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Forest Act, 1963

Section 53 - Certain Kinds of Timbers to Be Deemed Property of State Government Until Title Thereto Proved

(1) All timber found adrift, beached stranded or sunk; all wood or timber bearing marks which have not been registered in accordance with the rules made under section 50 or which have been supermarked or on which the marks have been obliterated, altered or defaced by fire or otherwise; and in such areas as the State Government directs, all unmarked wood and timber; shall be deemed to be the property of the State Government unless and until any person establishes his right and title thereto, as provided in this Chapter.

(2) The timber referred to in sub-section (1) may be collected by any Forest Officer or other person entitled to collect the same by virtue of any rule made under section 59 and may be brought to any depot which the Forest Officer may notify as a depot for the reception of drift timber.

(3) The State Government may, by notification, exempt any class of timber from the provisions of this section.
