

Rc.No. 25826/90/FT2,
Dated: 14-6-1990.

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

Sri Pushp Kumar, I.F.S.,
Pml. Chief Conservator of Forests.

Circular No.8/90

Sub:-Illegal fellings, clearing of forests --
Regarding.

A number of reports are being published in the newspapers about extensic cutting of trees or cleaning of forests. Reports are being received from the officers, but with delay. Government are also receiving reports through various sources. Some times earlier then, the report from the Conservators of Forests. It is therefore necessary that prompt reports should be made about any clearing of forests by villagers especially those which are aided for supported by Extremists. Wireless or telephone or telephonic facility should be used followed up by written confirmation. Instructions are issued in PCCFs Rc.No. 25826/90/FT2, dt. 28-3-1990, that such reports should reach Principal Chief Conservator of Forests within 24 hours. The information should contain the date from which fellings commenced the locality (village, Mandal, Range & Division have of forest block). The extent of area cleared, the people indulging (name of village and number), the action taken to stop such clearing etc., Such reports should also be made promptly to the District Collector and Superintendent of Police for their information and seeking their assistance.

Statements given by extremists organisation have appeared in the press where they have denied their involvement in cutting of forest. On the other hand, the forest officials are accused of involvement and connivance.

In view of the above situation, following instructions are issued for strict compliance.

- 1) The concerned Forest Guard and other field staff should promptly report about such happenings to their superiors.
- 2) The concerned staff should visit the area immediately and take action to register the offence case. Failure of staff to do so should be viewed very seriously and action should be taken. This must be made known to all staff members.
- 3) Where things cannot be managed by our own staff singly or in groups. Police Assistance should be strong for. The Director General of Police has already given instructions to the Police Superintendent of all the district to give Police help and take action as suggest by the Divisional Forest Officer/Conservator of Forests.

- 4) The material resulting from felling's should be extracted departmentally following the regular procedure of numbering, measuring and classification. No timber should be allowed to be smuggled. This is very important and must be impressed on all staff. All routes etc., must be guarded and patrolled. No laxity in this direction will be tolerated and stern action will be taken against the concerned staff for laxity lapse.
- 5) A division map should be prepared, showing all such clearings. The Conservators of Forests/Divisional Forest Officers should visit the area as early as possible to get first hand knowledge and to restore confidence and morals of staff.

Please acknowledge the receipt of this.

Sd/-Pushp Kumar,
Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests.

To
All Officers in Distribution list 'A'.

Rc.No. 36590/90/N3, Office of the Prl.Chief Conservator of
Dated: 22-6-1990. Forests, A.P., Hyderabad.

Sri Pushp Kumar, IFS,
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests.

Circular No.9/90/N3

Sub:-Forest Dept.--Classification of sales tax --
collected -- Reg.

Ref:-AG,AP II,Hyd. circular No. FAC/II/347/, dt.26-8-76
communicated to this office in AG(FA&E) Lr.No.
FAC/VII/C-A/88-89/86, dt.23-82-89 with PCCFs
Rc.No.15649/89/N3, dt.30-3-90.

The detailed procedure to follow by the Forest Divisions in connection with the collection of sales tax amounts in the sale of Forest coupes, abrus leaves etc., has been issued by the Accountant General, A.P., Hyderabad in his circular cited. According to which, the sales taxes amount collected should be credited in the departmental cash book under the head Forest deposits, Misc. deposits, and a cheque should be issued for the total amount realised as sales taxes during the month that to on the last day of the month.

Consequent on introduction of treasury system in Forest Department with effect from 1-4-1989, the forest officers can operate cheques only for works expenditure. Hence issue of cheques for sales tax is against the rules. Hence all the officers are advised that the sale taxes collected may be credited through challan to the sale taxes departmental head and note the challan No. and date in our records for information that the sale tax was collected and then only deliver the produce.

The above procedure should be followed in future.

Sd/-N.Jayaram,
Chief Conservator of Forests(SF)

To
All Officers as per Distribution List 'A'.