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FOREST WING OF ODISHA VIGILANCE SEIZES ILLEGAL SAWMILL ACCESSORIES ALONG WITH VALUABLE TIMBER WORTH OVER RS.13.52 LAKHS.

Today i.e. on 24.06.2026, on receipt of reliable information regarding running of an illegal sawmill at village-Badheisahi (Nachhipur), PS-Kataka Sadar, Dist-Kataka, a joint forest raid was conducted by the Forest Wing of Odisha Vigilance. During the raid, sawmill accessories and 13.81 Cft. of valuable timber were detected and seized. It was ascertained that the above sawmill was running without any valid license, violating Section-4 of The Orissa Sawmill and Sawpit (Control) Act-1991. The owner was absent at the spot, but his son Saswat Ranjan Baral, vill-Badheisahi, PS-Kataka Sadar, Dist-Kataka was present at the spot and operating the sawmill. Sri Baral was arrested and forwarded to the court. Further, illegal stacking of round teak timber of 53.508 Cft. at the end of Nachhipur village was also detected and seized. **The total seized value of sawmill accessories and 67.318 Cft. of valuable timber comes to Rs.13,52,404/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Fifty-two Thousand Four Hundred Four).** In this connection, three Nos. of Forest cases were registered vide OR Case No. 5^{PH} & UD Case No. 5^{PH} & 6^{PH} of 2026-27 in Phulnakhara Range under City Forest Division, Bhubaneswar, and are under investigation.

