Copy of Govt. letter No.44727/F2/80/AD dt. 13-11-80 from the Special Secretary to Government, Agriculture (Forest) Department, Secretariat, Trivandrum, to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Trivandrum.

Sub:- O.P.No.1866/80 – High Court – Filed by C.V.Abraham and P.L.Scaria

Ref:- 1. Your letter No.C4-19208/80 dated 18-8-1980.

2. G.O.(Rt.) No.3098/80/AD. Dt. 13.11.1980.

I am directed to invite your attention to the letter cited and to inform you that the procedure to be followed in sandier the statement of facts to the Advocate General, Ernakulam is as follows:

The Advocate General will forward to the Administrative Department, copies of all original petitions, tax references, tax revisions and other proceedings of an original character filed in the High Court regarding which he received notices and of all interlocutory applications wherein interim orders are sought to be passed.

The Administrative Department shall prepare a draft statement of facts in consultation with the concerned subordinate, answering paragraph by paragraph all the averments in the petition and forward the same to the Suit Section of the Law Department within four weeks from the date of receipt of the papers by the Administrative Department.

The Suit Section will scrutinize the draft statement of facts with reference to the records forwarded by the Administrative Department and make such modifications as may be necessary or call for additional particulars that may be required. After finalization of the statement of facts by the Suit Section, that shall be forwarded to the concerned Administrative Department which in turn shall send the same to the Advocate General.

The Advocate General or any other counsel acting on behalf of the Government if necessary require the services of an Officer of the Suit Section for finalizing the counter affidavit or statement of facts or for deciding upon the strategy of defence in important and complicated castes.

Such counter-affidavit or statement of defence so prepared, after it being approved by an Officer not below the rank of a Deputy Secretary in the Suit Section, shall be sent to the Administrative Department for being sworn to or signed as the case may be.

I am to request you to issue necessary instructions to the officers of the Forest Department accordingly.

Sd/CHINNAMMAPAILY
Under Secretary,
For Spl. Secretary to Government.

Endt. On C4.19208/80 dt. 26-11-80

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Sd/- for Chief Conservator of Forests

Endt. on G2-17132/80 dated 20-12-1980.

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For Conservator of Forests, Trichur.