

Circular No.1/80

It has come to notice that the Deputy Rangers attached to Ranges are not being given adequate status, positions or responsibilities with the result that in many cases they are being treated on a par with foresters. This is not satisfactory and goes against the schemes of arrangement contemplated to improve the Range administration. The following guidelines are therefore prescribed for the information and guidance of all Officers of the Forest Department of and above the rank of Range Officers.

- i. The Deputy Rangers should be given a position of status next to the Range Officer in each Range.
- ii. Generally he will be in station with the Range Officer at the Range Head quarters or in large ranges another suitable head quarters will be prescribed by the Conservator.
- iii. he will be put in charge of specified items such as close supervision of prosecution work, processing of cases, disposal of thondi articles etc. In plantation ranges they should supervise works such as thinnings, conversion and storage of timber poles etc.
- iv. The Dy. Rangers should not be put in charge of sections and should effectively supervise the routine work of forest Ex. Engineers in the sphere of work.
- v. The Dy. Ranges should not normally be diverted for other routine items of work to be done by foresters as a part of their normal duties.
- vi. The Dy. Rangers should conduct periodical Depot & inspections in thinned plantation depots and other coupe depots etc. in addition to supervisors of marking and thinning.

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Chief Conservator of Forests

To

All Officers of the forest Dept. and above the rank of Range Officers  
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