Sub:- Land – Valuation and removal of tree growth procedure – discussions held on 28th September 1965 –

Ref:- Your D.O. Letter No.1921/A3/65/RD dated 9/12-10-1965 and 3/5-11-1965.

With reference to the above I am furnishing herewith a list of trees to be reserved for disposal by the Forest Department.

Sd/- M.P,. George,

Chief Conservator of Forests.

Copy with copy each of the list and minutes of the Conferance dated 28-9-1965 forwarded to the Conservator of Forests, Chalakudy, Silvicultural Research Officer, Forest Utilisation Officer, Wild Life Preservation Officer for information and communication to all sub offices under him.

SD/- For Chief Conservator of Forests.

No.Species	Girth limit at breast height	Remarks
1. Anjili	of and above 100 c.m.	
2. Plavu	"	
3. Kambakam	"	
4. Thambavu	"	
5. Vengai	"	
6. Irul	"	
7. Maruthy	"	
8. Anjil	"	
9. Unnam	٠٠	
10. Teak	All Trees	
11. Rosewood	"	
12. Ebony	"	
13. Sandalwood	"	

Sd/-For Chief Conservator of Forests.

Minutes of the Conferance held in the Room of the Additional Revenue Secretary at 3 P.M. on 28-9-1965.

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Present:

- 1. Sri A.S. Menon, Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
- 2. Sri. C.C. Ahmed, Joint Secretary to Government.
- 3. Sri. T.R. Sukumaran Nair, Joint Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department.
- 4. Sri. P.C. Kunhikrishnan Nambiar, Special Officer for Revenue Laws.
- 5. Dr. P.N. Nair, Personal Assistant to the Chief Conservator of Forests.

- 6. Sri. K.K. Sankara Warriar, Assistant Secretary, Board of Revenue.
- Smt. T.K. Narayani, Assistant Secretary to Government, Revenue Department. The Conference considered the disposal of tree growth on lands available for assignment. These lands fall under the following two categories.
  - 1. Lands handed over by the Forest Department to the Revenue Department for the purposes of assignment.
  - 2. Lands belonging to the Revenue Department.

<u>Item 1</u>. According to the conditions in pattas issued under the Land Assignment Rules, teak, blackwood, ebony and Sandalwood are reserved to Government. Besides these there are certain non-reserved trees with timber of exportable quantity which should be treated as very valuable as they fetch high price if sold in public auction. Valuation of such trees need not be made by Revenue Officers as they are not trained in evaluating tree growth. The Personal Assistant to the Chief Conservator of Forests suggested that a list showing the species of such trees, their minimum girth above which they should be reserved, and other specifications of such trees which constitute exportable quantity timber will be furnished by the Chief Conservator of Forests. Such trees may also be treated as 'reserved' for Government till they are disposed of by the Forest Department. The other nonreserved trees may be valued by the Land Assignment Officer adopting the trees approved by Government.

The tree value realised will be credited to the Forest Department.

## Item 2 Disposal of land belonging to the Revenue Department

The procedure mentioned above for reserving and valuing trees will be adopted in respect of lands belong to the Revenue Department also. But the sale proceeds of trees will be credited to the Revenue Department.

As regards lands which are to be handed over by the Forest Department to the Revenue Department hereafter for purpose of assignment, the former Department will remove the tree growth before the land is handed over. If for any reason the land has to be handed over before disposal of trees, the procedure mentioned against item (1) above will be adopted.

The rate now adopted for valuation of the tree growth in lands handed over by the Forest Department is that approved in G.O.M.S. No.527/Agri. dated 10-8-1964 (Scheduled rate minus Working charges and transportation charges or 50% of the scheduled rate or the seigniorage rate, which ever is higher).

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Sd/- Additional Secretary, Revenue Department.

Endt. on F.Dis.21404/65 (ML) dated 26-11-1965.

Copy with copy of the enclosures forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officers, Malayattoor, Trichur, Kottayam, Chalakudy and Munnar for information.

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Conservator's Office,

Chalakudy.

KKV/30/11/-

For Conservator of Forests.