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Forest Department

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Office of the Prl.Chief Conservator
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Sub:- Forest Department - Forest Offences - Detection
of Forest Offences-Submission of P.O.R in Form-A
to the immediate superior officers and D.F.O.
instructions issued - Reg.

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On a representation from the A.P. Junior Forest Officers Association during the meeting held on 11-2-1991, that the Anti Corruption Bureau, Officials are trapping the forest subordinate staff, when they are collecting the compounding fee presuming it as an act of bribing. The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Conservator of Forests (Protection & Vigilance) held a meeting with Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau to discuss this matter, The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau has suggested that the officials who registers forest offence case should issue a memo to the accused, as soon as a forest offence is detected and obtain a dated acknowledgement which would stand as an evidence to support the fact that the amount received from the accused is 'C' fees and not unauthorised amount.

The suggestion of the Director General, Anti corruption Bureau has been examined with reference to the practice in vogue in registering a forest offence. In this regard, instructions are in vogue to despatch Original copy of Form 'A' (Preliminary offence report) to the next immediate officer and similarly duplicate copy to the concerned Divl. Forest Officer within 24 hours. The signature of the accused may be obtained on the P.O.R. as well as panchanama, By strictly adhering to the procedure, enough evidence would be available to establish the fact of booking an offence case and the amount being collected is the compounding fee. However the time lag between the issuance of Money Receipt for the amounts received should be kept at minimum. This procedure is believed to be effective in reducing the harassment to the staff by the Anti corruption Bureau Officers. All the officers noted in the address entry are requested to bring the facts to the notice of all their subordinate staff.

To
The All conservator of Forests,
Divisional Forest Officer, Flying Squad party
Divl. Forest Officers.

Copy to the Officers listed in Distribution List 'A'
Copy to the President, A.P. Junior Forest Officer Association,
Hyderabad for information.

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