

Office of the Conservator of Forests,  
Central circle, Trichur.

Copy of Chief Conservator's No. FU (1) 44341/76 Dated 9.11.76 address to all sub offices.

Sub:- Payment of wages to Timber loading workers .  
Ref:- This office No. dated 23.9.1976.

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In this office letter cited it was ordered to insist on the payment of wages based on schedule of rates to the mazdoors engaged for timber loading works.

In this connection you are informed that the minimum wages notified in the wage that should be paid to the labourers employed in the forests. If the employer was paying wages higher than the minimum wages notified the employer should not reduce the wages but he should continue to pay the labour at the higher rates which he was paying prior to the date the recent notification. This is the law as minimum wages act and labour act.

If in the depot, loading workers were paid at wages higher than that of the minimum wages recently fixed the payment at higher wages should be continued and department should not unilaterally reduce the wage.

Government have also emphasized in their letter No.84377/p2/76/AP dated 29.10.1976 that the reduced payment of Rs.13/- per cum to the labourers can not be accepted but instead should ensure that the labourers get the original wages even from the date of reductions.

All Divl. Forest officers are requested to ascertain the wages that were paid normally to the loading workers in the depots and these may be notified with effect from a particular date in each depot would know before hand the wages that should be paid to loading workers in the depot.

Yours faithfully,  
Sd/-  
For Chief Conservator of Forests.

Endt. on TR. 20554/76 dated 23.11.76.

Copy to all sections, senior supdt, and Administrative Assistant for information.  
This is in continuation of this office Endt, on even No. dated 14.10.1970.

Copy to stock file.

And. /27-11-76.

For Conservator of Forests,  
Trichur.