

I would like to bring this classic case of Atrocities against "Forest Officers on duty", for their lawful acts done under the colour of their duties; by way of filing a false case by the offenders under various sections of SC/ST (Prevention of atrocities) Act 1989; at the instigation of some Senior Police Officers like (1) Sri. Sarvottam Pai, Superintendent of Police, Civil Rights Enforcement Cell, Mangalore and (2) Sri. Chikkerur, IPS, Additional Director General of Police, Civil Rights Enforcement Cell; Bangalore, despite the fact that the Haliyal Tahasildar, Circle Police Inspector, Haliyal, Police Sub-Inspector, Haliyal and other Police people were very much there with the Forest Officers at the reserve forests of Golehalli. Wherein the offenders who have filed this counter complaint were trying to encroach upon the reserve forest land by cutting the tree growth in that Reserve Forest area. This false criminal case against 12 Forest officers on duty, filed as a counter complaint by the offenders, has been registered by the local police without obtaining the prior approval of the Government of Karnataka as envisaged U/s. 114A of Karnataka Forest Act 1963 and also, despite the fact that the very Police officers, who have registered this false complaint, were knowing fully well that it is a false complaint being filed as a counter complaint with mala fide intentions.

The Forest Officers i.e. Range Forest Officer, Haliyal and others have tried to prevent the repeated attempts made by the twenty four persons belonging to the local Siddhi community to cut the tree growth in the Golehalli Reserve Forests area with an intention to encroach this forest land. The forest officers have conducted a drive to prevent the forest encroachments during which the local Revenue and Police Officers were also present. The Tahasildar, Haliyal, Circle Police Inspector, Haliyal and Police Sub-Inspector, Haliyal along with some Police Constables had accompanied the forest officers to the Golehalli Reserve Forests and helped them in foiling the attempts made by the offenders to encroach upon the Reserve forest lands, and hence, five forest offence cases have been registered vide FIRs under ref (D) for the said forest offences. The entire operations have been photographed and video-graphed (C.D. enclosed for ready reference).