

## Forest Act, 1963

### Section 86 - Penalty for Offence in Regard to Sandalwood

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In any case of a forest offence having reference to the cutting, uprooting, or removal or damage to, a sandal tree or any part of a sandal tree belonging to Government,<sup>1</sup>[or to an occupant or holder of land or other person referred to in section 83], the offender shall, on conviction, be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to<sup>1</sup>[ten years]<sup>2</sup>[and with fine] which may extend to<sup>1</sup>[one lakh rupees.]

<sup>1</sup>[Provided that,-

(i) in the case of first offence the term of imprisonment shall not be less than<sup>3</sup>[five years] and the amount of fine shall not be less than<sup>2</sup>[fifty thousand rupees]; and

(ii) in the case of a second or subsequent offence the term of imprisonment shall not be less than<sup>3</sup>[seven years] and the amount of fine shall not be less than<sup>3</sup>[seventy five thousand rupees.]

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1.Substituted by Act 20 of 2001 w.e.f. 5.9.2002.

2. Substituted by Act 23 of 1974 w.e.f. 16.9.1974.

3. Inserted by Act 1 of 1981 w.e.f. 23.2.1981.