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stick or any other wood-based industry.

(5) In drawing up the new working plans the Government shall formulate a Committee with one Ecologist who is proficient with the ecology of Andaman.

(6) The working plans so formulated shall be placed before this Court within a period of twelve weeks.

(7) The trees felled under the working plan in the manner indicated aforesaid should be utilised for the requirements of the local inhabitants.

(8) The licences of all the saw-mills and wood-based industries shall not be renewed after 31st March, 2003. This will not debar the authorities from cancelling licences in accordance with law, if there is no breach of the Licence Committee by the Licencees before that date.

(9) The ecology of the area does not permit any kind of industrial activity for which the wood is likely to be consumed. Therefore, licences of wood-based industries shall stand cancelled but they will be permitted to exhaust the existing stock till 31st March, 2003.

(10) The Union of India if it so adopts and thinks appropriate may take steps for re-locating the dislocated wood-based industries in the main land area anywhere in India as long as it is not within the vicinity of forest area. Henceforth for meeting the local requirements it is only the Government saw-mills which shall operate.

No fresh wood or logs shall be given to any of the saw-mills or the wood-based industries till fresh working plans are prepared and submitted to this Court and the approval obtained.

(11) With immediate effect, there will be no movement of logs or timber in any form including sawn timber from Andaman & Nicobar Islands to any part of India or anywhere else.

(12) Regularisation of encroachments on forest land in any form, including allotment/use of forest land for agricultural or horticultural purposes, shall be strictly prohibited.

(13) All those families who have been identified as having encroached on forest land prior to 1978 and have not yet shifted to their allotted rehabilitation sites, shall be given one month's notice to vacate their encroachments and shift to the allotted land. Failing this, their allotment shall be cancelled and they shall be forcibly evicted within three months of the deadline being over, without any further claim to land or any other form of rehabilitation. Such notices should be issued within six weeks.

(14) Similarly, those among the pre-1978 families that have shifted to their allotted sites but have occupied more land than they were entitled to shall also be given one