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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT

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Office of the Pri.Chief Conservator of Forests,
Aranya Bhavan, A.P., Hyderabad.

Sri S.D.Mukherji, I.F.S.,
Pri.Chief Conservator of forests.

C I R C U L A R No.11/98

Sub:- Forest Dept. – Adverse reports in the News Papers – follow up action –
Instructions – Regarding.

Attention of all the Conservators of Forests and Divisional Forest Officers is invited to the subject cited above. Sometimes in the local press as well as State-wide News Papers, adverse items appear concerning to the Department. Many a times these reports happen to be false or distorted versions of the incidents or facts or happenings; with malafide intention.

It is observed that rejoinders are not being issued to such reports or there is delay in doing so. This damages the image of the Departmental in public eyes. Hence it is desirable to issue rejoinders promptly, as and when adverse reports appear in the Papers.

All the Conservators of Forests and Divisional Forest Officers are therefore directed to issue rejoinders with self-contained factual notes through District Public Relations Officers of the Districts concerned when adverse reports appear in the local (District level) News papers, and through the Commissioner of Information and Public Relations, Hyderabad when these appear in National or State wide News Papers within 24 Hours of appearance of the adverse reports in the New Papers.

When report is being sent to either District Public Relation Officer concerned or Commissioner, Information and Public Relations, Hyderabad a copy there of shall be sent to Conservator of Forests (Vigilance), office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad for information.

It is further directed that if it is not possible to give a rejoinder note within (24) Hours, as enquiry may have to be caused before doing so, in such cases the action taken for causing enquiry may be reported to District Public Relations Officer or Commissioner, I.& P.R., Hyderabad as the case be. In all cases of adverse report this office should be informed of the factual position and action taken.

They are requested to acknowledge the receipt of these Circular instructions by return of post.

Sd/- S.D.Mukherji,
Pri.Chief Conservator of Forests

To
All the Conservators of Forests and Divisional Forest Officers.
(Distribution List 'A')

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