

CIRCULAR NO.P 84.

Sub- : Maintenance of Plantation Journals- Regarding.

During the inspections done by the Chief Conservators of Forests it has been noticed that in many ranges the Plantation Journals are not either maintained or wherever maintained not posted up with the required details. Under clause 9.3.5 of the Kerala Forests Code (Vo.I) the procedure for opening and maintaining plantation Journals have been codified. The form for this journal has already been prescribed and printed registers with calicloth binding has also been made available for this purpose. Action is also underway to replenish the stock of plantation journal Books which is expected to arrive shortly from Government Press.

It has been observed by the Public Accounts Committee in their report that lapses noticed by audit during their inspection are violation of the codified procedure for which the departmental officers responsible should be taken to task. The working plan officers also have pointed out on the heavy arrears existing in not posting up the plantation Journals up-to-date, rendering it impossible to get basic statistics required about the plantation for prescribing the future operations. The Divisional Forests officer concerned also failed to discharge his role and such a type of indifferent attitude adopted by the Departmental officers has resulted in the present state of affairs. This will not be allowed to continue.

The Range Officer in charge of Forest plantation will see that the individual plantation Journal opened up for each plantation is got posted update. He will get the services of the Probationary Range Officer and his Range ministerial staff for doing this work on a special task basis. All details in the different section of the Journal like Cost of operation done during formation, year to year maintenance, revenue from intermediate yields, expenditure incurred on Tending, Fire protection, thinning etc. Should be

collected and posted. The Divl. Forests Officer will see that this work (which is in arrears) is organized and got done utilizing the services of special staff like Range Probationers etc. Wherever necessary. If printed Journal Books are not available manuscript Book. Should be opened and posted up. The D.F O. will also make a note on the performance of each of his Range Officer in this regard while writing up the annual confidential report.

It is also reiterated that it shall be the duty of the Range Officer to present before the inspecting officers like, Divisional Forests Officers, Conservator of Forests and Chief Conservator of Forests with the concerned journal and get his remarks written up over the appropriate page before he leaves the camp.

Any lapse or slackness noticed in this regarded by the Range Officer/Divl. Forest officer would be viewed seriously and will find a place in their character Roll.

The receipt of this Circular may be acknowledged.

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All Divisional Forests Officers
All sub Officers

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