

*Annexure VII (12), (Vide Article - 7.03)*

Maharashtra Private Forests (Acquisition) Act, 1975.  
Implementation of...

**GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA,  
Revenue and Forests Department,  
Circular No. PRF 1075/136700/F-2,  
Mantralaya Bombay 400032.  
DATE 26<sup>th</sup> May 1978.**

- READ :- i) Government Circular, Revenue & Forests Department No. PRF/1075/136700-F2, dated 5<sup>th</sup> May, 1976.  
ii) Government Circular, Revenue & Forests Department No. PRF/1075/136700-F2, dated 5<sup>th</sup> April, 1977.  
iii) Government Circular, Revenue & Forests Department No. PRF/1075/136700-F2, dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 1977.

**CIRCULAR:**

Maharashtra Ordinance No. II of 1978, - an Ordinance further to amend the Maharashtra Private Forests (Acquisition) Act, 1975 has been promulgated and published in the Maharashtra Government Gazette Part - IV, Extra ordinary dated 26th April 1978. The Ordinance, inter-alia, provides for restoration to the extent specified, of the acquired forests to their erstwhile owners whose total holdings of lands became less than 12 hectares on account of the acquisition of the private forest lands or whose total holdings of lands were already 12 Hectares or less. Under the Ordinance the Collector has been empowered to pass an order with regard to the restoration of the acquired forest land. Suitable measures to restore the acquired lands to their erstwhile owners to the extent provided in the Ordinance are being taken. All the same it will take some more time to actually restore the lands to the rightful claimants. Government is, therefore, pleased to direct that the farmers whose forest lands have been acquired should be permitted to grow during Kharif 1978, Nagli, Varai and any other like crops raised by shifting cultivation, on the area of acquired forests equivalent to the area actually under such cultivation in Kharif 1975, on the same conditions on which the permission was given for cultivation of such crops during Kharif of 1977.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

(R.B. SULE)  
Under Secretary to Government,  
Revenue and Forests Department.

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