

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT

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

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Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests &
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C I R C U L A R NO. 1/89.

Sub:- Disposal of old hut material regarding
Ignorance of Circular Instructions by the DFO's-
regarding.

Ref:- PCCF's Circular No. 5/79, dt. 1.3.79.

It is generally seen that of late; the officers are not applying their attention to very important aspects of office administration, like personal Registers checking, knowledge of rules and not following the circulars issued by the Chief Conservator of Forests and Conservator of Forests. One such matter is regarding issue of permits for old hut material. Permits are being given freely on the reports of the subordinates without the Divisional Forest Officer/Sub-Divisional Forest Officer verifying the facts and a big smuggling racket seems to be working. It has to be ensured that the wood has been obtained from a legal source and the owner is using himself and not trading in it. This is often resulting in officers drawing incorrect conclusions. Another common instance mis-interpretation of rules is the Section 44 of the Forest Act. As per the law, only an opportunity has to be given to the owner/man in-charge of the vehicle to show that he was in the knowledge of it or not. In many cases it is being observed that long adjournments are given and cases are compounded merely on the owner's statement that he was unaware of the illegality. It is the duty of Divisional Forest Officer to properly interpret the law and assess the evidence and know the circulars issued by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Conservator of Forests. It is the duty of the office to maintain circular stock files year wise. Ignorance of circulars is no excuse.

The Conservator of Forests are requested to follow the circular instructions, and the Divisional Forest Officers working under their control may also be instructed similarly.

The receipt of this Circular may be acknowledged.

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Principal Chief Conservator of
Forests.

Officers of Distribution List 'A'