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10. Having stated the above, as regards the recommendations of Prof. Shekhar Singh which have not been specifically covered by the order of the Hon'ble Court, the action taken by the Administration on those recommendations are dealt with in serialim in the same order as followed in the report of Prof. Shekhar Singh, in the ensuing paras,

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Forest Harvesting

11. That the recommendation (2) to completely prohibit harvesting of all forest produce including timber and Non-Timber Forest Produce (NTFP) from the National Parks and Sanctuaries seeks to give an impression that forest produce are being collected from the National Parks and sanctuaries, whereas the fact is that no harvesting of any forest produce is allowed once an area is declared as a sanctuary or a National Park.

12. That the recommendation (3) not to harvest any timber from the unworked areas is taken care of in the new Working Plans, to be prepared by a Committee specially constituted for the purpose, as directed by the Hon'ble Court. A copy of the order constituting the committee is annexed herewith as Annexure 'A',

13. That the recommendation (6) to continue the present ban on felling and meeting the local requirement from the already felled timber in stock is being complied with. The stock available with the department is being converted in the Govt. Saw Mills for meeting the local requirements. Felling