

Very Urgent

Copy of letter No. P1- 42529/68 dated 6-11-1968 from the Chief Conservator of Forests. Trivandrum to the Secretary to the Government. Agriculture planning Department.

Sir.

Sub:- Annual plan 1969-70 Difficulty in planting program due to transfer of arable lands.

Reference is invited to G. O Rt. 2592/68/Agri. Dated 16-10-1968, wherein Government have ordered to transfer the arable land to the revenue Department after clear felling , for allotment to cultivators etc. In para 4 of the G.O. it is stated that an a large quantity of timber will become available for disposal when clear felling in all the circle are taken up simultaneously, the planting works proposed particularly in Trichur and Quilon Circles will be put off.'

In carrying out the above directions, there are some particle difficulties , which I point out below for urgent consideration of Government .

1. There are conversion coupes wherefrom Depot supply species have been extracted . In such area there are top ends lying which are usually sold as part of residual growth. If the residual growth in such areas is not disposed of urgently the top ends will get deteriorated and Government will in our less on that account.

2. There are conversion coupes which have already been surveyed , and the Depot supply trees in them marked but tenders for working down timber have not been fixed. If these areas are not taken up the expenditure incurred on survey and marking will become infractious.

3. There are conversion coupes for which tenders have already been received for supply work and these tenders Are under scrutiny. If these tenders are rejected in the light of the directive , the expenditure already incurred on survey marking advertisement etc. will become infraction.

4. There are areas wherefrom the supply of saleable species is over . The sale of residual growth is already notified in some cases the sale has been conducted . The Confirmation of the sales are pending. If such sales are cancelled there will be not only a fall in revenue for 1968-69, but also the department is not likely to get this such price if sanctioned after two years.

5. Department has already raised the required xxx in all divisions for planting in 1969-70. If planting is put off the expenditure incurred on this account will become infractious

In addition to the above , the planting programmes for next year also will be such affected. In therefore request Government to Consider all these and issue instructions regarding next years planting schemes also. I may however suggest that areas coming under categories (i) (4) at least are planted as programmed. .

Sd/-
For Chief Conservator of Forests

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For Conservator of Forests.

Trichur.