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Abstract

Modification in the classification of Sandalwood in the Kerala Forest Code Volume – III
Amendment – Orders issued.

FOREST & WILD LIFE (B) DEPARTMENT

G.O(MS) No.5/2018/F&WLD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 21.02.2018

Read:- 1) G.O(MS)No.47/13/F&WLD dated 26.04.2013.
2) G.O(MS)No.51/16/F&WLD dated 31.12.2016.
3) Letter No. 525519/17 dated 20.05.2017 from the Principal Chief Conservator
of Forests (Forest, Land & Resources), Thiruvananthapuram.

ORDER

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest, Land & Resources) as per the letter read as 3rd paper above has submitted a proposal for modification in the classification of Sandal wood. Sandal wood is one of the major sources of revenue of Forest Department. As per the present classification there are 15 classes into which the Sandal wood stem, roots chips and other parts are classified and are auctioned from the Sandal wood Depot Marayoor. The description of each class as per the Forest Code and subsequent Government Orders read as 1st and 2nd above are as follows.

Name and Class	Description
I. VILAYAT BUDH or 1 st class billets	Thoroughly sound billets weighing not less than 10 KG.
II. CHINA BUDH or 2 nd class billets	Slightly inferior billets weighing from 5 KG to 10 KG each (panjam)
III. PANJAM or 3 rd class billets	Billets having small knots, cracks and hollows weighing from 2 KG to 5 KG
IV. GHOTLA or short billets	Short sound pieces (without limit as to weight or number)
V. GHAT BADIA	Billets with knots, cracks and small hollows at either and weighing not less than 5 KG each
VI. BAGRADAD	Solid pieces of different dimension not falling in any of the above classes.
VII. Roots, 1 st Class	Pieces weighing not less than 7½KG
VIII. Roots, 2 nd Class	Pieces weighing not less than 2½KG

IX. Roots, third class	Smaller sized roots
X. JAIPOKAL	Hollow pieces
XI. CHERIA	Heart wood chips and shavings
XII. MIXED CHIPS	Consisting of heartwood and sapwood inseparably mixed up.
XIII. SAWDUST	Consisting of powdered stuff obtained by sawing and fine shaving etc.
XIV. Sandalwood Billets	With no heartwood or heartwood with less than 2cm diameter
XV. Sandal Sapwood Chips	Sandal sapwood chips.

2) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forests, Land & Resources) also reported that while comparing the auction statement of Sandalwood, it is seen that majority of Sandal stem is coming under the class VI Bagradad. The Senior Forest Officers meeting held on 06.05.2017 and the CCF Council meeting held on 12.05.2017 discussed the issue keeping in view that the similarity with Sandal classification in the neighbouring states is disturbed to the minimum possible and recommended to amend the Forest Code with the following modifications in the classification of Sandal wood.

1. The lower limit of First class billets may be reduced to 5 Kg.
2. In case of Second Class billets, the upper ceiling of 10KG may be removed.
3. Upper ceiling of Third class billets may be removed so that larger seized billets also get accommodated here, instead of the miscellaneous class VI.

3) Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to amend the classification of Sandalwood as follows.

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By Order of the Governor,

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DEPUTY SECRETARY

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The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
Thiruvananthapuram.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest, Land & Resources),
Thiruvananthapuram.

The Accountant General (Audit)/(A&E) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

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