

1. AMENDMENT

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 68 of A.P. Forest Act, 1967, the Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby makes the following amendments to the said Act with immediate effect.

The words "Asst. Conservator of Forests" occurring in 2nd line under Sub-clause (b) of clause 1 of Section 62 shall be substituted by "Forest Range Officer".

2. AMENDMENT

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 68 of A.P. Forest Act 1967, the Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby makes the following amendment to the A.P. Forest Offences (compounding and prosecution) Rules 1959 as amended from time to time with immediate effect.

(1) For the figures "Rs. 100" occurring in Sub-Rule (ii) of Rule 8 of the said rules "Rs. 7,500/-" shall be substituted

(2) The following shall be added as Sub-Rule (iii) of Rule 8 of the said Rules.

"However Forest Range Officers shall not compound any Forest Offence involving fast moving motorised vehicles, Sandal Wood and Red Sanders".

(3) The Existing Rule 12 of the said Rules shall be substituted as below:

12 In case the value of the Forest Produce, seized is less than Rs. 7500/- and where the accused does not opt for compounding the offence or the competent authority does not choose to compound the offences the Forest Range Officer may order the prosecution of the accused. In all other cases where the accused does not opt for compounding the offence or the competent authority does not choose to compound the offence the Sub-Divisional Forest Officer, Manager of under the administrative control of Girijan Co-operative Corporation Limited or the Divisional Forest Officer may order the prosecution of the accused.

Sd/- H.K. Desai,
Pr. Chief of Conservator of Forests.

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