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Sri P.S. Rao, I.F.S.,
Chief Conservator of Forests.

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Sub:- Mines & Minerals - Grant of Mineral con-
cession in the R.F. submission of reports
Adopting correct procedure - Reg.

Ref:- G.O.Ms.No.919, Forests & Agriculture dated
31.3.1965 communicated in CC's Ref.No.81367/
62-K2, dated 31.3.1965.

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Attention of all the Divisional Forest Offi-
cers is invited to the G.O. cited (copy enclosed for ready
reference) according to which the applications for the
Prospecting Licences/Mining Leases will be forwarded to them
by the District Collectors (now by the Director of Mines
and Geology as per G.O.Ms.No.1052 Industries & Commerce
(Mines.I) Department, dated 16.12.1976) to the concerned
Divisional Forest Officers. The Divisional Forest Officer
in turn will submit the applications to the Chief Conser-
vator of Forests after due verification and with their
recommendation marking a copy to the Collector (Now Dire-
ctor of Mines and Geology). It is stipulated that the
recommendation of the Forest Department should reach the
Government within two months of receipt of the original
applications.

2) It is generally observed that the Divisional
Forest Officers are not adhering to the procedure and the
time limit fixed by the Government as noted above. They
are taking their own time for processing the cases. As a
result, number of applications are becoming time-barred,
as final report could not be submitted to Government within
the prescribed time. Further it is also observed that the
applications and other records are being entrusted by the
Divisional Forest Officers in incomplete shape due to which
they had to be addressed again and again and thus time is
wasted in avoidable correspondence.

3) The Divisional Forest Officers are therefore
requested to see that the Procedure and time schedule pre-
scribed in the G.O. cited are adhered to strictly. Soon
after the receipt of the prospecting Licence/Mining Lease
applications from the Director of Mines and Geology, the
Divisional Forest Officer after due verification, should
submit all such applications and other records after
enquiry within one month to Conservator of Forests, marking
advance copy to Chief Conservator of Forests also who in
turn should forward the same to the Chief Conservator of
Forests within 15 days of receipt from the Divisional
Forest Officer, with his specific recommendations.

4) The following should be furnished to Chief
Conservator of Forests along with prospecting licences/
Mining lease applications.

I (a) Location Map: Five copies of Survey of India
Sheet with scale of $\frac{1"}{1 \text{ Mile}}$ on which the area
1 : 50,000

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applied for is marked, should be sent, on which the R.F. line, with compartment numbers etc. should also be superimposed. If Survey of India sheet is not available and a certificate to that effect from the appropriate authority is produced by the applicant, then a map of the block correctly locating the areas along with compartment Nos. and the R.F. should be submitted (5 copies).

(b) Particulars of detailed plan, indicating permanent natural features, the boundary, the nearest railway station or post office and distance and direction of the area from any place of importance and topographical map of $1" = 1 \text{ Mile}$ scale, with the area applied should be clearly marked on it..

II. Surveyed Sketch:- Five copies of surveyed sketch duly checked in the field and counter-signed by the Divisional Forest Officer and containing the signature of the applicant, in token of his acceptance of the area actually surveyed should be submitted in addition to the prescribed certificate of acceptance of the area by the applicant. A copy of the field book should be enclosed to the survey sketch, in which the details of the tie-line taken from a well known point, must be incorporated.

III. Value of the tree growth:- The Divisional Forest Officer should inspect personally the area supplied for and estimate the quantity and value of the tree growth per hectare as per instructions issued in Chief Conservator's No.80127/75-F.2. dated 25.1.1978 (copy enclosed).

In this connection the attention of the Divisional Forest Officer is invited to sub-paras I to VII of the condition 4 of the mining lease (extract enclosed) and see that the conditions laid down are adhered to.

IV. It should be clearly stated whether the area is covered by any prescriptions of the working plan or whether there is any proposal or any scheme for taking up any forest works in the area either under DPAP, Plan, S.C. Schemes etc. It must also be stated whether the area applied for falls in any area declared under sanctuary or is an area proposed to be declared as sanctuary.

The receipt of the reference should be acknowledged by return of post.

Sd. A.K. Mathur,
Chief Conservator of Forests.