

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, TRIVANDRUM.

Dated 6-9-1966

Sub:- Leakage of Revenue in the realisation of penalty for time extension of sale coupe contracts – suggestions of the internal audit

party – implementation of.s

- Read:- 1) No.851/66 dated 20-1-66 from the Conservator of Forests, Chalakudy.
2) QC1-747/66 dated 28-2/2-3-66 from the Conservator of Forests, Quilon.
3) H.399/66 dated 5/11-3-66 from the Conservator of Forests Development.
4) IS.221/66 dt.11-3-66 from the Conservator of Forests, Industrial Plantation Circle.

Order on R.Dis.28866/66/C1

It has been observed by the internal audit party during the course of their inspection in the several offices that the purchase contractors who have taken up the right of collection and removal of tree growth often fail to complete the works before the expiry of the original contract period according to the agreement provisions. In most cases the pending item of work will be removals of the produces ie, timber and firewood etc., as per passes already issued.

In such instances they usually apply for extension of contract periods and this is sanctioned subject to recovery of penalties as per the stipulations in the agreements.

According to the practice in vogue the balance quantity left unremoved in the coupes are assessed based on mahazars prepared by the section staff who is in charge of the coupes. In most cases the actual quantity may or may not be correct.

When orders extending the contract period is received the Range Officers concerned usually extend the currency of the passes previously issued and consequently the purchaser gets the chance of removing whatever quantity remains to be transported and thus the Department very often could realise penalties only for a nominal quantity. In order to avoid such losses and leakages it is hereby directed that the Range Officer concerned should issue fresh passes for the removal of the balance quantity remaining in the coupe at the end of the contract period. The bandyman passes issued to the contractor should be got surrendered and the Watch Stations concerned should be intimated of the fact cancellations of the main passes already issued. The main passes also should be got surrendered and filed in the contract file, with remarks “Cancelled and the details of fresh main pass issued for the balance quantity remaining in the coupe on the date of cancellation of the main pass”.

Sd/- M.P. George,
Chief Conservator of Forests.

To

All Conservator of Forests,
Contract Sections and all Section Superintendents and Senior Superintendent, P.Cs, F.A., and Stock file.

Forwarded/

for Chief Conservator of Forests.

To

The C.E., Chalakudy.