

on Plinth area basis from Rs.0.68 (Sixty eight paise only) to Rs.0.80 ps. (eighty paise only).

3. Necessary amendment to the Andhra Pradesh Public Works Department Code will be issued separately.

4. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance and Planning (Exp.PWD) Department vide their U.O.No.3246/1496/Expr. PWD/77 dt:16-11-1977.

(By Order and in the name of the Governor of Andhra Pradesh)

G.N.Nair,  
Secretary to Government.

Forest Department

Ref.No.4640/71/F3  
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Sri T.S.Rao, I.F.S.,  
Chief Conservator of Forests.

Circular No.42/78

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Sub: Forest Offences - Checking up cases by R.Os,  
Sub-D.F.Os and D.F.Os - Percentage - Fixed.

There are no uniform standing instructions prescribing percentage of enquiry of offence cases by the Range Officers. A suggestion has been made, that Range Officers be instructed to enquire into atleast 20% cases and the Divisional Forest Officers 10% of cases.

2. As per rule (4) of the A.P. Forest Offences (Compound and Prosecution) Rules, 1969 an enquiry into a forest offence shall be held by an officer not below the rank of Range Officer except those where the accused expressed willingness to have the offence compounded. Thus, if the accused does not give a compounding statement, the case will necessarily have to be enquired into by an officer not below the rank of a Ranger. An enquiry into offences of grave nature may be necessary, in case it is proposed to prosecute the accused.

3. Therefore all cases in which the accused refuses to give compounding statements, that is to say, all cases requiring prosecution and cases under section 52 or 55 are required to be enquired into under rules, either by the Range Officer, Sub-Divisional Forest Officer or Divisional Forest Officer according to the situation and convenience.

4. In respect of the cases in which the accused agrees to compounding, an enquiry of elaborate nature is not required except in respect of cases where action is contemplated under section 44(2-A) for confiscation of forest produce together with vehicles etc. In this connection, the question that arises for consideration is whether a case reported is genuine or not, for action u/s 59. Some sort of check for verification by superiors of the correctness of the facts reported is necessary. It is therefore considered desirable that a certain percentage be prescribed for such a verification by the Range Officers, Sub-D.F.Os and D.F.Os. Accordingly, it is hereby prescribed that every Range Officer should verify into

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into 20% of the cases where T.O.Rs are issued, before recommending them for compounding to the D.F.O competent where the Range Officer himself is competent to compound (i.e., cases where the value of the produce is below Rs.100/-) it is necessary to check up the cases as far as possible before issue of orders. It is also hereby prescribed that the Sub-D.F.O and the D.F.O. should verify atleast 10% of the cases by each of them, who are reported and recommended for compounding by the Range Officers.

A suitable question accordingly may be included both in the Range Office Inspections and the Divisional Office inspection and this information noted for check.

The receipt of this circular may be acknowledged.

Sd/-P.S.Rao,  
Chief Conservator of Forests.

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### DEPARTMENTAL TEST FOREST LAW ( Short Notes)

**AGENT:**

The Govt. may for the purpose of purchase of and trade is any MFP on their behalf, appoint an agent for each unit.

Rule 2 (1) of A.P. MFP (Regulation of Trade) Act 1971.

**PURCHASER:**

Purchaser under the Rules framed under AP, MFP (Regulation of Trade in Abnus leaves) Rules 1970, means any person to whom Abnus leaves have been sold or otherwise disposed of by the Govt.

Rule 2(10) of AP, MFP (Regulation of Trade in Abnus leaves) Rules 1970.

**EXPOSTER:**

Exposter means any person who exports abnus leaves for sale or for manufacture of beedies at any place outside the state by himself or through others on his behalf.

Rule 2(6) of AP MFP (Regulation of Trade) Rules 1970.

**STANDARD BAG:**

Standard bag means a quantity of one thousand standard bundles (or 1,00,000 abnus leaves) whether bagged or not.

Rule 2(13) of AP MFP Rule 1970. (Regulation of Trade Abnus leaves rules 1970)

**TRADE BAG:**

Trade Bag means a bag bag used by the purchaser for packing and transporting abnus leaves displaying conspicuously the number of standard bundles contained therein.

Rule 2(14) of AP MFP (Regulation of Trade) Rules 1970. in Abnus leaves

**DEPOT:**

Depot means a place where abnus leaves are purchased by or delivered to the Govt. or agent or authorised officer or where the raw abnus leaves are cured.

Rule 2 (4 A) of AP-MFP (Regulation of Trade) Abnus leave rules 1970.