

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT

From

To

Sri K. S. Rao, IFS,
Pri. Chief Conservator of Forests
Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad,
A.P., Hyderabad.

The Special Chief Secretary to Government,
Environment Forests Science &
Technology Department,
Secretariat,
A.P., Hyderabad.

Ref.No. 27740/2007/U1, dated 16-07-2008.

Madam,

Sub:- Recognition of Forest Rights Act - Bhuporatom - Illicit fellings in Rally Forest Block of Kawal Wildlife Sanctuary by Villagers of Tapalpur, Singaraipet, Rotiguda, Mohammadabad and Thimmapur In the early hours of 19th June, 2008 - Regarding.

Ref:- C.C.F & C.F (FAC), Adilabad D.O.Lr.No.5660/08/S1, dt.28-6-2008.

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It is submitted that the Chief Conservator of Forests & Conservator of Forests (FAC), Adilabad, vide reference cited, while reporting about fellings in Tapalpur VSS of Kawal sanctuary has stated that a meeting was held on 24-6-2008 at Tapalpur village to counsel all the villagers from all the adjoining connected villages which are associated with destruction of Forests for cultivation purpose. The RDO, Mancherial/DSP, Mancherial/DFO, Jannaram and a local NGO apart from other officials have impressed upon the villagers not to fell forests in the wildlife sanctuary area and they will not get any right to cultivate under ROFR Act. They were also told about the adverse consequences of forest destruction.

The Chief Conservator of Forests has reported that the officers also tried to convince the highly motivated people not to resort to further fellings in the sanctuary area, but at the end of the counseling meeting, the Chief Conservator of Forests, observed that the some adamant villagers continued to advocate that only Bhuporatom will solve their problems, which clearly shows that vested interests are acting strongly on them and are bent upon continuing Bhuporatom and cause further irreparable damage to the Forest. Thus, the situation is very alarming and it is not possible for Forest Department alone to control the illicit fellings in Kawal Wildlife sanctuary. The entire District Administration including Revenue & Police Departments have to co-ordinate and co-operate in protection of the forests. The I/c. Chief Conservator of Forests, Adilabad circle is advised to contact the District officials for taking necessary action in protection of Forests.

A copy of the reference cited together with Minutes of the Meeting, held at Tapalpur on 24-6-2008 by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Adilabad is submitted herewith.

This is submitted for kind information and necessary action.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/- K. S. Rao
Pri. Chief Conservator of Forests

Copy to the (FAC) Chief Conservator of Forests, Adilabad Circle to contact the District Collector and S.P. for co-ordinated efforts to protect the Forests.

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Superintendent