Copy of Circular No.C1-43093/60 dated 13/16-12-60 From The Chief Conservator of Forests, Trivandrum. To All D.F.Os. and Conservators.

Sub: Auction sale of coupe 1/3 amount refund of

At the various auctions conducted for areas chosen for planting rubber, the price fetched has been far below the fair price fixed by the Department. Very rarely, only, the highest bid has reached within even 80% of the fair price fixed. In all these auctions, it is noticed that the Divl. Forest Officers have collected 1/3 security which means considerable amount from the highest bidders. Considering the huge difference between the prices fixed by the Department and the amounts as it is well known that the Department or Government would not be accepting such low prices. All the bidders who have remitted such security deposits towards such auctions are bitterly complaining that huge amounts are locked up and they are not able to take part in later auctions.

To remedy this situation, it is hereby ordered that in auctions where the highest bid is not at least 90% of the fair price, no 1/3 rd amount need be collected. Amounts thus collected up-to-date from the bidders of previous actions, wherein the price offered is below 90% of the fair price, should be released forthwith.

Receipt of this circular should be acknowledged.

M.P. George, Chief Conservator of Forests

Copy of Chief Conservator of Forests Circular 36/60 all contract setions Stock file and Managers stock file.

Sd/.V.Govinda Menon Conservator of Forests

Forwarded /By order,

Manager