Copy of letter No.C3-60725/77 dt.2-12-'77 from the Chief Conservator of Forests to all CFs, DFOs.

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Sub:- Depts. extraction of timber – general instructions issued.

The spirit of the Govt. Order No.1826/77/AD dt.17-6-77 directing to carry out extraction of timber directly by the Deptt: was to work down all available timber to the proper destination within the shortest time possible and also to incur expenditure limiting to the sanctioned schedule of rates. Now what is happening is the felling and collection works are carried out departmantally and the transport is arranged by inviting competitive tenders. In most of the cases, successful tenders are ot received for the transport work. So, the DFOs are seeking sanction for site auction or to accept rates quoted by contractors which is very much higher than the schedule rate. So, by partially carrying out the work departmentally and the balance works carried out by contract agency, the object in switching over to Deptl. working is not achieved, ie to say the over all working charges finbally becomes higher than the approved basic rates.

So all Conservators of Forests, and DFOs are instructed that the whole work (felling collection and transporting) should be taken up departmentally. The present method of doing the work partly by contract agency and party by department should be Stopped forthwith. If transport charges are inadequate sufficient workable rates may be provided for transport work.

Sd/- for Chief Conservator of Forests.

Endt. onML-22266/77(D.Dis) dt.20-12-77.

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For Conservator of Forests, Trichur.