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Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests,
Trivandrum, dated 6-1-1979.

From

The Chief Conservator of Forests.

To

The Conservators and Divl. Forest Officers.

Sir,

Sub:- Issue of passes for transporting Cardamom and disposal of perishable articles
by Forest Officers – reg.

Ref:- Government letter No.94187/F3/78/AD dated 14/16-12-1978.

Extracts of items 1 and 2 of the Government letter cited are forwarded to all Conservators and Divl. Forest Officers for information and immediate necessary action and report.

Item 1

The Forest Officers are not issuing passes for transporting cardamom probably under the impression that such passes are not necessary.

Item 2

Thondi articles of the value of about Rs.35 lakhs involved in about 2000 cases are lying in various places and deteriorating in value. According to the Additional Advocate General the forest officials are empowered to declare an item perishable and dispose it of pending adjustment of the value as per the final decision of the court.

Regarding item 2 the Hon'ble Minister for Forests has made unpleasant criticism on the in action and delay on the part of the Departmental Officers in the disposal of thondy timber. The Minister has to be informed of the progress of disposal frequently and if the Conservator of Forests and Divl. Forest Officers do not take proper interest in the matter there will be unpleasant criticism as well as deterrent disciplinary action. So all the Conservators of Forests are requested to convene meetings of the Divl. Forest Officers and Rangers and take early action for the disposal of the thondy timber as directed in the Government letter cited above. Since cases more than 3 years old cannot be charged in courts, the thondy in respect of such cases can also be sold urgently. The Conservator of Forests and Divl. Forest Officers are requested to watch the progress of sale every fortnight and send monthly progress statements to this office for perusal. The progress statement as on 31-1-1979 should reach this office on or before 10-2-1979 without fail.

Yours faithfully,
for Chief Conservator of Forests

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