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Officer of the Chief Conservator of
Forest, Trivandrum.

From

The Chief Conservator of Forests.

To

All Conservators.

Sir,

Sub: Cashew Development programme intensification of
Ref : Govt. No . 46632/Ag.p4/67/AD dated 28-8-1967.

Please find enclosed copy of Government reference No.46632/Ag p4/67/AD dated 28-8-67 enclosing copy of summery records of Discussions of the conference held with the Director, Regional office (Cashew nut Development) and other officers at Palghat on 11-8-1967.

You are requested to formulate a detailed package acheme for intensive cultivation of cashew , where cashew plantation have been raised during the second Five Year Year Plan period and submit to this office with in to weeks so that a consolidated report can be send to government for transmission to the cashew nut council at an early date . This may please be treated as urgent as this scheme has to be finalized and Government orders obtained for inclusion in the annual plan proposals for 68-69.

Yours faithfully

for chief conservator of forests

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Government of Kerala

Agriculture & Rural Development Department (Agriculture-Planning)

No.46632/Ag.p4/67/AD

Dated, Trivandrum 28-8-1967

From

The Secretary to Government.

To

The chief conservator of Forests,
Thiruvadrum.

Sir,

Sub: Cashew Development programmes – Intensification of

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the summery Record of the Discussions of the conference held with the Director, Regional office (Cashew Development) and other state officials at Palgahat on 11-8-1967 and request that detailed schemes for cashew development may kindly be formulated in accordance with the decisions taken at the conference and forwarded to Government for transmission to the cashew nut Council.

This may please be given 'Top Priority'

Yours faithfully
Sd/M.K. Bhaskaran
For Secretary to Government

Summery record of Discussions of the Conference held with the Director. Regional Office Cashew Development) and other officers at Palghat on 11-8-1967.

PRESENT : 1. Agriculture reduction Commissioner

2. Conservator of forest, Chalakudy

3. Conservator of forests, Kozhikode

4. Director of Agriculture

5. Director ,Regional office (Cashew Development)

6. Deputy Director ,Regional office (Cashew nut Development) Government of India.

The Director, Regional office, stated that the target of 20,000 acres for the Fourth Plan period, accepted by the State government, under cashew plantation is very low when compared with the target of 72500 acres recommended by the Indian Cashew Development council .He pointed out that lands suitable for cashew plantation are available especially in the Districts of Cannanore, Kozhikode and Palghat and efforts should be made for the expansion of area and production of cashew. He said that the Cashew nut Development council would be prepared to give necessary financial assistance for the programmes.

The Agricultural production commissioner said that cultivation of cashew is not remunerative at present when compared with other crops and that stood in the way of expansion of area under cashew. He stated that if the Icon scheme now under the implementation is more attractive by enhancing the limit to Rs.300/- per acre and making the loan interest free there would be response from private individuals. He also pointed out that there are no Government lands which could be utilized for the purpose. After discussing the various schemes of the Council, the following decisions were taken:

1. The State Forest Department would formulate package schemes for intensive cultivation of cashew for the various Forest Divisions where cashew plantations have been raised during the Second Plan period. Schemes would be prepared for the various age groups 10 years and above and between 5 to 10 years.
2. The State Agriculture Department will also prepare schemes for intensive cultivation of cashew for the area covering the Government plantations.
3. The State Government would indicate to the Council the area of private holdings which could be available for expansion of cashew and the assistance necessary from the council. The Agricultural production Commissioner indicated that it would be possible to bring 80000 acres of private lands under new cashew plantation if the following facilities are given.
 1. Interest free loan @ Rs. 300/- per acre
 2. Manure subsidy of Rs.75/- per acre
 3. Cultural and Plant protection facilities

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