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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT

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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 &
Ex-Officio, Secretary to Government (Forests).

CIRCULAR NO. 2/88.

Sub:- Anti-Corruption Bureau -Reports calling
of Regarding.

It has been brought to the notice that the reports from Anti-Corruption Bureau are handled in a very casual and routine manner resulting in misplacement of the above and that in some cases the contents of the Anti Corruption Bureau report have come to the knowledge of the Accused Officers which is serious matter.

2) Instances have come to notice wherein a petitioner got the Secret/Confidential reports of the Anti-Corruption Bureau and confidential communication of Government from the Enquiry Officer and produced the same in the A.P. Administration Tribunal through his counsel. The A.P. Administrative Tribunal viewed this matter as most unfortunate. The above is due to lack of knowledge on the part of the Enquiry Officers. Further, it may be due to lack of appreciation of officers to maintain official secrecy and decorum in maintaining files and movement files within the offices.

3) As per Rule 14 of the A.P.C.S(CCA) Rules, 1963 no Government Employee shall, except in accordance with any general or special order of Government communicate directly or indirectly any official document or any of its contents or any official information to any Government employee not authorised to receive the same or to any non-official person or the press.

4) Part-B report of Anti Corruption Bureau are being sent to enquiry officers to enable them to frame appropriate charges etc., and it is a confidential document and therefore not to be furnished to the delinquent Officers. The supply of such classified documents of disclosure of such information to the accused officers is against rules.

5) In the circumstances all the officers of Distribution List 'A' are requested to guard against the misplacement or leakage of the Anti Corruption Bureau reports and confidential communications of Government. They are directed to maintain due decorum and secrecy of official correspondence and take proper care in maintenance and movement of official correspondence within the office.

While framing charges also the material may be drawn for the reports without mentioning Anti Corruption Bureau.

Please acknowledge the receipt of this circular.

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Chief Conservator of Forests,
(Social Forestry)

To
All the Officers in distribution List 'A'.