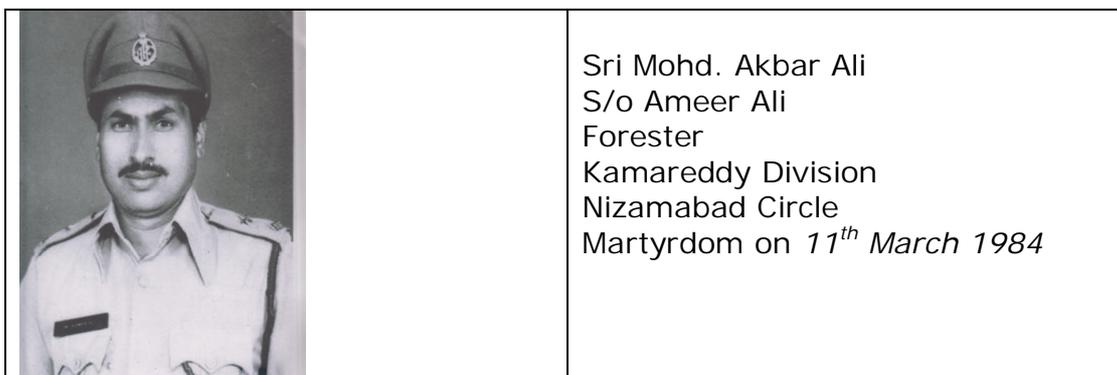


A NOTE ON AKBAR ALI, FORESTER



Sri Mohd. Akbar Ali S/o Ameer Ali was initially inducted to the Forest Department as a Forester in the year 1966. He had immense knowledge of forest and environment though he was only a matriculate. As an individual he always tried to update his skills by passing Hindi language Visharada test and he had also passed the Typewriting examination and acquired the knowledge of tracing maps surveying and plotting etc., He has served as Forester in Kamareddy Division from the date of appointment till the date of his unfortunate assassination by extremists belonging to Peoples War Group (PWG) with sincerity and great devotion to duty. He was a man of integrity. He was a Role Model Forester to others in the Department.

He served as Forester Kalwaral, Sirikonda and Reddypet Sections without any adverse remark throughout his service. He was thirst to protect forest when the Kamareddy Division was totally infested with the activities of extremists belonging to PWG. It may not be out of place to mention here that no Forester was dared to work in Reddypet forest Section area. He was the only person accepted his posting as Forester Reddypet Section even though there were threats from the extremists. On an unfortunate day i.e. *11th March 1984* he come across with the extremists belonging to PWG in connection with an offence case and he was intimidated of dire consequences in case he did not comply with the wishes of the extremists. Since he was man of commitment towards

duty he never obliged with the wishes of extremists. In this friction, he ultimately laid down his life for the cause of protection of invaluable forest and environment. He was survived by wife, a daughter and two sons when he left the World.

Late N.T. Rama Rao, then Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh had rightly reacted when Akbar Ali was brutally killed by the extremists and exhibited his humanity by ordering the funeral of the Forester with State Honours and announced a special package to pay salary to the bereaved family till the age of superannuation had he served the Department till his retirement and to pay family pension after attaining the age of superannuation.

His services are memorized every year on the occasion of "**Forest Martyrs Day**" by all the Men and Officers of Forest Department. His parents named after him as '**Akbar**' means '**Great**' perhaps they had a vision that their child would do great deed. By his act of laying his life for the cause of forests he lived up to the dreams of their parents.