

EXTRACTS OF PENAL CLAUSES FROM INDIAN
FORESTS ACT, 1927 — CHAPTER IX
PENALTY AND PROCEDURES (PAGE 31)

Penalty for counterfeiting or defacing
marks on trees and timbers and for altering
boundary marks.

- 63 Whoever, with intent to cause, damage or injury to the public or to any person or to cause wrongful gain as defined in the Indian Penal Code :
- (a) Knowingly counter-feeding upon any timber or standing tree a mark used by Forest Officers to indicate that such timber or tree is the property of the Government or of some person or that it may lawfully be cut or removed by some person; or
 - (b) Alters defaces or obliterates any such mark placed on a tree or on timber or under the authority of Forest Officer; or

	(c) Alters, moves, destroys or defaces any boundary-mark of any forest or waste-land to which the provisions of this Act are applied : Shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years or with fine or with both.
Power to arrest without warrant	64 (1) Any Forest Officer or Police Officer may without orders from a Magistrate and without a warrant, arrest any person against whom a reasonable suspicion exists of his having been concerned in any forest offence with imprisonment for one month or upward (2) Every officer making an arrest under this Section shall without unnecessarily delay and subject to the provision of this Act as to release on bond, take or send the person arrested before the magistrate having jurisdiction in the case, or to the Officer incharge of the nearest police station. (3) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to authorise such arrest for any act which is an offence under Chapter IV unless such act has been prohibited under Clause (C) of Section 30.
Power to release on a bond a person arrested	65 Any Forest Officer of a rank not inferior to that of a Ranger who or whose subordinate has arrested any person under the provision of Section 64, may release such person on his executing a bond to appear if and when so required before the Magistrate having jurisdiction in the case or before the Officer Incharge of the nearest police station.
Power to prevent commission of offence	66 Every Forest Officer and Police Officer shall prevent and may interfere for the purpose of preventing the commission of any forest offence 67 The district magistrate or any magistrate of 1st class specially empowered in this behalf by the State Government may try summarily, under the code of Criminal Procedure 1898, any forest offence punishable with imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or fine not exceeding Rs 500/- or both.

CHAPTER XII SUBSIDIARY RULES (PAGE 34)

Penalty for breach of rules	77 Any person contravening in Rule under this Act, for the contravention of which no special penalty is provided shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one month, or fine which may extend to Rs 500/- or both.
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