

Ministry of Public Administration,  
Independence Square,  
Colombo.7.

November 17, 1983.

To:  
All Government Agents,

CUTTING OF JAK AND BREADFRUIT TREES

I am directed to draw your particular attention to the instructions issued by the Secretary to the Ministry of Agricultural Development and Research in his circular No.1/12/253 of 15.11.82.

2. Under that it is provided that a permit may be issued to cut down jak trees in the following instances:

- (i) Where it is dangerous to life and property.
- (ii) Where a bona-fide request is made for the cutting down of Jak trees, -

- (a) which are old and are not in bearing;
- (b) which are dead;
- (c) which require to be cut down to make way for the construction of a private or a Government building;
- (d) which cause such shade as is detrimental to other revenue yielding crops.

3. The above requirements should be strictly complied with in respect of both jak trees and breadfruit trees. A permit should not be issued unless the A.G.A or an officer of a higher level has, after personal inspection, satisfied himself on the justification for the issue of a permit.

Sgd: D.B.I.P.S. Siriwardhana  
Secretary,

Ministry of Public Administration.