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Office of the Prl.Chief Conservator
of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad.

Sri K.V.S.Babu, IFS.,
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests

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CIRCULAR NO.2/87 (ACCOUNTS)

Sub: Forest Deptt.-office of the Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests - payment made by Unit Officers on behalf of Prl.Chief Conservators of Forests and Conservators of Forests, Hyderabad - Regarding discontinuance of -reg.

Ref: 1. A.G's. ref.No.FRA/II/22-48/86-87/326 dt.13.1.87
2. Govt.Memo No.59-FOR.I/83-Forests, Animal Husbandry & Fisheries Deptt.dt.6.1.87

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In the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad the Forest Officers are required to draw funds from Pay and Accounts Officers towards Pay, T.A. and contingencies etc. But the Accountant General has pointed-out that the Unit Officers ie., Divnl.Forest Officer, Hyderabad and the Divnl.Forest Officer, Social Forestry Division, Rangareddy District and State Silviculturist, Hyderabad ~~xxx~~ have made payments by issue of cheques on behalf of Chief Conservator of Forests or Conservator of Forests which is not in accordance with the rules on the subject. During the course of Audit of accounts of office of Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests during October, 1986 also the Accountant General has raised similar objection vide Accountant General's ref.No.FRA/II/22-45/86-87/326 dt.13.1.1987. The Accountant General has also referred the matter to Govt. and requested the Govt.to issue suitable instructions to the departmental Officers to follow the correct procedure vide AGs.Lr.No.FRA/II/22-36/271 dt.12.12.1986. Accordingly the Govt.in their G.M.No.58 59 -FOR.I/87 dt.1/87 requested the Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests to issue suitable instructions to the Divisional Forest Officer at the Head-quarters not to draw cheques for payment to be made by Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests or Conservators of Forests concerned with specific sanction of Govt. These instructions have been communicated to all officers in the office of Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests, in Ref.No.1995/87-N1,dt.18.1.1987.

Even after issue of above instructions, instances have come to notice wherein payments are continued to be made by Divisional Forest Officer, Hyderabad. This is a serious account irregularity and which may lead to withdrawal of cheque drawing powers of the Divisional Forest Officers. It is therefore once again impressed on all section supdts. and all officers of the office of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests that they should not issue any orders to Divnl.Forest Officer, Hyderabad or State Silviculturist Hyderabad or Divnl.Forest Officer, Social Forestry, Rangareddy District to make payment through cheques on behalf of Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests office except with the prior sanction of Govt, similarly the Conservator of Forests, Hyderabad and Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry, Hyderabad should not ask their Divnl.Forest Officers to make payment through cheques on behalf of their offices. They have to prefer the bill to Pay & Accounts Officer and obtain payment. If they consider any payment to be arranged through Divnl.Forest Officer the prior sanction of the Govt.should be obtained.

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All the officers concerned should adhere to this circular instructions and see that adverse criticism by Accountant General is avoided.

The receipt of this CIRCULAR should be acknowledged at once.

Sd/- PUSHP KUMAR
CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS (M)

To
All the officers in the office of the Prl.C.C.F. A.P. Hyd.

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FOREST DEPARTMENT

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Office of the Prl.Chief Conservator
of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad.

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CIRCULAR NO. 3/87

Sub: FOREST DEPARTMENT - Formation and improvements to forest roads - providing funds by other departments acceptance-instructions issued-reg.

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Instances have come to notice that certain forest roads are connected by tribal and other villages. These roads can not be transferred to other departments due to restriction under Forest conservation Act, 1980. Hence in order to form and improve such roads for the benefit of general public the concerned agencies are coming forward to place necessary funds at the disposal of the concerned Divnl. Forest Officer for execution. The concerned department are also offering technical know how wherever an opportunity to secure funds for improving forest road system are tempted to accept these offers.

In this connection it is clarified that as far as the forest department is concerned acceptance of such offers might prove to be short sighted measure, since it will open-up the few vestige of Natural Forests left with the department and spell their doom. However part of the damage has already been done in improving forest road system particularly which were improved to serve the interior villages and we need not compound it any further. For all these matters careful thought has to be given. Some of the Forest roads are situated in the sanctuary limits on proposed sanctuary limits. Any improvement to these roads should be carried out according to the requirements of the sanctuaries and as such consent of the Wild Life wing would be necessary in these cases.

Therefore all Conservators of Forests and D.F.Os. are informed that whenever there is a proposal from other departments or organisation to construct roads in the forest areas or to provide funds for forest roads to be maintained by the forest department, they are requested to obtain approval from the Chief Conservator of Forests before such officers are accepted by the department or any permission is given. They are requested to acknowledge the receipt of this circular by return post and act accordingly.

Sd/- Pushp Kumar,
Chief Conservator of Forests -M

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