



Orders to Remove All sawmills in Forest Area of Jharkhand

Why in News?

- On June 15, 2022, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren has issued orders to the Forest Department to remove all sawmills falling within a radius of 5 km from the forest area.

Key Points

- The Chief Minister of the state has issued this order while rejecting the proposal of the Forest Department, in which it was requested to regularize the saw mills operating within a radius of five km from the forest area before 1996 in the state.
- The far-reaching impact of this decision of Hemant Soren will be seen on the forest and environment of the state in the coming days. This will also check illegal felling of wood in the forests. In addition, wild fauna, forests and flora will also be protected.
- It is to be known that earlier the Chief Minister had also given strict instructions to close the illegal mine operating in the state. In this regard, he said that action would be taken against the senior officers of the district where illegal mines would be operated.
- The people of Koylanchal region have benefited the most from this, where there have been many accidents due to illegal mining, while repeated explosions in the mine have adversely affected their houses including pollution.

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