

**Copy of the Govt.G.O.Rt. No. 3272/Agri. Dt.26-12-68 from the Agriculture (Forest) Department, Trivandrum to the Chief Conservator of forests, Trivandrum**

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*Sub:-* Forests- Industrial Plantation Circle- Vazhachal Division –working down timber-excess quantity sanctioned- action ratified.

*Read:-* Letter No. C5-18265/68 dt.19-11-68 from the C.C.F.

**Order**

The work of extraction of timber from the above coupes was entrusted to Sri. V.M.Muhammad Shafi as per the agreement dated 10-8-67. The estimate of cost relating to the above work was sanctioned in CE.36/Htce./67-68 dated 19-12-67 for Rs.1,42,200/- On completion of the work the actual out-turn comes to 2019.080cum. of timber as against the estimated quantity of 1700cum. Since the variation exceeds 10% of the original estimate for the cost of working down timber to the depots. The reason adduced by the conservator of Forests for this increase is that the approximate height of the bole length of each tree which could fetch seigniorage plus working charges alone was recorded while marking but many of the trees in question were matured hardwood species and timber available from top ends and branches of these trees was also got collected and transported to the depots in the best interest of Government. This resulted in the increase of the estimated quantity. the conservator of Forests has also reported that no less has been sustained on the quantity of the timber delivered and disposed of. As the agreement contemplates collection and delivery all available timber from the marked trees and as payment of Kolevila has to be made to the Contractor for the quantity delivered according to the terms of the agreement, the chief conservator of Forests accorded sanction to the conservator of Forests for sanction in the revised estimate for the excess quantity at the original tendered rate in anticipation of sanction from government.

This action of the Chief Conservator of Forests is ratified.

This order issues with the concurrence of finance Department No. 9796/&D /A1/68/Fin dt. 9-12-1968.

The Contractor Shri. V.M.Mohammad Shaffi was blacklisted for ten years and barred from taking up any government work. The Department should have reported the matter before acceptance of the tender and obtained orders of Government. The under Estimation should be avoided as far as possible.

*By order etc.*  
*Sd/- Assistant Secretary.*

Endt. C. 5-18265/68 dt.31-12/9-1-1969;

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*Sd/- For Chief conservator of Forests.*

Endt.ML.574/69 ( L.Dis) dt.7-1-1969

Copy communicated to all Divl. Forest Officers, Asst. Conservator of forests, Pamba and Wild Life Preservation Officer, Thekkay for information.

*For Conservator of Forests,*  
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