

Copy of Letter No.G4-8565/71 dated 11/18-8-71 from the Chief Conservator of Forests , Trivandrum to the Secretary to Government Agri. (Forest) Department., Trivandrum.

Sub:- Revision of Schedule rates – Request – Regarding.

1. In G.O.Rt.2663/AD dt. 31-8-70 Government have sanctioned enhancement of labour rates in the Forest Department on par with those in the Public Works Department. This revision in effect applies only to those items for which the quantity of labour is assessed. Where the rates are calculated taking the unit basis other than labour no enhancement could therefore be applied and they remain constant as per the old rates sanctioned prior to 1961. One of such case is examined below:
2. Schedule item No.139(a). The rate sanctioned prior to 1961 is pies 20 per cft. Or Rs.80 per 1 Elephant for dragging 400 cft. The basis for preparation of such a data prior to 1961 may be in proportion to the amount of labour required plus the elephant hire then existing. The existing labour rate was Rs.2/- per mazdoor and Rs.20, 15, 12 and 10 of hire charges for I, II, III and IV class elephants. The present labour rates is Rs.4 minimum and the Elephant hire charges as sanctioned in G.O.Ms.150/67/Agri. Dt. 7-3-67 is Rs. 50,40,30 and 25 to synchronise with this enhancement no revision in the schedule was attempted hitherto. As the old rate of Rs.80/- is inadequate and impracticable a revision is found absolutely essential and is therefore recommended.
3. The break up details of the then existing rate prior to 1961 is Rs.20/- for elephant hire and the balance Rs.60/- was intended to the maintenance cost including fodder, food grains jaggery etc., batta of mahouts, collection charges of vakka and labour charges for making vakka ropes tying and untying on logs transport charges of fodder, food grains etc. to the work spot etc. this rate was sufficient then.
4. Now the revised elephant hire is Rs.50/- and yet the schedule 139(a) remains constant. Deducting Rs.50/- the balance available is only Rs.30/- which is quite insufficient to meet all the other expenses as detailed in para 3 above. Since the labour rates have now been revised to double the rates prior to 1961 it is recommended that the amount that is intended for meeting the other expenses than actual Elephant hire may be doubled and the schedule item No.139(a) fixed as Rs.50+60 = 110/-. As this is the minimum that is required I request early orders in the matter.
5. The above schedule item is applied for all departmental works also whenever found necessary. In all such cases the revised schedule will be exclusive of feeding charges of

elephants. No separate allowance is payable to the Forest Subordinates accompanying the elephant as it forms part of his legitimate duty of supervision.

Sd/- for Chief Conservator of Forests

Copy to the Conservator of Forests, Trichur etc. for information. The suggestion of Conservator of Forests, Kozhikode that no adjustment of hire charges for departmental works would be necessary is not accepted.

Endt. on D-5915/68 dt. 23-8-71.

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For Conservator of Forests , Trichur.

Yours faithfully,

Sd.- for Chief Conservator of Forests

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Endt. on D-5915/68 dated 3-7-1971.

Copy to sections CH, ML,KT, TR & PC in continuation of this office D-5915/68 dated 23-04/5-5-71.

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For Conservator of Forests,
Central Circle, Trichur.