

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Revenue Department - Disposal of dead and fallen trees in Revenue land -  
Revised procedure prescribed - Orders issued.

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REVENUE (P) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.441/99/RD

Dated, Trivandrum, 10-11-1999.

Read:- 1.Letter No.K.Dis.11489/96/LR(J) dated 28-10-1996 from Secretary,  
Board of Revenue.

2. D.O. letter No.33795/96/B3 dated 26-12-1996 from District Collector,  
Wayanad.

ORDER

It has been brought to the notice of the Government that the dead and fallen valuable trees in Revenue land are now being auctioned by Revenue Department, but the process is very slow and price fetched is also very low to following reasons:-

- v. Delay in completing the formalities of auction and sale confirmation.
- vi. Exposures of trees to rain, sun and climate condition reduce the timber value.
- vii. If the value of trees exceeds Rs.25,000/- its valuation has to be done by Forest Department.
- viii. Revaluation is required if sale is not confirmed or if there is substantial difference in upset price and maximum bidder price.

3. The question of avoiding the delay in completing the formalities of auction and to get maximum value for the dead and fallen trees was considered by Government in details and they are pleased to issue the following revised procedure for disposal of dead/fallen trees in Government land.

- a) The dead and fallen trees will be inspected by a team consisting of revenue officials, and forest officials. The team would consist of one Revenue Inspector, Forester/Range officer and the concerned Village Officer, The Forest Department will maintain register showing the

**details of the survey numbers, nature of the along with the basis of valuation and the details of valuation, which should be jointly authenticated by the Revenue Department and the Forest Department. The joint team will act as check and balances.**

- b) The concerned Assistant Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry Division is to permit felling of trees.
- c) The fixation of value of trees as well as the sale will be conducted by the concerned territorial District Forest Officers after completing usual formalities and procedures.
- d) Auction will be conducted at site in order to avoid the problems of cutting transportation, security etc.
- e) Confirmation of auction sale will be by the District Collector for speedy action.
- g) The sale proceeds will be remitted to Revenue Department.

(By Order of the  
Governor)

V.S.Senthil,  
Special Secretary (Revenue).

To  
The Commissioner, Land Revenue, Trivandrum.  
All District Collectors,  
The Chief Conservator of Forests, Trivandrum.  
The Accountant General (Audit/A&E), Kerala, Trivandrum.

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