Copy of Government letter No.86281/F1/68/AD dated 10-10-1969 from the Secretary to Government, Agriculture (Forest) Department to the Chief Conservator of Forests.

Sub:- Cutting of trees from 11 K.V. line alignment from Idukki Colony to Meenmutty-payment of sales tax-regarding

Ref:- Your letters No. C2-42979/68 dated 19-11-1968, 28-5-1969 and 14-7-1969.

I am to invite a reference to the above and to inform you as follows:-

There is no question of sale of tree growth by the Forest Department to the Kerala State Electricity Board in this case. The amount of Rs.3761/- represents the loss of assets suffered by the forest Department on account of the Electricity Board. The Board wanted the area to be cleared for putting electric lines and the Forest Department fixed the quantity of timber that could be extracted and estimated the loan of assets that would be incurred. The amount of Rs.4971.49 represents the total loss so estimated. The Forest Department afterwards auctioned the trees and realized an amount of Rs. 1178/-. The loss was thereby reduced to Rs.3796 (There is a difference of Rs.34.76 ie. 3796.00 – 3761.24) This may be due to difference in calculation of Sales tax.

In the circumstances I am to inform you that Forest Department cannot recover Sales Tax from the Kerala State Electricity Board in such cases.

Sd/- K.K. Gopalan Asst. Secretary

Endt. on C2-42979/68 dated 14-10-69

Copy forwarded to all Sub Officers for information and attention. (TCR. C.P.'s No.KT.21806/68)Kottayam DFO's No.C2-8389/65.)

Sd/-Chief Conservator of Forests

Endt. on Kt. 21806/68 dated 25-10-

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for Conservator of Forest Trichur