

Copy of letter No. C2-5534/59 dated 19-4-1961/4-5-61 from the Chief Conservator of Forests, Trivandrum, To the Secretary, Agriculture Department (Forest B), Trivandrum.

Sub:- Forest – Extraction of trees from Ponmudi

Ref:- FB1-58741/60/Agri. dated 27-10-60

As for prescribing schedule of rates, I have to invite your kind attention to my report No.C2-4310/59 dated 16-3-61 and 22.3.61. orders sought for therein may please be communicated at an early date.

2. In this connection, I have to state that in the schedule rate for 1957-58 a rate of Rs.2.50per mile per load of 3 tens in a Motor lorry was approved. As per revised Forest Manual for 1947, the following hire charges for the elephants have been sanctioned, the sanctioned hire charges are not workable now-a-days.

1 st class elephant	Rs.12/- per day.
2 nd -do-	Rs.10/- per day
3 rd -do-	Rs. 8/- per day

3. The Divl. Forest Officer has stated that no works similar in nature were carried out in close proximity to this area in recent times. No timber has been worked down from the adjacent area during 1960-61. Hence the Divl. Forest Officer has expressed his inability to furnish the rates required therein.

4. The venteak tree in question has been arranged to be disposed of at site after wide publicity.

5. Under the circumstances, sanction may please be accorded to work down the two teak and one Blackwood trees excluding the venteak tree as per my first report at the rates claimed in the estimate.

Sd/-
For Chief Conservator of Forests.

Copy forwarded to the Conservator of Forests, Chalakudy for information and attention with reference to his report No.ML.1223/58 dated 8/20-2-61. He will report whether the Divl. Forest Officer had proposed site disposal before or at the time of the submission of the estimate.

Copy to Circular file and C Sections.

Endt. On ML.1223/98 dated 14-5-61.

Copy to the Divl. Forest Officer, Malayattur for attention. The report called for by the Chief Conservator of Forests should be submitted at once. (Ref. C2-971/58)

Copy to other Divl. Forest Officers and contract sections.

Copy to stock file. Circular file and Managers stock file.

Forwarded/By Order,

Manager.