

Copy of letter No.2165/D1/F & WLD dt. 22-3-1988 from the Secretary to Government, Forest & Wild Life (D) Department, Trivandrum to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Trivandrum and copied to All Conservator of Forests.

Sir,

Sub:- Forest Department – Disallowing payments on works in the Forest arose and effecting recovery from the pay of Rangers.

It has been brought to the notice of Government that in respect of certain forests works executed by the Rangers after obtaining prior approval of Divisional Forest Officer/Assistant Conservator of Forests and in respect of which final payment has been affected, objection is raised years after their execution as the work being unnecessary and that in such cases, the entire responsibility is fixed the Rangers and the full amounts are ordered to be recovered from them. Government have examined this issue carefully and find that such action against the Rangers alone is not justified. The following instructions are issued for strict compliance.

- (i) In respect of works which were ordered for execution at the District leveler at the level of higher officers, after accepting the necessity and approving the estimate and then get executed by the Rangers, if found unnecessary or unenvied or subsequent inspection on a later date, then all the officers involved will be held responsible for the lapse and the amount will be recovered from all concerned.
- (ii) If the works has been done under the initiative of rangers and payment has been effected, and if subsequently found as an unwanted one, then the Ranger alone will be held responsible for the lapse and the loss will to recovered from him.
- (iii) Cases already settled will not be reopened on the basis of these instructions

Agricultural Production
Commissioner.

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Endt. on A2.3798/88 dated 12-5-1988.

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For Conservator of Forests.