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Sub:- Establishment - Forest Department - Irregular
appointments of Forest Watchers, Tanadars in
the first instance - Avoidance of - Instruc-
tions - Issued.

It has been brought to the notice of the Chief Conservator of Forests that after issue of adhoc rules i.e., A.P. Forest Subordinate Establishment Rules approved in G.O.Ms. No.1518 F&A (For.IV) dated 19-8-1969, some Divisional Forest Officers, being the appointing authorities have appointed the candidates to the posts of Forest Watchers, Tanadars etc., After these persons have put in more than one year of service in these posts, the Divisional Forest Officers noticed at the time of opening the Service Registers that these Forest Watchers etc., did not possess the required physical standards i.e., height chest etc., as prescribed in the Adhoc Rules and terminated them from service and hence they came forward with the proposals, through their Conservator of Forests concerned in the plea that they did not notice the deficiencies, as required under the rules at the time of initial appointments to the post and that the Conservator of Forests without going into the details, have simply forwarded the proposals requesting the Chief Conservator of Forests to relax relevant rules in favour of the candidates. After examining the proposals with reference to rules and record carefully, it is held that the appointment of the Forest Watchers Tanadars etc., in certain Divisions made by the Divisional Forest Officers in the first instance was irregularly, as they lack physical requirement prescribed for the post under Andhra Pradesh Forest Subordinate Establishment Rules and their continuance for more than one year or so, was also held irregular resulting in hardship to the candidates due to termination or ousting them from service. So the question of relaxation of relevant rules does not arise.

So, for these irregular appointments, deterrent action is called for against the Divisional Forest Officers concerned.

It is therefore considered desirable to issue the instructions to all the appointing authorities so as to avoid these type of lapses in future.

The Divisional Forest Officers are requested to keep the relevant recruitment rules in view, while making appointments to the posts falling within his competency, without giving scope for recurrence of the lapses pointed out above. The C.Fs are also requested to look into such cases during their tours as well as in inspections of D.F.Os in the Divns and take action promptly against the persons responsible, without merely forwarding the cases recommending relaxation. The receipt of the circular may please be acknowledged in the enclosed form immediately.

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