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Sub:-poaching in Forests by senior Officers of Government-instructions regarding.

It has come to the notice of Government, that some senior Officers of Government including district level officers holding gun licences have been indulging in poaching in the state Forests, thereby exhibiting a blatant disregard of the provisions of the wild Life protection act, 1972 and wild life protection Rules, 1973. Such Officers, are not only holding the law to ridicule but are also setting a bad example to their subordinate officers and the members of the public, who seeing the law being given scant respect by the officers who are expected to honour or enforce it, are emboldened to turn to poaching without fear of consequences. Officers of sensitive Departments of Government like the Revenue police, Forests, etc., the nature of whose duties makes it easy for them to obtain gun licences for self defence, have a special responsibility to see that they do not misuse the weapons issued to them.

2. It is, therefore, impressed on all the officers that if it comes to the notice of Government that officers of Government indulge in poaching, serious notice will be taken thereof, their licences will be cancelled and disciplinary action taken against them. They will also be rendering themselves liable to prosecution under the acts and rules mentioned in the aforesaid paragraph. All officers of the Government, particularly of the Forest, Revenue and police departments are requested to report to their departmental heads, instances in which their colleagues so misuse the weapons for which they hold licences.

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N.Narasimha Rau
Chief Secretary to Government.

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Copy to all the Assistant Commissioners/Tahsildars in the District for information and necessary action.

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