

CIRCULAR NO.27/85

Sub: Extension of currency of chalan and some other powers exercised by the
Sub officers-instructions issued.

It is reported by the Divisional Forest Officer, Timber Sales Division, Perumbavoor that one firm M/s. Standard Furniture Company, Chalakudy failed to remit the value of 80.374 M3 of plywood timber measured over to them, within the currency of the chalans issued. Extension for the currency of the chalans was therefore granted by the Divl. Forest Officer for 7 days and another 7 days by the Conservator of Forests, but even during this extended period the firm failed to remit the amount. The usual procedure to meet such situation is to initiate action against the firm as per condition No.7 of the agreement. However, immediately on receipt of the Divisional Forest Officer's report here, it was decided to place the matter before the Government seeking sanction. But before Govt. could be addressed from this office, a communication No.-6046/84 dt.10-10-85 was received from the Conservator of Forests, High Range Circle, Kottayam which gave sanction to extend further currency of the chalan. It is strange and surprising to see that in a matter in which even the Chief Conservator of Forests is not competent, the Conservator of Forests has accorded sanction without any authority. Several similar cases were been disposed off by the Conservator of Forests, Trichur in the past are even now stand unsettled even after protracted correspondence and adverse comments from Government –vide Trichur Conservator of Forest's file No.CH-812/77, C.H.2407/78, CH-2403/79, SW-12966/84, SW.15852/81, SW.6279/85, Similar actions of Conservator of Forests, Kozhikode and Conservator of Forests, Quilon in having exercised powers of Government are also under correspondence vide Kozhikode CF's file No.P-8469/84 and Quilon CF's file No.Q4-3201/85.

In the above circumstances I have to impress upon all sub officers to refrain from exercising the powers beyond their limits. In case the Conservator of Forests/ Divisional Forest Officers are exercising the powers of their superior authority, that will be at their own responsibility and suitable action will be taken against the concerned for such misuses.

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To

All Conservator of Forests/Field Director
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Endt. on G4-11500/85 Dt. 26-11-85

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for Conservator of Forests
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