

**Copy of letter No.C5-27668/85 dt. 5-4-86** from the Chief Conservator of Forests, Trivandrum to the Secretary to government, Forest Environment and wild life department, Trivandrum.

Sir,

*Sub:-* Supply of softwood to Industrial concerns Extension of quota period-proposal forwarding of – reg.

*Ref:-* 1. G.O.MS.No. 199/85/AD dt.24-6-85.

2. This office letter on even No.dt.24-7-85.

I have to report that when the old quota system was in force, the usual quota year for collection removal etc of the timber allotted under the system was 12 months from 1st October to 30<sup>th</sup> September every year. The price fixed for the quota timber was notified rate for notified species and 125% of the existing seignior age rate in the case of the species those not covered by the Price fixation act.

As per Government Order first cited the Price fixed for quota is computed based on the auction price for the respective species for the proceeding financial year reckoning it at 75% of the state average rate. This has necessitated to change the quota period to that of financial year in order to fix the quota price in accordance with the auction in average rate. This fact was reported to government in my letter 2<sup>nd</sup> cited. Further the softwood committee in their first meeting on 20-9-85 decided that the quota year which has higher to recharged as first October to 30<sup>th</sup> September would hereafter be countermines with the financial year ie. From 1st April to 31<sup>st</sup> March.

According to the decision dt. 20-9-85 of the Softwood Committee an adhesion allotment of 25% of the eligible quantity was allotted to all old units on 14-10-85 limiting the period up to 31-3-86 towards the quota due to then during 1985-86. As per the decision of the committee dt.7-2-86, which was communicated in Government letter No.44916/FA/85/ID/dt.1-3-86 and received here on 5-3-86 an adhoc allotment of 25% of the eligible quantity was allotted to all new units on 18-3-86 fixing the period of supply up to 31-3-86.

The president of the Kerala State Industrial Association in their representation dt.26-3-86 addressed in the Honourable Minister for Forests as well as Chief conservator of Forests has requested to extend the quota period for a further period of 3 months from 1-4-86 on the ground that the allottees did not get sufficient time taking delivery of timber after observing the formalities and also timber is yet to arrive in sale Depots for allotment and auction. It is a fact that arrival of timber in sale depots from 85-86 selection felling coupes has started after 1/86. The quota allottees should get a maximum of one year as quota period in order to get the allotted quantity of timber. In the instant and they did get hardly 4 months for the purpose. Therefore the request of the association is genuine. I therefore request that the quota period may be extended for 3 months from 1-4-86 subject to realization of the rate fixed for favors of personal etc.

Early orders may please be issued and copy communicated.

Yours Faithfully,

Sd/-

*For Conservator of Forests.*

Copy to all Conservator of Forests for information.

Endt. on C4-4061/86 dt. 17-4-86.

Copy to the Divl.Forest officer, Timber Sales Divn., Kalady for information.

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***FOR CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, TRICHUR.***