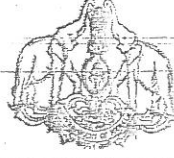


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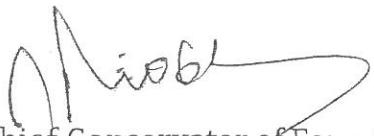
M/s KPMG had been appointed as Consultant by M/s KISDC based on the Govt. Direction vide G.O (Rt) -1237/15/ID dated 24.11.15 to undertake a study to reform the existing Rules and Acts related to clearance procedures for starting an enterprise under the 'Ease of Doing Business' initiatives in Kerala. M/s KPMG subsequently submitted the draft report on 27.09.16, in which certain suggestions and modifications on the existing procedures have been given. Ongoing through the suggestions, it is felt that it is imperative to bring about certain measures for achieving the said objectives. Hence the following instructions are issued which may be followed scrupulously by all officers concerned.

- 1) On receipt of an application for permission for cutting and transporting any specified tree from a notified area/ permission for cutting, removal and disposal of specified trees standing on non-forest area owned, controlled or vested in LSG institutions; the Authorised Officer shall communicate online, copy of inspection report along with decision of the Advisory Committee to all committee members within 48 hours of field inspection. For this, the Authorized Officer shall device the templates for inspection, get the remarks and signature of the Advisory Committee members, wherever applicable,

then and there and then communicate the inspection report online, preferably on that day itself.

- 2) Some officials of the department inspect the establishments repeatedly for issuing cutting and transit permissions, seeking clarifications. This can be avoided if the forest officers inspecting for issuing permissions have a clear idea of points and documents to be verified, well in advance. It is directed that forest officials inspecting establishments shall hence forth do away with the practice of repeated inspections.
- 3) To achieve the objective of easing out hurdles in doing business, certain Standard Operating Procedures, checklists, inspection procedures etc are also to be developed. As part of this the FMIS wing shall liaise with NIC and shall devise online application formats for all services, online payments, formats for deemed approval etc.
- 4) All Social Forestry Assistant Conservators of Forests should conduct a survey of all industrial areas under their jurisdiction and create a list of plots with trees and furnish detailed information on applicable replanting requirements for plots with varying tree populations. Respective Social Forestry Circle Conservators of Forests will oversee the above activities. The report should contain Name of plantation, Extent, Year of formation, Species, Planted by whom/agency, probable year of felling, suggestions for replanting etc. and should reach the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (SF) within a week on receipt of this circular. The FMIS wing shall publish in our website the comprehensive information furnished by the concerned Social Forestry Circle.

All officers are directed to acknowledge receipt of this circular.


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