GOVERNMENT OF KERALA ABSTRACT

Forest-Kottayam Division-Extraction of timber from Salvage felling centers-Proposalsaccepted-orders issued

AGRICULTURE (FOREST) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.2087/79/AD

Dated, Trivandrum, 20-7-1979

Read:-1. G.O.Rt. 3639/76/AD dt.31-12-1975.

- 2. G.O.Rt.563/76/AD dt. 19-8-1976
- 3. Letter No.62.16076/67 dated 25-1-1979 from the Chief conservator of Forests.

<u>ORDER</u>

In the Government orders read above orders were issued to take up the extraction work in the salvage following coupes in the occupied areas of Idukki District Departmentally at 110% of the departmental basis rate as per the recommendation of the Chief Conservator of Forests. The Chief Conservator of Forests has reported that the progress of work in the coupe- is very poor. Many reasons have been contributed to this poor progress of which the main one in that the trees are scattered over a vast area with intense cultivation rendering it difficult to extract the trees and drag them to a considerable distance. The sanctioned rates are also reported to be inadequate in view of the difficult nature of the area.

The Chief Conservator of Forests has proposed the following measures to carry out the balance work in the coupe.

- 1. The basis rate may be revised as per the revised scheduled of rates sanctioned in D.O.MS.240/78/AD dated 6-9-1976. Since the revised rates are higher he has proposed to try a renderer the coupes once more and if the attempt falls the work may be taken up departmentally at the revised basic rates.
- 2. The marking numbers ion the trees may be rechisselled and,
- 3. The deteriorated logs which will not fetch even working charge may be permitted to be abandoned at site and the logs which may be permitted to be abandoned at site and the logs which may fetch at logs working charges instead of scigniorage plus working charges as in the usual course may be ordered to be worked down to the depot as a special case.

Government have examined the proposals of the Chief Conservator of Forests and they are pleased to order as follows;

- i. The basic rate will be revised as per revised schedule of rates sanctioned in G.O.No.240/78/AD dated 6-9-78 subject tp the condition that the revised rates will be made applicable to carry out balance work and that work will be done departmentally at the revised basic rates.
- ii. The marking numbers on the trees will be rechiselled.
- iii. The deteriorated logs which will not fetch even working charged will be abandoned at site on condition that the working charges of such logs will be reserved from the Officers responsible for having registered and transported the logs according to existing rules,. The logs which may fetched least the working charges instead of signage plus working charges as in the usual course will be worked down to the depot as a special case.

By order of the Governor, K. Ramaswamy, Joint Secretary

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Trivandrum.