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Office of the Conservator of Forests,  
Chalaky, 3-11-1966.

From

Shri. T.P.Viswanathan,  
Conservator of Forests,  
Chalaky.

To

The Divl. Forest Officer, Chalaky.

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Sub:- Extraction of timber from Chodanthode selection felling series  
coupe No.II in Sholayar Range.

Ref:- CC1-8462/66 dated 28-10-1966.  
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Sir,

You should not have taken into consideration the letter submitted by the tenderer after opening the tender. If there was doubt as to whether the lowest tender is acceptable or not, all that should be done is to retain the E.M.D. of the next lowest tenderer also and report the fact for decision. In the instant case the lowest tenderer has quoted a rate of 15% of departmental rates. By the subsequent letter he says that he meant 15% above the basic rate. If he wanted he could as well have said 15% below the basic rate and still try to remain the lowest tenderer. Such petitions do not therefore carry such meaning except that they can be construed as an attempt on the part of the tenderer to wriggle out of the obligation arising out of his tender. A tender is supposed to be a well considered offer seriously made and backed by an earnest money deposit. If the tenderer makes an error of judgment in quoting the rate he should naturally take the consequence of the error.

You should therefore have acted keeping this point in view and rejected the attempt on the part of the tenderer to revise the rate quoted in the tender by a subsequent petition. In so far as you have received the petition, you should have tested appropriate orders rejecting the same. The question of accepting or rejecting the tender itself can then be decided independently on its own merits. On the other hand you have raised the issue of accepting or rejecting a tender in the light of his subsequent letter. This is a devious procedure and should be avoided.

Yours faithfully,

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Munnar and Malayattur for information and guidance.

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