

ABSTRACT

Forests - supply of teakwood poles to the Electricity Board - period of removal of poles and method of acceptance of value of poles ordered -

Agriculture (Forest) Department

G.O.Rt.No.3452/63/Agri.

Dated, 27-12-1963.

Read: 1. Correspondence resting with letter No. C5-5185/62 dated 24-7-1963 from the Chief Conservator of Forests.

2. Letter No FAD.II/G1/18-28/63-64/522 dated 7-11-1963 from the Accounting General.

ORDER

The Chief Conservator of Forests reported that matters relating to the supply of poles to the Kerala State Electricity Board were discussed by him with the Chief Engineer (Electricity Board) and other officers of the Board. The Chief Engineer was of the opinion that the period allowed as per G.O.Rt.No.1249/60/Agri. Dated 7-9-1960 for the removal of the poles was quite inadequate and that some more period should be allowed. The Chief Conservator of Forests agreed that the Forest Department had no objection to allow some more time for removal of the poles, but that the period of 52 days allowed in the G.O. for the maximum number of 5000 poles could not be altered. He agreed to fix the following time, limit subject to Government sanctioned.

- (a) For poles not exceeding 1000 Nos. the maximum period allowable would be 17 days.
- (b) For poles not exceeding 2000 Nos. but exceeding 1000 Nos. - 27 days.
- (c) For poles not exceeding 3000 Nos. but exceeding 2000 Nos. - 37 days.
- (d) For poles not exceeding 4000 Poles, but exceeding 3000 - 47 days.
- (e) For 5000 poles - 52 days.

The Chief Engineer also required that when a minimum number of 300 poles were brought to the dumping site, the concerned Range Officer should intimate the Junior Engineer (Electricity) to select the poles giving due intimation also to the Superintending Engineer concerned. This was also select the poles within one month from date of intimation, the poles would be arranged to be auctioned.

Government are pleased to accept the above procedure being followed.

Another question discussed was regarding payment of value of the poles selected by the Board. It was suggested that the Electricity Board would issues a single cheque for the total amount of value of poles plus transporting charges, plus sales tax. The Divl. Forest Officers when presenting the cheque at the Treasury for adjustment of the amount should attach two separate chalans one for the value of the poles plus transporting charges due to the Forest Department, and the other a countersigned chalan from the concerned Sales Tax Officer for the amount of sales tax due to the Sales Tax Department. The Chief Conservator of Forests expressed difficulties in following this procedure. As the chalan for remittance of the sales tax has to be got countersigned by the Sales Tax authorities as per rules, the cheque on receipt could not be presented to the Treasury for adjustment of the amounts till the chalan for sales tax is received. Since the Electricity Board will be issuing a cheque for the amount they would be showing a debit of the amount in their accounts and the cheque received by the Divl. Forest Officer would have to be kept with him till the chalan for the sales tax was received countersigned. As this procedure was irregular, the Chief Conservator of Forests requested orders of Government to obviate this difficulty.

The Chief Conservator of Forests further suggested the acceptance of the following procedure, which, he said was being followed in some Forest Divisions in the Travancore-Cochin area. The Forest Department would issue invoices, in triplicate for timber value plus sales tax (showing the amounts separately.) together with separate chalans for timber value and sales tax. The Executive Engineer concerned would draw the amount in one cheque get the sales tax chalan countersigned by the Sales Tax Officer, concerned and then remit the amounts into the treasury in two separate chalans. On production of both the receipted chalans, the produce would be released. This procedure is acceptable to the Board of Revenue (Taxes) also. The Accountant General in accepting this procedure, suggested also another alternative, that is for the Forest Department to accept the cheque issued by the Board and remit the proceeds under Forest Remittance by per Contra Credit in their Divl. Account duly to "Forest Revenue" and "Amount creditable to Misc. Heads of Account Sales Tax". Government consider that it will be advisable to lay down a uniform procedure for the department in the matter as otherwise, it may lead to practical difficulties in accounting. They therefore order the acceptance of the procedure suggested by the Chief Conservator of Forests and agreed to by the Board of Revenue (Taxes) and the Accounts General.

By order, etc.
Sd/- Secretary to Government

To
The Chief Conservator of Forests.

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Endt. On C5-5185/62 dated 15-01-1964.

Copy forwarded to all the Conservators for information and attention. Chalakudy C.F's No.A1-3571/62 and A1-6126/62.

Chief Conservator's Office,
Trivandrum.

For Chief Conservator of Forests.

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Endt. On D.Disc)A1)6126/62 dated 17/01/1964.

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Office of the Conservator of Forests,
Chalakudy.

For Conservator of Forests.

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