

Copy of letter No. G2-13880/68 dated 21-6-68 from the Chief Conservator of Forests, Trivandrum, To The Secretary to Government, Agriculture (Forest Estt.) Department.

Sub:- Forest - Nenmara Division - Allotment of land for Cardamom cultivation - petition dated 18-3-68 from S/Sree. P.I. Development and Jacob Vallakappon regarding.

Ref:- Endt. No. 21496/Fe2/68-1/AD dated 28-3-68.

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I am to invite a kind reference to the reference cited and to state that the area mentioned in the petition is not suitable for raising Cardamom. It is reported by the Conservator of Forests, Kozhikode that the land in question is very steep with sheets of rock here and there and is not easily accessible. There are no water facilities and no sufficient growth for raising Cardamom.

It is also reported that the adjacent estate to this area is "Cliff View Estate" and only 1/3 of the above estate was planted with Cardamom. The Plants in this area are reported to be not healthy and support poor yield. The remaining 2/3 area is still lying unplanted and this fact shows that even "Chief View Estate" is not suitable for raising Cardamom.

I am also to state that such leasing of areas within the Reserve Forests has to be discouraged in the best interest of Forest Conservancy.

Sd/- For Chief Conservator of Forests.

Copy to the Conservator of Forests, Kozhikode and Tricchur and Divisional Forest Officer, Nenmara.

Endt. on F.Dis.12408/68 (ML) dated 7-7-68.

Copy communicated to the Divisional Forest Officers, Malayattur, Munnar, Kottayam, Chalakudy, and Trichur for information and attention.

Copy to Sections, CH., TR, and KT and Stock file.