

Copy of Circular No.31/73 on A5-20131/72 dt.3-8-73 from the Chief Conservator of Forests to All C.Fs and D.F.Os.

Sub:- Mahazar Loss and Thondi value – Assessment of – procedure – orders issued.

It has been observed that when timber or other Forest produce is seized as thondy in Forest cases, the value of the thondy as given in the mahazar is calculated at different rates based in different principles. So also is the case with assessment of loss in mahazar. It is necessary that there should be uniformity in the valuation of such articles. It is hereby ordered that the value should be calculated at the current schedule rates. If however, the species has no schedule of rate the value should be calculated at double the seigniorage rate. The rate for sawn material will be reckoned as 150 of the rate for timber the round timber. The amount of loss should be fixed keeping in view of the potential loss involved and the seriousness of the offence.

The Conservator of Forests should issue stringent instructions to the subordinates for the strict observance of these directions. Copy of the schedule rates and seigniorage rates should be supplied to all the subordinates. Receipt of the Circular should be seignioraged.

Sd/- Chief Conservator of Forests.

Endt. on CI 15578/73 dt.14-8-'73.

Copy to Sections KT/MR/CN/TR and stock file for information and strict attention.

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