

Indian Forest Act, 1927

Section 72 - State Government May Invest Forest-officers with Certain Powers

(1) The¹[State Government] may invest any Forest-officer with all or of the following powers, that is to say:-

- (a) power to enter upon any land and to survey, demarcate and make a map of the same;
- (b) the powers of a Civil Court to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents and material objects;
- (c) power to issue a search-warrant under the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (5 of 1898)²; and
- (d) power to hold an inquiry into forest-offences, and, in the course of such inquiry, to receive and record evidence.

(2) Any evidence recorded under clause (d) of sub-section (1) shall be admissible in any subsequent trial before a Magistrate, provided that it has been taken in the presence of the accused person.

1. Substituted by the A.O. 1950, for "Provincial Government".

2. See Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (2 of 1974).