

Copy of letter No.C2-34368/60 dated 24/27-10-1960 from the Chief Conservator of Forests, Trivandrum, To the Secretary Agriculture Department Forest B and Industries Department (B2).

Sub:- Firewood and hardwood timber – requirements by the Tile Factories in Trichur District.

Ref:- Endt. No.60335/60/AD.FB2 dated 5-10-1960 and 3845 to 38468/B2/ID dated 4-10-1960.

The Forest Department is not in a position now to undertake the supply of firewood and hardwood timbers to private parties. The firewood and hardwood timbers available are brought to sale in open auction sales and those who require them will have to take part in such sales to meet their demands.

2. Forest Department is a quasi commercial Department which has to collect the maximum budgeted revenue set apart for various development works etc. If applications of different types and source for grant of timbers at concessional rates are encouraged, there will not be adequate competition in the auction sale will be defeated.

There will be large scale clear fallings to the extent of 20,000 acres during this year. The needs of the tile factories will have to be met from there. There will be no difficulty at all for firewood etc. which can be had at reasonable prices from contractors who are in need of them.

Similar petitions received from the Samantha Cochin Mahasabha has been declined by the Government in their No.10077/60/AD FB2 dated 29-4-1960 and another petition from the president, Cochin State tile manufacturers' Association, Trichur has been lodged in Secretariat file No.51231/60/AD PB2 dated 9-9-1960.

The four petitions received are resubmitted herewith.

Sd/-

For Chief Conservator of Forests,

Copy to the Conservators, Quilon, Chalakudy and Kozhikode for Information and attention.

Endt. on TR.14774/60 dated 1-11-1960.

Conservator's Office,  
Chalakudy.

Copy forwarded to all D.F.Os for information and attention.

Copy to contract sections for information.

Sd/-

**V. GOVINDA MENON,**  
Conservator of Forests.

Manager.