

Copy of Government letter No.64389/FS2/79/AD dated 09-1-1980 from the Secretary to Government, Agriculture Forest Special Department, Addressed to the Chief Conservator of Forests, and copied to the Conservator of Forests, Vested Forests, Kozhikode.

Sub:- Vested Forests – Cardamom estates in T.C. area – Position in relation to the Kerala Private Forests (Vesting and Assignment) Act 1971.

Ref:- Government's letter No. 2656/FS2 1/73/AD dated 27-02-1974.

I am to inform you that the Forest Tribunal, Kozhikode in his judgement in OA No.203/76 held as follows.

“Cardamom plants will get destroyed within two or three years if they are not properly looked after. A cardamom estates in 1949 and 1950 can well become a forest by May 1971. For planting Cardamom the trees are retained and it is only undergrowth that is cleared. So if the estate is neglected and Cardamom planted are destroyed, the area will become a thick forest”.

In the light of the above observation, Government have reconsidered the clarification issued in the letter No. 2656/FS1/73/AD dated 27-02-1974 regarding the position of Cardamom estates in the T.C area in relation to the Kerala Private Forests (Vesting and Assignment) Act 1971, and have decided to withdraw the same. Action, may, therefore be taken to bring the lands referred to, within the provisions of the Kerala Private Forests (Vesting and Assignment) Act 1971. Persons seeking exemption from Vesting of their lands have to get their claims established through the Forest Tribunals.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
For Secretary to Government.

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