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concerned survey teams when they take up work in their respective divisions, and follow for joint inspections to locate the forest boundary on the ground as per the notifications approved under the Forest Act.

I would, therefore, urge upon you all to do intensive field inspections of such blocks in the process of notification and make sure that the boundaries of these blocks as notified are consolidated and that there is no ambiguity or any doubt to its physical features.

The Department can not afford to break any delay in the completion of this work. The Conservators of Forests and Divisional Forest Officers are once again requested to attend to this on top-priority and complete it within 2 months positively, and their statements, maps should reach this office within the period stipulated.

They will please acknowledge the receipt of the circular in the enclosed proforma.

Sd/-K.V.S. Babu
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests.

To
All the Officers in Distribution List 'A'.

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.

Circular No. 5/89.

Sub:- Saw Mills - revocation of licence - certain instructions - regarding.

It has been noticed that in number of cases of revocation of Saw Mill licence by Divl. Forest Officers, the grounds of revocation are not properly constituted and as the grounds are not proper, the appellable authority has to allow the appeals under the statutory provisions of the Act.

To appraise the Divisional Forest Officers in this regard, the following instructions are being issued:

Whenever an application for saw mill licence is received, the licensing authority must conduct a proper enquiry, and decide the case either for sanctioning the licence or for rejecting it giving full justification in either case.

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2. The licensing authority should receive the application for renewal of licence, one month before the expiry of existing licence. The licence may be renewed with effect from date of its expiry, provided all conditions are fulfilled and the licencing authority is fully satisfied.
3. The quarterly abstracts of timber accounts from saw mill should be received at the end each quarter, and the returns may be thoroughly examined with respect to permits issued, material in stock etc. Any irregularity or lapse should be promptly detected and action initiated without loss of any time.
4. Any lapses noticed should form a ground for penalising the licensee, and if the lapses are grave in nature, the licence may be revoked. But any lapses of past years cannot form a ground for revocation of licence. For example, if the licence is to be renewed for 1989 the lapses detected in 1988 are only to be taken into account, and not of those in 1987 1986 etc. unless the saw mill is chronically habituated to indulge in clandestine activities. The reason being that the lapses of previous years are deemed to be penalised and condoned by licencing authority when the renews the licence in subsequent years.
5. If there is any dispute on the land where saw mill is located, and the dispute is pending in a civil court, licence for saw mill can be granted, pending the outcome of the civil suit.
6. Whenever an existing saw mill is shifted to a new location the licence granted would not be valid for the new location. The saw mill owner, in such cases, has to apply afresh for saw mill licence before shifting the venue.
7. In some of the saw mills, accounts of depot are maintained separately from that of saw mills, in such cases, the lapses committed in depot registers cannot form a ground for revocation of saw mill licence unless there are strong grounds to do so. Any irregularities in saw mill register only have to be taken into account. The lapses noticed in depots may be dealt with under transit rules, or possession rules etc.
8. When an offence case is detected in a saw mill and such offence is compounded, the same offence cannot form a ground for revocation of licence. Unless that particular saw mill is chronically prone to indulge in clandestine activities.
- 9i) For issue of transit permits, wherever possible, department staff should issue the required transit permits.
- ii) When such an arrangement is not possible, the permits may be issued with a validity of six months to Saw Mill owner depending on the turnover business after collecting an adequate security deposit as specified in A.P. Forest Produce Transit Rules, 1970. This security deposit is separate from that of saw mill

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security deposit. The amount of security deposit may be kept at a minimum of Rs. 5,000 and a maximum of Rs. 10,000/- depending on the turn-over the Saw Mill, and this amount may be fixed by Divisional Forest Officer concerned.

- (iii) In the event authorisation of saw mill owner for issue of permits, invariably, the property mark of saw mill owner is to be registered.
- (iv) The Divisional Forest Officer need not superscribe the mode of transport on each permit. He may issue the required permits to permit issuing person. And the person, who actually issues the permit is to superscribe on the permit the mode of transport used depending upon the vehicle or conveyance engaged.

All the Officers are requested to note the instructions mentioned above and deal the Saw Mill cases accordingly.

Sd/-Punsh Kumar,
Chief Conservator of Forests(M).

Territorial Divl. Forest Officers.

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT

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Sri K.V.S. Babu, I.F.S.,
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests &
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CIRCULAR NO. 6/89

Sub:- Forest Department - Enclosures formed in the Forest Blocks in accordance of Boundaries with the prescribed size of cairns - Inscriptions issued - Regarding.

In the course of no. 1100 of Forest areas established Forests under the Forest Act certain enclosures formed inside the forest blocks. As a matter of procedure, the department is expected to them with clear and no. 1100 of boundaries in the prescribed size of cairns so that the rights of enjoyment/communities as well as other Government will also know clearly the well defined and avoid encroachment into forests.

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