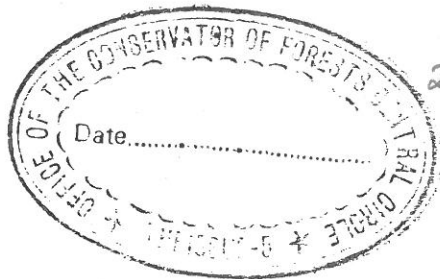


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Sub: - Handling of personal belongings of the arrested Persons-Regarding

It has come to the notice of the undersigned that the personal belongings of the arrested persons are not being handled properly and accounted for, by the staff. The action taken in this regard should be in conformity with the Section 51 of the CRPC 1972, which is quoted below.

The Officer making the arrest or, when the arrest is made by a private Person, the Police Officer to whom he makes over the person arrested, may search such person, and place in safe custody all articles, other than necessary wearing-apparel found upon him and where any article is seized from the arrested person, a receipt showing the article taken in possession by the Police Officer shall be given to such person.

2. Whenever it is necessary to cause a female to be searched, the search shall be made by another female with strict regard to decency.

The above procedure has to be scrupulously followed by all concerned whether it is police official or forest official. Therefore, the Forest Officials should also follow the above procedure during search of arrested persons. The seizure details shall be brought to the notice of the Court also.

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