

## GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

### Abstract

Forests – Timber along Neriamangalam Always 110 K.V.Line – Cutting by Kerala State Electricity Board – Short fall of revenue in the disposal of timber and firewood – Reimbursement by the Electricity Board orders passed.

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### AGRICULTURE (FOREST B) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt) No.437/61/Agri.

Dated, Trivandrum, 16-03-1961.

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- Read:-
1. Letter No.BS.2-1208/59 Dated 23-1-1960 from the Chairman, Kerala State Electricity Board, forwarding copy of letter No. C2.4166/59 dated 12-12-59 from the Chief Conservator of Forests.
  2. Correspondence ending with D.O.letter No.C2-4166/59 dated 09.12.60 from the Chief Conservator of Forests.

### ORDER

The Chief Conservator of Forests has brought to the notice of the Kerala State Electricity Board, that consequent on felling of trees by the Board along the alignment of the Neriamangalam-Always 110 K.V. Line without proper care, extraction of certain logs has been rendered difficult and that damages have occurred to certain other logs. The Chief Conservator of Forests proposes to work down teak and rosewood logs, to the depot and to dispose of the rest in auction. The value of the materials to be disposed of in auction is estimated at Rs.27,740/-. As the logs have been damaged the Chief Conservator of Forests fears short-fall of revenue when the timber and firewood are sold. He has therefore requested the Board to make good to the Forest Department any shortfall below the estimated rate, as the sale is being hastened up for the Board's convenience.

2. The Board has objected to this claims and has requested Government to direct the Chief Conservator of Forests to withdraw the claim. Government are of the view that if the Forest Department had undertaken the work, the question of any loss of revenue would not have arisen, and in the circumstances they order that such loss if any has to be met by the Board. The loss should be worked out by deducting the net sale proceeds from the cost of the timber calculated at scheduled rates minus cost of transport which should be to the depot or point of sale wherever it is.

3. The Chief Conservator of Forests has issued orders to the Divl. Forest Officer to work down the saleable teak and rosewood logs to the depot. In the data forwarded by him, there are no sanctioned schedule rates for items 3 to 7. Government are pleased to approve these rates in the data.

(By order of the Governor),

V.N.Kallampat,  
Deputy Secretary.

Endt. On C2.4166/59 dated 22/28-3-61

Copy forwarded to the Conservator of Forests, Chalakudy for information and attention with reference No.ML.72/59 dated 3-12-59, 5-12-59 and 18-1-60,

Copy to the Conservators, Devpt. Circle for information and attention.

By Order,

Sd. Superintendent.

Endt. On ML.72/61

Copy to the Divl. Forest Officer, Malayattur with reference to C1-2050/58. Dated 5-11-59, 4-12-59 and 24/25-12-59 for attention.