

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Forests – Extension of Contracts – Penalty rate - Of orders issued.

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AGRICULTURE (FOREST) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt. No.2426/79/AD.

Dated, Trivandrum, 27-8-1979.

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Read:- Correspondance resting with letter No.C1-20823/71 dt. 5-8-78 from the Chief Conservator of Forests.

O R D E R

The Chief Conservator of Forests has forwarded proposals to Government for enhancement of powers reg. granting extension of period of Forest Contracts on realisation of penalty and for enhancement of powers and fixing of penalty for extension of currency of passes for removal of softwood timber within the contract period which include the extension period of contract also.

The following are the items for which enhancement of rates of penalties has been proposed:-

I. Timber

The existing rate of penalty is a flat rate of Rs.1.75 per cum. for the quantity delivered at the Depot during the period of extension. The Chief Conservator of Forests has proposed to enhance the rate of penalty as follows:

- i) Rs.2/- per cum. for the quantity of timber delivered at the Depot during the one month extension granted by the Divl. Forest Officer.
- ii) Rs.2.50 per cum for the quantity delivered at Depot during the two months extension granted by the Conservator of Forests.
- iii) Rs.3/- per cum. for the quantity delivered at Depot during the 3 months extension granted by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. approve the above rates proposed by the Chief Conservator of Forests and order accordingly.

## II. Firewood

The existing rate of penalty is Rs.0.50 per tonne for the quantity delivered at the depot during the period of extension. The proposal of as Chief Conservator of Forests is to enhance the rate of penalty as follows:-

- i) Rs.1/-per tonne in respect of the extension granted by the Div. Forest Officers.
- ii) Rs.1.25 per tonne in respect of the extension granted by the Conservator of Forests.
- iii) Rs.1.50 per tonne in respect of the extension granted by the Chief Conservator of Forests.

Govt. approve the above rates recommended by the Chief Conservator of Forests and order accordingly.

## III. Softwood including Matchwood

Reg. Softwood, it has been decided that the penalty for the first 15 days after the grace period shall be Rs.2/- per cubic metre. The Conservator of Forests will be empowered to grant extension for a period upto 30 days after the Divl. Forest Officer has granted extension for 15 days. During this period, the penalty will be Rs.3.50 per cum. The Chief Conservator of Forests will be empowered to grant a further extension of 45 days during which period for the first 15 days, the penalty will be Rs.5.25 per cum. and beyond that period Rs.7/- per cum. The pattern for extension for softwood will be as shown below:-

| <u>Authority sanctioning extension</u> | <u>No. of days</u> | <u>Penalty per cu.m.</u> |
|--|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Divl. Forest Officer                   | 15                 | Rs.2.00                  |
| Conservator of Forests                 | 30                 | Rs.3.50                  |
| Chief Conservator of Forests           | 15                 | Rs.5.25                  |
|  | 30                 | Rs.7.00                  |

The Chief Conservator of Forests will initiate separate proposals regarding sale coupes.

By order of the Governor

K.V. VIDYADHARAN,  
Secretary.

To

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Trivandrum.

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Endt. on CL-20823/71/dt.26-9-'79 (D.Dis)

Copy to all sub-officers for immediate necessary action.

Sd/- for Chief Conservator of Forests.

Endt. on ML-16948/79/D.Dis. dt.6-11-79.

Copy to Sections: CH/ML/KT/TR/MR/ML Stock file and G.O.file for necessary further action.

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