

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Kerala Forest Code - taking up of unforeseen works of urgent nature - procedure in getting memo of cost approval incorporation of necessary provisions in Forest Code Volume-I Amendment issued.

AGRICULTURE (FOREST SPECIAL) DEPARTMENT

G.O. RT. No. 853/75/AB

Dated, Trivandrum, 22nd March, 1975.

Read: 1. Letter No.G2-60265/70 dt. 14-6-1972, and
No. G1-27525/74 dt. 3-8-74 from the Chief Conservator of Forests,
Trivandrum.

ORDER

In the letter read as 1st paper the Chief Conservator of Forests has informed Government that there is no accepted procedure in getting memo of cost approved and nothing is mentioned about this either in the Forest Code or in the P.W.D. Code regarding execution of unforeseen works of urgent nature without preparing and estimate and getting it sanctioned. He has therefore requested Government to incorporate suitable provisions to this effect in the Kerala Forest Code.

Government have considered the proposals forwarded by the Chief of Conservator of Forest and are pleased to include the following provisions S. No.10-5-7-12bin Kerala Forest Code Volume I.

- 10, 5, 12, Memo of Cost ”

No work should be taken up without a properly sanctioned estimate if due to any reason it becomes very essential to take up unforeseen work of a very urgent nature. Which cannot wait for sanction of estimate and the delay in getting sanction for the work and estimate would cause serious inconvenience to the public or loss to Government, such works shall be taken up after drawing up on estimate.

This estimate can only a preliminary estimate prepared in order to enable the authority competent to accord administrative approved and to avoid delay at a stage when the necessity for the work has not been decided upon by the competent authority. The estimate should contain a brief report on the essential features of work, justification for the work and the probable expenditure involved, On completion of such works a memo of cost should be prepared and got verified by the Accountant General (For works costing less than Rs. 500/- on verification

by the Accountant General would be necessary) and along with the completion report it should be submitted to Government through the proper channel for Government sanction.

II. The nature or “unforeseen works” is illustrated below for guidance.

1. Expenditure incurred on the burial of our cases of elephants
2. Purchase of provisions for new emptive elephants.
3. Transport of items seized in forest offences for safe custody wherever it cannot be delayed.
4. Salvaging timber and other properties in case of unforeseen floods.
5. Protecting timber and plantations etc., in cases of occurrence of wild fire.
6. Felling, collection and removal of trees standing in a manner dangerous to life and property.
7. Unforeseen repairs to department in I vehicles etc.,

III. The following sub para will be added as second sub para to para 10, 6, 6 entitled “Starting a work in an emergency”.

“Such emergency works costing Rs. 2000/- shall be taken up only after drawing up a preliminary estimate based on the scheduled of rates prevalent at the time and the net reported immediately to the higher authority for information. On completion of such works, a memo of cost should be prepared and submitted to Government for sanction (through the Accountant General in cases where the expenditure is above Rs. 500/- Memo of cost up to Rs. 200/- in cash case will be sanctioned by the Government in the administrative Department”.

IV. The Chief Conservator of Forests will communicate this amendment to all his subordinate officers concerned.

(By order of the Governor)

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Deputy Secretary to Government.

(True copy)

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For Conservator of Forests