

Copy of letter No.A4-22980/60 dated 2/4-5-61 from the Chief Conservator of Forests, Trivandrum to the Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department, Forests-B.

Sub:- Supply of Teak wood posts – By forest Department Renewal of Pass No.39/59-60.

Ref:- Government Endt. No.FB3-72721/60-1 AD dated 5-12-1960.

The matter relates to some teak poles selected by Junior Engineer from Anchal Range in April 1959. For these Poles, the Range Officer issued bill and countersigned chalan on 25-8-59 nothing the period of currency as 45days is till 8-10-59 as the schedule rates were approved only then. The bill and chalan were forwarded to the Executive Engineer, Quilon in Punalur Divisional Forest Officer's No.PK.312/59 dated 29-8-59 and it was stated therein that the amount should be remitted and removal affected within the period of currency failing which ground rent and penal interest will have to be levied as per rules. But the Executive Engineer, forwarded a cheque, which reached the Divisional Forest Officer only on 26-9-59 and the amount was got transfer credited on 29-9-59. The Executive Engineer was also intimated of the fact on the above date. He was also informed that the poles should be removed before 8-10-59 failing which ground rent as per rules will be levied. It is reported that a copy of the letter was also endorsed to the Junior Engineer. Treatment yard, Kundara.

2. It is clearly stated in para '2' of G.O.MS.No.221/60/Agri. dated 18-3-60, that all departments should accept the invoices issued by the Forest Department towards the value of the logs selected by them before removals are effected within the grace period allowable and that penal interest and ground rent as per rules are leviable for belated payments is acceptance of invoices and removal of timber selected. As such the recovery of ground rent in this case is in order.

3. As regards the Chief Engineer's statement that 52 days time has to be given as grace period for the removal of the samplings, I have to state that 52 days time was allowed as grace period only as per G.O.MS.221/60 Agri. dated 18-3-60 and that only 45 days was allowed as grace period during the period of the transaction in question.

4. The Chief Engineer's request to count the grace period only from the date of issue of the pass by the Department is not acceptable.

Copy of letter dated FB3-72721/60-8/Agri dated 5-2-62 from Shri. K.C. Sankaranarayanan, Secretary to Government to the Secretary, Kerala State Electricity Board, Trivandrum.

Sub:- Timber supplied to Electricity Board, Recovery of Ground rent regarding.

Ref:- Your letter No.H!(A)3956/59-60 dated 23-11-60

With reference to your letter cited, I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the Chief Conservator of Forests letter No.14-23920/60 dated 4-8-61 on the above subject and to inform you that the views of the Chief Conservator of Forests are endorsed by Government and that is not proposed to review the matter.

Sd/- For Secretary.

Endt. on A4-22920/60 dated 12/14-2-62

Copy with copy of this office letter No.A4-22920/60 dated 4-5-61 addressed to the Secretary to Government is forwarded to all Conservators for information and strict attention.

Sd/- Superintendent.

To Conservator of Forests, Chalakudy (Ref:A-18672/60), Kozhikode (Ref:L.Dis.22469/60) Quilon (Ref: QC3-7801/60).

Copy to C4 section,Copy to Stock file and A Superintendent.

Endt. on A1-3229/62 dated 21-2-62.

Copy communicated to all Divisional Forest Officers for information and attention.
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Sd/-

Conservator of Forests.

Forwarded by order

Manager.