

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Forests – Unauthorized occupation of forest lands – Stay Orders issued by Government – lifting of – General orders – regarding.

Agriculture (Forest A) Department

G.O.Rt.536/61/Agri.,

Dated, Trivandrum, 27-3-1961.

Read :- G.O.(MS)134/61/Agri., dated 18-2-1961.

ORDER

The question of protecting the Reserve Forest areas free from the menace of encroachments and unauthorized cultivation has past. Government have now divided that all encroachments in the Reserve Forest areas should be evicted and the boundaries of the forests should be demarcated and that such of the areas as re essential to be preserved as forests should be protected from further encroachments. Three Special Deputy Collectors have also been appointed for evicting the present encroachments and for demarcating the boundaries of the forest lands.

2. Government has on different occasions issued 'stay orders' in individual cases, protecting the possession of encroachers against eviction proceedings taken by the Forest Department. The intention of the Government in such cases was to afford temporary relief to the cultivators by enabling them to harvest their crops, or to give them time to make alternative arrangements when they would be evicted from the unauthorized occupations.

3. Government consider that such stay orders should not be taken as a permanent protection against all eviction proceedings and that the work of the Special Deputy Collectors should not be hampered on this account. In the circumstances, the stay orders hitherto issued by Government protecting the possession of encroachers are hereby cancelled. The Chief Conservator of Forests and Special Deputy Collectors will take eviction proceedings in such cases, wherever the Special Deputy Collector considers it necessary, in the interest of Forest Conservancy.

(By order of the Governor)

C.Thomas,
Secretary to Government.

To

The Superintendent of Government Presses, Trivandrum.

The Chief Conservator of Forests.

The Conservators of Forests, Quilon, Chalakkudy & Kozhikode.

The Divisional Forest Officers.

The Special Deputy Collectors, Konni, Ayyappancoil & Trichur.

The Director of Public Relations.

The Revenue Department.

Forwarded/By order,

Superintendent.