

Copy of letter No.4826/F1/69 dated 25-8-1970 from the Secretary to Government to the Chief Conservator of Forests.

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Sub:- Forests – Kottayam Division – sale of standing trees to the occupants – reg.

Ref:- 1. Your letter No.C2-15630/69 dated 10-8-1970

2. G.O.Ms.84/69/ARD. dated 20-2-1969.

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I am to inform you that orders issued from Revenue Department in G.O.(Ms)84/69/Ad dated 20-2-1969 apply only to Revenue Poromboke lands. Forest lands do not come within the ambit of the above Government order.

2. In Government letter No.9278/F1/.69/AD dated 3-3-69 you have already been informed of the Government decision that no forest land should be handed over to the Revenue Department for assignment before the trees thereon and removed by the Forest Department. No distinction has been made between unoccupied or occupied areas of the Forest lands. The decision applied to all forest lands whether occupied or unoccupied, proposed for transfer to Revenue Department for the purpose of assignment.

The question viz authorization of the Divisional Forest Officer for valuation of the trees to be sold to the occupants does not arise in the circumstances clarified above.

Sd/- Secretary.

Endt. on K.Dis. (C2) 15630/69 dated 31-8-1970.

Copy forwarded to the Conservator of Forests, Trichur for necessary action (Ref. KT.5328/69)

Copy to the Divl. Forest Officer, Kottayam (Ref CT.9968/67)

Endt. on Kt.5328/69 dt.10-70.

Copy forwarded to all Divl. Forest Officers for information and necessary action,

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Sd/- for Conservator of Forests.

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For Conservator of Forests, Trichur.

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