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Sub: Forest Department - Disallowing payments on works in the Forest areas and effecting recovery from the pay of Rangers:-

It has been brought to the notice of Government that in respect of certain forest works executed by the Rangers after obtaining prior approval of MPO/ACP and in respect of which final payments has been effected, objection is raised years after their execution as the work being unnecessary and that in such cases the entire responsibility is fixed on the Ranger and the full amounts are ordered to be recovered from them. Government have examined this issue carefully and find that such action against the Rangers alone is not justified. The following instructions are issued for strict compliance.

- I. In respect of works which were ordered for execution at the district level or at the level of Higher Officers, after accepting its necessity and approving the estimate and then got executed by the Rangers, if found unnecessary or unwanted or subsequent inspection or a later date, then all the officers involved will be held responsible for the lapse and the amount will be recovered from all concerned.
- II. If the works has been done under the initiative of Ranger and the payments has been effected, and if subsequently found as an unwanted one then the Ranger alone will be held responsible for the lapse and the loss will be recovered from him.
- III. Cases already settled will not be reopened on the basis of these instructions.

sd/- Agricultural Production Commr.

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