

Annexure VII (18), (Vide Article - 7.03)

PMU-1475/136990-F-6.

Revenue and Forests Department,
Mintrolaya, Bombay-400 032.
Dated: 7th March, 1980.

To

The Chief Conservator of Forests,
Maharashtra State,

Sub: Issue of notification under Sec.21(1)
of the Maharashtra Private Forests (Acq.)
Act, 1975.

It has been made clear by the Law and Judiciary Department that section 2(f) of the Maharashtra Private Forests (Acquisition) Act, 1975 defines Private Forests as forests which is not the property of Government and includes lands, sitas, mentioned in Sub-clause (i) to (vi) thereof as also those on which tree growth is found though not abundant as natural forest, and that this would vest in Government, on the appointed day i.e. 30th August 1975 whether possession thereof has been taken by Government or not possession of all such lands will have to be taken, after due identification of the lands, under section 5 of the Act and if any objects etc. are received further owners thereof the Collector will have to adjudicate such cases under section 6 of the Act.

By operation of section 3(3) of the Act the rights of the previous owners have been extinguished as all the private forests lands have since 30th August 1975 started deemed to have been "Reserved Forests".

In the circumstances the proposal received from you under Section 21(1) of the Act are now redundant and are returned herewith. The concerned Conservator of Forests may be instructed to take necessary further action to take over such of the private forest lands under Section 5 of the Act conforming to the definition of the Private Forests.

Sd/-

Assistant Secretary to Government,
Revenue and Forests Department.

Copy to the Conservator of Forests, Thane Circle, Thane,
with ref. to his letter No. XL/MPF/D-6-7-2-2848 dt. 13-9-1976.

- b) XL/MPF/D-6/T-2/2845 dated 13th September, 1976
- c) XL/MPF/D-6/T-2/2844 dt. 13-9-1976
- d) XL/MPF/D-6/T-2/2779 dt. 13th Sept. 1976
- e) XL/D-6/T-2/2847 dt. 13-9-76.
- f) XL/MPF/D-6/T-2/2846 dt. 13-9-1976
- g) " " /2850 dt. 13-9-76.

No. 40/MPF/D-6(2)/ 5977 of 1979-80,
Thane-3, dated 20th March, 1980.

Copy fd. to the D.F.Os. all (T) for neo. action.

2. They are requested to take further action to take over such of the Private forests lands under Section 5 of the Act conforming to the definition of the Pvt. forests.
3. The date on which the possession ^{of the area} is taken over should reported to this office as early as possible.
4. They should also report the details of the Pvt. forest falling under the purview of Section 2(f) of the M.P.F. (Acq.) Act, 1975 which they intend to take over as per Govt. orders.