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Office of the Chief Conservator of
Forests, Trivandrum.

CIRCULAR NO. 11/69.

Subj: Forest Department - Enquiry into allegations against Departmental Officers - Delay in the conduct of - Regarding

Government have, in their letter No. 49449/FE1/67/Agri. dt 12-2-69 pointed out an instance, where a petition containing allegations against the staff of Kothamangalam Range was forwarded to the Conservator, Trichur on 13--9--67, for enquiry and report. The report was forwarded only on 20-1-69 government have observed that this is a typical case of unpardonable delay exhibited in conducting the enquiry and sending up a report to Government. It has been directed that whenever allegations are raised against departmental Officers, prompt action has to be taken if departmental enquiries are to have any effect. Belated enquiries will defeat the very object of such enquiries and bring discredit to the Department.

2. The above is not the solitary instance in which inordinate delay has been noticed. The Chief Conservator has come across many such instances of bad delays on the part of subordinate officers in conducting enquiries into allegations raised in petitions and forwarding the enquiry reports. Complaints, petitions and the like containing allegations against Departmental officers are usually forwarded to subordinate officers for enquiry and report, sometimes fixing time limits for submission of the enquiry report according to the gravity and urgency of the matter. The time limits and other instructions are seldom adhered to by departmental officers.

3. In the circumstances, all officers of this Department are hereby directed that they should take very prompt action in all cases of enquiry into allegations and that they should not give room for such adverse remarks. Where time limits are prescribed, they should be scrupulously adhered to. Any lapse or lethargy on the part of Officers concerned will be viewed very seriously and will entail disciplinary action for dereliction of duty.

4. Recripts of this Circular should be acknowledged

Endt. on B3-7518/69.

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for Chief Conservator of Forests

Endt. on G1-8198/69 dated 22--4--69.

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