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Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests,
Trivandrum, Dated: 6/2-11-59.

From

Sri.M.F.George,
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Trivandrum.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Agriculture (Forest B) Department.

WEEDING PLANTATIONS IN KULATHUPUZHA RANGES

The weeding works in the plantations, viz., Coup No.III, Kulathupuzha Felling series, Coupe No. I and portion of coupe No.IV Madathara felling series during 1958-59 were notified for auction in the Gazette dated 5-8-1958. Sufficient publicity in dailies were also given. The suction was conducted by the Divisional Forest Officer on 13-08-1958. Since nobody turned up for the auction, the estimates were sanctioned by the Divisional Forest Officer and orders issued to the Range Officer to take up the work Departmentally.

2. The rate allowed by the Divisional Forest Officer for weeding the plantation is Rs.6/- per acre which was based on schedule rate fixed for 1958-59. The Range Officer, Kulathupuzha, however explained to the Divisional Forest Officer, that the rate of Rs.6/- per acre allowed is too low and unworkable. He submitted revised estimate claiming Rs.15/- per acre for the purpose of weeding the plantations. These are younger plantations which were taken charge of by the department from the concerned Taungyaders more than two years back. The Divisional Forest Officer inspected the plantations and satisfied himself that the entire area of the plantations was overgrown with thick weeds. If immediate relief by weeding the plantations was not given the suppressed plants would die. In such as the weeding of the plantations was found an urgent necessity for the existing plants. The (the Divisional Forest Officer) allowed a rate of Rs. 15/- per acre and sanctioned the revised estimate. The works in the plantations were taken up departmentally and completed before 31-03-1959.

3. As the rate of Rs.15/- per acre allowed by the Divisional Forest Officer during 1958-59 is in excess of the Schedule rate, I request that the Divisional Forest Officer's action may be ratified sknd he had sanctioned the above rate only in the best interests of Government.

Yours faithfully,

K.Parameswaran Nair,
Under Secretary,
For Special Secretary to Government.

Approved for issue,

Section Officer.

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Office of the CCF, Trivandrum.

For Chief Conservator of Forests.

Approved for issue,

Superintendent.