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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA  
Revenue (P) Department

No. 47532/P2/90/RD.

Thiruvananthapuram,  
Dated. 6.10.90.

CIRCULAR.

Sub: Joint Verification of occupied forest land-  
and issue of the extract of the record of -  
joint verification.

Ref: G.O. (Ms) No. 655/89/RD dated. 31.8.1989

Instructions were issued in the reference cited for conducting joint verification by forest and revenue officials on occupied forest lands to identify the occupation prior to 1.1.1977. Also it was ordered to issue to the occupants an extract of the record of joint verification conducted earlier. It has now been brought to the notice of Government that in certain instances the instructions have not been strictly followed. After detailed review in the meeting held by Minister (Forest) on 21.8.90 the following further instructions are issued.

1. While preparing the Mahazar for joint verification in Appendix I attached to the G.O., boundaries of the occupation must be properly identified and recorded. Similarly in Appendix - 2, above boundaries of the occupations should be clearly noted. Where a survey number covers a large extent of land and no such sub division have been made the verifying officers may record the boundaries with respect to identifiable land marks.

2. Doubts have been raised by Collectors as to whether in cases where appendix - 2 as issued earlier to the amendment brought him modifying the Appendix - 2, whether reverification is needed to record their boundaries on the occupied lands. Collectors are advised to effect necessary corrections in the records issued noting the boundaries as illustrated in the previous para.

3. In conducting joint verifications, all the occupied areas where from claims of pre 1977 occupations occupations have arisen should be made subject to joint verification.

4. With respect to joint verification of occupied vested forest lands free of litigation specific instances of non verification were cited in the meeting.

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The Chief Conservator of Forests has been requested to issue necessary instructions to the Divisional Forest officers concerned to facilitate joint verification in all such cases. District Collectors may follow up.

5. In the Government Order a time limit of six months had been prescribed for completing joint verification and issue of extract. Even after the expiry of one year (the time limit given in the G.O. was 6 months) the progress is not satisfactory. Collectors are, therefore, instructed to ensure that the entire operation of conducting joint verification and issue of extract of record of joint verification are completed before 31.12.1990.

Sd/-

Babu Jacob

Secretary to Government.

To All District Collectors and  
copy to xx the Chief Conservator of Forests, Trivandrum.

Endorsement on L3.24794/90Dt.26.10.1990.

Copy to all Conservator of Forests and Divisional Forest Officers for urgent attention (except Social Forestry).

(Sd.)

for Chief Conservator of Forests.

Chief Conservator's Office,  
Thiruvananthapuram.

(Approved for issue)

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Superintendent