

**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA- ABSTRACT**

Forest – Teak plantation – Nilambur Division – Loranthus attack – cutting and removal – schedule rate revised orders issued.

**AGRICULTURE (FOREST) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.Rt.No.2238/79/AD

Dated, Trivandrum, 4.8.1979.

Read : Letter No. P3-41197/78 dt. 7.11.78 from the Chief Conservator of Forests.

**ORDER**

In the letter read above, the Chief Conservator of Forests has reported to Govt. that most of the Teak plantations in Nilambur Forest Divn. Above the age of 20-25 years are heavily infected with loranthus parasite and that the quantum of damage caused to the plantations by way of reduction in volume increment is considerable. He has also stated that though there is provision for Loranthus cutting was not being done due to inadequacy of the provision under the above S.R.

After conducting test works in Teak plantations the Chief Conservator of Forests has recommended sanction of 8 skilled mazdoors for removing Loranthus from every 100 affected teak trees and to modify S.R. item 132(a) as 8 skilled mazdoors per 100 trees. The Chief Conservator of Forests has recommended to amend schedule item 132(a) as noted below:

| Schedule Item | Description of Labour work                            | Unit.                    | Rs.       | Unit.     |
|---------------|---|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 132(a)        | Loranthus cutting in plantation with heavy incidence. |                          |           |           |
| 1.            | Ordinary  | 8 skilled Mazdoor trees. | 100 64.00 | 100trees. |
| 2.            | Difficult   | -do-                     | do. 72.00 | -do-      |
| 3.            | Very difficult  | -do-                     | do. 80.00 | -do-      |

N.B. In addition to the above, admissible variable D.A. is also to be paid.

Govt. approve the above rates proposed by the Chief Conservator of Forests and are pleased to order accordingly.

By order of the Governor,  
**K.V.VIDYADHARAN, SECRETARY.**

To

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Trivandrum.

Endt. On P3-41197/78 dt. 7.8.'79.

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For the purpose of Loranthus cutting (i) this year first preference should be given for plantations in which final thinning has been carried out (ii) secondly work should be carried out in plantations immediately after thinning to reduce the expenditure on this item of work to the minimum.(iii) the expenditure should be rigidly controlled and should be only the bare minimum necessary. The work should be charged to cultural operations, the requirement under the item of cultural operations should be reworked and limited to availability of funds. Adequate provision should be made in future years.

(sd.) for Chief Conservator of Forests

Endt. On ML-17731/78/15-10-'79.

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For Conservator of Forests,  
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