Government Letter No.G.D.R.9465/77/AD dt. Trivandrum 17-8-77 from the Agriculture (forest Special) Department to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Trivandrum etc. etc.

Sub:- Vested Forests – Clear felling of Vested Forests – Formation of a Committee – Orders issued.

Ref:- Correspondence resting with letter No. VF/27800/77-dated 4-7-1977 from the Chief Conservator of Forests (Development)

During the discussed held on 28-05-1977 in the presence of the Chief Minister on matters relating in Vested Forests, the Chief Conservator of Forests complained the difficulties experienced, in the clear felling of Vested Forests by auction sale. At present all cases in which the value fetched is below Departmental valuation, have to be reported to Government for sanction. This causes great delay. In order to avoid such delay it was suggested to form a committee, similar to Departmental Purchase Committee to consider such cases.

After considering the suggestion, Government are pleased to constitute a Committee consisting of the Additional Secretary, Agriculture Department (Forest & Minor Irrigation). Additional Secretary (Finance Expenditure) and the Chief Conservator of Forests (Development) is consider cases of auction sale of timber in Vested Forests where the value fetched is below departmental valuation. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Development) will be the Government of the Committee.

In cases where the Additional Secretary, Finance Department differs from the views of the other members of the committee, the matter will be referred to the Finance Department for further consideration. Final decision in each case will be taken at the appropriate levels in the two Department.

By Order of the Governor

Endt. No.VF-27866/77 dated 25-8-1977

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