Copy of letter No.2-9/82-FRY(FT) dated 24.6.1982 from Samar Singh Joint Secretary to the Government of India, Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture & Coopn. To the Forest Decretaries of all States and Union Territeries. (Forest Department)

The Ministry of External Affairs has recently brought to our notice the privileages and immuniries enjoyed diplomate with regard to arrest, detention, criminal procedution etc. A copy of the note received from that Ministry on this subject is enclosed.

This is being brought to your notice so that all field officers of the Department may also be informed suitably, to avoid any complications in this regard. The Ministry of External Affairs has requested that if any case of breach of the provisions of the Forest Act or the Wild Life (protection) Act by any diplomat is noticed, it should be brought to the notice of the defaulting diplomat (s) immediately and thereafter a full report should be made to the Ministry of External Affairs for appropriate action within the framework of international practice in such matters. Simultaneously, a copy of the report should be submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture also.

Kindly ensure that these instructions are brought to the notice of all concerned officers of the Department.

Sd/-(Samar Singh) Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India

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Copy to all Conservators and Divl. Forest Officers for information and attention. Copy to all Chief Conservators and Branch Officers. Copy to Stock file.

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For Chief Conservator of Forest.