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Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

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Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests.

CIRCULAR No. 11/89/F4

Sub:-RED SANDERS -- Forest Offences -- Preparation of schedule of Rates in respect of offences - involving Red Sanders Timbers - Procedure reviewed Instructions -- Issued.

- Re f:-1. CCF's Circular No.41/64 in ref.No.59407/74-K2, dated 11-10-1964.
2. CCF's Circular No.6/67 in ref.No.4598/67-R1, dated 23-3-67.
3. CCF's Circular No.13/76 in Ref.No.10939/76/F2, dated 15-10-76.
4. Prl.CCF's Rc.No.43162/88/F4, dt.24-4-1988.
5. CF,Kurnool

With an object to rationalise the existing procedure in assessing the values in the offences involving Red Sanders timber, in the context of the nature of crop occurring in different zones being not uniform, the following instructions are issued after detailed discussions with the field officers in the Red Sanders zone and verification of field data in the forests and depots.

The present procedure of assessing the value of Red Sanders involved in offences (either ORs or UDORs) is based on girth classes upto 45 cms. and by weight if the material is over 45 cms. in girth. On review of the existing procedures it is seen that there is no uniformity in the procedures or rates being followed in respect of the Red Sanders timberized in OR or UDOR offences in the three circles viz., Cuddapah (Cuddapah district), Ananthapur (Chittoor district) and Guntur (Nellore district) where Red Sanders occur.

The existing practice is to enumerate fellings of Red Sanders in the field and prepare enumeration lists based on girth class and then assess the valuation. Since the Sanders crop is found in considerable extents in the above mentioned districts, the public use it for domestic purposes such as for agricultural implements, household articles, hutment material and even for fuel etc. It may, therefore, be not reasonable or justified to adopt export duty for all the missing material during the course of enumeration of fellings, as it is a common sight to find sometimes even exportable timber being used as hutment material in the context of non-availability of any alternative material in the area. The value of such missing material has to be assessed, having a clear conception of offence locality and local utility of the produce that from the stump.

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4. Stump or material with girth less than 45 cms., over bark at buttend shall be treated as pole and no quality assessment shall be made as there would be hardly any heart wood formation at that stage. It can therefore be considered that the resultant produce is used for domestic requirement. Stump or material with girth more than 45 cms. over bark at buttend will go to timber category for the assessment for valuation for this purpose.

5. The following procedure is therefore suggested for enumeration of the Red Sanders stumps in the forest. Enumeration of the stumps shall be done by an officer not below the rank of a Forester. Test checking of the enumeration of the fellings listed shall be done to the extent of 5% by the Range Officer and 10% by the Assistant Conservator of Forests. Divisional Forest Officer and invariably independently by the Flying Squad Party / Flying Squad Division to an extent of 10%
6. The following proforma is suggested for recording the enumeration of the fellings:

7. **Valuation:-** As already mentioned in para 4 all material whether missing or present with less than 45 cms. in girth at stump level or buttend over bark shall be treated as poles and their stump valuation (when material is missing) shall be fixed by the three Conservators of Forests of Ananthapur, Kurnool and Guntur, annually or from time to time, depending upon their sale rates at auctions duly deducting the transport cost, depot handling charges, fellings etc, from the auction rate, when they sit for finalising the Forest Schedule of Rates. Value of fuel component of only lops and tops or branchwood shall be valued as per the rates fixed for cartload or stack rate of fuel
respective division.

8. With regards to the timber component of missing material it shall be as per the depot sale rate for respective grade quality or of non-quality class as per the enumeration data as the classified field data has revealed so. For the material present it shall be as per the depot classification based on grading rules. In view of the nature of the crop and the morphological features and the existence of the various bole lengths of the Red Sanders trees in natural condition and also size requirements in the export market, various aspects have been examined by obtaining exhaustive field and depot data prepared by a former Divisional Forest Officer of the Flying Squad Division (Red Sanders), Cuddapah which revealed that the Red Sanders timber present this data. This could be varied circle wise if the field data so indicates and justifies. If so they required to be certified by the respective Conservators of Forests before they are adopted in a circular form.

Sl. Girth class Weight of Red Sanders timber
No. in Cms. in Kgs. per piece of one
metre length

1.	45 - 50 cms.	22
2.	51 - 55 cms.	26
3.	56 - 60 cms.	29
4.	61 - 65 cms.	31
5.	66 - 70 cms.	37
6.	70 - 75 cms.	47
7.	76 - 80 cms.	50
8.	81 - 85 cms.	52
9.	86 - 90 cms.	58
10.	91 - 95 cms.	78
11.	96 - 100 cms.	82

9. The element of taper also comes into picture here in the above process. When it is decided in the field that two pieces of one metre length are missing for the first buttendpiece, the weight of its girth class from formula mentioned in para 8 above will be taken and for the second piece, the weight of the second lower girth class i.e. 10 cm. below is to be taken. If a third piece is assumed to exist, the same procedure shall be followed to determine its weight i.e. girth class 10 cm. below the second piece is taken to the weight applying the formula.

10. Pursuant to the instructions issued in Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Ref. No. 65578/87/W1, dated 23-11-1987, It is considered necessary to dispose of produce locally consisting red sanders poles up to 45 cms over bark at butt end in order to meet the local agriculture demands, since holding up to the large number of existing stocks lying undisposed for years will result in deterioration of the produce. The Divisional Forest Officer shall, therefore, sell such produce in open auction at selected centres as of any other miscellaneous poles being auctioned with a stipulation in the sale conditions that the material so sold is for domestic/agricultural use and that no permit will be issued for the export of above 45 cms., chips and dust shall be transported to the Red Sanders godowns in the respective divisions to be sold as per the policy decision of the Government artfully grading them.

11. In partial modification of the orders issued in Chief Conservator of Forests Circular No. 6/67, dt. 23.3.67 (File No. 4578/67/R1), Red Sanders material of less than 45 cms. in girth involved in offences shall also be compounded and the material invariably confiscated to the State, for sale in open auction as laid out in para 10.

The receipt of the circular may please be acknowledged and communicated to all the concerned field level staff for compliance.

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