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Government of Andhra Pradesh  
Forest Department

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

Sri A.K.Mathur, I.F.S.,  
Chief Conservator of Forests:

Circular No. 15/83.

Sub:- Wild Life - Snake skins - Illegal transportation  
of snake skins from Andhra Pradesh to other  
States - Circular instructions ~~xxxxxx~~ issued  
Regarding.

Ref:- 1)CCF's Circular No.10/83,dt:30.5.83 communi-  
cated in this office No.36179/82-WL2.,  
dt:30.5.83.  
2)Addl.CCF'(WL)'s Coimbatore Lr.No.2393/83-P,  
dt:4.5.83.

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In continuation of this office Circular instructions, 1st cited, it is informed that the snake skins are being illegally transported from Andhra Pradesh to other States. This has been brought to the notice of all the officers more than once. The Addl.Chief Conservator (WL)Coimbatore through his letter 2nd cited has informed this office that (6)cases were booked at Madras Central Station from October,82 to April 83 and totally (3505) No.s of Snake Skins were seized by the Wild life staff of Tamilnadu State. It was also reported that the above skins were transported from Vijayanagaram, Nellore and Eluru Railway Stations and that these raw skins were booked either in parcel Vans/Break vans or in goods trains in small bundles in gunny sacks usually declaring them as some other commodity. Further, it is also informed that the snake skins are also being booked from Warangal/Kazipet stations. Generally the names of the consigner and consignee and de are fictitious and usually the offenders never turn up to take delivery of the seized consignment and the seizure were confiscated to their states.

The rule position in wile life (protection) Act.1972 is as follows:-

According to Sub-section(3) of Section 43 of Wild Life (p)Act.1972, 'No person who does not posses a certificate of ownership shall transfer or transport from one state to another state or acquire by transfer from outside the State any such animal, animal article, trophy or uncured trophy as is refered to in sub section (1)Except with the previous permission in writing of the Chief Wild Life Warden or the Authorised officer within whose jurisdiction the transfer or transport is to be effected'.

Thus a transport of snake skins from one State to another without possessing a Certificate of ownership and also without previous permission of Chief Wild life Warden or Authorised officer is punishable under Wild life (P)act, 1972 vide item (23) Annexure II of this office Circular 10/83, dated:30.5.1983.

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All the officers in the address entry are therefore instructed to take all effective measures to prevent illegal transportation of snake skins to other states so as to avoid exploitation of snakes for their skins in this state. It is also instructed to arrange constant vigil at all the Railway stations in their jurisdictions.

The officers are requested to acknowledge the receipt of this circular.

Sd/- A.K.Mathur,  
Chief Conservator of Forests  
and  
Chief Wild Life Warden, AP., Hyderabad

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