

on 26th December, 2004. List this report for consideration on the next date of hearing of the forest matters, namely, 28th January, 2005. But, having regard to the urgency of the matter, as an interim measure, accepting the suggestions in the report for carrying out rehabilitation measures as above, the order dated 7th May, 2002 is relaxed to the limited extent and the following is permitted:

(i) Extraction of timber and non-timber forest produce from the forest area including deemed forest and allotted land for the time being without approved working plan for a period of six months for meeting the immediate requirement for reconstruction/repair of houses, setting up of relief camps, repair of jetties, bridges, public buildings and related matters subject to the following conditions:

(a) no felling will be done (i) upto 1000 mtr. from the sea-shore, (ii) in the National Parks and Sanctuaries, and (iii) in mangrove forests;

(b) the felling will be exclusively for meeting the immediate requirement of rehabilitation work and not for any commercial purposes;

(c) proportionate reduction in the subsequent felling will be made while implementing the prescriptions of the working plan to adjust the present felling; and

(d) the location, quantity and actual utilization of felling/removal will be monitored by a committee not below the level of the Chief Conservator of Forests. The said Committee will also be responsible to provide monthly details of felling and utilization timber and non timber forest produce.

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