

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
ABSTRACT

Forests-Industrial Plantation Scheme- Extraction of timber from coupes IV and V – offer accepted.

AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
(AGRICULTURE FOREST)

G.O.RT.No. 1684/66/Agri.

Date 8-7-1966.

Reads:- 1. G.O.Rt. 1380/65 Agri. Dated 6-7-1965.
2. Correspondence ending with letter No. C.2-9887/66 dated 15-6-1966 from the Chief Conservator of forests.

ORDER

In the G.O read above orders were issued accepting the recommendation of the Chief conservator of Forests for clearing a very large area of Forests, subject to the condition that is order to avoid falling of prices on timber, all tree growth which have timber value might be extracted to the depots for sale gradually and the residual growth hold in auction dividing the area into smaller blocks.

2. The Chief conservator of forests has reported that tenders for extraction and supply of timber in respect of the 1967 Industrial Plantation Coupes Nos. II to VII and certain other Coupe were invited twice, but that there was no response. It was felt that under the prevailing conditions, contractors were not inclined to come forward to take up the work and that further attempt to retender the work might not be truthful. The divisional Forest officer for the above reasons, recommended for obtaining sanction for outright sale of all the coupes without resorting to extraction of timber to depots.

3. In the man time a polition was received from one Sri. Joseph Chacko, offering To take up retraction work in respect of coupes IV and V (1967 Industrial Plantation coupe) at 10% above the departmental rate. Government have examined in detail all the aspects of the question of accepting the offer. The schedule for planting has already been drawn up. There had been two notifications inviting tenders, but there was no response. The possibility of departmental extraction is very remote due to penalty of private elephants and lorries for hire at schedule rates in this area. Depot delivery from these coupes will not hinder work in other coupes. It is very unlikely that better offers can be had for depot delivery keeping the 1967 planting schedule and in view of the more disadvantage one working condition. The Chief conservator of forests has also reported that under the prevailing conditions, the offer cannot be considered as exorbitant.

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