

stock. It would therefore be iniquitous to deprive them of an opportunity to utilise the stock for which payment has been made to the Government for the purchase of wood. However, it is to be borne in mind that fresh logging of wood must cease immediately.

After taking all facts and circumstances into consideration, we issue the following directions:

(1) All felling of trees from the forest of Little Andaman Islands, the national park and sanctuaries, the tribal reserves and all other areas shall stand suspended.

(2) For the areas in which there are working plans, the Government through the Chief Secretary shall disclose on an affidavit -

(i) The extent of felling and re-generation permitted under these working plans during the last 10 years.

(ii) The compliance with re-generation/re-planatation/re-forestation targets under the working plans and reasons if any for the shortfall.