

FOREST DEPARTMENT.

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

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Chief Conservator of Forests.

CIRCULAR NO. 21/81

Sub:- Forest Dept. -Defects and omissions noticed in the proforma prescribed by Government of India in connection for diversion of Forests lands for non-forestry uses-Reports submitted by the DFOs and CFS to the CCF-Instructions-Issued.

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The Government of India while informing in the letter No.Pt-F8-4-FRY(FD) Coord., dt. 26th December 1980 with regards to replacement of Forests (Conservation) Ordinance 1980 into Bill which is now called Forest (Conservation) Bill 1980, have prescribed a proforma stating that "if there is any matter which requires the approval of Central Government in accordance with Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Bill, 1980, it is essential that a self contained proposals must be received along with all necessary information as prescribed in the Proforma in triplicate along with the clear location sketch. Unless such a complete proposals with all necessary information is received, it would not be possible to consider the case quickly at this end". The above said letter has been communicated in CCF's Ref.No. 78932/80/F2 dt. 16.1.1981.

While submitting the proforma particulars, it is observed that columns 4 to 7 of the proforma particularly relating to proposed steps to be taken to compensate for the loss of forest area, the vegetation and Wild Life and out turn of timber, fuel wood and other forest produce from the Forest land involved etc., are left blank in most of the proposals noting merely "Yes" or "No". Since these are very important particulars to safeguard the interest of the Department and to enquire the genuineness of the case, it is impressed on the Divl. Forest Officers and Conservators of Forests that when ever they submit the particulars in the proforma, they should see that all columns of the proforma are duly filled in carefully and no column is left blank or vague entries made therein. They should also affix their own signature. Based on the report submitted by the Divl. Forest Officers, the Conservator of Forests will scrutinise the proforma and in turn submit afresh with his own signature. The Chief Conservator of Forests has to submit the same under his own signature to Government based on CCF's Proforma. The State Government in turn thus will be in a position to recommend the case to Government of India.

It is observed that, the Conservators of Forests are merely forwarding the Proforma as-it-is received from the Divl. Forest Officer without scrutiny or just attesting along with a covering letter; certain times true copies signed by the "Manager" or "Superintendent" are also sent. Such practice should be stopped in future. The Conservator of Forests should satisfy themselves about correctness of the particulars furnished by the Divl. Forest Officers and they should submit the proforma duly filled with their own signature in triplicate along with the clear location sketches without fail.

To avoid delay and un-necessary correspondence, all officers are requested to scrupulously follow the above instructions while submitting the proforma to the Chief Conservator of Forests as this information has to be submitted to Government of India through State Government under the Signature of Secretary to Government, Forests and Rural Development Department.

The receipt of the circular instructions should be acknowledged by return of Post.

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