

No.C4-59812/76.

Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Trivandrum, Dated 9-1-1977.

CIRCULAR NO.4/77

Sub:- Disposal of thondy timber effective measure to be taken regarding.

Ref:- 1. G.O.Ms.173/61 dated 27-2-1961.  
2. This Office letter No.C4-48670/76 Dt. 11.08.76

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There are already specific Circular Orders prohibiting the sale of thondy timber lying at site inside the Forests. Ordinarily thondy timber lying inside the Forest area will have to be brought to the nearest Depot, Range or Guard Station, and taken to stock and disposed of in auction. If the thondy is found to be not worth transporting to the Depot, Range or Guard's Station from the Reserve, it is to be left at site or destroyed in the presence of a responsible Officer who will certify that working down on the thondy to a control place to be sold in auction will cause loss to Government. The restriction on the sale of thondy timber within the Forest area was imposed with a view to eliminate the scope for misuse of the transport passes. The restriction imposed had no doubt, brought salutary results in preventing the perpetuation of Forest offences by the misuse of the passes issued for transport of the thondy materials.

Besides, the Conservators of Forests' have been asked to explore the possibility of transporting such thondy timber and firewood through the lorries confiscated to Government under the new enactment.

In spite of all these instructions in recent times it has been noticed in several instances that these Circular Orders are violated with impunity. Thondies of even Rosewood species are sold from the Forest itself without any sanction and as a matter of routine. This practice should be put to a stop. Therefore it is hereby ordered that hereafter in no cases thondy materials should be disposed of at site that is within the Forest area and that Divisional Forest Officers should institute disciplinary action against erring subordinates. The thondy materials should be worked down and disposed of as stated in Para one above. The receipt of this Circular should be acknowledged.

Sd/-  
Chief Conservator of Forests.

To

All Conservator of Forests & Divl. Forest Officers.

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For Conservator of Forests.

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