

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT

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Office of the Prl. Chief Conservator
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Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests,

CIRCULAR NO.14/89.

Sub:- Tours - Tours of Divisional Forest Officers
and Conservators of Forests in the Forest
areas in their jurisdictions - Instructions-
Issued.

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As per section 109 of the A.P. Forest Department Code, the Conservators of Forests and Divisional Forest Officers are expected to spend at least six months in camp during each financial year. There are also instructions to submit annual tour statements in the prescribed form to the immediate superior officers and then the superior officers will review the tours of their subordinate officers.

2) Instances have come to the notice of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests that the Divisional Forest Officers and Conservators of Forests are not making frequent tours and are not camping in the forest areas as per the provisions under section 109 of the A.P. Forest Code. Some of the Divisional Forest Officers and Conservators of Forests are returning to their head quarters from their field inspections on the same day without camping in the field. Due to not camping in the field and returning to the Head quarters on the same day is a factor considered to be having its adverse effect on forest protection. All out efforts have to be made in orders to improve the protection of forests in general and protection of the forests from illicit fellings and smuggling by organised gangs as well as local people in particular.

The Divisional Forest Officers and Conservators of Forests are requested to scrupulously follow the instructions under section 109 of the A.P. Forest Department code and try to avoid the frequent returns to Head Quarters from the field inspections. A number of night halts in the field should be made as frequently as possible so that it will create some alertness among the field staff and fear in the smugglers. This will improve the protection of valuable forests from illicit fellings and smuggling of forest produce by gangs etc. If they fail to spend at least six months in their camps during each financial year as prescribed in the A.P. Forest Department Code, the matter will be viewed seriously.

The receipt of the Circular instructions my please be acknowledged.

Sd/- PUSHP KUMAR,
PRL. CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS.

To
All Officers under 'Distribution List "A"'.
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