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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Forest and Wildlife (B) Department

NOTIFICATION

G. O. (P) No. 50/2012/F&WLD. Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 16th April, 2012.

S. R. O. No. 278/2012.—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 30 read with sections 47A to 47F and section 76 of the Kerala Forest Act, 1961 (Act 4 of 1962), the Government of Kerala hereby make the following rules, namely:—

RULES

1. *Short title and commencement.*—(1) These rules may be called the Kerala Forest (Restriction on cutting and selling of sandal trees and grant of licence for possession and transport of sandalwood and sandalwood oil) Rules, 2012.

(2) They shall come in to force at once.

2. *Definitions.*—(1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—

- (a) 'Act' means the Kerala Forest Act, 1961 (Act 4 of 1962);
- (b) 'Committee' means a committee authorised by the Government under the proviso to sub-section (2) of section 47B of the Act.
- (c) 'fee' means the amount of fee specified in these rules;
- (d) 'form' means the form appended to these rules;
- (e) 'licence' means the licence issued by the Authorised Officer under the provisions of section 47C of the Act;
- (f) 'price' means the rate for sandalwood and sandalwood oil fixed by the Government from time to time as provided under section 47E of the Act;
- (g) 'Depot Officer' means the officer in charge of the sandalwood depot;
- (h) 'Schedule' means the schedule appended to these Rules;
- (i) 'section' means section of the Kerala Forest Act, 1961 (Act 4 of 1962).

(2) Words and expressions used but not defined in these rules, but defined in the Act shall have the same meanings respectively assigned to them in the Act.

3. *Procedure for cutting, uprooting, removing or selling of sandal trees under sub-section (1) of section 47B.*—(1) An application for permission to cut, uproot, remove or sell sandal trees shall be made to the Authorised Officer having jurisdiction over the area by the Owner of the land or his authorised agent in Form I appended to these rules.

(2) If an Authorised Officer, to whom application has been filed under sub-rule (1), requires any additional information, he shall call for the same directly from the Revenue officials or from the applicant or his authorised agent who shall furnish the same to the Authorised Officer within fifteen days from the date of requisition.

(3) The Authorised Officer shall inspect the area, verify the boundaries and satisfy himself about the correctness of the boundaries of the land and ownership thereof and communicate his decision in writing within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of application under sub-rule (1) and in case where further information under sub-rule (2) is sought for, from the date of receipt of the information:

Provided that if the additional information sought from the Revenue officials is not received within the prescribed time limit of fifteen days, the authorised officer shall proceed further based on the information furnished by the applicant or authorised agent and report non-compliance of the matter to the Revenue Authorities.

(4) In granting permission under sub-section (1) of section 47B of the Act, the Authorised Officer shall have due regard to the following, namely:—

- (i) No sandal tree below 50 cms girth at breast height shall be permitted to be cut;
- (ii) Silvicultural requirements in the case of plantations of sandal trees.

(5) In case of declining the permission sought for, the reasons thereof shall be communicated in writing.

(6) If the application is for permission for cutting or uprooting of sandal tree which is dead or wind fallen or constitutes a danger to life or property or such cutting is for the purposes mentioned in sub-section (2) of section 47B, the Authorised Officer shall immediately forward the application to the Committee authorised by the Government in this behalf.

(7) The Committee shall on receipt of the application from the Authorised Officer inspect the land and the sandal tree mentioned in the application and forward a report containing their observations and recommendations to the Authorised Officer within thirty days.

(8) On receipt of the report of the Committee, the Authorised Officer shall, within fifteen days, pass orders granting or rejecting permission and in the case of rejecting permission, the reasons thereof shall be communicated in writing.

4. *Functions of the Committee authorised by the Government.*—

(1) The Committee authorised by the Government under sub-section (2) of section 47B,—

(a) Shall on receipt of an application, inspect the area, and verify the genuineness of the contents of the application and convince themselves whether the sandal tree is dead, wind fallen or constitutes a danger to life or property or if such cutting is to enable the owner of the land in which the tree stands to use the area cleared for construction of a building for his own use and shall make a report with specific recommendations to the Authorised Officer within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of the application;

(b) May call for additional information or assistance, if any required, from the Revenue, Survey or Forest officials having jurisdiction over the area or from the owner of the land or his authorised agent:

Provided that if the additional information sought from the Revenue, Survey or Forest officials is not received within the prescribed time limit of fifteen days, the authorised officer shall proceed further based on the information furnished by the applicant or authorised agent and report the non-compliance of the matter to the Authorities concerned;

(c) Shall verify, If the tree has been intentionally mutilated or uprooted with a view to obtaining permission under these rules, and shall intimate such incidents to the Authorised Officer as part of their report.

(2) All the members of the Committee shall, as far as possible, take part in the inspection. Under unavoidable circumstances if any member is unable to participate in the inspection as scheduled, the Chairman and the other members may conduct inspection and forward their report to the Authorised Officer with a copy of the report to the member who could not participate in the inspection.

5. *Disposal of sandal tree on the request of the owner.*—(1) Where the owner of the sandal tree in respect of which permission under these rules is obtained, makes a request in writing to the Authorised Officer under sub-section (3) of section 47B to dispose of the sandal tree, the Authorised Officer shall take necessary steps to dispose of such sandal tree as per the procedure mentioned below, namely:—

(a) Authorised Officer shall cause to cut, uproot and remove such sandal tree under the supervision of the Forest Range Officer having jurisdiction over the area, as per procedure laid down in the Kerala Forest Code, within one month from the date of receipt of request in writing from the owner or his authorised agent.

(b) Extraction of sandal wood shall be carried out under the personal supervision of a Forest Officer not below the rank of a Forester as authorised by the Authorised Officer.

- (c) The dimensions and quantity of sandalwood pieces so obtained shall be duly certified jointly by the owner and the Forest Officer in charge of the extraction of sandalwood in Form II.
- (d) The sandalwood so collected shall be arranged by the Authorised Officer to be transported to any sandalwood depot approved by the Government and shall be arranged to be disposed of through public auction conducted by the officers authorised by the Forest Department.
- (e) The Depot Officer shall, within three days from the date of receipt of sandalwood in the depot, arrange to desap and clean the sandalwood and take it into stock in a separate stock register to be maintained for sandalwood from private properties, after duly classifying the same as provided in the Kerala Forest Code.
- (f) The Depot Officer shall, within seven days from the date of receipt of sandalwood in the depot, intimate the Authorised Officer the dimensions, quantity and quality, class of the sandalwood so received and average rates fetched in the previous auctions for such quality classes.
- (g) The expenditure in connection with cutting, transporting, desapping, cleaning and disposal of sandalwood shall initially be incurred by the Authorised Officer and the same shall be recovered from the sale proceeds of the sandalwood and the balance amount of the sale proceeds shall be paid to the owner or his authorised agent.
- (h) The Authorised Officer may, on receipt of the report mentioned in clause (f) above, release to the owner of the sandalwood, a sum which is equal to fifty per cent of the value of the sandalwood as assessed taking into account its quantity and average rate as reported by the Depot Officer and the expenditure already incurred by the Authorised Officer for extraction and transport of sandalwood.
- (i) The Depot Officer shall arrange to sell the sandalwood in public auction under intimation to the owner of the sandalwood within a period of three months from the date of receipt of the same in the depot.
- (j) The Depot Officer shall, as soon as the auction is over, intimate the rate fetched in auction to the Authorised Officer and the owner of the sandalwood.

(k) The Depot Officer shall, as soon as the full sale value of the sandalwood and taxes as well as other dues thereon are remitted into Government treasury by the purchaser, intimate the Authorised Officer the particulars of sale such as quantity, rate, sale value, taxes and other dues, if any, along with the particulars of remittance and expenditure incurred by him for desapping, cleaning, classification and auction sale.

(l) The Authorised Officer shall, on receipt of the information as per clause (k) above, release the balance amount to the owner of the sandalwood after adjusting the expenditure incurred by the Department as per clause (g) and the part of the sum released as per clause (h).

(m) The expenditure as per clause (g) and the payments as per clauses (h) and (l) may be incurred by the Authorised Officer from the regular budget allotment for extraction of timber.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (1), the sandalwood so collected may also be sold to any agency approved by the Government for this purpose at the rates fixed by the Government taking into account the market rates, from time to time.

6. *Grant of licence for possessing sandalwood or sandalwood oil.—*

(1) Application for licence for the possession of sandalwood shall be submitted in Form III along with a fee at the rate specified in the Schedule to the Authorised Officer, who shall, on receipt of such application, inspect or cause such inspection to verify the genuineness of the contents of the application and if satisfied grant a licence in Form IV appended to these rules, within thirty days from the date of receipt of the application. In case the application is declined, the same shall be intimated to the applicant in writing.

(2) Licence under sub-rule (1) for possession of sandalwood and sandalwood oil in excess of the permitted quantity as provided under sub-section (1) of section 47C may be issued to those mentioned under the first and second proviso to sub-section (1) of section 47C on payment of licence fee at the rate specified in the Schedule.

7. *Grant of licence for transporting sandalwood or sandalwood oil.*—

(1) Application for licence for the transport of sandalwood shall be submitted in Form III along with a fee at the rate specified in the Schedule to the Authorised Officer who shall, on receipt of such application inspect or cause such inspection to verify the genuineness of the contents of the application and if he is satisfied, issue a licence in Form IV appended to these rules, within thirty days from the date of receipt of the application. In case the application is rejected, the same shall be intimated to the applicant in writing.

(2) Licence under sub-rule (1) for transporting sandalwood and sandalwood oil in excess of permitted quantity as provided under sub-section (1) of section 47C may be issued to those mentioned under the first and second proviso to sub-section (1) of section 47C on payment of licence fee at the rates specified in the Schedule.

(3) In the case of licenses issued under this rule, the route of transport shall invariably be noted in the licence with a specific instruction to get the materials checked at the forest check posts or forest offices enroute.

(4) In granting the licence, the Authorised Officer shall have due regard to the following matters, namely:—

- (i) capacity of the applicant to fulfill the purpose for which licence is granted with reference to the factories, equipments, production and suitability of premises for such business.
- (ii) past record of the applicant as a dealer or manufacturer in the business which he desires to carry on; and
- (iii) whether the applicant was involved in or convicted of any offence under any of the forest laws for the time being in force.

(5) Licence shall be granted only if the bonafide possession of sandalwood or sandalwood oil is proved.

(6) Where the Authorised Officer refuses to grant licence, he shall record reasons for the same in writing and communicate the same to the applicant within thirty days of receipt of the application.

8. *General conditions of Licence.*—(1) The licence granted under these rules shall be valid for a period of three years unless it is renewed.

(2) The licence shall not be transferable.

(3) The licensee shall maintain up-to-date stock register of sandalwood, sandalwood oil and all its by-products at the premises in Form V or Form VI appended to these rules, as the case may be.

(4) The licence, stock register and any other connected records shall be made available for inspection to the Authorised Officer or any Forest Officer having jurisdiction over the area as and when called for.

(5) No licensee under these rules shall acquire, receive, sell or offer for sale, the sandalwood or sandalwood oil to any person in violation of the terms of the licence granted.

(6) The licensee should not be involved in any forest or wildlife offence.

(7) A quarterly report shall be submitted by the licensee to the Authorised Officer giving full particulars of the transactions of sandalwood or sandalwood oil.

(8) Prior permission be obtained for shifting of premises where sandalwood/sandalwood oil is stored.

(9) Licensee shall not use the sandalwood produce for purposes other than those specified in the licence.

(10) The premises should be distinguished by a notice board conspicuously displayed. Any change of place of storage should be notified.

(11) Where a licence is lost a duplicate thereof shall be issued to the licensee by the Authorised Officer after due verification. The fee chargeable for the grant of a duplicate licence shall be one hundred rupees.

(12) Transportation of sandalwood from and to the licensed premises shall be covered by the provisions of the Act.

9. *Renewal of licence.*—(1) A licensee may apply in Form VII for the renewal of licence within thirty days before the expiry of the licence with an application fee at the rate specified in the Schedule.

(2) The licensing authority may, if he is satisfied that there is sufficient reason to do so, entertain an application for renewal preferred up to a period of thirty days from the date of expiry of the existing licence and all applications received after the said period shall be treated only as applications for the issue of fresh licence.

(3) The Authorised Officer, on receipt of the application, shall arrange to verify the records maintained by the licensee and make sure that the licensee has not violated any of the conditions of the licence.

(4) In case, the renewal of licence is refused, the Authorised Officer shall provide an opportunity of being heard to the applicant or authorised agent and record the reasons for refusing such renewal.

(5) A true extract from the stock register shall be submitted to the Authorised Officer in every financial year by the 10th April of the following year or before renewal of the licence where it has been issued for part of the year.

10. *Suspension of licence.*—(1) If the Authorised Officer has reason to believe that the licensee has violated any of the terms and conditions of the licence or has committed an offence under any of the Forest laws for the time being in force, the Authorised Officer may suspend the licence without giving prior notice to the licensee.

(2) The order of such suspension shall be communicated in writing indicating reasons thereof and calling for explanation as to why further proceedings for cancellation of the licence should not be initiated against the licensee and such explanation shall be submitted by the licensee within fifteen days from the date of receipt of order of suspension of licence.

(3) If the explanation offered by the licensee is found satisfactory, the Authorised Officer may at his discretion, revoke the order of suspension of licence after getting the defects rectified.

(4) If the explanation offered by the licensee is not found satisfactory, the Authorised Officer shall take further action for the cancellation of licence.

11. *Cancellation of licence.*—(1) The Authorised Officer may for sufficient and valid reasons to be recorded in writing, cancel the licence granted under rule 6 and 7 provided, he is satisfied that the licensee has violated any of the terms and conditions of licence or has committed an offence under any of the Forest laws for the time being in force.

(2) No order of cancellation of licence shall be passed by the Authorised Officer without giving a reasonable opportunity of being heard in person to the licensee and the reasons for such cancellation shall be intimated in writing.

12. *Appeal.*—Any person aggrieved by the decision of the Authorised Officer under these rules may prefer an appeal before the Government within thirty days from the date of communication of such order and the Government may consider and dispose of the same within a period of sixty days from the date of receipt of the appeal after affording the appellant a reasonable opportunity of being heard and the decision of the Government thereon shall be final.

13. *Declaration of stock of sandalwood or sandalwood oil.*—Every person having possession of any quantity of sandalwood in excess of one kilogram or sandalwood oil in excess of one hundred millilitre as on 4th May, 2010 shall declare and surrender such quantities of sandalwood or sandalwood oil before the Authorised Officer forthwith and such declaration shall be made in Form VIII.

14. *Maintenance of record.*—(1) Every licensee shall maintain proper record of the receipt and disposal of sandalwood and sandalwood oil in the Register maintained for that purpose.

(2) The licensee shall produce the record for scrutiny and checking of sandalwood or sandalwood oil, whenever it is required by the Authorised Officer or any officer authorised by him.

15. *Power to search the premises.*—The authorised Officer or any officer authorised by him, may, at any time, enter the premises where sandalwood or sandalwood oil are stored by a licensee with a view to ascertain the genuineness of the sandalwood or sandalwood oil stored.

16. *Authorised Officer to take possession of excess sandalwood or sandalwood oil.*—(1) The Authorised Officer shall on receipt of such sandalwood or sandalwood oil surrendered under section 47D in the manner provided in rule 13, ascertain the genuineness of ownership, quantity and quality of sandalwood so surrendered through any Government controlled scientific institutions/laboratories and take action to issue licence for the permitted quantity of sandalwood or sandalwood oil.

(2) The Authorised Officer shall take over the excess quantity of sandalwood or sandalwood oil on payment of the value thereof, as may be fixed by Government from time to time, by cheque after deducting the working charges, transport charges and other incidental expenses, if any, incurred for the same within fifteen days from the date of surrender.

(3) The sandalwood or sandalwood oil surrendered to the Authorised Officer and for which payment has been made shall be the property of the Government and shall be disposed of as per rules.

17. *Procurement of sandalwood or sandalwood oil by licensees.*—

(1) A licensee under these rules may purchase or procure sandalwood or sandalwood oil by the following means, namely:—

- (i) Auction sale in the Marayoor Sandal Depot or any depot owned by the State Government.
- (ii) Auction sale by any other State Government or any agency authorised by it.
- (iii) Authorised outlets of Kerala Forest Development Corporation.
- (iv) Any other agency notified by the Government.

By order of the Governor,

SAJEN PETER,
Principal Secretary to Government.

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The Kerala Forest Act, 1961 (4 of 1962) has been amended by Act 8 of 2010 to incorporate special provision for the protection of sandal trees and also penal provisions for offences related to smuggling, storage and transport of sandalwood. Section 30 of the Kerala Forest Act, 1961 (4 of 1962) empowers the Government to make rules for carrying out the purposes of the Act.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.

FORM I

[See Rule 3 (1)]

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO CUT, UPROOT, REMOVE OR SE
SANDAL TREES UNDER SECTION 47B

1. Name and address :
2. Sketch of the land with Sy. No.,
extent and location of tree :
3. Village/Taluk/Block :
4. Proof of ownership :
5. List of trees to be cut with
girth at breast height and
approximate height in meters :
6. Purpose/reason for cutting the tree/s :

Place:

Date:

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that the information furnished above is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I undertake to comply with the conditions, subject to which permission be granted by the Authorised Officer.

*Signature of the applicant***For office use**

- (a) Date of receipt of application :
- (b) Date of receipt of report of the
Committee :
- (c) Date of receipt of additional
information :
Order of the Authorised Officer :

No.

Date:

Place:

Date:

Authorised Officer

FORM II

[See Rule 5 (1) (c)]

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR RECEIPT OF SANDALWOOD FOR DISPOSAL

1. Name and address :
2. Sy. No. and extent of land where
the tree stands :
3. Village/Taluk/Block :
4. No. and date of Form I permit :
5. Details of sandalwood collected
before cleaning and desapping :

Sl. No.	Length	Girth	Weight (Approx.)	Remarks

Signature of the Owner

*Signature of the Officer receiving Sandalwood
Name and Designation.*

Place:

Date:

FORM III

[See Rule 6 (1)]

APPLICATION FOR LICENCE

To

The Authorised Officer

1. Name (in block letters) :
2. Permanent address :
3. Brief description of produce :
4. Quantity :
5. Details regarding procurement of Sandalwood/Sandalwood Oil :
6. Purpose for which the Sandalwood/Sandalwood Oil is to be retained :
7. In case of transportation :
 - (a) Destination
 - (b) Name and address of receipt
 - (c) Purpose
8. Amount credited towards licence fee and :
chalan, cheque/DD date and name of the
Treasury/Bank
9. Whether convicted under any offences :
under the forest laws, if so give details

DECLARATION

I.....(name) do hereby declare that the particulars given above are correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Place:

Signature of the Applicant.

Date:

FORM IV

[See Rule 6 (1) and 7 (1)]

LICENCE FOR POSSESSION/TRANSPORT OF SANDALWOOD/
SANDALWOOD OIL

The Authorised Officer.....(Designation), under the provisions of the Kerala Forest Act, 1961 (4 of 1962) hereby grant licence to you.....to possess/transport sandalwood/sandalwood oil specified in the schedule below, during the period from to subject to the conditions and stipulations observed by you the said licensee.

CONDITIONS

- (a) The Licence is not transferable.
- (b) Licensee, except Government or Public Sector Undertakings owned by Government, shall not disintegrate or attempt to disintegrate sandalwood, in mills or by other contrivance, manufacture or extract or attempt to manufacture or extract oil from the sandalwood for which this licence is granted.
- (c) *Bonafied* consumers shall maintain a register and enter details of stock and daily usage. Licensee shall submit a monthly return to the Authorised Officer before the 10th of every succeeding month.
- (d) The Authorised Officer shall suspend or cancel this license if he/she is satisfied that the licensee has contravened or failed to comply with the above conditions. However, the licensee shall be heard before such cancellation or suspension of licence.
- (e) Route* (Specify the Forest Watch/Checking Station)*
- (f)(other conditions if any)

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SCHEDULE

Sl. No.	Brief Description of produce	Measurement/ Quantity/No. of pieces	Place where stored	Purpose for which it is to be used	If to be transported		
					Destination	Name and address of recipient	Purpose

Details of fee remitted:

Date:

Authorised Officer:

(Seal)

*Note:—The sandalwood materials should be got checked at the checking stations enroute invariably.

FORM V

[See Rule 8 (3)]

FORM OF STOCK REGISTER

Sl. No.	Place where stored	Date of Acquisition	How obtained	Description of Sandalwood in Kg.	Rate	Amount	Date of disposal	Purpose	Quantity	Balance	Signature of the owner

FORM VI

[See Rule 8 (3)]

FORM OF STOCK REGISTER

Sl. No.	Place where stored	Date of Acquisition	How obtained	Description of Sandalwood Oil in ml.	Rate	Amount	Date of disposal	Purpose	Quantity	Balance	Signature of the owner

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FORM VII
[See Rule 9]APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LICENCE FOR POSSESSION/TRANSPORT OF SANDALWOOD/
SANDALWOOD OIL OR SANDALWOOD PRODUCE

To

The Authorised Officer,
.....

Sir,

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I,(name and address) hereby apply for renewal of licence for the possession/
transport of the following sandalwood/sandalwood oil or sandalwood produce.

Sl. No.	Brief Description of produce	Qty.	How obtained	If to be possessed			If to be transported		
				Place where stored	Name and address of the possessor	Purpose	Destination	Name and address of recipient	Purpose

I hereby certify that the information given above is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I enclose receipt No.dated.....for having remitted licence fee of ₹.....

Details of fee remitted:

Signature

Date:

Name and Address of the Applicant

The Licence is renewed up to

(Seal)

Divisional Forest Officer

FORM VIII

FORM OF DECLARATION OF STOCK OF SANDALWOOD OR SANDALWOOD OIL UNDER SECTION 47D

To

The Divisional Forest Officer,
(Authorised Officer)

1.	Full name and address of the possessor making declaration				
2.	Actual stock held on the date of declaration				
3.	Details	Qty.	Place where stock is kept	Whether desapped and cleaned	How obtained
(i)	Sandalwood (with list showing dimensions)kgs.			
(ii)	Sandalwood oil with per cent of Sandal oilml.			
(iii)	Others (specify)				

DECLARATION

I.....(name) do hereby declare that the information given above is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date :

Place :

Signature of the person making declaration.

SCHEDULE

[See Rule 6, 7 and 9]

RATES OF FEE FOR LICENCE AND RENEWAL OF LICENCES FOR VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF LICENSEES

Sl. No.	Category of Licensee	Fee for possession and transport of Sandalwood (₹)	Fee for possession and transport of Sandalwood Oil (₹)
1	Religious institutions	500	5,000
2	Artisans	1,000	10,000
3	Registered practitioners of indigenous medicines	1,000	10,000
4	Corporations/Societies owned or controlled by Government	1,000	10,000
5	Licensed manufacturers	5,000	25,000



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Forest and Wildlife (B) Department

NOTIFICATION

G O. (P) No. 28/2013/F&WLD. Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 14th March, 2013.

S. R. O. No. 202/2013.—In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of section 47A of the Kerala Forest Act, 1961 (4 of 1962), the Government of Kerala hereby authorize all the Divisional Forest Officers of Territorial Forest Divisions as “authorized officer” within their respective jurisdiction for the implementation of the provisions in chapter VI A of the Act relating to sandalwood.

By order of the Governor,

PRADEEP KUMAR,

Principal Secretary to Government.

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

As per clause (b) of section 47A of the Kerala Forest Act, 1961 (4 of 1962), Government have to authorize the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests or any other officer not below the rank of Divisional Forest Officer as "authorized officer" for the implementation of the provisions relating sandalwood contained in sections 47 A to 47 H in chapter VI A of the Act.

This notification is intended to achieve the above object.

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G O. (P) No. 29/2013/F&WLD. Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 14th March, 2013.

S.R.O. No. 203/2013.—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub section (2) of section 47B of the Kerala Forest Act, 1961 (4 of 1962), the Government of Kerala hereby authorize a three member committee in each District with the following members for the purpose of verification of the genuineness of the application for cutting sandal trees under private possession or ownership, namely:—

1. The Assistant Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry)—Chairman;
2. An Officer nominated by the District Collector—Member;
3. An Officer nominated by the Principal Agricultural Officer—Member.

By order of the Governor,
PRADEEP KUMAR,
Principal Secretary to Government.

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

Sub section (2) of section 47B of the Kerala Forest Act, 1961 (4 of 1962), empowers the Government to constitute a committee in each district consisting of three members as may be authorised by the Government for the purpose of verification of the genuineness of the application for cutting sandal trees under private possession or ownership.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.