

Copy of Circular No.23/77 on VF-9320/77 dt. 16th May 1977 from the Chief Conservator of Forests, TVM to all sub-officers.

It has come to the notice of the undersigned that some of the Divl. Forest Officers approach the authorities of Advocate-Generals organisation for the purpose of securing legal advice in respect of release of timber etc. to private individuals/estate owners etc. In some cases on such advice the Divl. Forest Officers have issued proceedings/passes for the removal of timber. On further examining some such issues, it is seen that either the passes issued by the Divl. Forest Officer or the proceedings issued etc. do not fully uphold the interest of the Government. The right course would have been for the Divl. Forest Officers to refer such cases to his superior authorities and obtain their orders. If any urgent legal issue is involved, it could be taken up directly with this office so that clarified orders could be obtained from the Government to avoid any embarrassing situation subsequently.

The sub-officers are requested to adhere to the above instructions atleast in future.

Sd/- for Chief Conservator of Forests.

Endt. on CI-9623/77/L.Dis. dt. 31-5-'77

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