

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

FORESTS – Teak seed – Collection Rate – Enhancement – Proposal Orders issued

AGRICULTURE (FOREST) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms) No.477/63/Agri.

Dated, Trivandrum, 13-05-1963.

Read:- 1. Letter No.C1-2077/63 dated 6-2-63 from the Chief Conservator of Forests.

ORDER

The Inspector General of Forests, Government of India in his tour note has observed that certain restrictions imposed in this State on the costs of seed collection are not desirable. He has remarked that this is a matter, which not only affects the well-being of the State but also of the entire country. Forest Officers from all over India send anxious indents for seeds of the famous Kerala Teak. They are prepared to pay all costs. If the rates sanctioned by the Kerala Government for collection of teak seed are too low, then the labourers refuse to collect the seed and the whole of India suffers. He has, therefore, suggested that for collection of seeds, the local District Forest Officers should be given the discretion to offer suitable rates.

2. The Chief Conservator of Forests has reported that there is a pressing demand for teak seeds from all over India and even from some of the tropical countries and the Department has been able to meet only a fraction of the demand. Kerala is the only state which can supply this valuable seed and must endeavor to collect all available seeds in view of its national importance.

3. He has also reported that when large scale collections have to be done, labourers have to be sent far out into the reserve forests and naturally the cost of collection goes up, and if the seed year is poor the quantity of seeds available in a particular area will be very small. Larger areas will have to be covered and higher cost incurred. This varies from year to year and place to place, depending on labour availability, the type of seeding etc. He has, therefore, suggested that the ceiling fixed in forest schedule of rates for seed collection may be waived as far as collections for outside supply are concerned and the Conservators vested with powers to fix the rates for each locality, so that consideration of cost may not deter the progress of collection and allow this valuable seed to be wasted.

4. In the circumstances, Government are pleased to accept the suggestion of the Chief Conservator of Forests and order that the Divisional Forest Officers will be allowed to fix the rates for collection of seeds for each year for outside supply and the Conservator of Forests in the Circle will, on the recommendation of the Divisional Forest Officer, approve the rates after scrutiny.

By order of the Governor,

K.C.Sankaranarayanan,
Secretary to Government.

To

The Chief Conservator of Forests.
The Conservator of Forests, Chalakudy.
The Divisional Forest Officers.
The Finance Department.

Forwarded/By order,

Superintendent.

Endt. On TR.9186/63 dated 17-05-1963.

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