

*** ANDHRA PRADESH TEAKWOOD ¹[x x x] POSSESSION RULES, 1970**

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 29 read with sub-section (1) of Section 68 of the Andhra Pradesh Forest Act, 1967 (Andhra Pradesh Act No. 1 of 1967) and in supersession of all existing rules on the subject made under any of the Acts repealed under Section 72 of the Act aforesaid the Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby makes the following rules regarding the possession of Teakwood [x x x].

1. These rules may be called the Andhra Pradesh Teakwood ¹[xxx] Possession Rules, 1970.

2. No person residing in any village situated within a radius of 15 KM of such reserved forest as may be specified by the Chief Conservator of Forests in this behalf by a notification in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette shall possess a quantity of teakwood, ²[x x x] the quantity of which exceeds quarter of a cubic metre in volume unless the teakwood bears distinguishable Government transit mark or the property mark affixed to it under the Andhra Pradesh Forest Produce Transit Rules, 1969 [x x x].

Explanation I:— For the purpose of this rule, teakwood does not include ³[timber above 25 cms. in girth at its thickest and one metre in length utilised for agricultural implements.]

Explanation II:— For the purpose of this rule, the value of teakwood possessed by a person shall be determined having regard to such rates as may from time to time, be fixed per unit measure by the Chief Conservator of Forests by notification in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette.

3. (1) Any person accused of contravention of Rule 2 may within fifteen days ⁴[from the date of detection of the offence make a representation] to the Conservator of Forests in writing with such material evidence as in the opinion of the accused person would prove the legitimate origin of the teakwood in his possession.

* Vide G.O.Ms.No. 356, Food & Agriculture, dt. 4-3-1970, pub. in A.P. Gazette RS to Pt. II, dt. 30-4-1970 p. 209.

1. The words "Red-sander Wood" wherever occurs in these rules omitted by G.O.Ms.No. 413 EFEST (For-III) Dept. dt. 3-11-1989, published in A.P. Gazette, RS to Part I, No. 1, dt. 4-1-1990.
2. The words "the value of which exceeds rupees two hundred" were omitted by G.O.Ms.No. 634, F & RD, dt. 26-9-1979, published in A.P. Gazette, Issue No. 38, dt. 25-10-1979.
3. Substituted for the words "sawn timber" by Memo No. 2206/For-III/77-2 F & RD Dept. dt. 30-12-1977.
4. Substituted for the words "of date of booking the offence prefer a representation" by Memo No. 2206/For. III/77-2, F & RD, dt. 30-12-1977.

(2) The Conservator shall thereupon make such enquiry as he deems fit and pass an order containing his decision as to the legitimate origin of the teak.

(3) Any person aggrieved by the order the Conservator of Forests under sub-rule (2) may, within thirty days of the receipt thereof by him, prefer an appeal to the Chief Conservator of Forests, who shall, after giving such person an opportunity of being heard, pass such order as he deems fit and the order so passed shall be final.

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