

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
FOREST DEPARTMENT

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Sub:-FOREST PROTECTION - Compounding of Cases -  
Collection of 'C' fees - Certain irregularities  
committed by the competent subordinate officers - Rectification - Instructions -  
issued.

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It is understood that it is customary in a particular Circle for the staff in that Circle to announce in the beginning higher 'C' fees than the permitted 80' fees as per schedule of rates for offences so that it can be safely reduced to the permissible limit when approached by elders or respectable people in villages. The subordinates will settle the 'C' fees after much bargaining by Sarpanch or elderly men and the compensation is settled at permissible rate.

The attention of all the officers is invited to section 59(ii) of Forest Act of 1967 wherein the quantum of penalty is specified, and they are requested to issue instructions to all the subordinates who are empowered to collect 'C' fees in lieu of prosecution that they should not resort to announce more than the amount as per the Forest Act and the Schedule of rates for forest offences to the offenders. They should also obtain a certificate from the subordinates that they have announced the same to the offender and attached to the report. They must follow the rules scrupulously and the practice if any should be dispensed with. If any complaint is proved that they have announced higher rate of compensation with a view to reduce it later, and take shelter under the practice, they will be held responsible for the irregularity and they will be dealt with.

The receipt of Circular should be acknowledged. Similarly they should also obtain receipt from all the subordinate staff working under them.

Sd/- P. S. RAO  
CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS.

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