

Govt. letter no.36761/F2/82/AD dated 29-6-1982 from the Spl. Secretary to Government, Agriculture (Forest) Department to the Chief Conservator of Forests.

Sub:- Starting of Saw Mills very near to Reserve Forests without the knowledge of Forest Department – Regarding.

Ref:- Your letter No.C4-1980/82 dated 28-5-1982.

I am directed to invite your attention to the letter cited and to inform that no reference to Industries Department is necessary before a person can start a Timber Depot or Furniture Mart, Regarding Saw Mills, no license is required before a person can start one. However there is a system of voluntary registration as S.S.I. Unit. Instructions have been issued to the Director of Industries & Commerce Trivandrum (copy enclosed) not to issue S.S.I. Registration to any Saw Mill within a radius of 5 K.Ms. of Reserve Forests and to consult the local Divl. Forest Officer before giving registration to Saw Mills within 10 K.Ms. radius of Reserve Forest with the proviso that if nothing to be contrary is heard from Divl. Forest Officer within 15 days, General Manager, District Industries Centre will dispose of the application on merits.

Sd/-

For Special Secretary to Government.

Govt. letter No.20847/B2/82/ID dated 18-6-1982 from the Commissioner (Industries) & Special Secretary to Government, Industries (B) Department to the Director of Industries & Commerce, Trivandrum.

Sub:- Starting of Saw Mills very near to the Reserve Forest without the Knowledge of Forest Department.

Ref:- Letter No.C4-1980/82 dated 28-3-1982 from the Chief Conservator of Forests.

I am to inform you that the Chief Conservator of Forests has brought to the notice of Govt. that several complaints are being received from the Divl. Forest Officers as well as public against setting up of Saw Mills and Furniture Marts very close to the Reserve Forests. It is difficult to control smuggling of timber from Reserve Forests to these Saw Mills working closely. Therefore it is absolutely necessary that the issue of license for Saw Mills near forest areas is restricted.

I am therefore to request you not to issue SSI Registration to any Saw Mill within a radius of 5 KMs of Reserve Forest. The local Divl. Forest Officer may also be consulted before giving registration to Saw Mills within 10 KMs radius of Reserve Forest with the proviso that of nothing to be contrary is heart from D.F.O within 15 days, the General Manager, District Industries Centre will dispose of the application on merits.

Sd/-

For Commissioner (Ind) & Spl. Secretary.

Chief Conservator's Office,  
Trivandrum.

Endt. on C4-1980/82 dated 6-7-1982

Copies forwarded to all Conservators of Forests for information.

Copies to all Divl. Forest Officers for information and attention.

The D.F.Os are requested to adhere the time limit presented for intimating their remarks to the respective General Managers, Dist. Industries Centre, as on when called for any failure in the matter will be viewed seriously and action taken when the matter is brought to my notice.

Copy to all Branch Officers & Section Heads.

Copy to Stock file.

For Chief Conservator of Forests.