

When these offenders were arrested and produced before the Hon'ble Judicial Magistrate First Class, Haliyal, after getting them duly examined by the Govt. doctors about their health condition, they did not complain about any ill-treatment by the forest officers, before the Hon'ble Judicial Magistrate First Class, Haliyal, even when they were specifically asked about it. (The copies of the Order sheets on remand application are enclosed for ready reference).

Later on, at the instigation of politically motivated bad elements and also being encouraged and motivated by the exaggerated and instigating statements made by the 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, during their recent visit to Karwar and Haliyal. (The paper cuttings are enclosed to this effect, vide ref. (4)), these offenders have submitted a false complaint under SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act 1989, against the forest officers on duty after a lapse of nearly two months time, as a counter complaint for the cases registered against them by these forest officers vide ref (2).

Surprisingly, the very Police Officers who had accompanied the forest officers to carry out the encroachment prevention drive at Golehalli Reserve Forests, have registered this false Criminal Case against the forest officers vide ref. (1) above knowing fully well that it is a false complaint lodged by the offenders as a counter complaint, to escape the legal action initiated against them by the forest officers, and also to create inconvenience and to harass the forest officers to such an extent that they should not dare to take any legal action against them. It is evident that they (Police) have registered this false criminal case under tremendous pressure from the politically motivated bad elements and also from the 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.