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Grant of licences for erecting or
operating any machinery or sawmill
for cutting or converting of timber.

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
Revenue and Forests Department,
Circular No. SWM.1081/106836-F-6,
Mantralaya, Bombay-400 032,
Date: 26th October 1981.

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In Government Notification, Revenue and Forests Department,
No. SWM 1081/106836-F-6, dated 16th July 1981, directions have
been issued for the guidance of the licensing authorities, licensees
and other persons concerned, in regard to the grant of new licences
under Rule 88 of the Bombay Forest Rules, 1942, Rule 23 of the
Bombay Transit of Forest Produce (Vidarbha Region and Saurashtra and
Kutch areas) Rules, 1969 and Rule 23 of the Hyderabad Transit of
Forest Produce (Bombay) Rules, 1958, for erecting or operating any
machinery or saw mill for cutting or converting of timber. These
directions were amended by Government Notification, Revenue &
Forests Department, No. SWM.1081/106836-F-6, dated 19th August 1981.

2. In ~~para~~ paragraph 1 of the above directions (as amended), conditions
have been specified under which a Divisional Forest Officer can
issue a new licence, without reference to Government but with the
prior approval of the Conservator of Forests.

3. In paragraphs 2 and 3 of the directions (as amended),
explicit guidelines have been given as to the circumstances under
which the cases relating to the erection or operation of any
machinery or saw mill for cutting or converting of timber be
referred to Government for prior sanction.

4. Paragraph 4 of the directions (as amended) stated that, not-
withstanding anything contained in the directions, the State
Government may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, by order,
approve the grant of a new licence by the Divisional Forest
Officer in any case, where it is satisfied that such grant of a
licence is necessary to remove genuine and extreme hardship to an
applicant or in public interest. In this respect, Government has
decided to consider individual cases, which satisfy the

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following criteria L-

(i) The applicant should give positive proof of having purchased saw mill machinery or incurred financial or other liabilities of a substantial nature on or prior to 30th September 1981. He will have to furnish ^{true} copies of the bill and other pertinent documents as evidence, and these should be verified from the originals.

(ii) The saw mill should be located at least 10 (ten) km outside the limits of any reserved or protected forest.

(iii) The applicant should have applied for grant of the saw mill licence on or before 30th September 1981.

5. The licensing authorities are requested to expeditiously enquire into cases of applications received by them either directly or through Government and falling under paragraph 3 or above, and submit their reports and recommendations to Government for orders.

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

(L.H.A. NE(DO))
Deputy Secretary to Government,
Revenue and Forests Department.

To:

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Maharashtra State, Pune,
All Conservators of Forests (Territorial),
All Divisional Forest Officers,
All Sub-Divisional Forest Officers in charge of Independent
Sub-Divisions.