

Copy of Circular No.43/78 on B2-14614/78 dt.1-11-78 from the Chief Conservator of Forests to all Sub-Officers.

It has been brought to my notice that cases of illicit fellings in the H.Fs committed by the employees of sale or supply coupe contractors are being compounded and compensation realised. No other Deptl.action under the Forest Act or provisions of Agreement is seen instituted against contractors. This approach on the part of Deptl. Officers is detrimental to Govt. interests.

In the case of illicit felling in the Reserved Forests adjoining working to pass, the contractor will always say that it was caused by his employees and even the employees also may agree, for the sake of their employer. Such Verdicts, should not be accepted unless there are very clear and unquestionable evidence in support of the same. The right thing to be done is to terminate such contract and proceed against the contractor as per the terms of the agreement. Those instructions should be observed scrupulously.

Sd/- Chief Conservator of Forests.

Endt. on MI-19864/78/D.Dis dt.26-12-78/26-3-79

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for Conservator of Forests,

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