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Forest Head Quarters,
Thiruvananthapuram.
Dated: 10.08.2001.

CIRCULAR NO.4/2001

Sub: - Illegal transportation of forest produce-seizure and release of forest produce and Property used in commission of forest offence – Liberal approach in the matter is Uncalled for –

Ref: - Judgment in States of Karnataka Vs Krishnan (2000 AIR Scw 29 ...)

In a significant judgment the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has held that the provisions under Section 71 A of the Karnataka Forest Act are required to be strictly complied with and followed for the purpose of achieving the object for which the Act was enacted. It has been further held that liberal approach in the matter with respect to the property seized which is liable to confiscation, will frustrate the provisions of law and hence uncalled for. A copy of the judgment is enclosed herewith.

You are directed to be vigilant in dealing with the property and vehicles used in commission of the offences and in case of any interference from the court, the above judgment may be brought to the attention of the Honourable Court.

Chief Conservator of Forests
(Protection).

To,

All Divisional Forest Officers/Wild Life wardens.

Copy with copy of enclosure to all Conservator of Forests for favor of information.