

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

ABSTRACT

Trees – timber and trees on Government Lands sale is auction procedure orders issued.

Revenue (A) Department

G.O.MS.No.410/66/Revenue.

Dated 25-7-1966

Read:- 1. G.O.MS.No.734/Revenue, dated 27-8-2963.
2. G.O.MS. No.865/Rev. dated 8-11-1963.
3. Letters K.Dis.38217/65 dated 27-10-65 and K.Dis.61149/65 dated 5-2-66 from the Board of Revenue.

O R D E R

In the G.O.read as first paper above Government prescribed a uniform procedure for the disposal of timber on Govt. land. According to the orders, the power to confirm sales will be exercised by the Tahsildar when the estimated value of trees sold is Rs.50/- or less and by the Revenue Divl. Officer when such value exceeds Rw.50/- but is not more than Rs.200/- Sales in all other cases should be subject to confirmation by the District Collector.

2. The Board of Revenue has pointed out that there can be foul play if the estimated value alone is taken into account for the confirmation of sales. Government have considered the points raised by the Board of Revenue. The inconvenience pointed out exists owing to the fact that there is no rule by which the estimate of the tree value can be arrived at. Malpractices may be resorted to on account of the absence of such a rule. Considering these aspects Government order in partial modification of the G.O.read as first paper above that the following procedure will be adopted for preparing the estimated value of the trees and for confirmation of sales.

(a) The estimate of value of the tree is to be prepared on the basis of the seigniorage rate which can be had from the schedule of tariff and seigniorage rates of all timber etc. published in the gazette from time to time. As seigniorage is the intrinsic value of the tree at site the estimate should not fall below this rate on any account. To this seigniorage, should be added a premium on account of the advantages arising out of the location of the site, local demand etc.

(b) The authority conducting the auction sale should certify in the auction list that the sale has been given wide publicity that there has been given wide publicity that there has been sufficient number of bidders and there has been adequate competition among them.

(c) The powers to confirm sales as ordered in G.O.MS.No.734/Rev. dated 27-8-63 will be with reference to the estimated value of the tree or the actual bid amount whichever is higher.

By order of the Governor,
A. Sethumadhavan Menon,
Secretary to Government

Endt.on A4-24996/66F.Dis. dated 3-8-1968.

Copy to all sub-officers for information and guidance.

Sd/- For Chief Conservator of Forests.

Endt.on ML.13839/66 L.Dis. dated 30-8-1966.

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Conservator's Office,
Chalakydy.

For Conservator of Forests.

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