

**Copy of Letter No. C1-16483/61 dated 7/9/62 from the Chief Conservator of Forests to The Secretary to government, Agriculture (Forests) Dept/**

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***Sub: Forest-Contracts- working down timber from Forests-extension of periods with penalty delegation of powers to the officers of the Forest Department-orders issued.***

***Ref: G.O. MS 1239 dated 13.12.1961***

In the G.O cited, the government have delegated the following powers tot he officers of the Forest Department in the matter of granting extensions to contracts for supply of timber from forests in all cases where the agreements provide for extensions of period of contract with penalty.

1. The Divisional Forest Officers- for a period of 1 month
2. Conservators of Forests for a period of three months including the extension sanctioned by Divisional Forest Officers.
3. Chief Conservator of Forests for a period of 6 months including the extension sanctioned by the subordinate officers.

As per the above order, extensions to contract within the Limit allowed can be granted only with penalty.

2. In the case of supply contracts there is no specific penalty fixed for extensions so far. But penalty is fixed and recovered as per reservations powers in conditions 15 of the supply agreements. There is also no specific conditions in supply contracts for granting extensions to contracts. But the extension is granted as per reserve powers vested on the sanctioning authority as per prevailing in condition 15. Penalties provided in various other clauses in the Agreement connote be taken as they are not applicable for extension

3. In view of the present order, the penalties to be realized for extension to supply contracts have to be fixed and furnished in the agreement. I would recommended that a rate of 5np. Per cft. of timber and 50 np. per ten of 81 stocked cft. of firewood delivered at the depot during the extension period may be fixed as the penalty for the extension. The government may be pleased to consider the above recommendation and issue necessary orders.

Early orders are solicited.

Sd/

For Chief Conservator of Forests.

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Sd/

Superintendent

Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests.

***Endt. On HA3300/62 dated 10.10.62***

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For Conservator of Forests.