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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT

Ref.No.100255/78/D2,
Dated: 10-11-1978.

Office of the Chief Conservator of
Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

Sri P. S. Rao, I. F. S.,
Chief Conservator of Forests.

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CIRCULAR NO. 36/78.

Sub:- Forest Arrears (Leases) -Launching-of Arrears
Collection drive from January 1979-Instructions
Issued.

Ref:- G.O.Ms.No. 3210/P&A (For-III) Dept., dt.30.11.66
Communicated in Chief Conservator's Ref.No.
24333/63 D4, dated: 31.12.1966.

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From the perusal of the quarterly progress reports of arrears collection received from the Conservators of Forests it is seen that the arrears pertaining to forest leases run into Lakhs. In spite of repeated instructions given from this office the progress in collection of arrears has been far from impressive. This is also one of the items being adversely commented upon by the Accountant General and it is being proposed for inclusion in the report of the Comptroller General for placing before the Public Accounts Committee. Apart from the above the Department itself is keen on reducing the arrears programming with determined efforts.

It is pointed out that with a view to recover the arrears of Forest Revenue from the defaulting contractors quickly, Government in G.O.Ms.No. 3210/P&A (For-III) Department, dated 30.11.1966 have issued orders vesting the powers of the Tansilars Under Section 2 of the Andhra Pradesh Rent and Revenue Sales Act 1839 to the Forest Range Officers. According to the above orders, the Range Officers can take action to destrain and sell the movable properties of the defaulting contractors under the said Act to recover the Forest Arrears from the Contractors in their jurisdiction. From a perusal of the arrears cases, in which amounts are due from the contractors, the Divisional Forest Officers after adjustment of Security Deposit and other pending amounts are straightaway referring the matters with connected papers to the Revenue Department for recovery of the amounts under L.R.R. Act. Even in small cases in which the amounts are less than Rs. 10,000/- the matters are being referred to Revenue authorities without first exhausting the powers vested in the Range Officers, consequently the cases which are referred to the Revenue authorities are pending with them for decades.

In order to make the arrear collection more effective, it is decided that the Forest Range Officers should first exercise their powers vested under Section 2 of the Andhra Pradesh Rent and Revenue Sales Act 1839 in all forest arrear cases in which the amounts do not exceed Rs. 10,000/- in each case.

The Conservators of Forests are requested to organise special collection drives for one month in each Division from 1st January 1979 and a copy of programme drawn up should be submitted to this office for information. The Conservator of Forests should see that the Divisional Forest Officers list out all cases of arrears which are below Rs. 10,000/- and send the connected papers with addresses of the contractor and brief history of the case to the concerned Range Officers to take effective steps to proceed against the defaulters to recover the arrears in accordance

with the provisions under the said Act. The programme for arrear collection should reach all the Forest Range Officers by 20.12.78 positively to enable them to gear up their machinery also. The Divisional Forest Officer should also fix targets for each Range and ensure that the target fixed is achieved during the special collection drive.

After completion of the Special Drive in each Division a report should be submitted by the Conservator of Forests about the target fixed and achievements to reach the Chief Conservator of Forests by 15th February 1979.

All the Conservators of Forests are requested to acknowledge the receipt of this Circular.

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Chief Conservator of Forests.

CIRCULAR NO. 37/78

Sub:- Forest Department-Irregularities in the maintenance of Cash Book and its associated records-Avoidance of-Instructions-Isued.

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Of late, instances are brought to the notice of the Chief Conservator of Forests, wherein Government records have been tampered with and manipulated and fraudulent entries made with criminal intention in the manner as enumerated herein under, thus rendering it possible for misappropriation of Government funds.

- i) Money collected through Money Receipts in C-F 140 not accounted for in the Cash Accounts and Money receipts have been issued by Clerks/Acct. which is irregular.
- ii) Amounts drawn by issuing self cheques have not been accounted for in the cash Accounts.
- iii) Vouchers of expenditure incurred out of A.R. advance, received from the subordinates, were incorporated in the Division Cash Book under Creditor side and without making a corresponding entry in Debtor side of the cash book as "recovery of advances by way of work done".
- iv) Wrong tallying of figures were made in the Cash Book.
- v) Irregular accounting of A.R. advances.
- vi) Booking of expenditure in Cash Book, for amounts, which were not at all disbursed.
- vii) Non-maintenance of abstract Cash Book and its associated records in respect of pre-audit accounts.
- viii) Correcting bill amounts and charging more than the expenditure actually incurred.
- ix) Drawing of Government funds on fictitious Bills.

2. The above list is not exhaustive but only indicative of the criminal bent of mind of the persons dealing with cash and accounts to defraud the Government.