Copy of letter No.FU (3) 50542/84 dt.25.3.1985 from the Chief Conservator of Forest, Trivandrum to the Secretary to Government, Agriculture (Forest) Department.

| Sub: - | Forest Department- fixing up of schedule rates of timber and |
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| | firewood for the year 1984-85-proposals submitted-sanction |
| | request for |
| Ref: - | 1. G.O. (RT) No.2914/79/AD dt. 27. X.1979 |
| | 2. This office No.FU (3) 4431/82 dated 28.3.1982 |
| | 3. This office No.FU (3) 45874/82/ 10.3.1983 and 28.3.1983 |
| | 4. This office FU (3) 48780/83 dt. 17.3.1984 and 27.3.1984. |
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I am to invite kind attention to this office references 2nd, 3rd and 4th cited, wherein proposal were forwarded to Government for sanction for the revision of schedule rates for timber and firewood for the years 1982-83, 83-84 and 84-85. The ratification sought for the implementation of the revised schedule rates mentioned above have not been received so for. Now the validity period of the revised schedule rate for the year 1984-85 will expire on 31-3-1985. I therefore request that the ratification sought for the above period may be communicated at an early date.

The proposal of revised schedule rate of timber and firewood for the period from 1-4-1985 is prepared and forwarded to Government for approval in the statement appended for approval in the statement appended. The rates are prepared on the basis of the instructions contained in the G.O. (RT) No.2914/79/AD dt. 27-10-79. state average rate into plus 25% of the state average rate of the species are taken into account for fixing the proposed schedule rate for the year 1985/86. State average is worked out as per the instructions in the G.O. mentioned above.

State average is worked out on the proposals received from the sub officers. From the proposals received from the sub offices it is seen that there were no sales in the depots fro 64 items. For the above 64 item last year rate is taken into account and fixed as the schedule rate for 85/86. In 54 items the state average plus 25% of the state average together comes lower than the last years rate. For these 54 items also last year's rate is taken in to account and fixed that rate as the schedule rate for the year 1985-86.

In causes of anomaly in rates for different classes eg. Rosewood class I I I A and I I I B(item no.11 and 12) where there is no state average for item no. 11 the last year rate is raised to a level based on state average available for item no.12.

For arriving at revised rates for teak poles, test auction sales for teak poles selected by the Kerala state Electricity board and post and telegraph were conducted. On the basis of the test auction result, state3 average is worked out. But in most of the item the state average plus 25% of the state average rage together is lower than that of the previous years rate fixed. Therefore previous year rate is adopted for the teak poles as the rate for 1985-86.

I therefore requested that sanction for the proposed schedule rate for the year 1985-86 may please be accorded and order communicated at an early date so as to give effect form 1-4-1985. I am also directing the conservator of forests/ Divl. Forest officers to a depot the proposed rates for 85-86 pending Government approval.

Solicit early orders.

Your faithfully,

Sd/-Chief conservator of forests

Copy with copy of proposed scheduled rates forwarded to all conservator of forests/ Divl. Forest Officers for advance information. Pending approval of Government the proposed rates for 85-86 may be adopted.

Endt. on A1.14815/84 dt.23.6.1985

- Copy to sections VC/ML/TR&CH
 - " Senior superintendent and Administrative Assistant with the statement.
- " Copy to stock file.

For conservator of forests, Trichur