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Ministry Circular No. 05/2010

All District Secretaries

All Divisional Secretaries

Removal of dangerous timber

I hereby rescind the circular no. 01/96 dated 10.01,1996 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Forest Resources concerning the above and this circular is issued with immediate effect.

The removal of trees in state lands which are dangerous to the life and property has to be carried out by the State Timber Corporation. The removal of that tree/trees must be carried out by the State Timber Corporation within 30 days after the written notice given to the relevant Regional Manager by registered post regarding the removal of dangerous trees. When the Corporation is unable to do so, that means after the period of 30 days it must be informed to the chairman of the State Timber Corporation and powers is vested in you to auction the tree/trees identified as trees to be removed. The following procedure must be followed for that.

01. The lowest bid must be the insitu value
02. The auction must be carried out only by the Divisional Secretary/Assistant Divisional Secretary
03. Sufficient publicity has to be given before the auction and the Divisional Secretary must be satisfied about those public notices.
04. Before the removal of timber, details such as the name of the person or the institute involve in removing timber, the type of trees that remove and the quantity should be informed to the relevant Range Forest Office of the Forest Department and to the Regional office of the State Timber Corporation.
05. Timber transport permits have to be obtained according to the present methodology for the removal of timber.

06. This circular is issued only for the removal of dangerous timber in the state lands.
07. Please contact the Director (natural Resources) of the ministry of Environment for more information/clarifications. T.P. 011-2877287

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Secretary

Ministry of Environment

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01. Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs - for information and necessary actions
02. Conservator General of Forests Forest Department - for information
03. Chairman State Timber Corporation - For information and to take suitable actions