

**Government of Andhra Pradesh
(Forest Department)**

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**Office of the Principal Chief Conservator
of Forests – Andhra Pradesh - Hyderabad**

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CIRCULAR NO.1-B/2006

Sub: Patta Lands – Removal of timber and other produce from Patta lands
Consolidated guidelines issued – Further instructions on removal of
Red Sanders Trees from the Patta lands - Regarding.

Ref: 1. Prl.CCF Circular No.1/2003 (ref.no.5357/2003/F.5 dated 25.1.2003)
2. Prl.CCF ref.no.18606/97/F.5, dated 29.4.1997
3. PCCF Circular No.1-A/2003 (ref.no.5357/2003/F.5, dated 22.4.2006)

Detailed guidelines have been issued in the Circular cited 3rd for removal of Red Sander Trees in the patta lands of the farmers.

After issue of the Circular 3rd cited, a number of patta cases are being recommended by the Conservator of Forests, Tirupathi where the quantity of RS wood involved is more than 10 tons to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests. In the circular there is no provision about the checking to be done by the FRO/DFO /CF concerned

Para-I-i. is produced below:-

I. i. “Estimation of yield and verification of record about the authentication of the patta land and ownership of the tree growth will be done by the concerned Divisional Forest Officer and the Divisional Forest Officer (FS) jointly.”

There is no provision for the checking or test checking of the enumeration lists in I. i of the above paragraph. Therefore, the above paragraph is enlarged as follows with a provision of checking and test checking by senior officers:-

I. i-(a): The Forest Section Officer shall check 100% of the enumeration list covering the entire area by putting his dated signatures.

I. i. (b): The Forest Range officer concerned shall test check 25% of the enumeration on random sample basis covering the entire area and attest the entries checked by him in the enumeration list putting his dated signatures so that the date of test check is recorded. The concerned Sub-Divisional Forest Officer or the Assistant Conservator of Forests if there is one in the Division will test check 15% of enumeration list of the trees excluding those test checked by the Forest Range Officer.

I. i. ©: The Divisional Forest Officer (Territorial) and the Divisional Forest Officer, Flying Squad, shall test check 10% of the enumeration each on random basis covering the entire area excluding those trees test checked by the Forest Range Officer and the Sub-Divisional Forest Officer/Assistant Conservator of Forests. The Conservator of Forests concerned shall test check 5% of the enumeration at random covering the entire area without those test checked by the Forest Range Officer / Sub-Divisional Divisional Forest Officer.

These instructions will come into effect immediately.

After this process of checking and test checking is over, the Conservator of Forests will give a report to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests with specific recommendation, On receipt of this report, a senior officer from head office namely Chief Conservator of Forests (Production)/Special Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Production) may take up further verification of enumeration lists and felling permission will be accorded.

After receipt of felling permission from the head office on the basis of the report of the Conservator of Forests, the Conservator of Forests will allow the pattedar to fell the RS trees as per the enumeration list.

I. i (d): After felling of the RS trees and transportation to a central depot as approved by the Divisional Forest Officer, again the felled material should be checked and test checked on random sample basis by the Forest Section Officer/Forest Range Officer/Sub-Divisional Forest Officer/Assistant Conservator of Forests/Divisional Forest Officer/Conservator of Forests with respect to the enumeration list and satisfy themselves about the genuineness of the produce and then the Conservator of Forests should forward the proposal with his recommendation/observation. If necessary., a senior officer from the head officer e.g. Chief Conservator of Forests (Production)/Special Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Production) may also take up further inspection of the felled material for final action.

The Conservators of Forests and the Divisional Forest Officers are requested to follow the above guidelines without any deviation.

Sd/- S.K. DAS
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