From

The Chief Conservator of Forests.

To

The Conservator of Forests, Kozhikode.

Sir,

Sub:- Auction sale of usufructs of cashew trees – prohibition.

Ref:- This office endt letter in even No. dated 10-2-78.

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In the reference cited Divl. Forest Officer, Palghat was instructed to cancel the sale of cashew usufructs from the plantations of Forest Department published in 'Mathrubhoomi' daily dt.13-1-78, since the sale of cashew usufructs to persons other than approved agents specified, is vilation of clause 3' of Kerala Raw cashew nuts (procurement and distribution) order 1977. Later the Managing Director, Kerala State Co-operative Marketing Federation P.O. Box 80, Calicut-1 was contacted for further details and clarification with regard to the restriction of the sale of cashew usufructs available in Forest Department. According to him:-

1. The Forest Department can collect and supply the raw cashew nuts to the agents approved by the Government to

collect the same at the approved rates (i.e. agents authorised by the said order).

2. If Forest Department finds it difficult to collect the raw cashew nuts departmentally and deliver it to the authorised

agents then the Department can sell the right of collection of usufructs on the specific condition that the purchaser will collect and deliver all raw cashew nuts to the approved agents of Government at the approved rate in force.

The Department is not having sufficient staff to entrust with this work of collection of raw nuts from the plantations and therefore it will be advantageous to conduct auction sale of the usufructs with the above condition. You are therefore instructed as follows. The sale of cashew usufructs may be conducted on the specific condition that the purchaser will collect and deliver all the raw cashew nuts to the approved agents of Government specified in the Kerala Raw cashew nuts (Procurement and Distribution) order 1977, at the approved rates in force. It is learned that Divl. Forest Officer Wynad and Palghat notified the sale with this condition. Therefore follow the above instructions and you may confirm all the sale of the cashew usufructs under you if you are satisfied that the price fetched are reasonable.

The above revised instructions may be followed in the case of all auction sale of cashew usufructs in future.

Yours faithfully

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for Chief Conservator of Forests.

Copy to Divl. Forest Officer, Palghat. The revised instructions may be followed as already intimated over phone.

Copy to all other Conservators and Divl. Forest Officers. The revised instructions in continuation to this office endt letter in even no. dated 10-2-78 may be followed in the case of all further cases.

Copy to Silvicultural Rresearch Officer, Trivandrum.

Copy to C1, C2 and C4.

Copy to Smt. Sarala Gopalan, Add. Secretary, Industries Department.