OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS (HEAD OF FOREST FORCE), MAHARASHTRA STATE, NAGPUR

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Sub:-Implementation of the prescription of approved working plan.

No. PCCF/(P&M)/PA/ WP/ 4 0 /2012-13. Nagpur, Dated 8th June 2012.

To, Principal Secretary(Forests) Revenue and Forest Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai.

With reference to the confidential office Note No. PCCF/(P&M)/PA/25, dated 25th May 2012, I would like to inform you that Chief Conservator of Forest (T) Nagpur has been asked to conduct inspections personally & inquire the irregularities in implementation of working plan prescriptions in Gondia & Nagpur Forest Divisions vide this office letter No. PCCF/(P&M)/PA/WPN /24, dated 25th May 2012, No. 26, dated 25th May 2012, No. 31, dated 31st May 2012, & D.O. No. 33, dated 4th June 2012. In spite of that CCF (T) Nagpur has failed to inspect the works personally.

2.00 There is a reason to believe the report of CCF (Working Plan) Nagpur because the works of CBO, tending of Natural Regeneration, Boundary Demarcation & Fire line cutting have shown to be carried out even in the sensitive ranges North Deori, South Deori, Chichgad, Salekasa, but no other works of forestry of any nature are done due to naxalite activities. Under such situation these works done in these sensitive ranges seem to be suspicious & most likely these works might have not been done as per approved working plan. These works also should be personally be inspected by CCF(T) Nagpur. In this regard, you are requested to issue orders to conduct inspections personally by the CCF (T) Nagpur of all the works done under NR, CBO and AR and if any irregularity is observed, necessary action in the matter be taken.

3.00 The findings of report of CCF (WP) Nagpur are again serious & it reveals gross violation of working plan prescriptions resulting in infructuous expenditure. At some sites, the expenditure has been charged without doing the works on the field. Some of these serious type irregularities are as under

- Tending of Natural Regeneration has not been carried out in the field & amount has been
 charged for the same. These works been shown in the measurement book (MB) as carried out
 at those places which do not have any seed based seedlings and the expenditure has been
 incurred. Tending of NR should be done in those areas, which have at least 400 seed based
 natural seedling per ha and it should be done just after rains and not in the month of January.
- These works have not been found to be done in the field and a huge amount has been charged, which is very serious financial irregularity and amounts to misappropriation of

government money.

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- Deviation proposals have not been approved before execution of these activities.
- The coupes have not been demarcated and the treatment maps have not been prepared as per the prescriptions of working plan. As reported by the WPO, the site selection of CBO, NR management, plantation and cleaning activities are not done as per the prescription of approved working plan.

4.00 These works have neither been inspected by CCF (T) Nagpur nor DCF (T) Bhandara. Such financial, technical and administrative irregularities have been observed in the working plan activities in all the Forest Divisions of Nagpur Circle during the year 2011-12.Looking into above lapses in implementation of prescription of approved working plan in the forest divisions of Nagpur Circle, it is clear indication of casual and indifferent approach of field staff/officers in implementation of working plan prescription in the forest division of Nagpur Circle.

Further, the CCF(WP) Nagpur has also inspected personally some of the working plan activities carried out during the year 2011-12 in Bhandara Forest Division along with DCF (T)Bhandara, ACF(T) Bhandara& respective RFOs in Bhandara Forest Division and submitted his report vide his confidential letter No. CCF/WP/RS/258/2012-13 dated 7th June 2012, which is enclosed for your kind perusal.

It needs to be inspected by CCF (T) Nagpur immediately& before rains. But in spite of giving instruction to CCF (T) Nagpur, he has failed to inspect these works personally. In this regard, necessary instruction may immediately be given to Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) M.S., Nagpur to further issue orders to conduct inspections personally by the CCF (T) Nagpur of all the works done under NR, CBO and AR and if any irregularity is observed, necessary action in the matter be taken, so that such irregularities may avoided in future.

Encl. : as above.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Production and Management), Maharashtra State, Nagpur,

- 1. Copy to Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (HoFF) M.S., Nagpur for information.
- 2. Copy to CCF (T) Nagpur for information and necessary action as above.
- 3. Copy to APPCF(WP) East Nagpur for information & necessary action.

4. Copy to C€FWP Nagpur for information.

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