

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Abstract

Forest sale of trees to occupants in the occupied areas order issued.

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AGRICULTURE (FOREST) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.1981/72/Agri

Trivandrum, Dated, 17-8-1972.

Read :- Letter No. G3-7836/69 dated 15/6/1.71 from the chief conservator of Forests

ORDER

Government have been receiving petitions from many occupants of non-revert able forest area requesting for the sale of trees in the respective areas to the in order to avoid loss of cultivation facilities and crops. The question was discussed in detail at a conference held by minister for forests with the concerned officers .

2. At the discussions it was pointed out that any persons who request for the sale or trees to then would not have adequate means to purchase the trees and *** third parties are likely to enter the field and exploit the situation by purchasing the trees from the occupants of the areas. It was therefore considered necessary to restrict the sale to the persons who esquire the trace for their benefice cultivation purposes like growing pepper vines ect. And for the construction on their houses. On the basis of the decisions taken at the conference Government are pleased to issued the following orders.

3. Valuable trees like Teak, Rosewood, Ebony and sandal wood will be excluded from being sold to the occupants.

4. The forest department will give notice to the occupants intending to purchase the trees for their bonafide cultivation purposes like growing pepper vines etc. and for the construction of their houses to apply for the same within a month from the date of notice. The department will collect in advance schedule rate minus working charges as price for the trees, required by the occupants for their bonafide use. For inferior speciesrate will be charged. Only three weeks time will be given to the parties for remittance of the amount, failing which the offer to roll the trees will be withdrawn. In order to avoid purchase of trees by third parties from the occupants, after the trees are purchased from the department, it will be laid down that no permit will be issued for transport of timber or converted timber to the open market from such areas in respect of the trees sold to the occupants and this will be a condition on which the sale of trees will be offered to the occupants.

5. All the remaining trees will be disposed of by the department according to the usual procedure, the depot delivery species being worked down to the forest depots.

By order of the Governor.

K.NEELAKANTAN PILLAI,
Joint Secretary

To

The Chief Conservator of Forests
All Conservators of Forests
All divisional forest Officers
The Accountant General (The order issues with the concurrence of F.D)
The Finance Department (vide D.O.No.6739/R1/A&D /72

Sd/-
Section Officer

Endt. On KT.5328/69 dt. 1.9.72

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For Conservator of Forests,
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