

Channa stops order on felling of trees

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Hyderabad, Aug. 20: Chief Minister Channa Reddy is understood to have instructed the Forests Department not to implement the Government order No. 185 of July 9, 1990 which allows for felling of trees in the thick Chintalapudi forests of East Godavari district.

According to sources, a news item published in these columns on August 13 was brought to the notice of the Chief Minister, who is stated to have inquired whether the G.O. was being implemented.

On being told that the orders were not yet implemented, Dr. Channa Reddy is understood to have instructed officials not to go ahead immediately but to await further instructions.

The State Government had issued the order No. 185 negating an earlier G.O. No. 210 of 20.7.88 which prohibited the felling of trees worth over Rs. 5,000 in the thick forests of East Godavari.

A power of attorney holder of the pattadars, who had earlier gone to the High Court against the 1988 G.O., is stated to have brought pressure on the Government now to issue fresh orders in favour of the pattadars.