

**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

No.20153/F1/88/F & WLD.

Forest & Wild Life (F) Department  
Trivandrum, Dated 8-5-1989.

**CIRCULAR**

- Sub:- Forest Department – Releasing of vehicles seized under the provision 61 A of Kerala Forest Act, 1961 – Instructions issued.  
Ref:- Letter No. VE2-7730/86 dated 24-10-1986 from Chief Conservator Of Forests, Vigilance.

In the letter read above the Chief Conservator of Forests, Vigilance has reported that through the provision under section 61 A of Kerala Forest Act 1961 have been found to be very effective in reducing illicit removal of timber to a very great extent, recently there is a tendency among some officers to release the vehicles on flimsy grounds about being satisfied regarding precautions taken by the owner and the driver for preventing illicit transport. He has therefore pointed out that if this tendency is not curbed, it will dilute the intention of Section 61 A of the Kerala Forest Act.

Government examined the matter in detail and direct that all officers concerned should see that the provision in section 61 A of Kerala Forest Act, 1961 should be adhered to strictly and that they shall see to it that on no account a vehicle seized as per the above provision is released on flimsy grounds. The violation of this instruction will be viewed seriously by Government and disciplinary action taken against the delinquent officers.

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SECRETARY (FORESTS)

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Trivandrum.  
All Chief Conservators of Forests.  
All Conservators of Forests.  
Assistant Conservators of Forests/Divisional Forest Officers.

Forwarded/By Order,

Section Officer.