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*Central Govt. In the absence of any Working Plan in any particular state, such as Arunachal Pradesh where permit system exists, the felling under permit can be done either by Forest Department of the State Govt. or State Forest Corporation"*

I say that the Hon'ble Supreme Court in recognition of the fact that there were certain States where working plan has not been prepared directed that such working plans should be prepared within 2 years. In other words, the Hon'ble Supreme Court in its judgement dated 15.1.1998 has given time upto 15.1.2000 for preparation of Working Plan. The relevant portion of the interim order is reproduced herein hereinbelow:

"Scientific Management of Forests

"Working plan for all forest divisions shall be prepared by the State Govts and got approved from the Govt. Of India. Forest working shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the approved prescriptions of the Working Plans. The working plans should be prepared within a period of two years. During the intermittent period the forest shall be worked according to an annual felling programme by the "MOEF" which shall be incorporated in the concerned working plan. In case a working plan is not prepared within this time frame future felling will remain suspended till the regular working plan is prepared and got approved."