

Copy of Government Memorandum No.51986-F1/64/AD dated 15-12-1964 from Agriculture & Rural Development Department (Agriculture Forest).

Sub:- Forests – Idukki Project Colony area – eviction and resettlement – sale of tree growth -

Ref:- Letter No.C2-19871/64 dated 2—12—1964 from the Chief Conservator of Forests.

In the circumstances explained by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Government approves the revised valuation.

In this connection it is also observed as follows:

The original valuation was Rs.9, 207.00 for 25 acres and Rs.28, 044.00 for 30 acres. It is now reported that according to the present valuation. the value is Rs.6, 707.00 and Rs.23,768.00 for the 25 acre and 30 acre blocks respectively. The reason for the variation is stated to be due to cost of elephant dragging being wrongly noted and inclusion of certain firewood species among timber species. It would appear that valuation statements are prepared without collecting the necessary data such as species of timber available in the coupe, and the accessibility of the coupe, with the result that valuation goes wrong and Government suffer loss. Instances of the kind reported would indicate valuation working in the opposite direction also. There cannot be any difficulty for the experienced Range staff who prepared the valuation statement to ascertain the correct distance and the correct species of the standing trees or for the Divisional Forest Officer to detect the omission at the time of his 10 % check of the coupe, if they had been earnest enough. It is not pointed out that such variation in the valuation only show that the departmental officers entrusted with the work are not bestowing proper care and attention nor are they sincere and careful in discharging their duties and their responsibilities in protecting the interests of Government. The Chief Conservator of Forests is requested to bring home to the various officers this aspect and instruct them not to give room for such reflections in future.

Ammini Paul,
Assistment Secretary

To

The Chief Conservator of Forests.

Endt. on C2-19871/64 dated 17/19-12-1964

Copy forwarded to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Chalakudy for information and attention with reference to his No.KT-10691/63 dated 7—12—1964. The instructions contained in the Government Memorandum should be strictly adhered to.

Copy to Divisional Forest Officer, Kottayam. (Ref.C2-7846/62).

Sd/-

For Chief Conservator of Forests.

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For Conservator of Forests.