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Need for prompt detection and speedy follow up action in regard to illicit cutting of trees in Govt. forests.

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA,
Revenue and Forests Department,
Circular No. TRS , 1081/102380-F6
Mantralaya, Bombay-400032

Dated 25 September 1984
~~August 1984~~

RE: Government Circular , Revenue and Forests Department No. TRS 1081/102380-F6, dated the 18th June ,1981 (copy appended).

CIRCULAR

In order to tighten vigilance all round on forest protection , Government inter alia directed that the Range Forest Officers should report all incidents of illicit cutting to their Assistant Conservator of Forests/Sub-Divisional Forests Officers and Divisional Forests Officers within three days of the detection of illicit cutting after on the spot inspection. Government also instructed that all incidents of illicit cutting of the value of Rs. 25,000 and above at a place should be reported to Government the Chief Conservator of Forests and the Conservator of Forests concerned . Under the Government circular referred to above, Government also directed that forests affected by large scale illicit cutting are promptly inspected by the Gazetted Officers at various levels according to the in situ value of illicit cutting at a place. A time schedule was also prescribed for inspection of the illicit cutting by the respective Officers.

2. It appears that the instructions issued under the Government Circular mentioned above are apparently not being followed by the officers concerned scrupulously, inasmuch very few reports regarding illicit cutting involving value of Rs. 25,000 and above are received by Government, even though large scale illicit cuttings have been reported in the

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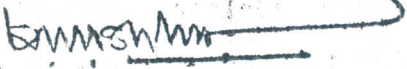
The circular may

be brought to the notice of all C.F.s and D.F.s HSH 4.10.84

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periodical consolidated returns received by Government. Instances of gazetted Officers, including the Divisional Forest Officer and the Conservator of Forests, not inspecting forests subjected to heavy illicit cutting for investigating into the circumstances of illicit cuttings and for taking preventive and remedial measures as directed by the Government, ^{vide} Circular mentioned above, have also come to the notice of Government. Such inaction and derelict of duty on the part of Forest Officers in regard to forest protection need to be viewed seriously. Government is, therefore, pleased to ~~reiterate~~ reiterate the instructions contained in the above Government circular, and directs that the said instructions should be followed scrupulously in future, and prompt action should be initiated against those who fail to comply with the same.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.


(V.K. PRASHU)
Deputy Secretary to Government,
Revenue and Forests Department.

Accompaniment:-As above.

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests , Maharashtra State,
Pune-411001.

The Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation) Maharashtra State
Pune.

The Chief Conservator of Forests (Production) Maharashtra State
Pune.

All Conservators of Forests (Territorial)

All Divisional Forest Officer, and Sub-Divisional Forest
Officers in charge of independent Sub-Divisions.

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