

C I R C U L A R

Sub:- Arable Forest Land Assignment Rules – Unauthorized assignment of forest land by the Revenue Officials prevention of -- Instructions issued.

It has been brought to the notice of the Government that Revenue Officials have assigned forest land without the knowledge and consent of the Forest department. Even on occasions when objections have been raised by the Forest department, no action is taken by the Revenue Officials to set matters at right.

In this regard attention of all officers in the Revenue Department is invited to the definition of “Arable Forest Lands” occurring in rule 2 (b) of the Arable Forest Land Assignment Rules 1970, which reads as follows:-

“Arable forest lands” means forest lands transferred from the Forest Department to the Revenue Department under proper orders of the Government for the purpose of assignment under these rules, and includes such other lands as may be notified by the Government in this behalf from time to time”.

As is evident from the above, forest lands will be available for the purpose of assignment only on actual transfer of the land by the Forest Department to Revenue Department proper Order of Government. Therefore the Revenue Department has no competence to assign forest lands to private parties under the Rules, unless the lands are got transferred from the Forest Department.

The officers of the Revenue department are requested to strictly comply with this procedure.

By Order of the Government

SARALA GOPALAN
REVENUE SECRETARY

To

The Secretary, Board of Revenue etc. etc.

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Chief Conservator's Office,
Trivandrum. Dated 9-10-84

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Sd/-
Chief Conservator of Forests

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