Government of Kerala Abstract

 $Forests-supply\ of\ teak\ logs\ to\ Government\ of\ India-payment\ Of\ freight\ charges\ -\ Waiver\ of\ recovery\ -\ ordered\ -$

G. o Rt . 1468/68/Agr .

dated 21-5-68

Read ;-

- 1 G.O Rt . 2099/66/Agr. Dated 27-8-66
- 2. Letter No. C4-2715/59 dated 23-368 from the Chief Conservator of Forests.

ORDER

The Forest Department agreed to supply 70tons of teak logs to the Naval store officer, Bombay . The Depot officer Ernakulam dispatched the consignment under "Freight to pay basis against the usual procedure of sending the consignment under the Military credit Note basis . The Military credit Note received from the consignee was held up in the Divi,. Forest officer, Kottyam and when it was received in the Depot at Ernakulam, it was late and hence could not be utilized.

The Naval authorities had to pay an amount of Rs. 233.95 towards freight charges and this amount was paid to them. Government in G.O Rt . 2099/66/Agr, dated 27-8-66 ordered that the amount will be recovered from the officer or officers at fault and credited to Government .

The Chief Conservator of Forests has reported in his letter read above that various purchase orders s had been received in Kottayam Division during that period and supply had been effected against all these purchase orders,. The procedure with regard to supply against all these purchase orders was to dispatch the logs under and freight to pay basis. It is also reported that there was no precedent in Kottayam Division of having supplied timber to the Naval Stores Depot and therefore the concerned authorities did not ascertain in he procedure either from the Forest utilization officer or from the Conservator of Forests. He has stated that the responsibility for dispatch of logs under the usual procedure of freight to pay basis cannot be fixed on any individual or individuals. The Military Credit Note was taken for granted as one of the records to accompany the final invoice for adjustment of value as in the case of all purchase orders. The Chief Conservator of Forests has reported that the above circumstances led to the delay in sending the credit note intimate to the Ernakulam depot. He has also requested that the recovery orders in the G.O read above may be waived.

In view of the circumstances explained by the Chief Conservator of Forests , it is seen that the mistake was committed in the Divi. Office, quit unwittingly. Government therefore order that the recovery of the amount of Rs. 233.95 already ordered in G.O read will be waived. The officers concerned will be careful to guard against such mistakes in future.

By order etc Sd/- Asst. Secretary.

TO

 $\label{eq:conservator} The \ Chief \ Conserva ator \ of \ Forests \ .$ Endt on C4-2715 /59 (D.D is) dated 4-6-68

Copy to the Conservator of Forests , Chalakudy For information and attention (Ref . CH. 9363/62).

For Chief Conservator of Forests

Office of the Chief Conservator Of Forests, Trivandrum.