There are ample facilities for the transport. There are roads inside the coupe also.

Whether road condition is bad or good, hereafter no charcoal burning in areas to be planted up, will be permitted.

In this instance there is no special reason for allowing charcoal burning. There is every facility for removing the produce as firewood. Concession to burn charcoal against the conditions in the sale notification and agreement will lead to unilisation of all twigs and small girth branches which are essential for the success of the plantation. The request if allowed will be against all departmental interests.

Early orders are solicited.

Sd/-

For Chief Conservator of Forests.

Copy with copy of G>M. forwarded to Conservator, Quilon (QC3-14078/63).

Copy to all other Conservators, C2, Cr, C6 and C-Superintendent & Stock file.

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In his letter cited the Chief Conservator of Forests has stated that charcoal burning cannot be allowed in this case. But it is seen that in the case of Mangapattah coupe in Erumali Range the Chief Conservator of Forests had, in his letter C2-36612/62 dated 21-11-1962 recommended charcoal burning. These two recommendations are apparently inconsistant. The Chief Conservator of Forests is therefore requested to point out whether any distinction can be drawn between these cases. This reference may be treated as urgent.

Ammini Paul,
Assistant Secretary.

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Endt. on Kt-25052/63 dated 9-12-1963.

Copy with copy of enclosure forwarded to all Divl. Forest Officers for information and strict attention. No charcoal burning should be allowed in the areas to be planted up in future under any circumstances. The practice of modifying sale conditions at the time of auction should also be put a stop to.

Copy to Circular file and contract sections.
Office of the Conservator of Forests,
Chalakudy.

For Conservator of Forests.

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