

# GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Forests - Ranni Division - Collection and removal of timber from Laha- Kanjambara Road - Agreement with Sri. T.A.L.C. Lakshmana Nadar - Extension of time - action of Divisional Forest Officer - Ratified.

Agriculture (Forest B) Department

G.O. RT. 1695/AD.

Dated, 30-11-60

Read: Letter No. A4-5875/59 dated 28-1-'60 from the Chief Conservator of Forests.

## ORDER

1. The auction of the Divl. Forest Officer is highly irregular in view of the following:-

i. The bidder applied for extension of time only on 21-8-'59, while the period of contract expired on 8-7-'59. He has adduced the reason for applying for extension of time to the delay in the completion of the road for the transport of the logs.

ii. The come grounds have been pointed out in the report of the Divl. Forest Officer who granted extension of time which was not in conformity with the conditions of the contract.

iii. In addition to these reasons, the Chief Conservator of Forests has in his report dated 21-10-'60 stated of his own accord:- with the onset of monsoon it became impossible for any transport all even if extension of time was granted which accounted for the delay in applying for extension".

iv. Condition (2) of the agreement shows that the last date fixed for the collection and removal of the produce outside the coupe was 8-5-'59. A further period of two months was admissible subject to payment of ground rent. The contractor shall have no celsim whatever for the timber collected but unremoved from the area after the above period i.e. 8-7-'59. He will also have no claim on the logs leift unremoved from the forest areas after six months from the date of execution of the agreement (9-1-'59). There is therefore no claim for the contractor for extension to time and his r3equest was inadmissible.

2. The Chief Conservator of Forests is requested not to recommend such cases in future.

3. The Copy of the agreement and the contractor's application are returned herewith.

4. Government however, ratify as a special cases the action of the Divisional Forest Officer, Ranni in having granted extension of time for one month for the removal of the 8 Akil loge by Shri. T.A.L.C. Lakshmana Nadar, subject to recovery of ground rent.

(By Order of the Governor)

Sd/-

Secretary to Government.

Endt. on A4-5875/59 (D.Dis) dated 5/14-12-'60.

Copy with the enclosures forwarded to the Conservator of Forests, Quilon for information and attention in continuation of this office even No. dated 20/24-10-'60 (Ref:- QC1-488/58).

Copy to Conservators Kozhikode and Chalakudy for guidance (Ref: Nil).

Sd/-

Superintendent.

Endt. on L. Dis 18673/60 dated 24-12-'60.

Copy forwarded to all Divisional Forest Officers for information and attention.

Copy to contract section.

Sd/-

Conservator of Forests.

Forwarded By Order

Manager.