

Forest Act, 1963

Section 5 - Proclamation by Forest Settlement Officer

When a notification has been issued under section 4, the Forest Settlement Officer shall publish in Kannada and in any other regional language of the area, at the headquarters of each taluk in which any portion of the land comprised in such notification is situated and in every town and village in the neighbourhood of such land a proclamation,--

- (a) specifying, as nearly as possible, the situation and limits of the proposed forest;
- (b) setting forth the substance of the provisions of section 6;
- (c) explaining the consequences which, as hereinafter provided, will ensue on such forest being constituted a reserved forest; and
- (d) fixing a period of not less than three months from the date of publishing such proclamation, and requiring every person claiming any right or making any claim referred to or mentioned in section 4, either to present to such officer within such period a written notice specifying or to appear before him within such period and state the nature of such right or claim (if any) and in either case to produce all documents in support thereof.

The Forest Settlement Officer shall also serve a notice to the same effect on every known or reputed owner or occupier of any land included in or adjoining the land proposed to be constituted a reserved forest or on his recognised agent or manager. Such notice may be sent by registered post to persons residing beyond the limits of the district in which such land is situated.
