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Office of the Chief Conservator of
Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

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

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CIRCULAR NO. 8/80/N3 (Accounts) Dt. 6-5-80

Sub:- Forest Department-Forest Division Security Deposits
pending for long periods in the Divisions.

Ref:- 1. AG's No. CTM.II/III/22-50/79-80/1921, dt. 15-3-80.
2. Govt. D.O. Ir. No. 17681/For.I/80-1, dt. 2-4-80.

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The Accountant General, A.P.II, Hyderabad has pointed out that during audit inspection of the Forest Divisions it was noticed that Security Deposits are outstanding for a number of years in the Divisional Accounts without any sufficient reason for the same.

2. The Divisional Forest Officers are aware that Security Deposits are pending settlement due to the following reasons.

CATEGORY(1):- Security Deposits are pending due to non expiry of the lease period.

CATEGORY(2):- Lease period as referred to above had expired, but Security Deposits are pending for non receipt of C.Rs from the Range Officers etc.

CATEGORY(3):- Lease period expired, C.Rs also are received but Security Deposits are pending for want of action at the Divisional Office.

CATEGORY(4):- Security Deposits are pending adjustment towards the damages etc.

3. As per Art. 271(i) of the A.P. Financial Code Vol. I read with Art. 290 of the same code Security Deposits unclaimed for more than 3 complete financial years should be credited to Government at the close of March in each year.

4. The pendency of Security Deposits is not merely for the fact they have not been claimed by the claimants but due to other reasons indicated in the preceding paras. Hence the officers are requested to examine all the cases coming under category 2 to 4 pursue action and see the expeditious action is taken to settle the Security Deposits coming under these three category.

5. As regards Security Deposits which were not claimed by claimants and which are not pending due to the above reasons the Divisional Forest Officers should take action to forfeit them and credit them to Government as per the provisions of the Financial Code, referred to above.

6. The Divisional Forest Officers are also requested to appraise the reasons for pendency of these Security Deposits at the time of Local audit by the Accountant General's Audit Parties so that the Audit Party may have a correct picture of the reasons for the pendency of Security Deposits and to minimise objections of the Accountant General.

7. Receipt of this Circular may please be acknowledged in the proforma enclosed.

Sd/- S. Raghavan,
Addl. Chief Conservator of Forests

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