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Sub: Forests -- contracts -- requests for time extension etc. - instructions regarding.

It has become a regular feature for all sale coupe as well as forest clearance contractors to apply for time extension, under some pretext or other like there being heavy rains or the terrain being difficult etc. This is impeding plantation works, and also throwing additional burden on the office, calling for reports regarding time extension petitions etc.

To avoid all these difficulties, it is hereby ordered that a special clause be introduced in all tender notifications when sale coupes are brought to sale to the effect that no time extension whatsoever shall be given under any circumstances. This shall be a clause in the agreements as well. There should be no room for any contract hereafter for applying for any time extension in respect of areas which are to be planted up. The day on which the contract is to expire should be such as to make it feasible for the first burn being carried out easily. This year, we had early rains in February and so, in respect of teak plantation areas, time to be given should never exceed beyond March 1st. In respect of areas to be planted with softwood also, time for collection and removal to outside the coupe will be March 31st but time beyond March can be provided for removal in the agreement as well as tender notice.

The Divisional Forest Officers and the Conservators should programme the clear-felling and other operations taking into consideration the above guidance. Action should be taken in the next month itself so that at least 4 to 5 months are available for the contractors to work these coupes.

It is again stressed that there should be no occasion for application for time extensions, or grant of it.

The receipt of this Circular may be acknowledged.

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Chief Conservator of Forests.

Forwarded/ By Order,

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