Forest Department

Ref. No. 77715/78/F.3 Dated: 31-8-1978 Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad

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Circular No.31/78

Sub: - Forest Offences - Scizure of Vehicles while transporting Forest Produce illicitly taking photos of the vehicles at the time of Panchanama circular instructions-issued.

Ref: - C.C.F.Lr.No.84688/68/R.2 dt:21-1-1969

It is observed that in a number of cases, where vehicles are involved in Forest Offence cases and area seized by Forest officials, photos of the vehicles at the time of seizing the wahi vehicles or conducting the panchanama are not taken inspite of the instructions given by the Chief Conservator of Forests office through reference cited above. (copy enclosed). In a few cases, the photos have been submitted to the Chief Conservator of Forests by some of the officers.

All the D.F.Os are advised to instruct the concerned Range Officers or any subordinate officer who seizes the vehicle, to take the photos of the vehicle in two or three angles at the time of conducting the Panchanama, with the witnesses and one set of copies should be submitted to this office along with the preliminary report of the Divisional Forest Officers concerned. The D.F.Os should strictly follow these circular instructions and maintain a photo album in their Division also with photos of the vehicles as involved in their jurisdiction.

The receipt of the circular may please be acknowledged by return of post.

Sd -P.S.Rao, Chief Gerservator of Forests.

Copy of CCF's Ref. No. 84688/68/R2 dt: 21-1-1969

Sub: - Forest Offences - Photos of the larries involved in Forest offences - Instructions - Regarding.

In Forest Offence cases involving lornies, the D.F.Os have to submit photos of the lorries showing the forest produce as found in the lorries etc. It is evident from some of the photographs shmitted by the D.F.Os that Forest Staff is also showin with the lorries. This is not necessary. The D.F.Os are requested to see that mainly the forests produce involved is brought out in the photographs along with the lorry.

The above instructions may be berue in mind and action taken accordingly.

Sd/-A.T.R.Rao, for Chief Sonservator of Forests.