

No.U2-44984/95  
Police Head quarters,  
Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram..

Dated: 21-8-1995.

**CIRCULAR NO.20/95.**

Sub:- Procedure to be followed in r/o seizers connected with Forest Offences –  
Instructions reg:-

It has come to the notice a vehicle loaded with illicitly collected forest produce seized by the police was produced before the Court. In the case police has acted u/s 157 of the code of Criminal procedure and also sec.52(2) of the Kerala Forest Act 1961. The Chief Conservator of Forests has taken up the matter and pointed out that police has over looked the fact that procedure contemplated u/s 52 (2) of the Kerala Forest Act has been expressed over-ridden by the subsequent sec.61 (A) of the Act. Sec.61 (A) of the Act lays down that any Forest Officer or Police Officer seizing any property u/s 52 (2) of the said Act shall produce the same before the officer authorized by Govt. However in view of the special provision contained in Sec.61 (A) of Kerala Forest Act 1961 it is hereby ordered that a police officer who seizes any vehicle with Forest produce such as timber, firewood, Charcoal, Sandalwood, Ivory etc. has to produce the same before the Authorised Officer and not before the Magistrate's Court.

The above instructions should be scrupulously adhered to by all police officers.

(Sd/-)  
Director General of Police

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