

Annexure VII (23), (Vide Article - 7.03)

Maharashtra Private Forests  
(Acquisition) Act, 1975.

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Implementation of -

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA,  
Revenue & Forests Department,  
Circular No. PRF 1482/140951-FS,  
Mantralaya, Bombay 400032, 20th March 1982.

READ: Government Revenue and Forests Department Circular  
No. PRF 1482/140951-FG dated the 8th January 1982.

C I R C U L A R.

It has been repeatedly complained to Government that the small holders are being denied the benefit of their acquired forest lands on account of undue delay in restoration of the same under Section 22-A of the Maharashtra Private Forests (Acquisition) Act, 1975. In order to solve the difficulty of at least ~~of~~ such of the ex-owners of forest land deemed to be prima facie eligible for restoration under Section 22-A *ibid* orders were issued, in paragraph 2 of the aforesaid Government Circular dated 8.1.1982 that such persons whose total land holding, including forest land, did not exceed 12 hectares on the appointed date viz. the 30th August 1975, be allowed to fell trees thereon, subject inter alia to the production of a certificate from the competent Revenue Officer to the effect that their total holding did not exceed 12 hectares on that date.

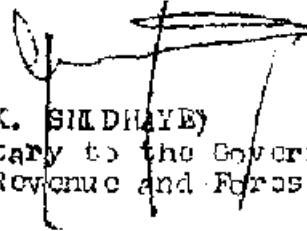
2 As however, complaints have continued to pour in, on behalf of the small holders in the aforesaid matter, Government is pleased to issue the following instructions in amplifications of those referred to in the foregoing paragraph :

- (a) The Tahsildar of the Taluka in which the forest land (in respect of which permission is sought) is situate, should be considered as the competent Revenue Officer for the purpose of issuing the certificate mentioned above. In his absence the Resident Naib Tahsildar should be considered as the competent Revenue Authority for the purpose.

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(b) The Tahsildar may issue the certificate on the strength of the 'khate utara' pertaining to the land in question, supported by an affidavit from the holder to the effect that his total holding in the State as on the relevant date (30.8.1975), inclusive of his private forest, which vested in the State on that date, did not exceed 12 hectares.

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



(C.K. SHIDHAYE)  
Under Secretary to the Government of  
Maharashtra, Revenue and Forests Department.

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- All the Commissioners of Divisions,
- The Chief Conservator of Forests, Maharashtra State, Pune,
- The Chief Conservator of Forests (Special),  
Maharashtra State, Pune,
- The Additional Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Maharashtra State, Pune,
- All Collectors,
- All Conservators of Forests,
- All Divisional Forest Officers and Sub-Divisional Officers  
in charge of Independent Sub-Divisions,
- All Deputy Collectors (Private Forests),  
Thane, Raigad and Sindhudurg Districts,
- Sub-Divisional Officers, Thane/Raigad/Sindhudurg/Pune/  
Nashik/Dhule/Ahmednagar/Sangli/Kolhapur and Bombay  
Suburban Districts.
- The F-3 Desk, Revenue & Forests Department.