

Copy of D.O.No.B5-37995/60 dated 3-11-60 From M.P.George, Chief Conservator of Forest, Trivandrum. To Sri.T.P.Viswanathan, Divisional Forest Officer, Malayattur.

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This Minister for Feed and Forests told me that he has received information to the effect that large scale encroachments into the Chathanmittan Reserved Forests adjoining the 1000 acres allotted for rubber at Kallar are being planned and unless the attempt is suppressed at once it may assume uncontrollable proportion.

As instructed at the time of my inspection on the 26th of October, trusts that you have made arrangements for posting two forests guards to live in a temporary shed inside the Reserved Forests. So that information of my attempt at encroachment can be given within 12 hours of the occurrence and required reinforcements rushed to the spot to clear the area of all encroachers if any. I expect you to visit the Reserved Forests in a fortnight and direct the Range Officer to inspect the reserved forests once a week.

The Flying Squad may be kept within easy reach for any emergency. The encroachment attempts should be reported to the District Superintendent of Police as well as to local Inspector for Police help.

Not even one more cent of Reserved Forests can be permitted to be encroached upon. Kindly impress on the section staff and Range Officers that if any fail to protect these Reserved Forests area from encroachments they are likely to be dismissed from service. The Forester should inspect the area once in a week and report result of his inspection to the Range Officer with copy to you.

Sd.

Copy to Conservator of Forests, Chalakudy for information. The required additional staff if found necessary may be diverted to meet the situation. Conservator of forests will give instructions to all Divisional Forest Officers and Range Officers to be on the look out for encroachments and deal with the situation with an iron hand. Encroachers should be summarily evicted.

Sd.

Chief Conservator of Forests.

Endt. on ML.13418/60 dated 10-11-60
copy to all Divisional Forest Officers for urgent action.
copy to E Section and H.A.

Sd.

V.Govinda Menon,
Conservator of Forests.

Forwarded/By Order,

Manager.