

Copy of Circular No.17/76(G2-11981/76) dt.7-3-1976 from the Chief Conservator of Forests, to All Divl. Forest Officers and Conservator of Forests, Trichur.

Sub:- Filing counter - Affidavite before consulting Government – General – Instructions – Regarding.

It has been brought to the notice of the undersigned, that in certain instructions, the Divisional Forest Officers file counter-affidavit in respect of O.P.s filed in the High Court without consulting Government, though Government are one of the Repondants in the O.P. This is against the general instructions issued in the matter in G.O.P. No.2/9/71/Law dated 1-10-1971, communicated in this office endorsement on G2-39963/75 dt. 4-10-1975. Government have since taken serious notion of for violation of the general instructions in the matter and have dirested to see that the approval of the counter-affidavit by Government is invariably ontained befofre filing it in the Court, in cases in which Government are one of the Respondents. All the Conservators of Forests and Divl. Forest officers are requested to observe the above directions scrupulously without giving any room for further complaint at Government level.

There may be very urgent cases in which counter-affidvit will have to be filed before the High Court, even in cases, in which the Government are one of the Respondents. In such cases, the urgency should be brought to the notice of the Government by taking up the matter personally by Conservator of Forests or Divisional Forest officer either through this office or directly with Government, in consultation with this office.

Sd/-
for Chief Conservator of Forests.

Endt. on G2-5914/76 dt. 18-3-76/24-1-1977.

Copy to Sections C1, G3, MR, KT, TR, CH, ML for attention and guidance.

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for Conservator of Forests,
Trichur.