Copy of Letter No. P3-36587/85 dated : 23-2-87 from the Chief Conservator of Forests, Trivandrum to the Secretary to Govt., Forest Envt.& Wild Life Dept: Secretariat, Trivandrum.

Sir,

Sub:-Revision of Forest Schedule of rate.Ref:-G.O.Ms. 113/86/FE & WLD dated. 19-12-86.

Kind reference is invited to the G.O.sited. In the last sentence of the G.O. it was stated that orders regarding loading of timber will be issued separately. It is to be presumed that Govt. had deferred the orders on the specific recommendations regarding loading and unloading charges. This does not mean that the general orders issued enhancing the labour rates cannot be made applicable to the quantum of labour with regard to loading and unloading as fixed in the G.O.Rt. 1467/81/Forest dated 31-10-81.

A few of the implementing officers have sought for permission to adopt the basic wages rate revised in the G.O. cited for the quantum of labour for loading and unloading fixed in the G.O.Rt. 1467/81/Forest dated 31-10-81.

In the interest of speedy execution of the timber operations, I have permitted the implementing officers to apply the revised wage rate sanctioned in G.O.Ms.113/86/FE&WLD dated. 19.12.86 to the quantum of labour for loading & unloading as fixed in the G.O.Rt. 1467/81/Forest dated 31.10.81 wherever possible.

I request that my action may be ratified.

Again certain implementing officers have raised a doubt as to whether or not wage rates for all categories of labour for difficult and very difficult areas can be enhanced by 12.5% respectively of the rated sanctioned for ordinary areas.

There is no ground for such a doubt as the government had accepted in April 1974 the recommendation of the Minimum Wages Committee for employment in forests in Kerala that the wage differentials among ordinary, difficult and very difficult regions for all categories of workers shall be in the ratio of 1:1, 125:1.25 respectively.

The implementing officers are being intimated accordingly. This is favour of information. Yours faithfully,

> Sd/-Chief Conservator of Forests(D).

c.c. All Conservators of Forests

Endt. On ML-61/87 dt. 16-3-87.

Copy to the Divisional Forest Officers, in continuation of this office letter dt. 9.1.87 for information

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c.c. Administrative Asst. /Sr. Superintendent.

c.c. Stock file

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