

FOREST DEPARTMENT

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FOR PERSONAL ATTENTION

IMMEDIATE

Ref.No.55474/86-J3
Dt.1.8.1986

O/o the Prl.Chief Conservator of
Forests, A.P. Hyderabad.

Sri K.V.S. Babu, IFS.,
Chief Conservator of Forests - A &
Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests (A.C.).

CIRCULAR NO. 7/86

Sub: FOREST DEPARTMENT - Demarcation of forest boundaries
in Tribal areas - conducting survey for demarcation
of forest boundaries assistance and co-operation of
forest department-officials - reg.

Ref: Prl.CCFs.ref.No.55474/86-J3, dt.26.7.86.

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In continuation of this office reference 1st cited, a
copy of D.O. lr.no.23566/For.I/86-2, dt.26.7.86 together with
its enclosures received from the Secretary to Government,
Forests, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries department is sent
herewith.

The Conservators of Forests/Divisional Forest Officers,
are informed that the Commissioner, Survey Settlement and Land
Records has constituted special survey teams to Survey and
Demarcate all lands given on patta to tribals with reference
to forest boundaries. He has sought the assistance and co-
operation of the Forest department in this regard.

In this connection it is informed that the Divisional
Forest Officers should make the concerned R.O. personally
responsible to collect relevant information like section
24/4/15 notification, sketch and enclosure details for each
forest block of his jurisdiction, accompany the survey teams
and see that the forest boundaries are marked on the ground
as per the approved notifications and sketch. The boundary
pillars or cairns wherever disturbed or missing should be con-
structed as per the departmental norms immediately after
survey. The boundary lines also should be cut and cleared
wherever necessary and maintained well. Where special staff
is available the Conservator of Forests could press them into
service to assist the Territorial Divisional Forest Officers.
But it is the responsibility of the territorial Range to see
that forest boundaries are surveyed as per the approved
forest notifications on the ground and boundaries laid-out,
with prescribed size of cairns. In case of problems arising
in this connection, the Divisional Forest Officers should
make it a point to inspect all such cases personally and
initiate suitable action to solve them. The Conservators
of Forests, are also requested to keep a close watch on the
progress of survey work going on in their circles and see
that the concerned Divnl.Forest Officers and Range Officers
complete this work as per the instructions without giving
scope for complaint from any side. This work is going to
help in fixing boundaries correctly on the ground with
reference to revenue records and the department records and
the department would be in a position to arrest encroachments
into Reserve forests effectively. Hence the Conservators
of Forests, Divnl.Forest Officers should bestow their

personal attention to this item of work and see that maximum benefit is derived by the department. At the District level the officers of the Survey and forest departments should identify and draw a programme of indicating priorities for dealing with problem areas first. The Conservators of Forests should review the work during their tours and furnish a special report on the progress every two months commencing from October, 1986.

The Conservators of Forests/Divisional Forest Officers are requested to acknowledge the receipt of this circular by return post and ack. accordingly.

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Sd/- K.V.S.Babu,
Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests.

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Copy of:
D.O.Lr.No.23566/For.I/86-2 dt.26.7.86 from Secretary to Govt.
Forests, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Department Secretariat, Hyd.

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Sub: Forest Deptt.-Demarcation of forest boundaries in Tribal areas - conducting survey for demarcation of forest boundaries-assistance and coöperation of forest department officials-reg.

Ref: From Sri V.P.Ramarao, IAS., Commissioner, Survey
Settlements, Land records, Hyd.D.O.No. ~~23~~ L/Peshi/2/86
dt.23.7.86.

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While enclosing a copy of the reference cited together with its enclosure, I request you kindly to issue necessary instructions to the concerned Conservator of Forests to extend full cooperation to the Commissioner, Survey, Settlements, Lands records, Hyderabad in arranging for conducting survey & demarcating the forest boundaries in tribal areas and to implement the decision taken by the Chief Minister to award pattas to the tribals.

With regards.

Yours sincerely,
sd/- K.Jayabharathi Reddy.

To

Sri K.V.S.Babu, IFS.,
Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests,
A.P. Hyderabad(w.e.)

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CSS&LR D.O.Lr.No.L.Peshi/2/86 Commissioner, Survey, Settlements
and Land Records, A.P. Hyderabad, t.23.7.86.

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My Dear Jaya Bharat,

Kindly recall on telephonic discussion today.

This is about a decision of the Govt. at a meeting taken by the Chief Minister recently that forest boundaries in tribal areas should be quickly demarcated to ensure that tribals are given pattas within six months time from now

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in all the areas. You are perhaps aware that in many districts there is some uncertainty about the Forest or Revenue Deptt. have not been in agreement of the exact position. The tribals also have been an occupation of some other lands for long time though they have not been given pattas.

Special survey teams have been constituted for this purpose and a time schedule has been given to them to complete their work.

However this work cannot be even put to start without co-operation of the forest dept. With each survey team a Forest range officer of that area who acquainted with all those maps etc., should be there so that jointly the forest boundaries and the cairns may be got fixed.

I am holding a meeting at Vizag on the 24th to get this work stated immediately. I have already told the Collector, Vizag to inform his Conservator of Forests also to attend this meeting.

It will greatly help if you could ask the CCF. to issue necessary instructions to his Conservators to actively participate and ensure that the Chief Minister's decision is implemented.

A copy of the letter written by me to Sri S.R.Sankaran, IAS., Prl. Secretary (Tribal Welfare) is also enclosed herewith.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- V.P Rana Rao,

To
Sri Jayabharat Reddy, IAS.,
Prl. Secretary to Government,
P&RD Dept. Hyderabad.

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Copy of:

Lr.No.CSS&LR.D.O.Lr. No. Peshi/2/86 dt.22.7.86 Commissioner
Survey, Settlements & Land Records, A.P. Hyderabad.

Dear Sri Shankaran,

Sub: Survey & Settlements in tribal areas - sanction of special survey units and creation of three survey units by re-deploying the staff of the existing units orders issued.

Ref: Proc.of the Commissioner tribal welfare.

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3. G.O.Ms.No.737 Rev.(R) Dept.dt.26.6.86.

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With reference to the orders issued in the G.O.cited steps have already been initiated to form 2 units, one at Paderu and another at Utnoor by posting necessary minimum staff at present. Director of Survey and Land Records has recently held a meeting at Adilabad with Collector, Joint Collector, Project Officer, ITDA. and Forest officers to sort out the initial problems connected with demarcation

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of forest boundary. It may in this connection add that the entire Dedoli block consists of 57 villages. Forest deptt. have no identifiable marks on the ground that this issue has also figured in the earlier discussions and proceedings of the Commissioner, tribal welfare, the Commissioner of Survey and Settlements followed by the Director of settlements. Even in the recent meeting held on 14th July, 1986 at Adilabad the DFO. Adilabad who attended the meeting in the absence of the Conservator of Forests, stated that it is not possible for him to spare the services of forest range officers concerned due to other pressing duties and that so far the department did not make out any special case for appointment of special staff for identifying the forest boundary on permanent basis. However after detailed discussions it was decided to form a team of officials drawn from Forests, Survey and Revenue department for the immediate need to complete demarcation work in 8 villages, out of 57 villages, where the enjoyment survey and sub-division work is already completed. Obviously this arrangement appears to be adhoc in nature. As per the directions contained in para-5 of the G.O. cited forest boundary has to be determined in the first instance for undertaking survey operations and recognising the enjoyment of tribals by grant of pattas.

I am holding a similar meeting at Vizag on the 24th A.N. to chalkout a plan of action for the Paderu area. As discussed with you yesterday I am asking both the Sub Collector and the ITDA. Paderu to attend the meeting in addition to the Collector and Joint Collector. It would be absolutely essential to have a senior officer of the Forest Deptt. so that the teams consisting of some survey people and some forest people are constituted and a time frame given to them for completing the work.

I am marking a copy of this to sri Jayabharath Reddy also so that he could speak to the Chief Conservator of Forests. Could you also speak to him and mention to him that Govt. attach much importance to the completion of this work and that adequate number of forest Range Officers may be spared for some time to concentrate on the work.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-V.P.Rama Rao,

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