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GOVT. OF KERALA - ABSTRACT

Forests - Streamlining the procedure for preparation of timber returns - Orders issued.

AGRICULTURE (FOREST) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.48079/AD

Dated, Trivandrum, 26-12-1977.

- Read: 1. D.O.No.F.69/77/dt. 29-3-78 from the Addl. Inspector-general, Vigilance (Forest & Taxes).
2. D.O.Letter dt. 31-5-79 from the GCF.
3. Lr.No.A5.46063/78/dt. 5-79 from the C.C.F.

Order

Read:

Pendency in the clearance of arrears in respect of timber returns which has been the bane of the Forest Deptt; in the past, has attracted the repeated attention and criticism of the public A/cs Committee. The enormous volume of scripitory work and calculation involved, general disinclination of the staff to attend to this drudgery and paucity of staff to cope with it are the main reasons for the pendency. The Evaluation Wing of the Forest Deptt; conducted a detailed study of the problem and submitted a report on streamlining the procedure for preparation of timber returns. After having examined the report in detail Govt. are pleased to order as follows:-

1. The target date for clearance of the arrears of the timber returns will be 1-4-80.
2. Register of Receipts (Stock Register in Form No.3).

The Range Officers need not submit copies of their stock book to the Divl. Forest Officers unless sales are conducted or payments made on the basis of the Range stock. However all Ranges and Depots will submit a monthly abstract of stock as prescribed in the Forest Code which will include 'Transit stock' as well as stock meant for disposal.

3) Intake of Stock - Numbering:

Serial numbers will be assigned to stock for the calendar year instead of for the financial year. The annual balanced stock will be prepared as on 1st January. Groups of poles in the category III, IV and V clauses will be taken into stock under a single stock No. the slab prescribed being 50 for class III, 100 for class IV and 200 for class V.

4. Disposal Register (Form No.4).

With a view to avoid the necessity for the maintenance of the unofficial records called the 'Adm Register' and to make the Disposal Register more useful the disposal will be maintained in the modified form prescribed in annexure I appended to this G.O.

5. Registers of Receipts, Issued and balance of timber (Form No.5)

Form No.5 will be prepared species-wise without reference to the supplying agency or contractor. The details contained in this form will be identical to those contained in the monthly abstract of Form No.3. The preparation of the abstract on Form No.3 will be insisted upon unflinchingly and the following safety measures will be taken to ensure that defective logs are not registered and sent to the spot.

a) As soon as any log of marginal or defective quality comes to the Depot and if the Depot Officer has any suspicion that it may not fetch seigniorage or Kolevila he has to write a Mahazar immediately the log is measured and taken to stock.

b) During the periodical course of inspection of the Depot the Divisional Forest Officer should inspect all Mahazar logs and certify as to the correctness of the Mahazar.

c) The Mahazar logs are put up for the next auction fetching generally prices above seign. value plus Kolevila. If the price fetched is below this the matter will be reported to the DFO (Territorial) for ta-